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# Jo'burg CBD must remain white — Obie

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By JEANETTE MINNIE  
Municipal Correspondent

THE Johannesburg Management Committee does not object to the city's central business district being opened to coloureds and Indians for trading, for occupying offices and even for owning business premises

The management committee does also not object to blacks trading in the CBD and occupying premises

But, in spelling out the management committee's views on these issues, the chairman of the management committee, Mr Francois Oberholzer, said at the weekend there were, however, two provisos

- The CBD's residential component must remain white
- Blacks must not be allowed to own business premises.

He was commenting on a report in a Sunday newspaper which said the CBDs of towns and cities in South African were likely to be opened all races from next year

The report said legislation to implement the change had been drafted and had been placed before the Cabinet

Mr Oberholzer said the CBD's residential component had to remain white because the majority of CBD residents were old white people

"If one should allow other races — who traditionally have large families — to live in the CBD, social problems would arise," he said

He said if the residential component was opened to people of other races authorities would be pressurised into providing facilities such as schools and recreation centres

He said land was expensive in the CBD "Consequently if the law is amended, it must be amended in such a way that the residential component is reserved for whites who are traditionally old people," he said

Mr Oberholzer also said his committee was not in favour of white capital being invested in black areas

"The blacks are only beginning to emerge economically and they need protection Commerce and trade in black areas should be reserved for blacks only," he said

"If whites, coloureds and Indians were allowed to do business in black areas there would be no black businesses within a year," he said

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# City Council hands over wide range of powers to Lenasia

All reports by Colleen Ryan,  
Municipal Reporter

Indians in Lenasia have been granted greater autonomy by the Johannesburg City Council

The council, acting on instructions from the Provincial Administration, agreed at yesterday's monthly meeting to transfer a wide range of powers to the Lenasia Indian Management Committee (LIMC)

Mr Sam Moss, PFP council leader, said his party supported the recommendation reluctantly because it did not believe local authorities should be separated on the basis of colour

The PFP was forced to vote as it had chosen to operate within the framework of the new constitution, he said

"Real power has not been transferred to the committee," he said.

His party would continue to strive

for a system of government to involve all race groups, he added

Under the new plan, the LIMC would be responsible for preparing an annual budget and submitting it for approval to the Johannesburg City Council. The committee would also be granted greater freedom over housing, grants-in-aid and financial assistance, shopping hours and licences

The committee would not be able to raise loans or institute by-laws

The chairman of the management committee, Mr Francois Oberholzer, said the LIMC was entitled to greater autonomy.

Mrs Janet Levine, PFP councillor for Oaklands, recused herself from voting on the issue

"To vote against this measure is to say we do not accept the LIMC's right to autonomy but to vote in favour is to support development of racially separated political bodies," she said

## Jockeys to get colours

For the first time in the history of racing in South Africa, Springbok colours will be awarded to the jockeys who are selected to ride in the Smirnoff Jockeys International at Gosforth Park and Greyville next year

The granting of Springbok colours to riders is considered a major breakthrough for the entire racing industry, in which South African jockeys have for many years proved themselves to be world-class and have won four of the eight clashes since 1976

Mr Wally Segal, general manager of the Germiston and Benoni racing clubs, said his stewards had been successful in their application to the South African Springbok Colours Board which has granted colours to six riders and their manager. The selection committee is expected to convene within the next couple of weeks to select the six South African jockeys to compete in the Smirnoff International at Greyville on February 11 and Gosforth Park on February 18 — Sapa

# Lenasia autonomy could fire debate

By Colleen Ryan, Municipal Reporter

A controversial recommendation to grant Indians in Lenasia greater autonomy will be discussed by Johannesburg City Council today

The council, acting on instructions from the Provincial Administration, plans to transfer a wide range of powers to the Lenasia Indian Management Committee (LIMC)

The LIMC was split when discussing the issue earlier this month. The Federation of Ratepayers' Association (FRA), which represents thousands of Lenasia residents, rejected the new powers as a "cosmetic gimmick"

The division ended when chairman Mr Dennis Pillay used his casting vote to approve the recommendation

Under the new plan, Lenasia would be responsible for preparing an annual budget and submitting it for approval to Johannesburg City Council

The committee would also be granted greater autonomy over housing, grants-in-aid and financial assistance, shopping hours and licenses

The committee would not be able to raise loans, levy rates or institute by-laws

The recommendation should spark lively debate as the council's opposition Progressive Federal Party is ideologically opposed to the separation of powers based on race

But a PFP source said it may be difficult to oppose the motion because the extension of powers was part of the political framework in which the party operated

## Three robberies net R2

By Mike Cohen, Trevor Jones and Erik Larsen

Armed bank robbers today escaped with more than R21 000 in cash in three separate holdups in Johannesburg and the East Rand

In all incidents the same methods were used, but police have declined to link the attacks

At 9 15 am two white gunmen entered the United Building Society in Voortrekker Street, Alberton. One of the men produced a blue plastic bag while the other stood guard at the door.

The gunman went to each of four tellers and ordered them to place cash in the bag. A total of R2 000 was handed over

Outside the building society a third man in a blue Ford Cortina waited for his accomplices. They all

fled in the car which has FLW 218 T

Only 30 minutes later two Barclays Bank in the Rockefeller

They threatened bank employees and climbed into a VW Jetta. An accomplice was waiting

Thirty-five minutes later they walked into the Trust Bank, Rosebank Mall shopping centre

The bank is situated near next door to the Standard Building Society

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# Tenants call for new system

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By MAURITZ MOOLMAN

RATEPAYERS of the coloured township Reiger Park, Boksburg, have unanimously passed a vote of no confidence in the local coloured management committee

This decision was made at a meeting on Thursday attended by more than 400 members of the Reiger Park Tenants and Ratepayers Association

The Reiger Park management committee is chaired by the Transvaal leader of the Labour Party and president of the Coloured Management Association, Mr Jac Rabie

A call was made at the meeting for either the coloured management committee to resign immediately or for the Boksburg Town Council to take steps to have it dissolved

The meeting was chaired by Mrs Ellen Lambert

This is the fifth action committee or residents' association to reject the coloured management committee system within a short period

In earlier meetings action committees in Alra Park, Nigel, in Actonville, Benoni, in Geluksdal, Brakpan, and Rusterval near Vereeniging rejected the coloured management committee system

Mr George du Plessis, secretary of the Tenants and Ratepayer's Association in Reiger Park and national vice-president of the United Democratic Front (UDF), yesterday said the rejection stemmed from a belief among coloureds that the present system did not offer coloured people any relief from high and increasing rentals and high electricity and water tariffs

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# Lenasia row brews over own govt issue

By JEANETTE MINNIE  
Municipal Correspondent

A STORM is likely to blow up in Lenasia following a controversial decision by the Lenasia Management Committee this week to accept more delegated powers from the Johannesburg City Council — a move regarded by its opposition groups as an unwanted step closer to local government autonomy

The LMC voted in favour of more powers at its monthly meeting on Thursday — only hours after the Transvaal Indian Congress, the Federation of Residents' Associations, and a Lenasia member of the South African Indian Council, Mr Abe Choonara, warned it not to

The warning was issued by the TIC secretary, Mr Ismail Momoniat, and by the FRA chairman, Dr R A M Saloojee, who at a closed meeting held earlier to discuss the council offer had threatened

a full-scale campaign against the LMC if it accepted

The meeting preceded the official monthly LMC meeting and included the LMC, JCC officials, Lenasia SAIC members, the TIC, and the FRA

The LMC decision will undoubtedly spark off more confrontation between itself and the TIC and the FRA, who say the LMC is not representative of Lenasia residents

The TIC and the FRA, who reject autonomy and demand direct representation on the JCC, yesterday challenged the LMC to call a public meeting to ascertain whether it had a public mandate to accept more delegated powers

Although the LMC said at the meeting it also claimed direct representation on the city council, the TIC and FRA said that added delegated powers were simply a subtle move to force autonomy on to the community "through the back door"

The delegated powers accepted by the LMC yesterday include such matters as the allocation of houses and the approval of town planning matters, but do not extend powers to the LMC to make by-laws or to take financial decisions

There was a sharp division of opinions within the committee and voting resulted in a split with three members opposed and three in favour, settled by the chairman, Mr Dennis Pillay, who used his casting vote in favour

Local authority autonomy for coloureds and Indians is set to become a thorny issue under the new constitution

Mr Choonara said the official view of the SAIC was not to comment until the Government had spelt out the new dispensation for local authorities

But his personal opinion was that the issue of autonomy remained irrelevant as long as Lenasia was administratively divided between the city council, the Peri-Urban Board, and the Department of Community Development

# MC rejects <sup>266</sup> <sup>Star 25/10/88</sup> coloured claim

Municipal Reporter

The Johannesburg Coloured Management Committee's prediction that it will soon be sharing power together with its "Soweto brothers" in the city council's "lily white chamber" has been dismissed by Management Committee chairman Mr Francois Oberholzer.

He was reacting to the JCMC's decision to reject the city council's offer of granting it more powers — a gesture which members slammed as "second class".

The JCMC's whip, Mr Ralph Peffer of Riverlea, warned that South Africa was entering a new phase in which white administrations would no longer dictate the law to people of other race groups.

"Tomorrow I shall be sharing real power with it and my Soweto brothers right in its lily white chamber," said Mr Peffer.

But Mr Oberholzer said

he knew of no law which provided for the JCMC to become part of the Soweto Council.

"Mr Peffer should first ask Mr David Thebehali (chairman of the Soweto Council) to incorporate Riverlea into Soweto before stating that he will be sharing power with his black brothers," said Mr Oberholzer.

The delegated powers under the control of the city council and which Mr Oberholzer's management committee wanted to hand over to the JCMC included

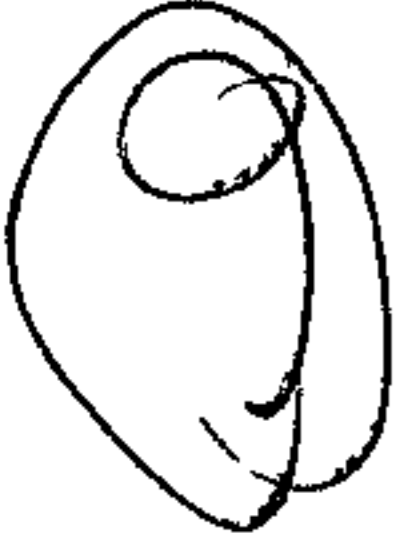
- The development and construction of parks, libraries, playgrounds, sports fields, swimming pools, recreation centres and pleasure resorts

- The construction of homes, roads and pavements

- Leasing of council-owned halls, shops and stalls

- The control of town planning schemes, licence applications, burials and grants

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## Residents spell out grievances

By Yussuf Nazeer

The Lenasia Federation of Residents Associations (FRA) which has several thousand members affiliated to it from 11 Lenasia extensions has categorically rejected any plans to "foist" autonomy on the township's 90 000 citizens

In a Press statement after a recent mass meeting, the FRA, under the chairmanship of Dr Rashid Salojee, said the township was without infrastructure and lacked many basic amenities

Lenasia had a chronic housing shortage and, if it accepted autonomy, it would be saddled with this problem for years as the township, according to a survey, was not financially viable, the FRA pointed out

In any event, the FRA emphasised, it was not an organisation that endorsed separate development under the apartheid system

It called for full representation in a common city council with all discriminatory and other barriers removed

The federation reiterated its stand to "go it alone" in its fight for basic civic rights without recognising "dummy" statutory bodies put there by the Government

# Lenasia rejects autonomy

to "help keep the machinery of apartheid functioning" in divided Lenasia

The FRA listed grievances which needed to be rectified in Lenasia, such as

- More than 5 000 residents without homes of their own, with many living in appallingly overcrowded conditions

- No shops, post offices, emergency medical depots, recreation centres, police station, mosques, temples, churches and other amenities in Lenasia South

- No proper public transport in extensions 8 to 11 Daily commuters have to walk some distance through veld to a main road to flag down a bus Women had been mugged and raped in the veld when returning home

from work at sundown

- Electricity tariffs in Lenasia South were exceedingly high and people who had to pay electricity bills of between R100 and R200 a month, as well as a house rent of between R350 and R400 and R60 a month in travel expenses, were in perpetual debt

The FRA said it was "grossly unjust" for people to be "ruthlessly uprooted" from their city homes where they had all the basic amenities and be dumped in a group area which had not been fully developed

It called again on the authorities to do away with the "powerless" management and consultative committees set up in Lenasia and south-east Lenasia and unify the area under one local authority



# Lenasia — a town apart

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By JEANETTE MINNIE, Municipal Correspondent

CIVIC life in Lenasia — Johannesburg's Indian group area 30km to the south of the city — is being riven by a local government control system in which no less than five administrative organisations have become entangled

Lenasia is probably the only township in the country to be controlled by as many as three authorities and two representative community bodies — all with differing sets of bureaucracies, priorities and attitudes. These are

- The Johannesburg City Council (JCC) — which is the local government control body in charge of the major part of Lenasia

- The Lenasia Management Committee (LMC) — the city council's Indian representative body

- The Transvaal Peri-Urban Board (PUB) — which controls Lenasia East/South (extensions eight to 11) because this area falls outside the Johannesburg municipal boundary,

- The Lenasia East/South Consultative Committee (LCC) — the Peri-Urban Board's appointed Indian representative body,

- The Department of Community Development (DCD) — which controls all housing matters in Lenasia

In recent months it has mainly been the activities of the Lenasia Federation of Ratepayers' Associations which has drawn attention to Lenasia's administrative control crisis

The FRA has become "the voice of the people" calling for a single authority — specifically the Johannesburg City Council — to take control of the whole area

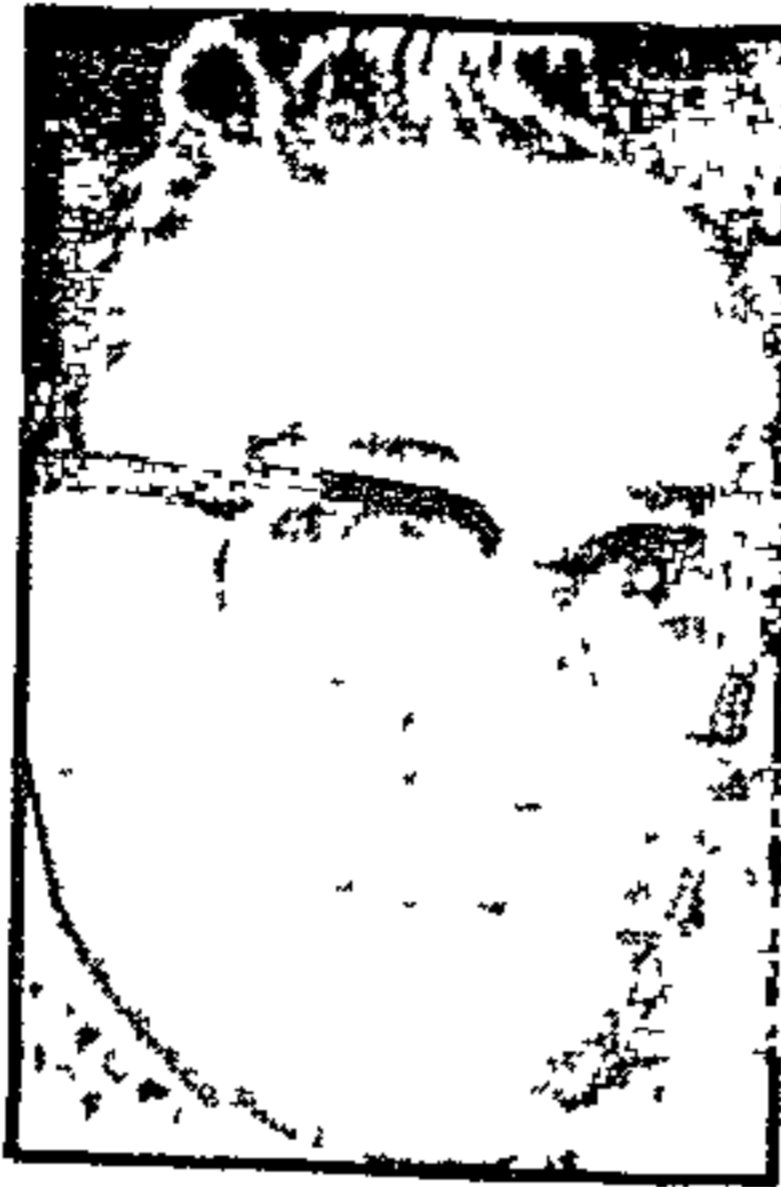
Meanwhile there have been indications that the PUB is willing to take over control of the whole of Lenasia from the city council. The chairman of the PUB, Mr R B J Gouws, recently made a statement to this effect at a meeting of the LCC

But the FRA, the LMC and the LCC fear that this might be the first of a chain of events to force local authority independence on to Lenasia — a development which they all oppose. All three groups demand that Lenasia remain part of the city and that Lenasia be given direct representation on the city council.

In the past the PUB has taken control of areas soon before they were to become independent local authorities. This was the case with the new Midrand municipality between Johannesburg and Pretoria

The chairman of the FRA, Dr R A M Saloojee, has written to the Director of Local Government, Mr Hein Kruger, pointing out the disrupting effect which multiple control — and especially PUB control — is having on the community

The FRA jumped into the spotlight in February this year when it began a resolute campaign against PUB control of extensions eight to 11 in Lenasia. Residents in these extensions — who regard themselves as an integral



Dr R A M SALOOJEE  
"Lenasia must fall under Johannesburg"

part of the Lenasia community — find themselves paying substantially more for municipal services than their friends and relations living only a few streets away in the JCC sector of Lenasia

The PUB took control of this area from the JCC, which refused to continue administering the area since it fell outside the city's borders

Expansion in Lenasia has been forced into an easterly direction and has resulted in extensions eight to 11 being pushed right over the city council boundary

The FRA resistance to the PUB is based on its view that residents of extensions eight to 11 moved into the area during 1980 soon after it was built and with the knowledge that it was under the jurisdiction of the city council

Residents were never consulted on the matter of PUB control are highly dissatisfied with the state of affairs since the PUB took over this year

Residents were specially perturbed when they found that behind-the-scenes discussions had been going on about the change in authority for some months before the PUB took over in February

Since the takeover their monthly municipal accounts increased dramatically — by as much as 40% — and they

were also forced to pay new deposits on their accounts

The FRA does not have confidence in the financial ability of the PUB to improve the infrastructure of the area. In extensions 10 and 11 there are no tarred roads, street lighting, pavements or storm-water drainage. The roads are rough gravel routes and local bus companies refuse to allow their buses to travel on them — hence no bus service

Pensioners who have to collect their pensions once a month from the Lenasia Post Office — there is no postal delivery service — have to resort to expensive and often illegal taxi services for transport

Dr Saloojee says the FRA is adamant in its view that the control of the area has to be returned to the JCC

"The city council has a firm tax base in businesses and industries and the financial resources to provide adequate services at a subsidised cost to ratepayers. The PUB does not have these financial resources and as a result have to levy unreasonable rates and taxes in an effort to generate funds for development. Because the people cannot pay what they are being required to by the PUB the standard of services in this area is likely to deteriorate even further

"Furthermore all Lenasia residents consider themselves citizens of Johannesburg. Before we were forced to move out to Lenasia we lived in suburbs like Pageview and Fordsburg. We work in the city and contribute to its wealth," Dr Saloojee says

The Director of Local Government, Mr Kruger, has replied to Dr Saloojee saying that the call for a single controlling body of Lenasia is reasonable and more than justified and that his department will take up the issue

Meanwhile relations between the FRA and the PUB have deteriorated to such an extent that some FRA members have been called in for questioning by the Security Police

This was probably the re-

sult of a number of highly effective campaigns by the FRA — backed by the majority of residents — in boycotting payment of their monthly accounts, holding protest demonstrations and forcing a meeting with PUB representatives

The PUB retaliated by cutting the electricity supply to 400 homes in the extensions during June after their refusal to pay accounts

Petitions submitted by the FRA to the PUB have been signed by as many as a thousand residents

Dr Saloojee says that all actions of the FRA are only instituted when unanimous consensus is reached at public meetings. And because the FRA says it enjoys the majority support of residents, it also claims to be the legitimate representative of the area

The PUB has refused to acknowledge the FRA as the area's representative and recently appointed its own Indian consultative committee for the area — the Lenasia East/South consultative committee

The irony is that the LCC itself is demanding that extensions eight to 11 be re-incorporated with the rest of Lenasia under the control of the city council

The chairman of the city council's housing and utilities committee, Mr Carel Venter, who is also in charge of Indian affairs, has until now refused to take Lenasia East-South back under the city's control

He argues that Johannesburg's boundaries will eventually border on Vanderbijlpark if the city does not draw the line at its existing boundary — which divides Lenasia

And members of the LMC, notably Mr Faiz Khan, have themselves called for the re-incorporation of extensions eight to 11 under the JCC

They all emphasise the frustrations of the red tape involved in one community having to approach three different authorities, the JCC, the PUB and the DCD — and the two official Indian body representatives — in attempts to administrate the area

# Union faces battle over top official's sacking

By ANTON HARBER

THE Johannesburg Municipal Combined Employees' Union (JMCEU) has stripped vice-chairman Mr Greg Daniels of his office for representing a worker who was fired for staying home on June 16.

But supporters of Mr Daniels, who may be prevented from running for re-election at the union's annual meeting next weekend, have called the move unconstitutional.

The union's executive will meet tonight to discuss whether two shop stewards who voted for Mr Daniels' suspension from office, had the constitutional right to vote.

The issue is the latest in a long series of conflicts in the closed-shop, Tucsa-affiliated union for Indian and coloureds.

Last year a committee member, Mr George Harris,

was granted an interim interdict to stop the chairman, Mr George Huntley, from ousting him unconstitutionally.

Mr Huntley is a senior staff member in the Johannesburg City Council's housing department.

Another executive committee member Mr Terry Jeevanantham, was expelled for criticising his colleagues in the union leadership, but the expulsion was overruled at a general meeting.

Early this month Mr Daniels represented Mr E Phillips at a city council disciplinary hearing. Mr Phillips was fired for not working on June 16, the anniversary of the 1976 Soweto unrest.

Mr Phillips was subsequently called before the union executive for a disciplinary inquiry.

He was charged with disobeying an instruction from

the chairman not to attend Mr Phillips' disciplinary hearing, acting selfishly and not in the best interests of Mr Phillips in doing so, and casting a poor reflection on the union's credibility.

He was also accused of behaving in an arrogant and insolent manner when he defied an order from the chairman to recuse himself from a meeting.

The executive decided that Mr Daniels, who was due to run for re-election at the AGM this weekend, could not hold office for three years.

This would mean that a former vice-chairman, Mr B Isaacs, a member of the faction opposed to Mr Daniels, would be elected unopposed.

Mr Daniels' supporters claim it was unconstitutional for two shop stewards to vote for his dismissal because they were not elected members of the executive.

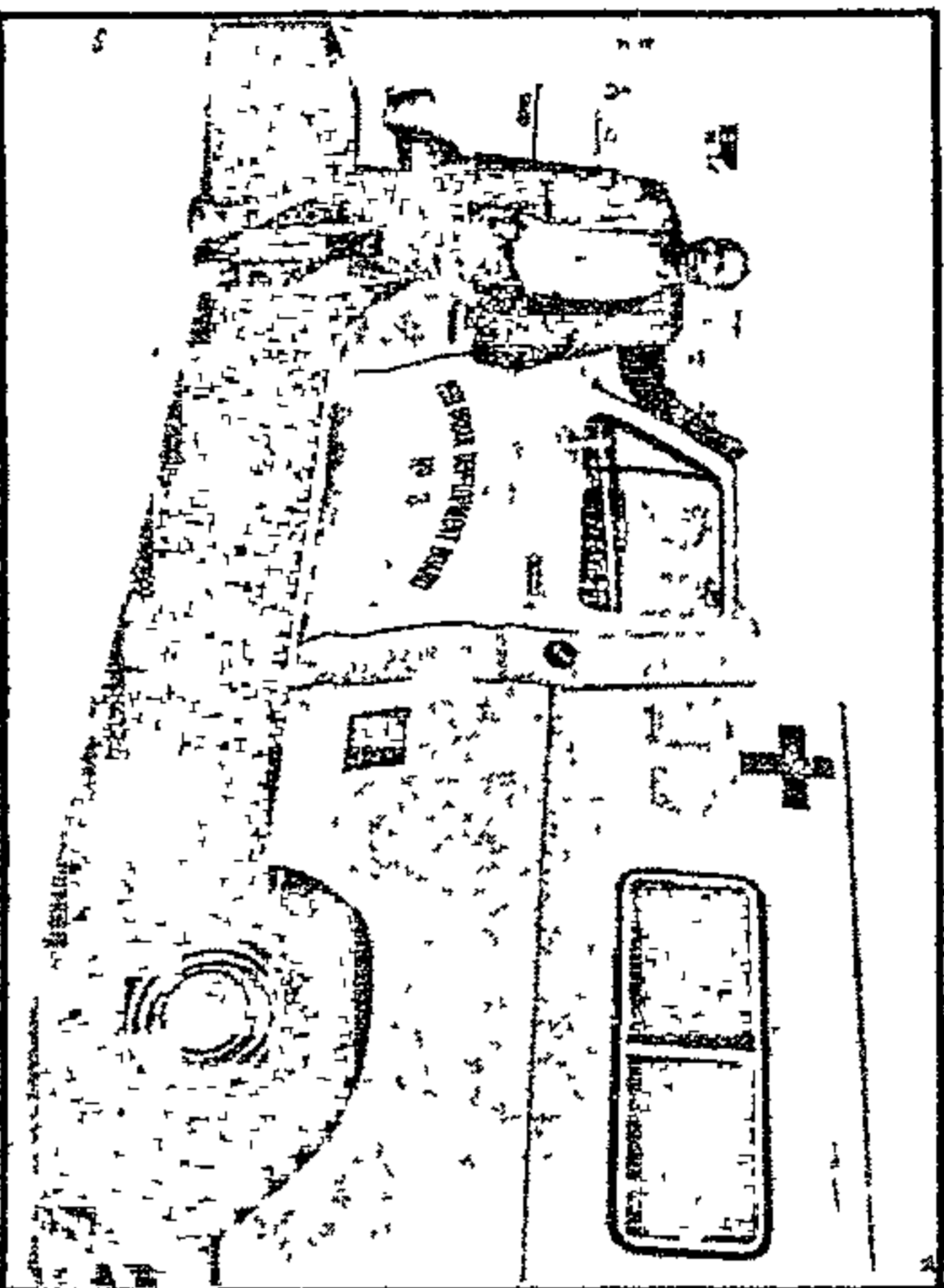
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# EXPRESSSCOPE LOOKS AT A GROUP AREA

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## Three-way rule equals chaos in Lenasia

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● Mr James Ndlovu, the driver of the only Peri Urban ambulance operative in Lenasia.



● Mr M Moola, a member of the Extension 8 Residents' Association shows the boundary between the Lenasia controlled by the Johannesburg City Council (right) and the Peri Urban controlled areas (left)

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Reports by STEPHANIE VERTIER

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**AFTER** being administered for more than six months by three different controlling bodies, the Indian residential area of Lenasia wants to put an end to 'divide and rule'

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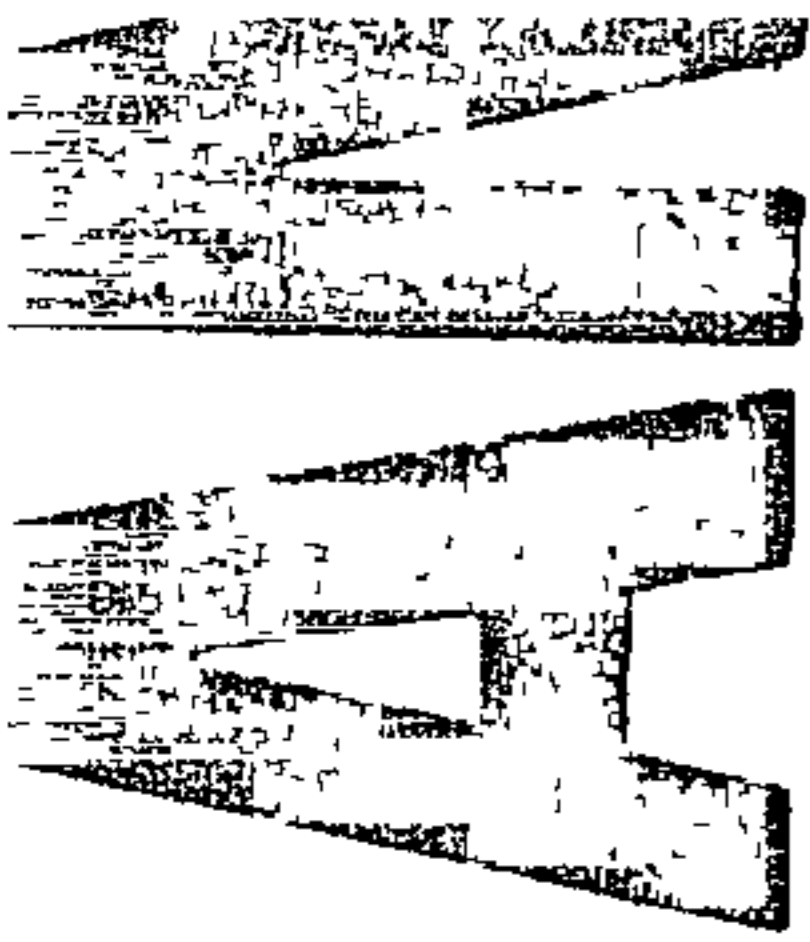
As a result, Lenasia's residents, backed by their associations, Johannesburg city councilors, and even the PUB itself, are making a desperate plea for all sections to be incorporated into the Johannesburg municipality

The residents of extensions 8, 9, 10 and 11 lost many benefits they enjoyed under city council control when the PUB began administering the areas

They no longer have unlimited use of the preventive health services provided by the city council

Some PUB areas have no street lighting, roads or drainage. There are no roads linking Extension 11 with other areas. Apart from a dusty field or two, there are no recreational facilities. Lenasia's bus service had to be withdrawn from some areas because of the bad roads. People living in the PUB sections have to travel between 5km to 10km to the nearest store to buy basic provisions. Pensioners who could not afford their rent had half paid for them by religious and welfare organisations and the other half from a city council fund.

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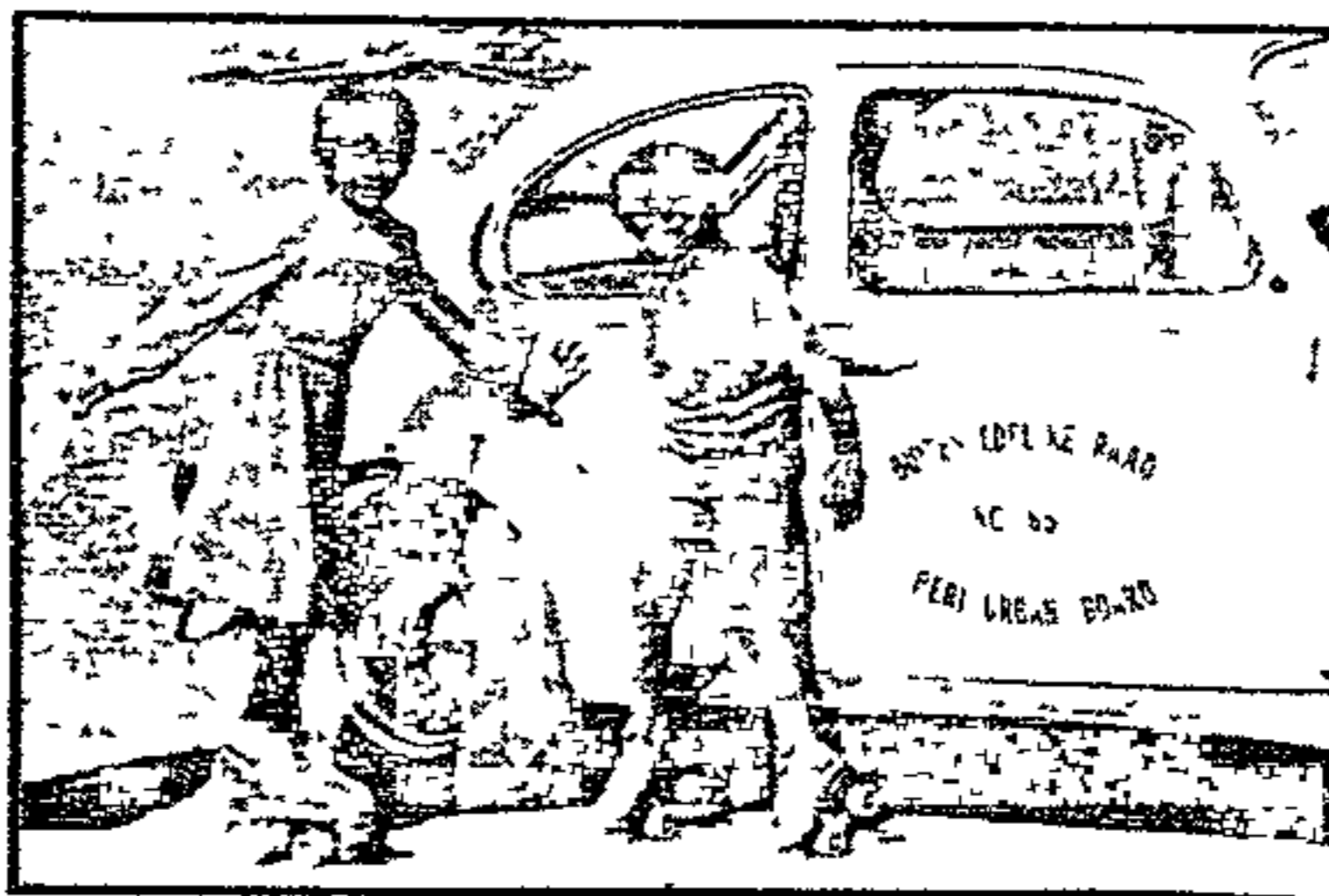
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Since PUB took over the administration of some of the sections from the city council in January, residents were subjected to immediate water and electricity tariff increases

PUB's controversial control over the areas — developed mainly for victims of the Group Areas Act moved from 'white' areas over the last 25 years — has angered residents

But excluding further development of the PUB areas, upgrading present facilities would cost about R15-million — and the city council says it doesn't have these funds

Residents feel that because they lived in Johannesburg and contributed towards its development and "beautification", they should also receive some of its benefits



● Samantha Beharie, nine, and Jesejan Chetty, five, play outside the Peri Urban Board office.

## It's so different across the road

RESIDENTS call the city council-controlled parts "central/proper/old/greater" Lenasia — emphasising their separateness from areas administered by the Peri Urban Board (PUB)

The difference between them is startling. When you enter the council-controlled area, the comparative affluence and stability is immediately apparent

There are more recreational facilities, better public transport, superior health and social services, street lights, wide tarred roads, telephone poles

The council-controlled parts, too, have their shortcomings,

Lenasia as a whole, with its population of over 90 000, has no fire-fighting service, one post office, one small

police station and a growing crime rate.

The lack of recreational facilities is one of the reasons given for the crime, which consists mainly of housebreaking and burglaries — day or night.

Some residents have several vicious dogs as well as burglar bars to protect their houses. Neighbours have acted together to help prevent crime by exchanging phone numbers and using citizen band radios to communicate. Some have installed sirens and contributed towards the hire of security patrols.

Although council-administered Lenasia can boast superior health services, its first hospital — a day hospital — will open shortly, only after a long struggle

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Mr Mohamed Moola, a member of the Extension 8 residents' association, said about 60% of the people in PUB sections were pensioners or others living below the bread-line.

Recently, about 1 000 residents refused to pay increased PUB rates for electricity and water

They continued to pay the lower city council rates charged to the rest of Lenasia — and had their electricity supply cut off

The tariffs were slightly reduced as a result of protests and objections lodged by the Federation of Residents' Association (FRA).

Residents are now planning a meeting with the city council to discuss the incorporation of these areas into the municipality

Mr Cassim Saloojee, director of the Johannesburg Indian Social Welfare Association (Jiswa) said. "People should be given direct representation on the city council

"The PUB is not able to give comparable health and community services — their services are hopelessly inadequate," Mr Saloojee said.

Jiswa provides direct social work and runs medical services in council-controlled parts of Lenasia.

Only one small clinic is provided by the PUB. It was opened in May. Situated in a house the clinic is run by one qualified nursing sister. It provides immunisation, tuberculosis treatment and family planning services.

The PUB recently provided a mobile family planning clinic operated by a sister and two assistants.

Paying electricity bills in the PUB means a trek of several kilometres to the PUB office in a brickyard.

Said Dr Rashid Saloojee, chairman of the FRA: "In our discussions with the PUB they said that underdeveloped areas would have to fend for themselves."

While the PUB is planning better administrative buildings and recreational facilities, it believes that dual control of the area is wrong.

"It is quite logical that these areas must fall under one local authority. To have an area like Lenasia cut into two I do not think is sound local government," said a PUB spokesman this week.

He said Lenasia's position was being reconsidered by the PUB and other authorities and would be clarified within the next few weeks.

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# Lenasia may call on police reservist force

By Yussef Nazeer 200

The police would welcome a strong squad of reservists to help combat crime in Lenasia. But it would not approve of a vigilante force, a senior police spokesman told the Lenasia management committee meeting yesterday.

Colonel Smit, District Commandant for Protea and Lenasia, was invited to the meeting by the committee vice-chairman, Mr Yusuf Mia, to listen to reports about increasing incidents of house-breaking and robbery in Lenasia.

Several of the women victims came to the meeting. Colonel Smit said that because of the police manpower shortage in Lenasia, a reservist force was necessary to help control crime.

A vigilante force operating outside the law faced disadvantages, whereas reservists were trained units under the protection of the law.

Colonel Smit said he was also prepared to train women as reservists so they would be in a better position to protect themselves.

The commandant revealed that the new police station being built for Lenasia, where CID personnel are to be housed, would be completed in 18 months.

He also pointed out that there was the problem of finding accommodation for Indian policeman recruited from other parts of the country.

The management committee is to ask the Department of Community Development to provide priority accommodation in the area for police.

# New tactics in Lenasia civic fight

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By Yussef Nazeer

There are new developments in south-east Lenasia's fight with the Transvaal Provincial Administration to get civic affairs within the area returned to Johannesburg City Council control.

In a bid to introduce a note of democracy into the issue, the chairman of the newly nominated five-man advisory body on civic matters in the area says they are prepared to step down.

Mr W Dinky Pillay, chairman of the Transvaal nominated consultative group, will ask the TPA to accept elected residents' association representatives, battling for return of the area to city control.

His stand in favour of representatives from the Federation of Residents' Associations (FRA) comes in the wake of his rejection of this nominated body for the peri-urban-controlled area of south east Lenasia (Ext 8 to 11).

"If the FRA wants five of its representatives to take over from us, we will agree with this, and I will ask the provincial administrator to appoint FRA nominees on the consultative group," said Mr Pillay.

Mr Pillay has called on the administrator, Mr Willem Cruywagen, to order a voters' roll for an open election for the consultative body.

In an appeal for FRA co-operation, Mr Pillay said he accepted that they preferred to work outside the system.

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The announcement by the Director of Local Government and the MEC in charge of local affairs that authorities were now attending to a Lenasia ratepayers' call to place Lenasia under a single administrative body has been cautiously welcomed by the Federation of Residents Association

"But", said the Federation in a Press statement at the weekend, "we are saddened that the residents had first to go through a period of heightened protest action and hardship before any momentum was gained"

#### POSITIVE

The Federation's chairman, Dr R A M Salojee said although the ratepayers welcomed the authorities' positive response in this six-months-old crisis, the ratepayers were nevertheless adopting a wait-and-see attitude

"Past experience has taught us that departmental machinery always moves at tortoise pace and in fits and starts, often leading into a cul de sac," the statement added

# Authorities will act on Lenasia call

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It said the authorities could back their statements by returning the electricity administration services in Lenasia extensions 8 to 11 to the Johannesburg City Council's agency control as it had been prior to January this year

"Such a gesture would go a long way to allaying public scepticism and restoring confidence in the promised aim to institute a single administrative local authority over Lenasia," the statement concluded

Moves to resolve the problem came down from the Provincial Administrator's office to the MEC in charge of local affairs and on to the director of Local Government who disclosed that he had contacted the De-

partment of Community Development to set up a meeting with the Johannesburg City Council

A spokesman for Community Development in Pretoria said he was waiting for the vice chairman of the council's Johannesburg Management Committee Mr Carel Venter to respond to a request that a meeting be set up with all bodies concerned with the matter

The Star has been unable to raise Mr Venter for two days despite messages left at his office and home

City Councillor Mrs Janet Levine has written a personal letter to Mr Venter urging him to take action as soon as as possible

## Jo'burgers lead chess challenge

With two rounds completed in the Oude Meester South African Chess Championships, Johannesburg entrant Mark Rubery (23) last night won his second round game with Peter Kunne of Johannesburg

Rubery has two points from two wins Mark Levitt of Cape Town has 1½, a win and a draw Kunne and Steven Hirschowitz of Johannesburg, Pieter Aalbersberg, Simon Le Blanc and Cees Meiboom, all of Pretoria, and Wayne Berson of Cape Town each have one point

Albert van Tets and Vincent Blasl of Pretoria each have half a point

The results of three adjourned games — one in the first round and two in the second — could affect the order Results in the five second-round games are

Rubery beat Kunne, Meiboom beat Blasl, and Levitt and van Tets, Aalbersberg and Berson, and Hirschowitz and Le Blanc drew

Second-round games between Goldberg and Wolf, and MacFarlane and Griffiths were adjourned until today

## Fisherman discovers silver mace in the sea

Umhlanga Rocks turned into a treasure trove for Mr Peter Watts of Johannesburg — he unearthed a silver drum major's mace while on a fishing holiday.

"My husband was fishing for crayfish when he found the mace in the sea between the rocks. It was heavily encrusted with barnacles," said Mrs Frances Watts

Apparently a Johannesburg school had offered a reward after losing it last year, she said, but the Durban Protection Unit had mislaid its records

The Watts have brought the mace back to Johannesburg, and hope to return it to its owners. Anyone with information can telephone 674-1227

# Lenasia: call for council to intervene

By Yussuf Nazeer

Johannesburg city councillor Mrs Janet Levine has called on the council's management committee to resolve the dispute between the Peri-Urban Board and the ratepayers of Lenasia's extensions 8 to 11

She told the management committee she supported the ratepayers' grievances and called on the committee to initiate moves which would lead to the extensions being returned to the control of the city council

Mrs Levine warned that the situation between the authorities and the affected residents was deteriorating and could lead to unnecessary confrontation

She also said the Administrator was in a position to resolve the conflict and urged that a meeting be set up as soon as possible between the Administrator, the Peri-Urban Board, the city council, the Department of Community Development and the Lenasia Federation of Residents Association

The MEC for the Transvaal, Mr Hein Kruger, has also asked the authorities to open negotiations with the ratepayers' representatives

### LETTER TO FEDERATION

He said in a letter to the federation's chairman, Dr RAM Salojee, that he understood the frustration of the ratepayers and felt it would be "more reasonable" if Lenasia were run by a single body

The township was presently being run by the Department of Community Development, the Peri-Urban Board and the city council. The residents have repeatedly called for the city council alone to govern the area

Mrs Levine surprised the management committee by calling for Lenasia's ratepayers to be fully represented in the white council

A large number of residents who held a three-night candlelight vigil in protest against their electricity supply being cut last Thursday paid their arrear accounts yesterday

An Extension 8 spokesman said the extremely cold weather had caused their children to suffer and this had forced them to reverse their initial decision to stay without electricity on principle rather than pay the Peri-Urban Board's tariffs



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Own Correspondent

PORT ELIZABETH — No trace has been found of a missing catamaran and its two crewmen in spite of an all-ships alert and an air search

A spokesman for Port Elizabeth Port Control said there was no hope left that the men could have survived, and their bodies were expected to be washed ashore in the next few days

Mr Martin Linder (37) and Mr Eddie







This Lenasia couple were without electricity last night after the Peri Urban Board yesterday cut off power supplies to more than 400 families who are refusing to pay higher tariffs. The families are all members of the Federation of Ratepayers'

Associations of Lenasia, which last night sent a list of grievances to City Councillor Mrs Janet Levine.

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# Lights out for 400 Lenasia householders

By Yussuf Nazeer

The Peri Urban Board yesterday cut the electricity supply of 400 Lenasia ratepayers in extensions 8 to 11. The action comes after the board's warning that it would act against residents who continued to pay their bills calculated on the lower Johannesburg City Council tariffs, instead of the board's tariff which is 40 percent higher.

The cut has thrown Muslim householders who are observing the 30-day holy fast of Ramadhan (Ramzhaan) into a dilemma. Families who returned home from work last night to break their fast at sundown had no lights, hot food or hot water.

Angry ratepayers called for an emergency meeting to consider what legal action to take against the Peri Urban Board, which they condemned as "callous, unsympathetic and high handed".

A board spokesman said the electricity supply was cut to those residents who refused to pay the arrears on their accounts from last month. He said some residents have decided to pay the arrears to have their electricity switched on again for a R17 fee.

The feud between the ratepayers and the Peri Urban Board began six months ago when the board took over the area from the Johannesburg City Council under a Provincial Administration mandate.

The board introduced a 40 percent rise in electricity tariffs which triggered an outcry from the ratepayers who refused to pay the higher tariff.

Instead, they paid their bills, calculated at the lower city council tariffs. The board countered by adding the increase as arrears on the next month's bills. The ratepayers continued to ignore this and the board has now cut the electricity supply.

# Lenasia livid over 'chosen' committee

By Yussuf Nazeer

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The Transvaal Peri Urban Board's disclosure that a nominated consultative committee is to be appointed for Lenasia extensions 8 to 11 was angrily rejected yesterday by representatives of close to 5 000 Indian ratepayers in the area

The board disclosed this after ratepayers criticised it for not making concerted efforts to hold an effective meeting with them to resolve long-standing grievances about high electricity bills

The Federation of Residents' Associations, to which some 90 000 ratepayers belong, said they have been trying for five months to set up a "proper" meeting with the Peri Urban Board which took over control of extensions 8 to 11 at the beginning of this year.

"But the board has adopted an intransigent attitude towards its ratepayers," said the chairman of the federation, Dr R A M Salojee

"When a delegation of our members saw board officials earlier this month in Pretoria, they informed us that a consultative committee consisting of nominated Indian members was going to be appointed to represent us"

The board confirmed this to The Star A spokesman said ratepayers would have to work through this statutory Indian body — to be appointed by the provincial administration — with their problems

Rate federation representatives rejected the consultative committee. They slammed the Peri Urban Board and the province for being "out of touch with the political realities of the day"

A petition with 1 200 signatures rejecting the consultative committee was sent to the board

Federation spokesmen said they would not cooperate with "rubber stamp" individuals

# Lenasia residents take stand not to pay rates

RESIDENTS in Lenasia Extension Eight have once again taken a stand not to pay the Peri-Urban rates but to continue with those of the Johannesburg City Council until authorities meet them and resolve the whole situation, a spokesperson for the residents' association said.

The spokesperson said, "With the coming of the Moslem fasting months just a week away and the Peri-Urban Board authorities threatening to cut off the electricity, the people have become more determined in their stand. They feel that if they can go without water and food for the month of Ramadan, they can also do without

electricity."

The spokesperson said: "The residents have now seen who the major culprits in this dispute are, that is the Johannesburg management committee. They have now urged for action against the city council. Residents also called on the opposition members to make their stand known on this issue. Senior counsel from the Legal Resources Centre have been consulted and are looking into the matter."

Residents in Lenasia's Extension Eight have been up in arms since the beginning of the year when the Peri-urban Board took over from the Johannesburg City Council

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SPECIAL REPORT

# Rabie heads MC merger

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MR JACOBUS "Jac" Albert Rabie has been elected to lead the Indian and coloured communities of the Transvaal to obtain direct representation in municipal and town councils.

Mr Rabie, 44, was elected president of the Transvaal Association of Management Committees (TAMC) in Laudium

Mr Jac Rabie, head of the new Transvaal Association of Management Committees.

His election was the result of a merger between the "Indian" Transvaal Association of Consultative and Management Committees and the "coloured" Transvaal Association of Management Committees

In the Cape, there has been only one umbrella body, the Association of Management Committee (Assomac), comprising coloured and Indian management committees, since Assomac's inception in 1973

After the meeting, Mr Rabie, who was chairman of the coloured body, said the formation of one body was a personal satisfaction for him

## Request

He said the amalgamation would prove to the Government that separate development was a misnomer

Mr Rabie said where coloured and Indian areas adjoined each other, the TAMC were going to request the Government, on their basis of self-determination, to make these areas one

Mr Rabie said TAMC's short-term target revolved around providing the basic needs of the community like housing and public amenities

Their long-term aim was an unfettered democracy at local government level, at which all people would be involved in decision-making, regardless of race, colour, sex or creed

Mr Boetie Abramjee was elected deputy president.

# Courts tighten security

Security has been tightened at the Johannesburg Magistrate's Court

White court orderlies now carry firearms and people are being searched at entrances

The Fox Street entrance has been closed, and bags and briefcases of people using the other entrances are searched

In accordance with a recent decision by the office of the Minister of Law and Order, Mr Louis le Grange, all white court orderlies must be armed

The Chief Magistrate, Mr O A de Meyer, said he had issued the order that all people be searched

"I have a responsibility to the public and have decided that security needs to be tightened," he said

# Alexandra coloureds challenge Minister

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Alexandra Township's coloured leaders have challenged the Minister of Community Development, Mr Pen Kotze, to visit the area and see the conditions in which people are living

The challenge comes after Mr Kotze's reported announcement last week that he would not consider establishing a township for Alexandra's coloured residents for "another decade"

The Sandton municipality has proposed land on the north-eastern side of Alexandra for coloured housing development. The plans have been submitted to the Department of Community Development for approval

But Mr Kotze's statement has placed a damper on the coloured residents' hopes.

The Mayor of Sandton, Mrs Zoe Marchand, said the council had been in touch with the Minister about the plans and was awaiting further information

If the Sandton Town Council's plans are approved it would be the second resettlement of coloured families from Alexandra.

Last year 100 coloured families were moved out of the area and resettled in Klipspruit West near Soweto

Many of the remaining coloured families will have to move out of the area once the redevelopment of the township begins, because there is not enough land for them

The chairman of the Alexandra Coloured Peoples Party, Mr Percy Williams, said the Minister's statement was "shocking".

Mr Williams said coloured families in Alexandra had forged close ties with the African community, and many of them had intermarried.

"But there is an urgent need for decent homes for the community. If Mr Kotze visits this area he might realise there are human beings here who are faced with a real problem," Mr Williams said

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# Call to open city councils to other races

Pretoria Correspondent

ment level was "to force catastrophe", he said

Indian and coloured management committee members should serve on white city councils, with full voting powers, Mr Jac Rabie, newly elected president of the Transvaal Association of Management Committees, said yesterday

Mr David Curry, president of the Cape Association of Management Committees, said in his welcoming address to the TMAC that his association had decided on direct negotiation with the Government on local government issues

"We want direct representation," he told the first meeting of the TAMC in Laudium

"Our leaders in every city and town are going to play a distinct role in constitutional change in local government," he said

This is in direct opposition to the line adopted by the Transvaal Municipal Association at its meeting in Nelspruit last year, when it opposed in the strongest terms any representation of coloureds or Indians on white local authorities

Mr Boetie Abramjee, of Laudium, who was elected vice-president of the TAMC, said that while the management committee system must be abolished, he was not prepared to withdraw from the system until "we have won a system more representative of our views — direct representation"

Mr Rabie said the TMA "blueprint" for black local authorities, which it circulated recently, was a rejection of the Government's guidelines and an affront

He said greater democracy evolved from "pressure from below" than from benevolent extensions from above

To attempt to force autonomy on coloured and Indians at local govern-

# Jo'burg CMC to join Tassomac

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By Eugene Saldanha

In a surprise decision last night, the Johannesburg City Council's Coloured Management Committee voted in favour of joining the conservative Transvaal Association of Management Committees (Tassomac)

The Johannesburg CMC has been the only coloured committee in the Transvaal which has consistently refused to join Tassomac, formed in 1980 to "promote local government among the Indian and coloured people and to foster unity among the elected and nominated representatives serving on management committees"

In recent months it has had several talks with the Minister of Constitutional Development and Planning, Mr Chris Heunis, on the local gov-

ernment aspects of the Republic of South Africa Constitution Bill

Although Tassomac has made known its opposition to autonomy for Indian and coloured areas, the Johannesburg CMC has, in the past, repeatedly criticised the association for "its reluctance to present a unified stand in favour of direct representation on city councils"

The chairman of the Johannesburg CMC, Mr Miley Richards, told last night's meeting that he was in favour of joining Tassomac because the CMC would be able to influence the association's decisions only if it were a part of the organisation

Mr Ralph Peffer, who voted against the motion, said the fight for direct representation on the council could not be won by joining an organisation like Tassomac

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# Rates decision angers residents

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By Yussuf Nazeer

The decision by some Lenasia ratepayers not to pay increased water and electricity charges to the Peri-Urban Board followed numerous requests in past months for a meeting with the board to discuss the issue.

They were shocked this week by the statement by the board's chief regional representative, Mr J J Smit, that it was not prepared to meet the Federation of Residents Associations

Residents said this was contrary to the spirit of a letter received by the federation from the board on March 25. In it the board said it was arranging a meeting.

The issue affects residents of Extensions 8, 9, 10 and 11 in Lenasia.

"Mr Smit now says he is not prepared to meet us," said a spokesman for the ratepayers. "We call on the board to attend a public meeting with ratepayers."

"We urge the board to

show its sincerity and stand by its statement. We also wish to reiterate that all decisions are taken by ratepayers, and not by officials of the federation."

Ratepayers said the board's attitude "does not contribute to meaningful communication, and only leads to increased tension and conflict."

In a Press statement this week, the federation condemned what it called "the deploable action" of the Security Police, who detained two residents who had gone to pay their accounts at the Peri-Urban Board offices in Lenasia on Tuesday.

"This action, clearly meant to intimidate the community, has been received with anger."

"But residents are determined to remain undivided."

"The ratepayers' actions at Peri-Urban's office was totally peaceful. They were not conducting any illegal activity or acting in any disorderly manner."



# Lenasia up in arms on self-rule issue

By JEANETTE MINNIE

THE pot is on the boil in Lenasia — the Indian township 30km south of Johannesburg — over the question of autonomy.

The issue came to a head this week when members of the Federation of Residents' Associations (FRA) living in wards 8 to 11 held a demonstration in front of the Peri-Urban Board offices. Two men were later questioned by police.

The demonstration protested against the increases levied for municipal services from the city council in February this year. The residents claim their charges have increased by up to 40%.

But the central issue concerns the authorities in charge of Lenasia — the Johannesburg City Council, the Lenasia Management Committee (LMC), the Peri-Urban Board and the Department of Community Development.

The LMC has repeatedly called for the Johannesburg City Council to take exclusive charge of the area.

And the FRA in a number of statements this year has also called on the council to take charge. The FRA says the Peri-Urban Board does not have the financial resources to subsidise services charges as is the case with the council, and residents cannot meet the board increases.

The LMC last year also rejected the offer of more executive powers from the city council.

Mr Faiz Khan, LMC member who denounced independence for Lenasia as a local authority. He said residents were clearly opposed to Lenasia becoming a fully fledged local authority as proposed by Johannesburg Management Committee chairman Francois Oberholzer in evidence to the President's Council.

Lenasia has been earmarked for local authority independence and it is possible the Peri-Urban Board may take over control of the whole area in preparation for independent status.

A board spokesman told the Rand Daily Mail that Lenasia could indeed be taken over by the board until it became independent as was the case with the white municipality of Midrand.

# Residents oppose scheme

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Mail Reporter

MORE than a thousand Lenasia residents have signed a petition rejecting the management committee system, but the Peri-Urban Board has "secretly" nominated a management committee to represent them, residents have alleged

A spokesman for the board confirmed yesterday that a representative committee for the area was in the pipeline, but said a consultative Committee, and not a management committee, was envisaged

The Lenasia Federation of Residents' Associations is upset about the development since it has been negotiating with the board since February on a number of civic issues, including that of

representation. The federation, which represents elected residents' associations in wards 8 to 11, and in Lenasia South — the area under the jurisdiction of the board — claims it is the true body representing the area

The spokesman for the board said that in terms of local government by-laws a residents' association could not become a local government representative body

The federation says it has learnt from "reliable sources" that the five people nominated by the board "in secret" for its committee are Mr Dinkie Pillay — a former member of the Lenasia Management Committee, Mr M S Shah, Mr J Pillay, a Mr Adam and a Mr Naicker

The board spokesmen denied that committee members had already been appointed. He also said it was not the board which would appoint the committee, but the Administrator

"It is envisaged that at first members will be appointed to the consultative committee, but elections will have to be held as soon as possible to find elected members. This elected body could also take the form of a management committee — which has more powers than a consultative committee — if the residents wished it," the spokesman said

The federation also challenges the "secret" committee members to call public meetings to seek a mandate

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# Lenasia ratepayers fight board takeover

By Yussuf Nazeer

There is mounting protest by residents of Lenasia's new extensions against the Peri-urban Health Board's takeover of services last month

The board took over extensions 8, 9, 10 and 11 from the Johannesburg City Council with the approval of the Department of Community Development, which controls them

This was done without consulting the ratepayers, who claim the change was "inconsiderate, unsympathetic and impertinent"

The board immediately raised the service charges to ratepayers, triggering a storm of protest

One of the causes of anger was the board's call for a water and electricity deposit of R130

Residents called in the Federation of Residents' Association, under the control of the council, to take up their grievances

The federation succeeded in persuading the board to reduce the deposit to R60. It later criticised a member of the Lenasia management committee for claiming he had been instrumental in obtaining the reduction

The management committee, which has no say over the Lenasia extensions controlled by the board,

was also hammered by the federation for being an "opportunistic body out to win credibility"

At a meeting this week ratepayers from the new extensions formed a committee. It was decided to send a petition to the Administrator of the Transvaal asking for the extensions to be brought under the jurisdiction of the city council, as was the case with Lenasia extensions 1 to 7

Ratepayers also decided to pay tariffs at the rates laid down by the city council — lower than those of the board — in the meantime

A spokesman for the council said the Department of Community Development, which initially controlled Lenasia, had asked the council to service the new extensions until the board took over, which it did last month

Ratepayers said they were opposed to the board because it was an ineffective body which had no funds to provide proper services in the areas it controlled

They said it was more of a health body than a local authority and that service charges were exorbitant

Board spokesmen could not be reached for comment

## Fun bike ride at weekend

Grandmothers, children, messengers and professional cyclists are all welcome to take part in the mass Fun Bicycle Ride to be held from Zoo Lake to Emmarentia Dam at 2.30pm tomorrow

The ride has been organised by Pacers' Pedal, a cycling club whose members believe cycling will soon become as popular as jogging

Refreshments will be provided along the route and riders who finish will receive a ticket to a draw of prizes

Riders will also receive embroidered tracksuit badges. The entry fee is R2

Pacers' Pedal hope the ride will take place regularly and, if tomorrow's event is successful, they will organise a ride to Pre-

## Spirits high as SA seeks its top mampoer

Pretoria Correspondent

Enthusiasm is flaring high for the nomination of South Africa's first champion mampoer or witblitz tomorrow

The championship will coincide with the establishment of the Agricultural Distillers' Guild on Koperfontein farm, belonging to Mr Apie van Staden, in the district of Derby

Competition will probably be stiff, according to Mr Daan Bosman, chairman of the Institute for Farming Culture. Fifty-one entries have been received and more are expected

### SECTION FOR MATURED LIQUOR

At the insistence of participants there will be an elite section for matured liquor. Three entries, one of which is a 10-year-old mampoer, have already been received for this category

Altogether 32 entries have been received in the category for ordinary liquor and 16 in the category for liqueurs

In the ordinary liquor category entries have been received for liquor distilled from peaches, grapes, apricots, figs, cherries, apples and plums. Entries have also been received for coffee, ginger, anise, peppermint, rum and banana liqueur

Mr Bosman said members of the public were welcome to join the proceedings, which would start at

## R100 000 fraud: 5 arrested

Crime Reporter

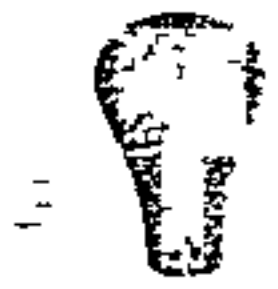
Five men, including two Johannesburg postmen, have been arrested by Bramley detectives in connection with stolen credit card fraud involving more than R100 000

A police spokesman said a man was arrested in Wynberg, Sandton, last month while allegedly trying to buy goods with a stolen credit card. Four more men, including two postmen from Brixton, were arrested later

It is understood about 50 credit cards due for Standard Bank and Barclays Bank clients were stolen

The stolen cards were apparently sold to clients who went on shopping sprees involving goods valued at more than R100 000

The police spokesman said the men would ap-



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THE Ratepayers' Association of the Alra Park coloured township at Nigel yesterday handed the town council's management committee a letter expressing "extreme displeasure" at the council's ban on the play "Bacchus in die Boland" because the cast includes coloured actors.

The production, by the well-known Afrikaans playwright, Bartho Smith, was to have been staged on March 9 in the Alra Park community hall and the following night in the Nigel town hall.

Instead, only coloureds will see the production and Nigel theatre lovers who would like to see it will have to go to Alra Park.

Nigel and Klerksdorp are the only two towns that have refused use of their town halls because of the coloured cast. The play has been staged successfully in other Reel towns.

BY JOHAN BUYS

A spokesman for the Alra Park Ratepayers' Association said "We would like to know on what grounds the council has refused the staging of the production in the town hall. We are extremely disappointed." Mr Dudley Adolph, chairman of the association, said the town council with its attitude, "was moving back to the days of the oxwagon."

The chairman of the Nigel town council management committee, Mr C M van den Heever, yesterday described the controversy over the ban as "a storm in a teacup."

He said the rumpus over the council ban was created for political gain. "We refused the hall because of the coloureds in the cast. We took a decision years ago that our town hall would be for whites only."

"Alra Park residents have their own facilities in their township and their community hall compares favourably with what we have got. The council recently modernised the community hall."

"We feel that this ban was politically motivated, and if this is the way the council handled a delicate matter like this, what is their attitude going to be when we ask for other facilities?" Mr Oliphant said.

Mr Oliphant said his people were shocked over the council's attitude because of a few coloureds in the cast.

When we saw the Press reports "cause we only heard about it yesterday chance to voice our disappointment because we did not have a man of the Alra Park management committee, replied. "We did not want to see the production, they could go to Alra Park. He said the council had not received "a single complaint from anyone in the coloured community over the council ban."

To this, Mr Tommy Oliphant, chairman of the Alra Park management committee, replied. "We did not have a chance to voice our disappointment because we only heard about it yesterday when we saw the Press reports."

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# Nigel coloureds slam town hall ban

ILY MAIL, Thursday, February 24, 1983

...the men will sleep four to a room. The windows (unlike in some hostels) open, but are soccer ball and stone proof.

Each room will have a central light, a wall lamp for each bed, so that late-shift workers will not disturb the others, a wall heater, an steel cupboards and bedside lockers.

...under Mr Thuymsma, whose firm, Econo House, had erected a similar, larger hostel for Stewarts and Lloyds.

The colours — pink-brown outside and lemon, pink, biscuit and cream dormitories.

...nearing completion, opposite the Vosloorus depot. It will house 130 men, two security men and a maintenance supervisor.

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DAILY MAIL, Thursday, February 24, 1983

# Nigel coloureds slam town hall ban

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By JOHAN BUYS

THE Ratepayers' Association of the Aira Park coloured township at Nigel yesterday handed the town council's management committee a letter expressing "extreme displeasure" at the council's ban on the play "Bacchus in die Boland" because the cast includes coloured actors

The production, by the well-known Afrikaans playwright, Bartho Smith, was to have been staged on March 9 in the Aira Park community hall and the following night in the Nigel town hall

Instead, only coloureds will see the production and Nigel theatre lovers who would like to see it will have to go to Aira Park

Nigel and Klerksdorp are the only two towns that have refused use of their town halls because of the coloured cast. The play has been staged successfully in other Reef towns

A spokesman for the Aira Park Ratepayers' Association said. "We would like to know on what grounds the council has refused the staging of the production in the town hall. We are extremely disappointed." Mr Dudley Adolph, chairman of the association said the town council, with its attitude, was moving back to the days of the oxwagon

The chairman of the Nigel town council management committee, Mr CM van den Heever yesterday described the controversy over the ban as 'a storm in a teacup'

He said the rumpus over the council ban was created for political gain

"We refused the hall because of the coloureds in the cast. We took a decision years ago that our town hall would be for whites only

"Aira Park residents have their own facilities in their township and their community hall compares favourably with what we have got. The council recently modernised the community hall

at a cost of R100 000 and the hall can seat up to 700 people. It has modern stage facilities"

Mr Van den Heever said if whites wanted to see the production, they could go to Aira Park. He said the council had not received "a single complaint from anyone in the coloured community over the council ban"

To this, Mr Tommy Olphant, chairman of the Aira Park management committee replied "We did not have a chance to voice our disappointment because we only heard about it yesterday when we saw the Press reports"

Mr Olphant said his people were shocked over the council's attitude because of a few coloureds in the cast

"We feel that this ban was politically motivated, and if this is the way the council handled a delicate matter like this, what is their attitude going to be when we ask for other facilities?" Mr Olphant said

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# Who really rules in Lenasia? Nobody — it's confusion!

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CONFUSION reigns in Lenasia because nobody is quite sure who rules the sprawling township

The Indian residential area some 30km south-west of Johannesburg is run by three different bodies the Johannesburg City Council, the Department of Community Development and the

By MIKE CADMAN

Peri-Urban Areas Health Board

Electricity tariffs vary from extension to extension. Only three ambulances serve 80 000 people. Some areas have no community

services at all

All housing is controlled by the Department of Community Development. Some areas pay water and electricity fees to the Peri-Urban Board and others to the city

council

Some residents pay higher electricity tariffs than their neighbours across the road, others pay twice as much in burial fees. Some areas have no shopping or sports facilities.

Last month, residents of extensions 8, 9, 10, and 11 were told by the city council that the Peri-Urban Board had taken over electricity and water supplies.

Residents, who had already paid a deposit to the city council, would have had to pay a deposit of R130 to the board for the provision of services. After an outcry, the board dropped the deposit to R60.

Recently the Lenasia Management Committee (LMC) called on the city council to take complete control of the township.

The city council is in favour of Lenasia running its own affairs but this is being opposed by the LMC which feels the township is not in a position to go it alone yet.

The LMC has also called for the formation of one body to air the grievances of all residents.

At present about 20 000 residents in the new sections which fall outside the municipal boundary have no official representative body.

A member of the LMC and of the SA Indian Council, Mr Faiz Khan, said this week: "During the planning stages of extensions 8, 9, 10, and parts of 11 the LMC was given assurances by officials of the Department (of Community Development) that finances would be available for the provision of community facilities."

"But although approximately 4 000 houses have been built, not a single sportsfield or community facility has been built on land specifically provided for this."

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Mr Saloojee said the  
 South African Indian  
 Council had raised false  
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 ulating rumours that extra  
 land would be given to  
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 return for Pageview

He accused the Gov-  
 ernment of not coming to  
 terms with "the enor-  
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 which existed within the  
 Indian community"

# Coloureds <sup>(266)</sup> want say <sup>Staw</sup> in planning <sup>18/2/83</sup>

By Yussuf Nazeer

The Johannesburg Coloured Management Committee yesterday dropped a bombshell at their monthly meeting with city council representatives when they called for Coloureds to have a direct say in the planning of the city's budget

The motion unani-  
 mously accepted by the  
 committee took the  
 council's white officials  
 by surprise

Committee member  
 from Riverlea Mr Peffer  
 said Coloured people had  
 been left out of this vital  
 area of planning for too  
 long

"We now want to know  
 precisely where our  
 money is going and we to  
 have a direct say in the  
 drafting of the city's  
 budget

Coloured areas, he ad-  
 ded, had deteriorated  
 into "dirty, faceless  
 compounds" because in-  
 sufficient money was be-  
 ing ploughed into them  
 from revenues that came  
 out of these areas

Mr Don Mateman, the  
 committee member from  
 Eldorado Park said the  
 city council was the  
 "biggest landlord" of  
 Coloured people

"The council owned  
 more Coloured homes  
 than white. You are  
 trading on a 10 percent  
 profit on Coloured hous-  
 ing. But we don't see any  
 real returns from the re-  
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 from us" he said

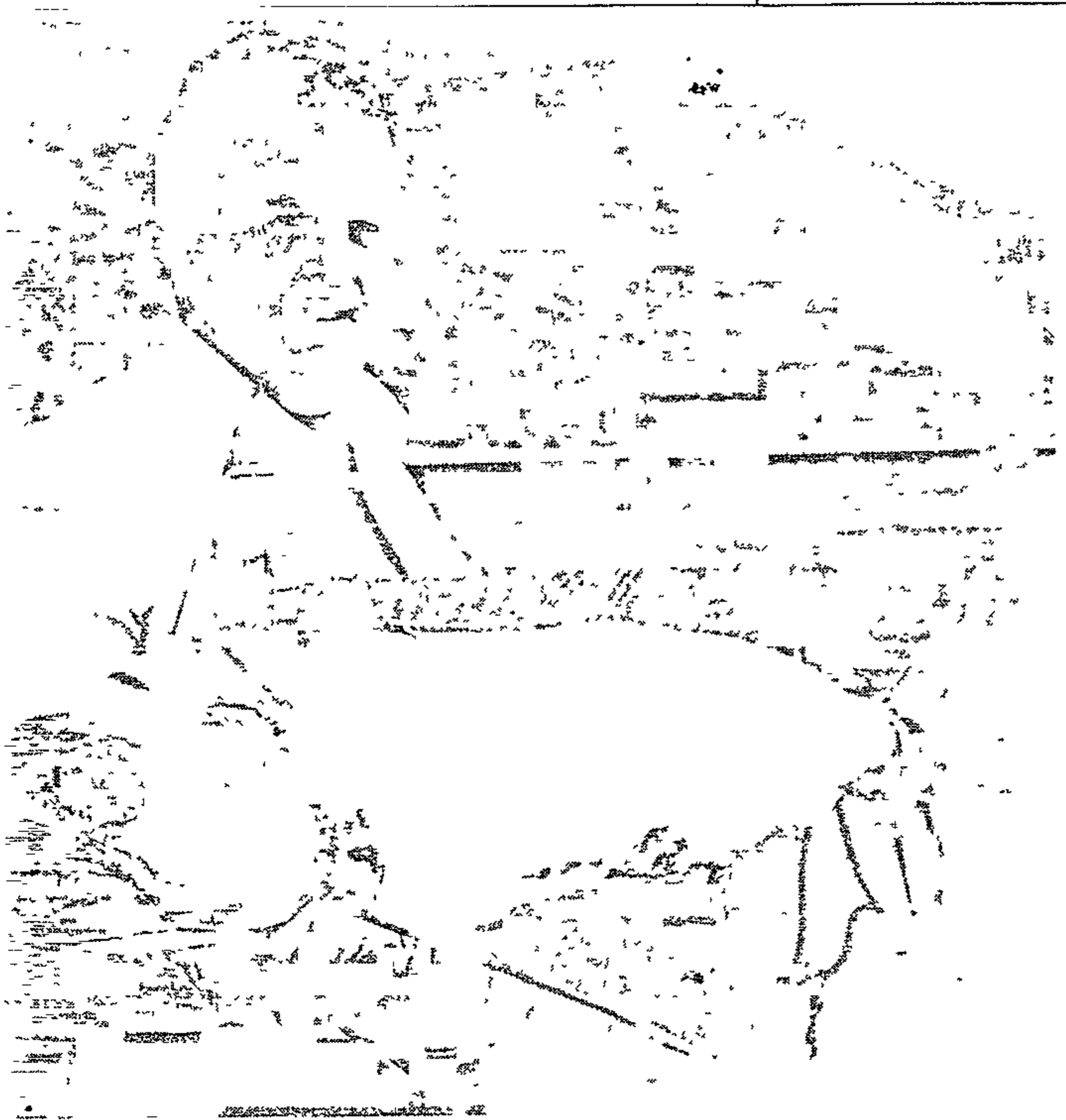
It was now imperative,  
 he added, that the com-  
 mittee sit down with the  
 council and work on the  
 budget planning together

Council representa-  
 tives did not challenge  
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Mr A G Louw said the  
 coloured people did not  
 accept the council's ex-  
 planation that it was not  
 getting in sufficient re-  
 venue from rates and  
 taxes in Coloured areas

"We don't believe this  
 Prove it to us," said Mr  
 Louw. "We are ratepay-  
 ers. If you are not getting  
 in enough revenue from  
 us than sell us more  
 homes. But I also want  
 my streets swept and my  
 area beautified the way  
 the council is doing it in  
 white areas."



Angler Grey Baumann displays the world record short-billed spearfish

## Record spearfish for skiboat angler

Own Correspondent

CAPE TOWN — Constania skiboat angler Greg  
 Baumann has boated a world record short-billed  
 spearfish while fishing for tunny 30 miles off Cape  
 Point

The fish which is one of only a few caught in South  
 African waters, weighed 27,5 kg — 23 kg more than  
 the international record boated off Hawaii in 1978

Cape fisheries experts said that short-billed  
 spearfish were normally found in the warm waters of  
 the Pacific, "but occasionally make their way to  
 other spots around the globe"

The previous South African record was held by  
 Cape Town boat angler Ray Preen Baumann was  
 using 24 kg breaking-strain line and lure bait

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# Boksburg riot: council rejects HSRC finding

By Erik Larsen,  
East Rand Bureau  
Boksburg Town Council has given the thumbs down to the recent findings of the Human Sciences Research Council investigation that the Reiger Park riots were sparked-off by a critical housing shortage

At its monthly meeting last night, the town council said it could not agree with the conclusions reached by the two HSRC investigators, Mr D W Schutte and Mr M J van Wyk

The researchers found that the 1981 riots were caused by a serious housing shortage and an ineffective communications system between Reiger Park and the Boksburg Town Council

"If racial strife had been at the root of the riot, the consulting rooms of an Indian doctor and a shop owned by a Chinese family would also have been plundered," said the report

They rejected racial unrest asking a factor Boksburg town council

disagrees that poor communication existed between itself and Reiger Park

The town council points out that the reason why the Indian doctor's consulting rooms and the Chinese's shop were not plundered, was because the Chinese family did not represent a threat to the coloureds and the local community had always had a good relationship with the Indian doctor

In their conclusions the HSRC investigators made no mention of pamphlets, distributed by school-children

The town council claims that these pamphlets were the start of the riots, and it can see no connection between the pamphlets and the housing shortage in Reiger Park, which the investigators claim caused the riots

The town council recommended last night that

## RECOMMENDATIONS

- The town secretary compile a quarterly newsletter informing Reiger Park residents of the problems facing the town council regarding housing

- The town engineer replans the township's single quarters so that these dwelling units, which are an eyesore, can be demolished and the land made available for further housing and,

- The town engineer develops the three-cornered piece of ground adjacent to Reiger Park in preparation for private housing development

## Moves to reduce housing shortfall

East Rand Bureau

Boksburg Town Council is to give urgent attention to the chronic housing shortage in Reiger Park, management committee chairman Mr Issy Kramer said last night

At the monthly council meeting, he said the council was well aware of the housing shortage in the coloured township, but its major stumbling block in alleviating it was lack of finance

Mr Kramer said the town council, in conjunction with the Department of Community Development, was presently constructing 52 houses in Reiger Park.

It had also applied to the Department of Community Development for a loan of R1,3 million to build a further 52 dwelling units

He said that the Department of Community Development was going ahead with the Development of Delmore, a white Boksburg suburb which was recently declared a coloured group area

This would mean between 3 500 and 4 000 more dwelling units

Mr Kramer also announced that the management committees of Boksburg and Reiger Park would be meeting to try and find solutions to the housing problem

Town councillors agreed to the establishment of a special committee to deal with housing in the township

This will comprise two councillors from Boksburg, two coloured management committee members, and Boksburg's town clerk, town secretary, town engineer and the head of the health department



# 'Misleading advert' charge against Council

Tribune Reporter

THE DURBAN City Council has been taken to the Advertising Standards Authority for advertising misleadingly that job vacancies were open to all races.

An advert for social workers last month said the council was an equal opportunity employer and that the jobs were open to all races and both sexes.

A social worker with an honours degree in psychology who wants to remain anonymous applied for a job and later discovered she was not eligible because she was black.

A friend Liz Clarke also a social worker has reported the council to the Advertising Standards Authority for publishing a misleading advert.

The City Medical Officer of Health, Dr Colin Mackenzie conceded this week the advertisement was misleading but said it crept in by error and was not intentional.

Miss Clarke told the **SUNDAY TRIBUNE** her friend was very enthusiastic and when she telephoned she was told application forms would be sent to her. She was not informed black applicants were not eligible.

'I'm really disgusted with the kind of racial discrimination in welfare services, she said. She said her friend was the best practising community worker of any race that she knew.

Miss Clarke said it would have been better had the advertisement given some indication as to the communities among which the prospective employees would be required to work.

The personnel officer at the MOH department said it was council policy to state in all advertisements that vacancies were open to all races.

Dr Mackenzie said his department did not employ black social workers. That he said was the responsibility of the administration board.

Asked whether the advertisement was not misleading he replied "I take your point."

Dr Mackenzie said this was the one and only instance in my department where I don't employ a black.

A spokesman for the ASA has confirmed that a complaint has been laid against the Durban City Council.

has a coloured boy friend. The play dealt with familiar situations that everyone understands but no one talks about. So it will be like a nanging out of washing.

Uys who will play every member of the Bezuidenhout family, said "Variety is the one thing I am seen as able to do, so I may as well keep doing it for a while and play my trump card."

And as his record 280 performances of *Adapt or Die* shows he is master of the many South African accents.

Excerpts from *Adapt or Die* were filmed for TV last year but then dropped.

Uys had the final performance filmed for video himself.

'One can't wait for SABC-TV to grow up. 6 000 hours of video film in this country shows everybody does not want to be bored to death by their propaganda.'

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# PPFP idea for secrecy on Randburg race survey

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**THE Randburg Town Council is in the process of opening public amenities to all its residents**

And the council has asked the Human Sciences Research Council (HSRC) to conduct a survey in the town to find out what additional amenities are required, in what priority and the public's attitude to desegregation

The plan has important implications for town councils and could be used as a blueprint for opening public amenities

If the Randburg council — which is controlled by the Progressive Federal Party — implements the plan successfully, Randburg will be the first town in South Africa to open its public amenities

Randburg has a population of 110 000, of which 20 000 are black, with a small number of Indian and coloured people

In an attempt to keep the

## NATS ON COUNCIL AGREE NOT TO INFLUENCE PUBLIC OPINION

The HSRC questionnaire survey secret the Randburg Town Council has sent letters to most Johannesburg newspapers asking them not to report on the "very sensitive matter" while the survey is in progress

The letter says

In order to avoid the creation of friction and to ensure that relations between the various races are enhanced and not impaired, the HSRC has been requested to carry out a public opinion survey to ascertain what additional amenities are required and the attitude of the public to the opening of such amenities"

The results of the survey, which will record the opinions of 1 000 Whites and 800 Blacks, are due to be published in February

The HSRC questionnaire will touch on such contentious subjects as the integration of swimming pools, libraries, buses and cinemas

Professor Nic Rhoades of the University of Pretoria is to head the HSRC survey

This week Randburg councillors stressed they felt there should be a minimum of public debate on the matter so that people's attitudes would not be adversely affected

The Randburg council is controlled by the PFP but has a strong National Party representation

This week the leader of the Nationalist caucus on the council, Mr Olaus van Zyl, said the PFP had reported in their budget last June that the survey was to be held

Mr van Zyl said the PFP

had asked the Nationalist caucus not to debate the issue in public in case people were adversely influenced

"They asked us to try and keep debate to a minimum so far we have kept this agreement," he said

"The National Party caucus is due to meet tomorrow and the matter will be discussed"

Mr van Zyl said the matter had to be treated with caution because of its implications

"We would not like too much public debate to influence people and result in the survey being inaccurate"

He said he did not foresee a situation where the National Party hierarchy would force his caucus into making a decision on the matter

The caucus would

act independently

Another Nationalist on the council, Mr Frans Lourens, would not comment on the matter because it is so delicate"

Mr Dorian Dent, a PFP member of the Randburg management committee and one of the key men in the negotiations with the HSRC, said the information gained by the survey would be of great use to all

Mr Dent and another PFP councillor, Mr Bill Sewell, have had several meetings with Prof Rhoades

"The questionnaire is extremely balanced and is intended to test opinion on a wide range of subjects," said Mr Dent

Mr Dent denied that the council had tried to stop all reporting on the matter and said that the council had leaked snippets about the survey to the local newspaper so that people would not be taken by surprise

By DARYL BALFOUR

A DURBAN man has been taking an early-morning swim practically every day for three years, after first jogging along the beachfront

But now he has been banned — because the beach where he swam has been reserved for whites, and he is an Indian

Now Mr Yoosuf Jagot, 30, strolls along the beach with a placard round his neck. It reads

"Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do"

The placard also refers to Durban's by-laws, which have declared sec-

**FORGIVE THEM THEY KNOW NOT WHAT THEY DO.**

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Mr Yoosuf Jagot early-morning swim at whites-only beach banned from his regular

Yesterday Mr Jagot said he had been an early-morning swimmer at North beach for years because the other beaches were deserted at that hour and he believed in safety in numbers

He said there had never been any trouble until last November, when a white man asked him why he did not go to his "own beach"

Mr Jagot said the next day a beach official told him that in terms of the by-laws only whites could swim at North beach

He said he had not been stopped from jogging through the area, but was not prepared to swim alone at a deserted beach

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# Town ~~265~~ survey <sup>266</sup> *5 times* on race <sup>161:18.3</sup> sharing

By BRENDON BURNS

RESIDENTS of Randburg will soon be asked how they feel about sharing public amenities with other races who live in the area

Tomorrow, field workers from the Human Sciences Research Council in Pretoria will start making the survey — which the PFP-dominated Randburg Town Council pledged to undertake after it took control of the municipality last year

## Pools

Randburg's town clerk Mr Christo Geyer, said the month-long study would ask residents their attitude to sharing such facilities as public swimming pools, libraries, sports fields and community centre

He said it was a "very sensitive matter" and has asked the media for co-operation in reporting the survey

"We don't want people to get all het up about nothing," he said

# City council accused of 'financial bungle'

By JEANETTE MINNIE

COLOURED residents of Riverlea Extension 2 have accused the Johannesburg City Council Housing Department of "financially mis-managing" the purchase of their homes from the council

The accusation, made by the Riverlea Ext 2 Action Committee, centres around a "miscalculation" by the department — residents claim they are paying 14,75% interest on loans from the department instead of 9% as specified on the deed of sale

The director of the department, Mr Thys Wilsnach, has denied the charge "The rate of interest is 9% and the deposit and instalments on every house have been calculated by the City Treasurer"

Committee members told the Mail that as many as 250 tenants were affected by the "incorrect calculation" Their accountants had confirmed the error, and their legal advisers had indicated that a case of "breach of contract" could be made out against the council

A committee member said. "Some clauses are totally unacceptable — people have been bulldozed into signing them"

The action committee claims

- The department allowed tenants to see the council's deed for the first time when they applied for the loans,

- Tenants were expected to sign the deed immediately;

- Officials did not explain the deed, or
- Told tenants they did not have time to allow them to read the deed because there were too many people waiting to be seen — most people were granted 20 minutes to read and sign the deed, and

- Many people signed because they feared they would lose their houses

Mr Wilsnach said residents had been offered half-hour appointments with housing officials — he regarded the committee's allegations as "nonsense"

Residents are also angry about clauses in the deed which, they say, "practically hold us to ransom" Some of the "unacceptable" clauses are

- The area has a history of mining ac-

tivity, and the council is not liable for any mine-related damage to houses,

- Tenants must pay an annual insurance premium but there is no proof that a policy actually exists — and the council may pay out insurance claims at its own discretion, and

- Breakdowns such as geyser failures will be repaired by the council but the expense will be borne by the owner — by adding it on to the selling price, which includes interest

The action committee has now drawn up an alternative deed of sale and will seek an interview with department officials to give them the alternative deed So far officials have refused to meet them

They also plan to hold mass meetings to keep residents up to date with developments and to provide a united front for the expression of their grievances

But yesterday Mr Wilsnach refused to meet the action committee Residents should channel their complaints through their official representatives on the coloured management committee, he said

# Hard-up Transvaal meets Govt

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## Pretoria Correspondent

The Administrator of the Transvaal, Mr Willem Cruywagen, met senior Government Ministers in Cape Town today in an attempt to ease the province's financial crisis.

In a series of crucial meetings Mr Cruywagen and members of the executive committee will try to secure more funds for the financially weakened province.

Among the aspects to be discussed is expected to be a last-minute attempt to settle a threatened multi-million rand claim against the province after the cancellation of the Pretoria Onderwyskollege project.

## FUNDS

Mr Cruywagen and his team are expected to urge the Minister of Finance, Mr Owen Horwood, and the Minister of National Education, Dr Gerrit Viljoen, to make funds available for the R100 million-plus project.

The province is expected to call on the Government to increase its subsidy so that major projects such as the Onderwyskollege and the new academic hospital for Pretoria — expected to cost R150 million — can be started.

## EFFECTS

While in Cape Town they are also expected to meet the Prime Minister, Mr P W Botha, the Minister of Constitutional Affairs, Mr Chris Heunis, and the Minister of Health and Welfare, Dr Nk van der Merwe.

The effects of the Government's new constitutional proposals, especially in relation to the future of the provincial

council system, are also expected to be high on the agenda.

In this regard the executive committee is expected to be given guidelines to counter expected opposition to the constitutional moves from opposition members in the Provincial Council during the short session which starts on February 8.

## HOSTELS

The Onderwyskollege project was cancelled early last year, only months after a R33 million contract was awarded for the construction of six hostels.

Since then the contractors have been working to get millions of rands in compensation.

In a dramatic move they gave the TPA a week's extension — which expires tomorrow — to meet their claim or face a legal battle.

The planned new academic hospital, which was to have been built on the site of the H F Verwoerd Hospital, was shelved in June last year. The MEC in charge of works, Mr John Griffiths, said this was a result of the economic climate at that time.

## DEFICIT

At that stage no contracts had been awarded for the project.

Now the province is working on an estimated budget deficit of R19 million, but because of the cutback of certain other projects the final deficit is expected to be much lower.

Mr Cruywagen is expected to announce the outcome of the talks on the Onderwyskollege during the short Provincial Council session next month.

# Migrant hostels again under fire

*Stan* Municipal Reporter *26/1/83*

The Johannesburg City Council should tell the Government of its dissatisfaction with the migratory labour system which had forced thousands of people to live in single hostels, said Mrs Janet Levine (Progressive Federal Party, Norwood)

"It is disgraceful that we are faced with the horrendous outcome of this system, and the council must accept its responsibility to its migratory employees who are living in hopelessly inadequate barracks"

On hostel accommodation in Alexandra for council employees, she said it was too easy to forget the abhorrent aspects of compound life, which had been structured by the National Party

"As an employer of 14 000 migrant labourers, the council has a responsibility to provide the best housing it can in an iniquitous system"

She said it was imperative that the council embark on an experimental project to house migrant workers in a communal-type setting where small groups of people can share facilities such as kitchens and bathrooms.

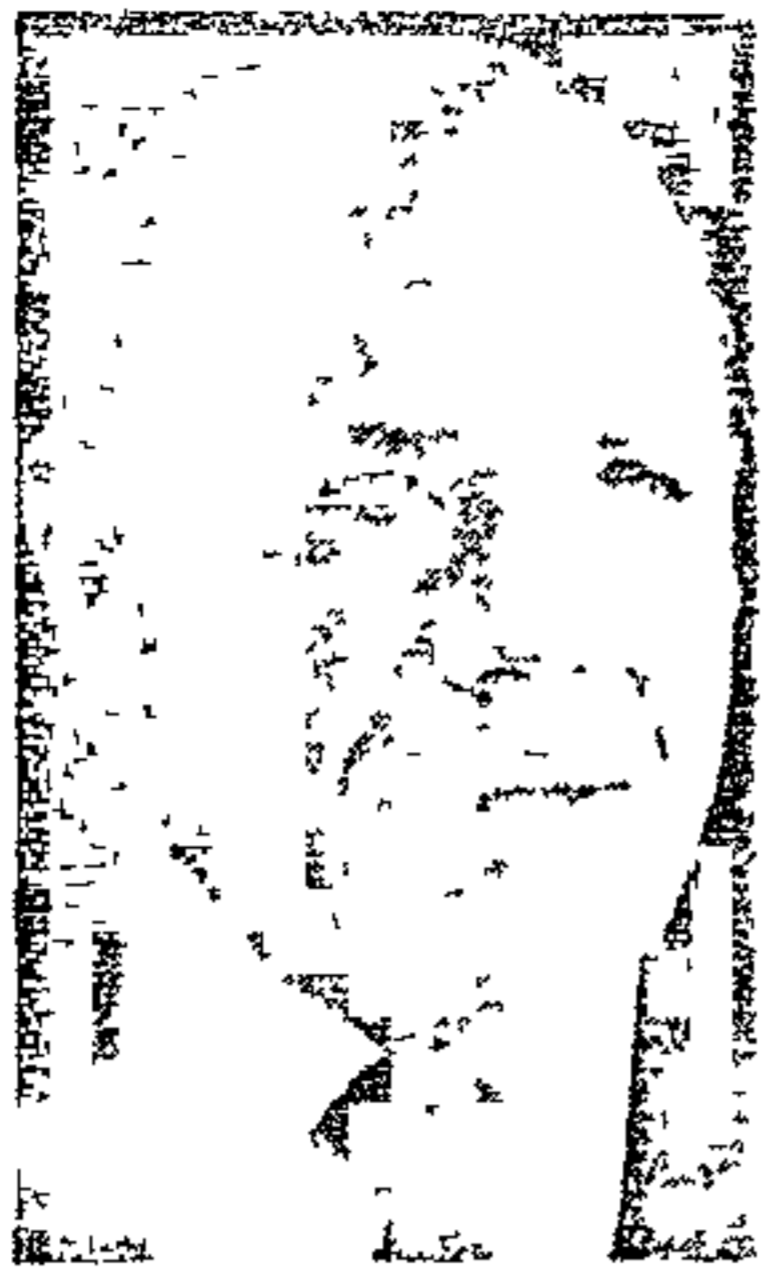
Mr Les Dishy (PFP, Sydenham) said that although hostels in Alexandra were modern, they were unpleasant because they were stark and did not offer a real home to the inmates

The chairman of the management committee, Mr Francois Oberholzer, said that if the council were to house its migrant labourers in "family life" accommodation, it would have to build a town as large as Lenasia

The council was struggling to find additional land to house the city's growing coloured community, he said, and asked how it could raise the billions of rands which would be needed to abolish the migratory labour system

The council had already identified 1 300 posts which in future would be filled by women from Soweto and not migratory labourers, he added

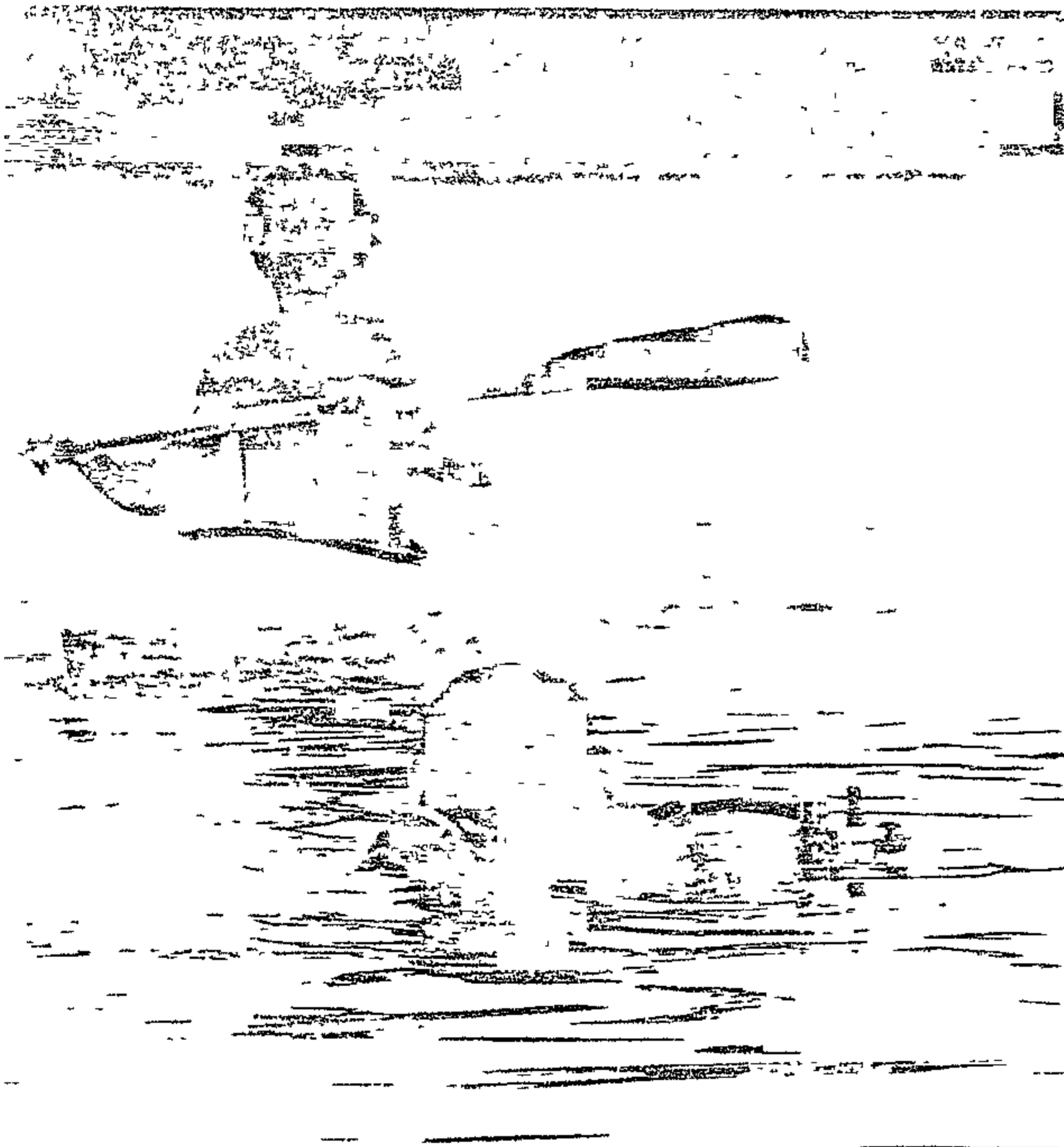
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# Randburg NP fails to halt *Star 27/1/83* 'mixing' survey

The Human Sciences Research Council survey being conducted in Randburg should have been approved by the full council and should be stopped immediately, the leader of the opposition National Party Mr Olau van Zyl, said at last night's council meeting



Mr Frans Lourens (NP) proposed the motion calling for an immediate halt to the HSRC survey into the opening of public amenities to all races

Mr Lourens asked who was paying for the survey and why the leader of the PFP in the Southern Transvaal, Mr Douglas Gibson, had been at a meeting with the HSRC

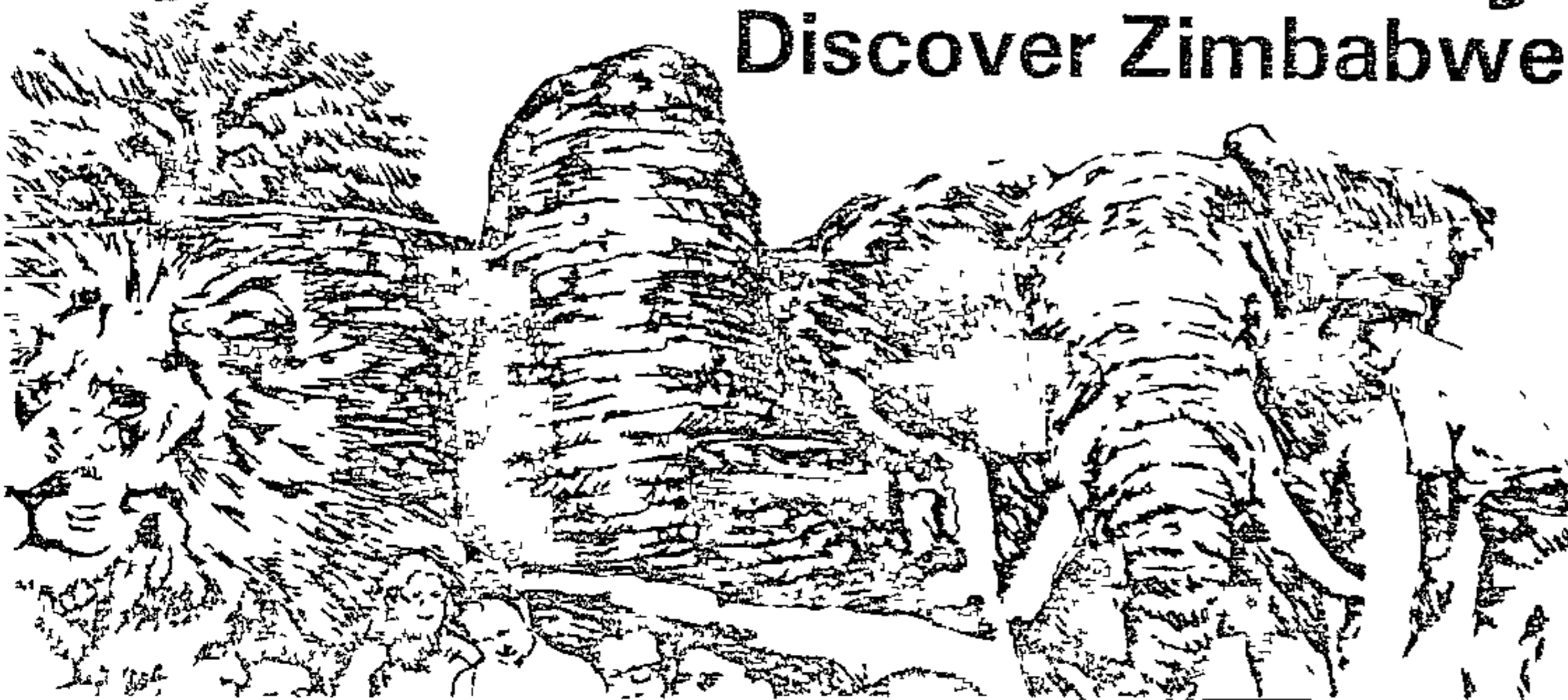
The deputy management committee chairman, Mr Bill Sewell said Mr Gibson had been at the meeting to assist him (Mr Sewell) because chairman of the management committee, Mrs Pat van Rensburg, had been away at the time

A motion of no confidence in Mrs Pat van Rensburg was proposed by Mr van Zyl, who said she "puts the interests of her political party before the interests of Randburg"

Mrs Megan Leathwhite (PFP) proposed an amendment to the motion expressing the council's full confidence in the chairman and members of the management committee. The amendment was accepted by eight votes (PFP) to five (NP)

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# Sandton one step away from opening all amenities

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SANDTON Town Council has one more step to take before — like its sister town of Randburg — all its amenities are opened to residents of all races.

Sandton's only swimming pool, buses and parks have been open to all races for several months. Only the town's library has not gone multiracial.

Both Randburg and Sandton are controlled by the Progressive Federal Party.

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Mr Bill Dieorichs, 56, is a marathon man who is pushing a wheelbarrow again to raise funds for his local Moth Shellhole. He also hopes to set a Book of Records. This week he stopped for a while under a mopani tree on his long lonely route ahead. "I talk and sing to myself to keep going."

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# Only one race barrier is left in Sandton

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Post Correspondent  
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# Adult education centre will aid hostel inmates

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THE FIRST adult education centre to cater for the interests of hostel inmates on the East Rand will be opened next month in Daveyton, near Benoni

The project is the brainchild of Mr J Makoro, the principal of the Daveyton Adult Education Centre, in conjunction with the Daveyton Community Council and other organisations in the area. So far about 50 inmates have already enrolled at the centre for sub-A up to matric classes.

There are at least 2 690 inmates in the Daveyton Hostel and a

spokesman for the committee responsible for this project said the committee was expecting at least 500 "students" to enrol for classes before March 1 when the project kicked-off.

## IDLING

The spokesman said "It has come to our notice that most of the time hostel inmates spend their time idling

about and doing nothing and as a result we have decided to introduce adult education to keep them busy and to give them a chance to progress in life.

The Daveyton Adult Centre, which is situated at the H B Nyathi Secondary School, conduct their night classes from Monday to Friday, starting at 6 30 pm to 8 30 pm. The centre, is staffed by about 25 teachers. In a statement, the centre stated that it wanted to expand its services to Daveyton

Hostel inmates and that if all went according to plan, classes for the inmates would be held at the Mabuva High School which is opposite the hostel.

All those interested in enrolling are requested to see the Mayor of Daveyton, Mr Tom Boya, at room No 18 at the local administration board offices between 8 pm and 5 pm or phone him at 735-1877, or can contact Mr Makoro at the H B Nyathi Secondary School during the day or evening.

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# Campaign to open new university gains momentum



"MAYOR" Tom Boya

COMMUNITY leaders on the East Rand are campaigning for the building of the first university in the area

Members of the East Rand Community Councils Liaison Committee and the Daveyton Council have already submitted recommendations on this subject to the education authorities, according to sources

Three years ago, various school committees and members of the then Urban Bantu Councils in the East Rand submitted their recommendations to the Department of Educa-

tion and Training (Det) for the establishment of a black university on the Reef, but up until now nothing has happened

At that stage a committee headed by Professor S B Retief rector at the Medical University of South Africa (Medunsa) was appointed by the then Minister of Education and Training Dr Ferdie Hartzenberg to investigate the feasibility of establishing such a university

Recommendations have since been submitted to the depart-

ment which still has to decide whether to act on them or not Prompted by silence from the Minister of Education, members of the East Rand Community Council Liaison Committee and the Daveyton Council have sent their recommendations to the education authorities asking for the erection of a university on the East Rand possibly in Daveyton near Benoni

Both parties have written to Vista University and the Department of Education and Train-

ing asking that a wing of the university be opened in Daveyton possibly early next year Vista University wings were recently opened in Pretoria and Soweto

Mr Tom Boya, chairman of the Daveyton Council and secretary of the liaison committee, said yesterday "The establishment of the university on the East Rand will encourage a number of children and may solve a high matric dropout rate We hope that the department and Vista University will come to our rescue and open a university wing in our area

RECENT events surrounding Transvaal's youngest local authority — Midrand — have fuelled speculation among a sector of ratepayers that something is drastically wrong in the once quiet and rural suburban town midway between Johannesburg and Pretoria... but this has been strongly denied by the chairman of the management committee, Mr Marten Grond

The recent resignation of Midrand's former Town Clerk, Mr Dawid van Vuuren, the resignations last year of the former Town Treasurer, Mr Vic Viljoen, and his assistant and the call to the Administrator for a commission of inquiry into Midrand from the Glen Austin Ratepayers' Association, are the most recent events emanating from the small municipality which was established in July 1981

These events have raised a question mark over the viability of the area as a fully fledged local authority — there are only 4 500 ratepayers — and about the administrative ability of the town council to run the troubled area

The Glen Austin Association has repeatedly accused the management committee of "financial bungling" and has said that the committee should shoulder the blame for the poor financial state of Midrand which, it claims, the committee instead laid at the door of the former town clerk

Mr Van Vuuren — the former town clerk — has claimed in an interview with the Rand Daily Mail that the council could pin nothing on him (he was suspended for dereliction of duty pending a council investigation) and that he had been forced into resigning

He resigned shortly before he was due to be dismissed. The council had already recommended to the Administrator at that stage that his services should be terminated

Mr Grond said it was significant that only the Glen Austin Ratepayers' Association was complaining about the council

"There are three other ratepayers' bodies — why are they not pressing an inquiry or running to the press?" he asked

He also denied that the town clerk had been forced into resigning

Mr Grond quoted verbally from a letter written by Mr Van Vuuren to the council on the date of his resignation asking the council to issue a statement that all differences had been reconciled and that Mr Van Vuuren had resigned voluntarily

A Press release issued by the association — which studied the 1981/82 financial report of the council — stated that the municipality began its activities in July 1981 when it took over from the Peri-Urban Board with a budget of R966 170

At the year-end in June 1982, according to the statement, this had dwindled to a deficit of R1 163 — a loss of almost R1,8-

During the same period the debt owed to the council by consumers increased by 214% from R539 651 to R1 154 120

Short term debt, comprising interest loans, advances and overdraft, increased by 293% from R1 042 624 to R3 052 122

The association has calculated short term debt for the amount of R466 a ratepayer was incurred during that year alone

Mr Grond told the Mail that the figures provided by the association about the surplus and deficit position of the council in the 1981/82 financial year were entirely wrong

"The year began with a surplus of R1 043 000 and ended with a surplus



Halfway House in Midrand... quiet, but residents are grumbling at the town council.

Picture GARTH LUMLEY

# Residents angry at doings of Midrand council

By JEANETTE MINNIE, Mail Reporter

of R923 000. The deficit was only R121 000.

"In fact, there really wasn't a deficit at all, because we had transferred R350 000 from the surplus to the capital development fund," he said

"The figures for the short term debt and debt owed by consumers are correct. But the council cannot be held responsible for the debt of consumers

"The increase in the short term loans were necessary because, at the present high interest rates, the council would have been a fool to make long term loans

"The loans had to be made to finance capital works, and the short term loans are being used as bridging finance. It was a sound financial arrangement," he said

Residents are now concerned about the absence of a full-time town treasurer and — at a number of ratepayers' meetings last year — they made their dissatisfaction about the escalation of municipal tariffs and rates abundantly clear

The association claims that this year ratepayers have been faced with an average increase of 54% in assessment rates

Mr Grond described the allegations as nonsense.

"In fact, on average the assessment rates have gone down compared to last year. However, a new valuation roll has been drawn up and the value of some properties have escalated dramatically"

Mr Grond conceded that the pre-

sent electricity tariff of 6,1c in Ohlantsfontein and 7,2c in Vorna Valley was high, but said that the rate would come down in time

"I do not know why the Glen Austin association raises this issue. Glen Austin receives its power from Eskom and not from the council," he said

Mr Grond also conceded that there was a staff shortage in the treasury department, but that, until now, no suitable replacements had been found

The council made use of the services of a university lecturer in local authority accounting during the last December/January recess to update operations

At present, an acting town treasurer is running the department

There is an abundance of complaints on the part of Glen Austin ratepayers ranging from a contract being awarded to a landscape business without going to tender (which the association alleges is trading illegally) to the sale of land for industrial purposes in a residentially zoned area in Glen Austin Ext 3 — by a company with whom councillor Keith Parker is involved

Mr Parker told me that his company had acted as the agent for the sale of three parcels of agricultural holdings and that it was up to the new owners to apply for the correct zoning rights

"All this information is public, and I have acted entirely within the law

The association has asked me to explain my involvement in the sale and I will do so," he said

Mr Grond said if the association was aware of any company trading illegally, it should lay a complaint. He was not personally aware of the circumstances surrounding the particular company

Other complaints of the association include:

- The council has gone back on an undertaking to meet with the association

A request for a meeting with the full council was made as far back as November 1981, and instead an interview has now been granted with the management committee under conditions which have been rejected by the association

The conditions are that a detailed memorandum has to be submitted, that only one member of the permitted 10-man delegation will be allowed to speak and that the committee will only consider the memorandum after the delegation has withdrawn

Mr Grond says the conditions for meetings with ratepayers have been laid down by the Administrator and that the management committee is only complying with the standing orders

- The lack of formal Press comment from the council on the suspension of the town clerk.

At the time of the suspension, the management committee chairman, Mr Grond, was the only councillor authorised to make Press comment and he was away in the Cape.

The association says comment from the council could have prevented damaging publicity, which has resulted in a drop in property values

- The alleged establishment of the new Noordwyk township without proper sewage facilities

Mr Grond says that the developer in Noordwyk has installed a complete sewage reticulation system and is paying a further sewage endowment of R400 an erf, which will be used to finance the link-up with the sewage plant

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# Power bills of R1,3-m outstanding

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An analysis of electricity accounts in Johannesburg reveals that more than 36 percent of coloured consumers are in arrears with their payments

This figure is three times as high as that in Asian areas and six times as high as that in White areas, with the average consumer's account nine months overdue

These figures were made public at the Johannesburg City Council meeting last night. It was also revealed that more than 6 000 accounts totalling R1 265 000 are involved, with the average individual monthly account being R24

Steps have been taken to recover the outstanding amounts through civil actions

The report from the City Treasurer's Department states that the electricity supply is cut off when an account is more than two months in arrears and after due warning to the consumer. However it has been found that warnings have little effect

To add to the council's problems, certain subscribers whose electricity supply had been cut off, resorted to il-

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Shirley Woodgate**

legally "bridging" the supply — a practice which if discovered, results in the removal of the cable

The practice is rife in the coloured areas where 95 percent of cut-offs are illegally restored

The water supply of delinquent users is only discontinued on rare occasions as this could cause a health hazard, the report states. Trickler systems are usually installed to allow for a minimum flow of water for cooking, flushing toilets and essential hygiene

Warnings about non-payment of water accounts also have little effect and in coloured areas council officials have been threatened with violence when cutting off water supplies

Meter-reading in coloured areas is fraught with hazards for officials who have to contend with water meters covered with rubbish, dogs tied to meter boxes, damaged meters and electricity meter boxes tied with wire

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## Mabopane to get <sup>Sometam</sup> 24/2/83 fire station

HAVING to phone a fire station which is situated 30 kilometres away will soon be a thing of the past when Mabopane's temporary station comes into operation in April.

The chief of the fire department, Mr C R Christie, said the personnel for the new station was undergoing an intensive training course and had to pass a first aid test before their appointment.

Meanwhile, plans for a permanent fire station in the area were being drawn up. The need for a fire station in both Mabopane and Ga-Rankuwa was brought home after a massive fire gutted a Mabopane supermarket two years ago.

At the time, residents and community leaders expressed deep concern over the lack of a fire station. The two townships have more than 50 000 houses and more than 400 000 inhabitants.

# Ambulances - resident offers to take control

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By SAM MABE

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A PROMINENT Soweto businessman and civic leader, Mr Ephraim Tshabalala, yesterday challenged the Soweto Council to suspend the present ambulance service in Soweto and to allow him to start his own.

The challenge, supported by the majority of other councillors, was made at the Soweto Council's monthly meeting during a heated debate on the recent increase in ambulance fees.

The increase, which has doubled from R5 to R10 since February 1 this year, sparked off a controversy during which some councillors accused the Soweto Council executive of having approved the increases during a recent meeting with officials of the Provincial Council.

The Soweto Council chairman, Mr David Thebehali, argued that there was no way his council could have influenced the Provincial Council against increasing their fees.

"Those people will increase their fees irrespective of what we say. They did not consult us to seek our opinion in the same way as Putco, the railways and shebeen queens never con-

sult us when they push their prices up," said Mr Thebehali.

At one stage while Mrs Martha Taylor was arguing that the fees were too high for Soweto residents and demanding that officials of the Transvaal Provincial Administration (TPA) be invited to meet with the Soweto Council, Mr Thebehali abruptly adjourned the meeting.

When the meeting resumed, he said he had adjourned it because he wanted to make an urgent telephone call.

Mr Tshabalala said R10 was a ridiculous fee to be paid for a trip between Soweto and Baragwanath Hospital. He said he was willing to start an ambulance service which would charge less than the TPA.

"There is no reason why we should be promoting the TPA when they over-charge our people like they do. It is high time we started promoting ourselves," he said.

Mr E Manyosi said TPA officials should have met with all councillors in an open meeting where the increases would have been challenged.

Mr Thebehali later said the council rejected the increases.

# Bond is blamed for leak

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By GEOFFREY ALLEN

BROEDERBONDERS on the Randburg Town Council may have leaked news that a fellow member of the secret society, the town clerk Mr Christo Geyer, had resigned from the staunch Afrikaner organisation. Last night Mr Bill Sewell, chairman of the PFP-controlled management committee, said he admired Mr Geyer for resigning.

"He resigned from the Broederbond in about January, but we made it clear that we would not make a public issue of that. I admire him for resigning," Mr Sewell said.

"I never intended making a big thing out of this. I think the broeders on the council have leaked it."

He said that it had been decided that the non-Broeder element of the council could work more comfortably with Mr Geyer if he was no longer a society member.

Mr Sewell said that he did not expect any other officials to resign from the Randburg Municipality.

"There are no other Broeders as far as we are aware," he said.

However, he has called on council members who were Broeders to resign. Mr Geyer, 40, resigned from the Broederbond after talks with PFP members of the council.

He has declined to comment on his resignation, except to say that he is no longer a member of the society.

The Randburg council management committee hopes to introduce a strict code of conduct in terms of which officials and councillors will be obliged to resign from any secret organisation.

Mr Sewell has written an open letter to the National Party leader of the council, Mr Olaus van Zyl, asking him to set an example to other councillors by resigning from the Broederbond.



# Lesotho Radio claims attacks

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Own Correspondent

**JOHANNESBURG** — Twenty "South African infiltrators" were claimed to have been killed or wounded in an attack at the Ongeluksnek border post in southern Lesotho on Saturday.

Radio Lesotho said one of the bodies found on the Lesotho side of the border had been taken to the government mortuary. The radio said the South African Defence Force had been involved in an attack on the military barracks at Ongeluksnek. A spokesman for Lesotho's Ministry of

Foreign Affairs said last night that a statement about the attacks would be released today.

The para-military force command said it was understood that the battle at Ongeluksnek was led by a Major McKenzie of the SADF.

The SADF declined to comment on the claims. Asked to comment on the Lesotho report, the Director-General of Foreign Affairs, Mr J van Dalsen, said he knew nothing of the matter.

The Minister of Foreign Affairs, Mr Pik Botha, was reported to be returning to Cape Town from Pretoria last night and was not available for comment.



**Mission attacked**  
 • A member of the Lesotho para-military force had been killed and another wounded in a grenade attack on the Roman Catholic mission station at Pitseng in the northern Lembedi district of Lesotho early yesterday morning, Radio Lesotho announced yesterday. The announcement said the wounded soldier had managed to engage the "white men" involved in the attack in "heavy fighting", but the attacker had escaped in a vehicle towards South Africa. The radio report said the Papal Pronuncio in Pretoria had been requested by the Lesotho Foreign Ministry to inform the Vatican about the attack.  
 • In a separate incident, Radio Lesotho said the para-military had carried out a successful operation against saboteurs who tried to blow up electrical installations in Maseru on Saturday night. Six of the saboteurs had

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The 550 class was initially led by Danie Maritz of Cape Town on a Kawasaki, but Robbie Petersen took over on the third lap and proceeded to pull away from the rest of the field, with Maritz falling off in BP corner

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**DEATHS**

**CANARIS** — Maria Elizabeth Mama we are going to miss you so very much, but when God picks flowers from his garden He only picks the very best Goes Lambriena Mariana and Georgia  
**CANARIS** — Maria Elizabeth Deeply mourned by Giep Ephamie, Thelma and Neno

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...matter but a full briefing was being given to the president of the Security Council  
...been arrested and four had escaped, while a large quantity of detonating equipment had been confiscated

Radio Lesotho also reported that an unspecified number of members of the South African Police, allegedly involved in the attack and sabotage plots, had been arrested and were being interrogated

The announcement said the saboteurs appeared to have opened up fronts at strategic points around Lesotho, and that "armed infiltrators were repulsed back into South Africa at Peka in the north-east of Lesotho"

A spokesman for the police division of public relations in Pretoria said the report sounded "like a fairytale"

It is not yet clear whether Lesotho will decide to call for a meeting of the Security Council over the

Gloria Grahame were excellent in their parts Pity the story line was so thin — at least I thought so  
The Berenstain Bears made a welcome return to the small screen on Sunday afternoon, though this was not one of their better offerings

The weekend weepy, the great Gilly Hopkins, had more guts to it than usual and, thanks be, there was no Kristy Nichols It also did without the happy ending — played true to life for a change

The second half of One Little Indian was pleasant, with just the sort of blood and guts stuff to satisfy junior in one of his more belligerent moods A few more westerns of this type would be welcome

I suppose we must mention the annual meeting of the SABC/SATV Mutual Admiration Society — the Artes Awards — but that is all we will do — mention them  
**PETER HUMPHRIES**

last night must surely have left a big impression not only on the viewers but more importantly on local producers It showed what a simple straightforward but beautifully-constructed comedy can offer for television entertainment

Its replacement "The Jeffersons", also an American series dubbed into Xhosa, is highly rated

Though the repeat of the first series of the popular drama "u Sensikile" came to an end yesterday a preview of the long-awaited second series suggested that next Sunday night we are in for a real treat

The live-coverage of the Milk Cup final between Manchester United and Liverpool and the international boxing from Johannesburg Wembley Sport pavilion, were undoubtedly the highlight of Saturday's viewing provided of course you were a sports-lover  
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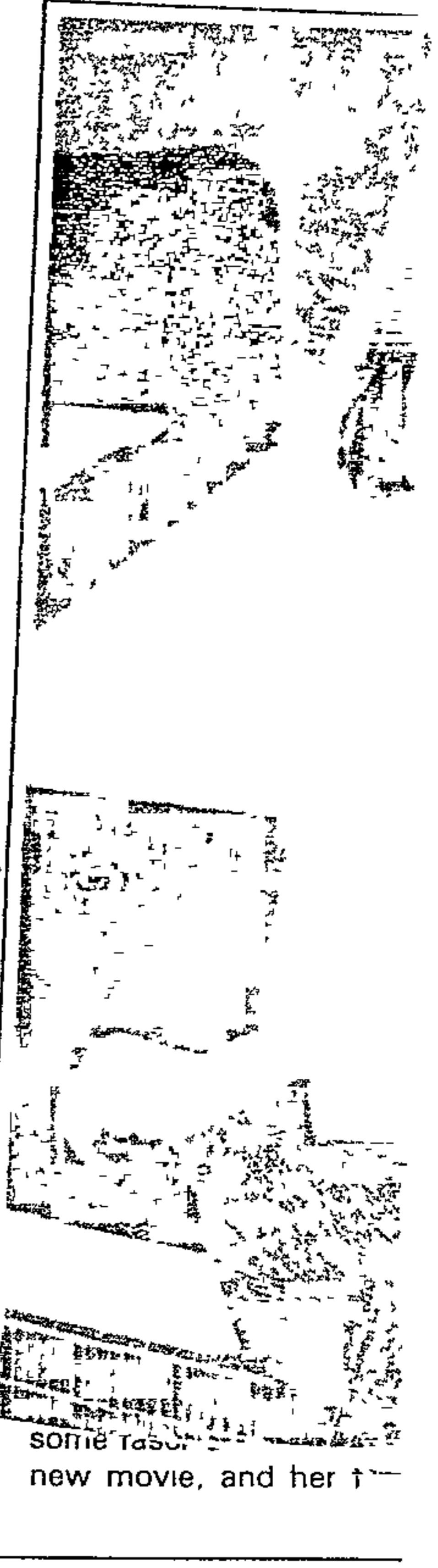
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# PEP FORCES OFFICIALS TO QUIT BROEDERS

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THE Town Clerk of Randburg has been forced to resign from the Broederbond by mounting PFP pressure to oust members of the secret Afrikaner society.

Mr Christo Geyer, 40, who joined the Broederbond in 1973, refused to comment on his resignation "I am no longer a member of the Broederbond," he said, "and the reason I resigned is my own affair"

He had been town clerk for 11 years

By MIKE CADMAN

In a move that is certain to spark a political row, the chairman of the committee, Mr Bill Sewell, has asked councillors and officials in Randburg who are Broeders to resign from the society — or the council

Meanwhile, the management committee is going ahead with plans to introduce a strict and clearly defined

'code of conduct'

In terms of the code, officials and councillors will be required to resign from the Broederbond, or any other secret organisation, in the interests of serving all sections of the community "with fear and without fear or favour"

las Gibson, PFP

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chairman, said the PFP might extend Randburg's anti-Broederbond policy to other areas as well.

"Broeders," he said, "must decide which master they are serving — the councils which employ them, or their fellow-Broeders."

In a statement this week, Mr Sewell said the ban on Broederbond membership would enable officials and councillors "to enjoy the confidence of all groups within the community and to maintain democratic and free enterprise principles and procedures."

He told the Sunday Express "The code will contain provisions specifically aimed at preventing any councillor or official from obtaining any advantage for himself or any organisation in the affairs of which he takes part."

# PFP forces town clerk to quit Broederbond

Mr Sewell has also written an open letter to Mr Olaus van Zyl, the National Party leader in the council, who has been a member of the Broederbond since 1975, urging him to set an example to his colleagues by resigning.

And at a council meeting this week, he also called on a second Broeder councillor, Mr Stephan van Meizinger, to quit the secret society.

The sources claimed that Mr Geyer resigned from the Broederbond after being privately requested to do so by the management committee.

The Broederbond row came to a head at a council meeting this week when Mr Sewell's motion calling for Broederbond members to resign from the organisation or the council was ruled out of order and referred to the management committee for investigation.

Mr Sewell listed the PFP's objections to the Broederbond. It is divisive — especially among Afrikaners, but also among the many diverse groups of people that make up the South African society.

It insists on secrecy, and stealth is one of the organisation's main weapons. The Broederbond is outdated because, although it apparently served a useful purpose between the two World Wars, it now seems to concentrate almost totally on entrenching Nationalist policies and getting its members appointed to key influential positions.

Mr Sewell said documents had revealed that the Broederbond had in the past made secret plans to win municipal, provincial, and national elections. He added that secret letter-writing campaigns were part of the organisation's tactics. "Many people suspect that the recent flood of pro-apartheid letters in our local (Randburg) newspapers are part of such a campaign."

Mr Sewell claimed that in the greater South African context the Broederbond was dangerous because "it encourages other groups to seek power in the same undemocratic way — a recipe for chaos in our land."

Mr van Zyl has reacted strongly to the comments made by Mr Sewell. "It is a political smoke-screen that they always bring up during election campaigns (there is a by-election in Ward 3, Windsor East, on April 29, which will be fought between the NP, the PFP and the Conservative Party)."

"Between elections, they don't make a sound about the Broederbond, but now they suddenly remember all the details and try and draw attention away from the controversial opening of public amenities to all races."

Mr van Zyl said it was an infringement of individual liberty for the management committee to try and dictate to councillors and officials on which organisations they could belong to.

Mr van Zyl would not comment on Mr Geyer's resignation.

Report by Mike Cadman, 171 Main Street, Johannesburg



GIFT: Mr and Mrs Frank Mkatshwa receiving their gift from Johannesburg mayor Mr Allen Gadd and his wife

# Council workers receive awards

ABOUT 200 employees of the Johannesburg City Council were awarded with long service presents by the Mayor Mr Allen Gadd at a function last week.

Speaking at the function during the presentation, Mr Gadd said the employees had worked for years under the same employer. It was obvious, he added, that the Johannesburg Municipality was a good employer. The council would continue to look into the interests of their employees and their families.

The employees, mostly labourers, were presented with gifts of their choice, including gold watches, sewing machines and bicycles. One woman, Mrs D. M. Mafetse, went home with a portable TV set "for my children", she said.

Also awarded a long service gift was Mr Frank Mkatshwa. So weto who turned up at the occasion with his wife

# Pretoria ban 'will do S A incredible damage'

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Parliamentary Staff

THE Assembly was told today that a decision by Pretoria City Council to bar blacks from 17 parks would do "incredible damage" to South Africa.

The official Opposition's spokesman on justice, Mr Dave Dalling (PFP Sandton), said the proposed erection of "fences of shame" to keep blacks and whites apart amounted to treating people like animals.

Speaking in the third-reading debate on the Criminal Law Amendment Bill, he called for an assurance from the Minister of Justice, Mr H J Coetsee, that increased penalties for trespassing would not be used to prevent blacks from entering "those little bits of green in Pretoria

### "Futile"

The official Opposition was "chasing hares that will not run" It would be futile to have any further discussion

Replying to the debate, Mr Coetsee said he could not say what would apply in individual cases "We are dealing with fundamental matters, with principles"

The Bill was read a third time with the Official Opposition voting against it in a division The New Republic Party and the Conservative Party supported the Government

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### "Guards, dogs"

Mr Dalling quoted from a newspaper report about the Pretoria decision which mentioned a plan to use uniformed guards with trained dogs to enforce the proposed ban

"I see this as a very sad decision This will do incredible damage to South Africa in race relations here and in our image abroad"

Mr Dalling said the official Opposition was opposing the Bill mainly because of a provision to increase the penalties for trespassing

### R2 000

The Bill's first clause provides for an amendment to the Trespass Act of 1959 which increases maximum penalties from £25 (R50) or three months, or both, to a fine of R2 000 or two years, or both

Dr H M J van Rensburg (NP Mossel Bay) accused Mr Dalling of "abysmal ignorance" about the law and said he was naive to expect the Minister to say whether the courts would impose maximum penalties in a specific case

# Pretoria councillors bar 17 parks to blacks

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PRETORIA. — The Pretoria City Council has voted overwhelmingly to close 17 parks to blacks amid indications that other parks could be closed

## Black envoys a poser in ban

Argus Correspondent  
PRETORIA — The decision of the City Council here to bar black people from 17 parks has elicited different reactions from the candidates in the Waterkloof by-election

The Progressive Federal Party and New Republic Party candidates strongly condemned the decision while the Conservative Party candidate applauded it as an "orderly measure"

The National Party candidate, Dr Org Marais, took a neutral stand

He said the rights of the whites in the relevant areas had to be recognised and extended. But it was equally true provision had to be made for black people working in those areas

### DIPLOMATS

He admitted the council's decision would present practical problems on the admittance of black diplomats to exclusive white parks

On relations between coloured, Indian and white people under a new constitutional dispensation, Dr Marais said the other race groups would have to accept that each group would have the final decision over their own residential areas

The PFP candidate, Mr Tertius Spies, expressed dismay at the decision

### ABSURD

If the constitutional proposals become law, it would mean that coloured and Indian cabinet members would be banned from entering some parks in the country's capital. That would be absurd

The NRP candidate, Mr Klasie Viljoen, said the decision reflected very badly on the Government's reform plans and the removal of discrimination

The CP candidate, Mr Koos Botha, said the international world would accept the decision, including the ban on black diplomats, if it were explained correctly

estimates it will cost R70 000 to fence the 17 parks, but other aspects involved in closing them could cost many thousands more

After a bitter three-hour discussion during the monthly meeting yesterday, the chairman of the management committee, Dr Gerhard Davidstz, told reporters there were no firm plans at this stage to close other parks

However, it was clear from speeches made during the discussion that most councillors would support calls to close more parks

### In power

The 23 members of the ruling Federation of Ratepayers' Associations — including three Conservative Party members who recently broke from the FRA caucus — voted to close the 17 parks

Opposition votes came from four Herstigte Nasionale Party councillors, who wanted all city parks reserved exclusively for whites, and three Progressive Federal Party councillors, who wanted all parks to remain open to all

An HNP councillor, Mr Piet Rudolph, did not vote, and five councillors were absent

### 14 others

The council also voted for supervision and control to be exercised on a further 14 parks

The PFP supported the introduction of greater security in the parks, and Mr Tertius Spies, leader of the party in the council, said all the problems could have been solved by better security

Closed parks will be indicated with signboards in three languages, Afrikaans, English and Tswana, and blacks — excluding black women looking after white children — will be asked to leave

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# Council defends race bar on parks

PRETORIA — Only 17 of Pretoria's 300 parks were affected by the decision to have certain parks partially or wholly reserved for whites — and not "most", or even all parks, as had been alleged, the chairman of the Pretoria City Council's management committee, Dr Gerhard Davidtsz, said yesterday. Dr Davidtsz said in a statement that since 1974 numerous requests and complaints had been re-

ceived about the situation in the city's parks. "Over the last five years the situation has been investigated intensively, and after consideration of all aspects, among others that other methods of control than the reservation of parks be considered, the management committee had no other option but to recommend that certain parks be reserved for whites, and that in other

parks stricter supervision and control be exercised," he said. "Seventeen of the city's 300 parks are affected by the decision to have certain parks partially or wholly reserved for use by whites — and not most, or even all parks, as has been alleged. In 14 other parks which will remain open to all races there will be stricter supervision and control

"The question has been asked which criteria were used to identify parks for reservation for whites. The following were the criteria: "Is a park at or near an old-age home? Is a park near a large group of flats? Is a park adjoining sports grounds? Which other facilities are in the vicinity?" "In all cases where the use of the 17 parks in the suburbs will be reserved for whites, it was first

established that alternative open areas are available nearby, and will still be open to all races," he said. "In some comments on the parks issue, it has been said that blacks will have nowhere to go during lunch hours in the central city area. I must point out that all parks in and near the central city area will remain open to all races." — Sapa



# Shortage of cash, staff

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By Sue Leeman,  
Pretoria Bureau

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Major projects including hospitals and roads have come to a stop because of critical shortages of funds and staff in the Transvaal Provincial Administration according to the Administrator of the Transvaal, Mr Willem Cruywagen

Opening the third session of the sixth Provincial Council in Pretoria yesterday, Mr Cruywagen said badly needed facilities such as the planned Soweto hospital and an academic hospital for Pretoria were in jeopardy

## PROJECTS ON WAITING LIST

Lack of funds and staff had created stagnation. Projects which had already reached the planning stages had been returned to the waiting list.

Construction of new roads was being curtailed and the emphasis had shifted to maintenance.

In an attempt to save money, the hospital services branch was investigating the possibility of providing community health centres, run jointly by the various health authorities. A co-ordinating committee for Transvaal health services had also been established.

Local authorities were being asked to tighten their belts. During 1982 the provincial administration had refused to grant local authorities borrowing powers for projects totalling more than R24 million.

Staff shortages continued to cause concern, Mr Cruywagen said. In the roads department 25 percent of posts remained unfilled.

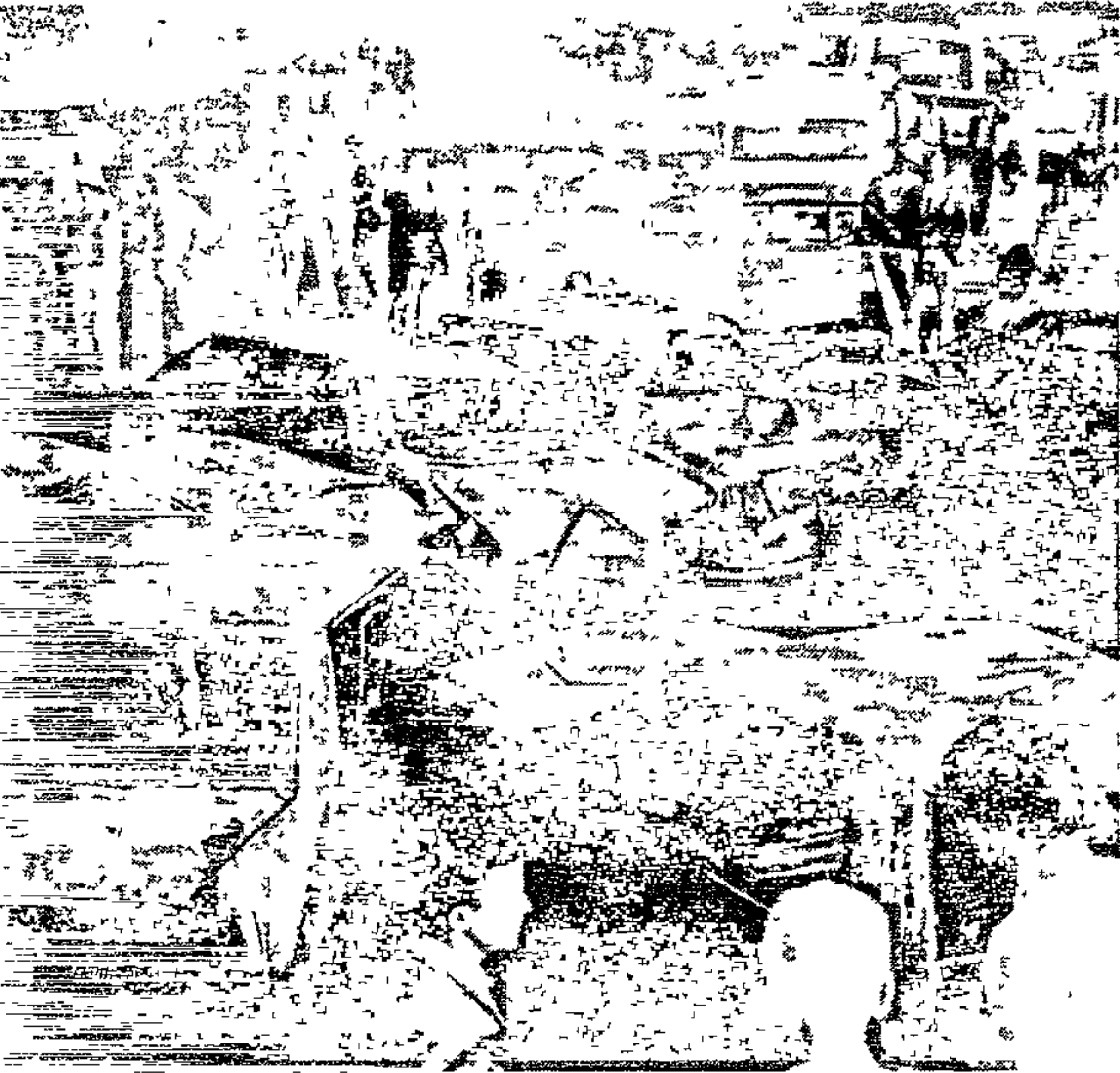
## BLACK TRAINING

"Since August 1982 the department has been using blacks to operate certain vehicles and machines. The training of blacks is progressing well and service benefits for this group are being revised."

Better service benefits for nurses had improved the situation in hospitals, while a better deal for teachers had cut the number of resignations from 19,8 percent in 1980 to 7,8 percent in 1982.

Staff shortages meant law enforcement in respect of road traffic was still not carried out fully. "Serious attention will have to be given to the alarmingly high accident figures on our roads."

Mr Cruywagen said amendments to the Road Traffic Ordinance were to be debated this session. They provided for tighter control of motor vehicle and driver licensing as well as stricter law enforcement, including heavier fines.

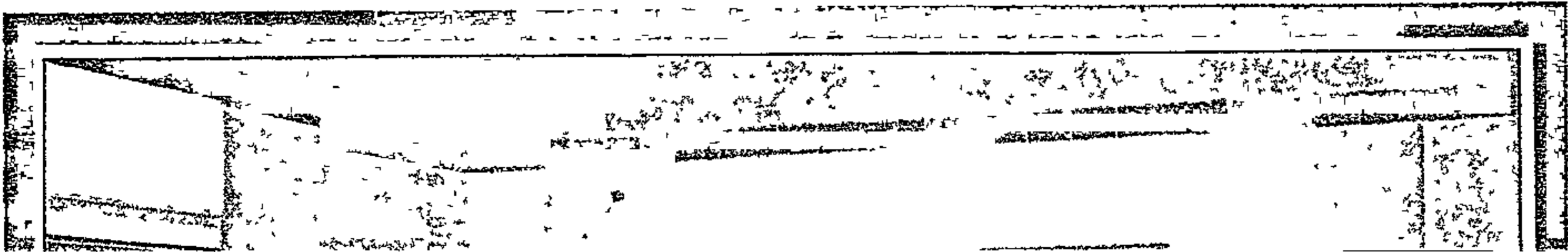


Two men died and a woman was injured in a multiple car smash on the Settlers Way highway near the South African Cape Corps military base at Faure near Cape Town during the rush hour today. Fourteen vehicles collided.

Fire broke out among the damaged vehicles (top). Soldiers (below) from the military base helped the Metro Emer-

gency Services at the scene to free trapped occupants and douse fires as high as a double-storey building. Ambulances arrived with the fire brigade. One man was certified dead at Groote Schuur Hospital and another was rushed to Tygerberg Hospital with severe injuries. He died on arrival. The woman was admitted to Tygerberg Hospital.

# SIMPLY THE BEST BUY



# Meeting to talk out Mayfair issue

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A public meeting to discuss the future of whites in Mayfair who may lose their homes if the Government declares it an Indian Group Area is being organised by city councillor, Mr Jan van Blerk

The meeting later this month will be addressed by the MP for Johannesburg West, Mr Roelf Meyer, and the MPC for the area, Mrs Marietta Marx

Mr van Blerk has assured white residents living in rented accommodation in the affected section of Mayfair that they will be offered alternative housing

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"I appeal to residents not to panic and can assure them that when and if the area is reclaimed for Indians, we will find them homes," said Mr van Blerk

The future of Mayfair — which extends from Princess Street in the west, the railway line in the north and Fordsburg in the east — has been uncertain since a statement by the Minister of Community Development, Mr Pen Kotze, that an investigation would be held into the feasibility of setting aside the portion for Indians

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COUNCIL

# Legal move in refuse tip row

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In 1971 officials of the Urban Training Project courses in Johannesburg. At the end of 1973 trade unions formed the Consultative Transvaal. In addition, were the Commercial, C the National Union of C Union (Transvaal).

Some Consultative Commi and Allied Workers' Unic talks preceding the for from the Consultative Committee because of the continued participation in the FOSATU initiative.

The Consultative Committee refused to join FOSATU alleging that the organisation was dominated by non-africans. In October 1980 unions of the Consultative Committee came together to form the Council of Unions of South Africa (CUSA). CUSA's aims include the building of a united labour force, the improvement of economic and social conditions of all workers, the promotion of a free and democratic trade union movement, the provision of educational resources for its unions and the implementation of research into issues affecting workers.

The Urban Training Project although operating separately from CUSA continues to run training courses.

Year	No of Unions	Membership
1980	7	29 815 (1)
1981	7	49 014 (2)

- (1) Membership derived from figures in this paper
- (2) Membership figures supplied by CUSA. These reflect signed up membership as at November 1981

Johannesburg City Council has refused to comment on allegations by residents of Linbro Park that it intends more than doubling the size of a municipal refuse dump straddling their plush Sandton suburb

Residents have pooled their resources and are prepared to take the city council to court to prevent it from going ahead with the project.

Both the management committee chairman, Mr Francois Oberholzer, and the chairman of the health and environmental committee, Mr Cecil Long, refused to comment, saying the matter was sub judice as a summons had been served on the council

The dump, acidly referred to as "Table Mountain" by residents, is 40 m high, 300 m wide and a 20 m from some homes. Situated on 42 ha alongside the N3 Highway to Pretoria, it is understood the city council wants to extend the life of the dump by expanding it on to 51 ha of vacant land which adjoins the site

The dump is situated on council-owned land, but falls within the Sandton municipal area and the councillor for the suburb, Mrs Jo Marais, said residents had been fobbed off for years with promises which were never kept

"It is essential that a new tip site be developed elsewhere because the one in Linbro Park is totally unacceptable to the residents," said Mrs Marais

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# Transvaal pares budget to bare bones

By Sue Leeman,  
Pretoria Bureau

Tough financial conditions have meant the Transvaal Provincial Administration has had to pare its 1983-84 budget to the bone

Indications are that the administration will have problems providing an adequate education service for the country's largest province

Roads and works spending has also been slashed

In his budget address today the administrator, Mr Willem Cruywagen, said an additional R40 million would be provided for education during the year — a seven percent increase on this year

However, the increase was "unrealistically low" when compared with the predicted inflation rate of 12 percent

Nearly R2 million less will be spent on works during 1983-84 than the previous year

The TPA could find only an additional R5 million for roads and bridges — an increase of barely two percent on this year's expenditure

A low growth rate, compounded by slashed Government subsidies, meant a year of financial stringency, Mr Cruywagen said

During the 1983-84 financial year the province would spend R1 900 million — R128,5 million more than during 1982-83

"It is clear a difficult year lies ahead and savings measures will have to be implemented," he said

As well, Government subsidies had been cut by R59,8 million. However, the Minister of Finance, Mr Owen Horwood, had said "he would grant the Transvaal an extra R15 million when the province's additional appropriation of funds is made early in 1984"

Mr Cruywagen said the province would end the 1983-84 financial year with a deficit of R25,57 million as opposed to the R31,7 million shortfall this year

A large slice of provincial spending will go on education with a total of more than R672 million being budgeted for

Another R935 million had been set aside for salaries and loans, a R71 million increase. Mr Cruywagen said the 8,2 percent increase was necessary in the light of annual salary increments

Public works would use up another R190 million. A R1,9 million drop in spending mainly due to decreased expenditure on maintenance and engineering services.

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Mr Cruywagen said the province's revenue from motor licenses, fines and the betting tax would amount to R207,8 million. Another R1 582,8 million would be in Government subsidies, whereas departmental receipts would total R105,5 million

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# Health, education are TPA priorities

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Baragwanath Hospital and the Johannesburg College of Education are high on the 1983/84 projects priority list drawn up by the Transvaal Provincial Administration

During the 1983/84 financial year the province will spend R1 900 million — R128,5 million more than during 1982/83.

The Johannesburg College of Education will receive a R1,4 million boost during 1983/84, when the final touches will be added to the college's community, technical and domestic science centres. These facilities have cost the province more than R10,4 million

A total of R6,4 million will be injected into the giant Baragwanath complex as part of a R24 mil-

lion ongoing project to expand the hospital's facilities

R1,2 million will be spent on a new administration block and R2,6 million will go towards the extension of the hospital's telephone system

A boiler house will be added at a cost of more than R1 million and a R220 000 heli-stop will be installed

It is estimated that at

the end of the 1983/84 financial year, a balance of R3,5 million will be needed to complete the project

A start will be made during the coming financial year on the long-awaited nurses' home for the Boksburg-Benoni Hospital. A sum of R750 000 has been set aside for this project, estimated to cost a total of R4,5 million

A sum of R1 025 300 will be spent on new facilities for the Johannesburg Hospital Work will begin on a R45 000 heli-hangar and alterations to the main kitchen for Indians will cost R219 000. Also on the agenda for the coming financial year are the modernisation of change rooms and the upgrading of the hospital's parking control system

The province also plans to make its first down payment of R350 000 on the proposed Lenasia clinic, estimated to cost an eventual R2,5 million

A major slice of the money budgeted for education will go on schools in the Johannesburg/Germiston areas

Topping the roads list is the planned R56 million Uncle Charlie's interchange, which will swallow up more than R16 million

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# EXPRESSSCOPE LOOKS AT A CITY'S B

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THE Johannesburg City Council — the largest in South Africa — has been hit by crippling staff shortages in several vital departments

The retiring City Engineer, Mr Jock Stewart, warned in his annual report that the standard of public services was almost certain to drop

And as the 'brain drain' stretches the capacity of top management to the limit, departmental heads are predicting that even more people will leave to more attractive jobs as the economy improves

To meet the critical situation, the municipality has even gone on a drive to recruit pensioners, but met only with partial success

In his annual report, Mr Stewart disclosed that 319 skilled staff members left the service of the council in 1981/82

Of them, 191 left for better pay. Meanwhile, in other developments:

● The Electricity Department is down to 55% of its full mechanical engineering complement

● In the Health Department, 18 out of 89 posts for inspectors are vacant, 11 are filled by pensioners, and four people had to be seconded from other duties to help

However, the chairman of Johannesburg's Management Committee, Mr Francois Oberholzer, said the situation would not affect the standard of service the municipality offered, although he admitted some services were dwindling

But, said Mr John Bates, liaison officer of the City Engineer's Department, once the current economic situation improved, the department itself was "going to be in serious trouble"

Mr Bates said the situation in the department was not critical yet — "there are not that many jobs available in the private sector at the moment"

"There is no way we can compete with salaries in the private sector. That is our

main problem — money," he said

"At the moment we are reasonably well off on the professional side, but it is the artisans — the plumbers and fitters and turners — who are leaving," he said

Mr Stewart said his department continued to lose skilled and experienced staff, but the loss at management and executive levels was of particular concern

"The combined effects of financial stringency and staff losses placed severe strain on the rest of the department and detrimental effects will no doubt be felt in the future," he said

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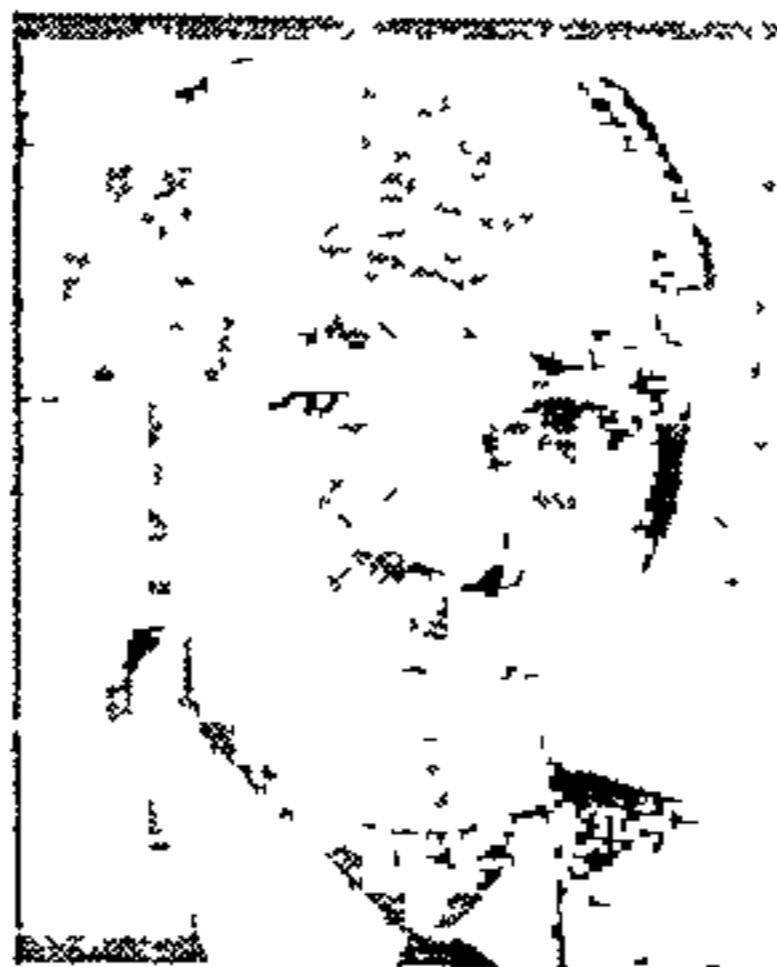
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Reports by ANDREW DONALDSON



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Mr de Villiers said the benefits included increased pension funds, a revised salary structure and a bonus service for the pension scheme

"We are managing to contain the situation," he said "We lose engineers all the time and we are recruiting

them all the time"

In-house training programmes were introduced to train personnel from lower ranks to assume higher skills and these were to continue, the report stated

In addition, the council bursary scheme, ensuring that several vacancies would be filled

The changes in salary and improvements in benefits were implemented in July 1981.

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## Let them go says Obie

THE Johannesburg Municipality could quite happily accommodate more staff leaving, the chairman of the Management Committee, Mr J F Oberholzer, said this week

In fact, he said, he would welcome a 10% exodus of staff from some municipal departments, but refused to name them

"No-one is overworked in this council, except the top echelons," he said

He said shortages were not critical

"We're not filling vacant posts for financial reasons, others just have to cope," Mr Oberholzer said

"If it had, we would certainly have done something about it. In fact, efficiency has improved," he said

"We're doing with 5 000 black staff members less than we had 10 years ago, and this is in a period of considerable growth

"We don't retrench people, we just don't replace them"

He said nobody in the private sector could offer a more protected employment than the municipality

There were also demands from employees to raise salaries according to the inflation rate, which was "obviously impossible", he said

Although this limitation restricted the buying of equipment, the council had set aside cash to contract



● Mr J F OBERHOLZER would like a 10% exodus

work outside the municipality

Emergency water and electricity services that were likely to be affected by a 'brain drain' would be covered by these outside contractors, he said

"And in larger emergencies, like the '76 riots, we would approach the Central Treasury for more funds for obvious security reasons"

Mr Oberholzer said some services were dwindling

These included the cutting of grass, cleansing services, and the sweeping of pavements, amongst others

This had been happening all the time

"For instance, we used to empty dustbins once a day. Now it is only once a week," Mr Oberholzer said

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three Department of Empirical education, received a Doctor of Education degree. He obtained his BA degree and U ed at the University of the North in 1970 In 1972 he obtained a B ed degree with distinction in History of Education and Comparative Education at the same university He obtained the M ed at Unisa in 1980 Mr Mahlangu is married and has two sons and a daughter

A total of 237 bachelor degrees, 37 Honours and 2 Masters were also awarded

Mrs Hilma Mpinkane Tshilongo was the only woman conferred the degree of Bachelor of Theology and there was a thunderous applause when Mr Johannes Majalefe Sepeesa was awarded the degree of Bachelor of Arts in



LITERATURE: Mr J M Lenake.



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Nursing Science. Dr A J Koen, the acting vice-chancellor at Unisa urged graduants to go forth and nourish the minds of those who needed education in the community

# Councils reject parks' decision

9 MAY 1983

THE chairman of the management committees and community councils in the four black townships in Pretoria have totally rejected the local city council's decision to close 17 parks in its municipal area to blacks.

Chairman of Laudium management committee, Mr Boete Abramjee, Mr Wilhe Woods of Eersterust management committee, Mr Z Z Mashao and Mr W Aphane of the Atteridgeville and Mamelodi community councils all pledged to fight the decision

A statement issued by the ad-hoc committee read "We totally reject the unilateral decision taken by the city council

of Pretoria, to close 17 parks in the area to us, as full citizens of the administrative capital of South Africa

"As a first form of protest in this regard, we call on all foreign embassies in the country to inform their respective governments, national and sporting organisations of our complete and utter disgust at the inhuman decision taken by the city council and therefore appeal to them to discourage their national sporting teams and individual sportsmen from participating in sporting activities on municipal owned fields in the area.

"We also call on all

sportspeople and athletes in the country not to make use of the sporting facilities falling under jurisdiction of the city council We also call on the central Government and in particular the Prime Minister Mr P W Botha, to intervene so that the decision is rescinded.

"Finally, the city council, by their decision on the parks issue have negated the new dispensation which the Government has worked so hard at We as an ad-hoc committee, of moderate black leadership will use every avenue of peaceful and constitutional means to force the city council to rescind its decision "

# Ratanda gets 90 new sites

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RATANDA Community Council in Heidelberg have been allocated about 90 sites by the East Rand Administration Board to start a site and service scheme.

Early last year the Ratanda Council applied to Erab for at least 200 sites to start the scheme Erab only approved the application early this year and only allocated 90 stands

Presently, about 611 families are on the housing waiting list in Ra-

tanda Mr C B Mocke, the Ratanda township manager said they hoped to be allocated more sites by Erab before the end of the year

So far 32 families have moved onto their stands and most of them are staying in tin shacks while busy building their houses

"The shacks have to be demolished within 18 months, by which time at least two rooms of the permanent house must

have been erected," Mr Mocke said "If families fail to erect these two rooms within this period, they will lose their sites "

The families are expected to pay R620 infra-structure fees before they can be allocated stands They also pay a monthly rent of R26,15

# Cape shacks pulled down

POLICE used rubber bullets and teargas to disperse stone-throwing crowds in Guguleto at the weekend after officials of the Western Cape Administration Board had demolished 207 shacks at the KTC camp.

A number of commercial vehicles were stoned, two policemen were struck by rocks, a police dog was attacked with kieres, several children fainted from the tearsmoke and squatters swore at police and WCAB officials as their shelters were torn down.

Captain Gerhard van Rooyen, a police liaison officer for the Western Cape, said that as far as the police were aware, no-one was injured by the bullets.

The trouble at the KTC camp began Friday morning as officials of the WCAB moved in to demolish the shacks. Teargas was used to disperse the squatters, who had resisted the demolitions on the previous day.

Police used tearspray canisters to quell occasional scuffles which broke out with squatters and fired tearsmoke from transport vehicles as they patrolled the surrounding townships.

According to Captain van Rooyen, two police sergeants were hit by stones and another's dog was

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By Yussuf Nazeer

The Lenasia management committee decided at a meeting with the Johannesburg City Council yesterday to ask the Government to resolve the conflict between the Peri-urban Board and Lenasia Indian residents who are rejecting control by the the board

The chairman of the Lenasia management committee, Mr Dennis Pillay, proposed that the council arrange a meeting between the committee and the Minister of Internal Affairs and the Minister of Constitutional Development and Planning

The committee will ask the Ministers to arrange for the Provincial Administrator to promulgate a by-law to bring the entire Lenasia group

area under the control of the city council

At present, Lenasia is controlled by three authorities — the Department of Community Development, the city council and the Peri-urban Board

Mr Pillay said this was causing confusion, conflict and frustration among the residents

The Peri-urban Board took over control of Len-

asia's Extensions 8, 9, 10 and 11 in January this year and immediately levied a 40 percent increase in electricity and water tariffs

Residents then joined the Federation of Residents Associations (FRA) and called on the city council to re-assume control of Extensions 8 to 11. The council said it was not empowered to do so

Yesterday more than 2 000 residents decided to pay their water and electricity bills at the lower city council tariffs

The Peri-urban Board's chief regional representative, Mr J J Smit, said the board would not accept the lower tariff payments as a final settlement and the balance would be charged as arrears on next month's bills

"If they refuse to pay, we will cut off their electricity," Mr Smit said

He said he was prepared to negotiate with the residents "but not through Dr Salojee's FRA"

Mr Smit added "They must come through the chosen representatives of Lenasia — the Lenasia management committee"

## Control of Lenasia: row grows

## Winds of Cape can be costly

CAPE TOWN — Winds have exposed yet another design fault in the R56 million Civic Centre — and it could cost the city nearly R120 000

When a strong southeasterly or south-westerly wind blows, the glass doors to the centre's entrance lobby — also one of the main fire escapes — cannot be opened

Someone was once able to open one of the six pairs of double doors against the force of the wind, but it then slammed shut with such violence that it shattered, the Cape Town City Council's executive committee was told yesterday

Now the manager of civic buildings has to order the doors to be locked when the wind comes up — so the city is guilty of contravening its own building regulations

The City Administrator asked the executive committee to set aside R119 800 for windbreak screens, revolving doors, and fire escapes to correct the problem

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# Relief in sight for town clerks of Jo'burg, Pretoria

By Sue Leeman,  
Pretoria Bureau

Overworked town clerks of Pretoria and Johannesburg will obtain relief as a result of a decision yesterday by the Transvaal Provincial Council.

The city councils will in future be able to appoint one or more deputy town clerks to carry some of the workload.

MEC for local government Mr Hein Kruger said the amendment was aimed at freeing town clerks from certain duties to allow them to give their full attention to management functions.

Pretoria's town clerk, for example, was in charge of 17 separate municipal departments while being required to act as adviser on local government.

This was in addition to his responsibility for council administration.

The Johannesburg City Council had not indicated a need for a deputy town clerk, but this could arise in the future.

There was little justification for the appointment of deputy town clerks in other municipalities as their activities were carried out on a smaller scale.

Turning to township development Mr Kruger took municipalities to task for demanding unreasonably high standards of basic services.

This, he said, placed a heavy financial burden on developers which they passed on to buyers of stands.

He appealed to all parties involved in township development to adjust their standards to put housing back within reach of the average man.

Urbanisation was making it increasingly important to make effective use of available land.

Mr Kruger also told the council yesterday that specialised training for firemen is now a possibility.

A study would shortly be launched to determine the actual need for such training.

Representatives of the four provincial administrations would meet the Director General of Transport and members of the South African Institute for Fire Brigade services to study the subject.

# Majority

## Tasting defeat

LONDON — A 22-year-old voter who ate his ballot paper after discovering he had voted for the wrong candidate in Thursday's British general election faces possible prosecution

A police spokesman in Nottingham said yesterday it was an offence to willfully destroy a ballot paper, but said no decision had been taken on whether to prosecute

In London, a five-year-old boy was spotted yesterday, carrying a bunch of flowers bigger than himself towards Mr Margaret Thatcher's No 10 Downing Street residence

Asked by a television reporter why he was doing it, the child, named Timothy, replied "Well, the last time I got in the newspaper" — Sapa-Reuter and UPI

# GO GET

By GEOFFREY ALLEN  
THE inquiry into alleged misconduct in the Transvaal Hospital Services is searching for one of South Africa's top businessmen, Mr Isaac Kaye, who is believed to be "somewhere in Europe"

Last night the chairman of the commission, Mr L V de Kock, said he was prepared to hold a special session of inquiry if Mr Kaye returned to South Africa

The examiner at the De Kock Commission, Mr Frans Roets, said he was making strenuous efforts to get hold of Mr Kaye but that he had met with no success so far

According to Mr Roets Mr Kaye had recently been in Israel, apparently in Tel Aviv, but had since moved on and his whereabouts were not known to his Johannesburg office  
Before giving evidence to

# Top SA businessman sought by TPA inquiry

the commission on Wednesday one of Mr Kaye's associates, Mr Max Peter Goldberg, said he believed his former boss was in Europe and would be back in South Africa before the commission ended

Mr Roets said last night Mr Goldberg had failed to keep an undertaking to inform him (Mr Roets) where Mr Kaye was  
According to rumour in the

local business world last night Mr Kaye is staying with his former business colleague Mr Dusty Miller in London

Throughout the commission's hearings Mr Kaye's name has been banded as being the mastermind behind a scheme to buy influence among TPA officials  
Mr De Kock said he still had a considerable amount of work to do before the report

would be ready to submit to the Provincial Administrator, Mr Willem Cruywagen  
He believed it would not be necessary to hold any further public hearings

The commission was established after the Sunday Express printed allegations of misconduct by Dr Hennie Grove, Director of Hospital Services, and his deputy, Dr Gherhard Schepers

Mr De Kock said after the commission hearing ended yesterday that Mr Roets would consider whether to hand over certain documents handed in as evidence to other official bodies such as the South African Medical and Dental Council

An example was a list of doctors who were allegedly given gifts in the form of money or presents by Mr Kaye's Alumna group

# Judge asks Ax counsel: Why should he not hang?

By TONI REYNEKE  
A JUDGE asked yesterday why he should not impose the death sentence on Rodney Ax, the Hillbrow Jawbreaker

Mr Justice W. J. Human told the Rand Supreme Court he wanted to hear argument from the defence and prosecution on whether he should sentence Ax to death for keeping a young woman captive, raping her six times and threatening her with a knife Ax, 19, was convicted this week on 19 charges of rape, indecent assault, robbery, with aggravating circumstances, robbery, theft and escaping from custody  
He will be sentenced on Tuesday morning  
Mr A. Booyesen, defending,

victim fell into the category of "extreme cases" in law for which "the ultimate penalty is reserved"

He said Ax, of Queens Street, Bertams, had shown a "propensity to violence, sexual assault and dishonesty".  
He had shown "a callous disregard for other people's property, the integrity of his victims and the administration of justice by his repeated escapes and attack on a prison warden".  
"The court must view this in a serious light," Mr Berry said  
He added that the court should take into account Ax's previous convictions for theft, housebreaking, vand-

success Even the two years' jail he had served had had no positive effect on him  
"If this has been no deterrent, rehabilitation quite clearly will be well nigh impossible," he said  
Mr Berry described Ax as a "committed, unrehabilitated, remorseless and habitual criminal, both in and out of prison. Rehabilitation here is not a realistic possibility".

He said Ax had expressed "gloating bravado" for what he had done. There was a total lack of remorse and his attacks were predetermined.  
His motives for the crimes were "selfish" and "immoral".  
The three rapes that Ax had committed were all-

this sort of damage to people It must be met with the strongest possible sentence."  
Mr Booyesen, however, said the court could not find, in the light of all the evidence, that the last rape charge justified the death sentence.

Instead, he proposed that "a lengthy term of jail which meets the judicial standards of time, should be imposed".  
He said Ax should be jailed for at least 12 to 20 years, saying jail would be more beneficial to him in later life.  
He said the fact that Ax was first jailed at the age of 15 did not show he was unable to reform  
Earlier, Dr I. Bernahn told the court he had formed the impression from interviews

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# Jo'burg to pay 6% more for services

By JEANETTE MINNIE

AN AVERAGE across-the-board increase of 6% on the monthly municipal account was the message to Johannesburg residents yesterday when the Johannesburg city council announced its budget for the 1983/84 financial year

Calculations by the City Treasurer, Mr Manie Venter show that homeowners will pay an average total of R5,15 a month more on both services and assessment rates

The increases include 21c or 4% for electricity, 29c or 5% for refuse removal, 56c or 12,5% for sewerage, 81c or 8% for gas, R2,05 or 15% for water and R1,23 or 9% for assessment rates

Assessment rates increases will be between 4,1c to 4,47c on the Rand

Homeowners will continue to receive a 60% rebate and some sectional title developments an 18% rebate

In addition, remissions on assessment rates varying from 1% to 46% will continue, as will special remissions for senior citizens with an average gross monthly income of R600 or less. It is expected that senior citizens will pay 20% of the actual rates

Most of the increases — excluding water — are well below the inflation rate, which this year varied between 14,9% and 12,6%

The new water tariffs, which were approved last month, are linked to consumption

The use of 20kl of water will show an increase of only 1,03% a month, 40kl — which is average consumption — will show an increase of 15% a month and

50kl will register a 20% hike

However, the record annual budget of R157 700 000 — 17% up from last year — also makes provision for an average 9,5% increase in bus fares, as well as for increases of up to a 100% in some daily municipal parking ground tariffs

These include the Rockey Street parking ground where the tariff is to increase from 50c to R1,00 and the M2 Loveday Street parking grounds where the tariff will go up from R1,50 to R3,00

There will also be some increases for services of the building survey branch

Parking grounds and garages are expected to swell the coffers by R1 250 000 and income from the building survey branch by R234 000

The capital budget of R147 000 000 is up 46% on last year and the operating budget of R610 300 000 is up 12%

# Bus fares, sewerage rates up

Sandton residents will have to pay more for both bus fares and sewerage rates as from Friday, it was learnt at a Sandton Town Council meeting last night

The cost of monthly season tickets will range from R42 for routes over the Sandton border to R20 for internal season tickets

Local children will pay 25c per coupon or 40c cash, and pupils living outside the municipal boundaries will pay 40c per coupon or full cash fare on all routes

Student cards valid for

42 trips each will cost R27 for journeys to points north of Sandton City and R22 for students traveling between Sandton City and Johannesburg

Sewerage tariffs are to increase by about 10,7 percent. The annual fees will be up from R84 to R96 for private dwellings

The town council has voted to buy a new ambulance at a cost of R28 000. This replaces the old one which is to be used for civil defence.

A request to establish a veterinary clinic in Morningside has been

turned down.

Progressive Federal Party councillor Mr TR Franklin and the Town Secretary of Sandton will attend the Transvaal Municipal Association Congress in Warmbaths from October 12 to 14

A new township is to be established on portion 147 of the farm Driefontein. About half the property is to be retained for use by the Dutch Club

A new PABX telephone exchange will be installed in the Sandton Civic Centre. This will replace the existing obsolete PABX which was bought in 1970 for

R89 000. The new system will be installed within 12 weeks at a cost of R288 600

An 80-bed medical clinic comprising medical, surgical, maternity, dispensary and convalescent home services, and doctors' consulting rooms is to be built in Morningside at the intersection of Hill Road and West Road South off Rivonia Road

A gift of R5 000 has been received from the manager of Anglo American and De Beer's Chairman's Fund for the purchase of medical equipment for the civil defence mobile hospital

## RANDBURG COUNCIL

# Nats back <sup>266</sup> <sub>stau</sub> scrapping of <sup>30/6/83</sup> racial by-laws

By Shirley Woodgate  
Racial by-laws relating to separate facilities in private and business premises were unanimously scrapped by the Randburg Town Council last night

National Party members supported four Progressive Federal Party amendments to the building, milk, food handling and health by-laws for creches and nursery schools

In future, the enforced provision of separate white and black toilet and washing facilities on private property will be at the discretion of individual owners and developers

Emphasising that the usual health by-laws would still be enforced, management committee chairman Mr Bill Sewell said "These laws only added to the expense of developing or altering buildings and it is ridiculous telling a business-

man his staff may work, play and eat together but not use the same toilet"

NP opposition leader Mr Olaus van Zyl said this action was in line with Government policy to move away from discrimination based only on race. He said it was essential that provision of facilities should be so implemented to avoid conflict

The amendments referred only to private and not public amenities and the NP would not hesitate to intervene if problems arose between the different race groups

Mr van Zyl asked members of the private sector who wanted to maintain separate facilities to provide an equally high standard for all race groups

He said nursery schools and creches would not become racially mixed as the amendments referred only to health regulations'

## Another Rhema — despite protests

The Rhema Bible Centre has been given the green light to establish a 5 000-seat church in the Randpark Ridge/Bromhof area despite strong protest from hundreds of residents in the area

The Randburg Town Council decided at its monthly meeting last night to grant the application subject to strict conditions regarding traffic and aesthetics. The chairman of the management committee, Mr Bill Sewell, and the Deputy Mayor, Mrs Pat van Rensburg, voted against the proposal and Mr Julian Reed abstained

The church complex is situated at the corner of Ysterhout Drive and President Fouché Drive. This is considered suitable in view of town planning recommendations that large developments should be placed where major roads cross, thus easing traffic congestion. The roads also act as a buffer between residential houses, said Mr Olaus van Zyl

He said the only other site which could have been considered in Randburg was the Velskoe drive-in

Mr van Zyl pointed out the property is big enough to contain all parking with one bay being provided for every three seats in the church, double the normal requirement for churches in the town

He said everything possible had been done technically to control the nuisance value and noise from the

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# Petty apartheid: Now you see it, now you don't...

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**APARTHEID** in Randburg is disappearing but hardly anybody has noticed

And this despite the initial outcry by many residents who were hotly opposed to opening amenities to blacks.

Municipal amenities such as the library, parks, clinics, community halls, and some drive-in theatres have been open to all races since February

Amenities still to be desegregated are swimming pools, public toilets and the bus service

People in Randburg said this week that everyday life in the town was no different from normal.

And some, mostly blacks did not even know that the by-laws had been changed

"I have always gone to the park," one black domestic worker said "We have not been told that we can now go to the library or clinics"

The management committee chairman, Mr Bill Sewell, said that as far he knew, only a few blacks made use of facilities such as the library and clinics

"We have made the opening of amenities public through the Press," he said "Later, we intend asking the Randburg Chamber of Commerce to publicise the fact to their workers"

A recent decision by the Progressive Federal Party-controlled management committee has also allowed



businesses to decide for themselves whether their toilet facilities should be segregated

Randburg has a population of 110 000 of whom 20 000 are black and a few Indian and coloured

The PFP caused a major stir when it instituted the changes and many people opposed the move

The National Party representatives on the council protested that the changes were made secretly, and in the following months hundreds of residents voiced their disapproval — some even signing a petition to express their opposition

The local newspaper, the Randburg Sun, conducted a survey to find out what people felt about the issue and many said they were against desegregation

But now most people seem to have forgotten the arguments and go about life as before

Mrs Audrey Hughes, who left Zimbabwe two years ago, said "I have not noticed any difference at all — people go about life as usual. I have no objections to any further desegregation either"

Mr Neville Montgomery, a Randburg resident for 18 years, said "I have been studying in Cape Town and when I returned recently I

noticed very little change. "People get used to mixing with other race groups — it is inevitable"

A woman who works in Randburg, Mrs Stella Ngoako, said she had not even heard about the change in the local by-laws — "and neither has anyone I know".

Another Randburg worker, Mrs Beatrice Ramothone, who has worked in the area for just over a year, was also surprised.

"I have not heard about this change of law," Mrs Ramothone said.

A minority of those interviewed — were not in favour of the opening of amenities and said the changes had been obvious and to whites' disadvantage

"Ever since they have done this the blacks have taken over our parks," said a resident who did not want to give his name "I believe that each group should have their own amenities"

Another resident, Mr George Oosthuisen, said the PFP had made the wrong decision "It is not fair to expect us to share with them (other race groups) anyway"

"They will end up taking over everything that belongs to us. This should not be allowed — they have their own towns and homelands to go to," he said.

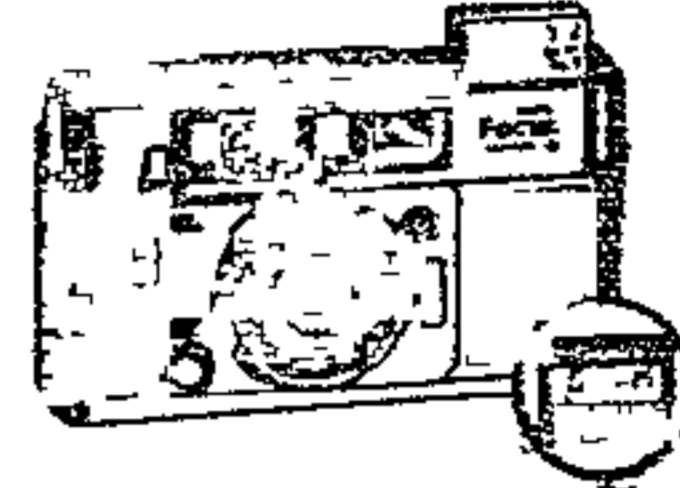
The council is awaiting a Human Sciences Research Council (HSRC) report on people's attitudes towards further desegregation



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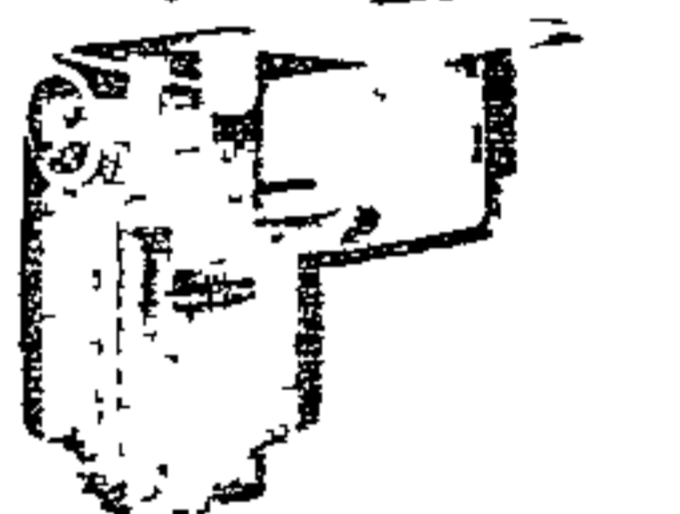
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# SATS says it can cope despite staff losses

By Stan Kennedy

Despite a substantial reduction in staff since the start of the downturn last year, South African Transport Services is confident it can cope with any increase in export traffic

Total staff in June last year at 279 000 has decreased to 248 000, entirely through personnel retiring or resigning

Mr Dolf Jonker, chief director harbours, says the staff will be reduced further without the loss of efficiency and without endangering the situation should there be an upturn

The target for March 1984 was 240 000 and for 1985 230 000. The intention was to improve efficiency by having a smaller but more skilled workforce. Greater selectivity was being applied to recruiting

Ample capacity existed at the ports, but further improvements

to facilities were being made at some to cope with all export offerings in the foreseeable future

The aim was to achieve a more efficient and cost-effective system so that the service to exporters, importers and local users would be of a higher standard

At Richards Bay, stage three of the expansion programme was under way and two more shipbuilding quays were being built. The two existing quays could handle about 30 million tons of coal a year

When the two new quays are completed in 1986 Richards Bay will be the largest coal terminal in the world, with a capacity of 44 million tons a year. So efficient is the port that a 100 000-ton ship can be loaded and on its way in less than 24 hours

Total cargo shipped from all ports in the financial year ended

on March 31 was almost 60 million tons — a 375 percent increase on the figure 10 years ago.

Dr Bart Grove, general manager of SATS, says improving productivity in the short and long terms will include the adoption of scientific management processes such as financial control, more effective investment of capital and better use of assets and manpower

Container handling facilities are available at important stations and to help make a success

of the decentralisation policy a continuous watch is kept on developments in decentralised areas

To assist in any export drive — and to help importers — other container terminals will be built in delivery areas of existing terminals to minimise cartage costs to customers. The first is being built in Capital Park, Pretoria, where operations are due to start in 1985. Another terminal at Isando, Kempton Park, is to open in 1987 — Sapa

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# Call for boycott of next year's festival

By ANTON HARBER  
Political Reporter

DR RAM SALOJEE, a prominent leader of the Transvaal Indian Congress (TIC), the Islamic Council of South Africa (ICSA) and the Lenasia Federation of Ratepayers Associations (FRA), has called on people to boycott the Johannesburg centenary celebrations next year.

Dr Salojee made the call in an open letter attacking the city council's recent decision to make political organisations pay five times more than other organisations to hire a council hall in Indian and Coloured areas.

The letter also said the reasons given for the move by the director of housing, Dr M P Wilsnach, were insulting, discriminatory and "reflect a racist attitude".

Mr Wilsnach had said that the move was taken to prevent "rowdy meetings" by "tuppence ha'ppeny organisations".

The letter was addressed to Mr Wilsnach last week and copies have been sent to the Johannesburg management committee, the political parties represented in the council and the Press.

Mr Wilsnach said yesterday that he had not received the letter. When told the contents, he said he would refer the matter to the management committee.

Dr Salojee is chairman of the FRA and vice-president of the TIC and ICSA.

"Your comments regarding this blatantly discriminatory action against political groups in places like Lenasia reflects a racist attitude which makes your position as director of housing untenable," Dr Salojee said in the letter.

"If the recent by-election meetings in the Northern Transvaal are a barometer of civilised standards, then your comments should equally apply to the white group," he said.

The move was an attempt to "hamstring our democratic right to freedom of assembly" and "an interference in religious freedom".

"As a Moslem, I would also like to know what constitutes religion and non-religion, because in Islam there is no such division between religion, politics etc," he said.

To say these moves were approved by the "self-entrenched and undemocratically elected" coloured and Indian management committees was an attempt to shift the responsibility to someone else, said Dr Salojee.

This also underlined the belief that these bodies were mere conduits for State policy, he said.

Dr Salojee also questioned the qualifications of council officials to decide which organisations were political and which non-political.

Calling for a boycott of next year's celebrations, he said "the people can do without insults from public servants".

"If our status is regarded as tuppence ha'ppeny, we have enough pride to dissociate ourselves from programmes that merely insult our dignity and self-respect," he said.

# Battle is raging for reins of coloured union

By STEVEN FRIEDMAN  
Labour Correspondent

THE continuing battle between reformists and the leadership of a trade union for coloured Johannesburg municipal workers has taken a new turn.

A general meeting of the 800 member Johannesburg Municipal Combined Employees Union, at which executive elections were to be held, has been postponed for three weeks by the union's leadership, thus delaying a showdown in which control of the union is at stake.

In another development, a meeting which was scheduled to be held on Monday to clarify the position of the union's suspended vice-chairman, Mr Gregory Daniels, was not held because reformists on the executive boycotted it.

Mr Daniels had been suspended from the executive for two years for assisting a worker who stayed away from work on June 16. The reformists say the suspension is invalid because two non-members of the executive voted.

The battle for control of the JMCEU has been under

way for some time.

A reformist group charges that the union's chairman, Mr George Huntley should not lead the union because he is a city council housing official who has the power to hire and fire workers.

They also allege that the union's leadership has done little for members. Claims that the leadership is planning to invest money to build flats and a shopping complex in the Eldorado Park township have also attracted criticism.

Mr Huntley denies charges that the leadership is unwilling to defend worker interests and says he is against the formation of factions in the union.

Last year the two groups won an equal number of seats on the executive and the dispute later attracted attention when an executive member, Mr Terry Jeevanantham, was expelled from the union for criticising the leadership.

This would have cost him his job because a "closed shop" agreement between the union and council allows only union members to work for the council, but the expulsion was overturned by the union membership.

Later a reformist member of the executive, Mrs Gail Smith, lost her job as a council social worker when her contract was not renewed.

Now the leadership again faces a challenge from reformists in executive elections and the battle was due to come to a head at a meeting on Saturday.

This meeting has now been postponed by the leadership. Mr Huntley is reported to have said the postponement is a result of a double booking at the hall where the meeting was to be held, but reformists believe it is connected with the turmoil in the union.

Mr Daniels' suspension came shortly before the meeting and reformists allege it was directly connected with the battle. He has threatened to take legal action and a meeting was to have taken place on Monday to clarify the issue.

But the reformists boycotted the meeting, arguing that it was designed to legitimise the suspension, and a quorum was not present. It is believed the leadership may try to hold the meeting next Monday.

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# Verbal battle as municipal union elections draw near

By STEVEN FRIEDMAN  
Labour Correspondent

THE war of words between the leadership of a union for coloured Johannesburg municipal workers and a "reform" group which seeks to control the union hotted up yesterday as both sides levelled accusations against one another

In an interview, Mr George Huntley, chairman of the Johannesburg Municipal Combined Employees Union, accused the "reform group" of using "slur tactics" and "offering workers hot air only"

In a Press briefing the reformists rejected this and accused the union leadership of being unresponsive to grassroots worker needs

In another development yesterday, Mr Huntley signed a deed of sale on behalf of the union for 1,3 hectares of land in Eldorado Park on which it will build flats and a shopping complex. The

land has cost the union R52 000. "Reformists" oppose the move and say the land was bought before union members had been given the regulation 30 days to object.

Mr Huntley says it will make the union self-sufficient and help ease the housing shortage. He says members were given 30 days to object, but none did.

The battle for control of the union has been raging for a year and three attempts have been made to remove "reformists" from the executive.

It will come to a head again on August 20 when new elections will be held.

Mr Huntley said yesterday that, during his nine years as chairman, the union had won significant gains for members.

It had won the rate for the job, advancement for coloured workers and various fringe benefits such

as housing loans and subsidised insurance.

It had also won full pension and medical aid rights for coloured workers and had made major inroads into race discrimination within the council. Work conditions had also improved dramatically as a result of the union's efforts.

"But my opponents advance nothing concrete. They never say what they would do if they ran the union."

Mr Huntley denied that as a council official he had powers to hire and fire workers which conflicted with his union role.

He also defended his role in a recent incident in which the union's vice-chairman, Mr Gregory Daniels, was suspended from the executive for representing a worker who was fired for missing work on June 16.

Mr Huntley said he believed progress made by the

union might be undone "if people who have no experience in running a union take over."

The "reformists" spokesman yesterday denied Mr Huntley's charge that the "reform group" had no policies of their own.

The "reformists" aimed to increase democratic decision-making by providing for shop steward elections, have regular general meetings to consult members and to inform members on union and community issues, he added.

"At present members are not consulted and the union only represents the higher-paid workers", he said.

He said the "reformists" would take a more "militant" stance to the city council. "Workers are never consulted about wage talks and pay rises lag far behind the inflation rate. We would involve members.", he added.

# Wrab to abide by ruling

By SAM MABE

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THE WEST Rand Administration Board announced yesterday that it was going to implement the Rikhoto Supreme Court ruling which gives qualifying migrant workers the rights to live permanently in urban areas.

At a Press conference held in Johannesburg, Mr John Knoetze, said he was perturbed by insinuations by "certain organisations" that Wrab was dragging its feet in implementing the ruling.

He said the Supreme Court's decision was law. "We accept it and

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are anxious to carry it out." He refuted reports that some workers had been turned back by Wrab officials who said they could only attend to 100 people a day.

A person who has worked continuously for one employer for a period of 10 years in the prescribed area, despite the fact that he returns to his employer on the call-in card system on a yearly basis, complies with the provisions of Section 10(1)(b) of the Urban Areas Act.

He said Pretoria had been asked for a ruling in respect of whether workers from the four "independent states"

were entitled to the rights if the qualifying periods ended after the dates of "independence" of these states, as certain provisions in the Urban Areas Act appear to negate this.

Mr Knoetze also said that applications from such workers were processed and kept on record until clarity is obtained from Pretoria.

He said that so far endorsements to remain in the urban areas have been granted to 2 355 workers employed in Wrab's area of jurisdiction and that in the Johannesburg office, 130 cases were being dealt with per day.

# All-race Randburg bus plan

*10/8/83*

**Municipal Reporter**  
Randburg wants to open its municipal bus service to all races, and hopes to get the go-ahead by the end of the week

The Progressive Federal Party-controlled town council has made an informal approach to Johannesburg, which provides the bus service on an agency basis

The management committee chairman, Mr Bill Sewell, confirmed that he had had informal talks with the chairman of the Johannesburg transportation committee, Mr Danie van Zyl

He said they were tentative, because the council is still awaiting the findings of a survey to gauge public opinion on such a move

"We want to open our bus service to all race groups within the next year, and feel sure that the findings of the survey will support such a move," said Mr Sewell

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# Jo'burg passes buck on 'mixed' Randburg buses

By JEANETTE MINNIE

**Municipal Correspondent**  
THE Johannesburg Management Committee "has not been able to accede to a request" from Randburg to integrate the Randburg bus service

It has advised the Randburg management committee instead to negotiate with the National Transport Commission to begin its own bus service

And if Randburg's PFP-controlled town council succeeds in negotiating such an agreement, Johannesburg "will be willing" to withdraw from the current arrangement in which it provides Randburg with a bus service on an agency basis

This is the gist of the reply of the JMC to the Randburg Management Committee after the town applied to the city to open its "internal" buses to people of all races

Johannesburg's reply effectively means that the

National Party-Independent Ratepayers' Association-controlled city council will not be party to a decision to integrate bus services

Instead it has passed the buck to the National Transport Commission to make a decision on the matter

The chairman of the Randburg Management Committee, Mr Bill Sewell, made the application to integrate the bus service in an effort to make it more cost effective by "filling more bus seats"

Meanwhile, Durban City Council has lost another appeal to scrap apartheid on its bus routes

The National Transport Commission has been accused of playing politics and the city council may resort to Supreme Court action

The council has battled for three years to desegregate the services and offer commuters the choice of the more frequent and less expensive green buses or the blue buses

At first it applied to desegregate all routes but the Local Road Transportation Board refused and the NTC rejected an appeal. A deputation, headed by the mayor, sought an urgent interview with the Minister of Transport, Mr Hendrik Schoeman, who advised the council to only apply to desegregate routes that would not affect the 200 private bus operators in the city. But again the LRTB refused and it went on appeal to the NTC

Management Committee chairman, Mr Neil MacLennan said "I feel we must go to court over the matter. I find the decision is completely unrealistic and even ridiculous"

A Progressive Federal Party spokesman, Mr Ray Swart, said the only losers would be the Durban public. The city's white bus service was totally inadequate and pure economics should have dictated a change in the NTC's attitude, he added

## Old age group needs R7m

Mail Reporter

THE RAND AID Association for the Aged said this week it needed more than R7-million to relocate three homes to accommodate 200 men patients

Expropriation has forced three of the association's major homes to be relocated to Wedge Gardens, Edenvale, at a total cost of R8 500 000 million

The association needs donations to help pay for the move after receiving only R1 400 000 in compensation

Of the R7 100 000 remaining, part will be financed by a National Housing Commission loan, but this will have to be repaid

Rand Aid said this week that fund-raising projects this year would include a Bramley Morning Market, to be held at the Bramley Complex, on the corner of Kelvin and High roads, Bramley, on Saturday, October 29

Medical officers and nursing staff at one of the association's service homes this year carried out clinical trials on medication to help the aged

Nursing staff and doctors at another home undertook further studies on nitrous oxide administration. Negotiations are well advanced to take part in further clinical trials in association with a European pharmaceutical group

# Poll to test moves for mixed amenities

By JEANETTE MINNIE  
Municipal Correspondent

THE Randburg Town Council will have an opportunity to test the effects of the Human Sciences Research Council's report into the integration of public amenities on the municipal electorate in a by-election expected to take place next month

The by-election is the result of the resignation of Progressive Federal Party councillor Mr Julian Reed in Ward 12. The ward, in the town's northern suburbs, includes Jukskei Park, Johannesburg North, Sharonlea, Northwold and North Riding

Mr Reed announced his resignation yesterday because he was building a house in Sandton and would move there when it is completed

Although he may technically remain on as a Randburg councillor, because he owns a property in Johannesburg North, Mr Reed said yesterday that "in line with the PFP's policy of honest clean government and in the direct interests of residents of my ward, I regret to have to announce my resignation"

It is expected that the National Party opposition in the Randburg council will also welcome the opportunity to campaign against the HSRC report in which 56,2% of the white Randburg residents canvassed for the survey said they were in favour of integrated public amenities

NP sources in the town

have said that the 700 questionnaires returned to the HSRC for its survey were too few to gauge the attitudes of the 75 000 white residents in the town.

NP sources have also said the PFP-controlled management committee should have resigned to contest the issue of integrated facilities in an election, or they should have held a referendum

During his 17 months in office Mr Reed was responsible for launching the successful North Riding agricultural holdings water scheme and also instituted a road construction policy for the town which ensured that most untarred roads would receive priority in the tarring programme

## Women workers faring badly

London Bureau

LONDON — Although one-third of the Western world's workforce are women, a recent International Labour Organisation (ILO) study reveals that in some countries men earn more than twice as much as women in the same jobs, and the number of women in low-paying jobs is three to four times greater than the number of men

The study found that women tend to be segregated to a small number of sectors and occupations in which they of-

ten hold unskilled repetitive and stressful jobs, offering little stability and few career opportunities

Of the 9 200 000 part-time workers in the European community, eight million are women. However, women part-time labourers are often the first to be laid off when business is slow and they are usually given the more mundane positions

Women's participation in trade unions and the process of collective bargaining is weak, due to their "lack of

time owing to an overburdened schedule (at work and at home)", and other reasons

Therefore, demands affecting women, such as equal pay, access to training and career opportunities or the establishment of day nurseries, are not pressed hard enough by union representatives

The study concludes that women should increase their participation in collective bargaining to attain better jobs and equal pay for equal work

### METRO MAIL

#### Make sure your pool complies with the law

THE Benoni Town Council has appealed to property owners who are having swimming pools installed for the coming summer not to leave the legalities to the contractors. The council quoted the example of a half-built pool which had to be moved because, although plans had been approved by the council, it had been placed in the wrong position and interfered with services and sewerage pipes

#### Bring a plant to talk

BRING along a plant for discussion is the message from the Transvaal Horticultural Society. The society's annual general meeting of the cactus and succulent section will be held in Room 75, Johannesburg Public Library, Market Square, at 8 o'clock tonight

#### Braai for Town's old boys

THE braai at Boys Town, Magaliesburg, on September 25 is only for old boys and their families. For further information phone Boys Town at 01462/16

#### Talk on 'Beggars' Opera'

THE Friends of the Opera are presenting a lecture on John Gay's "The Beggars Opera" on Monday at 8pm. Mr Stanley Peskin will illustrate his talk — to be held at Basement 4, Senate House, University of the Witwatersrand — with musical excerpts and Hogarth slides

#### Itekeng crafts open day

#### Warsaw ghetto uprising

MR HAROLD SEREBRO, who recently returned from a commemoration in Warsaw of the ghetto uprising, will talk at the Johannesburg Women's Zionist League fortnightly forum on Tuesday night at 8pm at 55 Gardens Road, Orchards. This will be followed by slides on "Shtetl life in Poland". All are welcome

#### New Year gifts for sale

THE Johannesburg Women's Organisation for Rehabilitation and Training (ORT) is offering a selection of beautifully presented gifts for the Jewish New Year at prices ranging from R6,95 to R37,95. They are on display at ORT House, 93 Iris Rd, Norwood. Telephone 728 2795 or 728 7154, and at 110 South Avenue, (786 6724), 55 4th Road, Hyde Park (788 5021) and 74 Primrose Drive, Victory Park (782 8387). Delivery is free of charge in the Johannesburg area and proceeds go to charity

#### Israeli group performs

ON SUNDAY afternoon, the final concert of Israel's Or Akiva Song and Dance Group is holding a concert at the Yeshiva College, cnr Long Avenue and Ridge Road, Glenhazel, at 3pm. The group comprises singers, dancers, actors and musicians between the ages of 17 and 25. All are welcome. Admission is R1

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METRO MAIL is YOUR column about happenings in YOUR area. Pass on any snippets

## It's just not on — unions

Mail Africa Bureau

LUSAKA — The Zambia Congress of Trade Unions (ZCTU) has decided to "go it alone" over the stalled controversial 10% wage ceiling in protest against the "carefree" attitude by the special committee appointed by President Kenneth Kaunda and chaired by Premier Nalundino Munda to study and analyse the impasse

Announcing this yesterday, a disappointed ZCTU chairman Mr Frederick Chuluba also called for an emergency ZCTU general council meeting on Saturday to map out a strategy for "approaching the whole issue again from a fresh perspective"

"The ZCTU is extremely disappointed with the slow pace the special committee chaired by Prime Minister Munda is working. We won't wait any longer because we are depriving the workers of the right to live well

## INSIDE MAIL

THE payment by the Government recently of an astronomical sum of money for a piece of mining land near Soweto for a sports complex certainly merits an inquiry.

Does this not indicate that the whole question of the rating of mining land should be reopened?

There is a desperate shortage of land in Soweto and other townships in the PWV complex for housing, recreation and other facilities.

Yet, adjacent to these areas are vast tracts of land lying derelict and underdeveloped because they are proclaimed under mining title and are therefore exempt from rates.

The mining companies hoard this land, much of it which is not and never will be used for mining purposes, without paying any price for doing so, in contrast to other land-owners who would have to pay rates in accordance with Johannesburg's site value rating system.

Then, either they wait until the value of a particular portion of land has escalated sufficiently and they feel the time is ripe to declare it "reserved for property development" and only then do they start paying rates, or, alternatively, when a portion is expropriated, this land, which until then the mining company claimed to have no rateable value, all of a sudden acquires tremendous value.

They then often extract exorbitant prices for it.

Only five years ago, when I discussed the critical housing shortage in Soweto with a senior West Rand Administration Board official, he agreed that it was essential to expropriate some of the adjoining vacant mine land, but said that they were thwarted by the grossly inflated prices asked by the mines.

The issue of the rating of mining land has been the subject of legislation and amended legislation since the beginning of the century. It has also been the subject of seven commissions of inquiry and various decided court cases.

There have been improvements in the situation, introduced by ordinances, but they do not go far enough.

In the Johannesburg City Council in 1978, I called for the setting up of a commission which would include representatives from the city, the mining houses and the Government Mining Engineer to analyse the detrimental effects this system has on Johannesburg and the whole of the PWV complex and to attempt to find a just solution to the problem.

Though the matter was investigated, no action was taken.

Today, the need for land for housing and development is more urgent than ever.

It is important to view the matter from all angles and in its proper perspective. The traditional argument put forward on



A MINE DUMP... eptomising land in and round Johannesburg lying "fallow"

# Squeezing

# fat from

# mine land?

By SELMA BROWDE, former Johannesburg City Councillor and MPC

We must adapt to changed circumstances. There has been a change in our economic base. We have diversified away from gold mining. Secondary and tertiary industries are now the driving force.

The PWV guide plan showed that we are entering a post-industrial phase where the tertiary sector — commerce, finance, transport and services — is the major dynamism generator and provider of job opportunities.

The principles of taxation of mines and their land were established at the beginning of the century. Local and provincial authorities do not have the right to tax mineral value of land — only the central government may tax the mineral products of the mine.

However, the local authorities may tax surface values, so that though land held under mining rights is exempt from rates, land or buildings used for residential or other purposes not incidental to mining are rateable.

But, in fact, the rating of mine improvements yields very little to Johannesburg, has been held by the mines to be discriminating, and could well be dropped in favour of bringing more land within the orbit of rateability.

When we look at a map prepared by the valuation department, we find a surprising picture. Mining land today is neither a totally non-used barrier, as some people suppose, nor is it totally covered with surface right permits, as some mining houses claimed.

It is, in fact, a patchwork of surface right permits — some incidental to mining, some residential or for such uses as brickyards, nurseries, afforestation, etc.

Between and around these surface right permits lies unused land — some areas possibly held genuinely for mining purposes, many other pieces of land which obviously cannot be.

Lots of little pieces border on developed areas and hold back further development. The mines do not use them, they pay no rates and no-one else can use them.

These pieces, without question, should become rateable and thus give the incentive for them to be sold or developed.

As far as the larger areas are concerned, the major question that needs to be resolved is what is or will be necessary for present or future mining operations?

It is well known that most of the land being held under mining title within the PWV area will never be used for mining purposes.

It is clear that with diminishing mining activities due to the limited lifespan of the mines, that some mining companies intend moving into a new field. In some cases we are not, in fact, dealing with mines, but with property companies hiding behind the historical rights of mines.

They are using the excuse of a national asset below the surface to monopolise a local asset on the surface which is rapidly appreciating in value. They are getting the best of both worlds.



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The traditional argument put forward on behalf of the mining industry is that the principle of subsidisation of the mining houses is acceptable. The mines are a national asset and make a national contribution, particularly to foreign exchange.

They also pay a large percentage of their mining profits in tax — from 50% to 70%, as compared with a company, which pays 40%.  
It is therefore an acceptable principle that the mines should not be liable to further taxation on their production costs, and acceptable also that they do not pay rates on land which is proclaimed under mining title.  
There are, however, two points at issue here.

Firstly, that consideration should be given to the exemption of rates applying only to that land which is, IN FACT, being used (or could be used) for mining operations.

Secondly, that the brunt of subsidising their rates should be borne by the whole nation and not solely by the city of Johannesburg or cities on the Reef. Their case is based on the fact that they are a national asset and, therefore, it must be a national responsibility to share the burden.

The PWV complex has reached a turning point with regard to both finance and planning. Long-term planning needs to be done on a metropolitan scale and one of the problems that lies ahead in the physical planning of the Witwatersrand is the transformation of former mining land in all our Reef municipalities.

Mine land in Johannesburg is approximately 12% of the land within our municipal borders and stretches right across the middle, forming a barrier between the two parts of our city.

This is an historical development. At the beginning of the century, municipal development was limited and it was not ever envis-

# mine land?

26/8/83  
By SELMA BROWDE, former Johannesburg City Councillor and MPC

aged that mining land would be contained within a city.

Mining towns established more recently in the Free State, like Welkom and Virginia, with the benefit of later legislation and later knowledge do not have this problem, as mining development and municipal development have been kept separate.

However, we in the Transvaal are saddled here and now with large proclaimed areas which were aptly described as far back as 1913 by the Smallholding Commission as a "law-made desert" — destined to remain a wasteland for an indefinite period.  
The fact that much of it is still kept out of circulation frustrates the proper physical planning of Johannesburg, Soweto and the whole PWV area and obstructs growth and development.

Also, it contributes very little to rate funds. It is absurd that a city like Johannesburg should be deprived of sorely needed revenue. It has been claimed by the mining houses that Johannesburg grew round the mines and that the mines receive very little benefit from being within the municipal borders.

This argument can be shown to be superficial. The presence of the mines causes local authorities expenses in many ways.  
These have been amply detailed in the various Commissions of Inquiry, a memorandum to the Borekenhagen Commission by the

United Municipal Executive and subsequently by the city treasurer.

There are also benefits to mining companies and their employees that arise from the existence of a whole range of intangible services.

All the amenities and cultural achievements of the city are for the use of the mining men and these have to be paid for by the city's rate fund, to which the mines make a negligible contribution.

The properties on which the mines are now making profits were given their value entirely by the presence of the community and the services are funded by rates paid by the community. The mines have Johannesburg to thank for the value placed on their land.

It is well known that some mining houses do a lot for public benefit, but this is in a private capacity and does not directly assist the financial situation of the city nor make urgently needed land available at reasonable prices.

Johannesburg and the Reef need this mine land and we must now turn our minds to the question whether unnecessarily large areas of it are being held out of use.

Though we may owe the mines an historical vote of thanks for our establishment as a city, Johannesburg long ago evolved from a mining camp and is no longer dependent on the mines for its existence.

As far as the larger urban areas are concerned, the major question that needs to be resolved is what is or will be necessary for present or future mining operations?

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They are, using the excuse of a national asset below the surface to monopolise a local asset on the surface which is rapidly depreciating in value. They are getting the best of both worlds.

Surely the relevant mining houses, the Government and the local authorities should get together and work out a scheme which is fairer to the Witwatersrand?

An exercise should be done to determine the exact extent of proclaimed land under mining title which is not being put to any use and does not pay taxes. The mines could be called upon to declare what they need.

The Government Mining Engineer should identify which tracts of land are still, or may in the future, be needed for mining purposes. There is more than one way of solving the problem and it is clear that none of the approaches need lead to a direct cost against the mining operation, as to all intents and purposes the rateable land belongs to a property company.

The shortage of accommodation in the African, Indian and Coloured areas is not only critical, but scandalous.

If the workers from these areas, who play such a large part in the commercial and industrial activity of our cities, are not to be allowed to seek accommodation in any part of the city wherever it is available and wherever they can afford it, then it is irresponsible of the Government not to see at least that immediate provision is made for rapid conversion of unnecessary mining land to housing developments and other uses.

Unusable land, because of under-mining, should be proffered to the city and converted into parks, sportsfields and other public open spaces.

And, finally, if expropriation for housing is necessary, the prices paid must be realistic. I would suggest that the Government offer the mining companies the same formula that they offered the residents of Alexandra Township when they expropriated their land some years ago.

When asked to comment, a spokesman for the Chamber of Mines referred the issue to Rand Mines. Rand Mines said that they had nothing to add to what has already been said. But they referred to recent reports published in the Rand Daily Mail, which said that the amount of money paid for the land in question was, in their estimation, reasonable.

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**Joburg's R50 000 aid to homelands**

Mail Reporter

JOHANNESBURG is going to provide R50 000 in drought aid to Gazankulu and Lebowa during the next few months

This announcement was made yesterday by the chairman of the city council's management committee, Mr Francois Oberholzer

In a Press statement, Mr Oberholzer said the council was fully aware of the difficult situation in the homelands as a result of the drought

"Most of the council's black workers from the Transvaal area come from Gazankulu and Lebowa, and this has played an important role in the decision to provide aid," Mr Oberholzer said

The R50 000 will be spent on providing enriched maize meal, which will be divided equally between the two areas. Each area will receive approximately 75 tons of maize meal in packs of 12,5kg

The various delivery points will be determined in co-operation with the respective governments of the two homelands

The first consignment of maize is expected to be delivered by the first week of October

The statement added that similar assistance had been given to Gazankulu and Lebowa on a previous occasion, but then it was in the form of cattle

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# Union threat to take Water Board to court

By STEVEN FRIEDMAN  
Labour Correspondent

THE Rand Water Board has been threatened with possible Industrial Court action by a black union which alleges the Board is "harrasing" its members

The union, the SA Black-Municipal and Allied Workers Union (SABMAWU), which belongs to the Council of Unions of SA, also charges that the Board is now refusing to discuss worker grievances with it or allow it access to workers

A spokesman for the Board yesterday denied these charges. He said the Board believed in the right of workers to belong to the union of their choice and was willing to recognise any union which represented most of its workers

According to SABMAWU's general secretary, Mr Steve Mohame, the union represents about 700 of the Board's 2 000 black workers. It also, he says, represents a majority at one of the Board's plants — at Swartkoppies

Mr Mohame alleges the Board has refused to recognise SABMAWU or grant it access to workers until it recruits a majority of workers in all the Board's plants

"We believe we should at least be given access in the plant in which we have a majority," he added

He said members of SABMAWU who worked for the Board were being dismissed regularly "and there seems to be no valid reason

for these sackings"

Mr Mohame said the Board had initially been willing to discuss worker grievances with SABMAWU, but had since changed its stance. It had written to the union telling it not to take any part in the Board's "industrial relations function", he said

"We are considering taking them to the Industrial Court, but we would prefer it if the dispute could be settled amicably," he added

The Board's spokesman charged yesterday that SABMAWU's allegations were "devoid of any truth"

He said the Board's black labour turnover was low — "around 10%" — and no worker had been fired for belonging to a union

It believed unions should be recognised once they represented a majority of workers

"We cannot recognise a union which has a majority in only one plant," he said

The Board had been willing to work with SABMAWU but "the union's attitude has changed — they are extremely negative and don't understand that it is management's job to manage"

It was willing to continue dealing with the union "but only if they understand that it is our job to run this concern, not theirs"

SABMAWU was "welcome" to take the dispute to the Industrial Court "because they have no case", he said

● More Labour Reports See Business Day Pages 6 and 14

# Jo'burg readies for urban terror

By Lucille McNamara,  
Municipal Reporter

Johannesburg is taking the lead in combatting urban terrorism with the creation of a Department of Public Safety which will spend millions of rands to protect installations

The decision is the result of more than two years of intensive investigation by the city council and is intended to safeguard public and municipal property

More than 1 000 people will probably be involved in the security operation which could include mounted horse patrols in public parks, the use of dogs at vital installations, and stricter security measures in council buildings to which the public has access

At a Press conference the chairman of the council's transportation committee, Mr Danie van Zyl, also announced that Johannesburg's traffic chief, Mr John Pearce, would be the director of the new department which would start operations at the beginning of next month if approved by the council

The new department will be responsible for all internal security and the city's traffic department will be under its control

Mr Van Zyl said that, to ensure efficiency and an effective state of preparedness in the face of urban terrorism, it had become imperative to centralise all security activities under a single department

Personnel, equipment and vehicles would be progressively transferred to the new department from November 1, he said

"We cannot identify any of our projects because this would play into the hands of our enemies"

Mr Van Zyl said that, because of the sensitive nature of security, projects undertaken by the new department would not be submitted to the full city council for approval. They would be dealt with by the management committee under delegated powers

# Council to liaise with security services

By JEANETTE MINNIE  
Municipal Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG City Council's proposed Department of Public Safety is to liaise and co-operate with intelligence and security forces

This is revealed in the first official City Council report on the new department, included in today's agenda of the council's monthly meeting

The council will be asked today to approve the new department, which expected to start operations from November 1

The formation of the department was announced at a Press conference last week by a member of the management committee, Mr Danie van Zyl, and by chief traffic officer Mr John Pearce

Mr Pearce will be the department's first director

A table included with the report shows that the new department is divided into two sections — traffic and security

The security section will be headed by a manager and three assistant managers. Mr Pearce will be the director of both traffic and security sections

The three security assistants will be in charge of operational services, monitorial services and training

Co-operation with security forces is listed as one of the functions of the operational service and liaison with "National Security Intelligence" as one of the functions of the monitorial service

The announcement of the new department last week was met with stunned reaction by Progressive Federal Party opposition councillors, who had not been consulted about the matter

Only the management committee, Mr Pearce, and the Organisation and Methods Division of the council, who "designed" the department, knew of its formation

PFPP councillors, after hearing about the new department from the Press, expressed strong reservations and said it appeared that the council intended to take on duties of the South African Police

Mr Van Zyl and the Town Clerk, Mr Alwyn Burger, said that the new department was a rationalisation move to centralise the council's existing security functions into one department

Management committee chairman Mr J F Oberholzer said that members of the department would not need additional powers to perform their task

"They already have all the powers they need," he said

# Voting brisk as townships go to the polls

By MAURITZ MOOLMAN 28/11/83

FIRST unofficial results in the town council elections on the East Rand and West Rand in terms of the Black Local Authorities Act have shown an increase in polling

In KwaThema's Ward 8, where Mr N M Luti ousted the mayor, Mr G N Motlhaping, a poll of 55% was reported.

With only six of the 10 wards contested in Daveyton, 18,6% of the 14 546 registered voters turned up

In the previous community council elections in 1979, with all the wards contested, a 19,5% poll was recorded in Daveyton

The SABC reported over the weekend that the chief electoral officer for the Witwatersrand said voting went well on the East and West Rands in Saturday's election

He said a percentage poll of 32,2% had already been obtained in one zone, at Kagiso on the West Rand

Polling was also brisk at Katlehong, on the East Rand. In one zone 29,5% of the registered voters had already cast their votes at the time of the report

Interest was running high in Daveyton and in Tembisa where the highest percentage poll was 23,4%

Overall voting percentages were not available yesterday for Katlehong and Tembisa. KwaThema results will be announced today

The Black Local Authorities Act was the only one of three controversial "Koornhof Bills" to be enacted

# Boycott 'council' elections — Motlana

By PATRICK LAURENCE  
Political Editor

REJECTION of the Black Local Authorities Act went hand-in-hand with rejection of Pretoria's "homelands" policy and its corollary of depriving millions of blacks of South African nationality, Dr Nthato Motlana, chairman of the Soweto Civic Association, said yesterday

Urging Sowetans to boycott elections for a "town council" provided for in the Act, he said "On Saturday December 3 let our 'No' be heard loudly throughout the country"

He was speaking at a mass rally at Regina Mundi Church

organised by the United Democratic Front to voice opposition to participation in the town and village councils provided for in the Act

As he and a wide array of community leaders spoke, the church echoed intermittently with chants of "We shall not vote" from the crowd of more than 800

Their chanting alternated with songs of derision about the chairman of the present Soweto Council, Mr David Thebehali, and of praise for jailed and exiled leaders of the African National Congress

As Sowetans had previously rejected attempts to impose ethnic grouping on them and to

make Afrikaans a compulsory medium of instruction in their schools so on Saturday they would have an opportunity to repudiate the new system of local government Dr Motlana said

A special ovation was given to Mr Oscar Mpetha, one of the three national presidents of the UDF, as he was brought into the church in a wheel chair

A specially warm welcome was given to Mr Zwelakhe Sisulu, president of the Media Workers' Association of South Africa, who is the son of Mr Walter Sisulu, the ANC leader who is a Robben Island life prisoner

To roars of approval from the

crowd, Mr Sisulu said "South Africa has not had genuine elections since 1652"

Together with the Orderly Movement and Settlement of Black Persons Bill and the Black Communities Development Bill, the Black Local Authorities Act was devised by Pretoria as the "final solution to the African problem", Mr Sisulu said

Seven years after the "children of Soweto" had rejected apartheid blacks were being asked to participate in "sham reforms" But the choice before them was clear participation was a vote for Mr Thebehali, while rejection was a vote for Mr Mandela, Mr Sisulu added

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drik Schoeman, and the Minister of National Education Dr Gerrit Viljoen, are the other two vice-chairmen

The general executive also appointed a new general-secretary of the NP in the Transvaal to replace Dr Jannie Pieterse, who has been appointed a Member of Parliament The new incumbent is the mayor of Brakpan, Dr Lucas Nel Mr Fanus Schoeman is the new deputy general-secretary — Sapa



MR PIK BOTHA  
New vice-chairman

## Harare's pupil law not rigid

HARARE — The Zimbabwe government has said a recent directive to white-dominated private schools to reverse their racial balance would not be rigidly applied

"The Education Ministry has begun discussions with the management of each of these schools to see what genuine constraints or obstacles they may have in implementing government policy, and thus to see what accommodation can be reached", the Minister of Education, Mr Dzingai Mutumbuka, said in a statement

Mr Mutumbuka decreed 10 days ago that from January, 60% of all private school pupils should be black He also fixed fees at no more than R650 a term

The ruling was intended to remove "racialism" in private schools

Mr Mutumbuka urged whites not to remove their children from these schools because of the new regulations, saying there was no intention of closing schools which failed to comply immediately

The statement follows a meeting with private school representatives who raised problems over implementing the policy by next term — Sapa-Reuter

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## Dog days for Peking in Peking

PEKING — The deadline is approaching fast for Peking's dog-lovers who have been told by the authorities to get rid of their pets by Thursday or the animals will be killed

The Peking government has decided the city will in future be a no-dog zone — even for the famous Pekinese dogs, once the playthings of the Chinese emperors

An edict from the authorities issued in October stated that citizens were not allowed to own dogs except in very special cases, and said all un-registered dogs would be killed from December 1

The animals' owners will also be liable to a fine equivalent to about R27

The original deadline was November 1, but the government later remembered this is the time when the whole city is involved in harvesting

## Bikes and toys will bring a child joy

Mall Reporter

IF YOU have a motorcycle, you won't want to miss out on the fun on Sunday, December 11

About 2 000 bikers are planning to take part in Johannesburg's first charity toy run and anyone with a motor-bike is invited to join in

After a morning of first class entertainment at Milner Park, bikers, each with a toy, will form up in a huge parade and make their way to the Rand Stadium at Turfontein

The idea of the toy run is twofold — to help create a better public image for the motorcyclist and show the public motorcycle owners can and do behave responsibly, and to collect toys for needy children.

In conjunction with the Rand Daily Mail, the Italian



Motorcycle Owner's Club are organising the charity toy run

The toys will be distributed to children's homes in the Johannesburg area by the B'nai B'rith organisation

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trial If a feasibility study now being carried out is successful, several hundred patients will then be allocated at random to either a doctor in the National Health Service or to a chiropractor

Those sent to a chiropractor will have their pain treated largely by manipulation Those allocated to doctors will receive a variety of orthodox treatments, including special exercises, traction or rest, combined with pain-killing drugs

It will follow a feasibility study now being carried out by Dr Tom Meade, director of the Medical Research Council's Epidemiology and Medical Care Unit at Northwick Park Hospital, Midd-

lesex, in which 50 patients are being allocated at random either to NHS doctors or to members of the British Chiropractors' Association

Dr Meade said "We were uncertain how willing patients would be to take part in a trial, but so far we have been very pleasantly surprised"

Although the results of the preliminary study will not be known until early next year, he felt sufficiently encouraged to write to about 35 NHS consultants about the trial and nearly all expressed interest

"The British Chiropractic Association were very willing to take part in a randomised control trial, unlike some other alternative practitioners"

## Zanu raid on home

HARARE — Youths from the ruling Zimbabwe African National Union party, armed with hoes and axes, attacked the home of a Harare man whose son could not produce a Zanu card, police in Harare reported

Mr Henry Chitungo and four of his children were injured, and property worth hundreds of dollars was destroyed in the Friday night attack in the suburb of Mufakose — Sapa

# Voting figures shock in black election

By MAURITZ MOOLMAN

LARGE discrepancies emerged yesterday in the number of black voters on the voters' roll in certain areas and the number of adults who officially live in those areas

This follows complaints by several candidates in the elections in Thokoza and Lekoa that the voters' rolls were inadequate

In Evaton in the Vaal Triangle and in Ikageng, Potchefstroom, where elections in terms of the Black Local Authorities have already taken place, there are 11 000 more adults living officially in those townships than there are people on the voters' roll

In some East Rand townships, on the other hand, there are in some cases almost double the number on the voters' roll than the number of adults who officially live in those townships

Although not everyone in Diepmeadow qualifies to vote in the elections on Saturday, there are more than 12 000 adults less on the voters' roll than the number of adults who have been living there in the last year

People eligible to vote in the elections are those who have Section 10 rights or people who have been living in the township for more than a year and who are over the age of 18

According to figures dating from March 31, 1982, there are 50 320 adults in Tembisa on the East Rand. But according to the voters' roll 86 459 were eligible to vote — which leaves a difference of 36 139

This has emerged from comparisons made between population figures released to the Rand Daily Mail by the Department of Co-operation and Development and the number of voters on the voters' roll released by the Chief Commissioner of the Witwatersrand, Mr P A van Heerden

In Thokoza, elected councillors have re-

fused to recognise the official result and asked for a new election because they claimed that the voters' roll was not up to date

Mr Arthur Jokozela, an election candidate in Lekoa, near Vereeniging, claimed yesterday that about 30 people turned up to vote in Ward 27, only to find their names were not on the roll

He said he had come across the names of at least three people who had died about a year ago

Dr Nthato Motlana, chairman of the Soweto Committee of Ten, said "The Government's sole aim is to show that blacks accept these local authorities. They don't. And we are appalled by what might appear to be attempts to provide a false picture"

Mr Van Heerden would not comment last night

The following table shows the number of adults in the corresponding area on March 31, 1982, according to the Department of Co-operation and Development. In the next column are the number of eligible voters on the voters' roll

Adult	%	Poll
Population	Voters' Roll	Variance Claimed
Wattville	7 591 14 546	6 955 11,5%
Daveyton	29 429 45 690	16 261 18,6%
Kwa-Thema	33 397 45 045	11 648 20,4%
Thokoza	23 414 24 011	597 21,65%
Mamelodi	51 176 77 700	16 524 n/a
Ikageng	25 530 14 521	11 009 19,4
Kagiso	12 471 18 258	5 787 36,8%
Tembisa	50 320 86 459	36 139 17,0%
Vosloorus	22 009 31 776	9 767 13,9%
Katlehong	52 586 64 812	12 226 23,0%
Evaton	36 750 25 545	11 205 5,9%
Lekoa	81 200(est)	99 289 18 098 (est) 14,7%
Diepmeadow	98 634	86 138 12 496 Dec 3
Dobsonville	18 645	16 493 2 152 Dec 3
Soweto	289 109	264 045 25 064 Dec 3

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# Buthelezi to speak in Soweto

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African Affairs  
Correspondent

THE Chief Minister of KwaZulu, Chief Gatsha Buthelezi, will visit Soweto on Sunday to hold a meeting to discuss black unity

The meeting comes against a backdrop of the overwhelming 'Yes' vote in last month's referendum

In addition, leaders of various black regions held a meeting in Johannesburg a month before the referendum to con-

demn the proposals

Those present at the gathering were Chief Buthelezi, Chief George Matanzima, Prime Minister of Transkei, Dr Cedric Phatudi, Chief Minister of Lebowa, Prof Hudson Ntsanwisi of Gazankulu, Mr Kenneth Mopeli of QwaQwa and Mr Enos Mabuza of KaNgwane

It will be the second visit to Soweto this year by the KwaZulu Chief Minister and Inkatha president. Previous meetings have attracted 20 000 people

BY CHRIS STEYN

A SIGNIFICANT change in the Fire Department's employment policy — the recruitment of black firemen — could follow this week's decision by the Johannesburg City Council concerning accommodation at fire stations.

According to informed sources, several of Johannesburg's 11 fire stations — exclusively manned by whites — could in future be manned by multi-racial teams.

Another factor which could lead to an increasing number of blacks being recruited and trained as firemen, is the department's decision to halt overseas recruitment.

This decision coincided with that of the city council on Tuesday night, which includes provision for family or single quarters in future planning and construction of fire stations in Johannesburg. The council's decision followed an overseas study tour

# Fire Department may opt for recruitment of blacks

of fire stations in the United Kingdom. A notable difference to local stations was the absence of live-in accommodation.

The council's decision may alter its previous policy of opposition to blacks being employed at Johannesburg fire stations.

The council based its resistance to black firemen on the grounds that they could not be accommodated at fire stations in the city because of Group Areas Act restrictions.

The Progressive Federal Party strongly opposed this policy as well as the department's overseas recruitment attempts on the grounds that readily available black manpower was being ignored.

The leader of the PFP in the city council, Mr Sam Moss, said yesterday an increase in the number of blacks employed by the department was "inevitable".

In view of the new accommodation policies, it would only be logical for the department to increase its number of black staff, he added.

The spokesman for the department, however, believes the new policy would lead to more whites joining the service. He said yesterday the department was "thrilled" with the policy change and believed "it will make our men very happy".

Although there were certain "disadvantages", on which he did not want to

elaborate, the department believed that the new measures would curb the high staff turnover.

Despite the present accommodation being of a reasonable standard, the department believed that the high turnover of fire fighting staff could be attributed to the fact that the firemen's families were not prepared to accept the "compound" situation at fire stations.

No immediate change in the accommodation situation of firemen at existing fire stations is foreseen. The fire-fighters are to remain at the stations until the proposed fire stations have been completed in "the next couple of years".

The new fire stations will provide single quarter 24-hour facilities for firemen on duty.

So far, four new fire stations are on the cards. These will be built in Lenasia, Loutherin, Eldorado, and in Newtown. Newtown fire station will probably replace the existing Brixton Fire Station.

Uncertainty has, however, arisen over a multi-million rand fire station with accommodation planned for Soweto.

It is not clear whether this week's council decision will lead to a change in the planning of the station or whether the accommodation facilities could remain part of the original plan.

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# Promises, promises at Soweto elections

By DIAGO SEGOLA

THE VISITOR to Soweto over the past week and days could be forgiven for falling to discern that the people of this sprawling complex were gearing to go to the polls today.

Election posters by the different candidates are to be found here and there, a few meetings (mostly at weekends) to drum up support and the other day this writer heard — for the first time — a loudhailer, as a candidate and his supporters drove round Orlando East urging people to vote for his party.

His message was unfortunately drowned by the loud blaring of disco music from a "stokvel" and was not carried across.

Apart from this, the whole affair has been low-key. There has been little talk about the "big day". Lacking also has been the fanfare usually associated with election campaigns.

Voters go to the polls today to elect town councils in Soweto, Diepsmeadow and Dobsonville in a key test of the new legislation, which introduces full local authority sta-

tus for selected black areas.

Township folk, and more so the outsider, have apparently been left very much in the dark. None of that scramble for voters that characterises most election campaigns. There is, I am sure, more enthusiasm in the run-up to a by-election in a 'platteland' dorpie.

Even the poster war fell flat. But perhaps the candidates do not have enough money to launch a full-scale poster campaign. There weren't so many round the place. In this, the council election candidates seem to have been upstaged by the anti-election faction, who have posters outside railways stations, bus termini, shopping centres etc, calling for a boycott.

Where Soweto people gather, one is more likely to hear talk about where they will be spending the Christmas holidays, the end-of-the-year factory and office parties and other mundane discourse. None of the election talk

"You guys are going to be working real hard on Saturday," I put it to two Soweto Council policemen at the Orlando East offices yesterday. "Doing what?" came the quick riposte.

Does all this point to another low poll as in the last election?

What about canvassing for the reported more than 366 000 voters in the areas of Soweto, Diepsmeadow and Dobsonville? It appears to have been minimal.

In "my constituency" of Orlando East — the oldest and one of the largest, canvassers were nowhere to be seen. None of that door-to-door stuff, the candidates seem to have said to themselves.

There has, however, been a belated effort from some of the candidates. Two called round on Thursday night and asked my mother-in-law "Who are you voting for?" "I don't know," came the reply. "Come to the polling booths at the office and vote for me,"

said one of them. They gave her a pamphlet and promptly left.

And old man "Matshidiso" — one of the township's older residents, said he'd been told to go and vote. "Who are you voting for?" "I don't know."

And if the candidates have failed in their pre-election planning and canvassing for support, they have more than made up for this flaw in their pledges to the residents.

If their promises — a la Koorhof — are anything to go by, Soweto people can look forward to a future free from some of the pinpricks that have bedevilled them in the past.

Orlando East — perhaps the other townships as well — has been absolutely swamped with promises.

Candidate Phillip "Jo Jones" Diamun of Ward One — among a string of 14 pledges in his pamphlet to residents — will

● Liaise with the authorities regarding influx control regulations and residential qualifications improvement.

● Attend to the accommodation of "single mothers",

● See to it that houses are renovated — "for the upliftment of the quality of life".

● See to it that shebeens are legalised and also "boost the morale of small businesses".

And says Mr Diamun, "The old order changeth, yielding place to the new. Vote for Phillip 'Jo Jones' Diamun and you will never rue the day."

Mr N J Mognansi of Ward Two promises better housing, roads, pensions, more schools, increased wages, more clinics, more telephones, a clean Soweto and more jobs.

Also in Ward Two, Mr David Poole tells the residents "There will be no increased tariffs if you are cut off we will have you reconnected immediately," he says of electricity.

And on rents "Why should rentals be increased when the quality of life in Ward Two has been the same for the past five years?"

He will also eliminate the long queues for pensioners during pay-outs by substituting this with a computer system. He also promises better roads, street lighting, swim-

ming pools, parks, a gymnasium, bowling greens, and a mercy car to operate day and night for the people of Orlando East.

And declares Mr Poole "No snacks will be demolished before you are provided with a house. All houses in the white areas have backrooms therefore Ward Two houses must have backrooms."

And good news for the hundreds of Orlando East people who have been on the housing waiting list comes from Mr Nelson Botle of Ward One, who tells the residents "You have a house in Noordgesig Noordgesig is yours and it belongs to Orlando East."

However, he doesn't say how he proposes to get Noordgesig houses for the people of Orlando East, nor does he say what would happen to the thousands of Noordgesig coloured residents who would be displaced by such a move.

Candidate Mr Johnny Mofokeng promises that people will pay less rent. There will also be "no forcing on electricity" and no more lodgers' permits.

And adds Mr Mofokeng "All children born in Soweto after 1944 will not suffer influx control any longer. Your houses will not be sold, but will belong to you and your family forever. No person will be evicted from his house because of rents or electricity bills."

The last salvo comes from Soweto's "mayor", Mr David Thebehah, to all the residents of Soweto.

Mr Thebehah weighs in with "Come out and vote. Nobody will burn your houses. Nobody will injure you."

"The Motlanas, the Rev Te-mas, the Azapos can't build you a better house, can't create better jobs for you, can't provide school bursaries for your children, can't provide trains, buses and taxis.

"Remember 1976. How many lost their jobs, how many lost their houses? The Motlanas, Azapos, Rev Te-mas never lost their jobs and houses. They live better than you. They have comfortable houses. They earn more money than you. Their children go to white schools. Do not be misled."

# Voters divided on eve of Soweto council elections

By HARRY MASHABELA  
and MAURITZ MOOLMAN

GREATER Soweto seems completely divided on whether or not to participate in the local authority elections in Soweto, Diepmeadow and Dobsonville today.

The elections are strongly opposed by organisations such as the United Democratic Front, Azanian People's Organisation and the Soweto Committee of 10. They view the elections as further consolidation of the Government's grand apartheid strategy.

On the other hand, more than 100 candidates from various political groups, such as the Sofasonke Party, Mansingafi Party and Makgotla, as well as a number of independents are urging the people to vote.

They believe the "new deal" offers them an opportunity to improve the living conditions of blacks in urban areas.

Results in elections on the East and West Rand during the last week indicated that most residents were opposed to the new town councils. An average of 20% of eligible voters turned out to vote.

There are about 366 000 voters on the roll in the Greater Soweto area. In the community council elections in 1978, only 6% voted in Soweto, 16% in Diepmeadow and 15% in Dobsonville.

The Committee of 10, the United Democratic Front and Azapo, who have launched a series of meetings urging people not to vote, yesterday repeated their opposition to participation in the elections.

Dr Nthato Motlana, chairman of the So-

weto Committee of 10, repeated his call for an all-out boycott. He appealed to residents to reject apartheid in all its forms by abstaining.

Candidates in the three townships are contesting 40 wards.

Three of the 30 wards in Soweto are unopposed, two of the seven are unopposed in Dobsonville, and six of the 14 in Diepmeadow.

The "mayor" of Dobsonville, Mr Isaac Mashao, is unopposed, but the "mayor" of Soweto and leader of the All Nations Party, Mr David Thebahali, faces opposition from Mr C S Lengene of the Sofasonke Party in Ward 19. Mr Joseph Mahuhushi, the "mayor" of Diepmeadow, is facing Mr Petrus Mathebula in Ward 5.

Soweto business tycoon and leader of the Sofasonke Party, Mr Ephraim Tshabalala, is opposed in Ward 7 by Mr A Kumalo, an independent, while another businessman, Mr David Pooe, a director of Afrimet and a garage owner, has three opponents in Ward 2.

No special arrangements have been made by police for the elections, but they will be ready if anything untoward happens, Major Nothmel Mazibuko said yesterday.

Police patrols would go ahead as normal — despite claims in other townships that old people had been intimidated into going to the polls.

Maj Mazibuko said a number of reports of intimidation were received at the start of the election campaign, but complaints had since decreased.

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# SOWETO ELECTIONS

## 'No to Mandela'

THE STAGE is set for black urban townships to be apportioned to the bantustans through one of the three Koornhof bills, the Black Local Authorities Act, Media Workers' Association leader Zwelakhe Sisulu warned this week

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Sisulu, whose father, former ANC secretary-general Walter Sisulu, is serving a life sentence on Robben Island, said this had already happened with Lamontville, KwaMashu, Mdantsane, Zwelitsha and Siyabuswa

Speaking at a United Democratic Front rally at Regina Mundi, Sisulu said these bills would "complete a process of oppression for all times so that we will no longer claim - as we used to - that we are part of oppression but its victims"

He called upon residents to register their resistance to the Koornhof bills by staying away from the polls tomorrow

He warned that those who will be voting for Mr David Thebehali tomorrow would be registering a No Vote for Nelson Mandela, the ANC leader serving life imprisonment on Robben Island

(Report by M Badela, 62 Eloff St Ext JHB)



● SISULU "Completing the process of oppression"

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THE question raised in the country-wide black local authority elections over the past two weeks is whether the new structure will mean effective power sharing or, as its critics have called it, it is a "con".

More than 366 000 people in the greater Soweto area were eligible to vote for their township's first town council in terms of the Black Local Authorities Act of 1982

But several major objections have emerged to this part of the constitutional package which is being offered to township blacks

Two of the major issues of concern are that the black townships do not have the revenue to fund the activities of a local authority and that, ultimately, decisions on major issues will remain in the hands of the Minister of Co-operation and Development.

It is the Minister who sets up the town or village councils, appoints a director of local government who in turn is subject to the control of the Director-General of Co-operation and Development. And the Minister will have the last say on internal operation of the councils

### The Minister picks the dates

The Minister also decides the size of the council, dates for elections, chooses people to fill vacancies and sets up advisory committees where there are no councils.

Dr Koornhof has appointed Mr John Hitge as director of local authorities. He will control all the local authorities and the present community councils in the country

The Minister may direct the councils to take certain steps or may take the action himself. He also has the power to remove council members or to dissolve the council. Where there are no elected members, the Minister may appoint members to the council.

The town councils will be responsible for waste, electricity and sewerage services, preventive health measures and health control programmes, sport and recreational facilities, housing administration, welfare services and the construction of roads.

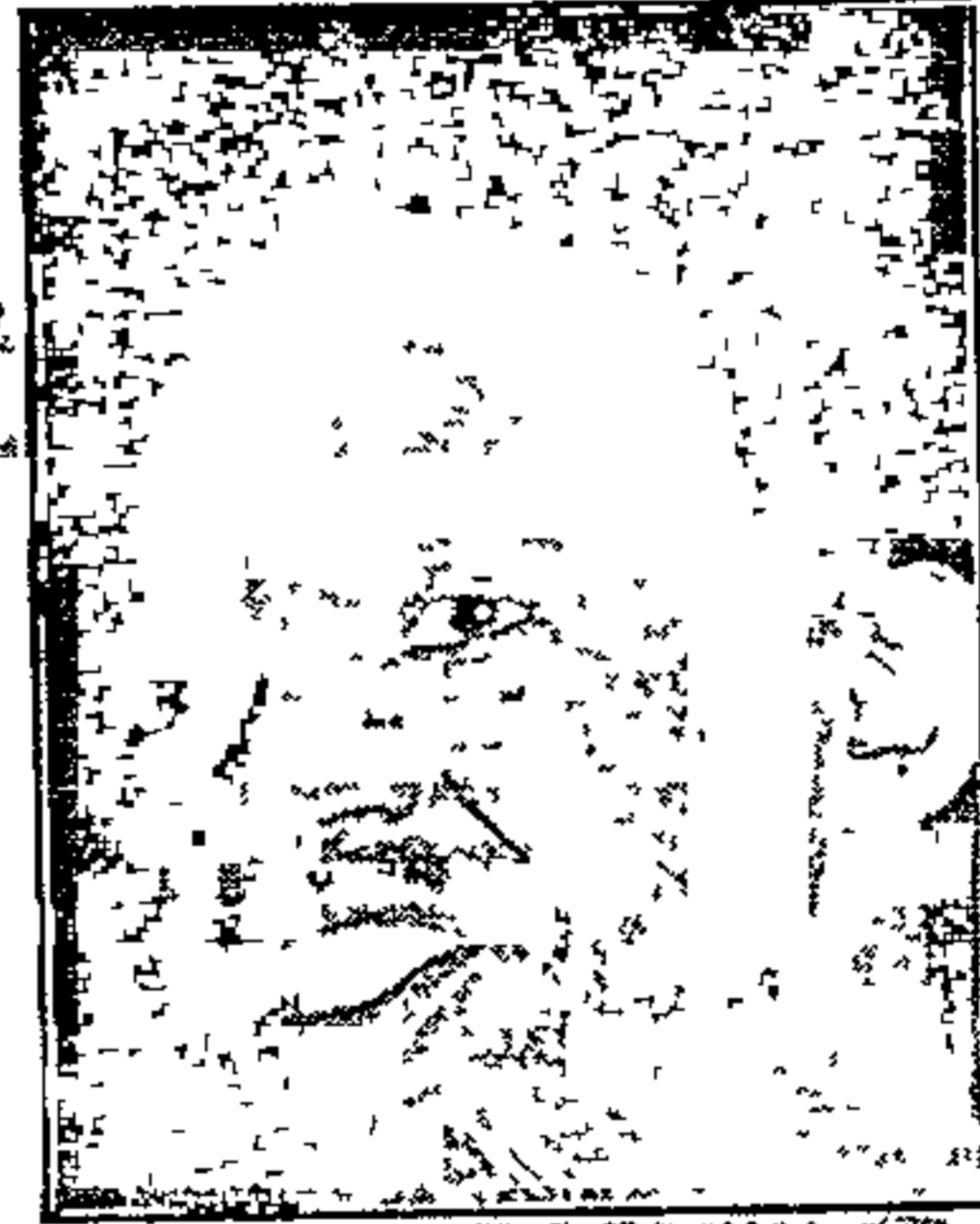
But they will need Ministerial approval for making by-laws, drawing up budgets, determining levies and

The theory behind this week's Soweto elections is that township blacks can now decide for themselves about their own affairs. The practice may turn out rather different...

# All the freedom you can afford



Dr P. K. Koornhof... power to regulate local authorities



Dr Nthato Motlana... Soweto black council

## By STEPHANIE VENTER

investing money. The town councils will also take over the functions of the administration boards which were largely financed by profit on liquor sales and employer's taxes.

A development board will largely replace the administration boards which are expected to fall away within 18 months.

These development boards will assist the local authorities with housing and to obtain finance.

According to the Witwatersrand liaison officer for the Department of Co-operation and Development,

Mr Alex Weiss, the granting of local authority status "is part of the constitutional packet that the government is offering to South Africa and which the whites have already accepted".

By voting, he said, residents would be accepting local authority status by which townships would be governed as "the inhabitants would prefer".

While the Department of Co-operation and Development says the local authorities will have the same powers as white municipalities by running the townships autonomously without the administration boards, a major objection to the Act is that the townships do not have adequate sources of revenue.

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Local authorities would become reliant on bank loans, he said.

"Unavoidably, the residents themselves will have to bear the costs. Rents and service charges will have to go up, but residents do not have the money.

"It is a form of dictatorship, because they are going to apply it, even if no-one votes," he said.

Mr Lybon Mabasa, president of the Azanian People's Organization, said that by not voting, people would be showing their disapproval of the system of local authorities and that its creation did not have their blessing.

He too, criticised the creation of town and village councils because they had no revenue and because their actions were subject to ministerial approval.

"The government is trying to convince America and the West that they are gradually giving blacks a little bit of say in their communities. But it is still part of the grand design of apartheid. The councils have no semblance of real power.

"The local authorities are going to be forced down the throats of the people," Mr Mabasa said.

### Hopes of the main parties

Three of the main parties contesting the election told of their hopes as members of the new town council.

Soweto business tycoon Mr Ephraim Tshabalala said his Sofasonke Party would abolish rentals on all existing houses and would stop the eviction of people who were in arrears over their electricity bills.

His party, with 26 candidates, promised to build more houses and the land on which they were built would be given free to the residents.

"Once we are in the council we will be able to fight for our rights," he said.

Mr Siegfried Manthata, leader of the Soweto Makgotla Party, which has 11 candidates, said his members decided to stand because previous community councils had failed to represent the people.

He insisted all decisions would be made with "people's consent".

His party aimed to prevent crime, to decrease rentals — including the reduc-

### Prevent crime, lower rentals

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the Minister of Co-operation and Development.

Minister who sets up the village councils, appoints of local government is subject to the Director-General of Co-operation and Development. And will have the last say in the operation of the council.

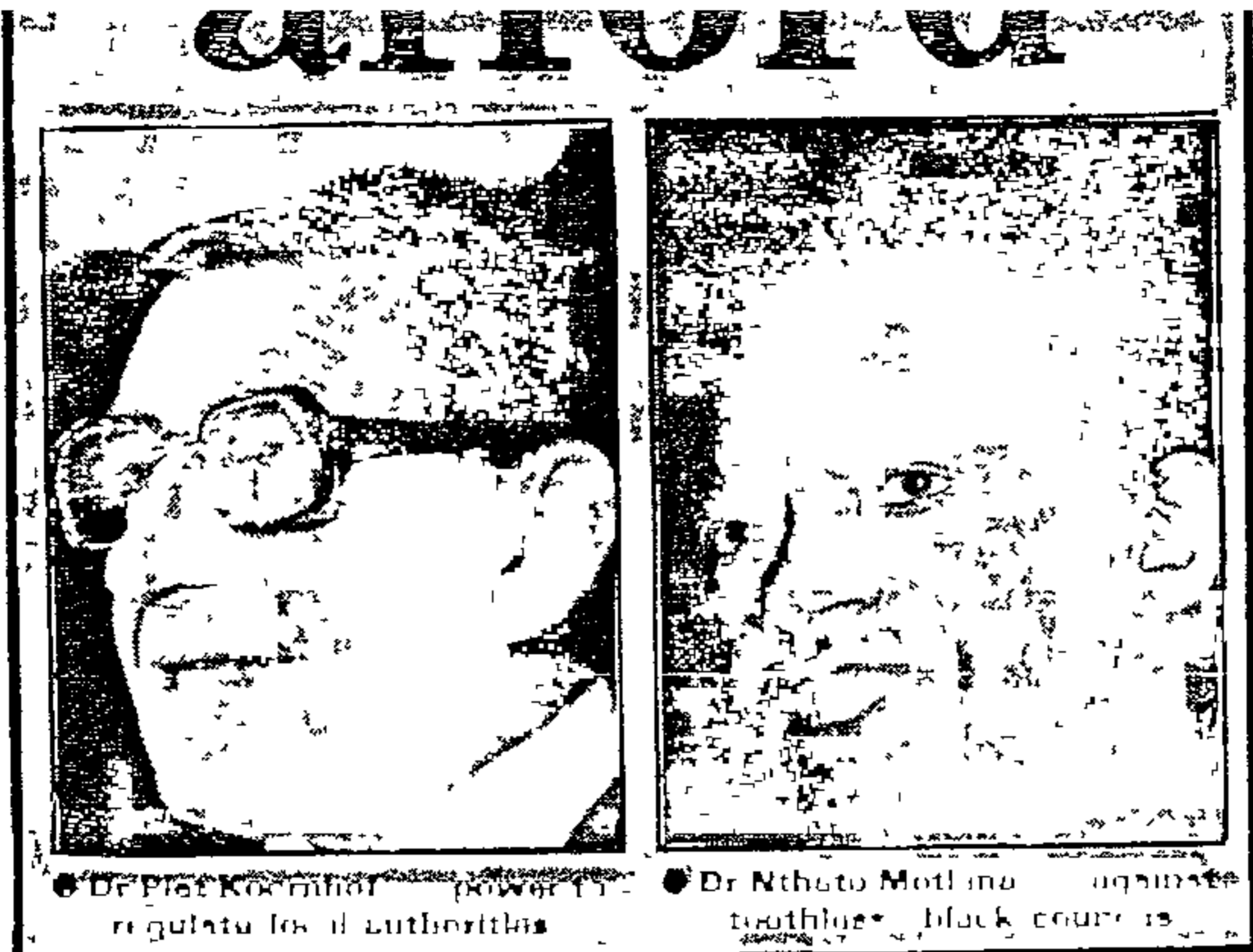
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Whereas white municipalities receive a large percentage of their income from rateable property, Soweto and other black townships do not have freehold land.

Opposition groups fear that in order to raise revenue for their activities these new local authorities will increase rents, licence fees and service charges.

Representatives of three organisations urging a boycott in the elections expressed their fears of the new system.

A very real problem, according to Dr Nthato Motlana, leader of the Soweto Civic Association and arch-opponent of the Black Local Authorities Act, is that some people would vote just to oust unpopular present community councillors.

He said the lack of revenue meant the 30-member Soweto town council would

not be able to exercise its power.

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"The people will get a council that is absolutely toothless, powerless and with no access to real finance. They will have to raise rents in order to pay for services, unless the government is smart enough to divert a proportion of the general sales tax to supply services," Dr Motlana said.

### Real trouble, real anger

He predicted "real trouble with absolute frustration and real anger" as people realised "they have been conned".

Mr Curtis Nkondo, executive member of the United Democratic Front who also urged a stayaway, said candidates were wrong to think they would have power. "The Minister will have the power," he said.

"They will have no revenue because these townships do not have the kind of finance generated by other town councils. They are de-

actions were subject to ministerial approval.

"The government is trying to convince America and the West that they are gradually giving blacks a little bit of say in their communities. But it is still part of the grand design of apartheid. The councils have no semblance of real power.

"The local authorities are going to be forced down the throats of the people," Mr Mabasa said.

### Hopes of the main parties

Three of the main parties contesting the election told of their hopes as members of the new town council.

Soweto business tycoon Mr Ephraim Tshabalala said his Sofasonke Party would abolish rentals on all existing houses and would stop the eviction of people who were in arrears over their electricity bills.

His party, with 26 candidates, promised "to build more houses and the land on which they were built would be given free to the residents."

"Once we are in the council we will be able to fight for our rights," he said.

Mr Siegfried Manthata, leader of the Soweto Makgotla Party, which has 11 candidates, said his members decided to stand because previous community councils had failed to represent the people.

He insisted all decisions would be made with "people's consent".

His party aimed to prevent crime, to decrease rentals — including the reduc-

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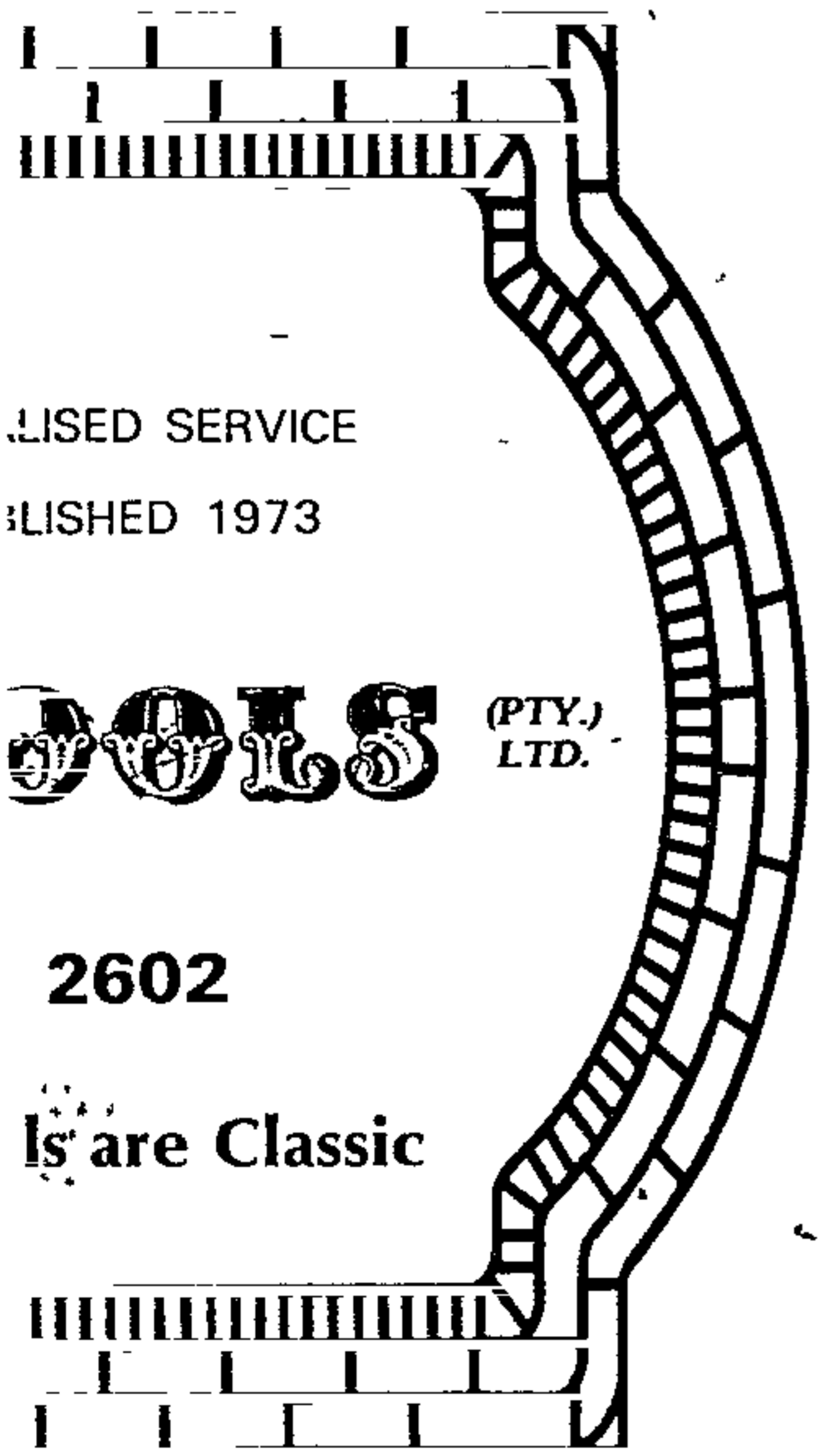
tion of lodger's fees from R10 to R1 a month — to build houses and enable residents to buy the land on which they lived, secure pensions equal to white pensions and ensure they were given monthly

Another Makgotla project would be the establishment of a vehicle testing and licensing ground in Soweto.

Mr T. J. Makhaya, 'deputy mayor' of Soweto and founder of the James Mpanza's Sofasonke Party which has three candidates in the election, said his party aimed to build more houses and educational institutions, and to pay black pensioners regularly and the same amount as whites.

In order to protect Soweto businesses, Mr Makhaya said the township needed more light industries to provide employment and to keep the income in Soweto.

Mr David Thebehali, Soweto's 'mayor' and leader of the All Nations Party, failed to respond to questions put to him this week.



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# KOORNHOF'S AGRID TEST



EARLY ELECTION ELATION? No. Soweto community council chairman David Thebehali wasn't taking a premature sip of victory champagne this week. . . he was celebrating the opening of Soweto's third Standard Bank. With him is bank area manager Olie Berg.

**Soweto holds key to 'new deal'** *City Press*

TOMORROW is the day of truth for the Government's "new deal" for urban blacks when voters in South Africa's biggest urban concentration go to the polls — or stay away.

The local authority elections in Greater Soweto are likely to be the true test for the Government, which has seen disappointing turnouts for this week's elections on the East and West Rand.

However, even if there is a low poll tomorrow, it is unlikely to affect the Government's plans for urban blacks. . . . Recently-apointed Co-operation

## BYKHULU SIBIYA

and Development director-general Gilles van der Wall has already pointed out that "as long as someone has been nominated, that is enough."

Most political experts — including the numerous organisations campaigning for a boycott of the elections — are expecting a higher poll than the six percent turnout which saw "mayor" David Thebehali elected to power.

But, as United Democratic Front national secretary Popo Molefe pointed out, "the Government has done everything in its power to step up its propaganda campaign to get people to vote."

The UDF and other anti-election bodies in-



STOP 'N STARE That's what Soweto did when it saw Phillip "Jo Jones" Dlamini's elections posters in Orlando East. Making good use of his long association with ex-world champ Mohammed Ali — he calls himself "Ali's Number One fan" — Dlamini launched his "Trend Setters' Party".

tend to follow through their campaign with pickets outside polling booths in Soweto, Diepmeadow and Dobsonville tomorrow.

The candidates running for election are also doing their bit, however, with Mr Thebehali distributing pamphlets calling for people to vote. He attacked the anti-

election faction as being, among other things, "unable to provide you with a better house and a job."

Diepmeadow "mayor" J C Mahuhushi was confident of retaining his seat, — if all the people who attend his election rallies turned up to vote.

(Report by K Sibiyva Eloff St Ext JHB)



# Only 10,7% vote for Soweto's first town council

# Electitions unseat Soweto's 'mayor'

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By RODNEY HARTMAN  
HENRY FOTHERINGHAM, the man who emerged from the backwaters of South African provincial cricket last season to become the country's most consistent batsman is the only new cap in the Springbok team to play Lawrence Rowe's West Indies XI at the Wanderers stadium on Wednesday.

The 30-year-old opening batsman is one of seven Transvaal players in a 12-man squad for the day/night international starting at 2 pm.

"It's fantastic news," said a stunned "Fother", who was told of his selection while watching the Million Dollar Golf Challenge at Sun City yesterday.

Western Province captain Peter Kirsten has been re-appointed to lead a team that includes two other provincial skippers in Natal's Mike Procter and Transvaal's Clive Rice.

# No US-Israeli military pact, says Israeli

By ROY ISACOWITZ  
JERUSALEM — Israel and the United States did not sign a military co-operation during Prime Minister, Mr Yitzhak Shamir's visit to Washington last week, Israeli Foreign Ministry officials said yesterday.

They were reacting to questions on whether yesterday's air raid, and a raid on Syrian, PLO and Druze positions by the Israeli Air Force on Saturday, signalled the existence of such a pact.

The officials said Israel and the United States had decided to co-operate politically to bring about the withdrawal of Syrian troops from Lebanon, but that military

co-operation had not been discussed.

Speaking after yesterday's Cabinet meeting, during which Mr Shamir and Defence Minister Mr Moshe Arens had given details of their visit to the US, Cabinet Secretary Mr Dan Meridor would neither confirm nor deny that yesterday's attack had been co-ordinated with Israel.

Both the London Sunday Times and the Observer reported yesterday that Israel and the United States had signed a secret military co-operation agreement.

Similar rumours have circulated in Jerusalem since Mr Shamir returned to Israel from Washington. UPI reports that the Syr-

ian envoy in London said yesterday that the reported Israeli military operation in Lebanon "fact" and defence shooting down of two A-1 can war planes over non.

"Any attack against Syrian soldier or Syrian fighter, be that in Lebanon mainland Syria, is an attack against Syria itself," the ambassador, Mr Loulou Haydar, said in a BBC interview.

Meanwhile, the US defence Secretary, Mr C. Weinberger, said in yesterday that the US will continue to strike at Syrian positions in Lebanon if Syrians continued to shirk US reconnaissance flight

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AMERICAN securities traders trading in Miami have few doubts which way the US economy is going. Optimism is so widespread they're counting their commissions for 1984.  
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A MAJOR management level shakeout could take place throughout South African business after the Christmas holiday period, a Johannesburg personnel consultancy predicts.  
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PROFIT moderation is a fair price to pay, says outgoing CG Smith chairman Warren Clewlow, for lower inflation and less-volatile trading conditions  
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#### Man goes home

eight years in exile after

# Soweto's 'm

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The "major" of Diepmeadow, Mr Joseph Mahuhushi, was elected by a large margin. His counterpart in Dobsonville, Mr Isaac Mashao, was unopposed

In Soweto proper both Mr Thebehali and Mr Makhaya — who have dominated the Soweto Council for nearly seven years — were unseated by candidates of the Sofasonke Party of businessman Mr Ephraim Tshabalala

Mr Thebehali was defeated by Mr C S Lengene, son of the former chairman of the old Soweto Urban Bantu Council, Mr Peter Lengene. Mr Thebehali polled 373 votes to Mr Lengene's 559

Mr Makhaya polled 220 votes against a massive 1 365 for his Sofasonke opponent, Mr M S Gcwensa

Insofar as people went to the polls in Soweto, the election was a triumph for Mr Tshabalala, who won an overwhelming victory in Ward 7, polling 1 115 votes to 35 for his opponent

Mr Tshabalala's Sofasonke Party captured 17 of the 30 wards, which means that Mr Tshabalala seems certain to be elected as "mayor" when the Soweto Town Council meets tomorrow

Sofasonke translates as "Together we die" and the Sofasonke Party traces its origins to Mr James Mpanza, a squatter leader who emerged during the Second World War when thousands of blacks moved into Johannesburg and its environs

Since then, however, Sofasonke has shed most of its earlier radicalism and become an essentially conservative party

The town and village councils in townships established under the Black Local Authorities Act represent Pretoria's third attempt to set up institutions for local self government for urban blacks

They are the product of the "new era of reform" inaugurated by the Prime Minister, Mr P W Botha

They have been presented as an integral part of the "alternative constitutional path" devised for blacks



Severiano Ballesteros was swinging like a million dollars on \$300 000 winner's cheque at Sun City. He won the title year stroke margin and put together a record 72-hole total.

# Low poll seen as rejection of new deal

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The Government's "new deal" for urban blacks suffered a setback at the weekend when less than 17 percent of the registered voters in Greater Soweto went to the polls to elect the first fully fledged town councils for the complex.

At the same time, several stalwarts of the old Soweto community council, including the chairman, Mr David Thebehali, and his deputy, Mr Tolca Makhaya, were swept from power by voters who returned most of the candidates put up by the Sofasonke Party, Soweto's oldest civic body.

The lowest poll was recorded in Soweto where only 10,3 percent of the 260 000 registered voters went to the polls. The other two areas of Greater Soweto, Diepmeadow and Dobsonville, recorded polls of 14,6 and 23,5 percent respectively.

In the previous community council elections in 1978 Soweto, Diepmeadow and Dobsonville returned polls of about six percent, 23 percent and 40 percent respectively, according to spokesmen for the councils.

The low poll — Soweto's 10,3 percent is one of the lowest recorded in the elections, which have now been held in more than 25 urban black areas countrywide — can be seen as a rejection of the Government's drive for constitutional reform.

But there is also little doubt that the vigorous boycott campaign pursued by the United Democratic Front and other anti-Government bodies kept a significant number of voters away.

Mr Thebehali was beaten by 186 votes in a poll of 932 votes in Central Western Jabavu ward in Soweto. Mr C S Lengene, who took the seat from Mr Thebehali, is the son of former Soweto Urban Bantu Council chairman and Sofasonke Party leader, Mr Peter Lengene.

Mr Joseph Mahuhushi, chairman of the Diepmeadow Council, was comfortably returned to power, and Mr Isaac Mashao, chairman of the Dobsonville Council, was returned unopposed.

The elections were a triumph for the Sofasonke Party which took more than half the 30 seats in the Soweto Council. Soweto businessman Mr Ephraim Tshabalala, party president, is likely to be nominated as the first mayor of the Soweto Council.

Mr E L Manyosi, another Sofasonke leader, is likely to be nominated as chairman of the first management committee.



A jubilant Mr C S Lengene (left) shows his joy at the news that he had defeated Mr David Thebehali, chairman of the Soweto Council. The deputy electoral officer, Mr A J Bekker (right), made the announcement. Joining in the celebration is Sofasonke Party chairman Mr E L Manyosi (with glasses).

# NEWS

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## 'Voters' greet election results with jubilation

# 'MAYOR' OUSTED

MR DAVID Thebehali's political empire crashed around him at midnight on Saturday when he was ousted from his Jabavu stronghold in Saturday's elections.

He crashed with four of his loyalists, deputy "mayor" T J Makhaya, Mrs Violet Phephaulema, Mrs Martha Taylor and Mr S Hanyane. This was during the Black Local Authorities Act elections for Soweto.

It seemed to be poetic justice for the former "mayor" who in 1981 said only the late Mr Peter Lengene could challenge him for the control of Soweto. And on Saturday, Mr Lengene's son, Mr C S Lengene (47), did just that.

Shortly after being announced as the duly elected representative of Ward 19, Mr Lengene told The SOWETAN that he saw victory over Mr Thebehali as an answer to the prayers of

### By SAM MABE of our POLITICAL BUREAU

Soweto's residents Yesterday Soweto residents were involved in the most glorious merrymaking in the history of the township as news of the big fall was spread by word of mouth.

A panel van with a loudhailer was also seen driving through the streets of Soweto announcing that Mr Thebehali had been defeated. The announcer kept on saying "Aphel amaphupho" ("Dreams have ended").

Meanwhile, Mr Thebehali's former colleagues Mr J B Mashao of Dobsonville and Mr J C Mahuhushi of Diepmeadow are back in their positions. Mr Mahuhushi was re-elected and Mr Mashao returned unopposed.

Mr Thebehali's shocking defeat, announced at exactly 12 o'clock midnight on Saturday by assistant electoral officer Mr A J Bekker at Mavis Isaacson Hall in Jabavu, was greeted with shouts of jubilation by more than 500 residents who were waiting outside the hall for the election results.

Afterwards car hooters were blown full blast in the streets of White City Jabavu in the vicinity of the hall as excited motorists tried to draw everybody's attention to

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VICTORY. Members of the Mighty Solasonke Party surround Mr Lengene (with rosette on his lapel) after Mr Lengene had ousted Mr Thebehali. Wearing glasses is Mr E Manyosi, another victorious councillor and very likely the council's next management committee chairman.

**GIGANTIC CHRISTMAS SAVINGS AT K-MART**

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# End of the road for Thebehali

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the fact that Mr Thebehali had lost the elections

Mr Thebehali was the only candidate who was not present at Mavis Isaacson Hall when the election results were announced. As if knowing that he had lost, he disappeared from his ward's polling station

long before the station closed at 9 pm

The SOWETAN's attempts to contact him for a comment at his home were unsuccessful and the Soweto Council policemen who guard his house said they did not know where he had gone to.

Mr Thebehali's collapse has paved the way for Mr Ephraim Tshaba-

lala, Mr Thebehali's arch-rival, to be Soweto's next "mayor" since his party, The Mighty Sofasonke Party, won almost all the seats in Soweto

By losing his seat in what was described by some of his rivals as free and fair elections, Mr Thebehali, one of South Africa's most controver-

sial politicians, may have reached the cul-de-sac of his political life

Described by the Minister of Co-operation and Development, Dr Piet Koornhof, as his "best friend" the highest paid and only "mayor" to hold his position on a full-time basis, has also lost his job which is believed to have earned

him R1 800 per month

He will also have to surrender his two official vehicles — he was the only "mayor" provided with two cars

The former "mayor" will also be expected to quit the R100 000 luxurious double-storey mansion he has occupied for less than a year on a double site in Soweto's prestigious township of Pimville Zone 7

While staying in the house, Mr Thebehali did not pay rent or rates for water, electricity and refuse removal. All were paid for him by the Soweto Council — out of the pockets of Soweto's residents

Mr Thebehali was also the only "mayor" who lived in an official residence, purported to have been built and donated to the Soweto Council by the Sakekamer.

# Motlana urges residents not to vote

By MONK NKOMO

THE CHAIRMAN of the Soweto Committee of 10, Dr Nthato Motlana, yesterday lashed out at community councils and urged Atteridgeville/Saulsville residents not to vote on Wednesday.

Addressing about 2 000 people at an anti-community council meeting held at the Roman Catholic Church in Saulsville yesterday, Dr Motlana said. "The black man's money from our dirty townships is used to improve the white man's residential areas

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"Community councils" Dr Motlana added, "were useless bodies which do nothing to alleviate the black man's hardship. These councils have accepted the Black Local Authorities Act and yet do not know where they are going to get the money from to run these townships

"The only way they are going to run these townships is to increase rents," said Dr Motlana. He urged the packed audience "not to vote on Wednesday because your township is stinking while your money is being used to improve white cities in South Africa."

Amid shouts of "We do not vote, community councillors are the same," Dr Motlana warned that a vote was only going to increase the black man's frustrations

# Victor ... and vanquished in Soweto's 'mayoral' race

Soweto millionaire Mr Ephraim Tshabalala has come a long way. He used to drive a horse-drawn trolley in the city on errands for his employers. Today he is one of South Africa's most respected business figures and is also poised to be the first "mayor" of Soweto. JON QWELANE reports

Mr David Thebehali was at one time the national chairman of the Young Progressives — the youth wing of the Progressive Party. The man who believes black journalists have run a campaign to discredit him was ousted at the weekend as "mayor" of Soweto. JON QWELANE reports.

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"The day Mr Tshabalala becomes chairman of the (Soweto) council, it will be a tragedy," prophesied the now ousted Soweto "mayor" Mr David Thebehali in 1978

This was at the height of a power struggle between the two men, shortly before the council elected a chairman and a management committee

Both were then members of the Sofasonke Party

At the time Mr Tshabalala had moved at a meeting of the party that it should withdraw its support for Mr Thebehali because "he is misleading the people by claiming that the electrification of Soweto is a top priority"

After the inevitable split Mr Tshabalala led the Sofasonke Party while Mr Thebehali founded the All-Nations Guard

The two men became rivals in the council, with Mr Thebehali leading the "ruling" party and Mr Tshabalala the opposition

Whether Mr Thebehali's prophesy will be fulfilled remains to be seen, because Mr Tshabalala's party swept the boards at the first elections for a town council, in terms of new legislation, at the weekend Mr Tshabalala was re-elected

Mr Thebehali fared dismally in his own White City (Jabavu) ward. He polled a paltry 373 votes against newcomer Mr C S Lengene who — campaigning on a Sofasonke platform — sailed home with 559

Immediately after it was announced that the Soweto tycoon had won the elections, party chairman Mr Edward Manyosi said Mr Tshabalala (74) would be nominated by his followers as council chairman

His victory will be a certainty because Sofasonke has won the majority of seats in the council

The soft-spoken father of eight children owns a number of business concerns, including a cinema, meat market, supermarket, petrol station, disco, two fish and chips outlets, a restaurant, bottle store and two dry-cleaning concerns

He started in business as an operator of a bus service and later began a funeral parlour

Both businesses collapsed and he then worked as the driver of a horse trolley, making deliveries in the city for his employers

That was in the early days when not many firms had lorries or vans — his employers had eight horses

Later Mr Tshabalala worked as a bus driver for Putco. At the same time he started buying and selling offal, vegetables, chicken heads and legs, pork bones and the vetkoek his wife made

He used a bicycle for selling the merchandise and township support for the foods was tremendous

He saved his money — not at a bank but in his house — and got a very pleasant surprise when one day in 1948 his wife told him they had saved R1 200. She had spent the day counting the pounds, shillings and pence

The Free State-born former herdboyc immediately applied for a business licence which was granted — and the road to bigger successes had been opened

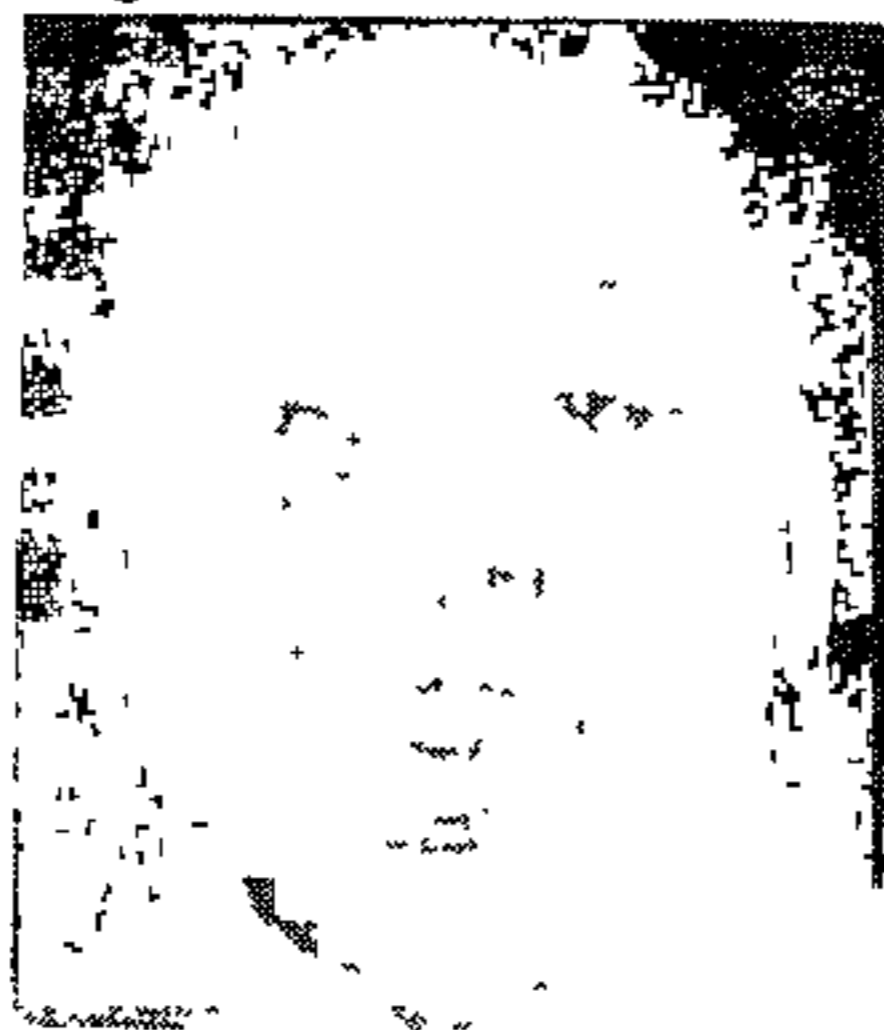
Mr Tshabalala has frequently stressed the need in the black community for

- Land ownership
- A unitary system of education for blacks and whites, with English as the medium of instruction
- The abolition of permits which whites must have when entering Soweto — "We do not live in a zoo"
- Christian education in Soweto and more Sunday schools, and
- A university for the sprawling township complex

Mr Tshabalala is a religious man who regularly attends services of the Methodist Church

## From trolley driver to tycoon

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Mr Ephraim Tshabalala

In January last year Mr David Thebehali predicted confidently that he would win the next elections in the townships. He even went to the extent of declaring that, come the elections, his opponents would be scampering for seats in the Soweto Community Council

But the elections kept being postponed until last weekend when voters were asked to make their choice

At the end of the day the man who had ascended to power in 1978 with fewer than 100 votes to his name in a poll which saw a voter turnout of only six percent, lost dismally

When the votes were counted on Saturday night Mr Thebehali was not even there

Mr Thebehali (44) was born in Orlando East township and has operated at opposite extremes in his political career

In his early days he was with the Young Progressives as chairman of the youth wing of the Progressive Party. Then he was a committed opponent of the Government

All that took an about-turn when he was elected to the Urban Bantu Council (now defunct), which was the forerunner of the community council. In 1978 he was elected first "mayor" of the townships under the Community Councils Act

The man who says he strongly believes in the concept of non-violence as espoused by the assassinated black civil rights leader Martin Luther King, had a stormy career as chairman of Soweto's community council

The issue of high rents in the townships hardly endeared Mr Thebehali to the people, as was evidenced by the 373 votes he polled on Saturday. He nevertheless has constantly argued that it was not rents that were going up but essential services such as water, electricity, sewerage, refuse removal and the improvement of roads

Over a year ago he told Parisians, while on a visit to France, that there were no slums in Soweto. While overseas, Mr Thebehali pleaded with overseas investors not to impose sanctions on South Africa, saying "Boycotts will not bring about change in South Africa. The opposite is true"

Two years ago it was revealed that Mr Thebehali's remuneration as "mayor" of Soweto was R1 711,50. It made him the country's highest paid "mayor"

Mr Thebehali's popularity diminished considerably when backyard shacks housing destitutes in Orlando East were demolished. The demolitions, carried out by West Rand Administration Board policemen and officials, were in the name of the community council and Mr Thebehali bore the brunt of condemnation

His popularity declined further with the electrification of Soweto. He went overseas to raise hundreds of millions of rands in loans. As soon as it was announced that residents would have to fork out money for the redemption of the loan plus interest the people's anger rose

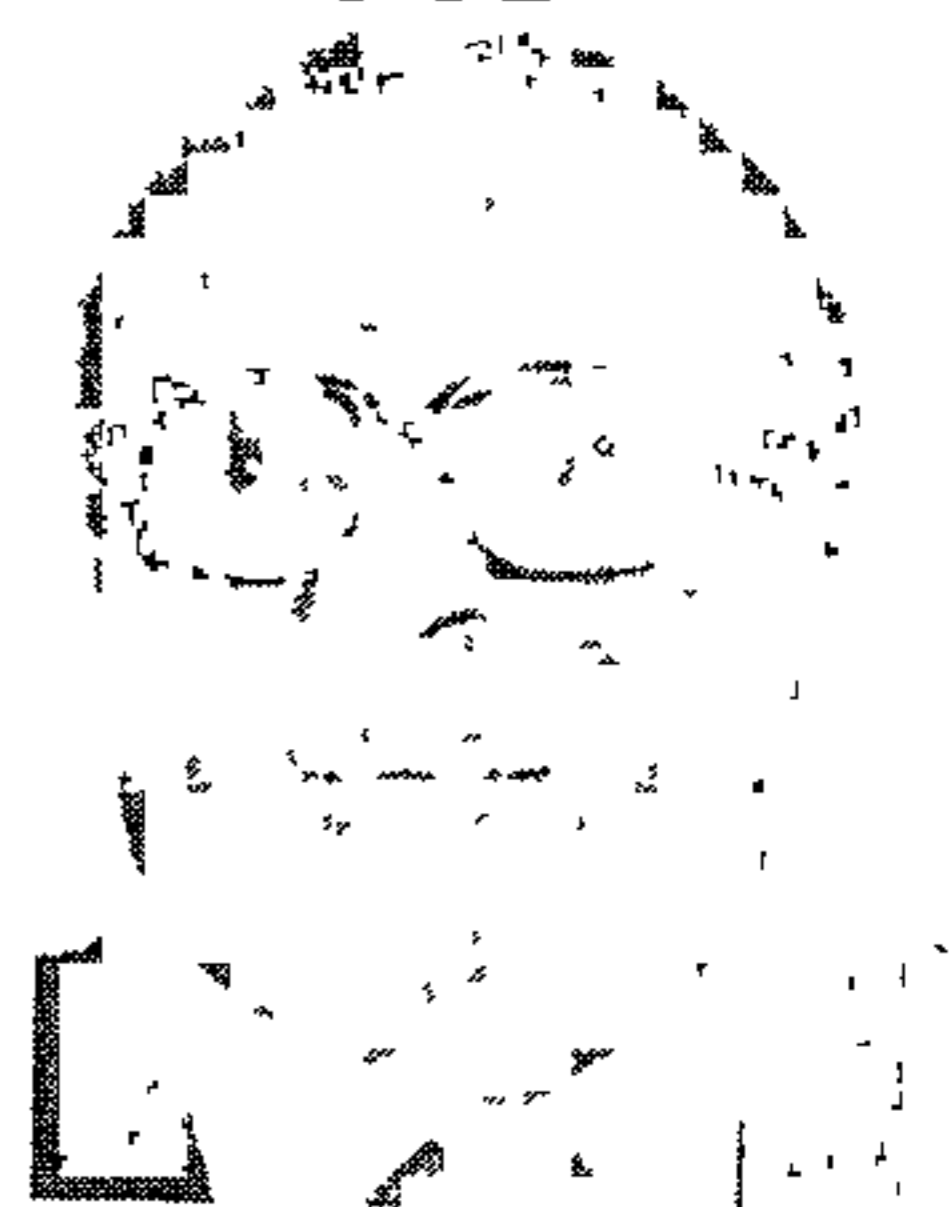
A R100 000 mansion was built for the "mayor" in Soweto's elite suburb of Selection Park, and residents were angered when they learnt they would have to pay for furnishing of the house

Two years ago he told The Star that black journalists were running a well-orchestrated campaign to discredit him. They wrote nothing positive about his council's programmes, he charged

Three years ago he and his council conferred the freedom of Soweto on Dr Piet Koornhof, Minister of Co-operation and Development, who had earlier presented a brand new black "mayoral" car to Mr Thebehali

This year Mr Thebehali and his council conferred the freedom of the townships on black soldiers of the 21st Battalion, stationed at Lenasia. This caused further criticism

## Rise and fall in a stormy career



Mr David Thebehali

# Soweto 10% poll offers two versions of 'progress'

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### Political Reporter

THE average voting percentage at the weekend for the three town councils in Greater Soweto was 16%, with just over 10% for Soweto itself, the Minister of Community Development, Dr Piet Koornhof, announced yesterday

He believed the low poll showed "progress" against the backdrop of the boycott plans

"It is also evident that the democratic process is being established and is being ap-

plied" Traditionally, the voting percentage for local authorities in South Africa was low, he said

Meanwhile, the United Democratic Front said the "resounding success" of the call for a boycott of the elections showed people's hatred for the undemocratic structures of apartheid

A UDF spokesman said last night that the Government must realise that only fully democratic procedures could satisfy the people



# Atteridgeville council poll less than 10 percent

Fewer than 10 percent of the 53 879 voters of Atteridgeville outside Pretoria went to the polls yesterday.

The election was the final one for the 29 local authorities which are to take over the administration of the major urban black areas

This was less than half the percentage poll recorded in the previous community council elections in the area

And in Soweto the elections for the new "mayors" of Diepmeadow and Dobsonville produced an upset

Mr Isaac Mashao, veteran civic leader and former chairman of the Dobsonville Community Council, was ousted and businessman Mr Don Mmesi was elected the new "mayor" of the area

Mr Mashao's defeat was unexpected as he was widely expected to become Dobsonville's first "mayor"

Mr Joseph Mahuhushe, former chairman of the Diepmeadow Community Council, was elected the first "mayor" of Diepmeadow under the Black Local Authorities Act

His deputy is Mr J M Khumalo, who also served in the community council

Mr Mmesi's deputy is Mr S Nkatlo, who served in the old council and is a former member of the old advisory council

A headmaster, Mr Mashao's involvement in civic politics stretches from the days of the advisory boards

The new "mayor", Mr Mmesi, is a businessman and former executive member of the National African Federation of Commerce and Industry (Nafcoc)

The Diepmeadow "mayor", Mr Mahuhushe, a former inspector of schools, said in his "mayoral" maiden speech that, while a heavy responsibility would rest on the Diepmeadow Town Council, much would also depend on the supportive role the West Rand Administrative Board-seconded white staff would play

Mr Mahuhushe said he realised the need for close co-operation between his council and those of Dobsonville and Soweto. The three municipalities, he said, could not do without each other

The elections yesterday of the three "mayors" and their deputies brought to an end the era of the old community councils and ushered in a new dispensation, as contained in the Black Local Authorities Act, in Soweto, Diepmeadow and Dobsonville

Under the Act, the new councils are to perform the usual duties of a municipality and to manage their own financial affairs

A common concern of all three town councils — Soweto, Diepmeadow and Dobsonville — has been how they will generate revenue for their new municipalities

Sources of revenue suggested by the councils have varied from rent increases to the establishment of industries in the townships

The black local elections wind up tomorrow with a poll in Bethlehem Countrywide, the poll has reached barely 21 percent — an indication of the low level of acceptance of the Government's new deal.

By Anthony Duigan

The local authority elections in South Africa's major urban black areas, which end tomorrow with a poll in Bethlehem, must have dented Government hopes for widespread acceptance of its "new deal"

Now that all is over bar the shouting, indications are that the poll countrywide barely reached 21 percent — little over half the overall average poll for the previous community council elections

This week's elections in Atteridgeville outside Pretoria tell the story Fewer than one in 10 of the eligible voters turned out, against the 23 percent poll in the area's community council elections in 1978

On the other hand, the three areas of Greater Soweto, regarded as the sounding board for all policy developments regarding urban blacks, showed an overall percentage poll of 17, just four percent lower than the poll for the previous elections there

This, incidentally, is very close to the poll predicted by the survey of Soweto opinion on the elections, carried out by The Star's market research department

This survey found that up to 22 percent of Sowetans would go to the polls but that this figure would drop to about 15 percent in the event of a strong boycott movement developing

The anti-council movement, represented by groups such as the United Democratic Front, the Azanian Peoples' Organisation and the Soweto Committee of Ten, did indeed campaign actively for a poll boycott and in some areas even held public placard protests strongly urging a stayaway

The most unexpected stayaways were in Soweto's Dobsonville and Diepmeadow which registered just under 34 percent and 15 percent respectively against 42 percent and 16 percent for the previous elections.

The lowest poll in the PWV was returned in the Vaal Triangle's Evaton where only 3,5 percent of voters, a third of the number who voted in the previous elections, went to the polls

Evaton, an area of freehold plots owned by black landowners, is fighting a rearguard action to prevent replanning of the area which will ultimately eliminate the money-spinning shacks which have sprung up on most properties

Ironically, one of the highest percentage polls in South Africa, 37 percent, was returned in Kagiso outside Krugersdorp, an area where pre-election activity appeared to be almost non-existent

On the East Rand, where seven of the black areas elected new town or village councils, the overall poll was 20 percent, virtually the same as the poll for previous community council elections in the area.

Four sitting mayors — in kwaThema, Soweto, Mamelodi and Atteridgeville — lost their council places

Perhaps the biggest disappointment to the authorities was the absence of the more radical civic leaderships which have sprung up in several organisations outside Government-approved bodies

Mr John Hitge, the director of black local government, said he regarded the results of the elections as "reasonable under the circumstances"

"The fact is there was intimidation of voters in some areas besides the general calls for a boycott", he said

On the surface there did not appear to have been any attempts by boycott groups actively to prevent anybody from voting and a heavy police presence at polls ensured that demonstrations were at a minimum

"Now that the voting is over we have to get down to the nitty-gritty of implementing the new local authorities," said Mr Hitge

But whatever start these initial meetings give to the new councils they will still have two major obstacles to overcome — credibility and viability. In other words, they have to win over their sceptical citizens and the Government has to come up with a formula for financing the enormous development needs of these areas

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Council  
policy in  
balance  
on black  
firemen

By JEANETTE MINNIE  
Municipal Correspondent

THE Johannesburg City Council has no immediate plans to change its recruiting policy for black firemen

The council's housing and utilities committee chairman — he is also deputy chairman of the management committee — Mr Carel Venter, said yesterday that council decisions taken last week would have to be studied, and it would take time for details to emerge

The council has approved a decision, in principle, that in future firemen will not be accommodated at new fire stations. This led to speculation that black firemen could find jobs at city fire stations

Until now, the council has not employed black firemen at white stations because Group Areas Act restrictions prevented them living at the stations

The Progressive Federal Party's council opposition has attacked the policy on numerous occasions. Last week the PFP leader in the council, Mr Sam Moss, said the live-out decision would lead to the recruiting of more blacks

And Mr Venter said yesterday that overseas recruitment had stopped because it was costly and more firemen were not needed at the moment

This did not mean black firemen would automatically be recruited to white fire stations, he said. It was not practical for firemen to live far away — such as in Soweto.

The council was investigating the recruitment of reservists for the fire brigade, based on overseas examples.

"Such reservists would be fully trained as firemen, would be paid during their training period, and would also be paid for their shift work as reservists"

"But, at the moment, everything is in the melting pot. It will take time before we know just how the fire and emergency services department will be affected in practical terms," he added

# Poll lower than in '79

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PEOPLE reject the new town and village councils even more than the old community councils.

Comparison of the percentage polls from the voting in the last few weeks with those of the 1978/79 elections show a large drop in almost every area.

The only known exceptions are Soweto — where the percentage increased from 6 percent in 1978 to 10,7 percent last week — and Tembisa — which saw an increase from 15 percent to 17 percent.

But in Dobsonville the percentage poll was nearly halved.

It fell from 42 percent in 1978 to 23,5 percent this year.

In Diepmeadow it fell from 16 percent to 14,6 percent.

The same pattern holds for every other town in the PWV area where the figures are known.

In Daveyton, the poll fell from 19,6 percent to 18,6 percent.

In Thokoza it fell from 29,2 percent to 21,6 percent and in Vosloorus from 16 percent to 13,9 percent.

Evaton saw a decrease from 10 percent to 5,9 percent.

In Lekoa, the poll fell from 20 percent in 1978 to 14,7 percent this year.

In Kimberley's Galeshewe township, the 1978 poll of 37,6 percent collapsed to 26,9 percent last week.

In Katlehong, the poll stayed much the same at about 23 percent in both elections.

In KwaThema 11,5 percent went to vote this year. But it is difficult to compare it to anything because last time all but one of the KwaThema seats were elected unopposed.

In Alexandra, the opposite was the case.

In 1978, 53 percent went to the polls. This time none went since the council was elected unopposed.

Administration Board officials have said it is not possible to compare the results of the two sets of elections, since the 1978 elections dealt with councils that fell under the control of the boards.

But organisations that called for a boycott, are saying that it is clear that even more people reject these councils as "puppet bodies".

● Rev Enoch Sibanyoni is likely to be elected the new mayor of Atteridgeville/Saulsville after he deposed Mr. Joseph Tshabalala in this week's elections a low 14,80 percent poll.

# UDF doubts council poll figures

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The overall voting percentages in the recent black town council elections were far smaller than those published by the authorities because so many people were not on the voters rolls, the United Democratic Front has claimed.

This distorted the percentage poll released after the elections, the Transvaal UDF vice-president said in a statement yesterday.

The Assistant Commissioner for Co-operation and Development in Johannesburg, Mr Mike Beukes, said it was "quite possible that many people were not on the voters roll."

"People had to register themselves. They had to see to it that their names appeared on the voters roll. If certain names were not on the list, it means they did not register for the elections."

Transvaal UDF vice-president, the Rev Frank Chikane, said that a scrutiny of the recent election results indicated clearly that the new black local authorities were no more acceptable to the people than were the community councils.

He added that the "rejection was far greater than would appear from the percentage polls."

"It was claimed the poll for Kagiso was 36,6 percent, yet only 1 016 people voted. From the 1980 census, Kagiso has a population over the age of 18 years, of 34 000. The percentage poll from this figure would be three percent."

"There were only 18 300 people on the voters roll."

"The 1980 census said the population figure for people over the age of 18 in Soweto and Diepmeadow was 615 000. The number of people who voted in these two areas was 31 910."

"The percentage poll from this figure would then be 5,2 percent and not the official figures of 10,7 percent for Soweto and 14,6 percent for Diepmeadow which were calculated from a voters roll of 223 200."

"Because we have used the 1980 census figures, in all cases our estimates are conservative."

'Consultant' for Jo'burg Council

Ombudsman  
to be named  
in new year

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By Colleen Ryan, Municipal Reporter

Johannesburgers will soon have a "friend" in the City Council when an ombudsman is appointed next year.

Mr Alewyn Burger, who retires as town clerk of Johannesburg next April, is likely to be appointed to the new position. His official title would then be "Citizen's Consultant", and he would be the first such consultant in South Africa.

Mr Burger said the consultant would concentrate on important, individual complaints and not on political issues.

The consultant would be based at the City Hall — but he would not be a general complaints officer.

Ratepayers would have to show they had serious, valid complaints and that they had tried every available channel at the council before approaching him.

If a citizen still felt he had a bona fide complaint, he could contact the consultant who would have considerable powers to investigate the issue and cut through council red tape.

A PFP city councillor, Mr Harold Rudolph, has long been advocating the appointment of a municipal ombudsman.

Mr Rudolph, who is a senior lecturer in constitutional and administrative law at Wits, believes an ombudsman provides protection against inefficiency and maladministration.

He earlier told The Star that the fear of public criticism should promote conciliation and the city council would more than likely respect and abide by the consultant's recommendations.

Kallicharran has  
change of mind  
over Transvaal

By Dan Side

Alvin Kallicharran has changed his mind about leaving immediately after the current West Indies cricket tour and will honour his commitment to play for Transvaal during February and March.

The diminutive Guyanan top-order batsman, who is considered with his captain Lawrence Rowe and fast bowler Colin Croft to be one of the most disgruntled players in the controversy-ridden tour, said in Port Elizabeth last night that he had decided to return to England with the rest of the West Indies party.

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However, after discussions today with Dr Ali Bacher, managing director of the Transvaal Cricket Council, Kallicharran expressed his "100 percent commitment and desire" to play for South Africa's champion province.

Dr Bacher, who admitted to being "in the dark" about the reported financial problems plaguing the West Indies tour, said the agreement negotiated with Kallicharran in England during June and July would stand.

At the time, Kallicharran said that his benefit year with Warwickshire would prevent him from playing the first half of the domestic season, but he would be available for the final two months.

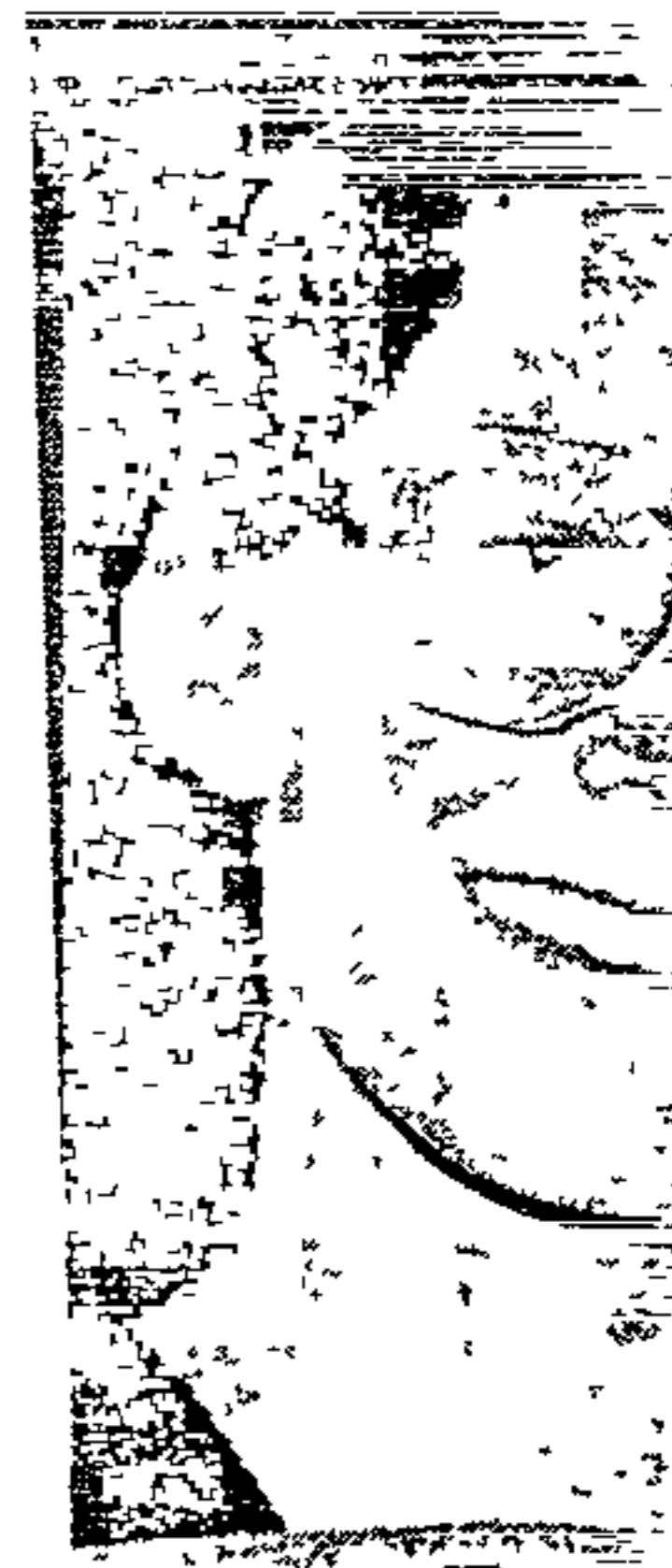
However, Kallicharran told Dr Bacher he had indicated to tour manager Gregory Armstrong that he intended resigning his position as vice captain of the tourists "to concentrate on his batting".

● See Page 20, Metro section

By Jean Hey,  
Education Reporter

The vice-chancellor of the University of the Witwatersrand, Professor DJ du Plessis, last night accused members of his generation of living in a state of privilege and opulence and having a degrading preoccupation with material wealth.

Speaking at the year's final graduation ceremony, which also marked his last public address as vice-chancellor and prin-



Last night marked the watersrand at which fore his retirement. P.

Main dam  
levels up  
2 pc in  
past week

The levels of the important dams in the country increased by an average of two percent during the past week.

However, they are about 10 percent low than at the same time last year.

They are on average percent full.

Vaaldam is just 40 percent full and another 70 mm of rain fell in its catchment area.

# PUBLIC SECTOR

## LOCAL AUTHORITIES - TRANSVAAL

1984 - 1985

Occupation	Current Hours	Hourly Change 1975 to date: Nominal	Hourly Change 1975 to date: Real	Current Real Weekly Wages: R
Laundryhand	12.12 15.58 17.61 19.11 20.61 22.67 24.37 26.20 27.50 41.31 45.00	22.91 29.01 29.80 28.61 27.85 27.05 25.71 23.41 28.63 28.43 28.25	+15.0%	25.77
Manager	46.15 51.92 57.12 61.41 65.68 62.24 77.66 83.49 100.62 110.77 120.69	87.24 96.69 96.65 91.93 88.76 74.27 81.92 74.61 76.81 76.24 75.76	+161.5%	69.12
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Asst Manager	43.85 47.31 51.92 55.94 59.84 65.82 70.76 76.07 92.31 101.54 110.77	82.89 88.10 87.85 83.74 80.86 78.54 74.64 67.98 70.47 69.88 69.54	+152.6%	63.44
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Packer	13.85 16.73 18.69 20.19 21.69 23.86 25.65 27.58 38.77 42.69 46.62	26.18 31.15 31.62 30.22 29.31 28.47 27.06 24.65 29.60 29.38 29.27	+236.6%	26.70
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# Province granted much power to city council

In an editorial on March 8 you said that Johannesburg's power was unacceptably hamstrung by the Provincial Council

I am unable to appreciate the relation between the statement and the other matters raised in the article

As you failed to disclose the grounds on which this unsubstantiated and malicious statement is founded, I wish to state, that over the last few years, the Administrator has granted wide-ranging powers to the Johannesburg City Council

In this respect authority was, *inter alia*, granted to the Johannesburg City Council to dispose of the following matters without reference to the administration

- Raising of all types of loans and the obtaining of bank overdrafts,

- Closing of streets and thoroughfares vested in the council and the disposal of the complaints against such closing,

- Provision of certain business and office accommodation in parking garages,

## Government should revise tax laws

I agree with Bryan Lever (The Star, March 12) and want my voice to echo with his and his call for a capital gains tax on housing

He is right and it is about time our voices are heard

We heard the Government's voice when it asked us to support the referendum

We do not want payment. All we want is a revamping and adjustment for "the rest of us" who do not enjoy the benefits of subsidies or who are not members of large corporations

One third of a middle-class family's income is to pay the rent, another third food, electricity and necessities, and then the third left, bringing up our children and educating them

A lousy R100 is tax deductible per child. Show me any person who can bring a child up on R100 per month, never mind R100 per year?

If the Government does not want to introduce or consider Bryan Lever's idea then they should at least give us some rebate on housing

Another point I would also

- Granting of loans to sports clubs and youth clubs,

- Donation of land where no objections are lodged thereto,

- Presentation of medals, mementos etc to mayors, councillors and private individuals in certain circumstances,

- Establishment of revenue reserve funds,

- Establishment of sewage farms, drainage works or works for the supply of water within or outside the council's area of jurisdiction,

- Acceptance of a tender which is not the lowest, under circumstances where preference is claimed by tenderers on the grounds of local content of goods,

- Relaxation of requirements of its building bylaws,

- Levying of rates on the land value of property,

- The control and regulation of advances from the Capital Development Fund,

- The filing of temporary

like to bring to mind is rates and taxes

This also falls on home owners, yet persons who do not pay rates and taxes come and damage our sidewalks, breaking the trees, using the sidewalk as a local toilet and pollute the area

Are we paying for these people to enjoy themselves?

Mrs J Dawson

Primrose

## Advertise fee

I would love to have seen the antique Art Exhibition at Sandton Sun, but unfortunately could not afford the R10 required for entrance fee, only revealed when I arrived there

While I appreciate the reasons for this heavy charge I would also suggest that this be mentioned when advertising these shows

This is not the first time this has happened to me and once, with a party in tow, was not able to escape with dignity

Mrs D P Wayne

Mondeor

## READERS' VIEWS

vacancies in the Management Committee,

- Granting of leave of absence to a member of the Management Committee for absences from six ordinary meetings during any period of six months and the appointment of committees for general or specific purposes

Apart from the powers which have already been granted to the council, it is proposed to introduce legislation at the next session of the Provincial Council which will further extend the powers of the city council in respect of tariffs for the supply of certain essential services

The Administrator has virtually no control over the budget of the council and, as is generally known, the budget of any organisation is the main instrument for controlling the activities thereof

As regards the current turbulence in the midst of the city council, the Administrator has no authority to intervene as long as the provisions of the Local Government Ordinance are not violated, something which, as far as this administration is aware, has not taken place

It is generally known that the relationship between the city council and the administration is excellent and that, far from being an impediment, the assistance rendered by the administration to the city council is welcomed by that body

In the isolated cases where complaints were raised against the so-called control by the Province in the past, it was, in a number of cases, found that either no authority was required from the Administrator for the performance of a particular function, or that no enabling provision existed for the council to undertake the specific task

J M Griffiths

MEC

Johannesburg

- We are pleased that the Administrator has relaxed part of the Province's grip on Johannesburg, even if some of the concessions listed above border on the trivial. In major respects the Province remains the "chief planner" of Johannesburg and still retains unacceptably wide powers over affairs which call for a broad metropolitan outlook — Editor



# Puzzle of the rates

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By Jackie Unwin

The assessment rates and costs of services in Transvaal municipalities vary so considerably that in some towns residents pay double that of their distant neighbours.

A survey by The Star showed that the people of Potgietersrus have to dig twice as deep into their pockets as those in Alberton.

The survey calculated average monthly expenses, taking in the latest municipal budget proposals, for a household consuming 30 kilolitres of water and 1 000 kilowatt-hours of electricity a month, with rates (valuation and rates) calculated on a stand of 1 500 square metres at the average rateable value in the town. What costs R149,60 a month in Potgietersrus is only R76,38 in Alberton.

## Residents of some towns pay twice that of their neighbours

And the Randburg man-in-the-street has to fork out R636 a year more than his counterpart in Alberton

Why the big differences? What would cost you R89,37 in Potgietersrus for electricity would come to only R46,85 in Johannesburg.

The Town Treasurer of Potgietersrus, Mr J J Botha, said platteland towns paid more for electricity because they were farther away from sources.

The Roodepoort Municipality supplied two sets of figures — one for the older areas and the other for the newer suburbs. Residents of the more

modern suburbs pay about R41,34 more in rates

Mr Ray Lombard, the Deputy City Treasurer, said land values were much higher in the newer areas.

Sandton should probably appear higher on the table of figures on Page 6, but the quoted rates are for a stand in Fourways — where the rates have gone down

### Industries

Rates are higher for stands closer to the central business district, but these are larger than the 1 500 sq m size requested in The Star survey, said Mr

Pieter de Jager, the Town Clerk of Sandton

He gave as an example the assessment rates for an acre stand in Illovo. They are R69,83 a month — excluding water, electricity, sewerage and refuse tariffs

Randburg also comes fairly high on the rates list. The Town Treasurer, Mr Terry Terblanche, explained factors which have a bearing on a town's charges

He said:

- Towns with a high ratio of industries to residential stands can charge less because the industries subsidise the private homes. This

was the case in Alberton

- Older towns have usually paid for their infrastructure and do have not the outstanding loans of new developing areas such as Sandton and Randburg.

- Growing towns have to supply infrastructure, sewerage and water — and borrow money to do so. Borrowing money these days is expensive, with an interest rate of about 16 percent.

When the older towns obtained loans about 15 years ago the interest rate was in the region of six or seven percent.

- In Vanderbijlpark the capital works are financed by Iscor, so external loans are not necessary

- Johannesburg's rates are fairly low because, besides having industries and established infrastructure, it gets much of its assessment rates from the mines.

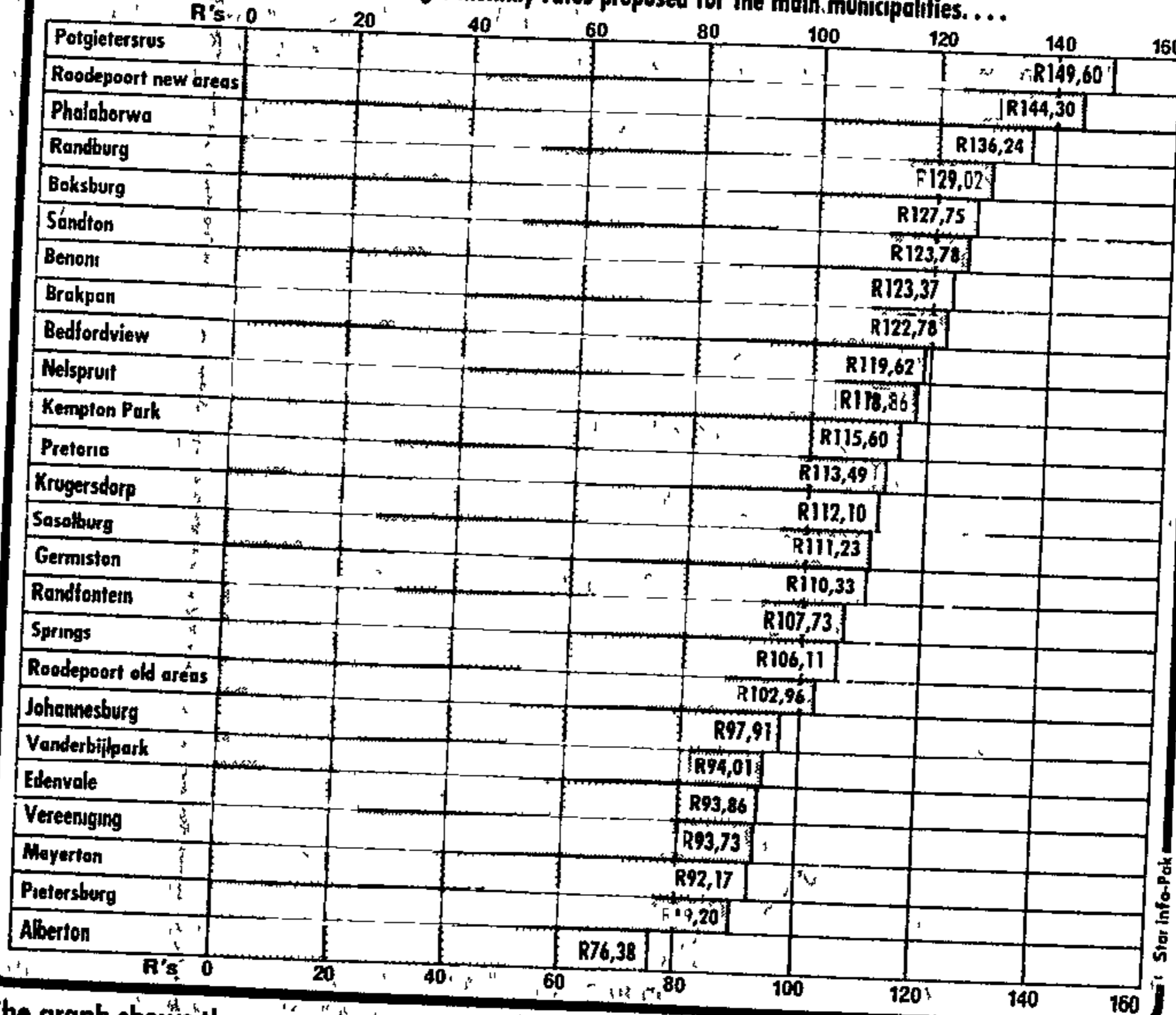
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## Where do YOU stand in the rates league?

● These are the budget monthly rates proposed for the main municipalities. . . .



The graph shows the average monthly expenses for a household consuming 30 kilolitres of water and 1 000 kilowatt hours of electricity a month. Rates are calculated on a stand of 1 500 sq m.

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# Low Lenasia poll hailed as a victory for TIC

By ANTON HARBER  
Political Reporter

THE Transvaal Indian Congress (TIC) has hailed the result of this week's Lenasia Management Committee elections as a "massive victory", and yesterday called on those elected to resign immediately.

In a statement, the TIC said only 0,28% of the more than 45 000 eligible voters had shown support for those elected.

The results showed the massive rejection of the management committee and the Government's local government system as a whole, it said.

Only two of the seven seats on the management committee were contested after two candidates pulled out on the eve of the elections.

Those who were elected unopposed included a num-

ber of people who were recently defeated in the parliamentary elections. These include Mrs Rashida Ebrahim, who polled 35 votes in the parliamentary election, and Mr Ram Pillay.

In the contested seats Mr Ram Mohabeer won Ward Two with 34 of the 35 votes cast and Mr Y Mia won Ward Five with 87 of the 97 votes cast.

A TIC spokesman said yesterday that the TIC had been campaigning door-to-door, calling on people to stay away from the polls.

It was clear that those elected had won only because their immediate families had voted for them, he said.

The new management committee will consist of Mr Harry Behare, Mr Ram Mohabeer, Mr J Jhuna, Mr Ram Pillay, Mr Y Mia, Mr M Khan and Mrs Rashida Ebrahim.

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# Sandton resigned to domination by Jo'burg

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Political intrigue over the demarcation of Reef towns under the multi-racial regional services councils — to be introduced next year — has not yet reached Sandton.

Officials of the PFP-controlled town council expect Sandton to fall under the RSC controlling the Johannesburg area, but are awaiting further details of the Regional Services Act before holding any discussions.

Parliament approved the measure earlier this year and the Co-ordinating Council for Local Government Affairs will meet on August 13 to work out how it will operate.

The chairman of the Sandton Management Committee, Mr Schalk Visser, said he had not yet considered the political implications of the demarcation of the regional council areas.

#### NATIONAL PARTY

Sandton's power would be greater if it was assigned to an area which did not include Johannesburg — which is controlled by a coalition between the National Party and the Independent Ratepayers' Association, Mr Visser said.

"But the Government will see to it that regions are divided up so that they are controlled by the Nationalist municipalities."

Mr Visser also questioned how the proposed multi-racial councils could function since the breakdown of some urban black

local authorities

Another member of the Sandton Management Committee, Mr Peter Gardiner, said he expected Sandton to be included in the Johannesburg region and had heard nothing of the "bickering" reported between Reef municipalities.

An independent on the Sandton council, Mr E Coote, also said he was not aware of any controversy over demarcation.

The final say on the RSC areas will rest with the Administrator of the Transvaal in consultation with own affairs ministers and a yet-to-be appointed demarcation board.

Randburg's Management Committee Chairman, Mr Frans Lourens, said his council had neither been involved in the rumoured bickering and political intrigue nor taken part in any negotiations with other Reef towns.

"We accept the possibility that Witwatersrand municipalities will be divided into three sections — east, west and central — with Randburg falling under Johannesburg in the central area. Other towns which could fall into this group are Sandton, Bedfordview and Mirrand.

"Without going into detail I believe municipalities will benefit from the new regional services councils and that individual towns will not lose much of their services and duties."

# Council delegates powers to Lenasia

By Stuart Flitton  
Municipal Reporter

Johannesburg City Council this week delegated further powers to the coloured and Lenasia management committees in what has been seen as preparation for multiracial regional services councils (RSCs)

The management committees may now

- Temporarily close streets and public places
- Consider applications for the erection of advertising boards and waive related by-laws which they consider to be unreasonable.
- Provide and maintain municipal buildings, sports facilities, cemeteries and crematoria
- After consultation with the City

Treasurer, accept tenders for work up to R250 000 each

- Buy works of art for display in municipal buildings
- After consultation with relevant council department heads, determine "through roads", "yield" and "stop" streets
- Prohibit or restrict public parking
- Provide parking meters with tariffs fixed by the council
- Provide traffic lights in places recommended by the head of the council Traffic and Security Department
- Determine polling hours
- Make recommendations on the administration and enforcement of the 1979 Town Planning Scheme and council by-laws relating to public health, pollution, and the control and removal of refuse

## Business may not be run from homes

Municipal Reporter

Stopping a business being run illegally from a residence in Johannesburg can take more than two years, according to a city councillor.

At this week's council meeting, Mr Geoff Stark said seven days' warning should be given for illegal uses to be stopped before the council sought a court interdict.

"If I commit a crime, I am arrested. I concede that unauthorised use is not a crime which can lead to arrest, but it is a contravention of our town planning scheme or by-laws and is punishable one way or another," Mr Stark said.

### INSUFFICIENT WARNING

Mr Francois Oberholzer, chairman of the management committee, said the courts regarded seven days' warning against illegal uses as insufficient.

According to information supplied by the City Secretary at yesterday's council meeting, properties may be used only for their zoned purposes.

Most houses are zoned "residential one" which allows them to be used only for residential purposes.

Businesses may be conducted from residences without council permission provided that.

- No staff are employed.
- Not more than 20 percent of floor space is used for businesses.
- No outbuildings are used.
- The businesses do not interfere with the amenities of the neighbourhood.

The council previously delegated to the management committees the power to draw up budgets for certain of their affairs and grant applications in terms of the Town Planning Scheme

Mr Francois Oberholzer, chairman of the council management committee, said the composition and demarcation of the RSCs were still to be decided by central government

He said he would have discussions with council members before making recommendations about demarcation

Mr Oberholzer said the philosophy behind the RSCs was to share wealth with the less affluent communities

"It is unfortunate the RSCs have to be introduced during a recession

"Black communities are crying out for something to be done about their quality of life," Mr Oberholzer said

Mr Sam Moss, leader of the Progressive Federal Party in the council, said peace in urban areas depended on the success of RSCs

# Sandton may get Indian ward

Sandton may become the first municipality to fully incorporate an Indian residential ward and have a councillor represent it on the council

At last month's meeting the PFP-controlled council agreed to petition the State President and the Administrator of the Transvaal to designate Marlboro Gardens, Sandton's Indian residential area, a ward of the town

This decision was incorporated in a resolu-

tion granting more effective powers to the Marlboro Gardens management committee. This body is intended to run the affairs of Indians — most of whom at present live in Wynberg

Mr Ricky Valente, chairman of the Sandton management committee at the time Marlboro Gardens was proclaimed, said at last week's Sandton Town Council meeting "Indians are being blackmailed into accepting cosmetic devolution

of powers to achieve short-term social needs. We and they are fully aware that all that is being achieved is the further entrenchment of apartheid in an already divided country"

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He said agreeing to the petition was an attempt to institute some kind of political sanity and showed how in Sandton, common citizenship overrode ethnic differences

But declaring Marl-

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boro Gardens a ward of the municipality would not initially mean the disappearance of its own management committee

The suburb, whose 770 stands were proclaimed open for Indian purchase and development in November 1982, borders the new industrial area of Malboro in the south, Kelvin in the east and in the west is separated from Sandton by the M1

At present only three families are living in the area. However, 27 more

houses are being built and 120 flats are planned, as well as three shopping centres, a community hall and mosques

The Government is also committed to building two schools

Marlboro Gardens was declared an Indian residential area in 1978 after community organisations had negotiated for 10 years to get land to relieve the housing shortage of the 2500-strong Wynberg Indian community

# Whites will 'help' Indians, coloureds

By Stuart Flitton  
Municipal Reporter

**KLERKSDORP** — For the foreseeable future, white local authorities will continue to provide some services and make some decisions for coloured and Indian management committees.

## POLICIES

This was said yesterday by Mr J M Griffiths, the Transvaal MEC in charge of local government.

He was speaking at the 82nd Transvaal Municipal Association Congress.

Mr Griffiths said that after the scrapping of provincial councils next year, while local authorities would fall under the jurisdiction of Parliament.

what would happen to Indian and coloured management committees.

“Provincial administrations will lose their legislative powers and will have minor regulatory and executive powers.”

“They will only handle general affairs as described in the (new) constitution of the Republic,” Mr Griffiths said.

He said the Central Government would have to see to it that its policies were maintained at local Government level.

“It is natural that every authority is jealous of its power and will withstand any efforts to break into its area or function.”

“To a certain extent town councils enjoy a certain autonomy.”

“In this regard, I ask that the necessary insight and caution be exercised, or it could lead to these capabilities being tarnished with more or less,” Mr Griffiths said.

He said in the past there had been a lack of communication in central, provincial and local Government. This had led to accusations of encroachment.

Now communication had improved — but it could be further improved.

In the future, wider discussion forums than those between the Government and the United Municipal Executive

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The new president of the TMA for 1985/86 is Dr J P Naude, the chairman of the Verwoerdburg Town Council management committee. Dr Naude succeeds Mr J I Styger.

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The new vice-president is Mr S E S Ferreira, the mayor of Naboomspruit, who succeeds Dr Naude.

Mr A P J Heiberg, was elected to the TMA executive committee as the representative of Roodepoort. He replaces Mr Manie Mulder, who died in July.

● All municipal housing waiting lists will lapse at a date to be decided and will be replaced by com-

puterised lists, the Minister of Local Government, Housing and Works, Mr A A Venter, said yesterday.

Mr Venter said the current waiting lists contained inadequate and inaccurate information.

A huge survey would soon be undertaken to compile the new lists.

Local authorities, Mr Venter said, would play a primary role in the Government's reform process.

“Local government is the basis of the democratic process. Worldwide, municipalities bring government closer to the people,” Mr Venter said.

● Businessmen who feel that certain municipal

regulations serve only to restrict them, should bring these to the attention of their local authorities, Mr Styger said yesterday.

Mr Styger said local authorities should help to decrease legislation and thus create more jobs.

“Unemployment and regulating go hand in hand. With our large population growth, it is alarming that in the past nine years, there has been no net increase in black employment,” Mr Styger said.

Political comment in this issue by H W Tyson, headlines and posters by D Rank Pedler and D. Anderson, all of 47 Sauer Street, Johannesburg.

# Soweto may apply to become a city

By Revelation Ntola

Soweto which, last month, gained municipal status under the Black Local Authorities Act, may soon become a fully-fledged city.

According to Mr Ephraim Tshabalala, Soweto's mayor, an application for city status for the township is high on the agenda of the council which was inaugurated last month.

Soweto, which has an estimated population of more than 1,5 million, complies with almost all the requirements needed for the status of a city.

The only matters in doubt at this stage are whether Soweto is economically viable and whether it has the necessary personnel to run a city on a sound basis.

The question of viability will depend largely on how soon the new council receives a financial statement from the now defunct Soweto Community Council.

At its first meeting this week, the Soweto Town Council took a unanimous decision not to sign any documents or take any important decisions before a satisfactory financial statement had been presented.

City status, said Mr John Knoetze, chairman of the West Rand Administration Board, is a mere status symbol and does not bring any structural changes in the ordinary running of a municipality.

But, once Soweto was a city, councillors would be entitled to higher monthly allowances, said Mr Knoetze.

In an interview about the necessity of Soweto becoming a city, Mr Tshabalala said there was no reason for Soweto not to become a city when neighbouring Johannesburg and places such as Roodepoort were cities.

"What they can do, we can also do," he said.



# 700 are sacked

*Soweto*  
ABOUT 700 striking members of the Engineering and Allied Workers' Union employed by African Cables Company in Vereeniging were yesterday dismissed by the company.

This was confirmed by the company's managing director, Mr P Muller, who said that the company would start recruiting new workers from today.

Meanwhile, the Police Directorate in Pretoria yesterday confirmed that eight people were arrested — two for illegal trading and six for pass offences — near the company premises, while union officials claim that 50 members are believed to have been detained. This claim has not been confirmed.

Mr Muller has also denied reports that workers chanted freedom songs and shouted black power slogans on the premises while the union has condemned the police involvement in the labour dispute.

In another labour dis-

By JOSHUA RABOROKO

pute, about 500 Soweto Council employees have complained of assault, being pointed at with a firearm and being called kaffirs by their white supervisors while on duty.

During an emotion-charged meeting at Zondi, the workers, mostly street cleaners and refuse removers, demanded that the supervisors be replaced with blacks. The council is to investigate the allegations.

Between 1 600 and 2 000 members of the Commercial Catering and Allied Workers' Union (Ccawusa) em-

ployed at Pick 'n Pay were still on strike by late yesterday after rejecting management's new offer.

Meanwhile, more than 100 workers at the Durban Central Post Office went on strike yesterday in protest against their working conditions. After their stoppage, workers quietly waited at one of the post office entrances in Pine Street.

In Newcastle about 300 workers, members of the Textile and Allied Workers' Union went on strike in protest against the dismissal of a shop steward. Management said the workers had been dismissed.

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# Joburg Nat row: Venter quits post

Own Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG — The leader of the National Party in the Johannesburg City Council, Mr Carel Venter, may have to resign after allegations concerning his relationship with a young secretary of the city's Centenary Festival Association

According to observers, it could also lead to his resignation from even more powerful positions in the party

On Monday night Mr Venter was forced by the National Party caucus to resign as chairman and member of the festival association.

It is believed that the matter is not closed as far as National Party Transvaal leadership is concerned

Officially the party line this week was that Mr Venter's festival association activities should be seen as totally divorced from his position in the council. But our correspondent has been told that Mr Venter's position had become "untenable" — both as the deputy chairman of the city's management committee and as the leader of the party in the council

## 'Lack of leadership'

Meanwhile Nationalists are unhappy with what they have termed "lack of supportive leadership" from the Transvaal leader of NP, Mr F W de Klerk.

Sources in the NP this week said that the scandal involving Mr Venter and the secretary, Miss Ira Wandrag, has caused a breakdown in confidence between Mr Venter, his colleagues on the management committee and party members

On Tuesday Mr Venter left for a vacation with family in East London after the NP caucus is said to have

demanded his immediate resignation from the festival association on Monday

According to our correspondent's confidential sources it is privately felt in the NP that Mr Venter should resign from the management committee as well as leader of the party

Mr Francois Oberholzer, chairman of the management committee and leader of the Independent Ratepayers' Association, said however, that he did not believe that Mr Venter's position on the City Council was in jeopardy

He said the allegations concerning Mr Venter's relationship with Miss Wandrag only concerned the festival association.

Mr Jannie Burger, chairman of the NP caucus, said the NP and the IRA were "united as never before" in its belief that the issue was "politically motivated" and fairly dealt with

But the leader of the PFP council opposition, Mr Sam Moss, rejected the claim that the issue was politically motivated

"Mr Venter's problem cannot be attributed to the PFP. In public life it is impossible for a public figure to divorce his private actions from his public responsibility

"This is not a party political matter. And the ball is entirely in the court of the NP. They are responsible to the public, their party and the council to solve the problem"

Mr F W de Klerk said in a statement on Tuesday that he was giving attention to the matter on an ongoing basis "insofar as it may concern the NP as a party"

He said that he would not comment on the matter at this stage

By David Braun,  
Political Reporter

## No room for local party politicking as . . .

Recent events in the city councils of Johannesburg, Randburg and Pretoria have again raised the question of whether there is a place for party politics at local government level.

In Johannesburg, there has recently been much controversy surrounding the National Party leader in the city council, Mr Carel Venter. Speculation about his position on the city's management committee became the subject of intense debate within the council's opposition and largest party, the Progressive Federal Party.

There are indications that the PFP caucus is divided on whether it should take a seat on the management committee or not. If it does, it may be criticised for being in coalition with the National Party while the PFP is the official Opposition in Parliament.

Failing to take a post means that in spite of the PFP being the largest party in the council (it is one seat short of an outright majority), it has to stake in the governing of Johannesburg.

In Randburg last week the PFP-controlled management committee crashed from power after two of its members resigned from the party to become independent representatives. These members sided with the opposition National Party to oust the ruling PFP management committee.

Last year the PFP lost a seat on the Randburg city council when it was defeated by the NP in a by-election. Political analysts believe that the PFP's error in Randburg was to try to use its control of the council as a means of demonstrating to South Africa just what a PFP government

# Cities reel from crisis to crisis

In the process of trying to implement a national PFP policy it stirred up parochial sentiments and failed to impress residents who, like most ratepayers in any town, expected their local public representatives to run an efficient civic administration.

The PFP-dominated city council of Sandton has not been as controversial as the PFP administration in Randburg. Although municipal by-elections are fought on a party political basis in Sandton, the management committee has adopted a low-profile public image and its policies stress the importance of Sandton first.

In Pretoria the political wrangling is mainly between the NP and the Herstigte Nasionale Party.

The acronymy has traditionally been high at all levels and relations have not improved over the bitter parks issue, in which the Pretoria city council (including the Nats) first voted to close 17

parks to blacks. This week the management committee recommended that implementation of this decision be "temporarily suspended".

The HNP continues to insist that all 300 parks in Pretoria be reserved for whites only.

HNP lack of faith in the NP has resulted in the party refusing to take part in the proceedings of the council's parks committee, while it continues to criticise the decisions of that committee.

So in all three municipalities, Pretoria, Johannesburg and Randburg, the political differences between the parties have caused crises, controversies and quarrels, sometimes at the expense of local issues and the orderly administration of the cities (the Johannesburg centenary festival plans, for example).

Former Sandton town clerk and now an associate professor in municipal government and administration at the University of South Africa,

Professor Jan Hattingh, says there is no room for this type of politicking at local government level.

"Local government should not be concerned with implementing national political policies, but should be interested in only the living interests of their residents and the quality of life of those residents.

"For this reason it is preferable that town councillors all be elected on their personal merits, so that they can remain independent to fight for the best interests of the people they represent."

Professor Hattingh says there is an argument in favour of political parties in municipal government in that the opposition keeps the governing party on its toes.

But, he says, a council of independent men and women with no pressures of politics on them can do just as good a job in keeping a management committee efficient and honest. Most independent councillors would aspire to a seat on the management committee and they would keep a close eye on the incumbents for any signs of poor performance.

"Political councillors have divided interests. They are there as representatives of the residents and they are agents of their parties. There must be occasions when these interests clash," says Professor Hattingh.

Professor W L J Adlem, also of Unisa, says the disadvantages of politics in town councils are balanced by the advantages. Some of these include the use of party machinery to select candidates and to finance elections of people who could otherwise not afford the costs of running for elected office.

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## PROVINCIAL COUNCIL

# Relief for women teachers who wed

By GERALD REILLY  
Pretoria Bureau

THE position of women teachers will be improved if a draft ordinance to amend the education ordinance is passed by the Provincial Council

Introducing the second reading of the draft ordinance in the Transvaal Provincial Council yesterday, the MEC in charge of education, Mr Fanie Schoeman, said section 87 of the ordinance provided that the marriage of a woman teacher was deemed to be voluntary resignation from the date of her marriage, or from a date determined by the director of education

A married woman teacher could also be given notice at any time by the director, if in his view she could not "as a result of circumstances arising from the fact that she is a married woman" remain in her teaching post

Mr Schoeman said the

amendment to the ordinance provided that a woman teacher, whether married or not, would, as far as the termination of her services by resignation was concerned, be in the same position as a male teacher

Mr Schoeman said that to alleviate the plight of married women teachers the issue was investigated by an inter-departmental committee. Amended recommendations accepted by the Cabinet were

- A women teacher was obliged to inform her department of her intended marriage
- Where a woman teacher chose to end her service with the aim of getting married, the date of her marriage should be the accepted date of her service termination
- Where a woman teacher gave notice of her marriage without choosing to end her service, she would be permitted to retain her post

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# Union in wrangle with council

Labour Correspondent

THE Randburg Town Council has told a black municipal workers' union not to recruit its workers until it supplies information on its aims and whether it is registered

This has led to charges that the council is interfering with the workers' right to join unions

Mr Joseph Kganakga, president of the SA Black Municipal and Allied Workers' Union (SABMAWU), which belongs to the Council of Unions of SA, charges that the council has written to the union saying it will have nothing to do with it. The council's personnel manager, Mr Johan Cronje, said, however, the council had written to the union asking it whether it was registered and seeking details of its aims, but had received no reply

"We then wrote to them saying that, until they answer, we would appreciate it if they refrained from speaking to our workers," Mr Cronje said

According to Mr Kganakga, SABMAWU had, on a number of occasions, won reinstatement for fired workers

Recently, however, the council had written to the union saying "that they don't want to have anything to do with us any more".

He said public sector employers such as the Randburg council seemed unwilling to deal with unions unless they were registered

"But there is nothing in the law which says we have to be registered before they talk to us," he added

Argus Correspondent

**JOHANNESBURG** — The manager of the Johannesburg Municipal Pension Fund, Mr Joseph Beeby, allegedly conducted hundreds of transactions involving at least R100-million without consulting his investment sub-committee between July 1981 and June 1982

This is one of the findings of the report of a commission of inquiry into the fund which was released last night

Extensive use of the unorthodox "Chinese bookkeeping" method made it virtually impossible to determine whether any investment loss had been suffered during 1981 and 1982, according to the 53-page report by Johannesburg advocate Mr John Coetzee

#### Possible loss

Hundreds of transactions involving at least R170-million were conducted in the two-year period, the report found

It concluded that R624 907 might have been lost in share deals, but this was "a possibility, not a probability"

Mr Coetzee was highly critical of the investment practices used by Mr Beeby and his broker, Mr Jeanne Sterianos, but in his conclusion he said he could not find any dishonesty on the part of any person

He added that Mr Beeby was "managerially responsible for what went on in his department"

The report also found that Mr Beeby did not obtain approval for transactions conducted after June 22 1982, and that an unauthorised loan of R632 800 was made

#### "Confusing"

The commissioner said the fund's auditors were correct to conclude that R3-million had been paid by the fund for stock in excess of market value because of "the confusing state of the pension fund's stock ledger cards, Chinese bookkeeping, the unreliability of JSE daily statistics the limitation to investigation starting in 1981 and the absence of explanations"

Mr Coetzee said he shared the "disquiet" of the Registrar of Financial Institutions which led him to forbid the practice of "Chinese bookkeeping"

He explained this form of bookkeeping as a method "to ensure that a pension fund does not show a loss in the book value of its prescribed stock" If the fund were to suffer a loss, figures would be adjusted to show that no loss had been suffered

#### "Cleared"

In his conclusion, Mr Coetzee said the members of the council's Management Committee were informed of possible investment losses on January 26 this year.

Asked to comment, the Management Committee chairman, Mr Francois Oberholzer, said he was satisfied the committee had been cleared of any blame

He agreed that a member of the committee had known about losses last year

"It is up to the pension fund committee to take any further action," said Mr Oberholzer

The PFP leader in the council, Mr Sam Moss, said there were many questions which the commissioner's report had failed to answer

# Municipal pension fund investments criticised

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# Migrants forced to join union

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SEVERAL members of the SA Black Municipality and Allied Workers' Union (Sabmawu) — mainly migrants — claim they are forced by the Johannesburg City Council to take up membership of another trade union when renewing their contracts.

This was said by the union's acting general secretary, Mr Stephen Mohamme, who said that their members have been threatened with expulsion, intimidated and harassed when they refused to join the Johannesburg Municipality Workers' Union.

Mr Mohamme told The SOWETAN that scores of their members who went to "home-

lands" to renew contracts often came back and experienced difficulties.

"They are ordered to sign an undertaking that they will belong to the registered JMWU or face expulsion from their jobs. Some of them, out of fear of losing their jobs, have signed while others have refused," he said.

The city council's chairman of the staff-board, Mr J de Villiers, conceded that migrants have been affected by the new move. The council has a close shop agreement with the JMWU. This means that every worker must belong to the union as a condition of employment

# WHITNE boss at BLACK varsity votes to keep town hall WHITE

because I accept the majority decision of the council."

In his statement, Chief Buthelezi referred to the case of Professor Carel Boshoff and the University of Pretoria, and said the conduct of university staff members outside university hours could be a matter of concern to a university council.

It was that council which would have to decide whether a staff member's conduct was compatible with that member's responsibility to the university, he said.

"And it is the council of the University of Zululand which must decide whether Mr van der Westhuizen's behaviour in voting against opening the Empangeni town hall to all races is something about which it should concern itself.

"As chancellor, I can only say that I am totally opposed to apartheid, I am opposed to segregation, and for me it is a matter of great sadness that a registrar of the university of

which I am chancellor conducted himself in the manner reported. "What makes this conduct so unacceptable to me is that it flies in the face of serious attempts being made all over the country to open public facilities to all races.

"I am opposed to segregation in the university itself, and I believe that all universities should be open to all race groups. "As South Africa strives towards the politics of reconciliation, the

By MICHAEL JOHNSON

**THE white registrar of a black university used his vote as a town councillor to oppose the opening of a hall to all races.**

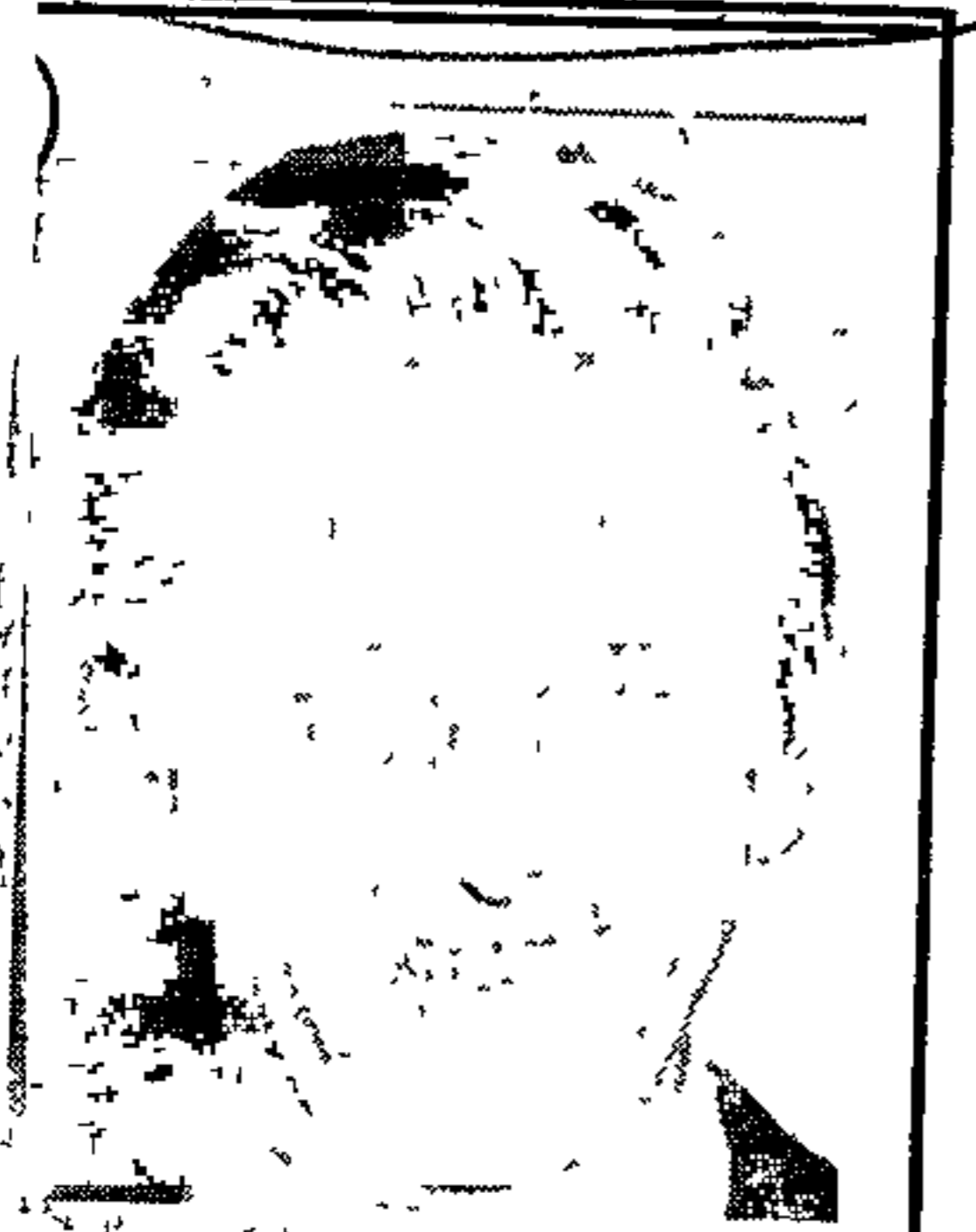
Questioned this week on his vote, Mr Jan van der Westhuizen, registrar of the University of Zululand in Empangeni, said "My party and my church have nothing to do with my work."

But the university's chancellor, Kwazulu Chief Minister Gatscha Buthelezi, labelled Mr van der Westhuizen's conduct as "unacceptable, not in the interests of the university and politically obstructive."

The Empangeni council recently voted by five votes to four after a heated debate to open its town hall to all races.

Mr van der Westhuizen told the Sunday Times to send any questions on the matter to him by telex. In a reply by telegraph he said "No purpose would be served in answering your list of questions now

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**JAN VAN DER WESTHUIZEN**  
Party and church above all

tingly do the university a disservice," said the Chief Minister. Mr van der Westhuizen was unavailable for comment on Chief Buthelezi's attitude

abominable conduct on the part of some who try to put our social life into the straitjacket of racial segregation does a grave disservice to the cause of national reconciliation.

"As chancellor, therefore, I regret that a member of the university's staff has taken up a position which obstructs political reconciliation in this country. "And, though I cannot publicly condemn or condone Mr van der Westhuizen's vote, I can only ex-

press my deep dismay that the university has been put into a position where statements need to be made about the political conduct of members of staff." Chief Buthelezi said Mr van der Westhuizen had the right to freedom of choice when it came to church and political party, and to claim that his party and church had nothing to do with his work. "But it is a matter of concern to me that a member of the staff of the

University of Zululand does in fact draw the distinction which I as chancellor certainly would hope would never have to be drawn.

"As chancellor I would have hoped that Mr van der Westhuizen would have put the university first, both in his public and private life. "It is certainly not in the interests of the University of Zululand for a member of its staff to behave in a way which can wringingly or unwit-



# Pay rise for council staff, but controls will tighten

By Colleen Ryan,  
Municipal Reporter

Johannesburg's 21 000 municipal employees will receive a salary or wage increase of five percent from July 1.

This was announced by the chairman of the city council's management committee, Mr Francois Oberholzer, at yesterday's budget meeting.

Council staff will receive a further five percent increase in April next year.

The total salary and wage package will cost the council R267,1 million for the 1984/5 financial year — an increase of 17,6 percent over one year.

Strict measures would be used to control staff costs, Mr Oberholzer warned, and vacant posts would be filled only when absolutely necessary.

Overtime would be reduced to a minimum and pay for extra work would be made only in exceptional circumstances.

The city would probably raise a loan on the local capital market later this year to finance certain projects.

In a reply speech the leader of the Progressive Federal Party in the council, Mr Sam Moss, said the management committee should investigate the problems facing industries in Johan-

nesburg

The Government was retarding industrial development in the central Witwatersrand area by restricting the zoning of industrial land. "The committee does not comprehend the danger and loss of confidence in the business community."

Mr Moss also called on the council to hire professionals to advise the Johannesburg Municipal Pension Fund. In a proposed amendment to the budget recommendations, he asked the management committee to investigate the possibility of employing investment managers.

When the budget was presented yesterday it was announced that householders will have to pay an average R5,68 a month more for assessment rates, refuse, electricity and gas from July. The rises work out at about R1,68 more for rates (10 percent), 38c for refuse (6 to 7 percent), R2,39 for electricity (6 percent), and R1,23 (7 percent) for gas.

Bus fares will increase by 9 to 23,5 percent. Adult cash fares rise by 7 to 14 percent, and coupons by 9 to 21 percent.

Charges for short-term parking at most parking garages and grounds will increase.

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## Outcry over 'kaffir' slur

By JOSHUA RABOROKO

BLACK municipality workers in the Witwatersrand have been denied trade union rights, allegedly assaulted and called "kaffirs" by some white supervisors.

This claim was made to The SOWETAN by the general secretary of the South African Black Municipality and Allied Workers' Union (Sabmawu), Mr Phillip Dlamini, who also said that the salaries of the black employees were "shockingly low".

He said that the town councils, which include Johannesburg, Sandton, Randburg, Brakpan and Potchestroom, have refused to negotiate salaries with them because "they maintain we are unregistered."

Other grievances include alleged physical assault on workers, being called kaffirs; unfair dismissals and lack of communication. These have made it difficult for the union to represent its over 17 000 mem-

bers

But a spokesman for the town councils have denied the claims and said that the union dealt with them on various issues, including dismissals and the possibility of recognition.

Mr Dlamini said at Potchefstroom, a worker Mr Jacob Moreotsene, was allegedly assaulted by his supervisor and called a "kaffir". The worker has since laid a charge of assault with the local police. "Unfair dismissals" have also been reported there.

The council's spokesman, Mr J du Plessis, said he will investigate the assault. He denied any allegations of assault or referring to workers as kaffirs.

A Sandton Town Council employee, Mr Frans Langa, was dismissed while trying to recruit other workers to

belong to the union. Workers have also complained of victimisation, Mr Dlamini said.

A Sandton official, Mr J Steenkamp, said Mr Langa was dismissed after his case was investigated. A letter to that effect has been written to the union. He denied other allegations. The council has a strict policy on assaults and being addressed in derogatory names.

The union's claims that an employee of the Randburg Town Council, Mr William Lephalala, was "unfairly dismissed" was denied by the personnel manager, Mr J Cronje, who said correct procedures were followed. He also denied that assaults and refusal to recognise the union had occurred.

Town councillors interviewed by The SOWETAN said that they have dealings with Sabmawu, although no recognition agreements have been reached so far.

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# 'Blacks urged: Join white-led unions'

Labour Correspondent

THE Rand Water Board has been accused of encouraging black workers to join white-led established unions to halt the growth of an emerging black union among them.

But a spokesman for the board has denied this, adding that he was not aware of any attempts by established unions to recruit its black workers.

Mr Phillip Dlamini, general secretary of the SA Black Municipal and Allied Workers Union (Sabmawu), charged this week that a black personnel officer employed by the board had been handing members of his union "stop order" forms instructing the board to deduct union dues on their behalf.

The forms, he said, were to be sent to the Rand Water Board unions' joint committee, on which four established unions are represented.

Mr Dlamini charged that black workers, including

Sabmawu members, were being "forced" to sign the forms and accused the board of helping the established unions to ensure that it did not have to deal with Sabmawu.

The board's spokesman noted that only one union on the joint committee — the SA Boilermakers Society — admitted black members. He added that the boilermakers would only recruit the board's workers if they were employed in skilled jobs, and none had yet qualified for these.

"We have a committee to represent black workers and are happy with this arrangement."

Mr Tom Neethling, general secretary of the Amalgamated Engineering Union — one of the four unions on the joint committee — said he was also unaware of any attempt by the unions to recruit black Rand Water Board workers.

# Staying Underground

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Most black town councillors on the Reef are in hiding

## Staff Reporters

In the aftermath of the unrest that left four councillors dead in the Vaal and others on the run, most councillors have been difficult to trace

Twenty-nine other people died during the anti-rent increase protests

The Star has been able to trace some councillors, however

The Mayor of Dobsonville, Mr Don Mmesi, whose home and shop are under police guard, said it was the function of police to protect property and people, and that what they were doing was normal

A mayor who declined to be identified said "I would not like to comment. The minute you comment they come and bomb your house. The quieter the better"

A receptionist at Alexandra Town Council said the mayor, the Rev Sam Buti, was away. He would be back on Monday.

Efforts to contact the Mayor of Soweto, Mr Ephraim Tshabalala, were unsuccessful. His home is guarded by West Rand Development Board policemen. The secretary of the Mayor of Daveyton, Mr Tom Boya,

said Mr Boya was away in the Transkei.

The deputy mayor of Daveyton, Mr Joe Tau, said he viewed most of the destruction as motivated by personal jealousy rather than politics

"I find that your enemies who have been lying low suddenly join in the whole thing and come for you"

## JEALOUS

"One is inclined to think they are jealous as they can't acquire what you have."

He said most councillors had worked hard to acquire their businesses long before they became councillors

The family of Vosloorus councillor Mr S Jukudq said he was away in Venda

A kwaThema councillor, Mr H H Ngakane, said he always informed his supporters about developments in the council, and hence was not affected.

Mr Ngakane said "By killing the councillors, the people are committing suicide"

"They are not killing the councillors, they are killing themselves. They must pinpoint the enemy. A councillor cannot be an enemy. He is a father."

Mr Ngakane said people led the councillors into their present positions by electing them into office

Asked if township councils had any mandates from the people they claim to represent considering last year's low polls under the Black Local Authorities Act, Mr Ngakane retorted "We have other organisations around here with no mandate. Why do people not destroy them?"

An indication of the fear among councillors is the heavy life insurance taken out by the Soweto City Council

The life of Mr Tshabalala has been insured for R100 000. Other councillors were insured for R50 000 each

It was established yesterday that another Vaal councillor, Mr J Chakane of the Lekoa Town Council, died in hospital after being brutally attacked

by a mob outside his Sebokeng home last week.

According to a spokesman for the Sebokeng Hospital, Mr Chakane never recovered consciousness after he was admitted to the intensive care unit of the hospital

The other councillors who died in the unrest were deputy mayor of Lekoa Mr Sam Dlamini, who was hacked, Lekoa councillor Mr Leburu "Dutch" Diphoko, who was stoned, and an Evaton councillor, Mr Caesar Montjeane, who was stoned.

Mr Mmesi said Mr Diphoko would be buried in Evaton today. Mr Diphoko was killed by a mob who attacked his home and shops in Evaton. He died in hospital last week.

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None of the other murdered councillors has been buried

Mr Essau Mahlatsi, the Mayor of the Lekoa townships of Sebokeng, Sharpeville, Bophelong and Boppatong near Vanderbiljpark, and Zamdela near Sasolburg, narrowly escaped death when he was attacked outside his house last week.

All the Vaal councillors' houses and businesses were destroyed in the unrest.

Word has been spreading in the Vaal townships warning residents to stay away from the funerals of the councillors, but arrangements are under way for the weekend mass burial of the 29 other people who died during the disturbances.



The house... the home of the Mayor of Katle



The truck... rampaging youths passed this wa

# Truth goes unheard in this mock democracy

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In an unguarded moment at a Press conference near Sharpeville last week the Minister of Law and Order, Mr Louis le Grange, revealed the source of the recurring state of conflict with the black community.

Mr le Grange and three Cabinet colleagues had just completed a tour of the riot-torn townships in the Vaal Triangle to try to assess what lay behind the eruption.

Whom did they consult on their tour? None other than the Lekoa Town Council, the body which was elected in a 14,7 percent poll in those townships last December, whose members are held in open contempt by the majority of people there and who were the chief targets of their anger during the rioting.

Only the day before, during a tense confrontation between the police and a big crowd in Sharpeville, the crowd had elected their own committee of six to have talks with officials of the administration board.

One would have thought this committee would have been an obvious group for the Ministers to meet if they wanted to get a sense of how people in the townships felt.

But no. They consulted only with a body that was hopelessly unrepresentative to begin with, whose members had been set upon by the angry mobs, and who were then holed up in the administration building in Sebokeng, too terrified to return to their communities.

When a black reporter asked Mr le Grange why they talked only with these "five percenters", the Minister replied. "If the rest of the people did not take part in the elections, that is their business. These are the elected representatives and the Government will recognise them."

There you have the whole problem in a nutshell.

The Government will not talk to those whom the black communities themselves regard as their leaders, but only to those it chooses to recognise. The result is a total lack of intercommunication, leading to deepening alienation with periodic social explosions.

It all goes back to the Sharpeville massacre 24 years ago that led a shaken Government to ban the Afri-

## MY VIEW



Allister Sparks

can National Congress and the Pan-Africanist Congress.

That was a historical watershed.

There can be no doubt that those two Nationalist movements commanded the overwhelming support of the black population. Once outlawed, both decided it was no longer possible to continue their fight against apartheid by constitutional means, so they turned to strategies of violence, formed military wings and went underground. That started the incipient guerilla war we have today.

For its part, the Government set about building an alternative political structure for the black population that it hoped would fill the vacuum left by the removal of the ANC and PAC.

There followed the establishment of tribally based governments for the "homelands", which Pretoria recognised as the sole legitimate voices of the black population despite their manifest lack of popular support.

In the urban areas, community councils were set up to run the townships. Again they lacked public acceptance. There was a derisory 10,9 percent poll in the Soweto council elections last December, a 14,7 percent poll in the Vaal Triangle, an 11,6 percent in the Cape Town townships. But the Government recognised them as the authentic representatives of township blacks.

Now the alternative political structure has been further extended

with the establishment of subordinate parliamentary chambers for the coloureds and Indians.

Again the communities concerned have demonstrated their rejection by boycotting the elections in overwhelming numbers. Again the Government has ignored the rejection and recognised the elected members, with their 118-voter support, as the only spokesmen for these communities.

It is the systematic construction of a mock democracy, in which unrepresentative institutions are set up and recognised while the real voices of the black people are either silenced or ignored.

It has created an appalling communications gap. The people in the townships establish their own community organisations, but the Government will have nothing to do with them. It goes on establishing its own black institutions, which the majority of the blacks ignore, whose elections they boycott and whose members they despise as "collaborators".

That is why these clashes keep recurring. And why, when they do, the Government consults with the "leaders" of its own creation, to be reassured by them that the grievances are not genuine, that the trouble is caused by a few "agitators", and that what is required is to crack down on them with detention and banning orders and then develop the mock democracy a little further.

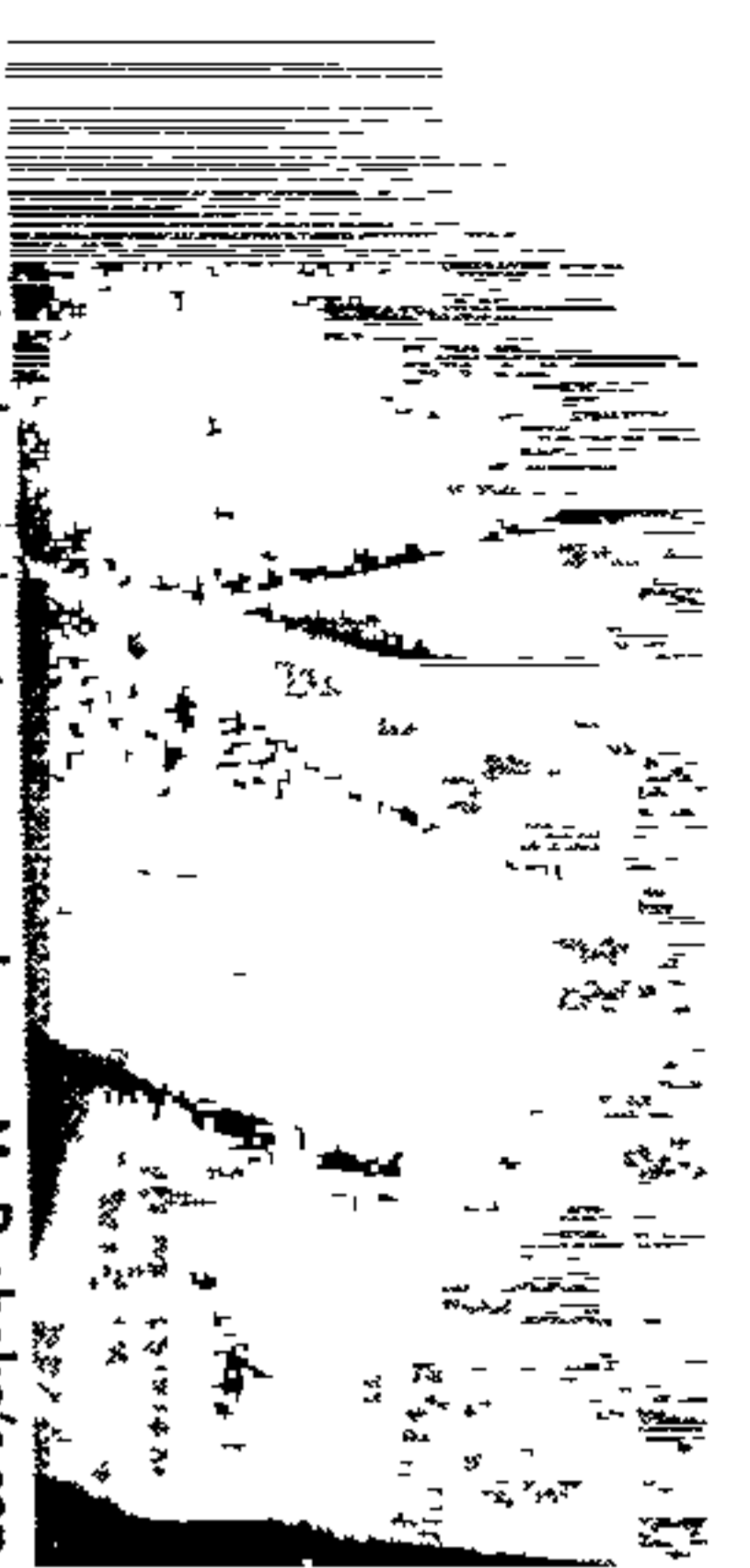
● Allister Sparks, a former editor of the Rand Daily Mail, writes this regular column and reports for several overseas newspapers.

## Fourth Vaal councillor dies (266)

12/9/84 By Revelation Ntola *Spw* ~~SPW~~

Another Vaal councillor, Mr J Chakane of the Lekoa Town Council, has died in hospital after being brutally attacked by a mob outside his Sebokeng home last week

According to a spokesman for the Sebokeng Hospital who announced the death yesterday, Mr Chakane never recovered consciousness after he was admitted in the intensive care unit of the hospital. His death brings to four the total number of councillors killed in the Vaal complex since the eruption of violence last week. A mass funeral for other victims will take place this weekend.



At the graveside . . . Mr. Diphoko's son, with rosette, and widow (centre) stand among a group of mourners.



● Pictures by Alf Kumalo.

# Slain Evaton councillor was a political victim — mayor

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Evaton councillor, and businessman Mr Philemon Leburu Diphoko was a victim of the South African political situation, the Mayor of the town, Mr Sam Rabotapi, said yesterday.

An emotional Mr Rabotapi was speaking at the funeral of his colleague, who was killed in clashes between residents and councillors and police. Mr Rabotapi said town councillors had no part in forming the legislation that made the councils possible.

He said: "Mr Diphoko died as a result of those who manipulated simple-minded people into acts of violence. The legislation has divided black people into two camps. Mr Rabotapi, whose house was burnt down by angry anti-racist protesters, also blamed 'instigators and intimidators' for the violence against councillors.

He said he did not believe that the Vaal residents took the initiative in embarking on the violence that swept through the area, leaving more than 30 people dead, four of them town councillors.

Several Evaton town councillors in the Vaal, including Mr Rabotapi, emerged from hiding to attend the funeral, which was conducted under heavy police surveillance. The councillors used the funeral service, attended by about 300 people, as a platform to launch scathing attacks on their opponents.

Mr Rabotapi repunited his narrow escape from marauding mobs of people in Evaton last week and said he escaped death by 30 minutes. He criticised opponents of black town councils, calling them "people who had no deeds to show their contribution to the black people's fight for liberation, except for empty slogans.

"There are those who shout, 'Kill, kill for your liberation and those who say, 'Come, let us sit down and talk,'" said Mr Rabotapi. If there was to be any peace among blacks in South Africa, the black people themselves had to sit down and negotiate

together, he said. Dobsonville town councillor Mr Steve Nkhalo also lashed at "inciters" for having triggered the unrest.

Mr Nkhalo singled out a Vaal priest as the main "instigator" and as "the man who caused all the killings in the area. "In all the history of black people in Africa who were oppressed, there had been no clashes between the oppressed. The people sought out and destroyed their real enemies," said Mr Nkhalo.

The Mayor of Dobsonville, Mr Don Mmesu, also spoke. A police Casper armoured vehicle led the procession to the Evaton graveyard where Mr Diphoko was buried. Behind the Casper, two police vans escorted the hearse and several other police vehicles joined the procession.

Other police vehicles and personnel were positioned at strategic points near and inside the cemetery. There were no incidents during the service but scores of residents watched the proceedings from vantage points at street corners and in their yards.



Out of hiding . . . Mr Rabotapi speaks at the funeral.

# Foreign blacks also fall under blanket racial bar in Pretoria city libraries

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**PRETORIA** — The Pretoria Municipality says no blacks — foreign or local — may use white municipal facilities in the city unless they have diplomatic status.

This follows an incident earlier this week in which a black man, who claimed he was an American with diplomatic status, was asked to leave the Pretoria City Library.

A US embassy spokesman in Pretoria said none of the embassy's staff had been involved in any incident of this nature, and the man's identity remains unknown.

At the time, however, the staff at the Pretoria library professed to be "in the dark" as to whether "foreign" blacks were allowed to use their facilities.

"We do not know whether blacks from so-called homelands are regarded as foreign or not, and there have been several embarrassing incidents.

"A while ago some army officers came in here, and one of them was black. Of course we had to ask him to leave, but it was quite humiliating," one of the staff said.

Deputy Chief Librarian Miss E M Hansen

said she found the incidents highly regrettable, and admitted she was unsure whether all blacks were prohibited from using the facilities there.

Miss Hansen said all blacks were politely asked to leave if they were unable to produce documentation proving they had diplomatic status.

She said she was unsure whether black tourists were allowed to use the library.

"Coloureds and Indians have their own separate libraries in their own suburbs, and all races are entitled to use the State Library which is next door to the City Library."

Mr Jan Bezuidenhout, spokesman for the Pretoria Municipality, pointed out that in terms of the City Council's bylaws a specific library was reserved for whites only, and for people "who are working, living or at school in the Pretoria area."

"However, no blacks, even if they come from Bophuthatswana or the United States, may use the whites-only facilities unless they have diplomatic status," he emphasised. — Sapa



# PFP slams city council over hostel conditions

*Star*  
By Colleen Ryan

The hostel system for black migrant workers in Johannesburg will come under the spotlight at tomorrow's meeting of the city council

The Progressive Federal Party will introduce a motion calling on the council to upgrade the hostels which are "totally inadequate"

Two PFP city councillors, Mr Les Dishy and Mrs Claire Quail, will speak in favour of the motion

Mrs Quail said she would also question a management committee decision to sell two valuable stands that were originally earmarked for recreation development for city hostels

The Johannesburg City Council employs about 10 000 migrant workers and they are housed in 17 hostels in Johannesburg and Soweto

The motion is highly critical of the management committee and is likely to be fiercely debated by the National Party/Independent Ratepayers' Association coalition which controls the council. The motion says that

- The management committee has neglected its responsibility in respect of housing and the quality of life of its black labour force and the living conditions in the hostels are totally inadequate. The hostels have deteriorated because of inadequate maintenance
- Facilities for leisure and recreation activities are inadequate. The council has not provided sufficient elementary facilities

The motion calls on the management committee to investigate living conditions in the hostels fully and report back within six months. It also asks the council to allocate more funds in the 1985/6 budget for maintenance and upgrading of hostel accommodation and facilities.

# Living conditions at black hostels to be investigated

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Reports by Colleen Ryan  
and Stuart Flitton

The Johannesburg City Council is to launch a full investigation into living conditions at municipal hostels where black migrant workers are housed

At the monthly meeting yesterday, the Progressive Federal Party strongly criticised the standard of hostel accommodation

PFP councillors claimed that the city's 17 hostels had deteriorated because of inadequate maintenance

After a heated debate, the council agreed to a compromise motion which called for an investigation into hostel conditions within six months. It also agreed to consult trade union leaders on sports and recreation facilities

PFP City Councillor Mr Les Dishy said the council had a moral responsibility to look after the interests of its workers. It was a mistake to design hostels with big, impersonal dormitories, and he described the City Deep hostel as looking more like a great penitentiary.

He also claimed that

● Sports and recreation facilities for the council's 10 000 workers were inadequate. Some hostels had no sports fields

● He questioned the management committee's decision to sell valuable stands originally earmarked for recreation development for hostels

PFP City Councillor Mrs Claire Quail called for a literacy programme for workers, saying the present services offered were inadequate

Mr Francois Oberholzer, chairman of the National Party/Independent Ratepayer's Association coalition management committee, said the PFP had been motivated by the visit of Senator Edward Kennedy

Senator Kennedy saw a West Rand Administration Board hostel in Soweto and said he was shocked by the living conditions

The PFP said it had been investigating the hostel issue for months

Mr Oberholzer defended the council's maintenance programme in the hostels and said workers had not complained about living conditions

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# 75 strikers in court

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ABOUT 75 dismissed striking workers are due to appear in the Sasolburg Magistrate's Court today following their arrest by the Oranje-Vaal police on the Zamdela single men's hostel this week.

The workers, members of the Oranje-Vaal General Workers' Union (OVGWU) are charged with remaining on the hostel premises within 72 hours without permission — they were earlier dismissed following a strike action.

This was confirmed by a spokesman for the union and a Johannesburg firm of lawyers, who said that they will press that the workers be granted bail after their arrest on Monday.

The workers, em-

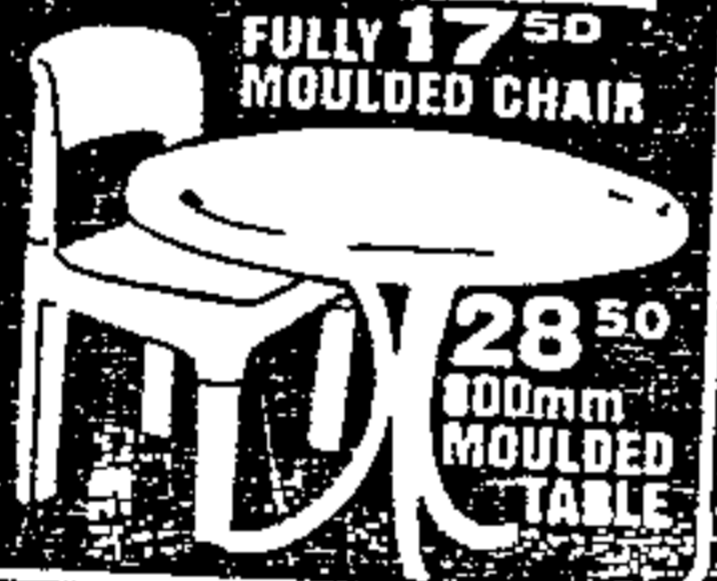
ployed by the Sasolburg Municipality, were dismissed last week after allegedly staging a strike in support of a colleague, who they felt was unfairly fired.

According to one of the workers, all of whom worked in the Sasolburg electricity department, the action was sparked off by the dismissal of a Mr Bangani on January 11, for allegedly being "aggressive and rude" to a municipal manager.

After making representations to the manager concerned but "getting nowhere", the 71 workers decided to take industrial action on January 25, the workers' representatives told The SOWETAN yesterday.

Mr A J Joordan, Sasolburg's town clerk, denied that the dispute had been discussed and said the "strikers did not want to negotiate or talk to management about reasons for the stoppage."

OVGWU spokesman said they then made representations on behalf of the workers, but failed to secure their jobs. The union was considering an industrial court action for the reinstatement of the workers.

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**Transvaal asks  
for R101m more**

By GERALD REILLY  
Pretoria Bureau

INFLATION and increased salaries and allowances for provincial workers are major reasons for the additional R101 490 707 needed by the Transvaal Provincial Administration for the 1984/85 financial year

The Administrator, Mr Willem Cruywagen, said the additional amount also covered increased entertainment allowances and bigger gratuity payments to retired officials

The provincial council has been asked to approve R1 224-million to tide the province over until the main 1985/86 budget is passed

Introducing the second reading of the part appropriation draft ordinance in the council yesterday, Mr Cruywagen said the amount would cover expenditure for five months of the new financial year

The council has also been asked to approve R10-million for the purchase of road building equipment

Nearly R750 000 of the additional R1 900 000 was needed for salary adjustments

Of the additional R53 098 000 for education, R26 500 000 went on increased salaries, wages and allowances

An additional R1 716 400 was needed because of SA Transport Services' tariff increases and higher bus contractors tariffs

Increased Post Office tariffs also necessitated an additional R127 900

Tariff increases by Escom and local authorities called for an additional R1 707 700

The additional expenditure by the hospitals department of R32 313 500 brought the total for hospital services for the fiscal year to a record R810 689 500

Aside from the R18 477 8000 for additional salaries and allowances, two major items were housing loan subsidies, increased from R5-million to R8-million

**Setback for Africanisation**

Mall Africa Bureau  
HARARE — The board of the state-run National Railways of Zimbabwe last night announced the dismissal of its newly-appointed general manager, Mr Farai Masango, for "gross maladministration".

A leading member of the central committee of the ruling Zanu (PF) Party, Mr Masango was the first black head of the debt-ridden NRZ and had em-

barked on a crash programme of Africanisation

He has been replaced by his former deputy, Mr John Avery

An earlier attempt to suspend Mr Masango was blocked by the prime minister, Mr Robert Mugabe

But last month a parliamentary committee found that Mr Masango had been guilty of inefficient management and wasteful spending

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# 258 arrested as stoppages spread

By Terry Friend,  
West Rand Bureau

A group of 258 Potchefstroom former municipal workers were arrested yesterday for holding an illegal gathering after losing their jobs

The workers were dismissed yesterday afternoon after refusing to work that morning

They had demanded recognition of the SA Black Municipality Workers' Union

The 258 workers were taken to court by police

Seventy-nine who pleaded guilty were fined R180 (or 90 days) and the others were remanded on bail of R200 until March 2

"There was no strike. The workers simply held an illegal

gathering after being dismissed," said Brigadier Jaap du Preez, the divisional criminal investigation officer at Potchefstroom

● About 200 Potchefstroom Town Council workers were arrested yesterday morning for refusing to go on duty

The workers, members of the Black Municipality and Allied Workers' Union (BMAWU), spent the night in jail and will appear in court today on charges of holding an illegal strike

The strike is one of four work stoppages involving about 3 000 workers which have taken place in Reef firms in the past few days

The general secretary of the BMAWU, Mr Phillip Dlamini,

claimed the causes of the Potchefstroom strike were the refusal by the council to recognise the union and the retrenchment of workers who were not given notice

Mr Dlamini said in the past few weeks about 17 employees had been retrenched and sent to the homelands

He also claimed an executive member of the union, Mr Titus Pooe, was dismissed unfairly

The secretary of the Potchefstroom Town Council, Mr A Viljoen, said about 200 people were involved in the strike

He said the council was trying its best to get workers to act in a responsible way

In another strike, the entire workforce of about 850 at Sedimis plant in Phalaborwa re-

fused to work yesterday, demanding a white foreman be dismissed on grounds of harassment

In another strike by about 1 000 employees of the AECI dynamite plant at Modderfontein — where 14 people died after a blast last week — the employees refused to work for the fifth day, demanding that management pay them R500 "danger money" for having to work with explosives

The management is still having talks with union representatives

Refusal to work for the past seven days by about 1 000 Bakers Biscuit workers demanding a pay rise, has resulted in the dismissal of all but five of the workers

# Workers in court after strike

A TOTAL of 270 black municipal workers appeared briefly in three Potchestroom magistrate's courts yesterday following a strike over wages and demands that their trade union be recognised.

The workers, members of the South African Black Municipal and Allied Workers' Union (Sabmawu), pleaded not guilty to charges of attending an illegal meeting after they were allegedly ordered by the police to disperse to their respective workplaces.

They appeared before Mr F R Boshoff, Mr B T Bester and Mr D C van Greuwen. The case was postponed to March 12 and 13 and bail was fixed at R200.

There was drama in one of the courts, when Sabmawu's general secretary, Mr Phillip Dlamini, broke down as Mr Boshoff instructed workers to plead guilty.

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# Wives may visit

BY SELLO RABOTHATA

MORE than 10 000 hostel inmates employed by the Johannesburg City Council, will soon have the privilege of having their visiting wives provided with accommodation, the management committee recommended this week.

The recommendation follows a resolution taken by the management committee on June 7, 1982 that the director, Housing Department, investigate and report on the possibility of providing accommodation for visiting wives of employees who are from the homelands and the neighbouring States and who are housed in the hostels.

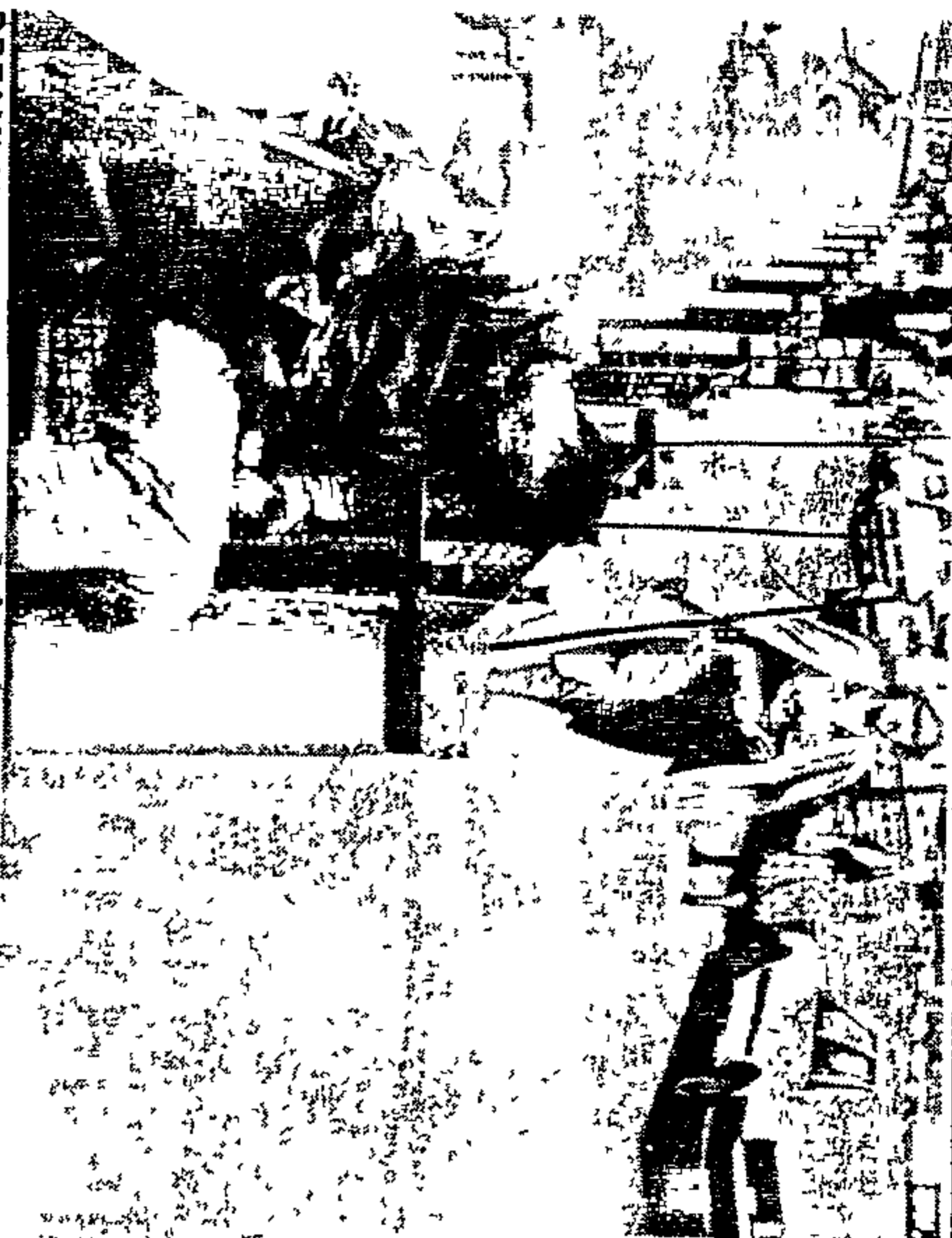
The Housing Department has explored the possibility of building accommodation within the precincts of various hostels and the layout plan has been devised whereby accommodation for visiting wives together with their husbands, can be provided at the

Selby, Antea and City Deep hostels. A total of R250 000 has been voted for this purpose in the current Capital Estimate of the department and the director will be authorised to provide accommodation.

The management committee said the areas concerned, although part of the main hostel buildings, will be demarcated by means of security fencing and separate entrances will be provided to ensure that visiting wives will have no need to enter the main hostel terrain.

The Housing Department will build at least one housing unit at each hostel — initially — and will increase the number as the need arises.

The committee also said the hostels earmarked for the intended development, are located in such a way that the proposed facilities will be accessible and available to residents at all council-administered hostels.



**DREAMLAND: No job**  
What else can one do during these tough times? Sleep, of course. This victim of the current unemployment crisis could not come to a better resolve.

# Bonus cuts: 400 Municipal SATS workers ~~workers~~ workers slam Cabinet ~~workers~~ reject cut

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About 400 South African Transport Services (SATS) workers unanimously passed a vote of no confidence in the Cabinet last night as a protest against the loss of a third of their annual bonus payments.

The meeting in Pretoria was addressed by the general secretary of the Artisans Staff Association (ASA), Mr Willie van der Merwe.

The action taken by the State President, Mr P W Botha, and the Cabinet in deciding to cut civil servants' bonus cheques was "dictatorial" and made without any consultations with the trade unions concerned, said Mr van der Merwe.

He said the service bonus was entrenched as a condition of service and could not be arbitrarily removed.

"The action taken by this Government was unlawful," said Mr van der Merwe.

He said that the union was not interested in party politics.

"Our politics are bread and butter politics," he said.

Mr van der Merwe was not impressed by the State President and Government's call for greater productivity on the part of civil servants and other workers.

"They sit there in their green leather chairs... I wonder if they can increase their productivity by 10 percent."

"Where is this country heading to — dictatorship?" Mr van der Merwe asked.

More than 45 000 of the country's municipal employees have rejected a Government request for a pay cut similar to that imposed on other State employees last week, a union spokesman said.

The acting general secretary of the South African Association of Municipal Workers, Mr Lem Claassens, said yesterday the 46 000-member union refused the suggestion of a third cut in holiday bonuses because municipalities had consistently made financial sacrifices in the past.

And although the service load on municipalities had been gradually increased, there had been no accompanying rise in personnel.

The union added that it would be counter-productive to reduce wage packages at a time when employees were expected to be increasingly productive — Sapa



# Municipal Workers 266 'No cuts' 15/3/85

Johannesburg City Council employees have firmly rejected the Government's request that they sacrifice a third of their annual bonus.

The announcement by the Johannesburg Municipal Employees' Association (JMEA) swells the tide of protest against the Government's decision to cut public service pay.

Minister of Constitutional Development and Planning Mr. Chris Heunis this week asked municipal employees to sacrifice a third of their bonuses.

The JMEA's executive committee met on Wednesday. The committee unanimously resolved that it did not see its way clear to accede to this request," said JMEA president Mr.

E. L. J. Kleynhans. Spokesmen for Sandton and Randburg city councils said they stood by the statement of the South African Association of Municipal Employees (SAAME), which had announced that it was not prepared to consider the Government request.

## 260 New black workers to get R40 advance pay<sup>28/11/51</sup>

Johannesburg City Council is to give its new black contract workers a R40 advance payment of which R20 will be paid back over six months

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# The tragic case of blind Julius

By JOHN MOJAPelo  
Pretoria Bureau

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A GA-RANKUWA man who was awarded R1 000 damages in 1971 for the loss of the sight in the left eye, after an assault by a black Pretoria City Council policeman, has now gone completely blind and is destitute.

Mr Julius Mogwale, 42, of 7263 Zone Six, Ga-Rankuwa, near Pretoria, lives on an R80 pension which he receives every two months.

His wife is sickly and does not work.

The couple have a six-year-old son.

"It is better to be dead than become blind late in life," Mr Mogwale said.

Mr Mogwale was assaulted with a sjambok by a policeman in Mamelodi in 1968.

He instituted a civil action against the city council and won in 1971.

"I was semi-blind in the left eye when the action was brought to court. I was awarded R1 000 and I paid R400 legal fees," Mr Mogwale said.

He received no pension from the University of South Africa where he was employed for about a year in the printing section.

Mr Mogwale pays R56 house rent every two months and is left with R24 for two months for food and clothing.

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# Kagiso rent furore

By LEN MASEKO

KAGISO residents are up in arms over notices sent to them by their town council requiring them to pay rent arrears — in some cases as high as R800 — dating back to 1981.

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The residents told The SOWETAN yesterday they had receipts to prove that they had been up to date with their rent payments during the period

A check by The SOWETAN around the township revealed that amounts "owed" by residents ranged from R200 to R800. The notices urged residents to report at the local town council's offices to arrange payment

One resident said: "The council officials have failed to give us a satisfactory explanation regarding the arrears. The whole thing has puzzled us. Is the Kagiso Town Council suggesting that they have been unable to keep their books properly in all those years?"

The council's town clerk Mr J Vorster said the council had sent notices after discovering that scores of residents in the area owed the council thousands of rand dating back to 1981.

"It is just a matter of administration procedure," Mr Vorster said, "We have realised that our accounts department had made mistakes regarding rent payment in certain cases. Our staff, like other human beings, can make mistakes."

The town clerk said no resident would be evicted for having failed to pay the outstanding amount, "but those affected should contact us as soon as possible."

He added that the council had a "surprise in store for some residents", who would be refunded some money for having paid more than they should have done over the years

# Ucasa indaba

THE Urban Councils Association of South Africa (Ucasa), have arranged an urgent meeting with the Minister of Co-operation and Development, Dr Gerrit Viljoen, to discuss the prevailing tension between black councils and certain Development Boards which refuse to transfer land to local authorities.

Mr Zikhali Ndazi, Ucasa's national organiser, this week confirmed they would hold a special meeting with Dr Viljoen on May 4, to discuss the "burning issue of land" in the black townships.

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# Kagiso Council to write off 'arrears'

THE Kagiso Town Council has resolved to write off thousands of rands owed by local residents in rent arrears.

This news will be greeted with relief by scores of the township's residents who — to their shock and disbelief — recently received notices requiring them to pay rent arrears — in some cases as high as R800 — dating back to 1981.

In a statement yesterday, the council said

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"We have resolved to regard as irrecoverable losses all arrears which emanated while the township was under the jurisdiction of the West Rand Administration Board. The arrears in question are those which accumulated before July 1, 1984, the day the council became a local authority."

The amount owed by residents would be debited to the West Rand

Development Board, according to the council.

This means that residents whose rent arrears accumulated before July 1984, should ignore notices sent to them by the council. Those who had already responded to the notices by paying their arrears, would have the amount credited to them and regarded as advance rent payment.

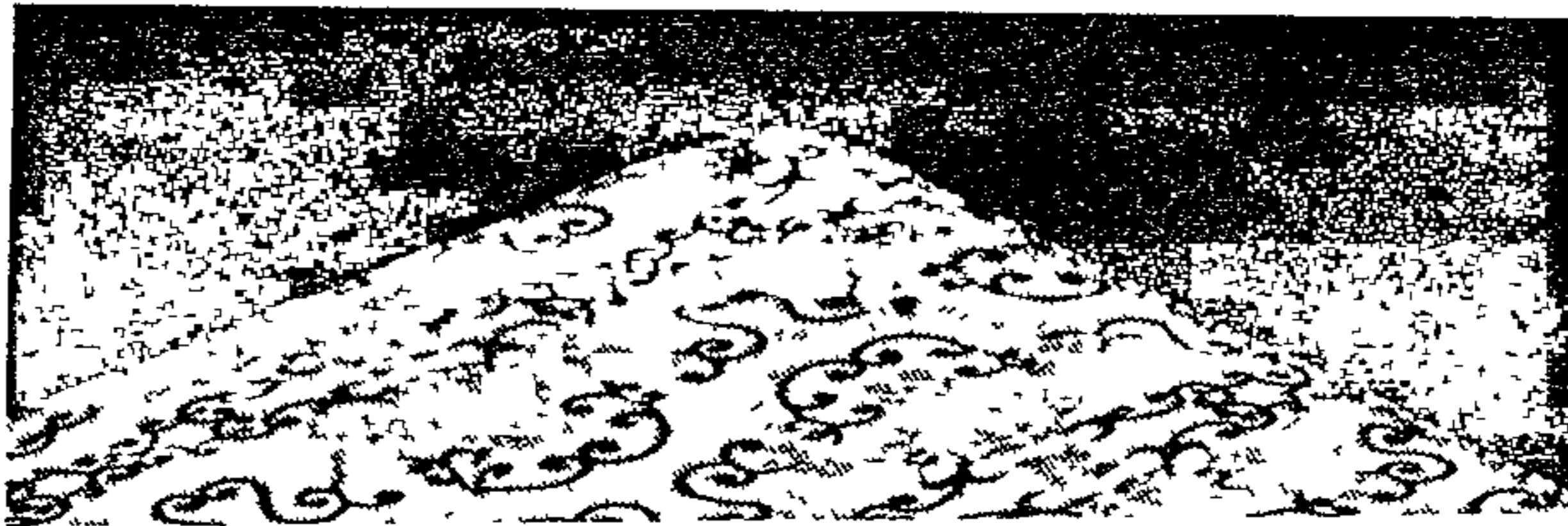
"However, residents owing rent as from July 1984 until now will be required to pay their arrears," the council stated. "We appeal to the residents to report at the Kagiso Council offices as soon as possible. They should bring their receipts — dating from July 1984 — along, because we are introducing our own financial system independent from the West Rand Board."

## Woman's Club meeting

THE SOWETAN Woman's Club, East Rand branch, meets tomorrow at the Lionel Kent Centre in Daveton.

The meeting starts at 2pm and the topic to be discussed is "taxation — how it affects you".

All members are invited, including those wishing to join or interested in the topic. Refreshments will be served. Please bring your friends along.



Soweto 20/11/85

# Rent issue: 'Council lied'

THE Atteridgeville Town Council's recent announcement that prominent members of the local residents organisation (Asro) had paid their rent, was "a lie and a trap" aimed at confusing residents, Dr Abe Nkomo, an executive member of the organisation said yesterday.

At a public meeting attended by about 500 residents at the AME church, Dr Nkomo said "The council is telling you a lie. No members of this organisation have paid their increased rents."

~~By~~ **By MONK NKOMO**

He went on to say "This is a trap and it is unfortunate that some of you fell into it."

The council announced on March 27 that prominent members of Asro were ironically among the first to pay their accounts. The town clerk, Mr J P la Grange also announced that 80 percent of the residents had paid the increased rents.

Residents at various meetings organised by Asro had vowed not to

pay the increased rents.

Speakers lashed out at the majority of residents who are believed to have paid rents and accused them of being "crooks and spies who want to kill us."

## Bondage

Another speaker warned that blacks will always be in chains of bondage because of their failure to unite. "We will never achieve progress until we think

of ourselves of being human beings," the speaker said.

Other speakers said residents paid their accounts after threats that they will be evicted. And those who did not pay were in the minority and this would make it easier for the authorities "to lock them out."

Residents at the meeting resolved to continue with their non-payment of the increased rents and urged others to do likewise. "If we pay the council will undoubtedly increase rents again," they warned.



DISCHARGED: Mr Ananias Sekobane seen with his lawyer, Mr J J Bornman after he was acquitted in the Vereeniging Regional Court yesterday.

# Councillor Sowetan 23/4/85 cleared of bribery (266) charges (266)

LEKOA Town Council member, Mr Ananias Ramogonako Sekobane, was yesterday cleared in the Vereeniging Regional Court of two counts of bribery/alternatively corruption.

Mr J F F Verwey acquitted Mr Sekobane after the State closed its case and Mr J J Bornman, for the defence, submitted that evidence by the two complainants was contradictory to what they had told the police in their statements.

Mr Sekobane who had pleaded not guilty to all charges was not called to give evidence.

The State had alleged that during May 1981, Mr Sekobane — then vice-chairman of the Vaal Community Council — received R2 000 building bricks from Mr Bently Nkuta, a Sebokeng businessman, for the allocation of a garage site.

It was further alleged that in June 1982, he was given R5 000 by Mr Josiah Maeyane, a Sebokeng coal merchant, also for the acquisition of a garage site.

The two men denied in their evidence-in-chief that the bricks or money involved had anything to do with their applications to the local council to get business sites.

However, in a statement read in court, Mr Nkuta told the police that after an oil company had built him a garage he went to Mr Knox Matjila, then he chairman of the Vaal Council and presently a member of the Lekoa Town Council, to give an explanation:

Mr Matjila told him he should pay R7 000 because "there is nothing for nothing". He also said if he did not pay the amount, the garage would be given to someone. He later handed in the money.

The statement also added that Mr Nkuta had also met with Mr Sekobane who wanted bricks for building a shop. Mr Sekobane had told him he had no money and would help him get the garage if he complied. This he did and 2 000 bricks were delivered to him.

Under cross-examination, Mr Nkuta maintained that he had not been promised anything in exchange for the bricks. He said the bricks were merely a help to Mr Sekobane who was to pay him back later, but has not done so following the razing of his shop during the Vaal unrest. The person who had made mention of money was Mr Matjila, he said.

In his statement, Mr Maeyane said two weeks after he had made an application for a garage he went to Mr Sekobane. He said he was aware at the time that the amount was bribery money.

Earlier in his evidence, Mr Maeyane said he had lent Mr Sekobane R5 000 because he was a friend and had signed on a piece of paper that he would pay it back. The money, he said, was not connected with his garage application.

He also said he had not got his money back because the day he was supposed to, Mr Sekobane's business was set alight.

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## Warning to anti-rent leaders

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THE Atteridgeville  
Town Council threat-  
ened to disclose the  
names of prominent  
members of organisa-  
tions who still called for  
the non-payment of in-  
creased rent, but were  
among the first to have  
paid their accounts.

In a statement re-  
leased on Monday, local  
mayor the Reverend  
Enoch Sibanyoni said  
the council regarded the  
accounts of residents as  
a private and confiden-  
tial matter and would  
not disclose the payment  
or non-payment of their  
accounts.

But, he warned  
"should the local resi-  
dents organisation  
(Asro), continue with  
their unfounded allega-  
tions that the council is  
lying, the confidential  
accounts of certain per-  
sons may be reconsid-  
ered."

Mr Sibanyoni was re-  
acting to Sunday's an-  
nouncement by an ex-  
ecutive member of Asro  
at a public meeting that  
the council's statement  
that some of their mem-  
bers had paid rent, was a  
lie and a trap.

In his statement yes-  
terday, the Mayor said  
the Council stood by  
their recent statement  
by the Town Clerk, Mr J  
P Le Grange that promi-  
nent members of orga-  
nisations which called  
for the boycott of pay-  
ment of tariffs, were  
among the first to pay  
their accounts.

Mr Sibanyoni also an-  
nounced that 95 percent  
of the accounts for the  
current month, had  
already been paid by  
residents and reiterated  
the council's "gratitude  
for the co-operation  
shown by residents."

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# Petrol substitute project

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Parliamentary  
Correspondent

NM 25/4/85  
Minister of Mineral and Energy Affairs  
Budget vote in the House  
of Representatives, Mr  
Steyn said his depart-  
ment was keen to see  
progress being made con-  
verting non-conventional  
fuel such as methanol to  
petrol and diesel

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taking a productivity  
study to be released at  
the end of the year.

The new process re-  
quired less refining and  
was economically lucra-  
tive, Mr Steyn said

AECI was considering  
entering the pilot project  
with a consortium of  
firms

CAPE TOWN—A pilot  
project to produce syn-  
thetic fuel from coal as a  
substitute for petrol is al-  
ready underway, Minister  
of Mineral and Energy Af-  
fairs Danie Steyn an-  
nounced yesterday  
Speaking on the Miner-

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tional AECI is under-

# Brand Fourie is new head of SABC

Parliamentary Staff

SOUTH Africa's Ambassador to the United States, Dr Brand Fourie, will be the new chairman of the board of the SABC, the Minister of Foreign Affairs, Mr Pik Botha, announced today.

Speaking in the House of Representatives, Mr Botha said Dr Fourie had been appointed to this position by President P.W. Botha, from July 1.

Dr Fourie will succeed Professor J.L. Mouton, who has been head of the SABC in a part-time capacity while also serving as Rector of the University of the Orange Free State.

Mr Botha's announcement during the debate on his budget vote was welcomed by speakers of the Labour Party.

Mr Botha paid glowing tributes to Dr Fourie as a man who met all the requirements for the exacting job.

Mr David Dalling, MP, the chief Opposition spokesman on the media, said the appointment was "deplorable".

He said he was not making a personal attack on Dr Fourie, as he was a good ambassador and a competent diplomat.

"Mr Pik Botha, just over a year ago, caused one of his protégés in the department, Mr Riaan Eksteen, to be appointed Director-General.

"By placing yet another of his lieutenants in the top position in the SABC he has tightened his grip on the propaganda machine of the National Party, thus increasing his influence in the power stakes within the Government."

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# SABC comes under fire over monopoly, quality

## Parliamentary Staff

THE SABC's links with the Government, its monopoly over broadcasting in South Africa and the quality of its programmes were issues raised in the Foreign Affairs vote in the House of Assembly

The Official Opposition spokesman on the media, Mr David Dalling, told the House that the chairman of the SABC board, Professor W L Mouton, was on the point of retiring

Referring to rumours that Mr Brand Fourie, the SA Ambassador to Washington, was to succeed him, Mr Dalling appealed to the Minister of For-

eign Affairs, Mr Pik Botha, not to make "another political appointment"

"The SABC should strive to at least appear to be independent of Government influence. It seldom succeeds. Another obvious political appointment, bearing the stamp of the Minister of Foreign Affairs, will make this goal impossible to attain"

Referring to SABC's attempts at securing a broadcasting monopoly, Mr Dalling attacked the Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs, Mr Louis Nel, over the SABC's attempts to block Bop-TV signals

Mr Dalling said he had presented a petition to Mr Nel last

year bearing 60 000 signatures asking that the practice of blocking Bop-TV be stopped

Mr Nel had assured him that the Government was most concerned about the viability of a free Press and if newspapers were to close it would be a disaster for South Africa

SABC-TV had already made large inroads into the advertising cake and if Bop-TV were screened over large areas of the Witwatersrand, it would seriously affect existing advertising, Mr Dalling reported Mr Nel as saying

However, three days later, the Government had announced the establishment of a fourth TV channel

Either Mr Nel, who was charged with responsibility for SABC, did not know, or had failed to disclose the truth, Mr Dalling said.

Speaking later in the debate, Dr Alex Boraine (PFP Pine-lands) accused the SABC of "waiting for its boss (Government) to tell it what to do."

The National Party member for Randburg, Mr Wynand Malan, agreed that the SABC should not be a mouthpiece for the Government, but said that in recent years there had been a marked improvement in the programmes screened by SABC-TV

## FOREIGN AFFAIRS

# Press giants to run STV

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A CONSORTIUM of the major press groups has been awarded a concession to run a subscription television service (STV), the Minister of Foreign Affairs, Mr Pik Botha, announced in Parliament yesterday.

The service, to be introduced by the end of next year, will be an entertainment channel. It will focus on sport, documentary, variety, discussion and music programmes and will show feature films about a year after they are released on circuit.

There will be no news broadcasts or political programmes.

These details were released yesterday by a spokesman for the consortium to which the concession for STV was granted.

## Seven hours

The spokesman said advertising was envisaged on the channel, but not more than the eight percent of viewing time at present adhered to by the SABC.

Seven hours of viewing a day would be provided and the cost to the viewer would probably include an initial sum for the installation of a "receiving decoder" which would enable them to unscramble the transmitted signal and pick up the service. The need for a decoder would prevent non-subscribers from receiving the programmes.

A spokesman for the project team which has been investigating STV for the consortium since December last year said last night that the subscriber's fee had not been established. However, a similar service cost about \$25 (R50) a month in the United States.

## No buying

The team visited the United States and Britain where they consulted film producers and distributors, licence holders and manufacturers of decoders, subscription television stations, programming organizations, producers of broadcasting equipment and research institutions.

A team member said last night a contract for broadcasting on the UHF or VHF frequency would probably be negotiated with the SABC.

He said no programme buying had yet been done as this awaited the appointment of a programme director.

A new company called Electronic Media Network (Pty) Ltd has been formed to run STV.

The directors are Mr Hal Miller, executive chairman of the Argus Group, Mr Terry Brice-land, co-owner of the Daily Dispatch, Mr Ton Vosloo, managing director of Nasionale Pers, Mr Desmond Craib, chair-

man of the Natal Witness, Mr Koos Buitendag, managing director of Perskor, and Mr Clive Kinsley, managing director of SAAN.

The press consortium comprises the Argus group, Perskor, SA Associated Newspapers, Nasionale Pers, The Natal Witness and the Daily Dispatch.

Mr Botha said the investigating committee had received more than 40 requests for shareholding in the new system.

It was envisaged that granting the concession to the press consortium would put press groups on a better financial footing.

## Advertising

The committee's report had been considered by the government against a background of years of representations from the press groups in connection with the financial crises they faced, Mr Botha said.

In reply to a question from Mr Dave Dalling, Progressive Federal Party spokesman on the media, the Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs, Mr Louis Nel, said he did not know if the subscription TV service would be permitted to attract advertising.

In his announcement, Mr Botha said the investigating committee had found that press group complaints that the introduction of TV had slashed their advertising revenue could not be accepted completely.

The advertising cake had increased after the introduction of TV. The press percentage share of the cake had shrunk but its advertising revenue had grown.

## 'Arbitrary'

The government had noted, however, that the rise in advertising revenue had levelled off in the past couple of years and the press groups were now suffering financially.

The government had decided not to include representatives of the entertainment industry in the consortium because the composition of the group representing the entertainment industry had appeared to be arbitrary and exclusive of important elements within the industry.

In Parliament yesterday Mr Botha also indicated that TV licence fees might be increased but said any increase would be lower than the inflation rate.



Wynand Malan

Stevie Wonder

# NP, PFP Sing the same tune

HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY — A National Party member, Mr Wynand Malan (Randburg), has joined an opposition member, Mr Dave Dalling (PFP Sandton), in calling for a reinstatement of the blind pop singer Stevie Wonder by the SABC

Both men spoke yesterday in the debate on the Foreign Affairs budget vote, which incorporates the control of the SABC.

Mr Dalling raised the issue of the banning of Stevie Wonder's music and said this arbitrary action had done irreparable harm to efforts to bring world-famous entertainers to South Africa

"SABC is an entertainment medium. It is not the prosecutor, judge and public executioner of every artist who appears on its airwaves . . ." he said

Mr Malan spoke immediately afterwards and said he would like to concur with Mr Dalling on the Stevie Wonder issue.

The announcement of the ban by the SABC created the impression that Stevie Wonder had done more than share his award with the jailed ANC leader, Nelson Mandela, and that he had declared his solidarity with the militant ANC

"Possibly the SABC believed that this was so" He agreed with an interjector that the man sang beautifully — Sapa

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# Info flow: Problems for press

Staff Reporter

THE press at times had difficulty obtaining information from the police, the Railways Police, the Defence Force and local authorities, the South African Media Council heard yesterday

The finding was part of a report tabled yesterday by a sub-committee, chaired by Mr Justice L de V van Winsen, constituted to monitor developments likely to restrict the flow of information which was in the public interest.

## Reluctant

The committee's report said that although an agreement existed between the Press Union and the police, the press at times had difficulty reaching an official who had the required information, that officials were reluctant to supply information and, if they did so, it was as meagre as possible. A further complaint was the lack of official channels of communication for obtaining information from the security police.

The committee also found that local-government bodies and black community councils tended to be secretive.

It found that priority should be given to creating more effective liaison between the press, the police and defence authorities, to creating a better relationship between the press and State officials and to encouraging local authorities to be more frank.

Another Media Council committee, the Monopolies Committee, which also tabled a report yesterday, found no evidence that either a shareholder or a board of directors dictated or controlled editorial policy on English-language

newspapers in South Africa

The committee was appointed to investigate and report on developments that might tend towards greater concentration or monopoly in the media.

The committee, chaired by Mr Justice M A Diemont, said no evidence had been placed before the committee to establish that any major financial institution was controlling the editorial policy of any English-language newspaper.

Other findings were that there was no concrete evidence that an agreement still existed to keep the salaries of journalists down, or to restrict their movement from one newspaper to another.

● The South African Society of Journalists, which has to date declined to be represented on the Media Council, has agreed to work with the council in its aim to uphold and maintain the freedom of the media in South Africa.

## SABC

● The SABC has refused to place itself under the council's jurisdiction.

The chairman of the Media Council, Mr Justice Van Winsen, said yesterday the SABC had not replied to any of the council's suggestions on voluntary co-operation but had said the matter would be placed before the SABC board in due course.

To date the council had received 157 complaints of which 30 had been rejected.

Of the remaining 127 complaints, 24 have been withdrawn, 48 have been resolved, four have been adjudicated, 31 have lapsed, 19 are pending and one awaits adjudication.

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# PFP attacks Pik for SABC 'strategem'

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By ANTHONY JOHNSON  
Political Correspondent

THE appointment of Dr Brand Fourie as next chairman of the SABC Board of Control has been slammed by the Progressive Federal Party as a political strategem by the Minister of Foreign Affairs, Mr Pik Botha, to secure the State Presidency

The announcement that the South African Ambassador in Washington was to be appointed the chairman of the board from July 1 was made by Mr Botha in the House of Representatives yesterday

Dr Fourie will replace the temporary chairman, Professor J L Mouton, rector of the University of the Orange Free State

In announcing the appointment, Mr Botha said Mr Fourie had wide experience and political understanding and described him as the right man for the job

Mr Fourie had a history of service to all groups in South Africa, was neutral and had



Dr Brand Fourie

served all prime ministers since General Jan Smuts, Mr Botha said

However, the PFP's chief spokesman on the media, Mr Dave Dalling, said "the SABC needs another political appointment like a hole in the head"

Mr Dalling said that although Dr Fourie had been a successful diplomat he had "absolutely no experience in broadcasting" or with providing educational or entertainment programmes for the public

"It is clear that the Minister of Foreign Affairs has finally thrown himself into the ring in the State President stakes and has stolen a march on Dr Gerrit Viljoen and Mr F W de Klerk"

Mr Dalling charged that he had done this by "harnessing his proteges" in the Department of Foreign Affairs, Mr Riaan Eksteen and Dr Brand Fourie.

● Meanwhile, EBRAHIM MOOSA reports that

Mr David Curry, Minister of Local Government, Housing and Agriculture, said yesterday that the SABC's television programmes should cease to be "apologetic" about the reforms brought about by the Nationalist Party

Speaking during the debate on the Foreign Affairs budget, Mr Curry called on the government to project an "image" on SATV which represented the full spectrum of political opinion and groups of people

He said he would like to debate with the Conservative Party leader, Dr Andries Treurnicht, or the United Democratic Front (UDF) patron, Dr Allan Boesak, in a television debate

MPs were critical of the SABC's attitude of not reporting criticism of the government. Calls were also made for more coloureds to be given jobs at the corporation and for the appointment of coloured newspaper readers

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# Residents reject Local Authority

THE proposed introduction of a Black Local Authority in Soshanguve, Pretoria, was rejected by more than 1 000 residents at the weekend. 266

At a meeting called by the Soshanguve Residents Association (SORIA) at the St Charles Lwanga Roman Catholic Church on Sunday, residents said allegations by certain people who claimed to be leaders that they supported the idea to introduce a town council in the area, were untrue. A Black Local Authority, they said, was nothing but an extension of apartheid and therefore they rejected any sort of plan aimed at forming such a body. "Any moves to impose such unpopular and undemocratic structures on us will be resisted," the people agreed.

Dr Nthato Motlana, chairman of the Soweto Civic Association, said

recent deaths, fights and anger among black people were direct results of bodies such as town councils. Soshanguve, he pointed out, was part of South Africa and it was high time residents there approached the authorities with a set of demands.

He urged the youths to fight for a free South Africa and added that parents had no wealth to offer for the future.

"There is no wealth in townships as everybody is aware that all that black people are supposed to live on is left in Pretoria. The cities are today what they are because of black muscles," Dr Motlana said.

He added that if the government insisted on appointing "puppets" as leaders of the people, nothing would improve their relationship with those they represented. Governing bodies had to insist on the equitable distribution of taxes,

rateable property, based on freehold and subsidies from the government so that they could have income to run the local affairs.

The meeting also resolved that,

- once and for all residents want the Government to know that they are totally opposed to incorporation into Bophuthatswana or any other bantustan

- that residents demand the granting of freehold rights to all anywhere in the Republic of South Africa and that the 99-year-leasehold scheme must be seen merely as a temporary measure which in the people's opinion only applies to black people in the country and

- that the Government abolish pass laws and recognise the right of all the citizens of the country to complete freedom of movement and occupation

# Vaal councils deny rumours

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THE Lekoa and Evaton town councils yesterday denied that local residents stand to be arrested for failing to pay rent arrears.

The two Vaal councils were reacting to rumours that there will be house-to-house raids in the areas in connection with non-payment of rent arrears, starting today.

Spokesman for the two councils said in a joint statement yesterday: "We deny in the strongest terms that any resident stands to be arrested for failing to pay rent arrears. Rumours to the effect are totally untrue."

The councils referred to an announcement made last month by the deputy Minister of Co-operation and Development, Mr Sam de Beer, who stated that residents "who are not in a position to make these payments should make alternative arrangements" with the town clerks of Lekoa and Evaton.

"No act whatsoever makes provision for these so-called arrests," spokesmen for the councils told The SOWETAN.

The Vaal councils have been battling to retrieve thousands of rands owed by local residents since September last year — the period when the whole complex erupted into violence following rent-increase protests.

# Mayor must resign

THE ATTERIDGE-VILLE Town Council's meeting in Pretoria took a dramatic turn yesterday when a motion of no confidence was tabled against the mayor, The Rev Enoch Sibanyoni, and his executive committee.

The motion of no confidence was submitted by the six members of the Black Progressive Party, who are in the majority in the council.

A source close to the council yesterday said the motion followed the "gross incompetence" of the management com-

mittee chairman, Mr Sibanyoni, and his executive committee.

The meeting, which was held in camera, also discussed "the in-service" provided by the management committee in the township.

The motion also called for the executive committee to step down because they retarded the progress of the township. "No progress has been made since the mayor and his committee took over last December", a source close to the council said.

The management

committee was also lashed for stalling the issuing of residential sites in the area. "But the mayor and his executive submitted that they were competent," the source told The SOWETAN yesterday.

Another burning issue discussed at the special meeting was an arrest in connection with the burning of a local shop on Monday afternoon.

The election of new office-bearers in the management committee is scheduled to take place at the council's next meeting at the end of this month.

# Councillor on corruption rap

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A SEBOKENG businessman told Vereeniging Regional Court yesterday that after he had unsuccessfully applied for a business site, he gave a former Vaal Community Council (VCC) member a R2 000 cheque.

The court heard that since then — 1981/82 — he has not been granted the site nor received his money back from the man who is his relative

Mr John Sibanyoni (48) was testifying in the trial of Mr Mabame Johannes Monnakgotla (39) of Zone 7 Sebokeng. He is facing four charges of bribery totalling R4 470 alternatively corruption

## Money

He is further charged with attempted bribery (R6 000) alternatively corruption

The charges arise from money received from residents for the allocation of business sites

and a house

He has pleaded not guilty to all charges before Mr J Johnson. Mr Sibanyoni said during 1981/2 he made several business applications to the VCC trading committee of which Mr Monnakgotla was a member

After he had made a second application Mr Monnakgotla arrived at his home. He told him if he wanted his application to be through he should pay him R2 000

"I signed him a R2 000 cheque and to this day I never got the business nor my money back," he said.

Under cross-examination Mr Sibanyoni maintained that he had not borrowed Mr Monnakgotla R2 000 because he Monnakgotla wanted to buy his house under the 99-year leasehold scheme

# Soweto mayer

## 'forced' to resign

The mayor of Soweto, Mr Edward Kunene, will resign at the end of this month.

Mr Kunene made the announcement yesterday following a meeting in which his fellow councillors demanded that the executive committee of the council take over all council matters.

Soon after the meeting, Mr Kunene said he was so disappointed with the action of his executive committee that he had no choice but to resign.

The meeting lasted only 10 minutes after a motion of no confidence in the mayor was tabled by Councillor J Mdlalose.

The motion was coupled with another requesting that the committee take over.

Mr Kunene said "The executive committee have actually asked me to resign. If a man cannot trust his executive committee, who else is there to trust?"

"Instead of guiding me and helping me through, they have been digging a grave for me."

He said he would seek the mandate of the Soweto residents as to what he should do.

"If the people of Soweto want me to go, I will resign at the end of the month. The opinion of the people should stand," the mayor said.

Yesterday's events were a sequel to the continuing battle for the mayorship which is being contested by former mayor, Mr Ephraim Tshabalala.

The executive committee took the reins yesterday afternoon after the mayor acknowledged a majority vote that it should do so "until the dissatisfaction of councillors is resolved".

Mr Kunene's reign lasted six months. He is the first mayor to be deposed before the expiry of his term.

# We resigned from council - ER men

By THEMBA MOLEFE

SIX Duduza township men yesterday said they had resigned from the community council last year. *Sowetan*

They are Mr Peace Magongwa, Mr Khulu Twala, Mr Agrippa Mthetwa, Mr Samuel Makopo, Mr Steve Namane and Mr John Sithole. *30/9/85*

The "councillors" said they heeded the residents' call to them to resign and they did so last November. This means all councillors in Duduza have quit after pressure from residents. Two members are known to have resigned last year.

Reacting to a report in the last edition of the *Sowetan Sunday Mirror*, a spokesman for the six, yesterday said it was not

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true that they were still serving in the council.

Mr Mogongwa said the article had rendered them vulnerable to the residents' wrath and they would be targets of attack.

Mr Mogongwa said one of the reasons for their resignation was that they had achieved nothing in their six years as councillors.

## Demands

"We were always hitting a rock when we put forth the people's demands to the authorities.

"The residents are still complaining about communal taps, lack of electricity, untarred roads which are unlit at night and the bucket toilet system."

The first member to

quit was the council chairman, Mr Kebani Molo, who resigned last November.

Since early this year policemen and councillors have been victims of petrol-bomb attacks.

Two weeks ago all the policemen in the township left for an unknown place of refuge. A shop and house belonging to Mr Namane were burnt down after the funeral of student leader Miss Sonto Thobeka.

Mr David Namane's beer lounge and bottle store were gutted. Mr D Namane is a brother of Mr Steve Namane and is not a councillor.

The chairman of the East Rand Development Board, Mr F E Marx, was not available yesterday for comment.

# We are puppets - councillor

THE ATTERIDGEVILLE Town Council meeting took a dramatic turn yesterday when one of the councillors declared: "We are real puppets who do nothing except evict residents who do not qualify to stay or work in an urban area."

Mr Lucas Mosuma, who usually keeps quiet during meetings, caused a stir during the debate over the lack of progress in the township. He also said "We are councillors for nothing. That is why organisations such as the UDF rightfully call us puppets. We just sit here with agendas, talk and do nothing."

The councillors also lashed out at "certain senior white officials" and ac-

cused them of retarding progress in the townships. The attack, led by Councillor Matthew Mahlangu, followed a "shocking" report by the director of community services, Mr J J Pienaar, that out of a total 1249 residents who applied for the 99-year leasehold only 147 had been issued with certificates since 1981.

Councillors also lashed out at white officials who delayed the development of residential sites in the townships. The attack followed a report that a contractor who was supposed to start building a block of flats near Masupha Street to alleviate the housing shortage, had now informed the council that the erections will only start in October or November.

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**A VIGILANTE group, made up of priests and migrant labourers and spearheaded by the town council of Thabong Location, Welkom, is conducting a reign of terror which allegedly led to the death of a youth.**

The youth died in his father's arms on Friday after being allegedly assaulted by bands of vigilantes in Thabong Location

Scores of residents he wounded in two Welkom hospitals while others have been admitted to the Pelonomi Hospital in Bloemfontein — all victims of the vigilantes. Many others have been scared for life.

People are afraid to walk in the night as bands of men armed with an assortment of sjamboks, pangas, knives and even firearms rule the township. The vigilantes patrol the night and "arrest" or assault people who are taken to the local council offices.

Mr Edgar Thali, chairman of the town council said he did not know of any vigilantes who patrol the streets and assault people. The town clerk, Mr James Ngake blamed thugs for terrorising residents, he refused to comment further.

The SOWETAN Sunday Mirror, however, is in possession of a copy of the minutes of a meeting between the town council and businessmen on May 22. The meeting was called by Mr Thali to discuss ways of restoring peace and stability.

Mr Thali said at the meeting that the council had organised patrols to break up gatherings of arsonists and "potential stonethrowers". The patrol broke up the "gatherings" "with no more violence than the energetic use of sjamboks and the results have been most satisfying."

Mr Thali also said the volunteers were composed of volunteers who wanted to protect their property from stone-throwers. He said "The councillors will not stop the patrols until they have enough police protection for the inhabitants of Thabong."

The dead youth, Oupanyana Mabenyane (17), a Standard 7 pupil was allegedly assaulted by the vigilantes outside his home. He died as his father

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watched helplessly when his body was wheeled on a stretcher into the operating theatre

Mr Joseph Mabenyane said Oupanyana, his youngest son, was the last of his three sons who have all died in the last few years

Thabong residents told of the terror that had the township in its grip

Three of the victims told of their encounter with the vigilantes. Standard 10 pupil, Pinkie Lehaba, said she was taken to the council offices where she was made to lie on a bench and sjamboked. She now walks with a limp after serious injuries to the lower part of her body

Mr Pule Podinyane could be scared for life. His body and face have cuts and weals after he was assaulted at the council offices some weeks ago. Mrs Mapaseka Sokoyi said the men stormed her house because her four-year-old son was "naughty".

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BLANKET PRICES  
PINKAS FAWLES**

**Killer's scarred**



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wound then went to his victim's home and allegedly said to the family "I am through with that one, now I must kill you all one by one."

In a fit of anger the dead man's mother threw a pot of boiling water over him. When he fell he was allegedly assaulted with stones and bricks. He is in hospital in a critical condition.

The schoolgirl's name is Helen Legong, a pupil at Kgabe Lower Primary School, died with her school girdle tied round her neck.

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# Row looms in Pretoria council

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**A CONFRONTATION is looming between members of the Black Progressive Party — who form the majority in the Atteridgeville Town Council — and the local mayor, Reverend Enoch Sibanyoni who yesterday accused them of trying to take over control in the council.**

chairman of the management committee

Rev Sibanyoni, who promised to make a Press statement tomorrow, declined to comment about his verbal resignation yesterday "I am the mayor but I am excluded from the management committee I am not a bridge"

In an interview with The SOWETAN yesterday, Reverend Sibanyoni lashed out at the six BPP councillors who he added, had recently failed to oust him from his mayoral position.

Reasons that led to the motion of no confidence being tabled against the mayor and his management committee, Mr Zobane said, follow the retardation of progress in the area, especially at Atteridgeville, Extension Two

"They wanted to table a motion of no confidence against me, but they failed because there is no such provision," he said

Confrontation between BPP members and the mayor, who is leader of the Khudu Party, followed the council's acceptance last Thursday of a motion of no confidence in the mayor and his management committee. Rev Sibanyoni, apparently angered by the decision, verbally announced his resignation as mayor at the meeting "But his resignation was rejected and he was requested to tender his resignation in writing," said Mr Victor Zobane, the new deputy

# We will not resign - mayor

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By SOWETAN Reporter

VAAL Triangle townships mayor, Mr Esau Mahlatsi, yesterday challenged the Vaal Civic Association to take him to court on the allegations it has made against him.

In an interview at the offices of The SOWETAN he said the communities in Vaal townships were being misled by the VCA. It had made allegations against him which it could not prove

"Because of this there is general confusion in the area with fake leaders telling the people they told the people many things about me and said they would take me to court. They have not done so because there is no substance in their claims," he said

According to him allegations were that

- council members were lining their pockets;
- they were giving each

other businesses, and  
• they had increased rents illegally

"I deny the allegations and challenge those making these claims to take us to court. Only then will the truth be known," he continued

He said calls that the council resign and rents be reduced were contradictory. "If they want us to resign who will reduce the rents? They must be sure of what they want. In any case the issue of our resignation is non-negotiable. Only my constituency can tell me to resign," he said

He called on all organisations in the Vaal to draft a blueprint for the

future "It is only when we come together that we will move forward. Right now Parys is being administered by the development board. This is also the case with other areas. Does this mean blacks cannot administer their own areas? We can and must be given the opportunity. This is no time for idle talk," he added

He praised the Vaal community for observing the June 16 commemoration services with dignity. "All other commemoration services must be accorded this respect"



Mr ESAU MAHLATSI

# Boya 'will not resign' from council

THE mayor of Daveyton, Benoni, Mr Tom Boya, yesterday said the attack on his home by a mob at the weekend would not force him to resign from the Daveyton Town Council.

BY MZIKAYISE EDOM

Mr Boya's house was extensively damaged when a crowd of about 1 000 returning from a June 16 memorial service held in the township stoned it.

All its windows at the back were smashed and part of the roof was damaged.

Two youths were shot dead by East Rand Development Board inspectors guarding the home. An undisclosed number of youths are believed to have been injured during the stoning of Mr Boya's house. Police could not say how many youths were injured.

On the same day, at least eight other houses, some belonging to members of Erapo, Cosas,

UDF and the Daveyton Residents' Committee, were stoned.

Mr Boya said: "I see no reason why I should resign from the council just because my house was attacked. I have achieved a lot for the people of Daveyton and I see no reason why I should resign at this stage."

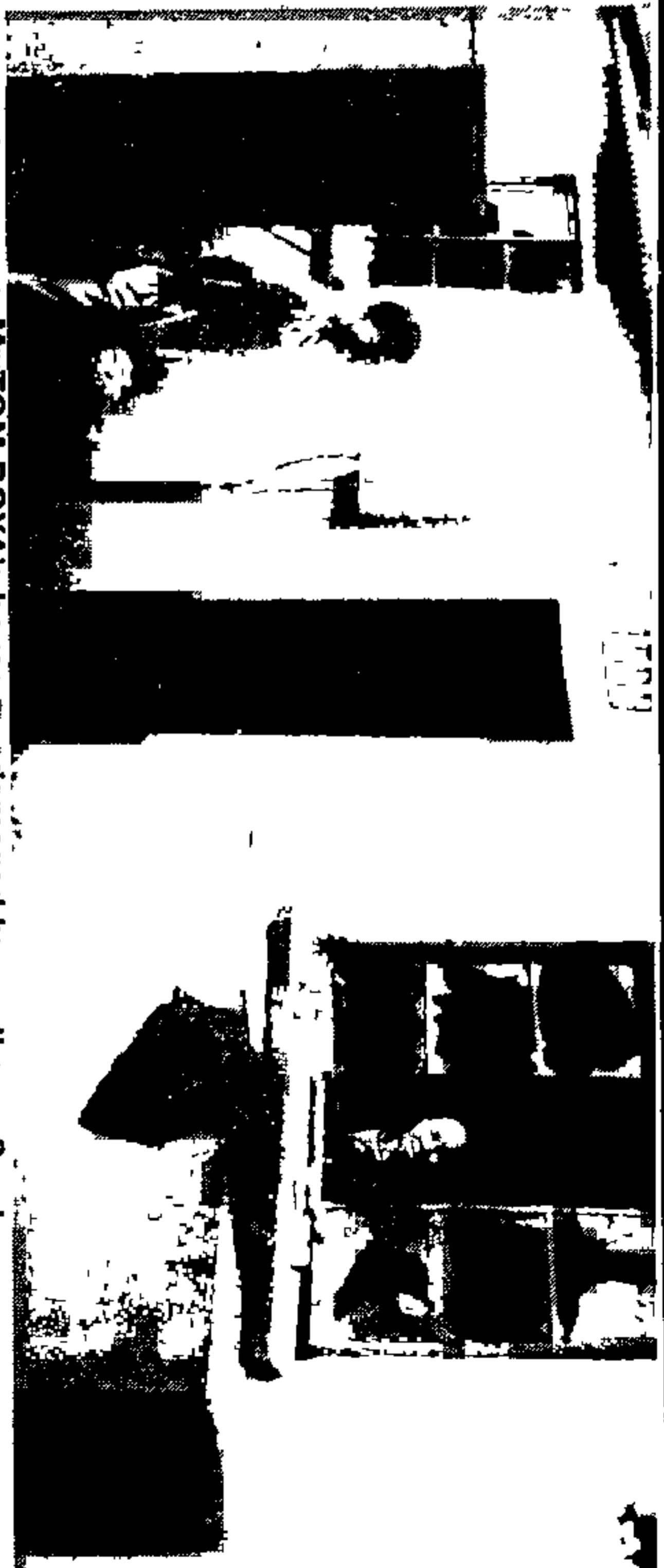
### Objections

He also said that the people who voted him into the council have not complained about the way he was handling the affairs of the township and he saw no reason why he should abandon them.

He said if anybody had objections to the way he was running the affairs of the township they should talk to him, proach and talk to him.

"The people who attacked my house were doing so on instructions of some people who were against me. I do not blame them," he said.

Mr Boya appealed to the residents to stop burning down people's houses in the township because this "will not solve any problems". He said: "All we need is for all the different organisations, in the black townships to meet and discuss their problems."



MR TOM BOYA'S house damaged by youths on Sunday.

# Soweto council sacks 12

TWELVE white township managers in Soweto were fired by the Soweto City Council last week.

This decision was taken by the council at a special meeting, but Mr Nico Malan, town clerk, said they were not fired, but asked to go back to the West Rand Development Board.

Mr Malan said the decision was taken after the managers failed to re-apply for their jobs which were advertised about two months ago.

"We have now re-advertised the jobs. Anybody, irrespective of colour, is welcome to apply. The council will also consider the 12 township managers if they submit their applications," he said.

# Reef councils bickering over Regional Councils

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By Colleen Ryan, Pretoria Bureau

Even before the new Regional Services Councils have been launched, bickering and political intrigues are taking place between rival municipalities on the Witwatersrand

Reliable sources say the biggest argument is about how the Reef towns will be divided up and placed under the control of various multiracial regional councils, to be introduced next year.

Johannesburg City Council politicians are known to have held meetings with delegations from Roodepoort and Germiston in an attempt to persuade them to be part of a powerful, central Transvaal regional council

Johannesburg is apparently worried its political influence could decline should it be linked only with central areas such as Soweto, Lenasia, Ennerdale, PFP-controlled Sandton and Randburg

The golden city, which is controlled by a National Party-Independent Ratepayers' Association coalition, is eager

to draw the NP-dominated Roodepoort and possibly Germiston under its wing.

Johannesburg denies this is a political ploy, claiming Roodepoort, in particular, falls within its geographical area and should be prepared to contribute financially to the central RSC

Roodepoort for its part is understood to be strongly opposed to throwing in its lot with its giant neighbour.

It is believed Germiston is resisting incorporation because it would like to be the core city for an East Rand RSC

## CONFIRMED TALKS

The deputy chairman of Johannesburg's management committee, Mr Jan Burger, confirmed "preliminary talks" had taken place but said he did not wish to elaborate

● Final say on the demarcation of RSC areas will rest with the Administrator of the Transvaal, in consultation with own affairs ministers and a yet-to-be finalised demarcation board.

● See Page 13.

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# Flat tenants renew fight to save homes

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by  
**Shirley Woodgate**

August 20 is D-Day for tenants of a Rosebank block of flats who — for the third time in six years — will argue before a committee of the Townships Board why they should not have their homes demolished to make way for a bank and offices

Residents will go armed against rezoning with a 3741-name petition and backed by the Town Planning Department of the Johannesburg City Council as well as by their local MP, Mr Peter Soal, MPC Mr Peter Nixon, councillor Mr Christopher Newton-Thompson and local resident Mr Allan Ryan

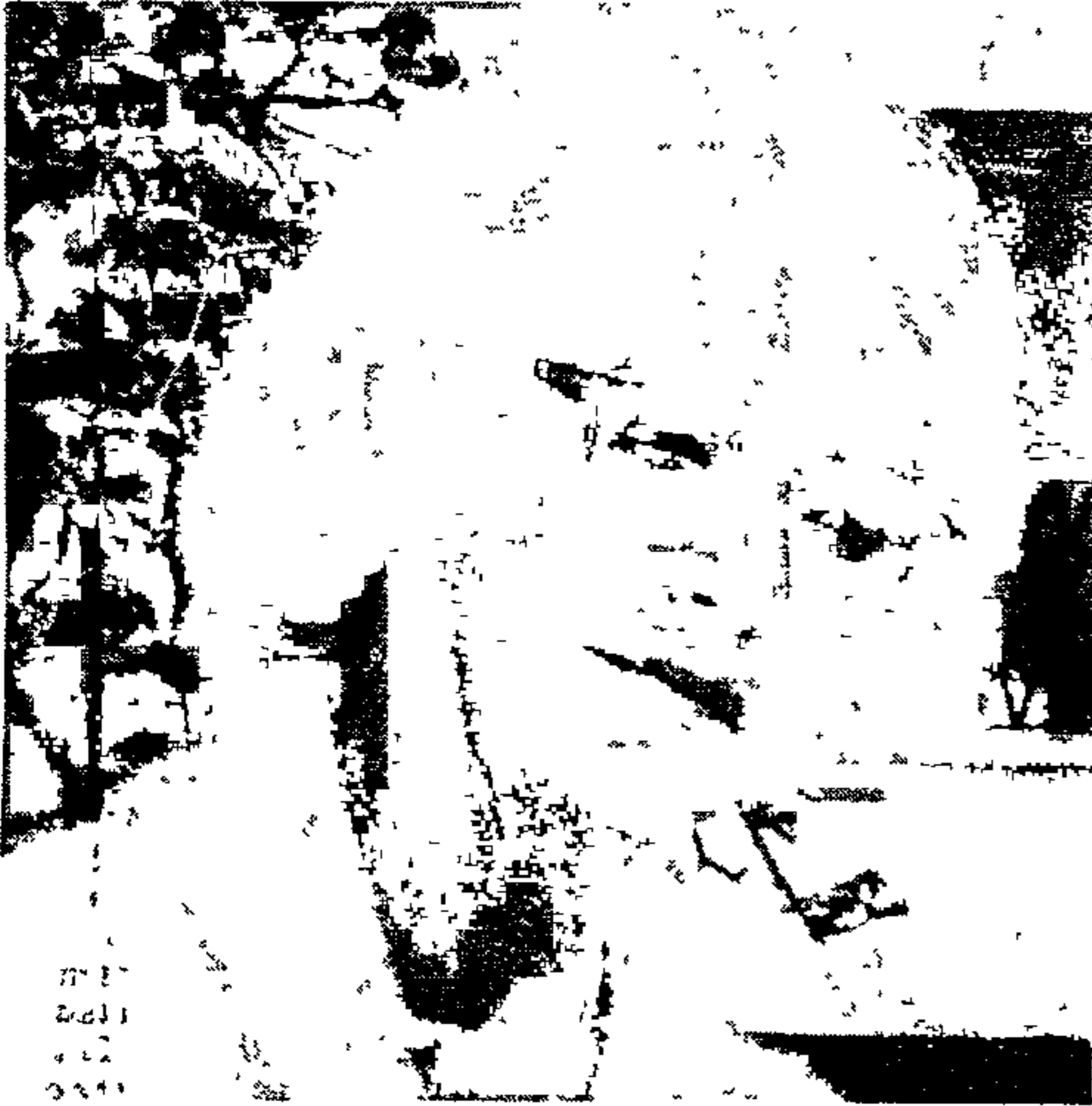
But when all is said and done the future of Cradock Heights is likely to hinge heavily on eight protected tenants (two of them over the age of 80 who have lived in the block for 30 years) and it is these people that the

owners have attempted to woo, offering them a tempting cash payout of R15 000 plus subsidised rental for five years at another similar flat if they move out voluntarily. But the offer falls away if rezoning is granted

Mr Alf Widman, PFP MP for Hillbrow and a member of the Parliamentary Select Committee on Rent Control, estimated there are 120 000 protected tenants living in rented houses and flats throughout South Africa

These are single people whose income is less than R450 a month, or couples with less than R850

Some of the protective regulations are that eviction is impossible unless tenants fail to pay their rental, create a nuisance or cause damage, or if the owner wants the premises for his personal use and occupies it himself for 12 months, or if they are given six months' notice for renovations with the right to re-occupy afterwards



Mrs Sheila Sefton, former curator of the Lister Gallery and a protected tenant at Cradock Heights, faces the nightmare decision whether to go or not  
● Picture by Rebecca Hearfield



# Mayor Fabel stirs up a rumpus

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Own Correspondent

MAYOR of Johannesburg Ernie Fabel caused a rumpus in Israel this week when he said imprisoned ANC leader Nelson Mandela "should have been killed"

## FABEL

Fabel's remark — which has sparked an international controversy — was made during a three-day visit to Israel on the invitation of the Mayor of Jerusalem.

Addressing a Press conference in Tel

Aviv, Fabel made the remark in reply to a question by an Israeli reporter on why the government would not release Mandela

The question was put to him by a correspondent for the BophuthsaTswana independent radio station, Music Radio 702, which yesterday broadcast the controversial reply.

Fabel said "Why does the world want him freed? He should have been killed in the first instance He is a terrorist Bu-

we try to talk, we try to cope with a situation. In any other country, in most countries, Mandela would not have been alive"

Yesterday the Department of Foreign Affairs declined to comment on Fabel's statement, saying the matter was a Johannesburg City Council affair.

A senior lecturer at the department of political studies at the University of the Witwatersrand, Phillip Frankel, said the remark was hysterical and commented "I'm sure this will be regarded as a major faux pas for the city council"

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# Rand mayor's view on Mandela

Own Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG — The full text of the Mayor of Johannesburg's controversial statement to an Israeli reporter was broadcast on Bophuthatswana's independent radio station, Music Radio 702, yesterday morning.

The mayor, Mr Ernie Fabel, caused a rumpus on an official visit to Israel this week when he said imprisoned ANC leader Mr Nelson Mandela "should have been killed".

A Radio 702 spokesman, Mr Chris Gibbons, yesterday rejected allegations by Mr Fabel that he was quoted out of context and ran the uncut interview at 7am and 8am yesterday.

Earlier this week, the chairman of the management committee, Mr Francois Oberholzer, said he had contacted Mr Fabel in Jerusalem. Mr Fabel told him he had been "quoted out of context".

The interview runs as follows.

Correspondent: "There have been several calls throughout the world to release Nelson Mandela. What is the reason behind the government's refusal to release him?"

The mayor: "Why does the world want him freed?"

Correspondent: "He is considered a leader of the black people."

The mayor: "He is a terrorist. He should have been killed in the first instance. He is a terrorist. But we try. We try to talk. We try to cope with a situation. In any other country, in most other countries, Mandela would not have been alive. But we thought that we could .. and you know that Mr Botha made him an offer which he would not accept."

Mr Fabel is on a visit to Denmark and could not be reached for comment.

# Mayor's Mandela remark upsets black councils

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By ELSABE WESSELS

JOHANNESBURG Mayor Mr Ernie Fabel has invoked the wrath of black mayors on the Reef by saying that ANC leader Nelson Mandela "is a terrorist and should have been killed a long time ago".

Mr Fabel's remark — at an official Press conference in Israel on the last day of a visit there en route to Europe — invited strong reaction from black leaders, who considered it an "ill-timed and insensitive faux pas".

The PFP caucus in the Johannesburg City Council also called for an urgent investigation into Mr Fabel's controversial statement.

Many believe that the incident will force black towns to reconsider their participation in the city's centenary celebrations next year.

"We will have to consider our position," said the Mayor of Alexandra, Dr Sam Bui.

"With such remarks he is definitely not promoting

goodwill."

The Mayor of Dobsonville, Mr Steve Nkatlo, said Mr Fabel "should be brought to book by his fellow councillors" for the remark.

"Mandela may have employed methods which were unacceptable to some people, but he is in jail for trying to liberate his people."

The leader of the Nationalist Party caucus in the council, Mr Jan Burger, yesterday defended Mr Fabel's comment.

"All he tried to do was to interpret the view of the judge who sentenced Mandela and also echo the comments made by the State President during his Durban address," he said.

Mr Obie Oberholzer, chairman of the management committee, said Mr Fabel had now been instructed not to discuss politics.

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# Germiston Council to be taken to court

THE SA Black Municipal and Allied Workers Union (Sabmawu) is taking the Germiston City Council to the Industrial Court for unfair labour practice following the dismissal of a top nursing sister

The dispute between Sabmawu and the council followed the suspension and subsequent sacking of Petronella Poho, a senior Sabmawu member, early this month

Poho, a nursing sister in charge of Katlehong Clinic, was allegedly dismissed for her involvement in politics — because she was a member of the union

She was also accused by the senior medical officer of health of calling nurses to meetings and forcing them to sign resolutions against the council

In her affidavit, Poho said the suspension and termination of her

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employment were based on unfounded and unjustified allegations

She also submitted that allegations of misconduct were untrue

According to papers filed with the Industrial Court by the union's legal representatives, Sabmawu wants the council to

Reinstate Poho on terms not less favourable than those governing her employment before she was fired

Make the order of reinstatement — to be fixed by the court — retrospective to the date Poho was suspended

Pay Poho's legal costs

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Vereeniging Bureau

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A special celebratory function was held in Vereeniging, the oldest town in the Vaal triangle, last night to mark the 1 000th ordinary monthly meeting of the local town council since its inception nearly 84 years ago.

Several former mayors and councillors of Vereeniging as well as reigning mayors of neighbouring towns attended this special event.

During the proceedings the Mayor of Vereeniging, Mr Francois van Staden, passed a motion of thanks to all past and present councillors and municipal officials for the diligence, enthusiasm and co-operation shown through the years.

He added that if one looked back at the town's achievements, one could also look back with pride at its rich history.

"The Vereeniging town council knows where it's going, and its achievements are markers for its future development," Mr van Staden said.

# D-Day for rent in the Vaal

By JOSHUA  
RABOROKO and  
THEMBA MOLEFE

TODAY is the D-Day for thousands of Vaal residents who have not arranged with the Lekoa Town Council to pay off their 13-month rent arrears.

The council in pamphlets sent to residents, warned of legal action if residents do not arrange to pay arrears by the end of the October

It has already sent notices informing residents that their site permits will be withdrawn

This means residents can be evicted — a threat which the council made since the residents refused to pay rent

Residents stopped paying rents since September, 1984

The council's warning is in conflict with the Government's stand on the Vaal rent crisis

Mr Sam de Beer, Deputy Minister of Development Aid, announced that action will only be taken after next May if residents continued to defy the order to pay

The minister said residents would face possible legal action or eviction if they did not obey the order by May

But the council's town clerk, Mr N Louw, said people could not continue to stay in houses if they did not pay for services

The warning by the council means that residents are expected to pay almost double amounts in rent a month with the arrears taken into account

On September 3 last year residents demanded that rents be reduced to R30 a month and that councillors should resign because they failed to meet the residents demands

The Sharpeville Civic Association, spearheading action against the council, has condemned the latest council moves

SCA's publicity secretary Mr Phillip Molefe said the residents' argument is that they were made to pay for certain services which were not provided by the council

Mr Molefe advised residents who might be evicted or prosecuted to contact the association, saying 'we shall fight this battle to the bitter end'

The Vaal Trade Union Co-ordinating Committee has also condemned the council's action and warned of industrial unrest

# Council acts on rent arrears

SOWETAN Reporter

SEVERAL Vaal Triangle residents have received summonses for not paying rent since September last year. More summonses are to follow, officials have warned.

Residents of the six townships in the area have refused to pay rent after the Lekoa Town Council increased rent by R5,90 from September 1984.

Already seven people have received summonses in Zamdela and are to appear in the Sasolburg Magistrate's Court soon. The SOWETAN established yesterday

Lekoa Town Clerk Mr N P Louw, said recently the council would "selectively" prosecute defaulters who had steady jobs.

Those who have received summonses include Mr Joseph Mhami, Mr Johannes Rampa, Mr John Mhapi, Mr Peter Pitso, Mr J Tsepetsi, Mr P Lengana and Mr Sam Mabye.

## Warning

Although Mr Louw could not say how many summonses had already been sent out, he said residents would appear in court every week.

Meanwhile opposition groups have warned that more unrest might erupt if the council continued to issue court summonses to thousands of residents.

This warning came from the Vaal Trade Union Co-ordinating Committee, the Vaal Civic Association and students, at a meeting in Vereeniging yesterday.

The meeting resolved that all residents who received summonses for rent should consult the organisation which would help them by getting legal advice.

An executive member of the VCA, Mr Sy Molotsi, said the council had been intransigent in not listening to the residents' demands.

"Their attitude made residents not pay rents."

"Now the council wants to force people to pay. This behaviour will only serve to anger residents."

"The council should stop issuing summonses because the results might be bitter," Mr Molotsi warned.

# 'We didn't plan to overthrow State'

By ALINAH DUBE

TWO men accused of killing a Sharpeville councillor last year did not intend to overthrow or endanger the State authority in the country, the Pretoria Supreme Court heard yesterday.

Mr Reid Malebu Mokoena (22) and Mr Oupa Moses Diniso (30), said this before Mr Acting Justice W J Human and two assessors.

They also told the court they did not intend bringing about any political industrial economic or constitutional change in the country nor did they induce the Government to do or not to do any particular thing or abandon its standpoint.

The two and six others are appearing in connection with the death of Mr Khuzwayo Jacob Dlamini the then Sharpeville deputy mayor on September 3 last year.

He was stoned and set alight by a rampaging club.

Other accused are Mr Motalefa Reginald Sefatsa (30), Ms Theresa Ramashamule (24), Mr Motseki Christiaan Mokubung (23), Mr Motsiri Gideon Mokone (21), Mr Duma Joshua Khumalo (26) and Mr Francis Don Mokgesi (28).

They also face another charge of subversion and alternative charges of malicious damage to property and

arson.

All have pleaded not guilty.

Mr Diniso said he had the firearms he was arrested in connection with after he had found three children arguing over them in the street.

He had asked if one of the children did not fear injuring others with the thing. The child's companions had suggested that Mr Diniso take it with him.

Mr Diniso said the firearm was kept at his house until it was handed over to the police on the day of his arrest.

But he told the court that the one produced as an exhibit in the court differed from the one police took from him.

Mr Mokoena said he was approached by a group of people on the morning of September 3 last year and was told that no one was supposed to go to work that day.

Residents, he said, had to go to the council offices to inquire about increased rent in the area.

The person who spoke to me was in a fighting mood.

I became frightened because I was even threatened that my home would be burnt in case I refused to go with those people.

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I joined the crowd he said.

But Mr Mokoena managed to run back home after police fired tearsmoke and rubber bullets at the corner of Sefatsa and Kodisane Streets. That was before the crowd had reached the dead man's house.

He pointed out to the court that the statement in which he agreed to having participated in a stone-throwing incident at Mr Dlamini's house was untruthful.

He added that the contents of that confession 'were things' that Mr Schoeman, a policeman, had told him to say before he was taken to the magistrate.



# Workers seek council jobs

Municipal Reporter

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The increase in unemployment has sent labourers streaming to apply for work at the Johannesburg City Council

This has resulted in considerable saving to the council, which in the past has had to look to the national and independent states for manual workers

Officials report that fewer than 10 percent of the 188 unskilled manual workers employed between January and the end of August this year have left the council

Most of these labourers were employed by the cleansing and roads and works branches of the city engineer's department, as well as by the electricity, parks and recreation and housing departments

# 900 sites on offer at Mams



**HOMES for people.**  
THE Mamelodi Town Council has set aside 900 sites for low income housing.

The mayor Mr Zikhali Ndlazi told The SOWETAN yesterday that of the sites allocated, 500 would be developed by a self-help organisation.

He said this would give residents a chance to build their own houses

Prices of the two-bed-roomed and three bed-roomed houses will range from R6 000, he said

The rest would be sold directly to the pub-

"We are trying to get most of the people on the waiting list housed as soon as possible

"The council is also considering applying for a loan for infrastructure in the area," said Mr Zikhali

This project, near Eerste Fabriek, is scheduled to start in March next year

There are about 3 500 people on the housing waiting list

Mr Ndlazi said the council was negotiating for more land to ease the housing shortage in the townships

He said about 1 300 houses would also be built soon in Mamelodi East Extension

## 3rd DEATH IN SISHI FAMILY

A SISTER of the Baragwanath Hospital nurse who was burnt to death during the nurse's strike died at the hospital on Tuesday night.

This brings to three the number of people from the same family who have died after the attack on their Dube home with an explosive device on November 24.

Mrs Gertrude Sishi (the mother) died on the spot after the attack and her daughter, Nurse Flavia Nomthandazo Sishi, died the following day at Baragwanath Hospital

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# Edenvale

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## forced to resign

East Rand Bureau

The flamboyant Mayor of Edenvale, Mr Neels Scheepers, has been forced to resign as the town's first citizen because of unbecoming conduct

The Town Clerk, Mr Frikkie Mulder, said a committee had been appointed to investigate Mr Scheepers' conduct and found 15 incidents which were unbecoming to a mayor

The incidents investigated included the purchase of a R75 bouquet on the mayoral account for Mrs Scheepers' stepdaughter, using the mayoral parlour for a private party, encouraging traffic officers to drink on duty, and hiding a traffic policeman's car

Mr Scheepers, who had served on the council since 1977, said he had hidden a traffic inspector's car because he had found the keys in the ignition, and wanted to teach him a lesson

He said he had bought his stepdaughter flowers for her assistance during his term of office. He said he saw nothing wrong in holding his son's 21st birthday party in the mayoral parlour

Mr Scheepers, who was Mayor of Edenvale three times and Deputy Mayor twice, said he liked to play pranks on people but meant no harm to anyone

# Civic association reveals council's strategy on rent arrears

# VALENTINE CRISIS: NEWSPAPER OVERS

THE Sharpeville Civic Association yesterday said it had discovered a new strategy of the Lekoa Town Council to collect rent from residents.

**By NKOPANE MAKOBANE**

Several weeks ago the council issued summonses to some residents but apparently this has not produced the desired results (266)

According to the proposals Vaal businessmen and other people considered able to pay would be the first targets. But the council's proposals stress that all steps taken must be reasonable and fair. SOWETAN

Organisations seen as revolutionary would not be negotiated with and hostile residents would be identified. Civil proceedings would be taken against them. The first proposals stated that this must not be done in an "obvious" way.

## Students

Job creation projects would also be used and part of the wages paid would be used for rent arrears.

The Department of Constitutional Development and Planning was to be approached for legislation that would make it possible for the council to get employers to deduct rent arrears from employees. But all deductions would not exceed 20 percent of the employee's salary or wages.

The proposals discussed by the executive committee also mentioned using first-year students at Vista University to help collect rentals and educate residents on the issues involved.

At a Press conference in Johannesburg the association released minutes of an executive committee meeting of the town council on November 4 in which wide-ranging proposals were discussed to get residents to pay their accrued rent. 19/12/88

According to the documents presented at the conference, the security forces, the Department of Constitutional Development and Planning, the Department of Education and Training, commerce and industry and radio and television would be used in this regard.

Vaal residents have not paid rent since September last year when unrest erupted in the area. Repeated attempts by the local authority to get residents to pay arrear rents have failed.

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# Residents win fight

By Gary van Staden, Political Reporter

The coloured township of Ennerdale on Johannesburg's south-west flank has won its battle against autonomy and will remain under the jurisdiction of the Peri Urban Board.

Mr David Curry, Minister of Local Government, Housing and Agriculture in the House of Representatives, told the Ennerdale Residents' and Ratepayers' Association (ERRA) last week that the township would not be granted autonomy.

The ERRA, which has been fighting autonomy since the local management committee requested it several months ago, has welcomed Mr Curry's announcement.

"We are grateful that the issue has been resolved and we will not be forced into accepting autonomy. We were not consulted on the issue in the first place and the management committee was unable to give us satisfactory answers to questions we raised — especially in regard to how an autonomous local authority in Ennerdale would be financed," an ERRA spokesman said.

The spokesman said the Peri Urban Board would officially cease to function on June 30 but would carry on as normal for a year.

He said the issues which would have to be resolved included who would be responsible for the administration of Ennerdale in the interim, what sources of funds for future development were available and to whom would the Peri Urban Board hand over.

**OUBERHOLZER defeats PFP call for open amenities**

# City lambasted on apartheid stand

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By Shirley Woodgate,  
Municipal Reporter

The Johannesburg City Council was lambasted last night for perpetuating apartheid in toilets, swimming pools and recreation centres — in spite of President Botha's statement that apartheid was dead.

Speaking during his motion calling for all council facilities to be opened to all races, Mr Geoff Stark of the Progressive Federal Party said that not one of national laws relating to the mixed amenities supported the council's present policy.

He said apartheid existed because the council chose it. He offered to represent in court any person turned away from amenities for reasons of race.

## 'Nat bedfellows'

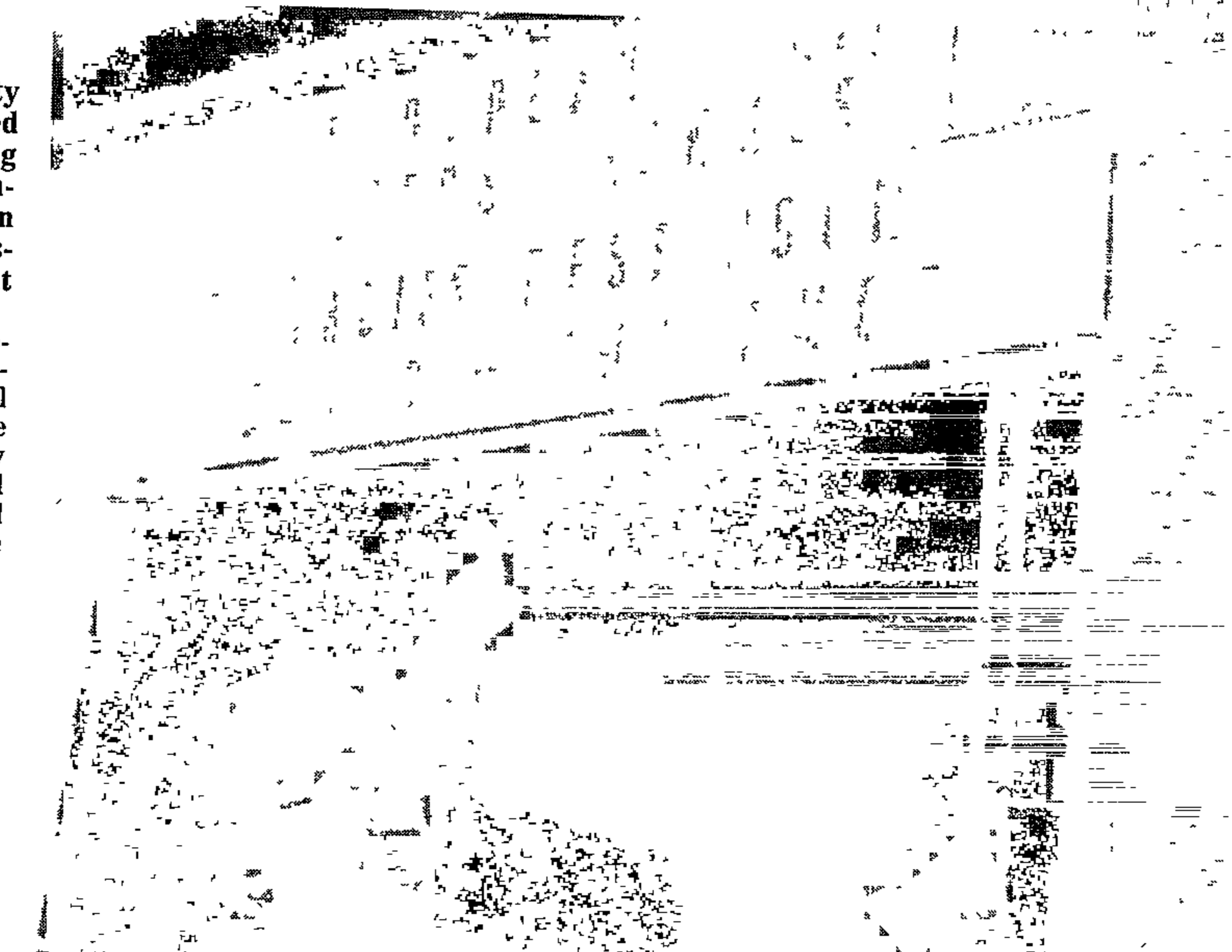
He was supported by Mr Les Dishy (PFP) "The management committee accepts integrated services and knows it is essential and right, yet it opposes the motion."

Mr Elliot Kretzmer (PFP) said, "Blacks have become an intrinsic part of our society and it is our duty to provide for their leisure activities."

Mrs Molly Kopel (PFP) said, "We want to see a totally open city the sooner we eliminate racism the sooner we can survive."

Mr Ian Davidson (PFP) accused management committee chairman Mr Francois Oberholzer of having lost his courage because of his National Party bedfellows.

Mrs Claire Quail (PFP) said a survey had shown that less than 10 percent of the people in Pieterburg supported mixed



City councillor Mr Geoff Stark (PFP) last night raised the issue of apartheid in public toilets and introduced in toilets like these at the City Hall where black or white pictographs subconsciously

swimming pools — "but we are not Pieterburg"

Mr Tom Leon (PFP) said there was nothing more degrading than the cause of skin colour.

Only Mr Oberholzer spoke on behalf of the ruling coalition.

He said the realities and the responsibilities should be considered. The State had its back to the wall — "Must we rock the boat?"

The choice about opening facilities should be a local one. "Councillors should consult their ratepayers, and this management

committee will listen with a sympathetic ear if they have a mandate."

Mr Oberholzer added that if the assembled blacks wished, there would be nothing to negotiate on concessions.

Independents Mr Ron Selley and Mr Lionel Keenan left the chamber before the vote.

Mr Stark's motion was defeated. Mr Oberholzer's amendment was adopted. It took note of President Botha's statement that "we have outgrown apartheid" and supported him in his initiative for change.



# Shah urges House to investigate single Lenasia authority

The House of Delegates has been urged to appoint a committee to investigate the feasibility of consolidating Lenasia and its various extensions under a single local authority.

The chairman of the Lenasia South East Management Committee, Mr M S Shah, asked the House to appoint a new committee of people familiar with Lenasia.

He said "It would be ridiculous for people outside the area to serve on the committee as they would not be familiar with the problems of Lenasia residents.

"We have been fighting for years for the appointment of one local authority as it is not practical to have two local authorities for the same area."

Lenasia was originally controlled by the Peri-Urban Board, but in 1971 the Johannesburg City Council took over con-

trol of Lenasia's extensions one to seven. Extensions eight to 11 and Lenasia South, which were built later, are administered by the board.

Mr Shah said consolidation would result in the equalisation of tariffs in Lenasia.

His committee had resolved to request the Demarcation Board to look into the question of incorporating the whole of Lenasia within the boundaries of the city council.

The move was supported by the chairman of the Lenasia Management Committee, Mrs Rashida Ebrahim.

The move for the establishment of a committee follows a recent meeting between the Indian Housing Minister, Mr Baldeo Dookie, senior officials of the city council, the Peri-Urban Board and the Transvaal Provincial Administration, and the heads of the Lenasia management committees.

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# TONY LEON

Newly-elected Johannesburg City Councillor, Tony Leon, didn't realise the municipal campaign would become such a media event. But the Bellevue election, which Progressive Federal Party (PFP) candidate Leon (29) won by 39 votes, came to be regarded almost as a "small referendum" — a chance to breach the PFP hold on Johannesburg's north-eastern suburbs.

His opponent, National Party (NP) candidate "Suicide Sam" Bloomberg, Leon says, had five professional organisers working for him, was publicly backed by Pik Botha, had 10 minutes exposure on a TV actuality programme, and had R25 000 spent on his campaign, compared with half of that spent on the PFP campaign. In addition, PFP leader Frederik van Zyl Slabbert and then Alex Boraine resigned smack in the middle of Leon's campaign.

Leon attributes his victory to "sheer hard work in a political sense" by himself, by the party political organisation, and the backing of PFP MP for Yeoville, Harry Schwarz.

The fact that both he and Bloomberg were Jewish neutralised any effect the candidates' religion might have had on the voters in the strongly Jewish constituency, he feels.

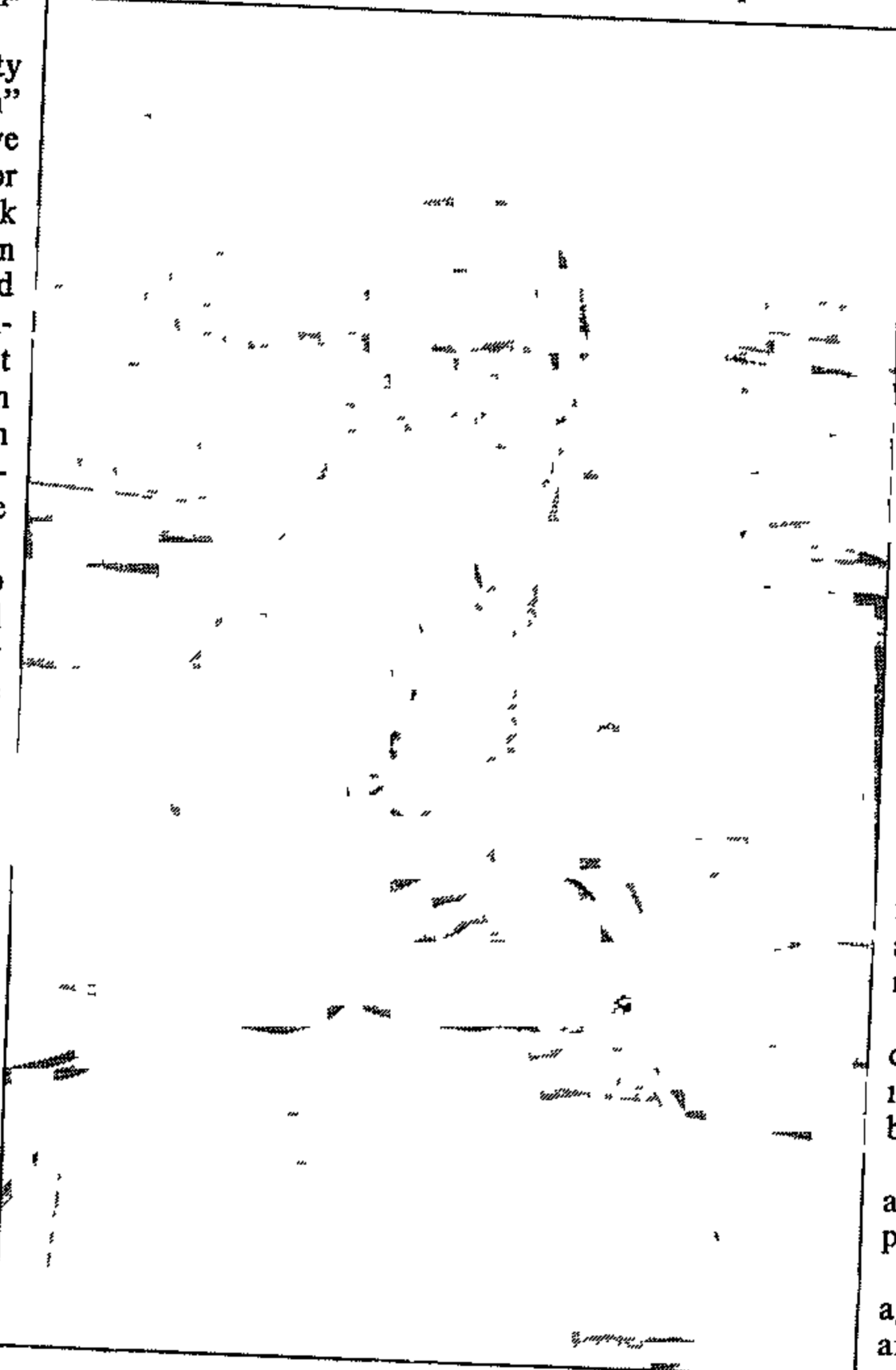
Leon makes much of his youth. "South Africa has a septuagenarian State President making decisions that affect people like me in their twenties," he says. "It's up to young people to get involved in public life. The older generation has had its chance."

Getting involved in the process of change is a way to "help fight the feeling of alienation" which causes young people to emigrate. Leon felt completely "alienated" after the tri-cameral referendum returned a "yes" vote. "It was the most depressing time in my life," he recalls.

Unmarried, he enjoys "jolling around" and approves of the café society of Bellevue's Rocky Street. But he's opposed to the plan to turn local landmark, the Pic-

cadilly cinema, into a discotheque and has been active in getting signatures on a petition to stop this.

Born in Durban, Leon underwent a "very Methodist education," first at Clifton Preparatory School, then Kearsney College, before coming to Johannesburg. Yes, he is fulfilling his promise to take up



residence in his ward and is now house-hunting in Bellevue.

His national service also based him in Johannesburg, on *Paratus* magazine, after a spell at Potchefstroom in the artillery.

His job on *Paratus* led to his being the first national serviceman to travel overseas with the navy in peacetime, visiting New York in 1976 during the American

bicentennial celebrations.

After that he paid his dues in student politics at the University of the Witwatersrand where he did a BA majoring in political science, then an LL B.

Politics came naturally, he says, since he was involved with the Progs "almost from birth."

His father, a Supreme Court judge in Natal, now divorced from his mother who lives in Johannesburg, was a staunch supporter of the party and he joined the Progs at the age of 10.

He is not disturbed by the recent resignations of Van Zyl Slabbert and Boraine, though he says it made his campaign that much harder. "I do not buy the argument that one must sit on one's hands and not dirty one's cuffs."

Though, he admits, the party has recently "gone through a rough patch," he considers it to be more relevant now, rather than less, keeping open channels of communication and representing those who are not otherwise represented.

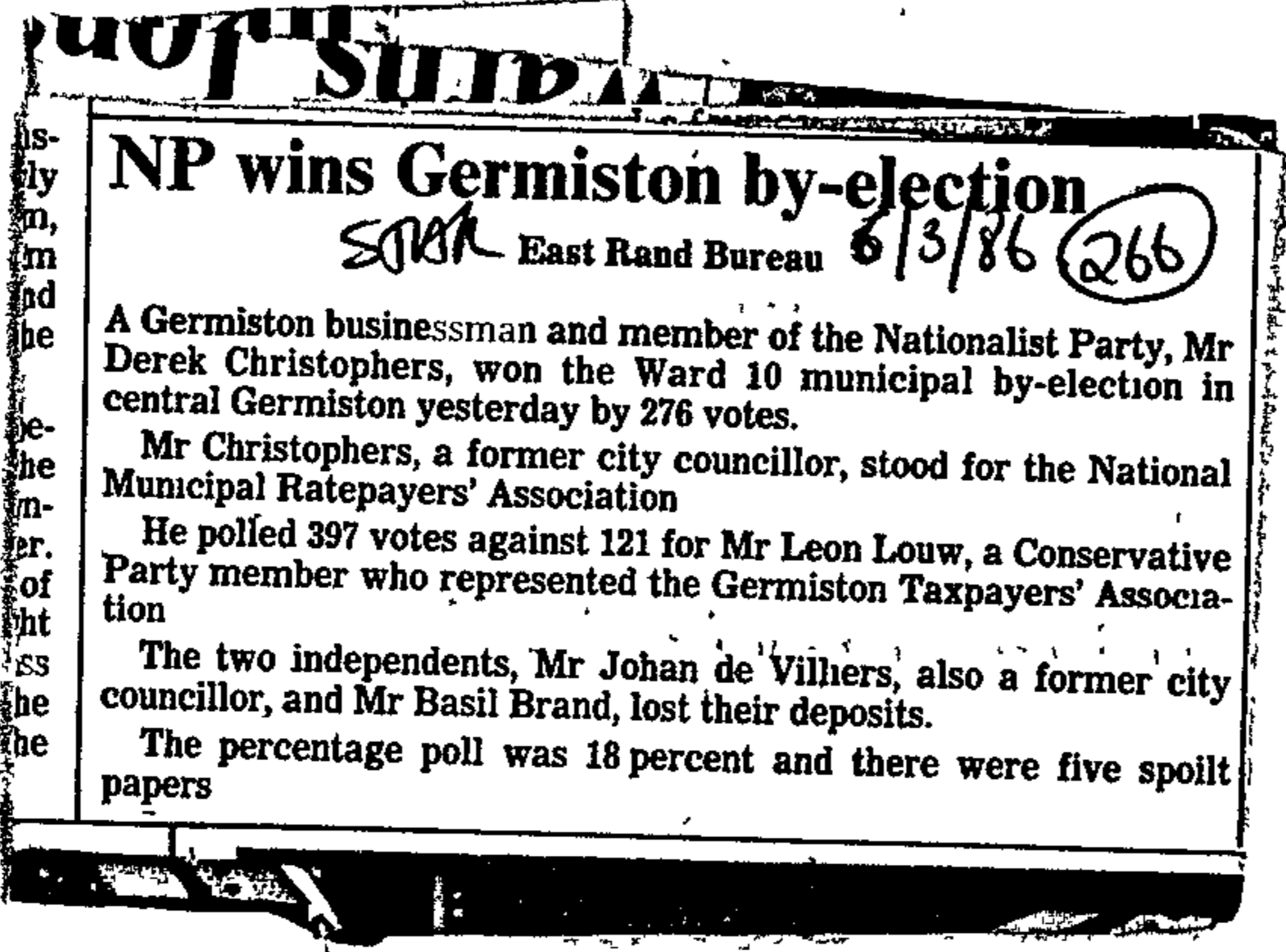
This is one of the things he intends doing on the council, together with "shaking some people up," especially the management committee, which he believes is part of a process in which Johannesburg is ruled by stealth.

This offends him, he says, especially as a lecturer (at Wits) teaching constitutional law. "I'm a great believer in answerability."

"Byzantine" planning decisions are being taken without asking people, he says.

Ordinary people must be encouraged to stand up for their rights, and the advantage of being a lawyer (commercial by training) is that he has experience in helping people do this.

For the moment, he intends focusing on the "nuts and bolts stuff" of being a councillor, his immediate aim is to institute residents' associations. By the time the next election comes around, he says, very sure of himself, he'll have seen to it that Bellevue will be a "safe seat for the PFP."



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# NP wins Germiston by-election

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A Germiston businessman and member of the Nationalist Party, Mr Derek Christophers, won the Ward 10 municipal by-election in central Germiston yesterday by 276 votes.

Mr Christophers, a former city councillor, stood for the National Municipal Ratepayers' Association

He polled 397 votes against 121 for Mr Leon Louw, a Conservative Party member who represented the Germiston Taxpayers' Association

The two independents, Mr Johan de Villiers, also a former city councillor, and Mr Basil Brand, lost their deposits.

The percentage poll was 18 percent and there were five spoilt papers

# Ennerdale STAR municipality 3/2/76 plan queried

By Michael Tissong 266

A public meeting to discuss the proposal reported in newspapers at the weekend that Ennerdale township, 41 km south of Johannesburg, be an autonomous municipality with its own mayor, will be held today

Two Afrikaans newspapers said the township would be autonomous on July 1 and that the present management committee would be replaced with a local authority structure.

The structure would be the third tier in a system of government which includes Parliament at national level, the Regional Services Councils at provincial district level and the local authorities in residential areas

One of the residents who signed a petition at the weekend with 2100 other residents opposed to the move said the management committee's decision had been taken without the knowledge of the residents

# Move on <sup>12/2/86</sup> 'dustbowl'

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Municipal Reporter

The "Lenasia Dustbowl" Action Committee is waiting impatiently for the go-ahead for plans to improve the centre of the area's main business complex.

In November 1985 the Centenary Festival Committee (CFA) indicated it was contemplating three Lenasia projects the development of the "dustbowl" which has been a problem for the past 20 years, construction of a community centre and the creation of a facility for senior citizens

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At that stage the CFA needed the approval of Johannesburg's management committee for the upgrading of the "dustbowl", but in the ensuing two months rain had turned the dustbowl into a quagmire, said Action Committee chairman Mr Hussain Bismilla

He has now urged the CFA to try to get a decision from management committee chairman Mr Francois Oberholzer, who encouraged acceptance of the project in the centenary programme

Mr Bismilla repeated his call for assistance to be provided by the banking and financial institutions doing business in the "dustbowl" area



# BLACK WOMAN'S NOTE TO POLICEMAN

TEN Sebokeng residents who are charged with the killing of two people in the area pleaded not guilty in the Pretoria Supreme Court yesterday.

The accused, nine men and a woman, were making a first appearance before Mr Justice van der Walt and two assessors.

They are Mr Ratsiane Samuel Mashela (64), Mr Lazarus Bikiyana Kolokoto (25), Mr Thami Mayfair Zwane (25), Mr Sidwell Sealane Mpela (25), Mr Khoase Michael Phakwe (22), Mr Pule Thomas Maune (24), Mr Playmatic Rentleneng Kolobe (28), Ms Qu Lady Marcia Sobekwa, (32), Mr Zwelakhe Josias Zwane (25) and Mr Khulu Jacob Mthembu (20).

They are facing two counts of murder and another charge of subversion.

The case arises from the death of Mr Caesar Motjeane, then a town councillor, and Mr Phineas Matibidi during the Vaal Triangle unrest a year ago. Both killings took place after a rampaging mob allegedly started stoning and burning property in the township on September 3, 1984.

This was shortly after a residents' meeting at a local Roman Catholic Church that day, it was said.

The State alleged that Mr Motjeane and Mr Matibidi were assaulted with stones and objects, and or stabbed and set alight. They died as a result.

A Vanderbijlpark district surgeon, Dr D B H le Roux, told the court that Mr Motjeane's body had two bullet wounds in the right hip when he examined him two days after his death.

By ALINAH DUBE

He said he died as a result of multiple injuries.

Of Mr Matibidi, Dr le Roux said although he had a stab wound on the heart, the destruction of his skull could have caused his death. "His facial bones were completely shattered. The whole outline of the head was deformed," he said.

A Soweto police officer, Colonel Simon Sauer, told the court that on the day of the killings he was sent to investigate allegations of unrest in Sebokeng.

He said that when he arrived at the late councillor's house, he found the half-burnt body of a man at the gate. Three cars were also burnt, he said.

During his investigations, he said, he was shown a house situated

not far from that of the dead councillor and found his body lying in the backyard. "There were a lot of stones next to him and the injuries he had on his face showed that he could have been stoned earlier," Colonel Sauer said.

Shops were burnt, roads barricaded and property destroyed in unrest incidents that day, he said.

While continuing with his investigations, Col Sauer said he suddenly felt someone putting "something in my hand. It was a piece of paper from a black woman whom I could not identify."

After perusing the paper, the police official said he found a list of names of people he believed were either witnesses or suspects in the case.

Under cross-examination by Advocate David Soggot, the colonel said he was not sure of how many names were in the piece of paper but admitted that the last two names could not have been included in the list when he received it from the unknown woman on the day of the killings.

He said he did not count the names but handed the list over to one of the policemen who were involved in the investigations. "I only made sure that it was going into the right docket," he said.

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14 000 sign 'move Munsieville' petition

# Residents join forces on security

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By Karen Bowes,  
West Rand Bureau

Dan Pienaarville residents have decided to attend a meeting of the Krugersdorp Action Group next week to air their grievances on the security situation in the suburb after last week's petrol-bomb attack on a home.

A spokesman for the residents told *The Star* that following a meeting on Saturday they had decided to affiliate with the other group and have strength in numbers, as they were "fighting a losing battle" with local authorities. They could also not afford to organise their own meeting.

The spokesman said although the defence force patrolled the area between Dan Pienaarville and Munsieville 24 hours a day,

no solution on permanent security had been reached in previous discussions with local authorities and the residents were still uneasy about the future and the decline in property values.

## Not political

Chairman and founder of the action group Mr Johan Wepner was reluctant to disclose what would be discussed at the meeting, but said the group had a petition requesting Munsieville be moved signed by nearly 14 000 Krugersdorp residents.

"The meeting is in no way political, nor are we fighting for the white residents of Krugersdorp alone. We are fighting for the people of Krugersdorp. Many home-owners in Munsie-

ville are not happy to live in the township because there are inadequate facilities. We are not just driving them out — they would rather live in Kagiso and many have said they are prepared to sign our petition," he said.

In November last year, the Government announced what was believed to be the end of a 25-year struggle between residents and local authorities, when they said Munsieville would have to stay due to a lack of funds. Instead, funds were set aside to extend and improve the township, as the cost of moving residents and re-establishing the township ran into several million rand.

The meeting is to be held in the Krugersdorp Town Hall on February 12 at 7 pm.

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# A COUNCILLOR'S LAST MOMENTS

**A PRETORIA Supreme Court judge heard yesterday how a Sebokeng councillor crawled into his house after he was attacked by a rampaging mob in the township.**

Giving evidence before Mr Justice E H Stafford and two assessors was Mrs Maria Ku-

## Meeting

**THE Soweto Parents Crisis Committee will meet Soweto student representatives and their principals on Sunday.**

The meeting — the first of its kind since the education crisis started — will be held at the Funda Centre in Diepkloof from 2 pm.

SPCC spokesman, the Reverend Molefe Tsele, said this was a "crucial" meeting. A decision will be taken on writing examinations this year.

## Witness tells of 'violent mob'

nene She was giving evidence before the court against the six Sebokeng residents who are charged with the murder of Mr Jacob Chakane, then a town councillor.

Mrs Kunene told the court that she watched from a distance as "a violent mob" marched to the house of the dead man on December 3, 1984.

According to the charge sheet, Mr Chakane was assaulted and stoned. His house was also burnt.

Those charged are Mr Tladi Mokoena (31), Mr Johannes Msebenzi Radebe (21), Mr Oupa Elias Molefe (30), a 16-year-old youth, Mr Patrick Malefane Sikiti (29), and Mr Petrus Motaung (21). They face

another charge of subversion. They have pleaded not guilty to the charges.

"At about 8.15am I heard a noise coming from the direction of a nearby shopping complex. When I went out to investigate, I saw a large crowd standing at a distance of about five

houses from that of the dead councillor," Mrs Kunene said.

"They hurled stones at him. Although I could see him clearly from where I stood, I did not see him being struck by any of the stones," she said.

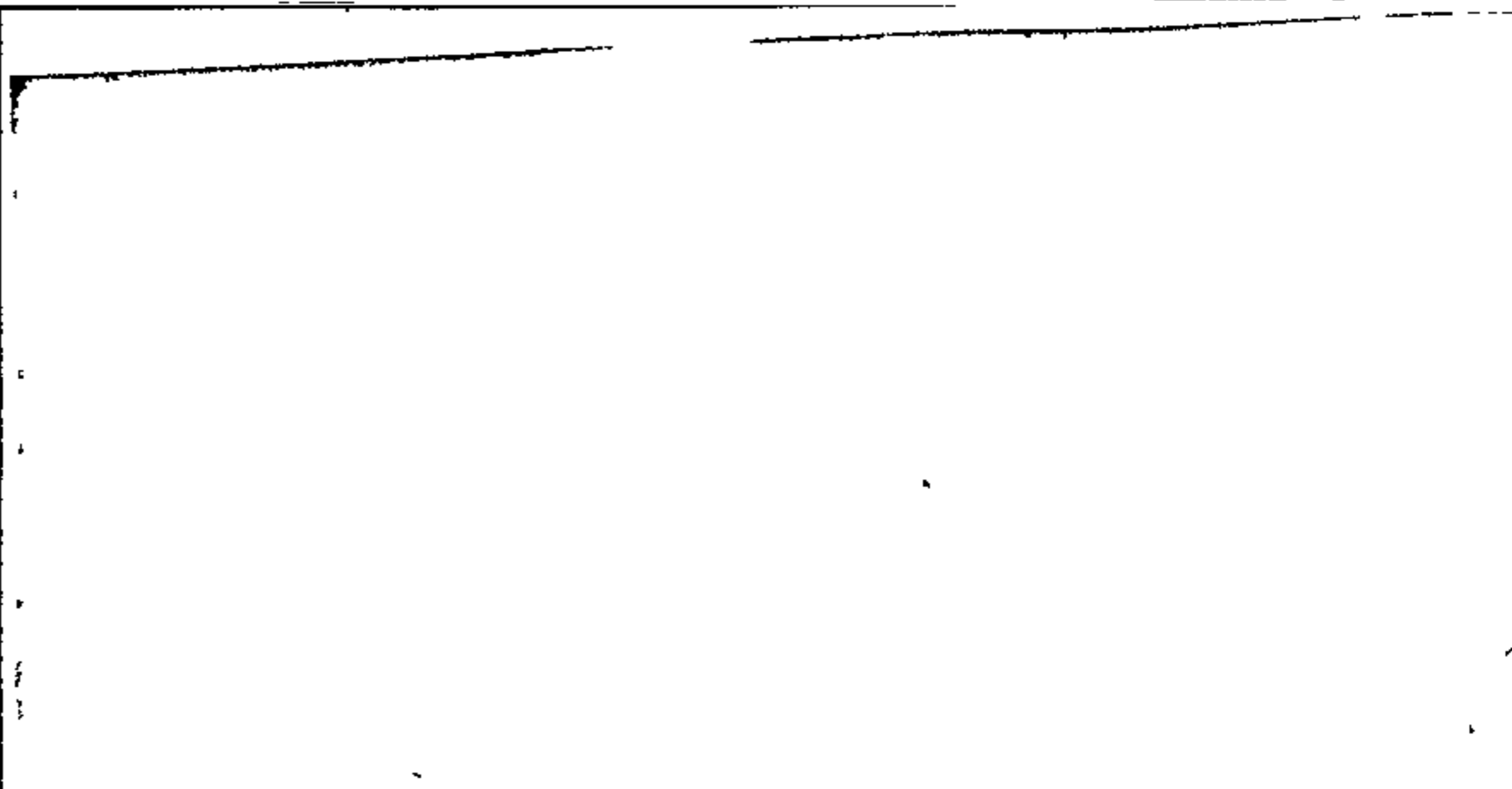
The witness also told the court that she left the scene of the incident after police arrived. She heard a shot fired.

After she had gone back to her house, she added, the police re-

grouped and there was noise near Mr Chakane's house.

She left her house for the second time to find out what the noise was about. "I stood at the corner not far from his house and saw him crawling into his house. People were moving in and out of his yard," she said.

According to Mrs Kunene, the councillor was later removed from the scene in an ambulance. (Proceeding)





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### ANC fear prompts bus guards

PRETORIA — This city's council has put armed guards on some of its buses as a preparation for ANC attacks on soft targets

The mayor, Dr Pieter Kruger, said it was still an experiment, "but rather safe than sorry"

A council spokesman described the move as a trial. He said it was to protect council property, and not specifically to protect schoolchildren

Mrs M C Opperman, an organizer of a petition for the protection of schools, said that armed guards were not enough.

She said schools should also be properly fenced, have alarm systems linked to police stations and have controlled and guarded entrances — Sapa

Water,  
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# Council in drastic move

Sowetan 11/2/86

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**WATER and electricity tariffs in Katlehong, Germiston will be increased from March 1.**

Katlehong residents owe the town council R4,7-million in rent arrears.

Mr Thami Siluma, the mayor of Katlehong, yesterday warned that the Katlehong Town Council will take strong action against all those families who were in arrears with their rents.

He said that for the past two years the council had spent a lot of money for the supply of water and electricity in the township and that it was getting far less money from the residents for these ser-

## SOWETAN Reporter

vices

"We have been working at a loss and to balance our books properly we have no alternative but to increase the tariffs as from the beginning of next month," he said.

### Business rates

The new tariffs are as follows:

- Metered water will be increased from 34 cents per kilolitre to 54 cents per kilolitre.
- Unmetered water will be increased from R4,50 to R7 per month per site

• Residents will be charged a monthly levy of R1 per meter.

• Businesses will pay 60 cents per kilolitre compared to the 34 cents per kilolitre they used to pay in the past and they will also pay a meter levy of R5 a month per business site.

The council has also increased electricity from 2,74 cents per unit for the first 30 units to 0,45 cents per unit.

The council has decided that every family should pay rent before the 15th of each month and that all families who are in arrears for a period of more than three months should have their water and electricity supply discontinued.

## Councillors reject PW's new council

STAR 12/2/88 (266)  
The West Rand Urban Councils' Association (Weruca), which includes town councillors from Soweto and Alexandra, has rejected participation in the State President's national statutory council "because we do not have the mandate from the people"

Several of South Africa's homeland leaders yesterday criticised the State President for his public reprimand of the Foreign Minister, Mr Pik Botha, saying their future participation in the national statutory council was now in jeopardy

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# Transvaal needs R738m advance

THE Transvaal Provincial Council has been asked to approve a part appropriation of R731m.

Administrator Willem Cruywagen said the money was needed to bridge the five-month gap between next month's financial year-end and the implementation of the 1986/87 budget in August.

He said the R731m was merely an advance made necessary by a number

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of payments due early in the new financial year.

A further R7m was required by the roads director to finance plant purchases, bringing the total required to R738m.

Cruywagen was introducing the second reading of the Part Appropriation Draft Ordinance.

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# Black councils are puppets, court told

SAHA 266  
By Estelle Trengove

Blacks in the Vaal Triangle rejected community councils as puppets of the white authorities, offered as a substitute for meaningful political rights, a Transvaal Supreme Court has heard.

A man, who may not be identified, yesterday gave evidence in the Delmas hearing of 22 men charged with high treason, including members and supporters of Azapo, the Vaal Civic Association and prominent members of the United Democratic Front.

The witness sketched the general perceptions of his community, just before the unrest broke out in the Vaal Triangle in 1983.

During cross-examination by Mr George Bizos, counsel for the 22 accused, he agreed that his community regarded councillors as puppets of white men.

## FEW PEOPLE VOTED

He said he was a member of Azapo and Azapo, as well as practically every other organised political group, opposed community councils.

Very few people voted for the Vaal Triangle community council, he said "The people, including myself, felt they were not representing us"

If the people had political rights, however, they would not object to a local council running sewerage, road-building and refuse removal.

Vaal Triangle people also felt they were paying higher rents than those in other townships

There were persistent rumours of corruption in the system, for example in house allocations. He himself had waited for years for a house

He said the clenched fist sign was not exclusive to the African National Congress. He agreed with Mr Bizos that it had become a symbol of black unity.

The hearing will continue on Monday.

WHEN the Urban Bantu Council was established in Soweto in 1968, the then deputy Minister of Bantu Administration, Mr Blaar Coetzee, said the new body was nothing more than an advisory body with a different name and a fancy office.

He said the body was not going to have any powers and was not here to satisfy the political aspirations of any of the men who sat on it. Mr Blaar's statement was not taken lightly by the black community.

It became one of the reasons why the UBC system was never popular among blacks. It was also one of the causes of the 1976 uprisings and the forced mass resignations of UBC members and the subsequent collapse of the black local government in Soweto in 1977.

### Rent

The most contentious issue which led to the UBC's collapse was the rent issue. Since blacks were regarded as temporary sojourners in "white" South Africa, they had no land ownership rights in urban areas and could only stay in houses rented from white city councils.

The formation of the UBC was to take over the administration of the council-owned houses.

But since the UBC had no sources of revenue, they had to rely on liquor sales and rent payments for their own income.

This meant that rent

# Resistance to councils growing

## FOCUS

By SAM MABE



Mr BLAAR COETZEE... then deputy.

had to be increased from time to time — in some cases, by up to 80 percent at a time. In the mid-70s, there was an economic recession in South Africa. Many people were unemployed and could not afford the increases.

It was also during this period that the Government was in the process of "cleaning South Africa" — ensuring that all blacks, except for those who were in employment within "white" South Africa, were moved to the bantustans.

The Bantu Affairs

Administration Boards were formed to see to that through strict enforcement of the pass law system.

Today, the Government has recognised the permanence of some blacks in urban areas. It has also admitted that the pass law system is no good and has to be scrapped before the end of 1986.

In July 1976, Mr Isaac "Tshombe" Meletse, of NICRO, was quoted as saying that the image of the UBC had been so tarnished that nothing would make the

people change their minds about them.

Ten years later today, Mr Meletse's statement still holds true. In 1977 the UBC were given additional powers and functions and were called Community Councils.

There were further changes in 1983 when their status was elevated to that of village, town and city councils. But blacks remain unimpressed. They still detest the system and have demonstrated this by killing those councillors who refused to resign from these bodies.

In the Eastern Transvaal, rent increases of between R3 and R14 a month have been rejected by residents who have plunged the townships of Waterval Boven, Barberton, Carolina, Breyten, Piet Retief and Amsterdam into unrest.

The homes of councillors and development board property have been destroyed — by being stoned and set alight.

The presence of security forces in the area has only fuelled the people's anger and violent clashes between them and residents have been reported from time to time.

The residents' refusal to pay rent has put a strain on the development boards' administration of the townships. At the moment, it has filed an application in the Pretoria Supreme Court to evict non-compliant families from

their houses.

In the Eastern Cape townships, the situation is worse than anywhere else in the country. The local government system has collapsed and the Government seems to have lost control over its houses in the area.

It is reported that residents and some officials of the Eastern Cape Development Board have asked the Minister of Constitutional Development and Planning, Mr Chris Heunis, to phase the bodies out because of their failure.

### Fear

At the moment, only 17 of the 45 community councils in the area that are still functioning. Besides the residents' refusal to pay rent, the authorities have no machinery to collect it, and about R12-million is owing from residents in rent and service fees.

In other parts of South Africa like in Soweto where the local authorities are still functioning, the situation remains uncertain. Councillors live in fear for their lives and many mayors' homes are under 24-hour police guard.

In the eyes of many blacks, the local authorities are still nothing other than what Mr Blaar described the UBC to be in 1968.

To change this perception, blacks might have to be party to the machinery which decides on the formation of such bodies.

*Handwritten notes:* Soweto 19/2/86

# The Town Hall call: Blacks out!

By NORMAN GREENBERG  
THE citizens of Krugersdorp are  
revolting

It's true. At a meeting in their Town Hall on Wednesday they adopted a near-unanimous motion of no-confidence in the entire town council and in their MP, Leon Wessels.

"Resign!" was the call and Munsieville was the issue.

Verging on the suburb of Dan Pienaarville, Munsieville is a black residential area. Conflict there has now spilled on to white streets. Residents of Dan Pienaarville complain bitterly of plummeting property values and — in spite of constant armed patrols in their neighbourhood — a rising crime rate and even petrol-bomb attacks on their homes.

Accordingly, a Munsieville Action Group has been formed, to demand nothing less than the removal of the entire black community to nearby (but comfortably further) Kagiso.

In three months, the anti-Munsievillers have collected more than 10 000 signatures for a petition urging that the township be wiped off the map. This total, they point out, exceeds the total number of votes cast in Krugersdorp in the last general election.

And indeed, their campaign — though seemingly directed at a local problem — has now entered the arena of party politics. At the well-attended meeting, speaker after speaker launched scathing attacks on the holy cows of Afrikanerdom. President PW Botha was laid into with ferocity, as was Deputy Law and Order Minister Adrian Vlok. The police and the SADF were accused of being unable to do their jobs.

One speaker warned what would happen if the petition were neglected by Cape Town. "We will shoot," he said. This the audience loved, almost as much as the threat that the scrapping of the Group Areas Act would lead to the "biggest bloodbath ever". And when the name of the Conservative Party was ultimately sung, the applause was overwhelming.

# Bloomberg denies using suicide stunt

By Susan Fleming

The National Party by-election candidate for Bellevue/Judith's Paarl, Mr Sam Bloomberg, last night denied he had recently rescued a 19-year-old mother from a high-rise ledge as a publicity stunt for his election campaign.

Speaking to about 500 people at a by-election meeting at the Yeoville Boys' High School, the head of Suicides Anonymous said it had not been unexpected he would be called away during his campaign to "save a life".

Mr Bloomberg, who received extensive newspaper and television coverage for the suicide rescue, was accused by Progressive Federal Party members and the family of the 19-year-old suicidal mother of using the incident to boost his by-election campaign.

Amid heckling and constant hissing and interruptions, Mr Bloomberg said his opposition had gone to the "radical" Press and had tried to destroy his credibility by implying he had used the incident as a publicity stunt.

The Minister of Foreign Affairs, Mr Pik Botha, told the meeting he was "disgusted by gossip stories" that Mr Bloomberg had used the suicide rescue as a publicity stunt.

Mr Bloomberg told the packed hall the PFP was in disarray. He added it was naive of the PFP to believe it had the monopoly of Jewish votes. "There are thousands of Jews actively supporting the National Party," he said.



on the hose and do with it whatever he likes on a Sunday [Interjections.]

**HANS WARD** 25/2/86  
Mr P R C ROBERTS asked the Minister of Education and Development Aid:

23 What was the cost of purchasing land for the purpose of consolidation as at the specified date for which figures are available?

24 The DEPUTY MINISTER OF DEVELOPMENT.

R1 101 000 000 on 31 December 1985.

**HANS WARD** 25/2/86  
\*26. Mr L F STORBERG asked the Minister of Home Affairs †

(1) What is the policy of the Government with regard to the reclassification of non-Whites as members of the White race group,

(2) (a) what total amount of Coloured persons, Indians and Blacks have been classified as members of the White race group in the latest specified period of 10 years for which figures are available and (b) what were the main reasons for this,

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

The MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS.

(1) The directions regarding the classification of persons are contained in the Population Registration Act, 1950, and the hon member is especially referred to sections 1(2) and 5 of that Act

(2) (a) The hon member is referred to the annual reports of the department concerned, that were published since 1972 and are available for perusal in the library of Parliament

(b) The reclassifications are due to the correction in accordance with the Population Registration Act of incorrect classifications.

(3) No

Certain constable: Investigation  
\*27. Mrs H SUZMAN asked the Minister of Law and Order: 25/2/86.

(1) Whether, with reference to his reply to Question No 1 on 11 June 1985, the board convened in terms of Police Regulation 64(1)(b) has completed its investigation, if not, why not; if so, what were the findings,

(2) whether any action has been taken against a certain constable, whose name has been furnished to the South African Police for the purpose of the Minister's reply, as a result of the findings of the board, if not, why not; if so, (a) what action and (b) what is the name of this constable,

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

†The MINISTER OF LAW AND ORDER:

(1) Yes, that the member is fit to remain in the Force

(2) Yes

(a) The Commissioner has decided to withhold the final ruling of the board for a period of twelve (12) months (that is until 19 June 1986) and has ordered that the member be seriously reprimanded by his Divisional Commissioner and that it will depend solely on himself whether he will remain in the Force any longer.

(b) Constable N B Harker

(3) The Divisional Commissioner shall report three-monthly to the Commissioner on the member's conduct, pro-

ductivity and general fitness, with a final report as soon as possible after 19 June 1986, whereupon a final ruling will be made.

**HANS WARD** 25/2/86  
Black towns: amounts in arrears  
\*28. Mr W L VAN DER MERWE asked the Minister of Constitutional Development and Planning: †

25 Whether resident of black towns in the Vaal Triangle area are in arrears with amounts that are payable to the State; if so, what total amount was so owing from 1 September 1983 until the latest specified date for which figures are available?

†The DEPUTY MINISTER OF CONSTITUTIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING

No amounts payable to the State are in arrears as these monies are payable to the Black Local Authorities

†Mr W L VAN DER MERWE: Mr Chairman, arising from the hon the Deputy Minister's reply, if any moneys are in arrears to the Black local authority, or if he knows the amounts, will it be recovered and from whom? [Interjections]

†The DEPUTY MINISTER Mr Chairman, it is an extremely complicated process to obtain the amounts from all the Black town councils. As far as I am aware when amounts are in arrears, which is usually the case, attempts are made to collect them from the persons owing them

†Mr H D K VAN DER MERWE. Mr Chairman, arising further from the hon the Deputy Minister's reply, does the hon the Deputy Minister know whether in fact moneys are in arrears?

†The DEPUTY MINISTER. Mr Chairman, moneys are always in arrears, in all residential areas that is so, but attempts are made to collect these moneys

**HANS WARD** 25/2/86  
Black towns: amounts in arrears  
\*29. Mr L F STORBERG asked the Minister of Constitutional Development and Planning: †

(1) Whether residents of Black towns in which riots occurred in the past year, are in arrears with amounts payable to the State in respect of (a) rent and (b) municipal services; if so,

(2) (a) what is the total amount owing in each case in respect of the latest specified period of 12 months for which figures are available and (b) in what way has this loss of revenue been financed in the meantime in each case;

(3) whether any steps are being taken to recover the moneys in arrears from the people concerned, if so, (a) what steps, (b) by whom and (c) with what result?

†The DEPUTY MINISTER OF CONSTITUTIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING

(1) (a) and (b) No amounts payable to the State in respect of rent and municipal services are in arrears as these moneys are payable to the Black local authorities/development boards. The hon member is, however, at liberty to approach the Black local authorities/development boards concerned directly for information

(2) (a) and (b) Fall away

(3) (a), (b) and (c) Black local authorities/development boards act in their own right without my or my Department's intervention and the information can therefore not be furnished.

†Mr S P BARNARD. Mr Chairman, arising out of the hon the Deputy Minister's reply, I would like to ask him whether the subsidising is done by the local authority or by the Government? I am now referring to subsidies which are necessary for reconstruction and alterations and for providing continued services in those areas.

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# PFP and NP both confident of win at Bellevue poll

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**PETER WALLINGTON, Political Reporter**

**BOTH** the PFP and NP are confident of victory in today's bitterly-contested "battle for Bellevue" municipal by-election

The Johannesburg joust has pitted a youthful PFP candidate, Tony Leon, against the National Party's Sam Bloomberg, a founder member of Suicides Anonymous and the SA Police Reserve.

At present the ruling NP/Independent Ratepayers' Association has 24 seats and the PFP 22.

PFP regional director Gary Cooney said yesterday that Leon had canvassed about 1 000 voters personally and was confident of victory if all those who had pledged their support voted

He said former PFP leader Frederik van Zyl Slabbert's resignation had not appeared to affect PFP morale in the ward. He pointed to last week's municipal by-election victory in Randburg, despite the "worst of circumstances".

Another factor in the PFP's favour is an indication that United Democratic Front supporters who live in the ward might vote for Leon.

Bloomberg remains confident he will win. He claims to have seen 60%-70% of the ward's voters and says they know him as a doer and a fighter.

Today's voting brings to an end a month of hard campaigning in which both parties have accused the other of smear tactics.

Perhaps the by-election will be best remembered for the controversy surrounding Bloomberg's involvement in the rescue of a young suicide case — and his subsequent appearance on SABC-TV's "Network" — a week before the election.

Leon charged that Bloomberg's appearance was a "grotesque abuse of television by the National Party", and said he found it interesting that Foreign Minister Pik Botha, who he said controlled the SABC, was heading Bloomberg's campaign.

Bloomberg hit back, saying the "daring and unusual" rescue was a coincidence and that the PFP could do with Bloomberg "to stop their political suicide".

The controversy flared again over the weekend when a Sunday newspaper reported that the saved woman's family were furious that Bloomberg had told an Afrikaans newspaper he planned to use photographs of the incident to hang in the election hall.

Bloomberg said he had spoken in jest.



● LEON



● BLOOMBERG

# Nats accused of Jaffe slur

By Janine Simon

A minor storm blew up at the Johannesburg City Council meeting last night when PFP councillor Mr Alan Gadd accused the National Party of casting a slur on the character of former Bellevue PFP councillor, the late Mr Aleck Jaffe.

Mr Gadd was referring to an NP campaign pamphlet which said voters had made a mistake in electing a Prog member to the council in the 1982 municipal election. Mr Jaffe won the Bellevue seat in 1982.

"We all know how hard Mr Jaffe worked for Bellevue," Mr Gadd said.

He also commented on an advertisement placed in a suburban newspaper by Mr Francois Oberholzer, chairman of the management committee and leader of the Independent Ratepayers' Association, urging voters to support Mr Sam Bloomberg in today's election.

He was ruled out of order.



Council contestants . . . (from left) Mr Harry Schwarz, PFP MP for Yeoville, Mr Tony Leon, new PFP councillor for Bellevue, Mr Alan Gadd, PFP campaign manager and defeated NP candidate Mr Sam Bloomberg outside the entrance to the Masonic Hall after Mr Leon's victory was announced last night

Picture by Rebecca Hearfield.

# 'Alive-and-well' PFP keeps Ward 30

Progressive Federal Party candidate Mr Tony Leon (29) last night won the Johannesburg Ward 30 municipal by-election by 39 votes, narrowly defeating Mr Sam Bloomberg of the National Party

Mr Leon's win in a 31,2 percent poll brought the PFP its second municipal by-election victory in a week. On February 19, PFP councillor for Blaargowrie South Mr Dick Muller held the Randburg Ward 6 seat by 58 votes

The result of the neck-and-neck struggle for the Bellevue/Judith's Paarl seat on the city council was Mr Leon 903, Mr Bloomberg 864. There were nine spoilt ballots

The results were announced to a crowd of more than 300 outside the Masonic Hall in Hunter Street, Bellevue, at 10 40 pm

Although figures showed a drop compared to the previous PFP majority of 371 — scored by Mr Aleck Jaffe in 1982 — the number of voters who supported the party in this election increased by more than 140. In 1982, the PFP received 760 votes

The PFP MP for Yeoville, Mr Harry Schwarz, said the party had gained an outstanding victory considering the resignation of Dr

Frederick Van Zyl Slabbert, the high quality of the NP opponent and the publicity Mr Bloomberg had received from the SABC

"This demonstrates that the PFP is alive, well and fighting," he said

Mr Leon, a Johannesburg attorney and law lecturer, has promised he will move into Bellevue and set up residents' associations. Mr Bloomberg said he felt the National Party had done "more than well" in an area which had been a PFP seat for 18 years

Mr Leon's victory does not alter the balance of power in the 47-member city council. The PFP has 23 seats while the ruling Nationalist/Independent Ratepayers' Association coalition holds 22. Two independents regularly vote with the coalition to give it a majority.

Police were called into the polling station at 8 50 pm when a PFP scrutineer found an unregistered voter trying to use his father's voter's number to cast a vote for the NP.

Mr Schwarz said the man agreed to give the PFP a signed statement apologising for his behaviour. The party declined to prosecute as it felt it would run the man's career

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# Council buys <sup>266</sup> <sup>STAR</sup> R300 000 home <sup>22/86</sup> for town clerk

Johannesburg's town clerk, Mr Manie Venter, has secretly moved into a luxury R300 000 house recently bought by the City Council and not made public "for security reasons"

The house was apparently extensively renovated at the council's cost before Mr Venter and his family moved in last month. Mr Venter, who is head of civil defence in Johannesburg, will apparently rent the house for an undisclosed sum.

The council's management committee approved the purchase and stopped it being discussed in open council because they claimed it was a security matter, said the Progressive Federal Party leader in the council, Mr Sam Moss.

Mr Venter and management committee chairman Mr Francois Oberholzer were not available for comment this morning.

The first the opposition PFP knew of the house was when residents noticed city council workers and trucks on the property. They called PFP councillors to find out why council officials were working on what they thought was private property.

PFP councillor Mrs Claire Quail said she estimated alterations to the house, which included adding a new suite, ran to thousands of rand.

## 'TOLD NOT TO PURSUE MATTER'

"I wanted to pursue this matter but was told it involved security," she said.

"In good times we may have said nothing about such a big expense, but I think other priorities are important now," she said.

Mr Moss said he did not think there was anything wrong in the council buying a home for the town clerk. "The town clerk is a very important official and he comes into contact with important overseas and local guests."

The management committee has apparently motivated the secret purchase in terms of Section 57 (5) of the Local Government and Elections Ordinance, which says "A management committee may, of its own accord, or by direction of the council, take steps which are within the power of the council, for the protection of the personnel or the property of the council or property under control of the council, against attacks or sabotage, and steps so taken shall be deemed to have been taken by the council."

The cost of buying such a house can apparently be shown in the budget estimates, but only in a general way. The ordinance bars publication of any information which contravenes this ordinance.

Details of the hush-hush purchase were published in today's *Weekly Mail*.

# Civic association and taximen in agreement

By Chris More

The Anglican Bishop of Johannesburg, the Rt Rev Desmond Tutu, together with the Soweto Civic Association (SCA), yesterday hosted a peace meeting between Soweto taxi owners' associations and local youths following their clash after a funeral about two weeks ago.

Their differences were amicably resolved when the two groups met at the Ipelegeng Community Centre in White City Jabavu and several resolutions aimed at restoring the peace were adopted.

In a statement released by the SCA, chairman Mr Isaac Mogase and the Rev Frank Chikane also announced that the taxi associations have offered to make available about 100 taxis for the joint funeral of at least four youths.

The names of the dead youths are Tshepiso Molokeng (19) of Naledi, Dennis Motsile (17) of Naledi, Xolie Khoza (16) of Jabulani and Nomthandazo Nkosi (18) of Senaoane.

Mr Chikane said the SCA was investigating the death of a Meadowlands youth who is alleged to have died in action with the police.

He said also, that another Meadowlands family was searching for their son, Lawrence Jhlivhali (16), who was reported dead by police.

The youth's mother, Mrs Motshakwa Jhlivhali, of Lebonyana Street, Zone Seven, said a policeman came to her home and told her that her son had been shot dead.

She went to the Government mortuary the next day to identify her son's body, but was told that the

body was not there. She was referred to Protea Police Headquarters but was sent back to the mortuary.

"We do not know what to do now. It is so frustrating to searching for a child not knowing if he was dead or alive," Mrs Jhlivhali said.

In resolutions adopted taximen made it clear that

- They condemn any action by taxi people who might have been involved in the December 23 incident.
- They would further investigate the allegations of the clash and bring those responsible to order.
- It was not their policy to attack or retaliate against any persons especially in the manner it was alleged happened on December 23.
- They have in the past worked with the community and made their taxis available to help at funerals.

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- They condemn any collaboration between some taxi people and the security forces.
- They are part of the community and support the struggles of their community and pledged to continue working with the community as they had done before.

The SCA resolved that

- Community organisations condemned any irresponsible actions on the part of the youths by hijacking our people's cars, especially taxis.
- The association pledged that it would make sure that such actions which did not advance the struggle would be brought to an end.

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The council's staff board chairman, Jacobus Kitshoff, tells the *FM* that the board recommended the change in policy in order to "compensate the wives and families of those called upon to do military service" He says the new deal applies to wives of volunteers, regardless of race, as well as to conscripts, and to those with husbands doing service in the SA Police and the Railways Police He denies the policy is racially discriminatory "That was the last thing to enter the minds of board members," says Kitshoff

The Johannesburg Municipal Combined Employees' Union (JMCEU), whose membership consists largely of coloured and Indian employees, "reluctantly" supported the new policy, according to its general secretary Vernon Stanley He declined to comment further, saying any elaboration must be endorsed by the union's executive committee

The multiracial Johannesburg Municipal Transport Workers' Union also supported the move Says general secretary Harold Wallis "We support any improvement in working conditions If, however, the union's executive wants the maternity policy to be improved further we will make appropriate representations"

Wallis contends that the policy is not racially discriminatory because it also applies to the wives of, for example, coloured men who volunteer for military service He concedes, though, that in reality only whites will benefit in the vast majority of cases

A council source estimates that two-thirds of the approximately 5 000 female employees of the council are white Management committee chairman Francois Oberholzer was not available for comment

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JOHANNESBURG CITY COUNCIL

**A labour pain** *FM*

A major row, centred on allegations of racial discrimination, is brewing over the maternity leave provisions of the Johannesburg City Council's personnel policy

Until September last year, all women who had worked for the council for at least one year were entitled to four months' unpaid maternity leave

The council's management committee then amended this provision to allow women whose husbands have "commenced or completed their military service" in the SA Defence Force (SADF) four months of paid maternity leave

Progressive Federal Party (PFP) city councillor Molly Kopel has slammed the new scheme She says it is sexist, because female employees are judged in terms of the standing of their husbands, instead of the quality of their work She also says it is racist because it will clearly apply to white women only — only white males are liable for conscription to the SADF. Kopel says a petition protesting against the decision has received support from a wide range of trade unions, church and women's organisations.

Kopel says that since she learnt about the "insensitive" decision she has unsuccessfully attempted to raise the matter at council meetings She has now requested an interview with the management committee, and has also submitted a list of questions to be answered by the management committee at its council meeting later this month She has attacked trade unions which supported the move in talks with the council

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## Councillors had to be killed - witness

VAAL Civic Association members told a rent protest meeting shortly before unrest erupted in the Vaal Triangle on September 3, 1984, that community councillors should be killed and their property set alight, the Delmas treason trial heard yesterday.

The court also heard that councillors had been called "sellouts", "puppets of the Government" and "untrustworthy people" because they had not consulted residents on the rent is-

sue <sup>(266)</sup>  
Mr John Masenya, a Vereeniging court interpreter and Sebokeng resident, was testifying at the trial of 22 people in the Delmas Circuit Court **SOWETAN**

Most of the accused live in the Vaal Triangle. All have pleaded not guilty to a charge of high treason and alternative charges of murder, subversion and terrorism.

Yesterday Mr Justice van Dijkhorst, sitting with two assessors, ruled

that Mr Masenya's evidence be open to the public <sup>3/11/86</sup>

Earlier in the week two African National Congress deserters gave evidence in camera.

Mr Masenya told the court the meeting was held at the Roman Catholic Church in Small Farms, Evaton, on August 26, 1984.

He said some of the accused, Mr Gcinumuzi Petrus Malindi (25), Mr Naphtali Mbuti Nkopane (40), Mr Tebello

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## 'Councillors had to die'

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Ephraim Ramakgula (35) and Mr Hlabang Sam Matlole (61), all of Sebokeng, addressed the meeting.

Among the things they said were that councillors had to be "done away with" (killed), on September 3 people should stay away from work; arrangements had been made with taxi and bus people not to ferry workers and all businesses would close.

"During question time I was accused by an old woman of being one

of the councillors and that I would be killed when I asked what will happen if a family person gets arrested leaving behind his wife and children when he fails to pay rent," he said.

Mr Malindi told the meeting that arrangements would be made to defend people who had not paid their rent.

He said those who paid were in danger of being killed.

Mr Masenya said speakers were applauded at the end of their speeches with shouts of "Amandla Awethu" and the audience raised clenched fists.

He described the meeting as "wild".

He then recalled the

events of September 3 when unrest broke out in the Vaal.

He said while on his way to Zone 14, Sebokeng, home from Zone 13, he saw several riot incidents. At Zone 11 he saw a bottle store being looted and then set alight.

In Zone 7 he saw a house belonging to Mr Caesar Montjane, a councillor, had been burnt down.

Three houses away, in the backyard, he saw Mr Montjane's body lying face down.

(Proceeding)



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# Ward 30 election war ends tomorrow

After just over a month of heated campaigning during which the National Party and Progressive Federal Party candidates have accused each other of using "smear tactics" voters in the Bellevue/Judith's Paarl ward will elect their new representative to the city council tomorrow

They have to choose between Johannesburg attorney and law lecturer Mr Tony Leon (29), of the PFP, and Mr Sam Bloomberg (61) of the NP, whose work for Suicides Anonymous has been highlighted by his recent rescue of a 19-year-old suicidal mother from a city rooftop

Mr Bloomberg's subsequent participation in a debate on suicide on national television drew acrimonious comments from Mr Leon, including a claim that SABC-TV was deliberately giving Mr Bloomberg prime-time coverage before his election

Mr Leon has also said Mr Bloomberg had used "smear tactics" by accusing him of being inexperienced and of damaging NP posters

Mr Bloomberg in turn has claimed the PFP is in disarray and that its members are "clutching at straws" to retain their dwindling support "Their smear campaign has misfired — connecting me to

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serving the public has only damaged themselves," said Mr Bloomberg

Both candidates have experienced difficulties with personally contacting the electorate, as almost half of the 5 678 registered voters in Ward 30 no longer live in the area

However, both candidates are predicting that the expected 30 to 40 percent poll will bring a resounding win for their party

"The PFP will score a fantastic victory," Mr Leon, who has promised to live in Bellevue after his election, said yesterday

His opponent says he has contacted between 60 and 70 percent of voters "They automatically know me as a doer and a fighter and have no problem with seeing me as involved with community security," said Mr Bloomberg

Mr Bloomberg has promised to improve anti-crime measures in the area, to increase traffic control and to investigate traffic "black spots"

● The polling station at the Masonic Lodge, Hunter Street, Bellevue, will open at 7 am and close at 9 pm tomorrow The result is expected to be announced some time after 10 pm

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# COUNCILOR

## His son among unrest victims QUILTS

AN Alexandra town councillor who resigned last Friday has requested the local Mass Funeral Co-ordinating Committee to bury his son along with the other 18 unrest victims on Wednesday.

His son died after being allegedly shot by the police.

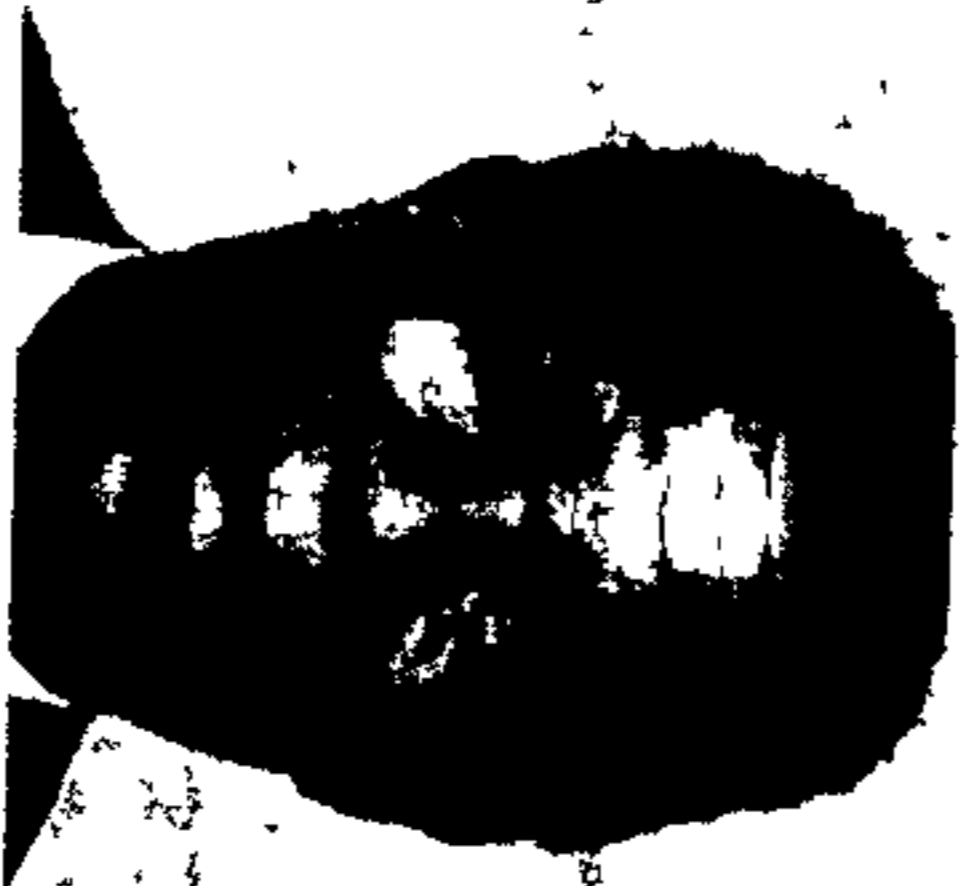
Mr Thomas Molepo (64) yesterday told The SOWETAN that he handed his resignation to the council last Thursday. He said his resignation was prompted by the death of his 14-year-old son, Wilson, who died at the Hillbrow Hospital where he had lain in a coma for two weeks after being allegedly shot by police.

"The council discussed my resignation last Friday at a meeting which I declined to attend, because no-one could convince me to continue council work as I had made up my mind," Mr Molepo said.

Mr Molepo said his son was shot near his home for "no apparent reason as he did not take part in the riot". The police had promised to investigate the incident, he said.

The mayor of Alexandra, the Reverend Sam Buti, could not be

**SOWETAN Reporter**



Mr T K MOLEPO

reached for comment yesterday. His family said he was attending a church meeting in the township.

Mr Molepo has approached the Alexandra Civic Association (ACA), requesting that his son be buried with 18 unrest victims on Wednesday.

A spokesman for the ACA, Mr Mike Beesa, said Mr Molepo's request had been forwarded to the Mass Fu-

who are still in such bodies to reconsider their positions and resign," he said.

The mass funeral will be held at the Alexandra Soccer Stadium at the corner of 12th Avenue and Selbourne Road. The service starts at 9am, and will be conducted by Father Smaagalo Mkhawha of the SA Catholic Bishops Conference, and a local Methodist Church press, the Rev Othanel Gaanagomo.

Among the speakers will be the president of the World Alliance of Reformed Churches, Rev Allan Boesak, UDF president Albertina Sisulu, president of the Congress of South African Trade Unions Elijah Barayi and executive chairman of the UDF, Curmick Ndlovu.

Meanwhile, Sapa reports that five of the eight bodies at the Government Mortuary were identified on Friday.

The Alexandra Youth Congress (AYCO), an affiliate of the UDF, released a statement in Johannesburg on Friday appealing to the authorities to stay away from Wednesday's funeral in the township.

### Bus smashes into garage



SOWETO businessman Mr Jack Sello inspects wreckage at his Diepkloof filling station damaged when a bus smashed into it yesterday. The bus is believed to have been hijacked by youths attending a funeral in the area.

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# Protest by PFP delays inauguration of mayor

A meeting to inaugurate Randburg's new mayor last night became acrimonious after opposition Progressive Federal Party councillors objected to increases in mayoral grants and delayed the banquet by about 30 minutes.

The ruling National Party accused the PFP of being rude and disrespectful to the incoming mayor, Mr Frans Lourens.

"We were embarrassed by the hold up as invited guests had to wait outside," said Mr Thys Sutherland, the new NP management committee chairman.

Members of the PFP also boycotted the banquet, protesting that it was a waste of ratepayers' money.

PFP councillor Mr Dick Muller told *The Star* that his party had not intended disrespect. He said the PFP supported moderate increases in allowances, but felt the new grants were not in keeping with the State's appeal to keep increases to a minimum.

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The mayor's general grant was increased from R13 500 to R16 000 while his personal allowance was boosted from R4 500 to R5 300. The deputy mayor's grant was increased from R4 500 to R5 300, and his personal allowance from R1 800 to R2 500.

Speaking at his inauguration, Mr Lourens called for the establishment of a Randburg "city police force". He said the increasing crime in Randburg was because of the poor economic climate and unemployment, and rapid urbanisation caused by the drought.

He said vagrancy, squatting, loitering and assaults were on the increase, and residents should make a point of finding out who was spending the night in their servants' quarters.

# Two stand guard at council meeting

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Two armed traffic inspectors stood guard at yesterday's Boksburg council meeting after fears that unhappiness among residents about the election of a new deputy mayor could lead to a demonstration.

Scores of people milled around at the entrance of the council chambers.

Some members of the public are unhappy that Mr Issy Kramer was not elected as dep-

uty mayor. A petition in support of Mr Kramer containing 2 300 signatures was handed in.

Mr Kramer, the most senior councillor, has served on the council for 30 years. If elected he would have become mayor when the town celebrates its centenary next year.

Mr Piet Buckle, MPC for Brentwood, was elected as deputy mayor.

The new mayor of Boksburg is Councillor Abe Meyer.

# Councillor's home is

# fire-bombed

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**DIEPMEADOW**  
Councillor, Mr J M Khumalo, who resigned last Wednesday, had his house fire-bombed early yesterday morning.

He estimated the damage at R20 000 and said his radio set and video were taken by the arsonists who also smashed the television set.

Mr Khumalo said he resigned because of ill health. Attached to his resignation letter was a certificate from his doctor giving details of his health.

He said he addressed the letter to the town clerk, Mr Sarel van Rensburg, who handed it over to the mayor, Mr Joseph Mahuhushu.

Mr Khumalo's house was first fire-bombed in May last year and damage was estimated at R10 000. The second time was in September last year and damage was estimated at R7,000.

He said he knew from newspaper reports that councillors were surprised by the community to resign. He



Mr J M KHUMALO... had not been approached in that regard, he said.

Mr Khumalo did not link the attacks on his house to the calls that councillors should resign. He still did not know the reason behind the attack.

house fire-bombed

## Mabena shot

A twenty-four-year-old sick man was yesterday gunned down by the police in Atteridgeville, Pretoria.  
Mr Ben Mabena of 24 Chauke Street, Sauls-



## What goes

IT'S ALL FUN climbing up the pole and feeling on top of the world... but it is quite another matter trying

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# RAND WATER BOARD

## PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT ON WATER TARIFFS

Owing to the very substantial increases in costs over the past year of those items which make up the cost of water supplied by the Rand Water Board, the Board has reluctantly been compelled to increase its water tariffs by 10 percent with effect from 1st April 1986. The substantial cost increases referred to are in respect of raw water purchased from the Government, electricity, coal and chemicals, the cost of some of which have been increased by as much as 30 percent, as well as the present high cost of borrowing and servicing of loans. These items of expenditure alone make up 75 percent of the Board's operating costs.

In arriving at the increase of 10 percent, the Board has decided to absorb, rather than to pass on to consumers, a considerable portion of its cost increases and it has also taken due account of the tendency of some of its consumers to exceed their water quotas and therefore to pay a higher average tariff for the actual volume of water bought from the Board. If this were not done it would have been necessary for the Board to increase its tariffs by at least 17,5 percent purely in order to balance expenditure against revenue and without making any allocation to reserves, which also serve to equalise rates when times are difficult as at present.

Although some of the Board's consumers are still exceeding their water quotas, the overall water saving is considered to be satisfactory and the Board has decided not to increase the additional charge for exceeding the quotas of one and a half percent for each one percent of the excess levied on the total monthly consumption. However, experience has shown that the imposition of sliding scales with no limits can cause considerable hardship to consumers, especially individuals who exceed their quotas through circumstances beyond their control and to avoid such hardship, the Board has resolved that the total cumulative rate of the existing sliding scale be limited to twice the normal water rate but still calculated on the total monthly consumption.

The Board wishes to emphasise to its consumers that its decision to limit the increase in the water tariff to 10 percent is based on the assumption that the present restrictions on water usage will continue. The unlikely event of reduced water sales arising from more severe restrictions would inevitably result in higher tariffs. Increased water sales will also not necessarily result in lower water tariffs because of the need to replenish reserves used to keep the tariff increases as low as possible in times of emergency or when the economic climate is particularly unfavourable.

Dale Hobbs,  
CHAIRMAN  
RAND WATER BOARD  
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# PEP supports town force

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Randburg's Progressive Federal Party councillors support a proposal by the Mayor, Mr Frans Lourens, to set up a town force — on condition that it is independent of the South African Police

Mr Lourens made the suggestion as part of his theme "security" in his inaugural speech this week

In a statement issued yesterday, the five-member PFP caucus in the council said the police were seen by many to be implementing the "unjust policies" of the Government

Randburg could not afford to risk polarising race relations by setting up a law enforcement body which was associated with the central Government.

The Government's policies were driving law-abiding citizens to crime for survival. By creating a climate of security by setting up a

visible police presence in the town, these people could be prevented from acquiring a criminal record

The PFP said it would support efforts to prevent common crime, but would not create further means to persecute people for having the wrong colour of skin or for being where someone else thought they should not be

The severe vagrancy problem in the town occurred because people were forced on to the streets as recreational venues and facilities were not open to all.

The PFP also said it would oppose giving a town police force the automatic right to enter and search private property

"Any property owner has the inalienable right to extend his hospitality and occupancy of his premises to whoever he sees fit," the statement said

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elect mayors  
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PIETERSBURG — The election of Pietersburg's new mayor was decided by a one-vote majority at a town council meeting at the weekend.

Conservative Party members supported Mr. Hennie van Vuuren, a school principal, while Nationalists proposed Dr. Tom Boshoff, chairman of the Northern Transvaal Development Board. Mr. van Vuuren was elected by five votes to four.

In Messina Mr. Hennie Kloppers, a town councillor since 1969, was elected unanimously.

Nylstroom's new mayor is Mr. Mias Nieuwoudt, general manager of the Northern Transvaal Co-operative.

In Tzaneen, Mr. Johan van Vuuren was elected mayor. Northern Transvaal Bureau.



...the destruction of a wing of the old home.

## 'Informer' hurt in mob attack

A former executive member of the Tsakane Youth Congress, Miss Maria Masuku (22), was seriously injured when a group of youths attacked her after fire-bombing her home hours before the funeral of an unrest victim in kwaThema, near Springs, yesterday.

Miss Masuku had been accused of being a police informer because she resigned as secretary of the youth congress and had not been detained with other members, her mother, Mrs Elizabeth Masuku, said.

Mrs Masuku had been told by youths not to take her children to school. When she defied the order, her home was set alight, causing damage estimated at about R5 000.

Miss Masuku ran out and was attacked. She was saved by the arrival of the police.

## Maphala quits Alex Town Council

The youngest member of the Alexandra Town Council, Mr Albert Maphala (30), resigned yesterday as tension continued to grip the township.

He is the second councillor in the township to resign within a fortnight. The other was Mr Thomas Molepo (52), who quit after his son died of gunshot wounds in the wake of the recent unrest.

Mr Maphala said he decided to resign from the council after he was advised to do so by members of his family, friends and his karate students, who told him "you do not belong there".

● The council was dealt yet another blow yesterday when public relations officer Mr Darky Rametse also resigned.

## If apartheid ends, Cubans will go

TOKYO — Cuba will start withdrawing troops from Angola only when apartheid ends in South Africa, Cuban President Fidel Castro said today.

"We will start the immediate and complete withdrawal of the Cuban internationalist forces from Angola when the apartheid regime is liquidated in South Africa," he said.

President Castro thanked North Korean President Kim Il Sung for supplying Cuba with 100 000 automatic rifles and millions of rounds of ammunition to help bolster its defence against the United States.

Cuba and North Korea earlier signed a treaty of friendship and co-operation and Mr Kim denounced a joint US-South Korean military exercise as "a preliminary war and a nuclear test war" against the North. — Sapa-Reuter.

# New Transvaal mayors elected

Own Correspondent

PIETERSBURG — Two Northern Transvaal towns have elected their mayors for 1986

In Potgietersrus, Mr George Morkel-Brink, a prominent Conservative Party supporter, was voted into office ahead of veteran Nationalist councillor Mr Pikkie Fouche

Mr Morkel-Brink has

been a town councillor for only nine months

Duiwelskloof's new mayor is Mr Nico Koltzow

In Phalaborwa, the election of the town's mayor has been postponed to March 21, as a municipal by-election is to be held to fill a vacancy left by the resignation of Mr Boet Roux

The two candidates are

Mr Jan Grobbelaar, a businessman, and Mr Faan Venter, a senior Foskor official

● In *The Star* of March 11, it was incorrectly reported that Mr Johan van Vuuren was elected mayor of Tzaneen. The new mayor is, in fact, Mr Victor Borchers. We apologise for any inconvenience or embarrassment caused by this error

# Councillor tells court of election campaign

Staff Reporter

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DELMAS — A town councillor for Ward 33, Boipatong, who said he was elected to Lekoa Town Council with 33 votes in 1983, testified at the treason trial in Delmas yesterday that a public meeting was told "not to come and listen to my lies".

Mr John Hlophekile Ngcina, who said he thought there were 2 000 voters in his constituency, gave evidence that youths singing freedom songs and wearing United Democratic Front T-shirts attended election campaign meetings.

He alleged their threats to burn people's possessions if they voted, and the appearance of UDF posters saying "Don't vote in apartheid elections", caused low percentage polls.

Mr Ngcina was called as a State witness at the trial of 22 leaders of the United Democratic Front, the Vaal Civic Association, the Azanian Peoples Organisation and Azanian Youth Unity. The men, who are all in custody, have denied charges of high treason, incitement to murder, subversion and furthering the aims of the African National Congress and the South African Communist Party.

Mr George Bizos SC, for the defence, said one of the accused, the secretary general of the UDF, Mr Popo Molefe, would testify that the posters — which were presented as exhibits in court and alleged to have been displayed in 1983 — were not printed until 1984.

The defence's information was also that Mr Ngcina received only 32 votes out of a possible 5 470.

"The 'apartheid elections' were the tricameral elections in 1984. During the council elections in 1983, the UDF used posters saying 'Don't vote for community councils' and 'Peaceful protest — we don't fight'," said Mr Bizos.

Mr Ngcina said a meeting was called by the councillors on August 29 1984 after protest meetings had been held because of the council's decision to increase rents to fund improvements in the area.

While a councillor was addressing this meeting, a youth stood up and shouted "Who chose you people?"

Then, Mr Ngcina said, "a young woman said that if we didn't resign they would set alight our houses. Then she told them to switch off the lights. The moment the lights went out everyone fled outside and we ran for our vehicles".

"They were all busy throwing stones. At the same time the police were firing teargas," Mr Ngcina said, adding that he could not see the people throwing stones.

When he got home, he found the windows of his house had been stoned, as well as his car.

After he left his house during the widespread unrest which hit the area on September 3, his house was set alight, he told Mr Justice Kees van Dijkhorst.

The hearing continues

Durban's decision, chief town planner Garth Williamson points out, creates huge problems for government. There are apparently no designated, truly non-racial residential areas in SA. The question of residential areas for whites, Indians and coloureds is governed by the Group Areas Act. But black affairs are administered by the Department of Constitutional Development and Planning. Ostensibly, the application would have to be referred to both.

One way of getting round the problem could be to avoid a group areas classification by declaring the zone a "controlled" area where all races could reside and cross-racial sales could take place under the permit system. Government has just set such a precedent at Clairwood.

Assuming permission was granted, though, it would raise a host of other issues (like what schools children would attend) which would strike at the very foundation of the apartheid edifice.

Government has, undeniably, made great strides in liberalising trading. The question that remains is whether it is ready to take the next which is towards mixed residential areas

Durban's application could be a test of government intentions

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## New ground rules

Midrand town council had decided to fight government over the establishment of a 150 ha coloured residential township in its area. But now it has dropped the idea and, last week, accepted plans prepared by the Surveyor General to establish the proposed township. The site is east of the proposed K56 road on the farm Annandale

Predictably, the decision has caused problems — not only with residents of adjoining white townships, but with the council's town planning division as well. Council had already identified alternative sites for a

There are signs of an improvement in the Durban property market, judging by some recent signings by Old Mutual Properties (OMP).

Among the latest deals concluded by OMP's Vic Gunning are the leasing of the 700 m<sup>2</sup> top floor of The Marine, at the corner of Victoria Embankment and Gardiner Street. The office space was let to Ace Haniel for five years.

Rental, says Gunning, runs to more than R16,50/m<sup>2</sup> gross, with 10% escalations. As a sweetener, Ace Haniel will not be charged rent for a small area for the first six months.

OMP has also concluded two leases in Durban's Kingsfield Place in Field Street, where Medite Shipping has taken two-and-a-half floors with a total area of 1 500 m<sup>2</sup>. Rentals are pitched at R14,50/m<sup>2</sup> for three years, escalating at 10%. The other tenant signed is Rand Merchant Bank, which has taken 225 m<sup>2</sup> for five years at R16/m<sup>2</sup>.

Jeremy Friedlander of Wilf Isaacs has negotiated the lease of slightly more than 1 400 m<sup>2</sup> gross in Lifegro's new development at 30 Wellington Road, Parktown, to the Small Business Development Corporation

coloured township which it believed would have fitted in better with its overall plan — including the siting of its new CBD.

Initial plans to oppose government on a town planning basis, says Mayor Koos Buys, were scrapped last week simply because Midrand cannot afford the implications of a protracted court case on the issue

Already Buys's council is involved in a legal wrangle with Province over the council's refusal to provide services for a proposed office superpark (*Property* November 1 1985). That battle still continues, but now seems likely to be settled out of court

Objections to the siting of the proposed township, Town Clerk Philip Botha tells the *FM*, were on the basis that Midrand itself had already identified alternative sites which would have tied in well with its plans for a new CBD

He is also surprised at Comdev's decision since, he says, he is aware that they had identified alternative sites themselves "It angered us that the alternative sites weren't even inspected or considered," he says

Meanwhile, the move has not been well received by residents in areas surrounding Annandale. Already, 750 residents have individually petitioned Comdev and now want the council to press for the re-siting of the

township

Botha reckons that government's decision flies in the face of the greater Pretoria guideplan. Council's objections, he says, are based on the same sound planning principles as those on which the guideplan was based

Says Botha: "There is no infrastructure in the area government has earmarked for the township. And, in addition, there are no transport facilities at Annandale. K56 is still a proposed road and it will be difficult and expensive to provide services there."

Midrand's problem is that it is probably the fastest-growing urban area in the country. It has been growing at 15% a year since it became a municipality in 1981 and cannot keep pace with the enormous demands being made on it for services.

Botha says the council's first choice for a coloured township is the farm Witfontein, west of Olifantsfontein, alongside the Kempton Park-Jan Smuts freeway.

"It's on a freeway, we can provide the infrastructure there relatively cheaply, and it is close to the Kaalfontein railway station," he says

But the siting of the coloured township is not the only battle that Midrand is having with Comdev, says Botha.

The council, he points out, wants Comdev's blessing for the siting of the new CBD (*Property* November 22 1985) on the Grand Central Aerodrome, as well as the rezoning of a large tract between Halfway House and Olifantsfontein which it wants officially set aside for residential development

"Without those amendments, we cannot give any guidance to developers and that is proving to be detrimental to Midrand," says Botha.

"One of our consultants, Professor Dries Oosthuizen, says the CBD should be located on Grand Central's ground. But that is still classified as agricultural ground in the guideplan

"Our other consultants, Pohl Vorster, have already pointed out that we had insufficient ground reserved for residential development"

But until there's some action at Comdev to rezone the sites, it appears that Midrand will remain firmly enmeshed in red tape. ■



Midrand township developments ... colouring the issue

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Development Board	Section 10(1)(a)	Section 10(1)(b)	Section 10(1)(c)	Total
South OFS	132 559	33 546	11 181	177 286
Orange Vaal	123 708	89 957	295 062	508 727
Western Cape	25 103	42 289	13 929	81 321
Eastern Cape	193 161	89 930	490 226	773 317
Northern Transvaal	4 265	1 679	8 216	14 160
Eastern Transvaal	25 418	17 308	48 798	91 524
Central Transvaal	51 296	39 322	20 048	110 666
Western Transvaal	54 452	18 153	74 319	128 200
Highveld	128 159	18 173	15 356	146 924
Northern Cape	193 085	140 044	48 271	1 537 391
East Rand	63 921	4 034	38 419	381 400
Natalia	995 127	494 435	1 063 825	4 218 978
Totals as at 31 December 1985				

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 Eastern Cape Development Board  
 344 Mr A SAVVAGE asked the Minister of Constitutional Development and Planning

- (1) (a) What was the total revenue generated through all channels for each specified township falling under the control of the Eastern Cape Development Board in respect of the 1984-85 financial year, (b) in what manner was each specified amount of this revenue generated and (c) what was the total expenditure on (i) administration and (ii) development schemes in respect of each of these townships,
- (2) how much of this amount was spent on (a) the building and/or renovation of (i) schools and (ii) houses, (b) the building and/or maintenance of roads and drains, (c) the provision of electricity, including street lights, and (d) other specified amenities and services?

The MINISTER OF CONSTITUTIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING.

The information required is of such an enormous extent that it cannot reasonably

be given in reply to a question. It consists of virtually the entire revenue and expenditure accounts of 66 townships and the reply would comprise approximately 100 typed pages in each of the official languages

Eastern Cape Development Board

345. Mr A SAVVAGE asked the Minister of Constitutional Development and Planning

Whether the Eastern Cape Development Board paid any subsidies to community councils of Black townships in the 1984-85 financial year, if so, (a) what are the names of the townships concerned, (b) what was the total amount paid in respect of each such township and (c) for what specified purposes were these subsidies paid in respect of each such township?

The MINISTER OF CONSTITUTIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING

Yes

(a)

Aberdeen	R 26 028
Adelaide	R 11 938
Bedford	R 5 225
Alwal North	R 80 706

(b)

Beaufort West	R 16 255
Burgersdorp	R 7 575
Colesberg	R 2 337
Carthart	R 4 577
Dordrecht	R 39 452
East London	R 114 484
Fort Beaufort	R 10 591
Graaff-Reinet	R 36 730
Hankey	R 21 858
Humansdorp	R 24 305
Jansenville	R 2 768
King William's Town	R 75 473
Klipplaat	R 10 802
Komga	R 17 575
Middelburg	R 60 052
Molteno	R 10 386
Noupoort	R 8 756
Bathurst	R 3 336
Port Alfred	R 44 382
Queenstown	R 101 793
Richmond	R 16 425
Steynsburg	R 4 351
Steytlerville	R 7 742
Cookhouse	R 1 306
Stutterheim	R 32 681
Tarkastad	R 12 700

(c) To compensate deficits between economic and subeconomic tariffs paid by inhabitants

HANSARD 17/3/86 Q.C. 553  
 Corporal punishment  
 364 Mr P H P GASTROW asked the Minister of Justice

- (1) How many males (a) under the age of 18 years, (b) between the ages of 18 and 20 years and (c) aged 21 years and over in each race group were sentenced to corporal punishment in 1985,
- (2) how many strokes were inflicted in respect of each category of persons?

The MINISTER OF JUSTICE

The information is not readily available

HANSARD 17/3/86 Q.C. 553  
 First-/second-/third-class passengers  
 372 Mr B B GOODALL asked the Minister of Transport Affairs  
 In respect of the latest specified date for

which information is available, what was the cost per passenger kilometre in cents for first-, second- and third-class passengers, respectively, travelling on (a) trunk railway lines, (b) commuter railway lines and (c) buses?

The MINISTER OF TRANSPORT AFFAIRS.

Financial year 1984/85

Average cost in cents/ passenger kilometre	
(a) First class	29,2
Second class	24,7
Third class	7,6
(b) First class	15,5
Third class	3,6

(c) Information is not readily available.

HANSARD 17/3/86 Q.C. 554  
 Reference books/influx control  
 397 Mr R A F SWART asked the Minister of Justice.

What was the total amount paid in fines by Blacks convicted of offences relating to reference books and influx control in each of the main urban areas of the Republic in 1984 and 1985, respectively?

The MINISTER OF JUSTICE

The information is not readily available.

West Rand Development Board

HANSARD 17/3/86 Q.C. 554  
 405 Mrs H SZZMAN asked the Minister of Constitutional Development and Planning  
 Whether the West Rand Development Board paid any subsidies to community councils of Black townships in the 1984-85 financial year, if so, (a) what are the names of the townships concerned, (b) what was the total amount paid in respect of each such township and (c) for what specified purposes were these subsidies paid in respect of each such township?

**THE MINISTER OF CONSTITUTIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING:**

Yes.

(a) Bekkersdal . . . . . R282 633  
Mohlakeng . . . . . R460 213

(c) To compensate community councils for deficits on their general accounts

*Black Administration Act*  
406. Mrs H SUZMAN asked the Minister of Constitutional Development and Planning

Whether any persons have been ordered to withdraw from any place in terms of section 5(1)(b) of the Black Administration Act, No 38 of 1927, if so, how many (a) have been served with such orders since the inception of the Act, and (b) were subject to such orders, as at the latest specified date for which figures are available?

**THE MINISTER OF CONSTITUTIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING**

Yes

(a) 194

(b) 3 as at 4 March 1986

415 Mr P R C ROGERS asked the Minister of Constitutional Development and Planning.

- (1) Whether his Department receives any income from the residents of the area known as Kwelela, if so, (a) what total amount was so received during the latest specified period of 12 months for which figures are available and (b) how was this amount made up,
- (2) (a) what total amount was spent by his Department in respect of this area during the above-mentioned period

and (b) on what items and/or services was it spent?

**THE MINISTER OF CONSTITUTIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING**

(1) No  
(a) and (b) Fall away

(2) None.  
(b) Falls away.

*Mooplas: income*

417. Mr P R C ROGERS asked the Minister of Constitutional Development and Planning

(1) Whether his Department receives any income from the residents of the area known as Mooplas; if so, (a) what total amount was so received during the latest specified period of 12 months for which figures are available and (b) how was this amount made up,

(2) (a) what total amount was spent by his Department in respect of this area during the above-mentioned period and (b) on what items and/or services was it spent?

**THE MINISTER OF CONSTITUTIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING**

(1) No

(a) and (b) Fall away

(2) None

(b) Falls away

*Heckel: income*

419 Mr P R C ROGERS asked the Minister of Constitutional Development and Planning:

- (1) Whether his Department receives any income from the residents of the area known as Heckel, if so, (a) what total amount was so received during the latest specified period of 12 months for which figures are available and (b) how was this amount made up,

(2) (a) what total amount was spent by his Department in respect of this area during the above-mentioned period and (b) on what items and/or services was it spent?

**THE MINISTER OF CONSTITUTIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING:**

(1) No (a) and (b) fall away

(2) None. (b) falls away.

*Wartburg: income*

421 Mr P R C ROGERS asked the Minister of Constitutional Development and Planning

(1) Whether his Department receives any income from the residents of the area known as Wartburg, if so, (a) what total amount was so received during the latest specified period of 12 months for which figures are available and (b) how was this amount made up;

(2) (a) what total amount was spent by his Department in respect of this area during the above-mentioned period and (b) on what items and/or services was it spent?

**THE MINISTER OF CONSTITUTIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING:**

(1) No. (a) and (b) fall away

(2) None (b) falls away

*Newlands, East London: income*

423 Mr P R C ROGERS asked the Minister of Constitutional Development and Planning

- (1) Whether his Department receives any income from the residents of the area known as Newlands situated near East London, if so, (a) what total amount was so received during the latest specified period of 12 months for which figures are available and (b) how was this amount made up;

(2) (a) what total amount was spent by his Department in respect of this area during the above-mentioned period and (b) on what items and/or services was it spent?

**THE MINISTER OF CONSTITUTIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING:**

(1) No (a) and (b) fall away

(2) None. (b) falls away

*Poisonous/toxic waste products*

443. Mr E K MOORCROFT asked the Minister of Trade and Industry:

(1) Whether his Department (a) has authorised or (b) has any knowledge of the importation of poisonous or toxic waste products into South Africa for storage or disposal purposes, if so,

(2) (a) (i) what substances have been imported and (ii) (aa) from which country or countries and (bb) in what quantities have they been imported and (b) where have these substances been stored or disposed of,

(3) in respect of what date is this information furnished?

**THE MINISTER OF TRADE AND INDUSTRY**

(1) (a) No

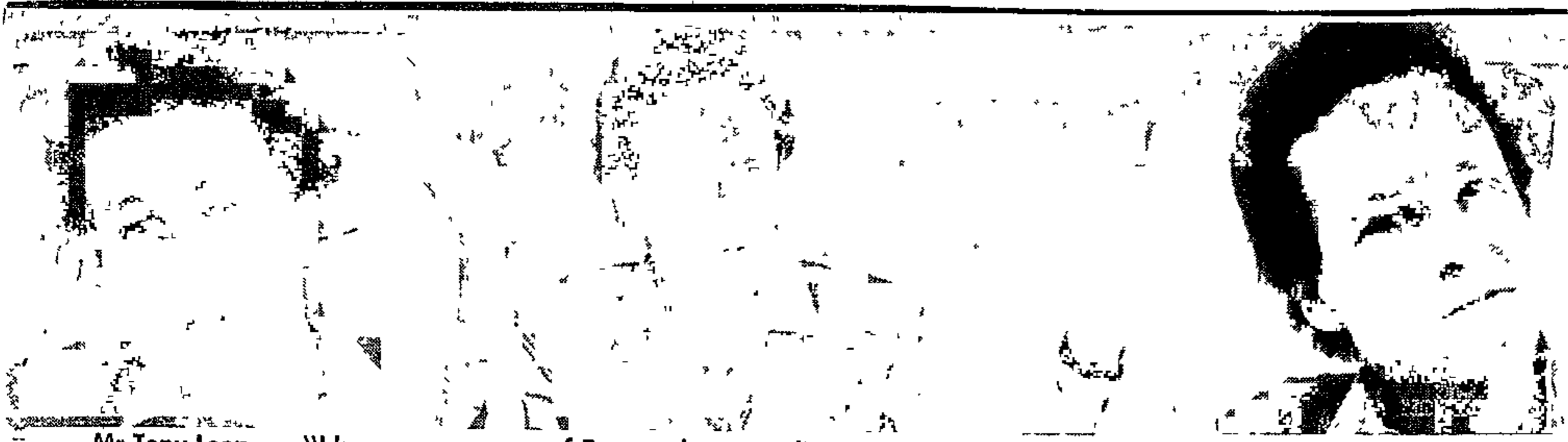
(b) Yes, an application for the importation of certain unspecified waste products from the United States of America was submitted to the Directorate of Import and Export Control in the Department of Trade and Industry on 18 February 1986 and the matter is still under consideration.

(2) (a) (i) None.

(ii) (aa) and (bb) Fall away

(b) Falls away

(3) 4 March 1986



Mr Tony Leon . . . "I became conscious of Prog and party politics at an early age. Politics is like . . . mother's milk to me.

# A passion for politics

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By Janine Simon

"Politics is like mother's milk to me, I enjoy it" says Mr Tony Leon (29), the Progressive Federal Party Johannesburg city councillor who inched to victory in last month's Ward 30 municipal by-election

After a 39-vote win against National Party candidate Mr Sam Bloomberg, Mr Leon says his time is now divided between attending to the needs of his constituents, party work, keeping an election promise to move into Bellevue and his work as a law lecturer at the University of the Witwatersrand.

He is still elated about his win as a relative unknown who had to contend with the high profile of his opponent and the resignation from Parliament of his party leader and another top PFP member

## OUTRAGE

"Everyone has their skills, mine happen to be in politics," he said

"One needs a gut reaction to political issues, a sense of outrage"

He admits that a flair for public speaking — proved by his fluent responses to questions and a formidable list of school and university debating achievements — is also a help

He is the son of Mr Raymond Leon, a former judge of the Supreme Court in Natal, currently the Chancellor of the University of Natal, who was also the first chairman of the Progressive Party in Durban

Mr Leon said his political career was, at one level, the result of his family background

"I became very conscious at an early age of Prog and party politics

"It was never in doubt that I would get involved in politics, the only question was the extent to which I would become involved

"Often what we were taught at home exposed me to ridicule at school — things such as saying 'African men' rather than 'native boys,'" says Mr Leon

He describes his schooling at Durban's Clifton Preparatory School and Kearnsey College in Natal, as "very Methodist and expensive"

Mr Leon's formal involvement with the PFP began at the age of 10, after he had joined the party's junior wing at a party fete

At 20, he became the youngest member ever elected to the party's federal executive.

He has been actively involved ever since, except for a "bored, rootless and frustrating"

three-year period spent out of party politics acquiring final legal qualifications

Although still uncertain as to whether he will remain an academic, Mr Leon says his appointment as a lecturer in public international law, constitutional law and human rights law allows him to marry his legal and political interests

He has no doubts about the direction of the political future

"The end of apartheid must come, it's a question of what replaces it."

## PET HATE

To say that South Africa is not Nazi Germany, or that conditions here are better than in the rest of Africa, are "skittle arguments", he says — one of his pet hates

In the political sphere, he admires Mrs Helen Suzman for her "guts and tenacity", Mr Harry Schwarz for his "sheer intellect and ability to make abstract concepts understandable"

He also admires Dr David Owen, the former British Foreign Secretary and leader of the Social Democratic Party, with whom he once spent two weeks

"Dr Owen is an austere man, a difficult person on the social level, but with a mind that can see six or seven further

dimensions of a situation you thought you understood"

Mr Leon also admires his father, "for his ability to cut through all the rubbish and give a just conclusion, and for the common sense and non-material values he imparted"

Although basically an "interacting person", Mr Leon insists on time alone — spent reading his favourite authors Paul Theroux, V S Naipaul, Robert Ludlum and Dick Francis.

After suffering a heart attack last year, he also jogs three times a week, plays tennis and watches what he eats

He loves travel and movies and enjoys dating

He says that relationships offer only personal gratification and not a sense of involvement with the community — but he is not against marriage

He said he would take a tip from Mr Harry Schwarz and hope for a wife who would be able to work in elections

## Bitter rivalry in by-election

Bitter political rivalry has marked the run-up to tomorrow's municipal by-election to fill a Phalaborwa Town Council vacancy.

Mr Jan Grobbelaar is fighting the election on a Conservative Party ticket. The CP has a declared policy of trying to gain control of town councils and school committees in the region.

Mr Grobbelaar said "By adopting a particular political stance, you indicate which way you want to go."

And he is against all forms of integration.

His National Party opponent, Mr Faan Venter, says a town councillor can only serve his community "if he stands impartially as a person in his own right". — Northern Transvaal Bureau

## For Easter eggheads

Spend your Easter holidays away from your family... with your head buried in our giant Easter crossword puzzle. The crossword grid will fill two pages of Weekend' magazine in this week's *Saturday Star*.

## Management behind faction fighting: NUM

By Chris More

Miners at Vaal Reefs Gold Mine yesterday alleged that mine management was behind the tribal faction fighting that left at least eight dead and about 70 injured at the weekend.

And yesterday about 120 miners from Transkei left for home, claiming their lives were no longer safe on the mine.

Another miner apparently died outside mine property and the miners included him in the number of those killed in the fighting, claiming a death toll of nine.

Several shaft stewards alleged that management had used Basotho team leaders to start what would be perceived by outsiders as a tribal conflict when, in fact, the aim was to break the unity of miners belonging to the National Union of Mineworkers (NUM).

### 'ALLOWED TO ENTER HOSTELS'

The shaft stewards said the so-called Basothos who started the fight were not employed at Vaal Reefs but arrived in three buses at about 11 pm on Saturday and management allowed them to enter the hostels.

A spokesman for Anglo American Corporation, Mr Errol Symons, denied the allegations that management was in any way involved in the faction fighting.

He said Vaal Reefs management promoted constructive engagement with the union as a matter of policy.

Mr Symons said that, throughout the incidents of unrest at the mine in recent weeks, management had been in communication with the NUM and had invited union representatives to have discussions with the managers concerned.

"At each affected hostel, mine management has attempted to get the factions together in an effort to resolve their differences," Mr Symons said.



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# Business call over Alexandra

JOHANNESBURG. — A group of companies in Sandton and others near Alexandra have asked the government to sanction the merging of Alexandra and Sandton municipalities as "a first step in improving the quality of life in the area".

The companies formed the Alexandra Schools Association, and submitted a memorandum to the Deputy Minister of Education and Development Aid, Mr Sam de Beer, following their discussions with him, the association said in a statement released here on Friday

## Companies

The companies include Janssen Pharmaceutica, Johnson and Johnson, Coca-Cola, Hewlett Packard, Otis Elevator, Pfizer Laboratories, Control Data, Monsanto SA, Burroughs, Kodak SA, Du Pont, Aircro Engineering, Black and Decker, Esso and the Read educational trust.

The memorandum said the situation in Alexandra was deeply disturbing.

"This has brought schooling to a halt, disrupted community life and created an atmosphere of mistrust, suspicion and fear

"According to the

association, which draws part of its workforce from Alexandra and has over the past several years made significant contributions to the educational development and quality of life in the community, the tense and volatile situation had been exacerbated by insensitive actions of the police force and the presence of the defence force in the area"

The association urged that attention be given to other models of peace-keeping which would be "untainted by the negative perceptions" that currently prevail.

The association also informed Mr De Beer that bringing together the communities of Sandton and Alexandra through consultations and negotiations, could serve as an example and model for future reform initiatives in the country

## 'Choice'

"Such an accommodation," said the association, "will assist in alleviating the overcrowding and allow for freedom of choice in the schooling system"

The association requested that their recommendations be brought to the attention of the State President, Mr P W Botha, and the cabinet urgently.

● Meanwhile, a Natal

North Coast town could become the first multiracial town council if proposals by the MP for Stanger, Mr Yunus Moolla, are accepted by the local authority.

The mayor of Stanger, a town councillor and community leaders last week gave their support to the introduction of a multiracial town council

Reacting to a call by Mr Moolla to scrap the present system and replace it with a multiracial town council, locals overwhelmingly supported the idea.

## 'Local indaba'

Mr Moolla has asked the Stanger Town Council to convene a "local indaba" with the white council, the Indian Local Affairs Committee, Shakaville Advisory Committee and the proposed Coloured Local Affairs Committee.

The mayor, Mr Trevor Bruce, said last week he was very happy with the idea and he was sure his councillors would have similar views

"The town is predominantly Indian and it would be only fair that Indians, coloureds and blacks, are involved in decision-making during the common talks"

Indians, he said, were the major contributors to rates in Stanger. — Sapa



# Councillors ignored 26/5/86 march — witness

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Staff Reporter

**DELMAS** — Vaal Triangle councillors were aware that residents were to march on the administration offices on September 3 1984 but did nothing about it, a State witness told the Delmas Circuit Court yesterday.

Mrs Patricia Phosisi, a Sharpeville councillor at the time of the outbreak of the 1984 disturbances, said this under cross-examination by Mr George Bizos SC, during the trial of 22 leaders of the United Democratic Front, the Vaal Civic association, the Azaman People's Organisation and the Azaman Youth Unity

They have denied charges of treason, subversion, incitement to murder and furthering the aims of banned organisations

Mrs Phosisi said she was told by a fellow councillor who had attended a meeting at the Sharpeville Anglican Church, that there was strong opposition by residents to the proposed rent increases in the area

Asked by Mr Bizos if members of the Lekoa Council had been aware of a planned work stayaway and that residents were planning to march on the administration offices on September 3, she replied "We knew, but did not discuss it, formally or informally"

She denied there had been confusion and rowdiness at a residents' meeting convened by councillors on August 5

## NO JUSTIFICATION

But she conceded that during the meeting councillors had spoken "in more than one voice", some blaming authorities above the council for proposing the rent increases, while others took blame on their own shoulders

Mr Bizos put it to Mrs Phosisi that "to add insult to injury", a councillor had said there was no justification for people's complaints about the new rents as some men in the community could afford to spend money

buying liquor.

Mrs Phosisi said residents did not regard the remark as an insult because they did not respond. However there had been a shouting match when a Mrs Motloutung accused Mr Mokate, a councillor, of corruption and of having deprived an old woman of her home by evicting her.

After the meeting, there had been a scuffle when Mrs Motloutung and some residents pulled Mr Mokate around

At a meeting of the executive council on August 16, Mrs Phosisi had announced a decision to increase rents in the Vaal Triangle. It was decided a petition would be sent to the town clerk if there was dissatisfaction from members of the community, she said

Mrs Phosisi said councillor Mr Chakane had objected to the increase because of the high rate of unemployment and the economic climate

The hearing continues

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# Cops take mayor to 'safety'

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By DERRICK LUTHAYI

SILUBELA mayor Rev Kaai Nkonde has fled the tiny Eastern Transvaal township after the shooting of three students and the arrest of nineteen others on charges of public violence.

The students - Eddie Shabangu, Sonnyboy Malinga and Piye Mkhonza - were shot after a march by students in anticipation of a victory in the Pretoria Supreme Court on the rents issue.

Students later attacked and destroyed the homes of Nkonde and Constable Frans Manzini. Nineteen youths were arrested by cops and all, except a 17-year-old girl, were granted bail.

The three students are in a serious condition in hospital.

Judgment on the case - instituted by Silubela parents against the Eastern Transvaal Development Board's decision to increase rents - was postponed indefinitely.

Residents have alleged that Nkonde and his son Joseph fired several shots at students.

# May 21 quizzed on liquor shop sales

Staff Reporter

**DELMAS** — The Mayor of Lekoa, Mr Esau Mahlatsi, admitted during the Delmas treason trial yesterday that his council had agreed to sell six lucrative bottle stores to his family in July 1984 — at the time that the council decided it needed to increase household rents.

Mr George Bizos SC, appearing for the 22 Vaal Triangle leaders accused of treason, said during cross-examination of Mr Mahlatsi that the mayor-cum-businessman had thought out a scheme "which was of particular benefit to the Mahlatsi family".

## CASH EARNERS

This involved the sale of six of the old development board's liquor outlets, which the council could have kept as revenue earners and which might have helped to avoid a rent rise, Mr Bizos said.

The unrest which followed the implementation of rent increases on September 1 1984 gave rise to the case against the 22, who also face charges of subversion, terrorism and murder. All have pleaded not guilty.

## OVERRULED

Mr Mahlatsi told the court yesterday that the council, which features a number of members of his family, voted on July 17 1984 to sell six of a total of 14 available liquor outlets to the Mahlatsis.

He admitted that he had overruled an opposing motion brought later by a resident, Mr A S Dhlamini, who had moved that the resolution to sell the liquor outlets be declared invalid because many of the councillors had vested interests.

Mr Bizos put it to Mr Mahlatsi that he had ruled that out of order because of a small error of wording.

aware of the things to which the hon member for Houghton refers. It is so that we are not responsible for, but it is still a serious objective of the Government that it will take note of the administration that takes place in such national states. It is, however, once again not my field, therefore I cannot comment on it. Another hon member of the Cabinet is responsible for the administration in this regard. If the hon member has any enquiries I ask her to put it to my hon colleague who in addition to the national states also has specific responsibility for the administration and governing of those states.

*Local administration: Transvaal/national states*  
 215/216 26/4/86 G.C.W. 1271.  
 15. Mr. P G SOAL asked the Minister of Constitutional Development and Planning

- (1) Whether he has received from (a) the Administrator of the Transvaal and/or (b) any national state any proposals for the joint administration of the Transvaal, and any or all of the national states situated in that province; if so, (i) when, (ii) what is the nature of these proposals and (iii) what was his response thereto, if not,
- (2) whether his Department will (a) investigate the possibility of such a joint administrative structure and (b) initiate discussions between affected parties, if not, why not, if so, when,
- (3) whether he will make a statement on the matter

**THE MINISTER OF CONSTITUTIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING**

- (1) No
- (2) (a) Legislation will shortly be presented to Parliament creating a statutory framework for co-operation at administrative and executive levels between provincial authorities and national states
- (b) No Such co-operations rely on

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agreement between the parties concerned and must be initiated by them.

- (3) No. The State President made a statement on the matter on 18 April 1986 in the House of Assembly

London: travel bureau

\*16 Mr P G SOAL asked the Minister of Transport Affairs

- (1) With reference to his reply to Question No 685 on 7 April 1986, what total amount in revenue was generated by the 3 620 bookings made at the travel bureau of the South African Transport Services in London in the 1985-86 financial year,
- (2) whether any bookings made at this bureau were cancelled in the above-mentioned financial year; if so, how many?

**THE MINISTER OF TRANSPORT AFFAIRS**

- (1) R3 338 000.
- (2) Yes, 227 individuals and 7 groups of 15 persons each.

Dellville Wood

\*17. Mr J H VISAGIE asked the Minister of Public Works †

- (1) Whether the memorial museum at Dellville Wood has been completed; if not, when is it expected to be completed, if so, when,
- (2) what is the latest estimate of the total cost of the erection of the museum, (b) what amount has been spent on the erection thereof to date and (c) in respect of what date is this information furnished?

**THE MINISTER OF PUBLIC WORKS:**

- (1) Finishing is in progress and should be finalised shortly

- (2) (a) to (c)

The final accounts will be available in due course. For the present the estimate remains at R9 760 000 as indicated in the White Paper on the department's building programme. To date R8 599 895 has been brought into account in respect of this service

*G.C.W. 1273*  
 Kagiso: person shot  
 \*18. Mr S VANDER MERWE asked the Minister of Law and Order

- (1) Whether a certain person, whose name has been furnished to the South African Police for the purpose of the Minister's reply, was shot and killed in Kagiso on or about 25 March 1986, if so, (a) by whom was this person shot, (b) what were the circumstances surrounding his death and (c) what is his name,
- (2) whether an investigation has been held into the death of this person, if not, why not, if so, what were the findings,
- (3) whether an inquest has been held into the death of this person, if not, why not, if so, (a) when, (b) where and (c) what were the findings?

**THE MINISTER OF LAW AND ORDER:**

- (1) to (3)

Since judicial proceedings, resulting from the events on 25 March 1986 in Kagiso, have already commenced and a Judge has already banned the publication or disclosing of information relating to the matter, I do not deem it in the interest of the administration of justice to make known further information

Aircraft: tyre problem

\*19. Mr D J N MALCOMESS asked the Minister of Transport Affairs.

- (1) Whether, during March 1986, a South African Airways aircraft on a flight from Johannesburg to Port Elizabeth had a tyre problem on take-off, if so,
- (2) whether this problem required the aircraft to re-land at Jan Smuts Airport, if so, at what time did the aircraft re-land;
- (3) whether the passengers were required to remain on the aircraft while repairs were being carried out; if so, (a) why and (b) for how long were they required to wait,
- (4) whether these passengers were kept informed of the situation, if not, why not, if so, in what manner?

**THE MINISTER OF TRANSPORT AFFAIRS**

- (1) Yes
- (2) Yes, at 19h00.
- (3) Yes.

(a) Initially only a tyre change would have been made which is normally not a time consuming procedure. However, after the tyre was changed it was also found that a wing flap was damaged during the incident and it was therefore necessary for the passengers to change aircraft

- (b) 2 hours
- (4) Yes, through regular announcements by the captain

Mr D J N MALCOMESS: Mr Speaker, arising out of the reply given by the hon the Minister, could he tell us whether the tyre problem was caused by a poorly retreaded tyre, or whether it was an original tyre?

The MINISTER Mr Speaker, I cannot say whether it was a Firestone, a Dunlop or a retreaded tyre, I cannot provide the hon member with that type of information

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# Row over new Govt move on rent collection

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**JOHANNESBURG**—The Federated Chamber of Industries and the Associated Chambers of Commerce rejected draft legislation tabled in Parliament by Mr Chris Heunis, Minister of Constitutional Development and Planning, yesterday.

The proposed legislation would empower black local authorities to recover outstanding rents from employers.

The FCI and Assocom have come out strongly against involving commerce and industry in problems that are seen to be political.

In effect, it would enmesh employers in the unhappy relationship that exists between the landlords and tenants, they say.

## Wage packets

The Black Local Authorities Amendment Bill's clause would empower local authorities to collect rents from employers and instruct them to withdraw such sums from wage packets.

One stipulation is that no more than 25 percent may be deducted from the wage.

The Bill would also authorise magistrates to act against employers' movable property.

Assocom says debt-collecting should be pursued through the courts, rather than inflicting additional onus on employers.

Industry believes such a Bill would cause increased friction between employer and employee.

## Harm

Mr Theo van den Bergh, group personnel director of Toyota South Africa, said moves to involve employers in recovering employees' rent arrears were likely to harm relations between the two, writes a Mercury Reporter.

Mr van den Bergh said that although similar mechanisms had been employed in the past, 'we do not want to get involved in their personal affairs'.

'While I have some sympathy with the difficulties local authorities may be confronted with from time

to time, I can only say I think it unfortunate that employers have to get involved in this process'.

The company has about 5 000 black employees in Natal.

The Mercury's Cape Town correspondent says a major row has erupted over the Bill, which seeks to break rent boycotts currently operating in many black townships.

## Mood

The PFP's spokesman on Black Affairs, Mrs Helen Suzman, said 'The Government seems totally unaware of the mood of the townships, not to mention the struggle which black people are having in the present economic recession and in the fight against inflation.'

'Trying to cope with the rent boycott in this arbitrary way instead of attempting to resolve the basic causes of why people are not paying rents seems to be the height of folly'.

She said the effect on the relationships between employer and employees was

likely to be 'disastrous' at a time when everything should be done to minimise the dangers of strikes and industrial unrest.

## Yell

'I anticipate a loud yell of protest from employers when they are confronted with a warrant of execution against their movable property because they have failed to pay the back charges for rents and services of their workers'.

The PFP spokesman on black rural affairs, Mr Ray Swart, said it was a 'recipe for trouble'.

In effect, the local authority would have the right to pass judgment on the occupier and then instruct the employer to execute the judgment.

The Labour Party leader, the Rev Allan Hendrickse, said it was 'totally unacceptable'.

It was 'certainly unjust and discriminatory' in that it concerned black people only, although others were also involved in non-payment of rent' — (Sapa)

● See Editorial Opinion

By DERRICK LUTHAYI

THE Alexandra Junior Town Council collapsed this week after the mass resignation of its 11 remaining members.

Seven other members threw in the towel earlier this year at the height of unrest which has claimed about 20 lives in Alexandra.

The members said they were resigning because of pressure from their families.

Junior mayor Harvey P. Platse said they had given their resignations to town clerk Andrew Mardon.

They couldn't give them to town clerk Arthur Magerman - he resigned this week, too.

The resignations have been accepted by Alexandra mayor Sam Buti, who heads the four community councils.

Five council members Taunyane, R. Maphala and Molepo, NA Maphala and

# Council collapse

P Williams resigned earlier this week.

However, it's not sure whether the junior council resignations are official - because the council members don't form a majority.

A letter of resignation from one of the junior councillors states "Due to the present situation in Alexandra and threats made on us and our families, we have resolved to dissolve the junior town council to try to seek solutions together with the township and pursue community projects which we have left unfinished."

Junior council members say they were faced with extreme difficulties when performing their duties.

"We were unpaid servants of the council and we do not support apartheid. We were only involved with community service. Our last project will be the handing over of a cheque to the centre for handicapped children."

Among the junior councillors who have resigned are Elias Padi, Paul Molepo, Prince Mathipa, Isaac Padi, Ernest Buti, Ephraim Ramphela, Elijah Tshire, Cecilia Tsie, Shadrack Padi and Eunice Musi.

# Buti's resignation highlights failure of Local Authorities Act

By Montshiwa Moroke

The resignation yesterday of the Rev Sam Palo Buti as Mayor of Alexandra township has again highlighted the failure of the Local Authorities Act

A minister of the Nederduitse Gereformeerde Church in Africa, Mr Buti has always believed in dialogue Hence his participation in the community council system

He has stated repeatedly that he believes in reconciliation and had resisted many previous calls to step down

It appears he did not resign from the Alexandra Town Council voluntarily. There were traces of regret in his voice as he announced the resignation

He said in the history of South Africa, with the exception of the homelands, there had been no place blacks had been given the opportunity to build a town or city of their own

"This is what the Alexandra Town Council was trying to do — to create a model for a fu-



Mr Sam Buti.

ture South Africa Given an opportunity, you can build a town the way you want it.

"We are not national leaders, as some people wrongly put it. We regard ourselves as local, parochial servants who do not cut themselves from the mainstream

"This is how we viewed ourselves in Alexandra, acting to improve the quality of the lives of our people

"Liberation is multi-faceted. Whenever you talk about liberation, do not treat it as one aspect

"We as blacks have to diversify our struggle, our approach to the question of liberation"

During his early days as a civic leader, Mr Buti was a

popular and respected man. He is a former president of the South African Council of Churches (SACC) and is widely travelled

His Save Alexandra Party campaigned ferociously for the reprieve of the township in 1979. The Alexandra Liaison Committee was in charge of civic matters at the time

Alexandra received municipal status in 1983 and the decline of Mr Buti's popularity followed

Last year his parish house was destroyed by fire after petrol bombs were hurled into it while he and his family were asleep

Unrest in the township broke out in February. Houses belonging to Mr Buti and his councillors were under heavy police guard while they were reported to be staying in neighbouring Sandton

During the unrest three members of his council and the public relations officer resigned and last week Mr Buti's right-hand man, Town Clerk Mr Arthur Magerman, also resigned



# Alex Simmers as last councillor <sup>303 DAY</sup> <sup>23/4/86</sup> <sup>2366</sup> quit

## RENT AND CONSUMER BOYCOTT ENTERS THIRD DAY

SOPHIE TEMA

ALEXANDRA'S troubled township has had another setback with collapse of its local authority.

An uneasy calm reigns over the Sandton black community as the rent and consumer boycott enters its third day. Local authority leader, the Rev Sam Buti, and three other councillors bowed out yesterday.

They were the last of nine members who constituted the township's local authority. The others are: L C Koza, H M Makubire and P Peters.

Five other members, L M Taunyane, T K Molepo, R Mashile, P Maphala, and P Williams, and town clerk Arthur Magerman have resigned in the past two months.

In his last mayoral speech at the council's chambers yesterday Buti said: "Because we belong to a body which is rejected and opposed by the people we are seen as something different." He denied that he and other council-

lors had been intimidated and forced into resigning.

"We were not intimidated into resigning, it was rather a question of people making it difficult for development to take place," he said.

The Alex Town Council is the fourth to collapse since unrest hit black townships around the country.

The three others are KwaNobuhle and Lingelihle, in the Eastern Cape, and Nonzwakazi, in the Northern Cape.

Asked what would happen now that the township was without a council, Buti said: "How can we give up. The save Alexandra Committee will still be there to act as an ad hoc committee between the Minister of Constitutional

Development and Planning and the people.

"Since 1979 we had aimed to become a fully-fledged municipality and had hoped Alex would be the model of the town or city we hoped to build.

"Instead, housing in this area remains a burning issue, and is one of the most stringent constraints applied on blacks by the oppressor.

"We, like all other people, want to live in proper houses and not single rooms or hostels," Buti said.

The only remaining council official is white acting town clerk Andrew Mar-don. This raises the question of whether whites are to be brought back to run black councils.

Spokesman for the Constitutional Development and Planning Department

said: "Only if the present atmosphere makes it impossible for local authorities to hold by-elections, and no people avail themselves to fill the vacant posts, then whites would replace councillors who have resigned."

Alexandra, the only township where blacks have freehold rights, got its name from the daughter of an unsuccessful white farmer — Alexandra Pa-pentus — in 1905.

The farmer's daughter then realised that the land would be of great value if divided into stands and sold as residential plots.

It was registered as a white township, but no white buyers showed interest at that time because Johannesburg had hardly spread beyond Judith's Paarl and Alexandra seemed a long way off to the prospective buyer.

This resulted in the proclamation of the township for black and coloured people.



# Council collapse at Alex

23/4/86 SOPHIE-TEMA  
ELECTIONS will have to be held in Alexandra, Sandton, after yesterday's collapse of the township council led by the Rev Sam Pabalo Buti.

Deputy director-general of Constitutional Development and Planning, Noel Viljoen, said in Cape Town yesterday "In the absence of a local authority, the law allows that an administrator be appointed in the interim, to administer the affairs of the township".

Buti and three remaining councillors announced their resignations yesterday.

Buti said yesterday "It leaves us with deep remorse to be compelled to resign when the total redevelopment project of Alexandra is not fully realised."

Buti stressed he had not been intimidated into taking the decision  
Acting publicity secretary for the

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Alex needs new council

United Democratic Front, Murphy Morobe, said yesterday: "The UDF welcomes the fall of the Alexandra Town Council. This spells victory for the people of Alexandra."

He added: "If councillors choose to join the ranks of the democratic movements, the doors are wide open for them."

The announcement of Buti's resignation came as a consumer and rents boy-

cott in Alexandra entered its third day.  
□ Two more vehicles were hijacked by youths near Alexandra on Monday. Police yesterday confirmed that in both cases drivers were hijacked in their employers' vehicles. No arrests nor injuries were reported.

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# Court awards Brits man 'a long overdue home'

By Kym Hamilton,  
Pretoria Bureau

The Pretoria Supreme Court today ordered the Brits township superintendent to allocate a resident "a home he should have had months ago".

Mr Justice E Stafford described the conduct of the superintendent, Mr Marthinus Bendade de Beer, in refusing Mr Moshe Jan Mahlaela a home as "unwarranted and boorish".

He said Mr de Beer had used

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vulgar and abusive language in telling Mr Mahlaela not to waste his time and not to return to the Central Transvaal Development Board's offices with another request for a home for him and his family.

The court found Mr de Beer had abused his powers in terms of the regulations by attempting to effect the removal of the population at Brits Oulokasie to a new township, Lethlabile, 20 km further out of town.

Only the Minister had the

power to disestablish a township and the board's attempts to use its power to allocate housing to achieve the disestablishment of the location was not sanctioned by the legislature, Mr Justice Stafford said.

Mr de Beer was ordered to pay the costs of the application.

The judge described the board's actions as a "high-handed bureaucratic disregard for peoples rights".

He added that Mr Mahlaela's actions were above reproach.

He was an individual exercising his rights in seeking to obtain a home for himself and his family.

This judgment is likely to affect at least 5 000 people living in Oulokasie, about 4 km outside Brits. According to papers before the court, the area is earmarked for development of a white residential area.

The judge said there was nothing on the papers to suggest that the Minister intended de-proclaiming Oulokasie.

# Socialite quits Alex town council

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One of Alexandra township's well-known socialites, shebeen owner Mr Milie Bowes, has resigned as an employee of the Alexandra Town Council

Mr Bowes' resignation came minutes before that of mayor Mr Sam Buti and the rest of his councillors on Tuesday

Mr Bowes had been employed by the council for about a year as caretaker of the township's blocks of flats

A pamphlet distributed by organizers of the Alexandra consumer boycott which started this week, called on residents to boycott his shebeen

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In the same week the government moved to scrap the pass laws, tough new measures were introduced to crack down on unrest

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## Sam Buti's back in favour

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SAM BUTI may soon be welcomed as an ally by the Alexandra community groups which vigorously opposed his role on the local community council.

The colourful former mayor and erstwhile local hero announced his resignation to a press conference at his offices in the township this week. Asked if he intended to join forces with organisations such as the Alexandra Civic Association, Buti said he had never opposed such groups.

"But the question must be asked: are they going to accept us?"

The chairman of the Alexandra Crisis Committee, Linda Twala, said yesterday

Buti had done what the people wanted him to do.

"We shall accept him back now that he is no longer working within the system," he said.

"We are not interested in personal grudges. He has done much for Alex and has expert knowledge. We would like him to be a servant of the people of Alex along with us."

UDF publicity secretary Murphy Morobe hailed the council's collapse as "a victory for the people of Alexandra", and said: "The doors are wide open for councillors who choose to join the ranks of the

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# Ex-Mayor Buti back in favour

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'democratic movements'

Buti said his resignation was a result of "confusion in the liberation struggle", and that people had mistaken his participation in local government as a sell-out

"Without criticising any organisations or individuals," he said, "I must explain that we were trying in our small way to create a model of a future South Africa, with black men and women in charge of their lives"

Buti denied his Save Alexandra Party had developed as a creation of the government. He had entered Alex politics at the head of a "resistance movement", the Alexandra Liaison Committee, he said. He was responding to "the wishes of the people" by resigning

The Save Alexandra Party would continue to implement its programme, he said, and would still work as "a liberation party"



The Reverend Sam Buti, who resigned as mayor this week:  
"... responding to the wishes of the people".

Picture: REUTER



EV SAM BUTI: Resigned

# BUTI'S DREAM IS A NIGHTMARE

By MONO BADIYA

SAM BUTI's dream has turned into a nightmare.

The once-popular churchman resigned as mayor this week without seeing his cherished dream — of Alexandra as "a model township" — fulfilled.

Alex is a "model township" of sorts — but not the way Buti meant it.

It is, rather, a model of street-level opposition to apartheid — a total rejection of town councillors like Buti.

Alexandra today is governed by area committees, and decisions concerning the day to day administration are taken at grassroots level — not in plush council chambers.

Buti himself eventually seemed to have acknowledged this development by quitting the "stooge council" and publicly declaring his readiness to support people's organisations fighting for a complete change in South Africa.

He and the three other remaining councillors — deputy mayor Lucas Koza, Harry

Makubire and Patrick Peters — told a Press conference: "It is with heavy hearts that we finally come to this decision to resign after lengthy, extremely agonising moments of our lives".

But Buti — founder of the Save Alex Party which fought against the removal of Alex families — said he had no intention of dissolving his party.

"I will continue to fight apartheid as I have been doing, but this time outside the system".

He said the "oppressive system had destroyed family life in Alexandra" and turned the township into a hostel.

He denied allegations that he resigned because of continuous intimidation against councillors and government collaborators.

"I have not been intimidated into this decision," he said.

He said he entered civic life because he wanted to improve the quality of life of the people

in Alexandra.

He thought he could serve them through his Save Alexandra Township party, but he's come to realise that the people are not interested in government created institutions, he said.

"Now we are abandoning our reconstruction program amounting to nearly R3 m. We have no option but to pull out," he said.

Buti lashed out at what he called "so-called government reforms".

"I do not believe in the concept of reforms," he said.

He reiterated the call for the unconditional release of jailed ANC leader Nelson Mandela and the unbanning of the ANC "I was one of the first people in 1983 to make this call," he said.

● Alex's Town Clerk Arthur Magerman and the Alex Junior Council resigned last week. Five other councillors resigned earlier this year.

## Why there is still hope in Alex

By ZB MOKETE

AN Alexandra priest this week spelt out — in graphic detail — how violence has rocked the dusty township he calls his home.

St Michael Anglican Church rector Horace McBride told Wits University's Alumni luncheon club: "Alexandra is a heart pumping with hurt, guilt, anger and — at the same time — love."

McBride said he could understand why Alex residents are "involved" in the violence.

"I must stress that I abhor violence, but these are the people I must min-

ister to," he said.

A hush fell over the meeting when McBride asked: "How would you feel if there was that dreaded midnight knock at your door, and people burst into your house and took away your child?"

"Then the following day comes the phone call to say your child has been detained because he is an ANC member."

But, added McBride, there was still a message of hope: "What has come out of Alex, especially from the youth, is that we don't want to rob whites."

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**Bloem freed from detention again**

Kroonstad United Democratic Front leader Mr Dennis Bloem was freed from his fourth spell of security detention yesterday.

He and three other residents held under section 50 of the Internal Security Act two weeks ago were all released.

Mr Bloem has spent more than seven months of the last year behind bars but has not been charged

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**Soweto council police pull down shacks**

By Montshiwa Moroke

The Soweto Council police yesterday pulled down a number of newly-erected shacks near Mofolo Village before the mayor, Mr Ephraim E.P. Tshabalala, intervened and stopped the action.

The shack dwellers called for the resignation of all the councillors except for Mr Tshabalala

The action has also been brought to light a serious difference between the mayor and his councillors, most of whom are members of his Sofasonke Party.

A council source said the decision to demolish the shacks was taken at a council meeting on Monday night

Housing committee chairman Mr Julius Mdlalose said yesterday the council had to take a firm stand on the growing number of squatters

Squatters said most of the people whose shacks were pulled down were away at the time of the raid by armed Soweto Council police and white officials



DOMINIQUE GILBERT

JOHANNESBURG City Council is to introduce a new strategy aimed at reducing risks faced by temporary workers who queue overnight in an open lot near Soweto seeking work.

Realising the possibility that some of these people will be exposed during winter, the JCC is selecting some people for regular employment, to remove the need for scores of desperate hopefuls to queue overnight.

A JCC spokesman said he was aware of crime-related problems experienced by the one-day workers but believed it was a matter for police.

Soweto police say they are unaware that problems exist at the lot.

The one-day workers, many of whom queue for 17 hours waiting for municipal lorries to collect them, brave inclement weather and risk attack by thugs.

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# City council in catch-22 situation over casuals

The JCC spokesman confirmed that a criminal element does move in occasionally. "Youngsters rob old people of their day's earnings or muscle others out of the truck. We have also had a truck set alight," he said.

Asked to comment on fears that some of those who camp in the open overnight may die of exposure, the spokesman said "Bear in mind we are employers like any other employer. The place where they are

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picked up is simply a pick-up point for which we do not feel we are in a position to erect shelters. We cannot solve the problems.

"It's a catch-22 situation. There would be no rapes or killings if we told people they would be picked up from an office in town, but then they would have to pay transport costs to get here."

The new strategy is expected to improve the position, he added.

The city council, a major employer of the unemployed who benefit from government's job-creation scheme, collects 1 400 of its 2 400 casual-worker recruits from Soweto.

Funds for the job-creation scheme are likely to last another six months, depending on how widely the scheme is used.

Several private businesses and local authorities are making use of a portion of the R600m set aside by government for the scheme.

# SOWETAN

## ET wants to dissolve Council

By ALI MPHAKI

THE mayor of Soweto, Mr Ephraim "Mshengu" Tshabalala, was mandated to dissolve the council and remain with the town clerk to run the affairs of the township at a Sofasonke Party meeting held at the Eyethu Cinema yesterday.

Attended by more than 5 000 people, the meeting was told that most of the councillors were corrupt and that the mayor, together with Mr Nico Malan, the town clerk, should be allowed to run the township for a "test" period of about two or three years.

Addressing the meeting, Mr Tshabalala said he was tired of listening

to complaints about members of his council and that all corrupt councillors must be fired.

"Those who are irresponsible, who attend their duties drunk and those who are rude to the public must be fired," he said amid ululations from the audience.

Mr Tshabalala said he would like to have executive powers similar to those given to homeland leaders to enable them to change and control their Cabinet Ministers as they deem fit.

He said just as Inka-

tha was the main political body in Natal, he wanted the Sofasonke Party to be the main party in Soweto.

He added that he would like to suggest that police stations inside Soweto be asked to accommodate the Soweto Council's Law Enforcement Component and Protea Police Station situated on the border of Soweto be used by the SAP.

"The law enforcement component cannot operate effectively without proper accommodation in respect of offices as well as safe boarding for

its members," Mr Tshabalala said.

Mr Tshabalala also mentioned that:

- He would ask the Government to provide luxury buses to school-going children to undertake an educational tour to Stellenbosch in the Cape.

- He would request of the Government that students who obtain the best marks in matric be offered a two-week trip by ship to England where they will, among others, meet the Queen.

He reiterated his call for a tollgate system and also promised that rents in Soweto will be reduced to R5 or R6 a month.

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## Council to build barracks

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THE Diepmeadow Town Council decided at its monthly meeting last week to build barracks for their council police in Diepkloof, Soweto, following several attacks on policemen in the townships.

The deputy mayor of Diepmeadow, Mr M J Mathala, told councillors that their police were not safe in the townships because three of their houses had been attacked and one was burnt down.

He said that since policemen became the targets of certain elements in Soweto, they had now decided to build them barracks at the council's central camp in Diepkloof.

### Ucasa

Mr Mathala also said that R10 500 had been made available for the protection of councillors' houses. A decision had also been taken at the Ucasa (Urban Councils Association of South Africa) conference in Bloemfontein last month that every councillor should have his own police reservist.

The meeting became rowdy when Mr Mathala attacked white officials, saying they were stalling over plans to protect councillors' houses. —

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### Three youths killed by council cops

# ZONE 1 DEATH SIEGE

By JOSHUA MABOROKO

**THREE** youths were shot dead and several others are believed to have fled their homes after a confrontation with the Diepsmeadow Council Police in Soweto yesterday.

Eugene Zakhete Mshali (19), a Form Four pupil at Deepdale High School, Joshua Maseko (16), a Form Three pupil at Bophla Senatla Secondary School, and David Jabu Khoza (20), were killed when police raided the trouble-torn Zone 1, Diepkloof area.

Captain C J Maree, of the Police Directorate in Pretoria, yesterday confirmed the shooting and said about 60 youths stoned and damaged police vehicles. The council police fired pistols at them at 11 45 on Saturday night. It is understood that residents and youths had intended to call a meeting to discuss the possibility of forming "street defence units" against a group of vigilantes that harass them when the police come into the township.

Ms Patricia Khoza said her brother was fetched from home by a group of youths on Saturday to attend a meeting in the area.

"We do not know what happened to him until we received a message on Sunday morning that his body had been found on the roof of a neighbour's house," she said.

Ms Khoza said several shots were fired in Zone 1 on Saturday night and most residents stayed behind closed doors in fear of their lives. Her brother was apparently shot dead when he tried to escape.

Mr Nick Maseko said shooting started at about 11 30pm on Saturday and lasted almost the whole night.

"We were under a virtual siege as shots were fired from every street. My child, Joshua, was shot dead during the action. He had visited friends."

Mr Maseko added that his other son, Tembha Maseko, narrowly escaped death when he was missed by several shots.

Mrs Cecilia Mshali said her son was shot dead during the raid by the council police.

Several residents interviewed by the Sowetan yesterday described how a massive council police force invaded the area in vehicles and patrolled their streets.

They said they feared for their children's lives.

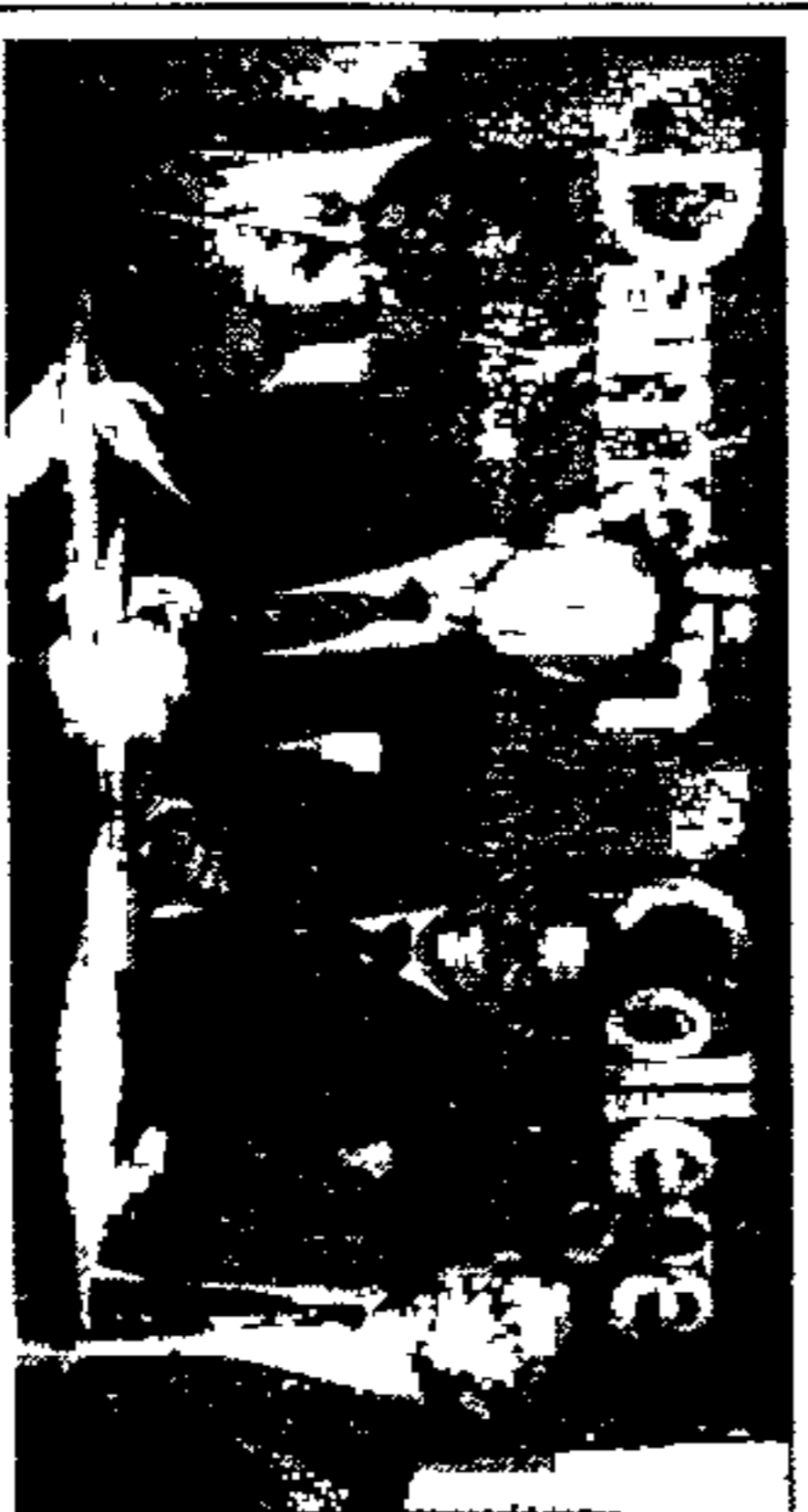
The township was tense but calm by late last night.



EUGENE Mshali Shot Mr JOSHUA Maseko Mrs CECILIA Mshali dead Son shot Son dead

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## Mofolo shacks pulled down again

By LANGA  
SKOSANA

HEAVILY armed police yesterday fired tear-smoke and set dogs on Mofolo, Soweto squatters whose tin shacks were demolished for the second time in a week.

Several people were injured and at least two women were taken to hospital with dog bites and birdshot injuries.

The incident happened after angry squatters confronted workmen who were busy dismantling the shacks with crowbars and heavy hammers.

Early yesterday morning, Soweto Council policemen backed up by members of the SAP guarded the squatter camp as workmen started dismantling newly-erected shacks.

Women whose families were promised proper homes by Soweto's mayor, Mr Ephraim Tshabalala, wept as the demolitions continued. Scores of desperate and homeless people said they had lost their entire savings after their shacks had been demolished for the second time.

Mrs Evelyn Radebe, a mother of three, said the shack she had put up last week at a cost of R450 had been demolished. She later paid R350 for the shack that was demolished yesterday. In addition, she paid R35 for the piece of ground on which she erected the shacks.

The Red Cross has supplied four huge tents as temporary shelter for the people whose shacks had been brought down. But the tents have not been used because the people believe they are entitled to live on the plots for which they have paid.

The Soweto Town Council yesterday held an urgent executive committee meeting to decide what should happen to the displaced families.



AN ANGRY woman shouts at police and Soweto council workmen as some of the shacks in Mofolo are being pulled down.

Pic. MBUZENI ZULU

## Suspect linked to cop's death

# MAN SHOT

THE man arrested for allegedly killing a Pretoria-based policeman in Crossroads was yesterday shot dead by police.

SOWETAN CORRESPONDENT

Police said the 23-year-old man, whose name has not been released because his next of kin have not been informed, was shot in the head when he escaped from a Casspir while assisting investigators.

The man was arrested by a Gugulethu investigation team last Wednesday and was due to appear in court yesterday on a charge of murdering Constable Patrick Legong on March 25.

Lieutenant Attie Laubscher, a police harassment officer, said the man was taken to point out certain areas and at about 4 am the Casspir in which he and mem-

bers of the investigation team were travelling stopped in Mahobe Drive near the entrance to the Western Cape Development Board offices and Crossroads.

Early morning investigations in black areas have become normal because of the danger of attack during daylight hours and detectives have been told to use Casspirs when going into townships.

Members of the investigation team left the vehicle leaving the man inside under guard.

Lieutenant Laubscher said that soon afterwards he asked for permission to relieve him-

self and his handcuffs were unlocked.

One of the guards climbed out of the vehicle and waited next to the steps for the man to alight.

Lieutenant Laubscher said the man leapt from the vehicle, knocking over the guard, and fled towards shacks.

Four shots were fired at the fleeing man and one hit him in the head.

He was taken to Grootte Schuur Hospital where he was certified dead.

Lieutenant Laubscher said police were investigating the possibility that the man's brother

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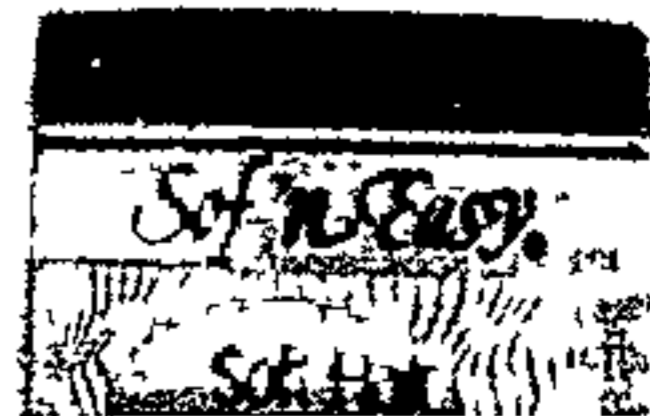
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# Govt's plan for provinces comes under fire

By Sue Leeman,  
Pretoria Bureau

Opposition parties in the doomed Transvaal Provincial Council have condemned the Government's plans for future second-tier government, saying the new nominated bodies will rob the electorate of any say in decisions.

However, one MEC has countered by saying that although the new system may be less democratic it will be more efficient because experts in certain fields can be appointed.

The Minister of Constitutional Development and Planning, Mr Chris Heunis, announced yesterday that when the provincial councils are abolished in June the State President will appoint powerful administrators with executive and legislative powers to run general affairs in each province.

Each administrator will be advised by an executive committee, also appointed by the President.

These committees may be multiracial.

Various general affairs matters will be devolved from Parliament to the new provincial administrations, which will be answerable directly to Parliament.

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The own affairs components (such as education, hospitals and local government) of the present provincial administrations will be transferred to the various Ministers' Councils in Parliament.

Leader of the official PFP opposition in the Transvaal Provincial Council, Mr Douglas Gibson, accused Mr Heunis and the Government of arrogance "for believing that they govern by some divine right".

The Government was giving the lie to its promises to devolve power.

"The Minister (Mr Heunis)



Mr Chris Heunis . . . accused of arrogance

now takes over all authority and the nominated executive committee, owing allegiance only to him, will exercise legislative powers.

"By taking away elected MPCs the Government has eliminated the democratic element and lawmaking and administration will in future take place in secret."

Leader of the Conservative Party in the council, Dr Servaas Latsky, said a Government-appointed provincial administration was unacceptable.

## HONEST

"It is responsible only to the one who appoints it and not to the voter. This is not good for healthy and honest government because you can't debate the decisions of such a body."

Dr Latsky also objected to the introduction of mixed government at second-tier.

"Blacks will serve on regional service councils and possibly on the executive committees. We believe every affair is an 'own affair'."

However, MEC for local government Mr John Griffiths said the new system would not change the fact that the Administrator was in charge at second-tier level "and what he wants, he usually gets".

Provincial administrations, he said, would continue to pursue the policy of the government of the day and central Government would still dictate how the Budget was spent.

Although the new system was less democratic, the State President could be counted on to appoint only people who were acceptable and came from the particular province.

The President would be able to draw on experts to run the provinces efficiently, Mr Griffiths said. Coloureds, Indians and blacks would also be brought into second-tier government.

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# SUSPENDED

## Call to scrap Group Areas and Land Acts

SA Press Association

THE Urban Foundation yesterday welcomed the publication of the Black Communities Development Amendment Bill as a "part of a package of changes long advocated by the Foundation"

Mr Fred Stirling, executive director of the Urban Foundation, said in a Press statement yesterday "This Bill is the result of a long and arduous process of research and negotiation to achieve full property ownership rights for black South Africans"

"The Amendment Bill will facilitate a more active role by the private sector in the establishment and development of townships"

"While this will do much to stimulate the provision of housing by township developers, the home-building industry and employers, it is essential to again stress that further changes are urgently required before blacks can fully enjoy the practical advan-

tages of full property rights as is the case with other South Africans" he said

Mr Stirling said urgent attention should be given to the provision of land and finance and "innovative housing methods" to stimulate a large-scale creation of housing

"Moreover, racial tags attached to the allocation of land conflict with the fundamental principles of the Foundation, such as freedom of choice and free enterprise," he added

"A radical reconsideration of the Group Areas Act and Land Act is therefore an urgent priority"

"The Bill represents part of the package of changes long advocated by the Foundation. These changes, which include the abolition of influx control, the restoration of citizenship and a common identity document, are all components of a process of transformation of our society"

By MANDLA NDLAZI

THE Soweto City Council yesterday suspended mayor Mr Ephraim Tshabalala for 45 days. It also plans to take him to court on allegations relating to extortion and mismanagement.

The suspension *in absentia* follows the setting up of the controversial squatter camp in Mofolo, which was Mr Tshabalala's brainchild

In a full and lively meeting yesterday, it was said that Mr Tshabalala violated a council decision by meeting or encouraging people to squat

The council had decided that not more than 400 shacks be built

The council resolved to consult its legal advisers in a bid to press charges against the mayor

### Meeting

The allegations would be that he contravened the Squatters Act, the Health Act and the Black Local Authorities Act

The mayoral car will be taken away from him and he will lose all privileges enjoyed by a mayor

Action was also taken against him under Section 81 of the Council Regulations in that he disclosed information on matters discussed at a meeting that was held behind closed doors

Meanwhile police would be asked to investigate how much rent squatters pay and to whom the money goes

Mr Tshabalala had sent a written apology



MAYOR Tshabalala squatter camp

excusing himself from the meeting. The apology was rejected

The meeting was chaired by the deputy mayor Mr Glen Jwara and not a single member of the Sofasonke Party attended

A councillor claimed that innocent squatters might be killed if they defied police action to demolish the shacks

Mr Nico Malan, the Town Clerk, said more than 1 000 shacks were put up while the council had toilet facilities for only 500. This was a major health hazard

The meeting also decided that Mr Tshabalala should dismantle or demolish the unwanted shacks himself rather than have the council police take on this job

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# Lekoa Town Council hot seats are filled

**TWO of the seats left vacant in the Lekoa Town Council at the height of the Vaal anti-rent increases protest almost two years ago have been filled.**

The two new men in the council are Mr M L Modise for Ward 12 in Sebokeng and Mr S A Mathlare for Ward 22 in Sharpeville.

A spokesman for the

Lekoa Town Council yesterday confirmed that the two councillors were returned unop-

posed in their wards when the council invited nominations for the 12 vacant wards

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# CRECHES FACING A CRISIS

**ATTERIDGEVILLE** parents have until the end of the month to decide on whether to agree to an increase in crèche fees to R32 per child or to have the crèches sold to the private sector.

The local town council announced last year that although they subsidised crèches to the tune of R56 000 per year they still have an annual deficit of about R100 000

The council proposed in November last year to either increase fees by R32 per child or to sell the five crèches — Jabulani, Boikanyong, Nkhensani, Mina Soga and Itumeleng — to the private sector

The council stressed, however, that these proposals were not final and invited parents and committees to submit suggestions about running the crèches. The council also announced that they will only subsidise the crèches until the end of next month

A spokesman for the council yesterday said they were still awaiting for suggestions from parents and a meeting would probably be held sometime this month to discuss the matter

Parents at previous meetings rejected the idea of selling crèches to the private sector and instead suggested that the Department of Education and Training, which is presently subsidising crèches to the tune of R17 000 per annum, should increase the subsidy.



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**'Don't look at us as sellouts'**

# TWO FILL COUNCIL HOT SEATS

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By **MONK NKOMO**

**TWO** well-known Atteridgeville residents — Mr Robert Tshankie and Mr Jerry Phiri — have been nominated as local town councillors.

Town council secretary Mr George Mahlaela said yesterday, both men were nominated unopposed and with effect from May 1 to fill the vacancies in wards 2 and 9 which were previously held by Mr Podu Mamabolo and Mr Thomas Tshivase respectively.

Mr Mamabolo resigned from the council in March because of ill health and pressure from his family. Mr Tshivase resigned because of ill health.

Mr Phiri, a businessman, who stood for election in 1983 and lost to the man he now replaces, yesterday said: "Councillors are not here to further the aims and objectives of apartheid. We are here to break the barriers of apartheid."

"We also want to be liberated and we also abhor apartheid like any other black person in this country. That is why we want to run our own affairs and provide the community with the necessary and essential services like housing, electricity and water supplies."

## **Appeal**

Mr Phiri also urged political organisations to stop looking at councillors as "sellouts" and appealed to them to come forward and, together, table their grievances and make direct representation to the Government.

"We all want to be liberated. Some think they can succeed while working within the system and others think it will only be achieved from outside", Mr Phiri said.

Mr Tshankie, a fitness fanatic and former social worker, could not be reached for comment.

# COUNCILLOR WILL RESIGN

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ANOTHER Vosloorus Town Council member is to resign from his position today.

He is Mr Ntsane Churchill Mokoena who has been a councillor since the introduction of the black local authorities

He told the *Sowetan* yesterday that he would be submitting his resignation to the town clerk, Mr George Prinsloo, today.

He said he was bowing out because of family pressure and other de-

manding commitments. He could not say if some of his colleagues were thinking of following him.

## Pressure

Two weeks ago, two other Vosloorus Town Council members resigned because of pressure from their families. They are Mr Phineas Xulu and Mr Ezra Jukuda.

The resignation of the three councillors, now leaves the nine-member council with six members.

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# Third black councillor quits

By Phil Mtinkulu

Another member of the Vosloorus Town Council has resigned

Mr Ntsane Churchill Mokoena has confirmed that he submitted his resignation to the town clerk yesterday.

About two weeks ago two Vosloorus Town Council members resigned "due to pressure from their families".

They were Mr Phineas Xulu and Mr Ezra Jukuda

And Mr Mokoena has said "Pressure from members of my family and relatives forced me to resign"

He added that threats against councillors from unknown sources had also contributed to his decision

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# Dad tells of Vaal violence

By ALINAH DUBE

A SEBOKENG father yesterday told the Pretoria Supreme Court that a group of people sitting in a petrol station and children were hiding inside his house during the Vaal Triangle unrest.

Mr Steven Kobokwane, whose house address is 2015 Motjeane, was giving evidence for the defence. The case is before Mr Justice van der Walt and two assessors.

Mr Kobokwane, then another man, Mr Phinas Matibidi, were attacked with a variety of weapons and burnt on September 3, 1984. Eight people are appearing in court in connection with their deaths.

The judge heard that Mr Kobokwane locked himself inside a house while Mr Motjeane's house was under attack. His children, a councillor's wife and children were sitting in his bedroom, he said.

## Scared

"They were all scared and trembling Maud (the councillor's wife) was so terrified that she even lay down on my bed. None of them left the room during the attack," the witness said.

He said although all the windows were shut, he could see through a lace curtain that the dead councillor's house had been set alight. That, he said, took place after petrol was siphoned from his car.

Mr Kobokwane admitted that Mrs Motjeane and her children were later fetched from his house by the police. The Sowetan's chief photographer, Mr Joe Molefe, also gave evidence yesterday. He said the councillor was lying on his stomach when he took photographs that day.

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# Soweto needs R352-m to build houses

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THE Soweto City Council will have to raise at least R352-million to wipe out the critical housing backlog and provide accommodation to about 22 000 people cur-

By SY MAKARINGE

rently on the official housing waiting list, according to figures released to the Sowetan.

This comes in the wake of the controversy surrounding the mushrooming of shacks in Mofolo

mal and informal housing schemes were on the pipeline

These are: 601 units in Nancefield, 226 houses in Dlamini, 109 serviced sites in Naledi; 720 in Emdeni; 1 234 houses in Protea South and 4 200 flats or townhouses in Protea South

He said 2 000 sites would also be made available at informal housing schemes in Zola, Tladi and Naledi

Mr Malan said about R24-million has been made available for these projects

## Reign of terror

A REIGN of terror is reaching frightening proportions in Soweto as gangs of heavily armed men, masquerading as Kabasa and the police, continue to harass residents.

Many residents believe that police are involved, but this has been denied by Brigadier James Beeslaar, head of the Soweto CID.

Several Orlando High School pupils were injured yesterday when a group of thugs thought to be Kabasa raided their school and stabbed pupils at random

At least four injured pupils were rushed to Orlando East Clinic and later transferred to Baragwanath Hospital

The four have been identified as Joan Ndlovu, Wilham Fundamela, Maria Mgoza and Nomakhosi Ndaba.

The regional director of the Department of Education and Training

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in Johannesburg, Mr Gunther Merbold, yesterday said he was not aware of the incident. He said he had been at a meeting and had not received any report.

The mutilated bodies of two Mapetla brothers were found in the veld near Mzimhlophe Women's Hostel after they were stabbed and shot this week by a group of men travelling in a kombi.

Their brother, Mr Petrus Nakedi, said the two brothers — Mr Zachariah Pule Nakedi (23) and Mr Matakes Nakedi (31) — were sitting in a car on Saturday when they were allegedly forced into the kombi

Mr Nakedi said two of their friends, who were bundled into the boot during the attack, were still missing

Mr Nico Malan, the town clerk of Soweto, said although it was not impossible to raise a loan of more than R350-million, it would not be possible to provide 22 000 housing units overnight

"The problem is to find land on which to build these houses," Mr Malan said

He said although the council had provided thousands of houses in Tshiawelo Extension 3, Naledi, as well as the Tshiawelo and Jabulam flats in the last few years, the housing backlog could not be reduced from 22 000 units because of the natural population growth in Soweto, estimated at 3,3 percent annually.

Mr Malan also said the council was faced with a big influx of housing applicants following the abolition of influx control laws

Mr Malan said his council had made certain proposals to the Government to make more land available for the building of more houses

He said several for

# Stones caused wounds - witness

A SENIOR State pathologist, Professor Johan Laubscher, told the Pretoria Supreme Court yesterday that a slain councillor, Mr Caesar Motjeane, sustained a number of wounds showing he had possibly been struck by more than one stone.

Prof Laubscher was giving evidence before Mr Justice van der Walt and two assessors. He said the marks on the dead councillor's face were possibly the wounds he sustained while being attacked.

Mr Motjeane, a Lekoa councillor, and Mr Phineas Matibidi were killed by a rampaging mob on September 3, 1984. They were stoned, attacked with weapons and burnt.

Eight Sebokeng residents are charged with the murder of the two. They have all pleaded not guilty.

Prof Laubscher said it was possible that the councillor either lay on his stomach or back when he was attacked. "But even a blow received while in a standing position does cause brain damage," he said.

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# COUNCIL TO ACT AGAINST 'ET'

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By MANDLA NDLAZI

THE Soweto City Council yesterday decided — after five years — to take action against the mayor, Mr Ephraim Tshabalala, who allegedly owes R108 918,96 in site

rent arrears.

This follows Mr Tshabalala's suspension as mayor over the Mofolo squatter camp.

The council's executive committee started discussing Mr Tshabalala's arrears on Monday, said one councillor.

The full council first discussed the matter on April 24. It was referred to the executive committee for a decision.

The *Sowetan* yesterday inspected the council's records which showed that Mr Tshabalala owed R48 491,52 for site No 1671 in Mofolo Central.

For Eyethu Sonke on site No 1672, he owes R46 995,84 and for Eyethu Civic Centre Pty Ltd on site No 1673 he owes R13 431,60. Both sites are in Mofolo Central.

All three sites were allocated to Mr Tshabalala on February 1, 1981. The amount he owes is site rent arrears, according to the documents.

Some of Mr Tshabalala's colleagues who yesterday spoke to the *Sowetan* alleged that he owed more, considering the undeveloped residential sites he was allocated in Naledi and Pimville.

Mr Tshabalala was suspended in absentia on May 13 when the council alleged that he violated a council decision that not more than 400 shacks should be erected in Mofolo.

It was also alleged that he contravened the *Squatters Act*, the *Health Act* and the *Black Local Authorities Act*.

Action was also taken against him under Section 81 of the Council Regulations in that he disclosed a confidential council matter.



BUSINESSMAN Ephraim Tshabalala.



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# Pamphlets warn residents to pay

THE Tembisa Town Council this week distributed hundreds of pamphlets in the township warning residents against late payments of rents.

The pamphlets stated that electricity supply will be cut if residents made their payments late. If rents are paid on the same day that the electricity supply is switched off, it would be immediately reconnected. If payment is made at a later date a R30 fee would be charged.

The pamphlet also warns residents that summonses will be served on residents failing to pay their rents after they have received formal notification from the council.

Residents in the township are enraged at the move. They claim that scores of families have had their electricity cut during the past month.

All council officials could not be reached for comment yesterday.

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**Strike one for ERAB workers**

IN the first strike in the history of the East Rand Administration Board, 1 200 Tembisa Council employees locked themselves inside the administrative offices on Monday morning

The employees <sup>266</sup> believed to represent the entire black workforce - downed tools because they lost pay for attending the funerals of three township residents last Wednesday. Almost the entire township also stayed away from work. Tembisa council officials were not available for comment at the time of going to press

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# Mshengu's Party 'takes squatters' money'

By SY MAKARINGE

CONTROVERSIAL Soweto mayor, Ephraim "ET" Tshabalala or his Sofasonke Party may have made at least R35 000 this month from rents paid by people who live in Mshenguville, Soweto's squatter camp.

This claim was made by Mr Johnson Mokoena, chairman of the housing committee in Soweto and former right-hand man of Tshabalala

Mokoena said the money collected from the squatters was not being paid to the Soweto City Council, but was paid at the offices of the Sofasonke Party.

"All councillors, including members of the Sofasonke Party, are against the creation of a place such as Crossroads in the centre of Soweto. By encouraging the mushrooming of shacks in Mofolo, Mr Tshabalala is inciting people against councillors," Mr Mokoena said.

## Moved

When the *Sowetan* approached Mr Tshabalala he refused to comment.

Shack dwellers interviewed by the *Sowetan* said they paid rent at the offices of the Sofasonke Party

Mr Andrew Modise, a 30-year-old father of two, said squatters paid a deposit as soon as they occupied their shacks. He did not care where the money went to as long as he had a roof over his head

The squatters in Mofolo are expected to be moved in the next three months

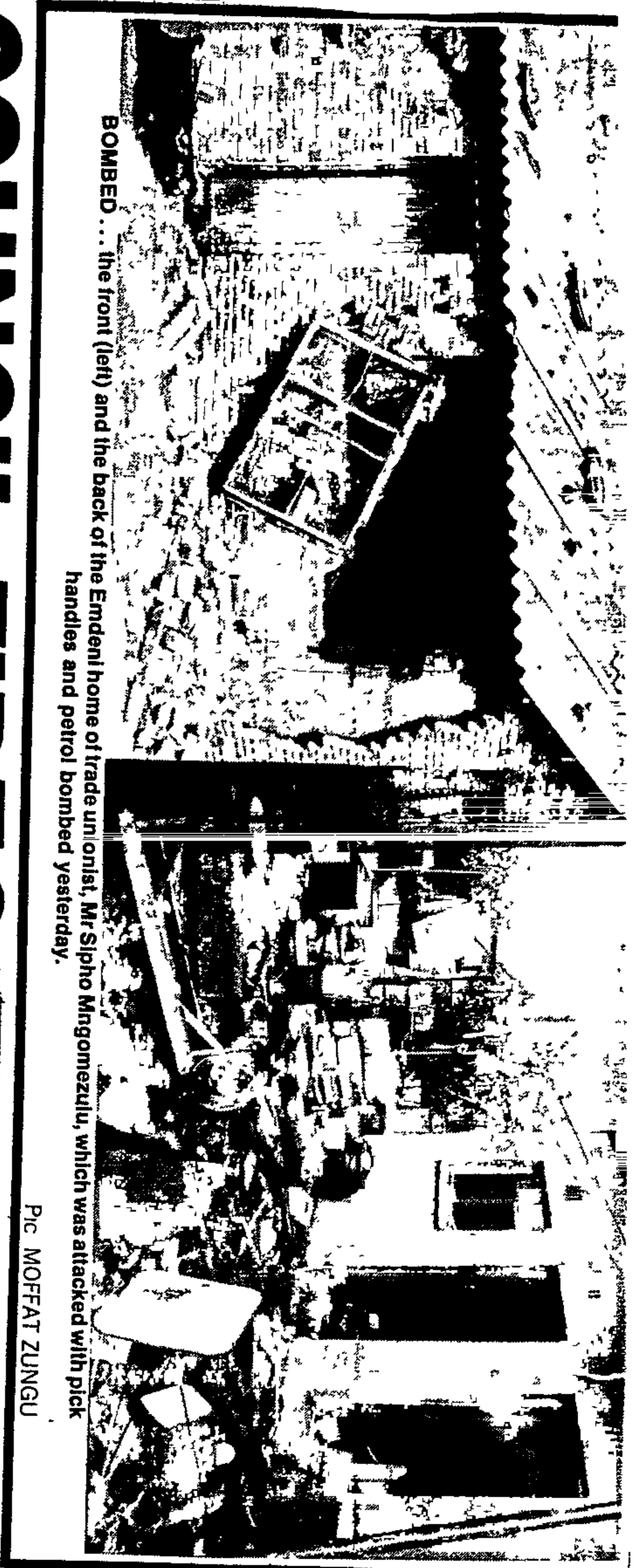
The controversial shantytown, which led to the suspension of Mr Tshabalala as mayor of Soweto, could split the ruling Sofasonke Party down the middle.

Mr Mokoena said the problem with Mr Tshabalala was that he wanted to make Soweto his personal property

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**BOMBED ...** the front (left) and the back of the Emdeni home of trade unionist, Mr Sipho Mngomezulu, which was attacked with petrol handles and petrol bombed yesterday.

Pic. MOFFAT ZUNGU

# COUNCIL FIRES ENTIRE WORKFORCE

THE Tembisa Town Council has fired its entire workforce, who were striking over wage demands and better working conditions, a union official said yesterday.

Over 1 000 council employees were fired last Friday according to Mr Philip Diamun of the SA Black Municipal and Allied Workers' Union (Sabmawu). He warned that workers at other local authorities on the East Rand may go out on a solidarity strike.

The dispute may result in the collapse of essential services in the East Rand township, which has been the scene of sporadic unrest over the past months. Sections affected by the strike are cleansing and sanitation department, administration, police, parks and recreation, treasury and electricity. Sabmawu has given the town council until

**LABOUR BEAT BY LEN MASSEKO**

Wednesday to settle the dispute. Among other things, the workers are demanding the dismissal of three white officials said to use unsavoury language when talking to their black colleagues.

# WORLDWIDE WORKFORCE

• The Vereeniging offices of Council of Unions of SA (Cusa) were destroyed by fire last week. The union federation's regional office was allegedly attacked by white vigilantes, resulting in damage estimated at R5 000.

## Evict

The branch has moved into another office block in the Vaal town. The incident is seen by the union as an attempt to drive it out of the town.

- Strike-bound Sentra-chem was granted a Su-

preme Court order last Friday, to evict workers "sleeping-in" at its Germiston subsidiary's plant. About 2 000 workers are involved.

The SA Chemical Workers' Union (Sacwu), which represents the strikers, told the *Sowetan* yesterday that soon after Sentra-chem management obtained the interdict a contingent of police accompanied by members of the SADF moved in at Germiston's NCD "to forcibly evict the striking workers" from the company's

premises. Black NCD workers, together with their colleagues at six other Sentra-chem divisions, have been on a wage strike since May 12. However, only workers at the Germiston firm had been participating in a sit-in strike.

About 2 000 Sentra-chem workers are on strike, demanding an across-the-board pay hike of R250 — an amount which their union says will help narrow the wage gap existing between black and white workers at Sentra-

chem. Sacwu has condemned the company's action, saying Sentra-chem had gone "behind the workers' and the union's back" to obtain the court order.

## Failed

Sacwu spokesman Mr Mike Tsotetsi said a last-minute bid to halt the eviction of workers at NCD had failed.

• About 400 workers at Pioneer Ready Mix Concrete in Johannesburg downed tools last Thursday, in protest against the company's plans to retrench workers.

The strikers are members of the Black Allied Mining and Construction Workers' Union.

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# Three KwaGuqa councillors quit

THREE councillors in the KwaGuqa Town Council near Witbank yesterday said they had resigned.

They are: Mr T S Lifero, Mr M L Maseko and Mr S M A Riba. In a joint statement this week the three said they did not resign because of pressure. They said their resignation followed a realisation that "our objectives and those of the white officials were different and could not be reconciled."

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- AREA A: Boksburg, Germiston, Johannesburg, Pretoria, Roodepoort, Springs, and Wonderboom and the Municipal Area of Sandton.
- AREA B: Alberton, Benoni, Brakpan, Kempton Park, Krugersdorp, Nigel, Oberholzer, Randburg, (excluding the Municipal area of Sandton), Randfontein, Sasolburg, Vanderbijlpark, Vereeniging, and Westonaria.
- AREA C: Delmas, Klerksdorp, and Potchefstroom;
- AREA D: Heidelberg (TV1), Highveld Ridge and Witbank.

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Uitenhage, Vanderbijlpark, Wynberg;

AREA B: Bloemfontein, Paarl, Pietermaritzburg Municipal Area of Witba

AREA C: Delmas, Heidelberg Municipal Areas: Bethel, Middelburg (Tvl), Newca

ALL the members of the government nominated advisory board of the Vleifontein township near Louis Trichardt have resigned after calls by the community to do so, a spokesman of the Vleifontein Crisis Committee said yesterday.

The town manager, Mr D B Holtzkampf, however, said he had not received any notification of the resignations. He said he had heard "rumours".

The resignations

By MATHATA TSEDU

come in the wake of stiff resistance by the townships 3 600 residents to government plans to incorporate the township into Venda.

In an interview Mr

Holtzkampf yesterday said the township was proclaimed part of Venda on April 1 and that in legal terms the township is in Venda now.

He said the South African Police had pulled out of the township.

# Council looking for new labour

THE Tembisa Town Council yesterday began recruiting new labour to replace its 1 000 dismissed workers.

Tembisa town clerk Mr P L Harmse could not be reached for comment but the council has asked the community to co-operate while it re-organises the affected essential services.

Sections affected by the week-old strike include the cleansing department, which is responsible for nightsoil and refuse collection in the area.

• Wage negotiations between the Chamber of Mines and the National Union of Mineworkers (Num) ended last Friday.

According to Num, the wage talks ended after the Chamber of Mines demanded that the union accept preconditions before negotiations could be resumed.

The union was not prepared to accept preconditions, "especially those which were designed to undermine its bargaining position".

• About 700 Barlow Rand Appliances workers were involved in a work stayaway at the company's Alrode plant yesterday.

The company's black workforce — mostly members of the Metal and Allied Workers' Union (Mawu) — were involved in a one-day work stoppage last week over "the harassment of black staff" at the plant.

• Mawu members at three GEC plants are still on strike, demanding hourly wage hikes ranging from 50 cents to R1. About 1,000 workers are participating in the strike, and some belong to the Electrical and Allied Trade Union of SA.

GEC management was due to meet union representatives late yesterday, to discuss wage proposals.

• About 900 workers at six Pioneer Road, Mxh Concrete plants in the Transvaal are out on strike, in protest against "unfair dismissals".

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# City's part in AWB fracas angers PFP

Municipal Reporter

Tempers ran high in the Johannesburg City Council meeting last night when it was disclosed that 38 of the city's Traffic and Security Department staff travelled 680 km in a private bus to attend the political meeting disrupted by the AWB in Pietersburg last week

The council's "bully boys and heavies" were strongly condemned by Progressive Federal Party spokesmen

They slated the official presence of traffic chief Mr John Pearce and his deputy at the Pietersburg meeting

They had travelled to the Northern Transvaal "to evaluate the security measures taken in anticipation for similar meetings to be held in Johannesburg"

They were charged with interference in another local authority's affairs by PFP leader Mr Sam Moss, who called for the immediate establishment of a commission of enquiry

This was defeated by the coalition's 21 votes to the PFP's 18 Independents Mr Lionel Keenan and Mr Ron Selley left the chamber before the vote.

Mr Ian Davidson (PFP) alleged the 38 had been "press-ganged" into going. If the council was concerned with protecting freedom of speech, he hoped the United Democratic Front would receive the same protection at its next meeting

"You scratch where there is no itch," said Mr Danie van Zyl (NP). The two chiefs had attended the meeting with his blessing as it was the council's duty to check tactics employed for the future safety of Johannesburg. He believed any council official could attend any political party meeting unless it posed a threat to council policy.

Management committee chairman Mr Francois Oberholzer said it was Mr Pearce's duty to go and learn by others' mistakes. His subordinates had gone because of the "exuberance of youth". Caspurs from the council's Security Department had recently been asked by the Alexandra Police to protect the Johannesburg flank, he said. They would be called on again to help at meetings such as the one in Pietersburg or at UDF or Inkatha meetings

# Control of ridges policy is revealed

By Shirley Woodgate,  
Municipal Reporter

A policy controlling the development of ridges in Johannesburg, drawn up by the City Council, was revealed at last night's council meeting

Particulars of the ridges scheme may be inspected at the Civic Centre and objections may be lodged up to May 14.

If passed, the scheme will ensure that any development of the ridges, including Northcliff, Observatory, Klipriviersberg and Cyrildene, will be subject to site development plans being submitted to the council, said Mr Geoff Simpson (PFP)

Mr Hennie Schoeman, chairman of the Town Planning Committee, said owners will be compensated if the rights to a property cannot be used and in certain cases the council could expropriate where stands cannot be developed

The Parktown Association has claimed the council has tried to hide the policy from residents. It intends claiming from the council the cost of informing property owners.



By ALI  
MPHAKI

**A CONFRONTATION** is looming between the Soweto City Council and Naledi Extension 2 residents over the delayed installation of electricity in the area's two-roomed houses.

Residents have sent a letter to the council, threatening to demand their money back, if electricity is not provided immediately.

A spokesman for the Naledi Extension 2 Residents Committee, Mr Reuben Leboa, said last year residents paid R4 240 each towards the installation of electricity.

Mr Leboa said this was residents' second winter without electricity.

A council spokesman said the money collected from residents, was not enough. The council still has to



Mr REUBEN Leboa get a loan from the Government.

"Naledi extension residents have to take into account the practicality of things and should know that there is a procedure to be followed before the council can obtain a loan. Once the loan is obtained, it will be all systems go," the spokesman said.

Residents would have to wait, he said.

But Mr Leboa said residents suspected the council was using delaying tactics.



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# Council wants to evict strikers

THE Tembisa Town Council is to submit an urgent Supreme Court application today seeking the eviction of council employees from their homes.

This was disclosed yesterday by a spokesman for the South African Black Municipal and Allied Workers Union (Sabmawu) who said about 400 workers would be affected by the court application.

Sabmawu spokesman Mr Benny Alexander said some of the dismissed council employees had already been served with notices to vacate council-owned houses.

The town council has dismissed about 1 000 workers who were on strike over wage demands and better working conditions. Sabmawu is fighting for the reinstatement of the sacked staff as well as opposing the planned evictions.

## Sleep-in

At Alrode's Barlow Rand Engineering Manufacturing, about 700 workers have been on strike since Monday this week demanding among other things — a wage increase of R1,50 an hour. The workers, who are members of the Metal and Allied Workers' Union (Mawu), have been "sleeping in" at the company's premises since Tuesday.

The Electrical and Allied Trade Union of South Africa (Eatusa) is locked in negotiations in an attempt to resolve the strikes at the company's plants on the Reef.

Workers at Barlow Rand's Fuchs are still on a wage strike at the company's Alrode plant.

At Boksburg's Denver Metal Works, Mawu members returned to work this week after a three-day stoppage over wage demands.

# OVERCHARGED?

# HELP IS AT HAND

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Mr BERNARD Moleke . . . ombudsman.

THE Soweto Electricity Advice Committee has appointed an ombudsman to help residents with their electricity and water accounts.

Mr Bernard Moleke, who has investigated water and electricity meter reading, is the man

In an interview, Mr Moleke appealed to Soweto residents and organisations to give him support.

By  
**ALI MPHAKI**

are forced to pay astronomical sums," he said.

Mr Moleke said during his investigations he established that most of the statements sent to residents did not reflect the true amount they were supposed to pay

"The computer print-outs are always right but what appears in the statements has been inflated," he said

He also appealed to the authorities to stop provisional overcharges, adding that this would solve a lot of problems.

The Seac has also appointed Dr Selma Browde as a director.

Other members of the committee are Mr Albert Mhlungu (chairman), Mrs Sally Kernick (vice chairman), Mrs Ellen Mchunu (secretary), Mrs Columbus Malebo (vice secretary), Mrs Sally Motlana (treasurer) and Mr Timothy Mahlangu (vice treasurer)

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provided "jointly with certain Western circles"

He did not identify these circles, but they are presumed by knowledgeable observers to be private rather than government agencies in Western countries.

His accusation of South African Government support for the MNR appears to have been more explicit than anything he has said for some time.

### Promise

"I promise the people that I will do my best to help them I know the problem and all I need is their co-operation," Mr Moleke said

"The authorities are thriving on our people's ignorance by inflating their (residents) water and electricity bills Most of these bills are cooked and our people

### Crisis at camp

CONDITIONS in Crossroads refugee camps were deteriorating hourly while politicians and squatter leaders debated the situation without reaching constructive conclusions, Mr Derek Livesey said in Cape Town yesterday.

Negotiations had reached a "cul de sac" and nobody was getting on with the job of housing people, sanitation, hygiene and other basic issues, he said —Sapa.

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# Matjila resigns

MR JOSIAH "Knox" Matjila has become the seventh member of the Lekoa Council to resign.

Mr Matjila announced that he has finally decided to quit following pressure from opposition groups that councillors should resign from "Government created institutions"

Mr Matjila's resignation has been confirmed by the Lekoa Council Town Clerk, Mf N P Louw, who said the matter was tabled at the council meeting this week

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# 14 pc average hike in rates, tariffs

## SA on point of breakthrough?

ROME — South Africa could be on the point of the big power sharing breakthrough the world has been waiting for, Chief Mangosuthu Buthezi said here yesterday.

He told a meeting of leading Italian media representatives and ambassadors that President P. W. Botha's proposed National Council had this potential, regardless of whether the African National Congress (ANC) took part in it.

He said the National Council could defuse South Africa's now endemic violence — but only if it were possible for all black organisations, including the banned ANC, the Pan Africanist Congress (PAC) and others to join it.

If they chose to, Kwazulu Chief Minister and Inkatha president repeated that he would participate only if the ANC's Nelson Mandela, the PAC's Zeph Mothopeng and other political prisoners were freed. Otherwise

Whether, or not the ANC eventually took part in the council would have to be sorted out between Mr Mandela and the president of the ANC, Mr Oliver Tambo.

Chief Buthezi said black South Africans regarded Mr Tambo as simply a caretaker president and that a re-elected Mandela would assume the leadership.

He quoted the finalized intention of the council as being "to provide for participation in the planning and preparation of a constitutional dispensation which provides for the participation of all South African citizens in the process of government".

Those were the words that South Africa and the whole world had been waiting for, he said.

There would be a massive black South African input into the National Council, he said.

## EAST LONDON — Rates and tariffs combined are to go up between 11 and 17 per cent.

This emerged from the budget speech delivered last night by the finance portfolio leader Mr Errol Spring, at a special meeting of the city council to finalise the estimates.

"Increases in rates and tariffs have been kept far below the 20 per cent inflation rate and ratepayers can expect a lowering of standards in some sections of the municipal service," Mr Spring warned, and outlined how the R8 686 929 deficit would be offset to balance the city's nearly R100 million budget.

The nine steps announced included:

- Rates to go up five per cent to net R597 110
- Electricity 7 1/2 per cent to net R4 097 108
- Sewerage tariff up 80 per cent to net R11 987 000
- Cleaning tariff to go up 20 per cent to net R12 998 000
- Water tariff to go up 14 1/2 per cent to net R1 000 000
- Bus fares to go up to accrue R75 000 that will help to minimise the loss incurred on the service which is estimated at R184 million for the year.
- Trade effluent tariff to go up 80 per cent to accrue R56 000
- House rentals to go up between R1 and R6 a month to net R62 604
- R631 161 to be transferred from the unappropriated surplus

By MATTHEW MOONIEYA  
Local Affairs Reporter

Dealing with nonproductive municipal services, Mr Spring said the loss was caused for grave concern that the R12 million rates in the new scheme would be used to subsidise the service.

He said council would take R402 548 deficit in hours to them the jobs when re-completed.

Other non-productive services would also be reviewed under close scrutiny to decide whether the losses were warranted.

"Attention is drawn to the deficit on the fire service amounting to R134 million. Although this is an essential service which we are proud of, it is considered that council should seriously investigate the cost of the service to the ratepayer."

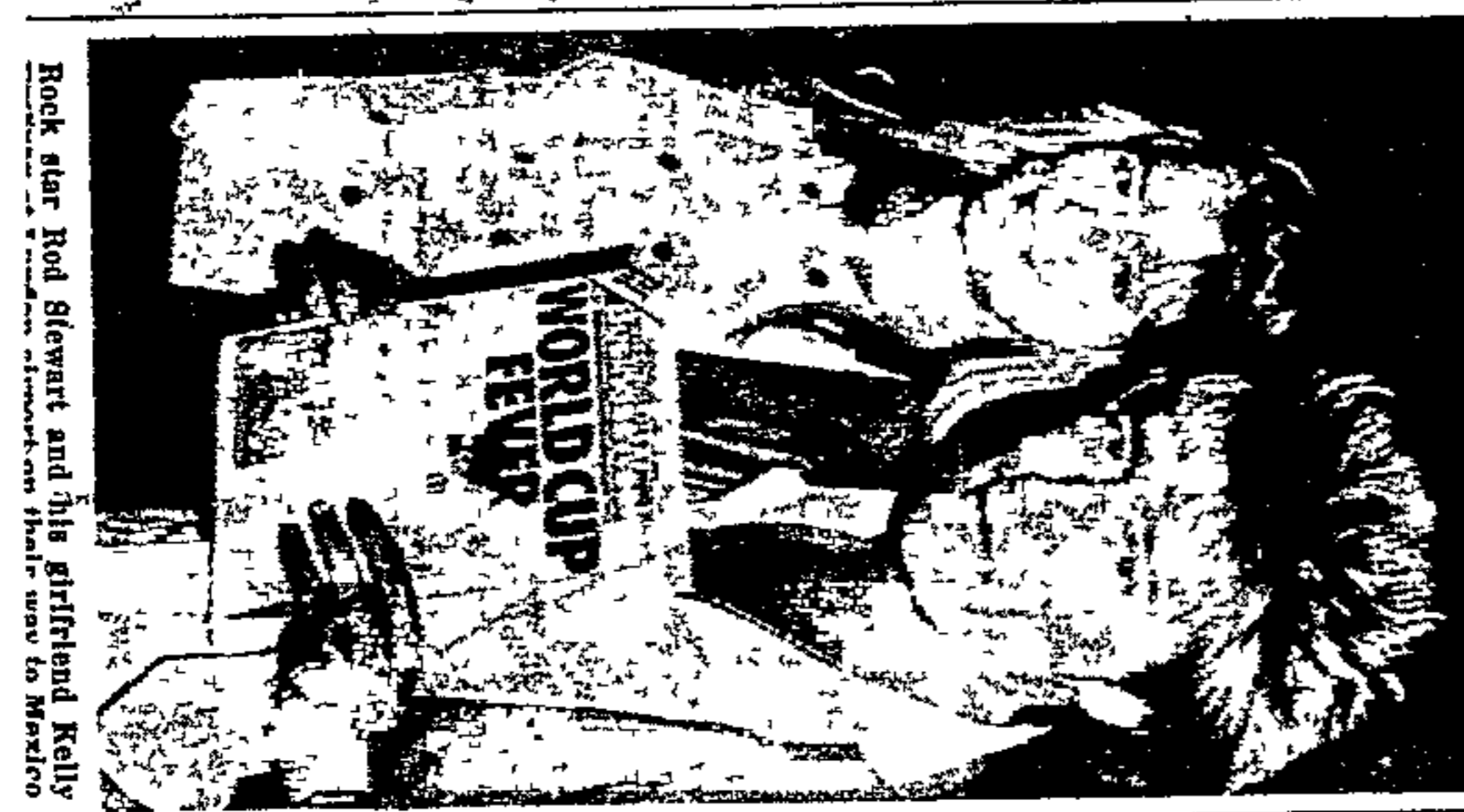
On specific increases in tariffs, Mr Spring said electricity tariffs had to go up to meet the R44 053 351 increase to the municipality due to Eskom increases from July 1.

"Unfortunately this will have to be recovered from electricity consumers," Mr Spring said.

On the increase in sewerage tariffs, Mr Spring referred to the fact that expenditure on the new sewerage scheme had increased by R2 million while there had been a R392 548 deficit in hours.

He said that the payments in the city were in a shocking state and in addition to the method of amortisation on the estimates for maintenance, an amount of R1 million was provided for maintaining roads and pavements.

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Rock star Rod Stewart and his girlfriend Kelly Stewart were in Mexico City for the World Cup.

# Mamelodi homes project

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THE Mamelodi Town Council has approved plans for the development of a new multi-million-rand suburb in the area.

The council yesterday approved plans that will allow building contractors to develop 1155 residential sites and to build sub-economic houses for the township's lower income group.

This was at the council's monthly meeting.

A spokesman for the council said a new technical secondary high school and two creches would also be built at the buffer strip area near the Eerste Fabriek railway station.

The council also announced that developments were at an advanced stage for another multi-million rand suburb — "Mamelodi Gardens". The local mayor, Mr Bernard Ndla-zu, yesterday said construction companies were laying roads and sewerage and water pipes.

The new area near the Eerste Fabriek station, according to the council's planners, would comprise 1155 residential sites, eight church sites, for business stands, two creches, four primary and pre-primary schools, a technical high school, eight parks and a garage.

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# Official quits council

MR J B HOLTZ-KAMPF, the town manager at the Vleifontein township near Louis Trichardt, has resigned, according to an official at the Vleifontein administration offices.

His resignation follows that of the government nominated advisory board — thus leaving the township without a local authority.

The 3 600 residents are resisting a move to incorporate their township into "independent" Venda

At a residents meeting called by the Vleifontein Crisis Committee on Wednesday evening, residents angrily denounced the government for "dumping us here and now pushing us into Mphahlele's government. We do not want to go there nor to any other homeland. We are South Africans and we should remain so," one resident said

A member of the VCC, Reverend Daniel Ramehlape, told about 1 500 residents at the meeting that he had been followed around by a strange car.

The VCC has called on all residents whose South African reference books were confiscated by the administration board on arrival at Vleifontein since 1983, to report to the committee and collect them

Those still having Venda identification books have also been called upon to hand them to the VCC from where they will be sent to Venda "to show them that we do not want any links with them".



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# Record Week Strengthens Old Mutual's Position as Market Leader

Old Mutual recorded its best ever sales performance last week and sold new individual life policies totalling over R16,6 million in premiums in only five days, breaking the previous record set at the end of February this year.

"This achievement can be attributed to the success of our various products."

SOME of the Diepmeadow Council workers who have been on strike since last week.

## 400 down tools over increment

ABOUT 400 Diepmeadow Town Council workers have downed tools, demanding pay increases. The striking workers, mostly members of the National Union of Public Service Workers (Nupsw), are demanding an across-the-board pay increase of 60 percent. Affected by the strike is the council's Cleansing Department, which is responsible for refuse collection and other maintenance duties in the area.

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The Diepmeadow workers began their wage strike on Tuesday last week.

● Production at Corobrik's Durban plant was affected by a strike by 150 workers yesterday. The work stoppage began on Monday when a small group of workers stopped work because they were unhappy with a supervisor. Other workers at the plant joined the strike on Tuesday this week.

The company had set several production records by using temporary labour during the strike period, a spokesman said, according to the SABC Radio news reported this week.

● Concor management had promised to reinstate dismissed strikers at its Westonaria and Amalgam plants, the Building, Construction and Allied Workers' Union said. However, according to the union, the striking workers were locked out when they reported for work yesterday.

● Three GEC plants are still affected by strikes, with workers demanding — among other things — hourly wage increases ranging from 50 cents to R1,50.

● White mine employees were strongly in favour of strike action should agreement not have been reached this week between the Council of Mining Unions and the Chamber of Mines, reports Sapa.

The council's chairman Mr Arrie Paulus said yesterday a strike ballot would have resulted in a definite "yes" vote from its 24 000 members.

● The strike by about 900 workers at Pioneer Ready Mixed Concrete plants in the Transvaal continued yesterday. The striking workers are demanding the reinstatement of their colleagues.

● About 700 Barlow Rand Manufacturing workers continued their sit-in strike at Alrode, over wage demands and better working conditions. The workers demand an hourly wage increase of R1,50 across-the-board.

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# Last day is business as usual

By Sue Leeman

There was little to mark the historic last working day of the Transvaal Provincial Council yesterday, which now closes its doors after more than 70 years in office

The official farewells have been held over until June 12, when the council will hold a special closing ceremony

Yesterday saw no variations on the order paper — although the mood was generally nostalgic and opposing political parties did not clash with quite their usual vehemence

Many of the plush green leather chairs in the imposing colonnaded council chamber were empty as the last items of business were attended to

This final session took four weeks to complete and there were few surprises

Apart from the Budget

R2 689 million, due to the transfer of white education to the white Ministers' Council — there was little to fire debate

There was, however, some controversy over the future second-tier authorities, following the Government's announcement that general affairs are to be handled by administrators and extended executive committees while own affairs will go to the various Ministers' Councils

Both opposition parties slammed the move, but for different reasons

The PFP held that the new system would just entrench apartheid and give the central government greater power to control the lives of South Africans

The Conservative Party, on the other hand, objected to the fact that the new executive committees would be multiracial and said each race group

should keep its "own affairs" to itself

There was also some fairly lively debate on the Afrikaner Weerstandsbeweging with the PFP calling the movement offensive and the Nats — still smarting after having a number of its public meetings hijacked by the AWB — condemning the organisation out of hand.

A small breakthrough for the PFP came this session with the announcement that blacks, coloureds and Indians would be allowed into the old Raadzaal's restaurant on request. Previously this privilege has been reserved for members and their (white) voters

However, the development is now academic following the closure of the council

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# Vosloorus by-election

By Abel Mabelane

SPK 2/1/86  
The Vosloorus Town Council will hold by-elections in July to fill seats left vacant by the recent resignation of three councillors

The three are Mr. Phneas Xulu, who represented the Zulus, Mr. Ezra Jukuda, representing the Xhosas, and Mr. Churchill Mokoena of the Sotho group

Nominations for the by-elections, which will be held on July 5, will take place from May 29 to June 13. Every nomination must be accompanied by a deposit of R300.

The Vosloorus Progressive Party chairman, Mr. Gideon Goduka, said he had turned down an invitation by the council to stand for elections.

He said he wanted nothing to do with the town councils because they lacked credibility.

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# 'No justification for City apartheid'

By Shirley Woodgate, Municipal Reporter

There can be no justification for the continued segregation of any council facility in Johannesburg's central business district, says president of the Johannesburg Chamber of Commerce Mr Pat Corbin

Reacting to last week's report of the petty apartheid debate in the Johannesburg City Council, he said a great opportunity had been lost to move further along the path to opening all council facilities to all race groups

"Good progress has already been made, in this our centenary year, with the opening of the CBD to all.

"Rapid orderly steps must now be taken to open council amenities in the rest of Johannesburg

"We strongly disagree with the reported contention of management committee chairman Mr Francois Oberholzer that the removal of mixed racial barriers is in any way a 'concession' to be negotiated

"In our capacity as major ratepayers, we would remind the council that the wellbeing of all the citizens of this dynamic city is directly linked to the prosperity of the business community — already negatively affected by international pressures against South Africa

"Johannesburg, with its cosmopolitan population, is ideally placed to lead in the reform process, heralding the way for rapid, orderly change throughout the country"

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

**THE MINISTER OF CONSTITUTIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING**

(1) (a) The members of the so-called Executive Committee were elected by the Chief Committee on 7 July 1985

(b) 14

(c) Unknown

(2) No  
(a) and (b) Fall away

(3) No

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935 Mr P G SOAL asked the Minister of Constitutional Development and Planning

(1) With reference to his reply to Question No 28 on 25 March 1986, (a) what are the (i) names and (ii) occupations of the members of the Ekangala Co-ordinating Committee and (b) to which tribal or ethnic group does each such member belong,

(2) whether the members of this committee were appointed, if so, (a) why, (b) by whom and (c) in terms of what statutory provision, if not, when were the last elections held for the members of this committee,

(3) whether any members of this committee are employed by the KwaNdebele Government, if so, in what capacity in each case,

(4) whether any members of this committee are (a) employed by or (b) members of the East Rand Development Board, if so, in what capacity in each case,

(5) whether the residents of Ekangala were consulted in regard to the setting up of this committee, if not, why

not, if so, (a) when, (b)(i) in what manner and (ii) by whom were they consulted and (c) what was their response?

**THE MINISTER OF CONSTITUTIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING**

(1) (a)(i), (ii) and (b) The names of the Ekangala Co-ordinating Committee and their occupations are as follows and they belong to the ethnical group as indicated.

*Department of Constitutional Development and Planning*  
Mr P Rademan (White) Chairman  
Mr M J Snyman (White)  
Mr I P du Plessis (White)  
Miss V Simao (White)

*East Rand Development Board*  
Mr F E Marx (White)  
Mr J H Opperman (White)  
Mr P J V du Toit (White)  
Mr J G Adendorff (White)  
Mr G H P Muller (White)  
Mr J A N Breyenbach (White)  
Mr C Cooper-Chadwick (White)  
Mr C M Zaayman (White)  
Mr D J van Rensburg (White)  
Mr P J du Plessis (White)  
Mr L H Smit (White)  
Mr D F Theron (White)  
Mr H J Naude (White)

*City Council of Bronkhorstspuit*  
Dr H B Senekal (White)  
Mr I S Rudman (White)  
Mr J L Swanepoel (White)  
Mr J K van der Walt (White)  
Mr A C van der Linden (White)  
Mr G C Godrich (White)

*Regional Director of Constitutional Development and Planning Johannesburg*  
Mr J Korff (White)

*KwaNdebele Development Corporation*  
Mr F P W Kotzenberg (White)  
Mr N J Zaayman (White)

*Department of Development Aid*  
Mr J L Sertontem (White)  
Mr P F Kotzen (White)

*Development Bank of Southern Africa*  
Mr E F Retief (White)  
Mr W T Edwards (White)

*KwaNdebele Government*  
Mr J P du Preez (White)  
Minister F K Mhalangu (Ndebele)

Other instances are occasionally co-opted

(2) Yes

(a) In order to co-ordinate the total development of the deconcentration point, Bronkhorstspuit/Ekangala, in respect of projects in Bronkhorstspuit, Ekangala, KwaNdebele and all other pertinent regional projects

(b) The Committee was established by the Department of Constitutional Development and Planning, but members are nominated by the relevant instances themselves

(c) It is a non-statutory body and no elections are held. It is merely a forum for the co-ordination of development projects

(3) Yes—The Minister of Cultural Affairs

(4) (a) and (b) Yes—The Chief Director, Area Manager and several other officials employed by the Development Board

(5) No—The Committee was already established in 1980 at the inception of the projects, when there were no inhabitants and thereafter from time to

time representation was increased according to the need. Residents are represented by the Executive Committee (a), (b)(i) and (ii), and (c) Fall away

*Hostels*  
956 Mr P G SOAL asked the Minister of Constitutional Development and Planning

(1) With reference to the reply of the Minister of Co-operation, Development and Education to Question No 867 on 19 June 1985, (a) how many (i) hostels for (aa) males and (bb) females were there in each township falling under each Development Board, and (ii) persons were accommodated in each hostel, as at the latest specified date for which figures are available and (b) how many persons were each of these hostels designed to accommodate,

(2) whether any single-sex hostels have been converted to family housing units since 1 May 1985, if not, why not, if so, (a) how many, and (b) at what cost in respect of each township falling under the control of each Development Board, as at the latest specified date for which figures are available,

(3) whether any further single-sex hostels are to be built, if so, (a) why, (b) for how many persons, (c) when, (d) at what cost, and (e) where, in each case,

(4) whether any further single-sex hostels are to be converted to family housing units, if not, why not, if so, (a) when, (b) where, (c) how many, and (d) at what cost, in each case,

(5) whether the Department is planning to provide improved types of bed-sitter and single-room accommodation in the future, if so, (a) when, (b) where, and (c) at what cost, in each case?

# Two on East Rand resign

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TWO councillors — one in Thokoza and the other in Vosloorus — submitted their resignation letters yesterday.

Mr Joseph Maseko, who has been with the Thokoza Town Council since 1983, said he was pressurised by his family and residents who were against the councils.

He said because of the unrest situation and the criticism levelled against the councils, it was no longer safe to remain a councillor.

## Reason

"Another reason is the failure of the council to serve the interests of the community," Mr Maseko said.

Mr Abinal Mnene, who has been with the Vosloorus Town Council, phoned the *Sowetan* yesterday and announced his resignation. The reason, he said, was that he no longer had time to do the council's work.

Mr A G Vrey, the acting town clerk, confirmed Mr Mnene's resignation.

# Two quit Tembisa Council

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TWO Tembisa Town Council members resigned this week as unrest continued in the township.

In separate interviews with the *Sowetan* yesterday, Mr Stephen Bhembe (80) — who had not even served two months — and Mr Philip Butane Sithole, said they resigned their seats because of pressure from their families and the community.

Mr Bhembe, of Entshonalanga Section, said during his few weeks as a councillor, he found that the local



MR PHILIP SITHOLE

authority was a toothless body which did little for the people it was supposed to be serving.

Mr Sithole, who narrowly escaped death when a hand-grenade was hurled into his home in June last year, said his being in the council was "sort of a meaningless game".

"Up to now nothing has been achieved," he said.

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# Soweto Town Council asks SADF to stay

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Dispatch Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG —

The Soweto Town Council has called for the South African Defence Force (SADF) troops to remain in Soweto "as long as people were being maimed and necklaced"

The call, which came in the wake of a rent-boycott call by the Soweto Civic Association (SCA) and the demand that the SADF be withdrawn from the township, was made by the council's management committee chairman, Mr Letsatsi Radebe yesterday

"The civic association can forget about troops leaving Soweto. People are being maimed and killed in most barbaric

ways which include necklacing. Apart from that we cannot be dictated to by the civic association. Who are they after all? What have they done for the people of Soweto? We will not listen to them," he said.

Responding to another SCA demand that all councillors resign, Mr Radebe made it clear that such a demand was "just another pipe dream by an organisation which did not have the interests of the people of Soweto at heart"

"We again reject the demand that councillors must resign. We are soldiers. We will remain councillors whatever the consequences," he said



# COUNCILLORS 'ACCUSED'

MEMBERS of the Leandra Community Council in the Eastern Transvaal were accused of collaborating with the "Boers" the Delmas treason trial heard yesterday.

A State witness who may not be identified, told the court that this was said by Mr Abel Nkabinde, chairman of the Leandra Action Committee, at the meeting which was held during 1984.

The court has made a ruling that no evidence should be published which will identify the witness.

The witness said relations between members of the LAC and coun-

cillors started deteriorating after an article was published in a newspaper stating that some families in the area were to be removed and resettled in another area.

There were persistent rumours in the township that these families were to be resettled in KwaNdebele but this never happened," the witness said.

He also denied that Mr Nkabinde was kept out of the council when his nomination to stand for election was rejected so as to allow the new councillors to agree to the removal of people to KwaNdebele.

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# White Evaton officials to stay

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CP Correspondent

EVATON Council has decided to retain some of the white officials who have been seconded onto the council by the Orange-Vaal Development Board until "suitable blacks" are available for the posts

These officials will have to officially apply for their posts when the board is phased out on July 1

Mayor Sam Rabotapi said the council had advertised the posts in several

newspapers but they could not find "suitable blacks" - as many didn't have any experience in these jobs

Councillors had some praise for the board, but also bitterly criticised it for some of its actions in Evaton during its rule since 1964

They said the board had failed to improve the quality of life in the community as it was an "instrument which the government used to expropriate property in Evaton"

# Southern suburbs voters go to polls

DIANNA GAMES

MUNICIPAL voters go to the polls in Johannesburg's southern suburbs today in a by-election to decide control of the city

The Progressive Federal Party (PFP) is fighting for the one seat it needs to take control of the city council — now controlled by the National Party (NP) — and has worked hard to win voters in an area dominated by the NP.

NP candidate Linda Lewis says she is hoping for victory but is not expecting it to be easy, as PFP candidate Tony Bester has been a hard-working campaigner.

Predictions have been difficult to make as nearly 4,000 new voters have moved into the area.

PFP organiser Gary Cooney says the indications are that an upset is on the cards. But while he feels there has been a swing in the PFP's favour, he could not say whether it is big enough to secure the seat.

Lewis, a journalist with a southern suburbs paper, says last week's speech by Foreign Affairs Minister P. W. Botha has been a turning point in gaining support for the NP in the area.

She says, "It showed he is not afraid to speak in the Transvaal and he is not afraid to speak his mind."

Voting takes place between 7am and 9pm at the Glenanda Primary School in Glen Road, Glenanda.

# Nats win Ward 45, keep council control

By Shirley Woodgate, Municipal Reporter

The National Party last night retained Ward 45 with a 780 majority, at the same time hanging on to its narrow one-seat control of Johannesburg City Council

Mrs Linda Lewis was declared the councillor for The Glens to shouts from opponents of "May God save the city council" NP supporters retaliated with accusations of "Shut up — you're ANC"

Immediately afterwards PFP candidate Mr Tony Bester accused the Nationalists of using "swart gevaar" tactics to drum up support by telling the voters that blacks would swamp the southern suburbs which were situated so close to Soweto.

He said the Nats had been lucky to get support from Conservative Party and old United Party members because of the right-wing backlash caused by the present turbulent times

He said this was the first time the PFP had polled more than 1,000 votes in the south and he was very satisfied with his performance

## Party lines lead to cross officials

Leave it to the Posts and Telegraphs Department to supply the light relief to yesterday's municipal by-election

Telephones (or the lack of them) just happen to be a sore point in newer parts of the southern suburbs.

Add to that the fact that the emergency line to the Progressive Federal Party caravan was cut off around 7 am

"They always do this to us," muttered one PFP official glancing balefully at the National Party tables

But next door the NP tent was also suddenly incommunicado

"Probably the Conservative Party's fault," muttered a Nat official through clenched teeth.

Mrs Lewis attributed her win to the changes taking place that would make power sharing possible in South Africa as well as the fact that she was well known in the south

In a 35,1 percent poll Mrs Lewis (NP) received 1,836 votes, Mr Bester (PFP) had 1,056 votes and there were five spoilt papers.

In 1982 the NP polled 1,050, the PFP 601 and the Southern Johannesburg Ratepayers' Federation 286 votes in a 37 percent poll

The Nats retain their 17 councillors who, in coalition with the five Independent Ratepayers' Federation members and assured of the support of New Republic Party councillor, Mr Ron Selley, and independent Mr Lionel Keenan, hold the majority over the PFP's 23 members in the Johannesburg City Council

# Lekoa Council faces a crisis

SOVEREIGN  
BY SV 18/1/86  
MAKARINGE

THE Lekoa Town Council, which has not been receiving revenue from house rentals for almost two years, is exhausting its reserve funds and may soon face a major crisis.

This emerged during an interview yesterday with mayor Mr Esau Mahlatsi and town clerk, Mr Nic Louw.

Both said the council had been using its reserve funds to render essential services in the township since September 1984 when unrest, which led to the rent

boycott, flared up in the Vaal Triangle.

They said the council could find itself in a crisis if the Rand Water Board and Electricity Supply Commission increased their tariffs.

"We will have to cut down on some of the services, such as water and sewerage. I don't know when that will happen. The sooner people realise this, the better," Mr Louw said.

He said the council was using funds earmarked for township development and maintenance to render services and that these funds were starting to dry up.

# Nominations are invited

THE Tembisa Town Council, which has been hit by resignations of councillors recently, has invited nominations of candidates in an attempt to fill the seven vacant seats.

Mr C. J. Wolmarans, assistant electoral officer, was expecting to receive nominations from Tembisa residents who qualify in terms of Section 8 of the Black Local Authorities Act, from Tuesday this week. Nominations close on July 1.

A notice calling for nominations of candidates for by-elections in Ward 7 to Ward 14 was published in the *Sowetan* on Tuesday.

The South African Black Municipal and Allied Workers' Union (Sabmawu) is to contest the dismissal of 1 000 Tembisa Town Council employees in the Rand Supreme Court tomorrow

SOWETAN  
Reporter

A Sabmawu spokesman told the *Sowetan* yesterday that the union would submit in court affidavits signed by five sacked council employees

The five applicants are Mr Lawrence Phokela, Mr Victor Maswanganyi, Ms Thembi-sile Bhese, Ms Miriam Palane and Mr Shadrack Mkhize. They were among 1 000 council employees fired after a wage strike on May 23.

The union is seeking an order setting aside the dismissal on the grounds that they were unfair, the Sabmawu spokesman said

# 'Unrealistic' budget is slammed by PFP

19/6/86 266 STAR

Johannesburg's R1 185 million budget was slammed last night by the leader of the Opposition as being unrealistic and totally out of step with the economic measures announced by the Minister of Finance

Leading the Progressive Federal Party attack, Mr Sam Moss said Mr Barend du Plessis wanted to stimulate the economy and bring some relief to the man in the street, but Johannesburg was adding to his burden by pushing up rates and tariffs.

Mr Moss slated the move to include traffic fines as part of that department's budget, saying this was reminiscent of the old "booze economy" of Soweto where profits from sorghum beer were used to provide certain recreational facilities.

The implications of including fines was that more money would only be provided at the cost of the motorist.

He expressed serious misgiv-

**SHIRLEY WOODGATE**  
reports on the  
Johannesburg City  
Council's budget debate  
last night

ings about the Regional Services Councils ever getting off the ground and speculated that the Government was dragging its heels because coloureds and Indians were not interested in the establishment of separate local authorities and in the light of the near disintegration of black local authorities, it was difficult to see who would represent them

Mr Moss said the crucial question was whether the current recessionary economy could afford to spend more on the expanding the country's "gargantuan bureaucracy"

He said he doubted whether the RSC's offered any advantage to the people of Johannesburg and appealed to the management committee "even at

the 13th hour" to plead with the Government to abandon the them

Mr Moss warned the management committee it should make plans for the time when the Group Areas Act was abolished.

He said "Johannesburg will become a magnet for people from the rural areas and, if we do not want a Crossroads, land must be sought now".

A matter of grave concern was that the SABC was investigating the financial structure of the National Symphony Orchestra and despite a council grant of R200 000, he saw Johannesburg losing its orchestra to new Pretoria headquarters

Mr Moss urged the council to build an auditorium on the Fever Hospital site so the orchestra could remain Johannesburg-based "as visible proof that we have outgrown our mining days"

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West Rand Bureau

Roodepoort councillors made the following decisions at their monthly meeting last night

- All Roodepoort residents, irrespective of race, can now become members of municipal libraries
- Roodepoort will get a new cemetery in Panorama and the remaining 15 hectares of the present cemetery close to Dobsonville will be sold as soon as possible
- The council backs the idea of preference for South African products. Support will be given to local companies wherever possible



# Nats new, old and second hand

The National Party in the Johannesburg City Council consisted of three factions, said Mr David Neppe (PFP) during a lighter moment in the budget debate last night

There were the Old Nats, the New Nats and the Second-Hand Nats.

He asked Mr Jan Burger to state which faction he led:

● The Old Nats represented by Mr Bertie du Toit, who opposed shared amenities and said it was more important putting food in a black man's stomach than sharing amenities;

● The New Nats, represented by Mrs Sheila Camerer who did not object to sharing toilets as long as there was an attendant,

● The Second Hand Nats represented by Mr Francois Oberholzer, who said amenities should not be opened to help the State President, although he could use them as bargaining points when he sat negotiating round a table.

Mr Oberholzer also qualified as he spoke on behalf of the NP.

Mr Neppe sketched the scenario of blacks being offered the privilege of urinating with the whites — but first settling on what concessions the blacks were offering in return

"You are making Johannesburg a laughing stock here and overseas," he warned. He urged Mr Oberholzer to use his influence with the management committee to normalise the situation

# City's billion rand budget debate ends in deadlock

By Shirley Woodgate, Municipal Reporter

The marathon debate on Johannesburg's billion rand budget ended in deadlock last night, when the ruling National Party/Independent Ratepayers' Association coalition failed to muster a 24-member majority in the council.

The meeting broke up with the coalition saving face by not putting the budget to the vote, and with the shadow of the Transvaal Administrator's control now hanging over the future of the biggest city in the country.

The root of the problem is the slender one-vote majority that keeps the NP-dominated coalition in power.

Early in the day, it became clear that the Nats were in trouble when word leaked out that deputy mayor, Mr Ormond Fenn, had been rushed to the Morningside Clinic last night suffering from suspected heart trouble.

## HUSH-HUSH NEGOTIATIONS

Debate took second place as hush-hush negotiations between the parties were attempted in the lobby.

More drama followed when NP member, Mr Arthur Meets was taken ill in the council chamber and had to receive medical attention. However he soon recovered and took his place in the council.

At one stage it was hinted that if his doctor agreed, Mr Fenn would be brought into the chamber on a stretcher for the crucial vote.

The Progressive Federal Party had earlier introduced an amendment calling for a R9 million reduction of the surplus on the electricity to reduce the electricity tariff.

It is believed the coalition refused to reduce or negotiate on the reduction and without Mr Fenn's vote, or alternatively PFP support, the budget was in limbo.

As all hope of an appearance by Mr Fenn faded, the PFP motion was put to the council and defeated, but the Nats were still one short of the mandatory 24 majority needed to pass the budget.

## HOPE FOR QUICK RECOVERY

They decided to gamble on Mr Fenn's quick recovery and an overseas trip by Mrs Sheila Camerer will have to be delayed until next Tuesday when the budget will be put to the vote again.

Unless it is passed by June 30, the budget must be referred to the Administrator, who is empowered to order that it be accepted.

In extreme cases he may dissolve the council.

Progressive Federal Party Mr Sam Moss blamed management committee chairman, Mr Francois Oberholzer for the situation and slated his "high-handedness and arrogance in bludgeoning his way into deadlock by refusing to negotiate".

Mr Moss warned Mr Oberholzer that he would have to bear the consequences of his action and said this was yet another implication of the "hung" council.

# PFP: General election soon

GERALD REILLY

THE Transvaal could gain seven or eight new seats in a delimitation of parliamentary constituencies, according to Progressive Federal Party (PFP) calculations.

The appointment of a delimitation commission within the next two months is expected to be a forerunner to a possible general election.

PFP Transvaal chairman Douglas Gibson said either a referendum or a general election was probable before the year's end.

Home Affairs director-general Gerrie van Zyl said since the last delimitation in 1980 there had been big population movements. The number of voters in the Transvaal had increased greatly.

It was apparent that the drift away from the platteland was continuing. The Transvaal was grossly unrepresented and the Cape over-represented. Large constituencies in the Cape had between 15 000 and 16 000 voters.

In the Transvaal there were urban seats with more than 23 000 voters. His own constituency, Bezuidenhout had more than 24 000 voters. The Witwatersrand was the nation's powerhouse and the significant expansion was taking place in this area and in places like Secunda and Witbank.

Gibson said it was likely government would do away with the 15% over- and under-loading provision. This would shrink the number of platteland seats and weaken the Conservative Party in rural areas.

According to the Home Affairs department, the number of voters in the Transvaal in the two years to March increased by 72 427 to 1 575 263. In the Cape, the increase was by 17 434 to 836 665. In Natal, by 16 951 to 350 873, and in the Free State by 8 625 to 233 241.

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By **MANDLA NDLAZI**

**THE Soweto City Council has laid charges with the police against mayor Mr Ephraim Tshabalala and has placed an indefinite suspension on him.**  
This was announced by council officials at a Press conference held after the council had held a meeting behind closed doors to discuss Mr Tshabalala, who was not at yesterday's meeting and could not be reached for comment.

**SOWETO mayor Mr Ephraim Tshabalala**

The decision was taken by the Soweto City Council at its monthly meeting yesterday.

This was after the meeting was told that his first suspension — that of 45 days — expires today.

The officials said the council has made an application in the Rand Supreme Court to stop Mr Tshabalala from allowing more shacks to be erected in Mofolo.

**Action**

The application will be heard on Tuesday.

A date is still to be set for more action against Mr Tshabalala.

The action, they said, relates to the Squatters Act, the Health Act and the Black Local Authorities Act.

The officials said the number of shacks stood at 2 010 on Tuesday

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# Councillors are replaced

POSTS left vacant by the death of Atteridgeville town councillor, Mr Ambrose Mamogale, and the resignation of Mr Petros Mnguni, have been filled.

The new councillors are Mr Abel Mphago, a former city council policeman and Mr Joe Mahwai, a former ka-

By **MONK  
NKOMO**

rate instructor

Mr Mphago, a taxi driver and a former foreman at the Saulsville hostel, is now councillor for ward three which was left vacant when Mr Mamogale died last

year

Mr Mahwai replaces Mr Mnguni in ward five. Mr Mnguni resigned early this year, because of "family pressures".

Atteridgeville's mayor, Mr Matthew Mahlangu, yesterday said both men were nominated unopposed to the council

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# Civic politics out for Rev Buti

By MOJALEFA  
MOSEKI

"I AM through with civic politics and I will not serve in a council structure anymore," said the Reverend Sam Buti, former mayor of Alexandra yesterday.

He was asked by the *Sowetan* if he intended making a comeback to politics when the term of the present Government-appointed administrator, Mr Steve Burger, expired on December 31.

He said "I have nothing to do with council matters and it will be up to the residents of Alexandra to decide what to do about them."

When Mr Buti and four of his councillors resigned on April 22, they did not specify whether they were also resigning their posts in the Save Alexandra Party, which brought them into power.

Mr Buti said he was still opposed to apartheid because it has led blacks into untold suffering. He could not say whether the Save Alexandra Party still existed with the resignation of all its members from the council. He insisted he was "happy back with his congregation, as he had quit politics."

The administrator, Mr Burger, was appointed last month to run the council until December 31.

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# Heart of stone



After nearly a decade of reform noises by government, and with apartheid widely discredited, it is absurd that SA's leading city has chosen to retain racial discrimination. It is there in its municipal bus services, clinics and swimming pools in most of its recreation centres and some sports facilities.

The reason is not hard to find. Since the 1982 municipal elections, the city has been run by an alliance of the National Party (NP, 17 seats), J.F. Oberholzer's Independent Ratepayers Association (IRA, 5), and two other independents. These 24 wards have been sufficient to keep the Progressive Federal Party (PFP), with 23, in opposition. PFP leader Sam Moss argues convincingly that the city has effectively experienced NP rule for four years, that the coalition has never departed from the parameters of government policy and has even fallen behind government thinking on reform.

This means, in a time of great political turmoil, that few encouraging signals have been sent to the blacks of Soweto and other townships — and they made their sense of rejection perfectly clear when it came to celebrating the city's centenary. The silence is made more emphatic by the reformist voices now heard in Durban and Cape Town, in particular, and even Port Elizabeth and East London.

Since 1982, a "gentleman's agreement" between the NP-IRA alliance and the PFP has ensured the rotation of the mayoral office among the three groups. It is accepted that the mayor is above politics and will not even use his casting vote on voting deadlines. The mayoral voice has been even more tentative since Ernie Fabel's unfortunate gaffe on Nelson Mandela, and press suggestions that a PFP mayor (Harold Rudolph) was better suited to presiding over the Centenary. The contrast with other cities is stark, when one considers the high political profiles of, say, Durban's Sybil Horz and Neil Mac-

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Johannesburg is the vital engine of the Witwatersrand economic powerhouse. Yet this leadership role is at odds with its civic image, which is depressingly conservative, hesitant and dusty.

leman, and Cape Town's Leon Markowitz. Despite the precarious balance of power, the position is not likely to change in the near future. In recent months the PFP has failed to break into the southern wards, even in areas which should favour it (The Glens) and it battled to retain a traditionally safe seat (Bellvue) against a strong NP challenge. The council deadlock has kept caucus morale and determination high, but the national swing to the Right since 1982 indicates that a PFP majority is not on the cards. Municipal elections due in 1987, have been put back a year by government, apparently to blend with the regional services council (RSC) arrangements. For the next 18 months at least, the city will probably be stuck with the present management committee. Compromise is unlikely. In 1982 the PFP was offered three seats on the management committee, and declined because it did not want its caucus to be hamstringing. Thus the majority party has no real voice in the running of the city.

A more liberal approach by the NP-IRA alliance seems unlikely. Observers estimate that up to eight wards in the west and south

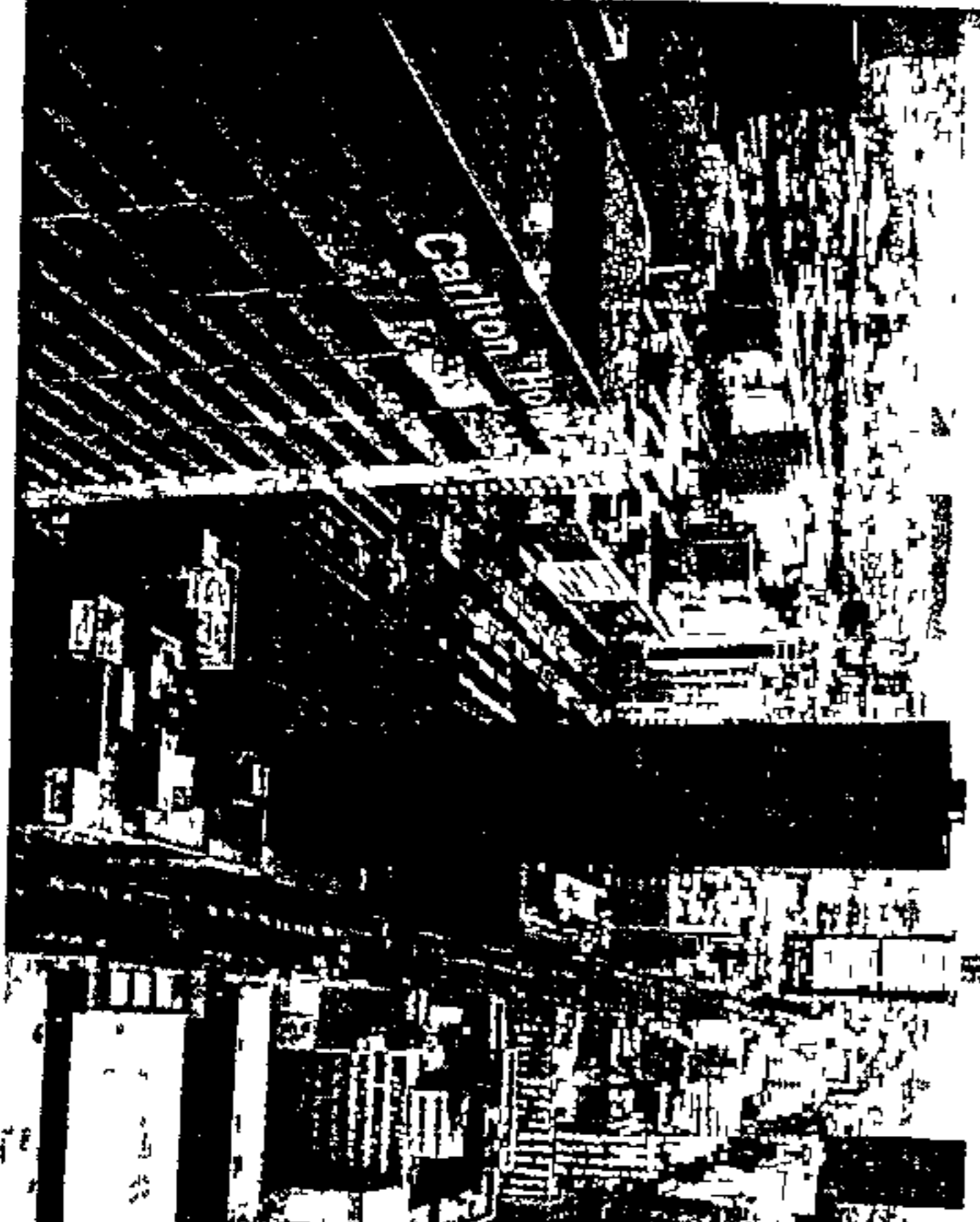
are vulnerable to the Conservative Party. It would be understandable if the alliance is constantly keeping a watchful eye over its right shoulder.

Perhaps this helps explain Oberholzer's reluctance to abolish the remaining apartheid restrictions. In the face of consistent PFP pressure over the past year, Oberholzer has been quoted as saying that amenities should not be opened to help the State President, that he did not wish to relinquish all the chips that could be used for bargaining with blacks. Such statements have been scorned by his opponents. The alliance has stalled PFP proposals for the formation of a top level multiracial committee drawn from all groups and sectors, to further urgent discussion on reform.

Oberholzer's caution is strange. After all, he opened the city's parks and libraries to all races in 1975, when such reforms were unthinkable and virtually unprecedented. In May last year he supported the opening of the CBD to all businessmen, and said recently that he foresaw the day when the CBD would also be open residentially. And he claims to be sympathetic to opening amenities — if councillors can provide evidence of a mandate from their wards to do so. However, Oberholzer did not call for such a mandate when he opened the parks and libraries, and the fact that 23 wards are represented by the PFP, is a mandate in itself.

Sympathy without action — this entails the survival of ridiculous and hurtful apartheid. In recent months, Indian golfers have been barred from the municipal course at Huddle Park, a coloured woman had to get special permission to attend an aerobics class at a recreation centre. Only 13 municipal toilets and two recreation centres (Braamfontein and Jabula) are open to all races, swimming pools remain unequivocally white and buses are still officially segregated.

Of course, in practice apartheid has been breaking down. The Group Areas Act has long been a dead letter in certain suburbs. Council sources



admit that Indians and coloureds, and occasionally blacks, are allowed to travel on white buses, and are not turned away from health clinics. But this is unofficial reform, apparently at the discretion of the bus driver or the duty sister. So uncertainly reforms, along with the potential for humiliation. And the public image of the city cannot be improved by such stealthy, shamefaced methods.

The few reformist moves among the NP-IRA alliance have been clumsy. For instance, independent Ron Selley proposed a motion that multiracial bus routes be investigated on a trial basis — but not in his ward. He then withdrew the motion. One desperate PFP suggestion was that wards should be given a "local option". This was met with an offer to open three bus routes (Dunkeld, Parkhurst and Yeoville) to all races — seen by many as an attempt to embarrass the PFP in their own strongholds, rather than as a move forward on general principles.

The time for piecemeal reform is long past. The council should simply abolish all apartheid restrictions where its powers allow it to do so (swimming pools), and make vigorous application for the repeal of others (buses, Group Areas).

Oberholzer, however, has argued otherwise. In a paper delivered in March this year, he noted that his 1975 reforms "had repercussions literally on an international scale, and taken together with Johannesburg's pioneering efforts in closing the wage gap and paying the rate for the job, could be seen as the most vital political facet of the Johannesburg experiment. In fact the government's whole policy of political reform was arguably triggered off by the quite peaceful results which attended this major policy shift on the part of Johannesburg."

So far, so good. But Oberholzer then says "a warning note should be sounded in this regard, particularly when there is ever increasing pressure to open every existing facility to all race groups. The lack of capital resources has made it very difficult for Johannesburg or any other major centre to provide amenities which are adequate for a single race group, let alone for multiracial use."

"If all amenities were to be opened to people of all population groups overnight the facilities would immediately become totally inadequate because of the fact that there are many thousands of blacks legally resident in certain white areas. If these amenities were to be shared the result would not be the promotion of race relations but the reverse." The argument is clear, and it's not entirely

invalid. But it is also blatantly discriminatory and unfair — Johannesburg is simply not a "white" city — and it assumes a luxurious time-scale which simply does not exist. More to the point, it's precisely the kind of argument which was levelled at Oberholzer when he opened the libraries and parks after some minor adjustments, he was entirely vindicated by the results. Of course providing more amenities will cost money, but some sacrifices are now political necessities — and it's estimated that millions of rands would be saved if the buses were integrated and the fleet put to more intensive use.

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On the broader scale, it would seem that there is little excuse for such caution. Some startling examples have been set by other cities — not least East London, whose council actually voted for the repeal of the Group Areas Act. But the most interesting towns have taken place in Durban and Cape Town. It can be argued that successive mayors in Durban have contributed to the KwaNatal initiative and Cape Town's Leon Markowitz has attempted to use his good offices to get something done about the Crossroads tragedy. Their respective political profiles have been forceful, a source of some hope and

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Waiting for the segregated bus

Even on that level, some strange decisions have been taken. While the city's contribution to culture and the arts must be acknowledged, its judgment in these areas has often been ridiculed.

In this field Oberholzer has proved particularly inept.

The council attracted bad publicity over the refusal to allow black-dominated professional soccer at the Rand Stadium, and it looked very silly with its policy of awarding special maternity benefits to female employees whose husbands were doing military service. The intention was not malicious, but the discriminatory implications should have been glaringly obvious.

Nevertheless, all political factions agree that the city is blessed with an excellent civil service — loyal, experienced and efficient. In general, professional department heads are respected in their fields, and many of the usual gripes against local authorities do not arise. For its white citizens, it is a well-run city — and Oberholzer must take much of the credit for that. There is no question that



Open library ... a reform not followed through

he has the welfare of the city at heart, and his vast knowledge and experience make him a valuable asset.

But it is clear that Johannesburg has lost its flair, its capacity for innovation. In some senses, it is the laughing stock of the country. No one is clear about the form the new RSCs will take — but it is vital that Johannesburg influences its own composition and role as much as possible. At the moment, the signs are extremely discouraging. If, as seems likely, the city is still ruled by the NP-IRA alliance when the confusing transition takes place, we can only urge that this moribund and hesitant collection of individuals gets its act together.

Johannesburg is a city built on risk. It prides itself on its bustle, its energy in so many fields. Now its civic leaders must stop talking the political language of the Sixties and Seventies, and learn to take chances instead of squandering opportunities. Its citizens, black and white, and the country itself, deserve much better.

Politically, Johannesburg must adapt swiftly to changing circumstances, and stop behaving like an obscure rural municipality.

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# More than hanging in

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Earnings prospects for Cullinan Holdings underline the advantages that can be gained from having a well balanced industrial portfolio, especially under depressed economic conditions. The group recognised some years ago that it was overly reliant on its dominant refractories business. It developed a strategy to achieve a wider spread of profit sources, and pursued investments in sectors which did not follow the same business cycle as refractories.

Not all of the diversified areas became as profitable as management would have liked. As the economy buckled, certain Cullinan divisions came under severe pressure. In particular, the contribution from the property and building bricks divisions dropped dramatically. Two years ago they contributed more than half of group earnings (before interest, which is charged against group profits), now their contribution is little more than 10%. However, strong demand in other areas of the business more than compensated and earnings continued to grow. And while the economy still shows little sign of improvement, Cullinan's immediate outlook remains favourable overall.

The single most strategic action ever taken by the company — its history dates back to the turn of the century — was the formation of its equal partnership with Iscor in July 1983. At that stage, severe recession in the local iron and steel industry had taken a harsh toll. In the year to end-June 1983 refractory profits dived to their lowest in years. Their contribution to earnings per share (EPS) dropped to 6,5c from 54c in 1982. The division's major refractory com-

**A refractories partnership formed three years ago with Iscor, and successful expansion in electrical fields, has shielded Cullinan from recession and made an earnings advance for 1986 likely.**

petitor, Anglo-American controlled Vereeniging Refractories (Verref), was not immune either. Verref's operating profits practically halved to R5,1m from R10,5m, and fell below this level in the next two years. It took higher exports to improve Verref's refractory profits to R5,5m in 1986.

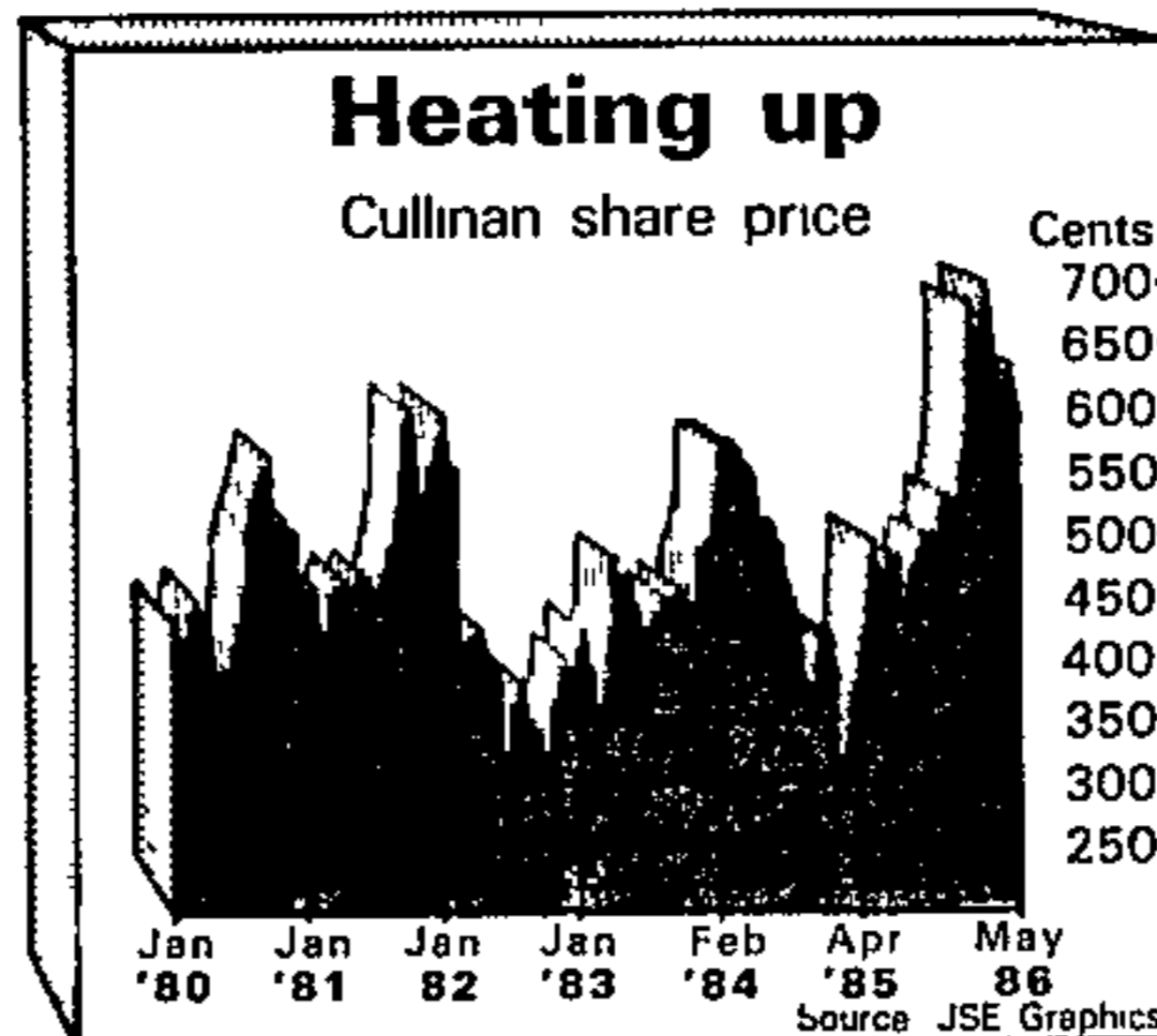
By contrast, Cullinan's refractory earnings gained strength from the merged interests. In the following two years, earnings almost doubled annually (see table). The upward trend continued, although at a slower pace. By the end-December interim,

refractory profits were 60% of the total for the 1985 year.

Chairman Neil Cullinan tells me that Cullinan was the initiator of the partnership. "It was one way we could diversify more quickly with the capital that we had." Certainly, capital resources were strained at the time. At 0,64, gearing was above the group's revised self-imposed limit of 0,60. Further, lower profits and rising interest rates had squeezed interest cover from 3,2 to 1,5 times in 1983. The partnership immediately benefited the balance sheet. R25m of Cullinan's borrowings were shifted into the partnership, which continued under the name of Cullinan Refractories. The result was that by end-December 1985, Cullinan's gearing stood at a far more comfortable 0,20.

There is no doubt the partnership was extremely successful, with Cullinan cornering a major share of the refractory market. Inevitably, perhaps, Cullinan's business with Highveld fell. But, says Cullinan, "we still do business with Highveld just as Verref still does business with Iscor." Nevertheless, Verref refers to "the loss of a major proportion of the company's traditional sales to Iscor" in its 1986 annual report. Despite gains in the export market, and the boost the low rand has given local steel producers, its plants remain severely under-utilised.

Capacity utilisation at Cullinan has improved, with production restored to more economic volumes. Although local demand for steel remains low, Iscor has replaced the loss in the domestic market with exports. Says Cullinan "Iscore is very busy just as we are very busy." With the rand set to remain





# Whites joining black councils

SOWETAN Reporter

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A NUMBER of white officials who served in the defunct development boards and were seconded to black local authorities, have applied for permanent posts with black councils, Mr Tom Boya, deputy president of the Urban Council Association of South Africa, said yesterday.

These officials applied for permanent positions at various black councils after the Government scrapped development boards at the beginning of this month, Mr Boya said.

"Most of the officials already employed by the councils were taken on as staff because there were no replacements," he added.

Mr Boya said the white officials would serve in the councils for about six months before taking up posts in various State departments.

He added that a number of posts

have been advertised and that some white officials would be appointed if no suitable black replacements were found "But the choice is with the local authorities. They will decide."

Mr Boya, who accused the boards of having retarded progress in the townships, urged the Government to "do away with the unnecessary buffer strips in black towns so that the housing backlog can be alleviated."

The Government, Mr Boya added, "must first buy this land and hand it over to us. They must also provide services such as electricity and sewerage".

• The *Sowetan* yesterday established that out of 237 community and town councils, 41 have collapsed — 37 of which are community councils. The four town councils which collapsed are KwaNobuhle, Lingelihle, Nonzwakazi and Alexandra.

# Eviction Orders

By LANGA SKOSANA

THE Soweto Council yesterday sent out hundreds of eviction orders to residents who have defaulted on their rent payments for two months or more.

The orders follow a tough warning from the council on Tuesday that residents pay up their arrears by July 15 or face eviction.

The director of housing in the council, Mrs Del Kevin, yesterday said notices were issued in terms of Section 65 of the Housing Act.

Council policemen, she said, went to several houses in Orlando East and served tenants with the orders.

She said those people who received the eviction orders yesterday were in arrears with rent for two months or more.

She advised residents to go to the township administration offices to pay up before July 15.

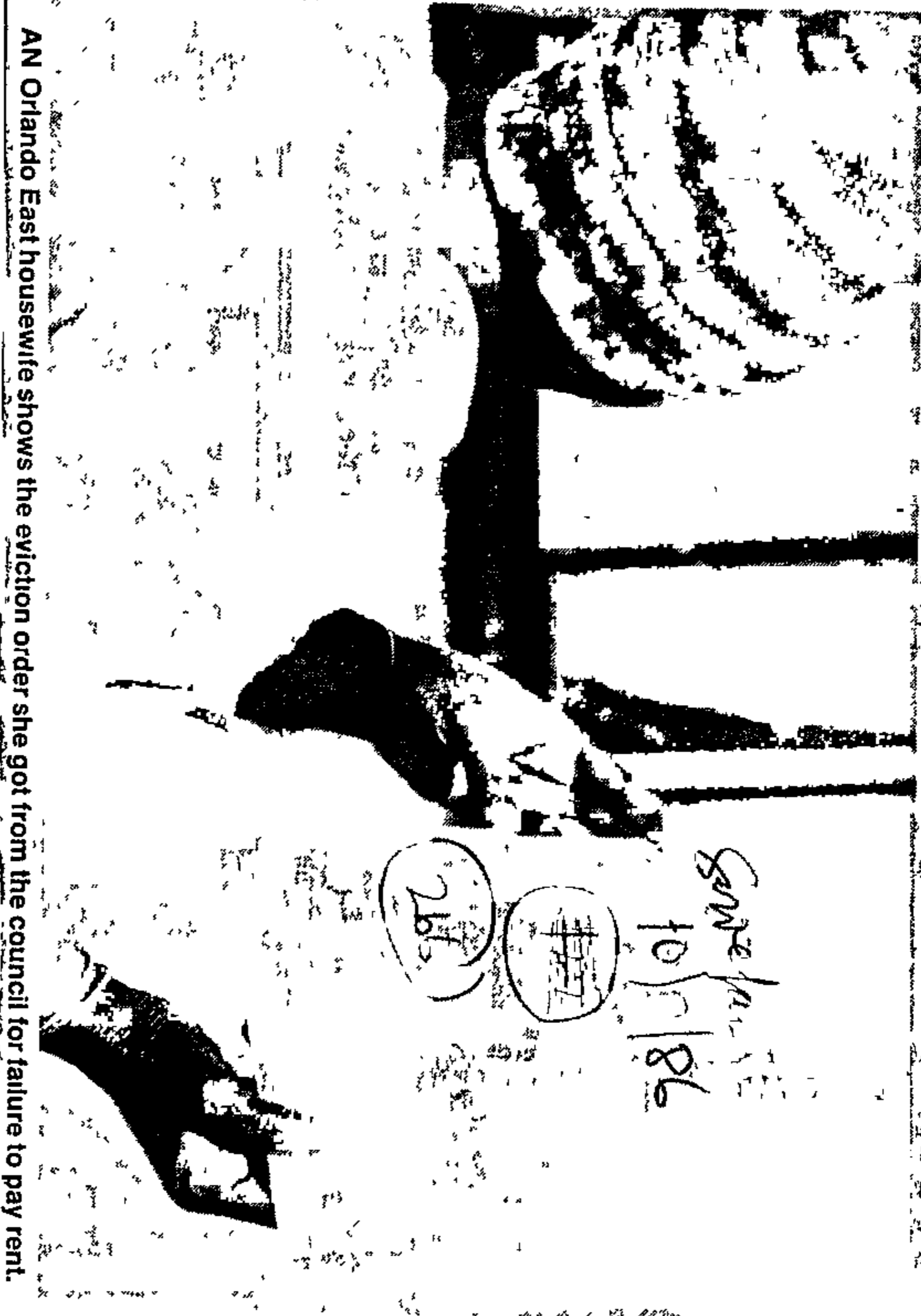
Some of the residents interviewed yesterday who asked to remain anonymous, said they were at a loss as to what to do because they were afraid of reprisals if they were seen to be paying.

## Youths

On Tuesday in Mofolo and Zondi, a number of youths went from house to house asking house owners to see their previous month's rent receipts. They then tore them up.

The eviction notices, signed by the township manager, warn that should a resident fail to pay within seven days, he or she should remove furniture in the house to allow new tenants to take occupation of the house.

It further says that any payment made after the expiry of the date on the notice will be accepted but the council still has a right to carry out the eviction.



AN Orlando East housewife shows the eviction order she got from the council for failure to pay rent.

# TSHABALALA WINDFALL

SIXTEEN bottle stores have been allocated by the Soweto Council — two of them to mayor Mr E T Tshabalala's children.

Mr Vusi Tshabalala and Miss Elizabeth Dombolo Tshabalala, have been allocated two stores — both selling for about R3,1 million — previously owned by the now defunct West Rand Development Board

By JOSHUA RABOROKO

## ET's son and daughter each get a bottle store

The deputy mayor of Soweto, Mr Glen Jwara, yesterday confirmed the purchase of the liquor outlets and said the two Tshabalalas were among the many people who applied for the businesses following advertisements in the media and notices issued to residents

Mr Vusi Tshabalala confirmed to the Sowetan that he and his sister were allocated bottle stores by the council,

but declined to disclose how much money was involved in the transaction

He dispelled rumours that their applications were successful because they were the mayor's children, adding, "my father did not have influence on our success, we applied in our own private capacities"

Miss Tshabalala, who manages her father's Eyethu Cinema in Mofolo, said "I am happy

that my application has been successful I applied for the business after seeing an advertisement in a newspaper"

### Satisfied

Mr Jwara said the sixteen applicants satisfied the council's demands, which included enough capital, and residence in Soweto. He stressed "The Tshabalalas did not qualify because of their father's position in the council"

Business people who have been allocated bottle stores include Mr Kenneth Sephayi, Mr Eric Mabuza, Mr Solly Nkutha, Mr Robert Ndlovu, Mr Ephraim Madhane, Mr George Dhladhla, Mr Paul Riba, Mr C Masi, Mr David Motsamayi, the Mzamo Moleko Liquor Enterprise, the Soweto Tavern Association, Afro Shopping Construction and the Mpu-melo Close Corporation

R100 000 and R200 000 for the private takeover of the bottle stores which were run by the development board

The president of the National Tavern Association, Mr Peggy Bel-Air Senne, expressed dissatisfaction with the allocation of the business to people who have never traded in liquor

### Court

He said his association was going to take the matter up with the defunct WRADB and the council "Our members applied, but have



DOMBOLO Tshabalala allocated bottle store



E T Tshabalala family boosted.

been turned down by the council," he said, and added, "If possible, we will take the matter to court to challenge their decisions"

He noted that the Soweto Council could be seen in the same light as the one taken by the Leoka Town Council which allocated several bottle stores to councillors in 1984

# SCA consults lawyers on evictions

By NKOPANE  
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THE Soweto Civic Association has consulted lawyers on the validity of eviction orders issued to hundreds of residents by the Soweto City Council.

Last Tuesday, the council issued a strong warning to defaulters to v up their arrears be-

fore tomorrow or face eviction.

Many residents in Soweto as well as Dobsonville and Diepkloof have not paid their rent for the past two months since a call was made for a rent boycott

A spokesman for a

Johannesburg law firm, Priscilla Jana and Associates, confirmed that they were looking into the validity of the eviction notices after being consulted by civic organisations in Soweto.

He told the *Sowetan* that the council may

have acted unlawfully in issuing eviction orders to residents who have defaulted on their rent payments

"We are reasonably confident that the attempt by the council to evict residents in terms of Section 65B of the Housing Act of 1965 is unlawful."

**T**ODAY is the deadline for Soweto rent defaulters to pay their rent. From tomorrow, those who have not paid will be expected to vacate their homes or face forced eviction.

Many residents in Soweto, Dobsonville and Meadowlands started the rent boycott on June 1 in response to a call made by community organisations which may not be named in terms of the emergency regulations.

The Soweto Council's threat issued last week to residents to pay up or lose their houses, puts many people in a Catch 22 situation. There are fears that if they pay, they could face the wrath of the "comrades".

Earlier this month, the Soweto Council suggested that residents send their rent by mail to the council offices.

The idea was mooted because it was thought that it would make things easier for residents who were not paying their rent because of intimidation.

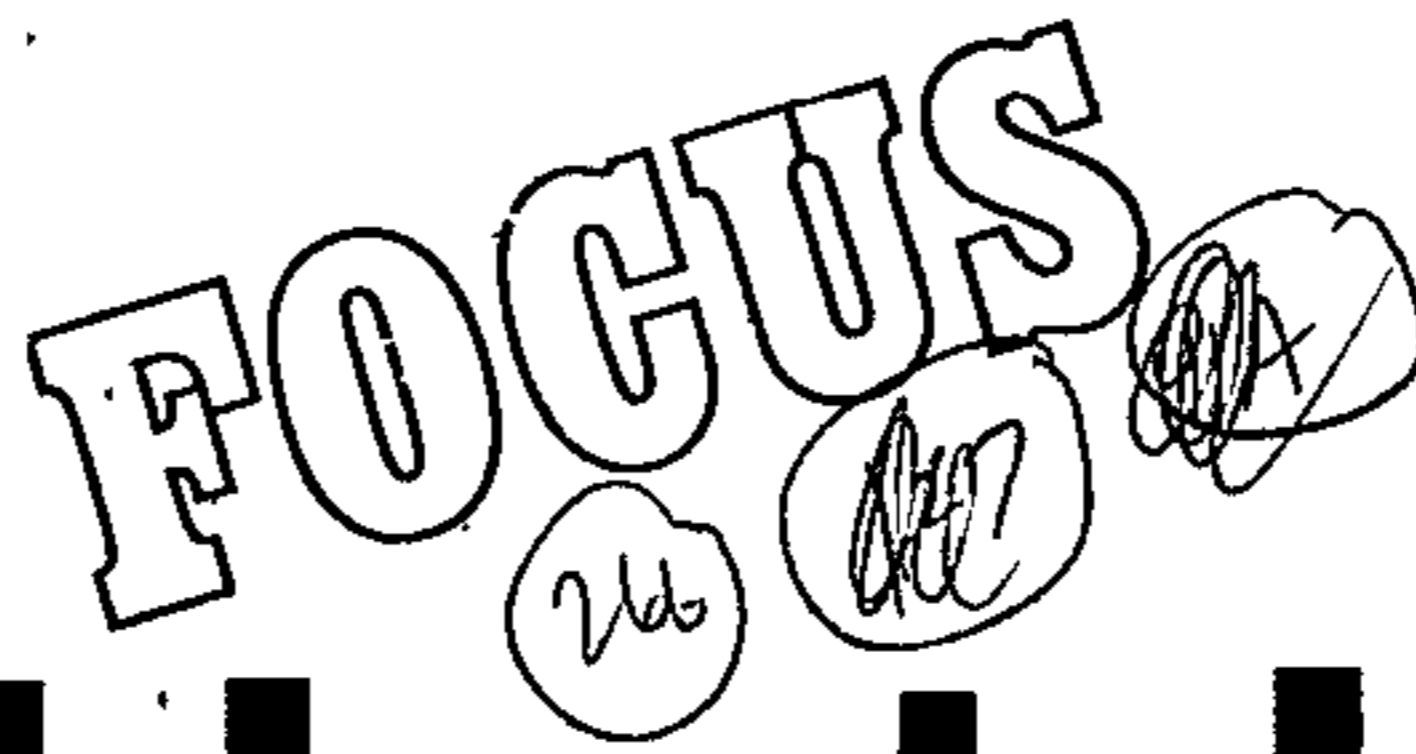
But the system did not work. It was feared that some of the council clerks could be forced to give the "comrades" the names and addresses of those who broke the boycott.

The refusal to pay rent was to last until the Soweto Council and the Government met certain demands. The demands may not be listed in terms of emergency regulations.

Residents of Vosloorus on the East Rand also stopped paying rent from June, but many have now started paying after some of the defaulters were evicted during the past few weeks.

According to earlier reports, as many as two-thirds of Soweto's residents had failed to pay rent last month and this month. This resulted in the Soweto Council losing R300 000 a month in rent arrears.

Mr Tom Boya, deputy



# Residents' dilemma: To pay or not to pay

**By SAM MABE**

president of the Urban Councils Association of South Africa, was recently quoted as saying as many as 32 community councils and three town councils had collapsed because of rent boycotts.

In the Vaal Triangle, residents stopped paying rent in September 1984 after the outbreak of unrest in which 70 people were killed. Eviction notices were served for the first time in September last year to about 350 000 defaulters.

In March this year, about 60 residents were jailed for failing to pay rent. So far, the Lekoa Town Council is believed to have lost about

R45 million in rent arrears.

In an attempt to induce residents to pay, the Lekoa Town Council started switching off electricity from 4 am to 10 am on specific days, but this was stopped after complaints from businessmen who also had to suffer although they had paid their rental and electricity bills.

In another attempt to recover money from the Vaal residents, the Government proposed legislation empowering black local authorities to order employers to deduct rent money from their employees' wages.

The Bill was opposed by trade unions and employer organisations who described it as highly explosive. Many employers said the Government was passing the buck to them.

Many employers made representations to the Government in which they stated their refusal to be used as rent collectors as this would put them in the "middle of a political fight".

Other fears expressed were that labour relations in South Africa could be seriously affected if the Bill was passed since workers would take industrial action in protest against deductions from their pay.

The Bill was dropped and today thousands of residents still owe rent. Many might find it difficult to pay since the accumulation of the arrears runs into several hundreds of rand.

Mamelodi residents are still not paying rent. They stopped in Novem-

**LET US PRAY**

*THIS prayer by Archbishop-elect Desmond Tutu, is especially for those families who are without their loved ones in these troubled times.*

God said: "My name is Emmanuel which means God with us." He is the God who stood with the three in the fiery furnace. Jesus said: "In the world you will have suffering, but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world."

That is our God. If this God is for us, who can be against us? Nothing in heaven or on earth or underneath the earth can separate us from the love of God, who did not only give good advice but came and was involved with us in our suffering. He died, and they thought they had killed him, but he rose and overcame evil. And so we know we will be free. We know that we will be able to live together as brothers and sisters, mothers and fathers, whatever the forces against us."

ber last year following the killing of 13 people during a march by 30 000 residents to protest against rent increases.

But the biggest problem for Soweto residents is that they were warned that even if they paid after today, the council would reserve the right to carry out evictions.

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By MONK NKOMO

AN R8-million water and sewerage system will soon be provided for Duduza township near Nigel.

A spokesman for the Department of Constitutional Development and Planning, in a statement released in Pretoria yesterday, said technical details of the sewerage have already been finalised by the National Housing Commission. Work on the scheme will start within three months.

The Government said that the new scheme followed years of representation by the now defunct community council.

The R8-million will be drawn from the National Housing Fund.

## Buffer

"It has also just been announced that the existing buffer zones can be utilised for housing — one buffer zone has already been divided into approximately 650 housing sites. Once the services have been properly planned the full request will be presented to the National Housing Commission," the statement said.

Funds have already been reserved for this scheme and it is expected that the private sector would be fully in-

## Duduza to get rid of bucket system

involved in the development of the project which will result in the first elite residential area in Duduza. Employers will be given the opportunity to assist their employees with the building of houses. Private individuals will also receive the opportunity to build houses for themselves.

The City Council of Nigel has offered its assistance in the planning and the execution of development projects in the township.

Negotiations for the purchasing of additional land have been underway and it is expected that these will be finalised in the immediate future, the statement added.

# PFP councillors challenge Keenan on his Nat label

By Shirley Woodgate,  
Municipal Reporter

Independent Johannesburg City Councillor Mr Lionel Keenan has been challenged to a public debate to disprove claims that he is a Nationalist in disguise

The challenge is by four Progressive Federal Party councillors who live in or near his Kew/Lombardy ward and comes four years after his election as an Independent in 1982. Nine years ago he lost a Provincial Council election when he stood for the PFP.

The challengers are Mr David Neppe, Mr Cecil Bass, Mrs Molly Kopel and Mr Alan Gadd.

Mr Neppe said that since taking his seat Mr Keenan had never voted with the PFP or opposed the ruling National Party/Independent Ratepayers' Association coalition.

## POWERFUL MEN

He said it was expected of Mr Keenan, as one of the two most powerful men in the council — he and Mr Ron Selley hold the balance of power — that he would use his discretion and vote on merit.

He was now being called on to tell voters why he had supported, without explanation, every



Mr Lionel Keenan voting pattern under scrutiny

rate and tariff increase proposed by the coalition.

Mr Keenan could not be reached for comment yesterday.

Until 1982, Ward 9 was considered a safe PFP seat but Mr Keenan, standing as an Independent, was responsible for one of the shock results that year when he ousted the PFP's Mr Kendal Jordi by 200 votes — winning 1 271 votes to Mr Jordi's 1 071 in a 45,9 percent poll.

In the 1977 Provincial Council elections Mr Keenan stood in PFP colours against Mr Francois Oberholzer, representing the New Republic Party in Rosettenville.

Mr Oberholzer trounced Mr Keenan with a majority of 4 301 votes.

# Pay or have service cut warns Tembisa Council

By Jo-Anne Collinge  
The Tembisa Council has threatened to cut off water and electricity supplies to the township if residents and businessmen do not pay their accounts.

The warning is part of a notice sent to all residents and comes as the Soweto Council is poised to tighten the screws on thousands of residents who have not paid rent since the beginning of June.

The Soweto Council has set today as D-Day for the resumption of payments — after which

it is threatening to start evictions. The Soweto Civic Association has vowed to fight unlawful evictions "to the bitter end".

The Tembisa notice urges residents to pay rent and service fees without delay and states that "protection by the South African Police and Defence Force will be provided at the offices of the town council for those who wish to pay".

It appeals to residents to "unite against the faceless radicals and the so-called comrades who wish to destroy Tembisa".



# Soweto rent offices to open in Jo'burg

The Soweto City Council is to open two offices in Johannesburg so Soweto residents can pay their rent without being intimidated, councillors said today

The decision was taken after a meeting between executive committee members and officials at the Soweto Chambers in Jabulani today

Soweto town clerk Mr Nico Malan said about 500 residents indicated at a meeting yesterday that it was impossible to pay their rent in the township because of intimidation

The two Johannesburg offices will open on Monday to benefit city workers, but their location would only be revealed later, Mr Malan said.

Mr Malan said the council had warned defaulters their houses would be repossessed if rents were not paid

He said the council had lost about R4 million during June through unpaid rents and service charges

He added that the council had successfully approached people to pay their July rents. — Sapa

# Vaal rent row takes new turn

THE Lekoa Town Council is under pressure to make cuts in the electricity and water supply in the Vaal Triangle townships in an attempt to force residents to break the 22-month-old rent boycott.

The town clerk, Mr Nikolaas Louw, yesterday said that the council was to prosecute thousands of rent defaulters.

He added that a large number of residents have been paying their rent arrears and that arrangements were being made with the council on how to settle their debts.

Residents in the area — Sharpeville, Sebokeng, Bophelong, Botpatong and Zamdela — have not been paying their house rents and electricity and water tariffs since September, 1984.

Mr Louw warned that the council would not tolerate the non-payment of rent by residents.

"We have instituted legal proceedings against residents," he

By JOSHUA RABOROKO

said

It was vital that residents should realise that it was wrong to use electricity and water without paying for them, he said.

Mr Louw declined to say how much money the council has lost since the boycott started in 1984, but said that the council could no longer afford paying for services because "our coffers are dry".

The Vaal Civic Association, Vaal Rent Crisis Committee, Vaal Education Crisis Committee, and other opposition organisations in the area have in the past rejected the council's claims that residents were paying rent.

# Tenants in a quandary

DOMINIQUE GILBERT

beyond our control. clean up Soweto before we pay our rents."  
He says the council has lost more than R800 000 worth of vehicles at the hands of the "comrades".

"We have got problems and I agree we have a backlog. Our average income of between R7m and R9m (a month) has dropped to R2,6m since the boycott," he says.

Some residents believe the boycott was called because of the lack of services in the townships. The boycotts also reflect a total rejection by residents of the system of local government introduced to control the townships.

They are seen by people who believe they are not being represented by their true leaders as a means to bring about local and nationwide political change. They see the only solution arising from negotiations between those they consider their real leaders and the Nationalist government.

He condemns as "no help to us at all" a statement issued by the SCA rejecting claims by the Soweto Council that more people were coming forward to pay rent. Malan says he is trying to approach the problem in as positive a manner as possible.  
He agrees that negotiation is the best way to resolve problems related to the boycott, but does not want to comment on the fact that he has not negotiated with a number of leaders who are either in detention or hiding.  
Ongoing negotiations, he says, take place with certain groups or individuals he declines to name. "But some come with demands

They decline to give personal advice to residents. Both say they are not clear about who called the boycott but, for various reasons which they outlined at the time they supported it.  
Even town clerk Nico Malan says he does not know who started the boycott.  
He is convinced, however, residents want to pay their rents but are often too afraid to do so.  
"But if people don't pay, particularly defaulters who have owed since the beginning of the year and are using the situation as a way out, we will take a strong stand," Malan says.

evicted tenants were likely to be at risk because they would be thought to be breaking the boycott.  
Asked if he supported the boycott, Tutu said he supported any form of non-violent protest against apartheid, but agreed "many innocent people are going to be caught in the pincers".  
Leaders of organisations which have backed the boycott — Dr Nihatho Motlana, of Soweto Civic Association (SCA), and Japha Lekgetho, of the National Environmental Awareness Council (NEAC) — say they cannot comment or offer advice to residents without the support of their missing members.

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TOWNSHIP residents, caught in the crossfire between authorities instructing them to pay rents and the "comrades" telling them not to, cannot look to recognised leaders for guidance.  
Recognised leaders are either in detention, on the run, or will not put their names to any particular strategy for fear of retribution.

When *Business Day* asked a number of prominent black leaders what advice they gave to residents, none of the leaders would comment for the record.

This week, hundreds of residents will be issued with eviction orders, says a Soweto Council spokesman. They will have seven days to pay or be made homeless.

Bishop Desmond Tutu recently held talks with Constitutional Development and Planning Minister Chris Heunis at which he drew attention to the predicament of township folk.  
Tutu said those who replaced

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# Council calls for vigilantes

SOWETAN Reporter

THE Soweto City Council yesterday resolved at its monthly meeting that all councillors should form vigilante groups to protect residents who want to pay rent.

Chairman of the council's management committee, Mr Letsatsi Radebe, said it would be the task of these vigilantes to stamp out "political renegades".

Mr Radebe said the climate in Soweto, was revolutionary and this affected everybody. He said the area had to go back to the olden days when "amabutho" (regiments) maintained discipline.

The decision that councillors form

vigilante groups was unanimously accepted by the council. A suggestion by Mrs Violet Petjaulema that discussions be held with the Soweto Civic Association (SCA) was rejected. Mr Radebe said there was no possibility of convincing the SCA to drop its rent boycott.

The council also agreed on eight projects to house families presently staying in Mshenguville. The first scheme will begin soon when about 270 of the families will be housed in Naledi, where there are developed sites.

Other projects are planned for Pimville, Zola, Zola North and more than 4 000 open sites in various parts of Soweto.

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# Secret plan to bust the rent boycotts

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## Plan to bust rent boycotts

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residents to motivate them to pay rent. Information from these discussions must then be sent to the (white) town clerks who will computerise it in order to compile "community profiles". This, the document notes, will help them ascertain the "healthy areas" — presumably areas where the rent boycott is weak.

● Action must be taken against councillors who do not "pay their arrears"

● The "hearts and minds" of the youth must be won, and they must be persuaded to convince their parents to pay rent. This should be done at "weekend camps" where, states the document, they must be given lectures on the future of "black constitutional reform", the functions and necessity of local authorities, why it is necessary to pay rent ("for the upliftment of socio-economic circumstances"), and that better educated people "earn a higher income".

● Police stations must be established in all black areas

● The media must be used. This suggestion was apparently successful, the local newspapers agreed to run columns that deal with inter-racial reconciliation and Radio Sesotho

agreed to broadcast a series of talks on the need to pay rent

● In a clear attempt to usurp the authority of the street and area committees that have been established by the UDF-affiliated civic associations, the re-establishment of "authority structures" was recommended by the document, in particular the enforcement of discipline "within the context of the family structure"

● The establishment was recommended of "law and order committees" in each ward that can "serve as a forum for dialogue between parents and rebellious youth"

● All councillors and officials must get involved in "climate creation" to prepare the community for rent increases. This should be done by educating the community about how their wages have risen. The new tariffs would then be justified in terms of rising costs of services provided by the local authorities

Other parts of the document reveal how sensitive the state is to the rent issue. For example, the document recommends that all decisions on rent or related increases that affect the black community must be taken at cabinet level

As at June last year, the now-defunct development boards suffered losses amounting to R144-million. In the Vaal townships alone, authorities have lost about R20-million in uncollected rents. In Soweto the figure stands at R9-million

Community councils have been forced to dig deeply into their reserves. The resulting bankruptcy and sustained nationwide unrest have contributed to the collapse of close to 40 local authorities

There are 31 townships where rent boycotts are known to be taking place: Mamelodi, Alexandra, Sharpeville, Sebokeng, Boipatong, Bophelong, Tumahole, Huhudi, Ermelo, Piet Retief, Soweto, Ratanda, Tembisa, Katlehong, Vosloorus, Warmbaths, Carolina, Waterval Boven, Amsterdam, Lydenberg, Port Elizabeth, Uitenhage, Port Alfred, Alexandria, Cradock, Duncan Village, Grahamstown Alwal North, Burgersdorp, Potgietersrus, Refengkgotso.

## WEEKLY MAIL REPORTER

THE state, business and community councils are collaborating in a grand plan to break the nationwide rent boycott which has already cost the state more than R250-million

According to documents in the possession of Weekly Mail, leading the boycott-busting exercise are the Gesamentlike Bestuursentrums (Joint Management Centres, or JMCs), made up of representatives from business, community councils, ex-development boards, the South African Police and the SA Defence Force

JMCs are regional organs directly accountable to the State Security Council. Their function is to assess the security situation in each region and recommend to the authorities appropriate "solutions", ranging from Security Force action to the upgrading of living conditions

Over the past 18 months, the JMCs — which together comprise the National Security Management System — have become increasingly involved in township matters

Documentary evidence of the involvement of the JMCs in the breaking of rent boycotts was discovered this week

In a document entitled "Strategy for the collection of arrear rental and service charges", submitted to a meeting of the Lekoa Town Council on November 1, 1985, it is stated that "local collection action groups" made up of councillors, policemen and officials will be formed and mandated to use all available means to collect rentals in arrears

The document instructs, however, that in resolving the boycott, "no acknowledgement through negotiations must be given to revolutionary groups or organisations"

"All actions," it continues, "are to be taken in mini-Gesamentlike Bestuursentrums (local constituents) and (in that) context within the ambit of (the) National Security Management System"

The document recommends a wide range of strategies to break the rent boycott, including

● Legal action must be taken against defaulters. Because the large majority of the township population is not paying rent, it is necessary to identify initial targets, the document states. These include businessmen and households that are reasonably well-off and employed workers identified by employers. "Identified hostile residents must be identified as first priority for civil procedure steps, but it must not be done obviously."

● Employers must be contacted and requested to supply lists of workers' names. Ideally, employers should deduct rent by stop-order

● Councillors, with "SAP support", must hold household discussions with groups of

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# BACK TO THE nightclub for mayor who quit

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By JO-ANN BEKKER

TEMBISA's mayor of seven years, Lucas Mothiba, called a press conference in Johannesburg yesterday to announce his resignation from the "politically and economically powerless black local authority system".

Mothiba, who owns a nightclub, a dry-cleaning factory and half a dozen other businesses in the East Rand township, denied a three-month-old boycott of his outlets had prompted his decision.

He said a report in the Weekly Mail in June, quoting two Tembisa youths who claimed Mothiba had paid them to join a vigilante group formed to eliminate activists, had first jolted him into considering resigning.

"I knew then that there were people who wished to pressurise me and make me feel uncomfortable," he said. But he denied any knowledge of the vigilantes. "I have never seen any sign of them in Tembisa."

Mothiba sat alone at a long table in Khotso House, headquarters of several activist groups, and whistled nonchalantly as he waited for photographers to set up their equipment.

"I joined the Tembisa Council in good faith and with the hope that I would succeed in helping my people," he said. "But I am convinced that unless the government is prepared to subsidise 90 percent of the black local authorities, they will never succeed."

He said rent collections were the council's sole source of revenue. And the local authorities system, "which was not drawn up by blacks but by a higher authority", had prescribed rigid ways of dealing with defaulters.

"There are a lot of evictions going on," he said, "and I don't want to be the man in the middle anymore."

Similarly, Mothiba said, he sympathised with the 970 Tembisa municipality workers who had been on strike for two months demanding higher wages. But, he argued, their wages came from rent collections and to increase their salaries, rents too would have to be increased.

At his last council meeting on Wednesday, it had been decided to overturn a Supreme Court ruling and reinstate all the dismissed workers, Mothiba said.

The man who was elected to the council by about 20 percent of Tembisa's residents would not say if he planned to join any political organisation. "But I must always be somewhere," he added. "I have indicated that I have resigned from the one side, so I will join the other side."

# Mayor resigns over eviction of boycotters

By Mike Siluma

The mayor of Tembisa, Mr Lucas Mothiba, yesterday resigned from the town council he has headed for seven years.

Announcing his resignation at a press conference in Johannesburg, Mr Mothiba said many black people had lost faith in black local authorities because the structures were not of their making.

The eviction of rent

boycotters in Tembisa was one of the factors prompting his resignation

He said although it was the feeling of the community that the council was responsible for the evictions, his council had nothing to do with them. The council had no control over the police, he said

Mr Mothiba, who has repeatedly made impassioned pleas for an end to the rent boycott, also

cited the eviction of defaulters as another reason for his resignation. He declared himself to be opposed to the eviction of rent defaulters

Other reasons for his resignation, he said, were the powerlessness of black local authorities and the failure of the Government to reach a settlement with black leaders

A shortcoming of the present black council system was that the councils

derived their revenue from poor people who could least afford to pay. The problem could be resolved by a heavy State subsidy

Mr Mothiba also revealed that the Tembisa council had resolved to reinstate about 1 000 members of the SA Black Municipal and Allied Workers' Union dismissed after a strike about two months ago

A union spokesman, Mr Benny Alexandra, said

those reinstated would not resume work until the union had been formally informed of the move

He said the workers should be paid for the time they had not been working because, in the union's view, they had been council employees throughout

Tembisa town clerk Mr P L Harmse has confirmed Mr Mothiba's resignation and the reinstatement of the workers

Tembisa Town Council relents

# Fired workers reinstated in act of sympathy

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BY DAF  
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**MORE** than 900 employees of the Tembisa Town Council on the East Rand who were dismissed in May are to be reinstated.

The council decided at a meeting on Tuesday to reinstate the 970 workers out of sympathy, town clerk Anthony Relihan said yesterday.

The workers went on strike in May after making several demands, including a monthly minimum wage of R700.

They had demanded the reinstatement of three dismissed workers and the recognition of the Black Municipal & Allied Workers Union (Sabmawu)

Relihan said "The council realised that some of the workers were dismissed because they got involved in the strike involuntarily

"Therefore, those people need to be given a chance to return to their jobs"

A short statement said: "The council, out of sympathy for the employees, will allow them to be reinstated in their jobs within the period August 1 to 31

"The employees, so reinstated, will not be remunerated for the period of absence from work"

Sabmawu spokesman Benny Alexandra said "The union has not been informed by the council of its decision and cannot comment further.

"Another reason is that some of the workers are still being held in detention under the state of emergency"

□ A lack of confidence in black local

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authorities has forced the mayor of Tembisa L L Mothiba to resign from the council.

He handed his letter of resignation to the council yesterday morning after a Press conference at Khotso House in which he made known his decision to journalists.

Since unrest erupted in Tembisa, Mothiba has been a victim of unremitting harassment from youths and those opposed to local authority systems

Reasons given by Mothiba for his resignations were.

□ Lack of political and economic power of black local authorities

□ Structures deliberately created to render them powerless

□ Lack of seriousness on the part of government to reach a negotiated settlement with the national leadership on black communities

□ Lack of confidence in the black local authorities, making it impossible to continue working on the council

□ The recent eviction of the families from their homes

□ The strike by council employees whose grievances were reasonable, but could not be met.

Mothiba concluded "The council should be seen as a structure for white nationalist politicians only"

Relihan said "We feel rather sad to lose Mothiba. He sacrificed so much for his people and had looked forward to achieving great things for them."



# Eviction swoop completed

By Mudini Marvha

Dobsonville Town Council has evicted the last of the people who for two months illegally occupied houses in Dobsonville Extension

Families were yesterday dumped in an open space near the township. A tent provided for shelter was taken by council police

Families and their furniture were taken to the spot in Dobsonville Town Council trucks as council police completed the evictions.

Residents left at the open space had hoped to erect shacks there, but were told by two men to vacate the plot

A resident said "We don't know what are we expected to do. If only they allowed us to build shacks, but a white man has already told us to vacate the plot because it does not belong to the council"

Dobsonville Town Clerk Mr Alex Conn was not available for comment

# Tembisa thanked for strike support

The Tembisa Council employees reinstated last week after being fired for striking more than two months ago have thanked the Tembisa community for its part in resolving the dispute

Tembisa residents were thanked in a statement released at a Press conference at the offices of the South African Black Municipal Workers' Union (Sabmawu) yesterday

The statement expressed Sabmawu's thanks to the community of Tembisa, its pupils and organisations for their moral and financial support. The union also thanked the unemployed for not "scabbing" during the workers' absence from work

About 1 000 workers were dismissed by after striking to back demands including an across-the-board R700 monthly minimum

wage, the dismissal of certain council officials for allegedly abusing workers and the recognition of a union of the workers' choice

The resolution of the strike has sparked a war of words between the Tembisa Civic Association (TCA) and Sabmawu

Yesterday a TCA spokesman, Mr Goba Ndhlovu, expressed "shock" at claims by the union that it had negotiated the workers' reinstatement. He said a committee consisting of the TCA executive and an interim committee of workers, including some Sabmawu members, had carried out the negotiations

This was dismissed by Sabmawu's Mr Benny Alexander, who said the only thing the TCA did was to set up a meeting at which it left workers to do the negotiating with the council

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**THE Tembisa Town Council strike has taken another turn with two organisations claiming responsibility for the settlement of the dispute.**

The South African Municipal and Allied Workers' Union's (Sabmawu) publicity secretary, Mr Benny Alexander, told a Press conference yesterday that his union had been solely responsible for the settlement of the dispute.

"However, we had from time to time been working with three local bodies, including the TCA," he said

Mr Alexander said Sabmawu had also negotiated with the council terms of reinstatement, which included payment of the workforce for the two months they were on strike

On the other hand, a

## New row after strike is settled

TCA spokesman said a group of dismissed Tembisa council employees approached the association for help shortly after a Supreme Court judge had failed to have them reinstated.

"We then informed Sabmawu about this, and the union said it would not object to our pursuing the matter," the TCA spokesman said

"After meeting the town council executive committee on July 23, the then mayor Mr Muthiba told us that they

were going to reinstate the dismissed workers."

- The Building Construction and Allied Workers' Union (BCAWU) and Concor have agreed to arbitration for the dispute centring on the dismissal of about 200 union members at the company's West Rand plants

The union is locked in another dispute, at Pretoria's Gypsum. About 200 workers were sacked at Gypsum in February this year, after participating in a work stoppage in protest against the company's refusal to grant them a R1 rise in their wages

- About 190 Metal and Allied Workers' Union (Mawu) members are still on strike at Johannesburg's Le Carbone

# Council to get land

THE Department of Constitutional Development and Planning has agreed that the land owned by the former Development Board for the Central Transvaal in Mamelodi be transferred to the local authority.

The announcement was made by Mr Zikhali Ndlazi, the local mayor, at the council's monthly meeting. Ministerial approval, he said, was granted on June 10 but they still have to negotiate certain conditions with the board.

After the meeting, Mr Ndlazi told the *Sowetan* that owning land will help his council obtain loans to develop the townships.

This will enable us to negotiate with the private sector to put up houses without having to wait for approval from the Government.

It is an opening for us to get financial assistance from several organisations," he said.

# COURT TOLD OF SUICIDE SQUAD THREAT

By MANDLA NDLAZI

PAMPHLETS warning councillors to resign or face the wrath of the SA Suicide Squad were exhibited in the Delmas Circuit Court yesterday.

The pamphlets, signed SA Suicide Squad, read: "You are advised to resign from the community councils as soon as possible, or else you will be endangering your business, house and life as such."

In the dock were 22 men, among them leading members of the Azanian People's Organisation, the United Democratic Front, the Vaal Civic Association and the Azanian National Youth Unity.

They are appearing before Mr Justice K van Dykhorst and two assessors charged with high treason, alternatively subversion, terrorism and murder. The charges arise from unrest that broke out in the Vaal Triangle on September 1984.

Detective Warrant Officer J H Kruger of the Pietersburg Security Police, told the court that the pamphlets were distributed on October 8, 1983 in Mankweng.

## Resign

He said there were to be elections of the councillors the following day. Among the councillors he went to was Mr S Mohale, who showed him a letter warning him to resign.

W/O Kruger said as a result of the pamphlets, the councillors resigned. Another witness, Lieutenant Johannes van Dyk of the Pietersburg Security Police said on September 3, 1985 he went to Turfloop University and collected documents from the offices of the students' organisations in the campus.

The documents related to a message from the underground wing of the banned ANCO and Azapo, and to educational demands set to ASDP.

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# Tembisa crisis

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AN OFFICIAL of the Department of Constitutional Development visited the Tembisa Town Council offices yesterday amid reports the council had collapsed

Council sources said the collapse came after three more councillors quit in the wake of resignations by mayor L L Mothiba and his deputy Victor Mahori.

Only three of Tembisa's 17 councillors are left, according to Mothiba

Mothiba headed the council for seven years.

The councillors, believed to have submitted their resignations this week, are Rose Thulare, R P Mashabela and M Nkoana.

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# LIVING UNDER THE TREES

Homeless - and quite helpless



EVICTED The homeless families of Dobsonville with nowhere to go

By SELLO SERIPE

A PEOPLE without a place, a people with nowhere to go, a people nobody wants - that's the 144 families of Dobsonville's "stolen township"

This week the Dobsonville council evicted the desperate families from the newly-built houses they "illegally" occupied three months ago

With nowhere to go, the families moved to a piece of land nearby, spending nights in the open air

But then they fell foul of the Durban/Roodepoort Deep Mines' authorities who, who provided mine transport to take them back to where they came from

The mine recently bought the property

A mine official, who declined to give his name, said the council had no right to dump people on their property

A Dobsonville Civic Association member said the council's policemen also confiscated two tents the civic had hired to accommodate the families

"They have created a

## Where do we go to?

bad image for themselves by evicting people and dumping them in the veld

"Why are they taking away our tents? Where must the people sleep?" the civic asked

And resident Jessy Ndlela, 46, said she had found all her furniture dumped in the street one day when she came back from a visit

"When I went into the house I found someone had broken into my bedroom and R300 was missing from my purse

"The next thing the council police put us into

the trucks with our furniture and dumped us in the veld," she said

Lih Sejamoholo showed her broken wardrobe to *City Press* and said R159 had gone missing after they were raided

Elderly residents also accused the council of offering the houses to young couples who do not qualify to live in the magisterial district of Dobsonville

Eunice Mathe, 50, who was evicted with her six grandchildren, said she had been

on the waiting list for almost 13 years

"Just after we had befriended our neighbours the council decided to evict us," she said

The women said their husbands were arrested by council policemen who said they would be charged for squatting

A spokesman for the council said he believed the men were arrested, but referred *City Press* to town clerk Alex Conn for further comment

Conn was not available and senior town manager AR Posthumus was said to be attending a meeting

# Rent evictions on the Vaal

# 1 800

# FAMILIES

# ON LIST

THE Lekoa Town Council started with evictions in Vaal Triangle townships last Friday — and more than 1 800 families in the area face evictions from this morning onwards.

The town council secretary, Mr Ben Scott, said the council had been granted orders by the court to evict 1 800 families from their homes. More orders are to be sought against residents in arrears with their rents. According to the council, 60 percent of homes in the area are in arrears.

Mr Ben Scott announced at the weekend that 10 families were evicted in Bophelong township, on Saturday for not paying rent for nearly two years.

He said the council would only evict those residents who were capable of paying rent, but refused to do so. Most tenants owed between R500 and R1 500, he said.

The townships involved are Sharpeville, Sebokeng, Bophelong, Boipatong and Zamdela.

## Boycotting

These townships are among the 30 black residential areas, including Soweto and Alexandra, which are currently boycotting rents, according to a Community Research Group of the University of the Witwatersrand.

In the Vaal local authorities began evicting families on Saturday.

The Bureau for Information has confirmed the evictions.

Mr Scott said they have started with the evictions to show people that they could not refuse to pay their rent.

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## SOWETAN is seized by police

POLICE seized unsold copies of the *Sowetan* from selling points throughout the country on Friday — the second time this has happened since the declaration of the state of emergency on June 12.

*Sowetan* is the second largest selling paper in South Africa.

The first time copies of this newspaper were confiscated by police was on July 13, a day after the state of emergency had been introduced.

By late yesterday, the *Sowetan* had not been informed why copies of the Friday edition were impounded.

This newspaper's lawyer said he had learned that an order declaring Friday's edition undesirable had been issued by the office of the Commissioner of Police, General Johan

Coetzee, saying all unsold copies should be taken off the streets.

First reports of the seizure of *Sowetan* were received by an Argus Group correspondent in Port Elizabeth. In turn, he telephoned *Sowetan* manager, Mr Brian Moults.

Mr Moults was informed about the order on Friday afternoon, by a Captain Venter at John Vorster.

The managing director of the Argus Group, Mr Peter McLean, said, "We are obviously very concerned that *Sowetan* has been taken off the streets. We don't know the reason for it. But we and our lawyers are looking into it."

Mr Moults said: "We are mystified

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## Father who was accused of killing his daughter for muti



# Traffic officers accused of barring press photographer

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JOHANNESBURG — Johannesburg traffic officers are said to have barred a newspaper photographer from taking pictures of their ticketing and towing away vehicles parked outside a Lenasia scrapyard at the weekend

The editor of the Indicator, Mr Ameen Akhalwaya, said the officers

refused to give a photographer from his newspaper reasons why he could not take pictures

They told the photographer he would have to obtain permission from the traffic Department's publicity chief, Mr Errol Peace

A witness, Mr Peru Ajoodha, confirmed the photographer's version

However, a Traffic Department official said she had discussed the matter with the supervisor in charge of the towing section, and he denied refusing the photographer permission to take photographs

She said, however,

that if a traffic officer acted incorrectly, he could be subject to disciplinary measures She said it was the policy of the department to give Mr Peace's name if anyone asked for details of officers' actions

Mr Akhalwaya commented "This looks like a case of the State of Emergency regulations going to the head of traffic officers This incident had nothing to do with unrest"

The owner of the scrapyards, Mr Gill Ajoodha, said he was taking legal advice as the traffic department's actions in ticketing and towing away vehicles from outside his prem-

ises had affected his business

"Our workshop is on a quiet, side street The traffic officers towed away vehicles from my premises and across the road," he said

According to Mr Ajoodha, he was told that the walls of his premises demarcated his property, and where his land merged with the road was "public property"

The traffic department official said officers had found a car being spray-painted outside — which was illegal "The vehicles which were causing an obstruction were towed away," she said — Sapa

# Vaal residents

## owe R30-m to Lekoa council

By Mudini Maivha

Vaal residents owe the Lekoa town council between R30 million and R40 million in rental, service charges and electricity and water services

This was said by the town council's secretary, Mr Ben Scott, today. He said those residents in arrears for two years would be evicted if they do not settle the arrears.

The first 10 families were evicted over the weekend in Bophelong.

Mr Scott said that residents of Bophelong, Evaton, Sharpeville, Sebokeng and Zamdela will be given the chance to pay arrears on the spot during the evictions. He also said the council is investigating whether tenants are working and in a position to pay.

The evictions will only take place over weekends when parents are at home.

"I would not be evicting anybody today or in the next few days or if parents are not at home," said Mr Scott.

Residents in Lekoa launched a rent boycott after the Vaal riots of September 1984. The riots were sparked off by an announcement of a rent increase.



EVICTED Mrs Elizabeth Motaung of Bophelong, holding child

# RENT CLAMP ON THE VAAL

Scores  
may be  
locked  
out



Mr NIKOLAAS Louw

SCORES of Vaal residents may be homeless because the Lekoa Town Council is to continue locking them out of their houses on Saturdays.

More than 30 families have been evicted in the townships of Sharpeville, Zamdela, Bophelong and Sebokeng as local authorities continued the mass action against rent defaulters

In Bophelong 10 families were evicted, in Sharpeville five and the rest were evicted in Boppatong, Zamdela and Sebokeng

Armed council policemen guarded houses as soon as occupants were ejected. The council has also started disrupting electricity supply by removing major cables where residents have not paid rent arrears

Mrs Elizabeth Motaung of Bophelong said she was forcibly moved out of her home by council police. She was prepared to pay rent but afraid that she might be attacked

"I am now faced with problems now that my family has to remain in the open. I think the authorities should talk to the residents in order to break the rent boycott"

In Sharpeville Mr Petrus Maphutla said he was not given any notice about the eviction

### Notice

He said "We are prepared to pay reduced rents because we know we cannot stay without paying for the services"

"The authorities should negotiate with residents and not just throw our belongings out of our homes"

Mr Moses Ramolipe of Sebokeng said he was forced to hand over the keys of his house to a white council policeman. His house was then locked and was forced to squat in his backyard

Mrs Kalte Molato of Zamdela, who was ejected, said that she was told if she wanted to pay her rent, then she should go to the council's offices

Several other residents interviewed by the *Sowetan* yesterday said they could not afford to

By JOSHUA RABOROKO

"We have been frustrated by the cutting off of the electricity supply in our area. The authorities are acting indiscriminately and do not consider that we also have problems with high rent," Mr Howard Matoane of Sebokeng said

The Lekoa town clerk, Mr Nikolaas Louw has warned residents to pay their rents or to face prosecution and eviction. The council has obtained court orders to evict defaulters who have not paid their rent since September 3, 1984

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# Plea to residents to help homeless

MEMBERS of the Dobsonville Action Committee went on a door to door campaign last night to plead with residents to allow the 44 homeless families to build temporary shacks in their back yards.

A spokesman for the Action Committee has appealed to residents to "open their hearts" so that the homeless fam-

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lies can have a place to live. The 44 families were among a group of 144 families who were evicted from Dobsonville Council houses last week after occupying the houses illegally for three months. After being thrown

out into the street, a Methodist Church Minister, Reverend Phidian Masepe, housed them in his church hall, but said yesterday the squatters could not stay there forever.

The council on the other hand does not want a squatter problem on its hands and has charged some of them

with squatting. Those charged have paid between R300 and R500 bail and will appear in court on Friday.

The spokesman for the Action Committee said influential groups and organisations will be approached to put pressure on the Dobsonville Town Council to find alternative accommodation for these people



Rev PHIDIAN Masepe . . . temporary shelter.

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# Tembisa is owed R2,9-m

Tembisa residents owe the town council R2,9 million, the town clerk, Mr P Harmse said today.

He said the arrears were for site rents, service charges and electricity and water services.

Residents stopped paying rent in June and July to show solidarity with council employees who were dismissed for striking for salary increases and a demand for the recognition of a trade union of their choice.

Mr Harmse said the arrears affected the council so much so that capital projects might have to be postponed.

He denied rumours that residents who went to pay their rent had been turned back because they did not have the whole amount.

"People with problems have come forward and we help them."

"There is no truth that we demand the whole amount from residents."

"Arrangements would be made for residents to pay their arrears in instalments, but they must stick to the conditions of paying off these arrears," Mr Harmse said.

A Star reporter who visited the Tembisa administration offices saw a few people queueing to pay their rents.

## Passports of airline's top staff seized

The Star's Africa News Service

MBABANE — Swazi police were holding the passports of five senior management staff of the country's airline, Royal Swazi Airways, it was confirmed today.

Police said the passports of chief executive officer Mr Dan Langelier, commercial manager Mr Mick McDonagh, senior engineer Mr Godfrey Paris, accountant Mr Wycliffe Oponyo and chief air hostess Miss Gwyneth Lomahoza were being held.

They said Mr McDonagh's passport would be returned temporarily to enable him to attend a seminar in Zimbabwe.

Police and the Ministry of Works, Power and Communications refused comment.

## 3 children accidentally inhale gas

Three 11-year-old pupils were taken to hospital for observation after they were exposed to chlorine gas at Johannesburg's Theo Wassenaar Primary School.

They were discharged immediately after a check-up and suffered no after effects.

According to the principal, Mr D Botha, a little chlorine leaked when a worker changed gas bottles attached to a chlorinator at the Robertsham school's swimming pool on Wednesday.

The three children happened to walk past at the time. Their eyes started watering and they felt nauseous, he said.

"We rushed them to hospital immediately for a check-up and they were back at school yesterday."

## Petrol victim loses his fight for life

A Soweto man who was attacked by alleged hired assailants and doused with petrol before being set alight, died at Baragwanath Hospital last week after fighting for his life for seven weeks.

Mr Joseph Nzama died on August 4. He was attacked in Naledi Extension on June 14 in front of his children.

His wife, Mrs Gertrude Nzama, blamed a Soweto councillor who had allegedly demanded a bribe of R500 from them over a house allocation.

According to Mrs Nzama, the councillor, who cannot be named at this stage, had promised to officially enter them as new tenants.

She said four men came to the house, attacked Mr Nzama and set him alight.

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## NUM WAGE DISPUTE

### Amazing omission

The Minister of Manpower's unexpected failure to appoint a conciliation board in the wage dispute between the National Union of Mineworkers (NUM) and the Chamber of Mines means that the union is now entitled to call a legal strike. But the union is considering very carefully its next move.

NUM fulfilled its part of procedure by asking the minister to appoint a conciliation board. Expiry of the 30-day period provided for in the Labour Relations Act entitled the union to go on strike on August 7 — provided, of course, that NUM, which became a registered union earlier this year, first holds a strike ballot.

Approached for comment on the minister's omission, Manpower Director General Piet van der Merwe told the *FM* "There are certain legal requirements that must be fulfilled, and there must be a reasonable chance that appointing a conciliation board will contribute to the solution of a particular dispute. The minister has full discretion in the matter of conciliation boards and we never give reasons for his decisions."

But talk in mining circles this week was that the Manpower Department simply fluffed the issue, and failed to appreciate fully what the consequences of its inaction would be. Bitter allegations were also made that the department botched the application earlier by classifying it as an unfair labour practice instead of a wage dispute.



### Minister Du Plessis ... failure to appoint conciliation board

Nevertheless, NUM does not at present appear to be intent on rushing into strike action. Says its press officer Marcel Golding: "We obviously expected the board to be appointed. Now we will have to convene appropriate structures in the union to decide upon our course of action."

The dispute was declared at the stage when NUM had dropped the wage compo-

ment of its demand from 45% to 30%, and the chamber was offering to increase the minimum wage rates of workers in the lowest and highest job categories by 20% and by 15% respectively. The union may well feel that it can squeeze more out of the mining houses. If so, there would be little point in precipitating industrial action — especially as its right to strike means it would have a distinct advantage over employers if negotiations are re-opened. ■

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## TOWNSHIP RENT BOYCOTTS

### Councillors' arrears

In the wake of the official proposal to evict rent defaulters in black townships, it has come to light that all councillors in Soweto and the six townships in the Vaal Triangle have not paid rent either since the boycotts began.

Paradoxically, the evictions, intended to break the rent boycotts in 30 townships, are co-ordinated by the black councils themselves.

Sustained rent boycotts (see page 59), have cost the State at least R250m in lost rentals (*Current affairs* August 8).

The Bureau for Information has warned "Services and infrastructure for the benefit of the consumer can only be maintained if rents and service charges are paid by householders." Plans for eviction of rent defaulters have been formulated in many affected townships.

Sebokeng's town clerk, Nicolaas Louw, tells the *FM* that of a total 1 800 eviction orders obtained, only 13 families — three at Zamdela, two at Sharpeville, and eight at Bophelong — were evicted on Monday.

Asked how many of those evicted were councillors, Louw said "Councillors are not being evicted. They're making arrangements to pay off their arrears. Arrangements by any other person to pay arrears are welcome. We are not saying residents should pay all they owe immediately. They can pay off their arrears in instalments."

Asked what it was doing about councillors' arrears, Soweto housing director Del Kevin said "I don't want to express an opinion on councillors. After all, they are the elected representatives."

Kevin also explained that her office has drawn up notices warning residents to pay or face prosecution.

Meanwhile, the Soweto Civic Association and other activist groups are jointly distributing a pamphlet, entitled *Asinamah* ("We have no money"). It urges residents to remain steadfast in refusing to pay. It states, among other things, that "an eviction of one is an eviction of all," and calls for boycott of businesses owned by councillors.

It says "The people of Soweto took a life-and-death decision that we are no longer prepared to finance our own oppression. We won't pay rent, we won't pay salaries of the puppet councils and their police." ■

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## STATE OF EMERGENCY — 2

### Legal breakthrough?

The emergency regulations took yet another legal knock this week with the judgment of the Natal bench of the Supreme Court ordering the release from detention of United Democratic Front (UDF) publicity secretary, Lechesa Tsenoli.

Legal representatives for Tsenoli successfully argued that his detention was unlawful as emergency regulations 3 (1) and 3 (3) conveyed too wide a power on the State President or his nominee and, as such, contradicted the Public Safety Act of 1953, under whose authority the regulations are drafted.

Although the judgment specifically affects Tsenoli and is binding only in Natal, legal representatives for detainees country-wide are planning to flood the courts with release applications on their clients' behalf.

The Congress of South African Trade Unions (Cosatu), for example, was due to bring an application in the Natal Supreme Court on Wednesday for the release of 30 detainees on the grounds of the invalidity of those regulations.

Meanwhile, the State has appealed against the Natal bench judgment, and is bunkering down to defend all similar applications. The appeal is only expected to be heard in about three months, during which time the detainees will remain incarcerated unless their legal representatives can successfully plead on their behalf.

Legal sources also speculated that the Natal judgment could have a bearing on an application by several newspaper publishing groups seeking to have an entire section of the emergency regulations declared *ultra vires*. The publishers are seeking to have regulations seven to 12 declared void and of no force in law.

Legal counsel for the applicants, Sydney Kentridge, SC, is similarly probing the wide nature of the State's powers under the regulations and the competency of the State President's nominees in interpreting and applying them correctly. Inherent contradictions between the regulations and the Public Safety Act also form part of his argument.

The applicants are SA Associated Newspapers (Saan — owners of the *FM*), the Argus Printing & Publishing, Natal Newspapers and the Natal Witness. Argument on their behalf started before the full bench of the Natal Supreme Court in Pietermaritzburg earlier this week.

After the Tsenoli judgment, counsel for the State asked that the hearing be postponed for them to assess the implications. The judges ruled, however, that the matter was so "pressing" for the newspapers that Kentridge should be allowed to proceed with his argument.

An adjournment would be granted at the conclusion of his delivery to enable the State to prepare its case. Judgment is expected in several weeks. ■

UNEMPLOYED and widowed Maria Mphetheni has become one of the first victims of the Lekoa Council's tough stand against rent defaulters

Last weekend Mphetheni, her three schoolgoing children and nine other families in Boipatong township in the Vaal were thrown out of their houses by Lekoa town council police.

According to town council clerk Nikolaas Louw, the council was granted court permission to serve 1 900 eviction notices, but only two families have been evicted in Sharpeville, three in Zamdela and eight in Bophelong.

Further evictions will depend on the response of the rent defaulters. "If they pay up, like they are doing at the moment, we will not evict," Louw said.

"There is a very positive response" and people are paying at the council offices, signing stop orders for the arrears to be deducted from their salaries or sending payment by postal order or cheque, Louw said.

Mphetheni's electricity supply was cut a few weeks before she was thrown out of the house.

Louw explained that in the past the council cut the supply by removing fuses from electricity supply boxes, but found residents could easily reverse the procedure.

"We have now resorted to digging up the supply cable and cutting it, making reconnection impossible."

Louw said the evictions were on a selective basis "and with a feeling of pity for the less fortunate."

"Those with fixed incomes will be evicted first."

Mphetheni might have difficulty believing him.

"If it had not been for the kindness of my neighbours, we would have spent the night on the dusty pavement," Mphetheni said.

But her problems are far from over. Her house has been locked and council police are guarding it.

With no income and dependent on her late husband's young unmarried brother, there is no way she can pay the R2 207.32 the council says she owes.

The summonses she received last November, which gave her three days within which to defend the action, were in Afrikaans — a language she barely understands.

Even if she had understood the implications of the summonses, she didn't have the money to engage the services of an attorney.

When she failed to defend the action, the council went ahead and obtained a court ruling that she be compelled to pay her rent. The ruling also stipulated that she be evicted from her home.

She was then issued with a Section 65 notice, also in Afrikaans, ordering that she appear before a magistrate to explain why she shouldn't be compelled to settle her debt.

Mphetheni failed to appear at the

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The first few Vaal rent-defaulters received eviction notices this week. Another 1 900 households could follow. SEFAKO NYAKA reports

hearing and a warrant for contempt of court was issued

This was before the State of Emergency was declared about two months ago.

A number of Vaal residents were raided by the council police, the South African Police and the South African Defence Force

Notices of arrest stipulated those residents spend 30 days in jail — or settle the debt in full immediately, sign a stop order for the rent arrears to be deducted from their salaries or make a down payment of about R500 before they could be released

But shortly after the arrests the women in the Vaal organised a march to Development Board offices at Houtkop, demanding the release of those detained

Those arrested were released and in Sebokeng there were no further detentions.

But in Tumahole, near Parys, the arrests and evictions continued

"We believe that after the State of Emergency the Development Board used Tumahole to test the reaction of residents to evictions and the attachment of furniture. When they saw that it was working, they proceeded to other townships in the Vaal," a Johannesburg attorney said

He said the evicted residents have little legal recourse. Even if they pay their arrears, it is doubtful they will get their houses back

"This will be entirely at the Board's discretion," the attorney said

The obvious remedy is to apply for

rescission (withdrawal) of judgement, but this will be difficult because residents don't have the money to pay for such a type of action and also because "the courts are unlikely to grant a rescission after such a long delay between the date of judgement and an application for a rescission," the attorney said

Louw denied that any property of the evicted residents has been attached. "The town council will in future apply for a warrant of execution to attach the movable property of the rent defaulters"

"The property will then be sold at a public auction to recover the rent arrears and legal costs"

Louw said residents could arrange to pay their arrears over a period of five years.

"We are very lenient indeed," he said, but added that more people will be evicted this weekend.

The United Democratic Front warned the government that the evictions will only "fuel the anger of our people."

"They must take responsibility for any violence that may result."

The UDF said there are compelling economic and political reasons why so many people are refusing to pay rents

"About 4-million blacks in South Africa are unemployed. Those who have jobs are experiencing a decline in real wages," said a UDF representative

In some townships the "parasitical" black local authorities have introduced rent increases which residents are unable to afford, he said, and rents are also used to pay the "exorbitant salaries of the corrupt and unpopular town councillors"

According to the Community Research Group, a monitoring group based at Wits University, rent boycotts are going on in about 30 townships nationwide and has already cost the state more than R250-million

# The no-rent evictions begin in Vaal

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THREE businessmen, including a former Duduza community councillor, last year hired a man to kill political activists and former mayor Mr Kebane Moloji, the Pretoria Supreme Court was told yesterday.

Mr David Namane, a Duduza businessman, yesterday described as "one-sided" and "a lie", a tape-recorded confession by Mr Billy Dlamini that he was hired by Mr Namane, his brother Mr Steven Namane and Tsakane businessman, Mr Tweba Moholo to kill certain people last year.

The court heard that Mr Dlamini confessed that he was responsible for the death of Mr

## 'Man was hired by 3 to kill ex-mayor'

Alexandra Pailane who was abducted and tortured in Duduza before he died.

State witness Mr Namane was giving evidence in the trial of Mr Joseph Titus Mazibuko, Mr John Mlangeni, Mr Samuel Lekatsa, Mr Humphrey Tshabalala, Mr Johannes Veli Mazibuko, all

of Duduza, and Mr Hosi Lengosane and Mr Cedric Dladla of Tsakane, Brakpan.

They have pleaded not guilty to charges of terrorism, attempted murder, malicious damage to property and of possessing hand grenades and a bomb.

Their appearance before Mr Justice

Stafford and two assessors followed alleged hand grenade attacks on the homes of policemen in Duduza last June.

Mr Nick de Vos, defence counsel, put it to Mr Namane that he was not frank with the court and that the truth was what Mr Dlamini had confessed.

### Payroll

Mr De Vos added: "Billy was on your payroll and acting on your instructions. You were part of a vigilante group deliberately attempting to eliminate activists in Duduza in retaliation for attacks on your houses and businesses."

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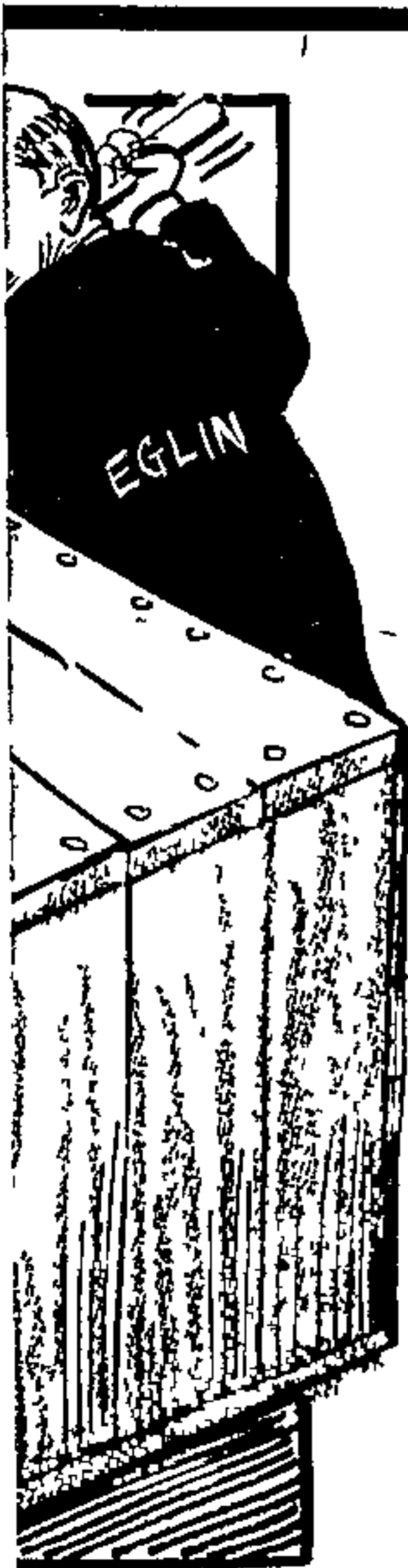


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# The pain of rent protests takes its toll

By THEMBA MOLEFE

people in the Vaal had "real grievances" which were aggravated by the lack of communication between local authorities and residents



Professor van der Walt said in an interview that what struck him most was the feeling of anger — "and if I were one of them I would have been angry too"

He identified problems in the area as

- The rent increases introduced by the town council on September 1 1984,
- The educational grievances of the pupils, particularly the age-limit regulations (which were later shelved by the Department of Education and Training), and
- The detention of residents by the police during the first three months of unrest then

Professor van der Walt said he discovered that people were willing to pay their rates but they wanted to know why they were paying them

"The people want to know what is happening to the money they give to the council

"By sending pamph-



PROFESSOR Tjaart van der Walt "real grievances"



Mr SAM de Beer warned of legal action

lets, notices of letters to the residents the council is not communicating effectively with the residents," Professor van der Walt said

Professor van der Walt recommended to the Government to allow residents enough time to pay their arrears after finding that residents had no valid reasons to withhold payment He said rents in the Vaal compared favourably with that in other areas

## Problems

However, residents still refused to pay up after the Deputy Minister of Co-operation and Development (now Development Aid), Mr Sam de Beer, said residents should pay arrears within 12 months, beginning in May 1985 or face legal action

The Lekoa Town Council also ran into problems when employers resisted its demand to withdraw rent money by stop-order off workers' pay

Rents were still not paid even after several

residents were issued with court summonses for defaulting

Attempts to induce residents to pay up failed even after the council cut off electricity and water supply in Sharpeville and Sebokeng late last year, and at the beginning of 1986

The eviction move is the latest as the town council counts huge losses — estimated at millions of rands

The town clerk, Mr Nikolaas Louw has repeatedly declined to reveal the exact total losses incurred to the authorities because of non-payment

In an interview, Mr Louw said the evictions would yield results because residents feared being locked out of their homes

Meanwhile anxiety grips residents as they ponder who is next on the ejection list

Residents also find themselves helpless because the Vaal has been left virtually leaderless following the arrests of civic leaders who were detained in 1984 and during the present state of emergency

Lekoa town councillors, who have not met residents since the outbreak of the unrest in 1984, no longer communicate with residents Many of them do not live in the townships after their homes were gutted in the upheavals

Now the residents can only wait and hope as September 3, 1986—the third year of resistance — approaches

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# Another 18 families evicted from homes

EIGHTEEN families in Sharpeville and Boipatong were evicted from their homes by the Lekoa Town Council at the weekend.

Mr Ben Scott, the council's town secretary, confirmed yesterday that several families were thrown out of their houses. He said a total of 31 families have so far been evicted in the townships of Zamdela, Sharpeville, Boipatong and Bophelong. But according to our information

## BY NIKOPANE MAKOBANE

more than 60 families have been evicted

According to Mr Scott, three families have since re-occupied their homes after making arrangements to pay their arrears. He said this weekend they would be moving into Sebokeng to evict defaulters

The Sowetan yesterday spoke to some of the nine families evicted in

Sharpeville. Most said they were surprised by the raids because they were not warned

They also claimed that the council policemen and employees had been rude in effecting the evictions. Some also claimed that their furniture had been damaged in the process and in one instance, a resident alleged that R108 disappeared from where he had placed it

Mrs Anna Ramokoma said she and her family of 11 — two are relatives

squatting in her yard — have been sleeping in the open since Saturday. They had nowhere to go and did not know for how long they would have to face chilly nights.

"A white council policeman told my son that we owe R1 200 since August 1984. When my husband asked him why he picked on us when other people were also not paying their rent, he replied this was only the start as more families would be evicted next Saturday," she said.

Mr Scott confirmed that in some cases, furniture was taken away. He said this was not part of the council's action, but the items were seized by the messenger of the court to defray costs. Residents, he said, could get back the items if they pay arrears before they are sold at a public auction.

## Vacated

He added that new families would be moved into the vacated houses this weekend. He said they had a house-waiting list of 5 000 in the area and did not think the people will be harmed because "they had nothing to do with evictions"

• Meanwhile, a spokesman for a law firm acting for the families, said yesterday they are preparing papers to challenge a judgment to evict the Lekoa residents.

He said they hoped to file the affidavits in the Supreme Court today for the matter to be heard before the end of this week.

# Council suspends fifteen workers

By MZIKAYISE  
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FIFTEEN employees of the Vosloorus Town Council have been suspended from work for three months without pay for allegedly inciting people not to pay rent. Their suspension which started last month will only be lifted on October 1.

The 15, who are clerks and cashiers, work in the council's rent department. They have been replaced with whites. Mr Fanyana Lucky Mahlangu, the mayor of Vosloorus, yesterday confirmed the suspen-

cion. He said: "This is a matter concerning the council and its employees. The council is not prepared to talk to the Press."

He refused to elaborate on why the council had suspended the workers. A source close to the council yesterday told the *Sowetan* that the 15 were suspended after being accused of turning away people at the council offices and inciting them not to pay rent.

The majority of residents in Vosloorus have not paid rent since May. It was only at the beginning of this month that some residents resumed paying their rents after the council had served them with notices threatening to evict them from their houses.

Our sources said since the council had served the council-resigned from their posts. Our sources said since the suspended workers have been replaced with the whites, there were fears that they may lose their jobs. Mr Mahlangu refused to comment on this allegation.

After the three months suspension period, our source said, the council will hold a special meeting to decide whether to lift the suspension or fire the workers.

Each case will be treated on its merits," our source said.



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# Councillor quits after attack on butchery

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By DERRICK LUTHAYI

DIEPMEADOW councillor Eliakim Hadebe didn't like what a group of youths did to his butchery, but it made him realise how unpopular he is - and hours later he resigned.

About 200 youths attacked his Diepkloof Zone Six butchery last Wednesday. They smashed the windows, counters and fridges and took meat worth R250 and R800 cash.

Hadebe, 68, was this week still counting his losses.

He said he decided to resign because of pressure from his family, the public and the frustration in his eight years as a councillor.

"I have submitted a letter of resignation to mayor JC Mahuhushi and there is no turning back. For many months my family had been nagging me to call it a day - but I turned a deaf ear.

"There have been calls and letters from the public urging me to step down and I still ignored them. It only dawned on me to resign when youths attacked my butchery," said Hadebe.

Hadebe is the second Diepmeadow councillor to quit - J M Kumalo resigned in March. M Phatshwane died in his sleep, and the number of councillors is down to 12 from the original 15.

It is not yet known if by-elections will be held to fill the three vacant "hot" seats.

Hadebe said that while he served as a councillor he encountered a lot of problems.

"Since we started we have made no foreseeable progress.

"No provisions were made to build houses for the lower income group. This frustrated me to no end because my manifesto was a promise to build homes for that group.



Councillor Eliakim Hadebe in his butchery, which was attacked by youths  
Pic. PETER SETUKE

"There are many other things which made me resign - besides the attack on my business.

"But I do not want to say more because it would seem that I am discrediting the remaining councillors, whose jobs I do not envy any longer," said Hadebe.

Recounting the attack on his butchery, Hadebe said a boy, about 10 years old, entered the shop and stood at the door. The boy shouted to

a group outside that his butchery was a "target".

"More than 200 youths stormed into the butchery and smashed everything inside. They took meat, threw it on the floor and took R880 from the cash register. We all ran out," he said.

# I've changed my politics, says the mayor who quit

After seven years as mayor of Tembisa, Lucas Mothiba has quit. The reason, he says, has nothing to do with a boycott of his various businesses in the town. They have to do with his new realisation that the local authorities system cannot work. SEFAKO NYAKA reports

LUCAS MOTHIBA thought the best way to fight one's enemy successfully was to get into his boots — to fight the battle from within

But the former mayor of Tembisa found that that "strategy" has its limits

Since his association with the "enemy" — government-created Black Local Authorities — the takings from his more than half-a-dozen businesses in this East Rand township have slowly dwindled. Now, with a three-month-old boycott of his businesses, he is taking in a fraction of the amount he used to make from one outlet alone

When Mothiba resigned from the council two weeks ago, he wasn't expecting a sudden flock of patrons. And indeed, his businesses — a night club, bottlestore, butchery, supermarket, restaurant and dry cleaning depot — are still being boycotted

"My resignation from the council was not prompted by the three-month-old boycott of my businesses

"I resigned because of the realisation that the Black Local Authorities were politically and economically non-viable," the soft-spoken Alexandra-born Mothiba — who once worked as a personnel officer for a Kempton Park-based company — said in an interview this week

"The Black Local Authorities Act, which is an Act of Parliament, has been decided by an exclusively white Parliament and yet the Act itself was designed to govern black people"

The BLA was a "practically new thing" and Mothiba felt black people had to explore all avenues made available to them

During his seven years as mayor — he went into community councils in 1979 — part of Tembisa acquired electricity, a water-borne sewerage system and tarred roads

But when the former ANC Youth League member realised that people "have taken a new stride" in politics and were rejecting the BLAs, he decided to call it quits

With him he brings the "wise counsel" of years in the local government bodies

"Unless the government subsidises 90 percent of black needs, the whole system will collapse

"The government should release Mandela and other imprisoned leaders, unban the people's organisations, allow exiles like Oliver Tambo to return and negotiate with the authentic leaders of the people, not those at local level"

The spiral of violence can only be cut if President PW Botha heeds the demands of the people

But people should give Botha a chance to try and effect the reforms he is contemplating

"The role played by violence has encouraged some reform, but while that is happening it is necessary to



Ex-mayor Lucas Mothiba . people should still give PW a chance

Picture STEVE HILTON-BARBER, Afrapix

talk. A man like PW needs to be given a chance to see what will happen if he is given the chance he is asking for"

Born in Alexandra more than 50 years ago, Mothiba can vividly remember such leaders as Moses Kotane, secretary general of the SA Communist Party for many years

He didn't take part in the Defiance Campaign, he said, "because I was too young then"

Although "some pressure" was applied on him to resign, Mothiba says that wasn't the only factor that contributed to his resignation

"Over the years, since 1984 to be precise, I have been seriously reviewing my participation in government created structures"

There is no particular event that jolted him into resigning, but it is a "decision taken over the years"

But allegations that he was setting up a vigilante group only hastened his decision to resign

There have been several attempts on his life, but his family was never intimidated

On the night of July 30, 1984 he narrowly escaped death when gunmen opened fire on him as he was leaving his shop

"My businesses have been the target of angry stone-throwers and arsonists more than half a dozen times"

In 1985 a limpet mine "of East German origin" caused extensive damage to his two-storey shopping complex

"And every time this happened,

some people would come to me to ask why I was just folding my arms and not taking revenge on those who were doing these things to me"

By that he understood "those people" to be suggesting he set up a vigilante group

It therefore came as a surprise, he said, when two youths told a press conference they had been recruited by the Tembisa mayor to become vigilantes

"If I had wanted to take up arms against the people who were destroying my businesses, I could have done it

"But then people would have misconstrued my attempts at defending myself as an act towards the formation of vigilantes"

He said he felt he would rather be destroyed than lift his hand against his brother "That is my Christian belief," said Mothiba — who admits the last time he went to church was when he was 19

"I have never been involved in setting up vigilantes. Soon after those youngsters were released by the people who made them say the things they said at the conference, they came straight to me and told me that they were pressurised." Their story convinced him people were finding new ways to try to bring pressure on him

So he has resigned and is watching, with keen interest, what the people of Tembisa decide to do about lifting the boycott of his businesses

# Council scheme 'white elephant'

THE KwaThema Town Council is pulling down 30 two-roomed houses it built 18 months ago after the scheme failed to appeal to homeless families in the township.

Now the council is erecting 700 four-roomed houses, fully electrified, to be sold at R8 300 each on the same sites.

The residents shunned the former scheme when the two-roomed houses, without electricity, were on sale at R5 600 each. The council planned to build about 200 of these houses.

Mr Sam Ngema, the mayor of KwaThema, yesterday confirmed that the council has decided to abandon this scheme after residents boycotted it.

"These houses, despite the long housing waiting list we presently have, have been standing empty for the past 18

months. Nobody wanted to buy them and the council decided to scrap the whole scheme as it has proved to be a failure," Mr Ngema said.

Mr Ngema said the first families will start occupying the four-roomed houses within the next two months.

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# Council challenged over rent

A GROUP of Vaal businessmen has challenged the Lekoa Town Council to explain the high tariffs in an open meeting, as the mass eviction of rent defaulters continues in the area.

In a letter to the council, the spokesman for the group, Mr Phillip Phatang, said the evictions were unfair and would spark off anger and frustration among residents.

Mr Phatang, an old civic leader and businessman in the Vaal, said the businessmen had informed the council that residents were paying excessive rents and as a result were not in arrears.

The town clerk, Mr Nikolaas Louw, confirmed the council has received a letter from the group. He said the matter would be discussed by the council.

He was not sure whether the council would agree to meet the group.

Mr Phatang said the move was an attempt to resolve the two-year-old crisis.

## Demands

The businessmen's demands are:

- That rent be reduced to R30;
- That councillors call meetings where they will explain tariffs to residents;
- That evictions and ripping off electricity cables be stopped; and
- That the council should stop issuing summonses to defaulters.

A council legal adviser said hundreds of summonses have been sent to residents urging



• PHILLIP Phatang

them to pay their arrears. He would not disclose how much the council has lost. However, sources say the council has so far lost over R150 million.

According to the Wits University Community Research Group losses in rents in the Pretoria-Witwatersrand-Vereeniging (PWV) area alone are close to R200 million.

A spokesman for the group says more than 300 000 households are involved in the rent action, which has spread to so-called homelands.

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**Ex-mayor tells of copter visit**

THE Deputy Minister of Law and Order and Defence, Adriaan Vlok, made a personal attempt to persuade the former mayor of Tembisa, Lucas Mothiba, from resigning, according to Mothiba

Mothiba claimed in an interview this week that two days before he announced his resignation, a group of top government officials visited him

"A helicopter landed in Tembisa at dawn and at about 6am, several top army and SAP officers came to my house to try to persuade me to change my decision," Mothiba said

The group was led by Vlok

"I told Vlok that he is in Parliament because he was elected by his constituency, and asked that if they recalled him would he stay on?"

"If people reject you then you cannot stand alone" He was then told that those who rejected him might have been intimidated into doing so

"During the elections in Zimbabwe

some people said voters were intimidated, but if the Zimbabwean government is a government of intimidation it still remains the government of the day"

Mothiba said that as a leader one cannot shun the people who are fighting for their rights. One cannot be singled out or excluded from people who are fighting against apartheid

"In the council I fought against apartheid which I consider an ugly policy"

Since he resigned he has had many calls from the police asking him to come in and discuss cases like the bombing of his shop and the attempts on his life

"I think that is just a ploy to get me to come to talk about my resignation"

By late yesterday, Vlok had not replied to a request to comment on Mothiba's claims

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# Rent: Council denies allegation

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THE Vosloorus Town Council has denied that it had suspended 16 of its employees from work for three months without pay for allegedly inciting people not to pay rent.

Mr George Prinsloo, the town clerk, at the weekend said 16 council employees — all black — working in the income section (rent department) were given paid leave last month "because they were intimidated by the people in the township to supply them with the names and addresses of all the people who paid rent".

Mr Prinsloo denied that the workers were suspended for three months without pay. He said, "The 16 have now returned to work and we

have transferred them to other departments. It is true that they have been replaced by whites but this is temporarily."

He also added that the 16 will be transferred back to their previous posts next month and others will be transferred back on October 1.

## Protect

According to our sources the 16 were suspended after being accused of turning away people at the council offices and inciting them not to pay rent.

"This is not true. We decided to give them a one-month paid leave to protect them from the intimidators," Mr Prinsloo said.

# Evictions - a call to Vaal bosses

VAAL organisations have called on employers to actively involve themselves in persuading the Lekoa Town Council to stop evictions of rent defaulters.

In a statement to the *Sowetan* at the weekend, the organisations, which include trade unions, community, political and church groups, said the council should stop evictions and negotiate with residents.

The council has temporarily stopped evictions after intervention by the Oranje-Vaal Relief Trust which has undertaken to persuade residents to pay rent.

This was confirmed by the town secretary, Mr Ben Scott.

He said the council will consider further action starting from today after he had received a report back from the Trust. The council will also discuss the matter at its monthly meeting tomorrow.

The council has evicted at least 31 people from their homes in Sharpeville, Zamdeja, Bopalong, Bophelong and was about to evict Sebokeng residents when the Trust intervened.

The town clerk, Mr Nikolaas Louw, has said that the council will evict people on Saturdays when everybody is at home. "We do not want to be seen to be acting irresponsibly," he said.

Meanwhile the newly-formed Vaal Stop Eviction Committee has pledged to fight evictions and to strive for the maintenance of freehold rights.

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**SHOTS** were fired last night and several people wounded as Soweto Council blackjacks evicted rent defaulters in White City Jabavu and Mofolo.

The *Sowetan* was told by people living in the area that many shots were fired. They alleged a number of people were lying in the streets wounded, and asked that ambulances be summoned.

The eviction move had apparently been anticipated by residents, who blew whistles as the council policemen and officials moved in.

Streets were then barricaded with rocks and dustbins, and residents gathered in a bid to resist the evictions.

The area was plunged into darkness as residents and council law enforcement officers battled it out

The sound of gunfire continued into the night, residents alleged

One resident said "The council police are shooting left and right They just shot an old man They are shooting at everyone, everything"

Another resident said "People are fighting back They are throwing everything they can find at the council police."

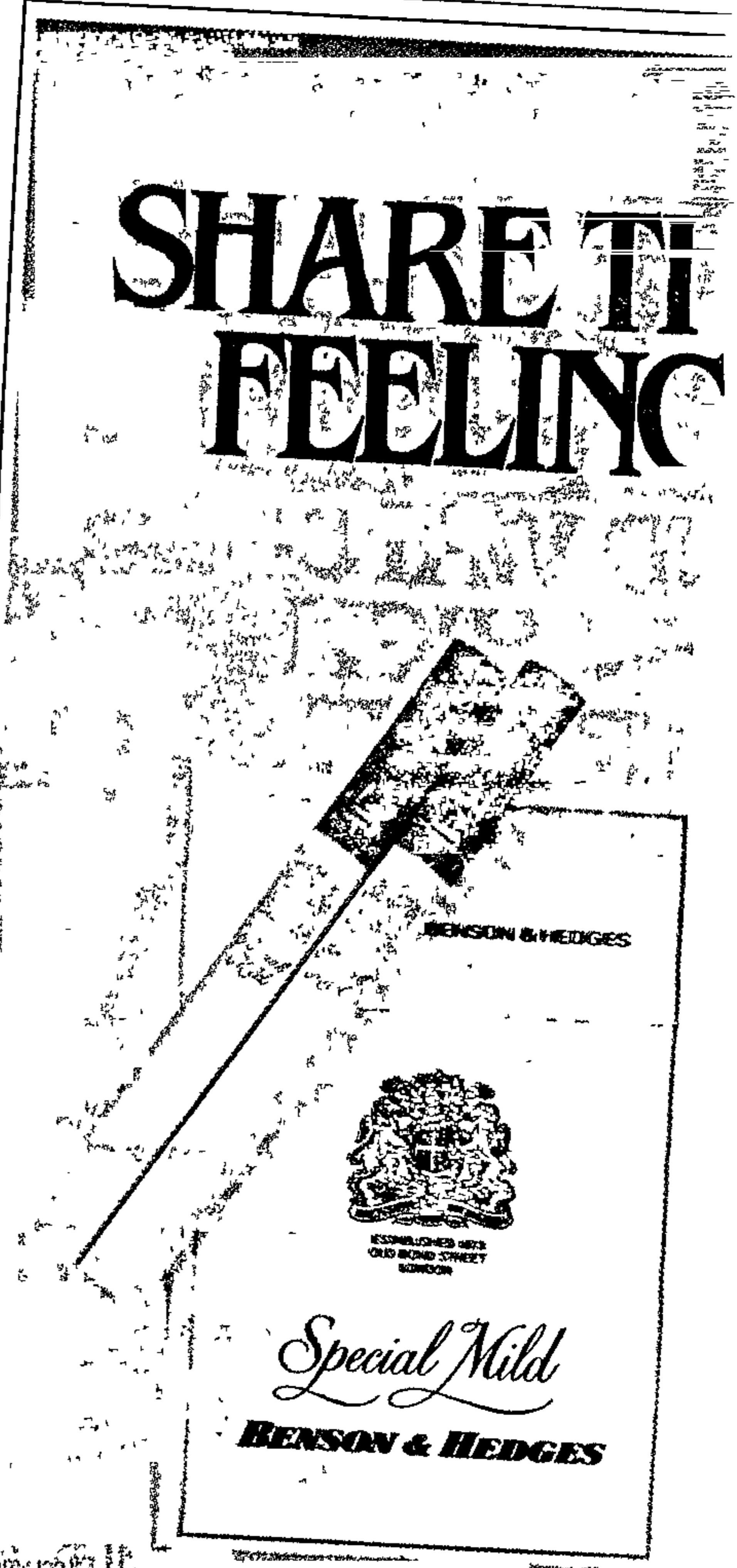
The *Sowetan* was also told that two youths who had been shot in the legs tried to get assistance from a doctor in Dube, but the doctor was not at home

According to Sapa at least three people were injured

• At the time of going to press, the *Sowetan* was unable to verify facts other than those contained in this report.

**SOWETAN Reporter**

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# LEKOQA HOMES SALE

**THE Lekoa Town Council will sell thousands of homes to their tenants in a desperate attempt to recover losses suffered in rent boycotts by residents.**

The town clerk, Mr Ben Scott, said some residents have already responded positively to this move, although he would not disclose the exact number of people who had embarked on this project.

He explained that the residents have agreed to buy the homes and that their arrears will be paid when they paid their monthly instalments. The council has lost millions of rands in the rent boycott, he added.

By JOSHUA RABOROKO

The Vaal rent boycott, which started in 1984, has cost the council R150-million according to a Wits University Community Research

The spokesman said about 42 townships in the country are affected by the rent boycott. It has also spread to the homelands.

The State was losing approximately R1-million a day as a result of the boycotts.

Mr Scott said that various groups, including Vaal businessmen and the Orange-Vaal Relief Trust, have approached

the council with the aim of stopping the boycott.

"We are prepared to have discussions with these people because residents have not paid their service charges for a long time," he said

The council will continue to evict rent defaulters if the residents still refuse to pay their arrears. "We cannot tolerate this kind of thing forever," he added

Mr Scott said that already 31 families have been evicted in Sharpeville, Boipatong, Bophelong and Zamdela. "We were about to move to Sebokeng when the Trust promised that it will persuade residents to start paying their arrears."

MANY black town councils now had big law enforcement units to maintain law and order, said a spokesman for the Lekoa Town Council, near Vanderbijlpark.

Reports said Lekoa's municipal police force, which numbered 567 men, had shot dead two people and wounded 14 others in various incidents.

The spokesman said he could not confirm the number of people shot,

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but it was correct that people had been shot during the past year by the force.

The South African police was investigating those cases — Sapa.

# Slain councillor's widow in line for R50 000

MRS Novascotia Mkhwanazi, wife of the slain Soweto councillor Mr Sydney Mkhwanazi, stands to get R50 000 from a Johannesburg insurance broker following the death of her husband this week.

Mr Mkhwanazi, of Emnden, who died at Baragwanath Hospital after being attacked by a group of people on Tuesday afternoon, was covered for R50 000

By SY  
MAKARINGE

against death while carrying out his official duties. He was killed on his way from performing council duties.

All Soweto councillors are covered under the same scheme. Mayor Mr Ephraim "ET" Tshabalala is insured for R100 000.

Mr Mkhwanazi's family will be the second to be paid out by the insurance broker.

The first was the family of Mr Edward Manyosi, who was shot dead by unknown assailants during a power wrangle between the then ruling

Sofasonke Party and a group of dissidents nearly two years ago.

Mr Siegfried Mantata, whose house was extensively damaged by arsonists on Tuesday night, is also expected to be compensated.

Soweto residents pay at least R48 000 a year in premiums for insurance policies covering the councillors.

A former Director of Finance in Soweto, Mr Irwin Florence, told a newspaper last year that residents paid a nominal amount of four cents a month towards the premiums.

He said the money was included in the service charges.

# 'Even councillors must pay rent'

CAPRES  
BY STAN NHLONGO  
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EVEN councillors have to pay their rents - otherwise they too will be evicted from their houses, Lekoa mayor Esau Mahlatsi said this week

At the council's monthly meeting this week, Mahlatsi said nobody would get preferential treatment when action was taken against rent defaulters

But some councillors claimed the pay-up demand seemed to be directed only at those councillors who were no longer living in the compound with Mahlatsi and not at "his favourites"

Councillor A Jokozela said some councillors lived in the compound rent-free and got council allowances and benefits

● Meanwhile, 20 Sharpeville residents appeared in the Vereeniging civil court this week on a charge of failing to pay rent and service charges. The case was postponed to September 17

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CP Correspondent

# Running on empty tills . . .

BOTTLESTORES owned by Vaal councillors may be full of stock, but the tills are dry - because of a boycott by residents, who claim that preference was given to councillors in the allocation of the stores.

At least 12 have been allocated to councillors. Two each will go to Lekoa mayor Essau Mahlatsi, his half-brothers Paul and Rev Meshack and brother-in-

law Sonny Mofokeng.

Other owners include Johannes Mgcina, Petrol Mokoena and former Vaal community council chairman and Sanfa boss George Thabe.

Some of the residents al-

lege they had enough finance, but their applications were turned down and that no reasons were given.

Some bottlestores and beerhalls owned by councillors are being boycotted.

Some residents owning beerhalls are thinking of closing shop because they are dissatisfied with the conditions of an agreement between them and the Orange Vaal Development Board.

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By SAMKELO KUMALO

**TOP Soweto council officials were making contingency plans to file their homes yesterday in the face of reprisal threats from radical groups determined to press ahead with the ongoing rents boycott.**  
The new twist in the spiral of week-long violence, which has claimed 21 lives, grim choice — 'pay up or rent arrears and face further retribution from the boycotters, or refuse to pay and be evicted.

# CONFLICT COUNTDOWN

Clashes with the security forces over forced evictions for non-payment of rents have been aggravated by violence perpetrated by the so-called "comrades".  
And yesterday, a senior township executive, who asked not to be identified for fear of reprisals, said he knew of some councillors who had already fled the township taking their family and belongings with them.

He had personally seen one councillor packing his bags and loading them into a truck before leaving.

One councillor, Mr Sydney Mkhwanazi, was stabbed and stoned to death on Tuesday afternoon while returning from a council meeting.

## Revenge

According to Soweto residents this was a revenge killing for the earlier death of a Soweto man who was allegedly shot by council community police guarding Mr Mkhwanazi's home.

The PRP's spokesman for law and order, Mrs Helen Suzman who visited the trouble-torn area on Friday, yesterday described the residents' dilemma over rents as a "Catch-22" situation.

She said "If they do not pay their rents they face eviction, and if they do pay, they face having their houses burnt because of the ongoing rents boycott."

"This must prove to the officials that even those who are willing to pay rent do not do so for 'valid reasons'."

Mrs Suzman repeated her all for an independent judicial inquiry into the violence, headed by a judge, to be appointed immediately.

But Mr Nico Malan Soweto town clerk, said only even families were evicted 1 Soweto on Tuesday

- The countdown to conflict began on June 4 when the Soweto Civic Association called for an indefinite rent boycott
- After that, events moved swiftly
- June 8 The Soweto City Council threatened to unleash its police force on any one threatening residents wanting to pay rents
- On July 7 The council warned that failure to pay rent could have drastic repercussions Mr Nico Malan announced that the R500 000 paid monthly by tenants had dropped to about R200 000 in June, the first month of the boycott
- July 8 Soweto residents served with notices to pay rent or face evictions
- Several homeowners in Orlando East reported that their electricity was cut off by the council
- July 9 Residents told by the council that if they did not pay rent by July 15 they would be evicted from their houses The council stated it was losing about R300 000 a month on rent payments
- July 16 About 20 000 residents were given seven days to pay their rents and advised to use facilities available in Johannesburg to pay if they feared victimisation
- July 20 Mr Steve Kgama, Dohsokville councillor, said councils would get tough with rent defaulters The first wave of evictions began
- July 25 Mr Justice Gordon issued an order restraining the Soweto Council from evicting Mrs Pauline Mathibela from her Orlando East home A day later a group of men attacked and ransacked her Orlando East shop
- August 15 Soweto Council's housing director, Mrs Del Kelvan, said 156 families were to be evicted
- August 17 The council announced it would serve eviction notices on 300 families, but would give them seven days to pay
- August 26 Running battles erupted in White City and other parts of Soweto claiming an official 21 dead (unofficial figures are as high as 30), when rumours swept the township that evictions were about to begin

## Plea

He said they were not in White City, the focus of the violence. Three were in Chawwelo and four in Jabulani.

Mr Malan said there had been no evictions in White City. "We did not even threaten to evict there."

He added "The council has stopped evictions temporarily until we see the reaction of people to our plea for them to pay up."

"If they do not pay we'll take action, but with great circumspection."

Mrs Suzman said after her fact-finding mission to Soweto's White City Jabavu township "People feel threatened. The actions of the council officials were very high-handed."

"I gathered that the people of White City and other townships had asked to have a meeting with the council in April to discuss the rents issue but there was no response from the council."

## Silenced

"The people with whom the council or the Government would negotiate are all in detention or have been silenced," she said.

She also called on the Government to subsidise black townships "if a worse catastrophe is to be avoided."

Mr Malan said there were people who had not paid rent since the beginning of the year.

Meanwhile, many streets are still barricaded with large rocks. Burnt-out cars litter Soweto. Access in some places is impossible, even by car in areas where there has been no violence.

A hand grenade was thrown at the police in White City on Tuesday night, exploding between two police Landrovers. One white and three black policemen were injured.

The Bureau for Information reports only one fatality from political violence in the 24-hour period up to 6 am yesterday. A black man was killed by the South African Transport Services police during an alleged robbery in Daveyton.

# Soweto officials set to file

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# Jo'burg loses R3-m a year as Govt fails to pay its city rates

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By Shirley Woodgate, Municipal Reporter

Johannesburg is losing R3 million a year because the Government is not paying its rates, said the city's management committee chairman, Mr Francois Oberholzer

This is the amount that would have been added to the assessment rates income of R153 million this year, had the Government paid its share on State-owned properties in the city

## BIGGER INCREASE

It would have meant increasing rates by only 10,9 percent instead of the 12,9 percent increase that was levied, said acting city treasurer Mr Lucas Opperman

"We have made repeated representations to the Government through the Transvaal Municipal Association (TMA) and the United Municipal Executive to remedy the position," said Mr Oberholzer

But the real financial crunch would be felt when the Regional Services Councils (RSCs) were established, said Mr Oberholzer.

"Local authorities will then have to foot the bill for the two new taxes — the payroll and the turnover taxes — as well as the higher service charges. At the same time they will lose the income from certain departments that will be taken over by the RSCs," he said.

He was commenting on an appeal to the Government by Dr J P Naude in his presidential address to the TMA, to fulfil the expectations raised by the Rating of State Properties Act in 1984.

In terms of the Act (which has been gazetted but still awaits the date when it will be implemented) the State is expected to pay local authorities 90 percent of rates levied on railway and post office properties and 80 percent on all other properties it occupied, said Mr Opperman.

This placed a moral obligation on the Government to pay.

"The Government is also not honouring its obligation to pay the 40 percent subsidy on fire services which has dwindled to only 20 percent," said Mr Oberholzer.

# No decision on Bekkersdal homes

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By SY MAKARINGE

THE fate of 19 Bekkersdal families who occupied newly-built houses without the consent of the council is still to be decided after the council failed to reach a decision at its monthly meeting.

A spokesman for the Bekkersdal Community Council said in an interview that the decision on whether to evict the families or grant them house permits would be made at a special meeting on Friday.

Meanwhile, the Bekkersdal Residents' Committee has pledged to fight the council should it decide to evict the families.

Mr Simon Ndaweni, a spokesman for the committee, said if the council decided to evict them, the decision would be declared null and void as the three remaining councillors did not form a quorum following the resignation of three councillors recently.

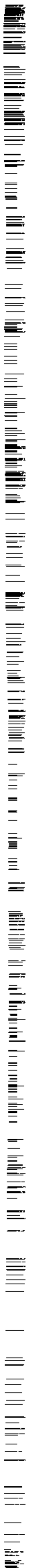
Recently, the councillors made conflicting statements regarding the issue. Mayor Mr A C Mosidi and Councillor T M Matla said in a joint statement that the fami-



SHAPE of things to come . . . (from left), Kgomotso Matlala, Winnie Masedi, Lebo-gang Peltoni and Ntombi Thela who will contest the Miss Soweto 1986 were pictured at a preview of the pageant in Johannes-burg recently

lies would be evicted, while Councillor K D Modimoeng, who is backing the families, said an agreement had been reached not to evict them

The families occupied the houses on June 13 when people who were said to be on the waiting list failed to arrive at a meeting called for the allocation of the houses



# Councillors deny quitting Soweto after homes burn

By Hannes de Wet

The Soweto councillors who have left the trouble-torn township to live in a Fordsburg block of flats today denied they fled from Soweto.

Mr Johnson Mokoena, councillor for White City, told *The Star*: "We are only living here while our houses are being fixed. It is a blatant untruth that we have been scared away — we are not afraid of confused people."

He also rejected reports that at least 27 councillors had left Soweto since Tuesday's clashes over threatened rent evictions in White City which left 21 people dead — including councillor Mr Sydenham Mkhwanazi.

"Only five of us are living here — and it is only a temporary measure," Mr Mokoena said.

## WORK AS USUAL

He spoke to *The Star* on his way to the offices of the Soweto council.

"Would I be going to the office today if I were scared? If you don't believe me, you are welcome to follow us. We are carrying on work as normal," Mr Mokoena said.

He confirmed that his house and that of another councillor had been burnt down. The houses of the other three councillors had been damaged and were being repaired.

"We and our families will move back as soon as our houses are ready," Mr Mokoena said "We are not unduly concerned about our safety. The trouble will soon die down."

The five councillors are living in Octavia Hill, an empty block of flats in Fordsburg which at different times has been home to whites and blacks and will soon house Indians.

Last November 300 white residents were moved out by the Johannesburg City Council and last month the city council decided to offer Octavia Hill to the House of Delegates for about R2,5 million.

# White staff out in Tembisa

1/9/86 By Abel Mabelane

Six Tembisa councillors who were appointed as administrators after the collapse of the town council say about 70 percent of Tembisa residents still owe rent, but will not be evicted.

The appointment of the administrators was promulgated in the Government Gazette last Friday. They are Mr Solomon More (chairman), Mr S M Songo, Mr Charles Sithole, Mr Samuel Phatsoane, Mr France Nkoana and Phillip Mashabela.

Mr More said residents who were in arrears with their rent would not be evicted or have their electricity cut off but would be encouraged to pay their arrears in instalments.

From today white staff who had been township managers would be replaced by black staff. The five white hostel managers would be replaced by blacks from October 1

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# REFUGEES



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# Councillors hiding in city flats

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Thursday in a mass funeral The service will start at 10am The African Funeral Undertakers Association (AFUA) in Soweto has already announced it will bury the victims free of charge

Soweto priests have also formed a committee to liaise with organisations and families

The committee of ministers includes Rev Tom Mbabane, Rev David Nkwe, Rev Z E Mongoeba, Rev S K Mbande and Rev T Mawela

The committee is still trying to secure a suitable venue for the service

A spokesman said the committee had thought of using Regina Mundi Church in Rockville, but realised that it would be "too small" Moroka Jabavu Stadium is being considered as an alternative

The spokesman also said people who wished to assist the bereaved families should send their contributions to The Secretary, Relief Fund, P O Box 197, Kwa-Xuma, 1868.

Those who want to make personal deliveries can do so at Ipelegeng Community Centre in White City, Jabavu between 11am and 5pm Contributions will be accepted from today (Monday) until September 14

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# Soweto councillors' houses are guarded

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SOME Soweto councillors' homes are heavily guarded by security forces, after attacks on them during unrest in the townships

Troops in casspurs yesterday patrolled and made regular checks on councillors' houses

Councillor Julius Mdlatose's Mopopo Township home was guarded by two Soweto Council policemen with troops in casspurs checking on them

Meanwhile, most councillors yesterday denied that they had fled their homes to live in a block of flats near the city

## Suzman calls for Soweto unrest probe

PFP MP Helen Suzman yesterday called for a probe into Soweto's turmoil

She gave notice of a motion in the Assembly for a commission of inquiry into recent unrest

Suzman said she would move today that the House, "shocked at the deaths and violence in Soweto last

**SOPHIE TEMBA**

White City Jabavu councillor John Mokoena denied reports that at least 27 councillors had fled their homes after last Tuesday's killing of Sydney Mkhwanazi and the burning of several councillors' houses

"Only five of us have temporarily moved to flats in the city while our damaged houses are being repaired. As soon as our homes are ready, we will move back," he said. Most of the councillors were seen at the council offices, where a meeting was held yesterday

week, and disturbed at the serious implications the Soweto situation has for the country as a whole", call on government to investigate and report on

- Events that took place in Soweto,
- Actions of authorities, organisations and individuals, and
- Underlying causes of the events and situation in Soweto — Sapa

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# Soweto runaways tell of fear

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THE families of Soweto councillors and council policemen, who fled the township last week, said yesterday they left because residents had marked them as "targets".

The wives and children of some of the Soweto councillors

By LANGA  
SKOSANA

and council policemen said they feared for their lives in the township

Some said they were scared to send their children to shops. Others withdrew their children from township schools because of threats from other children

Those who moved out are living in two-bedroomed and three-bedroomed flats near the city centre. They were formerly occupied by white old-age pensioners.

About 10 councillors' families and about five council policemen's families occupy the flats.

Mrs Busisiwe Ndaba, wife of councillor Thami Ndaba, said she had peace of mind since she left Soweto last Thursday.

The problem of schooling for her children was solved last year when she found schools for them in the city.

Miss Pretty Mokoena (20), councillor Johnson Mokoena's daughter, said residents called them "targets" in the townships.

Mrs Senkonyane Mofutsanyane, wife of council policeman Leribi Mofutsanyane, formerly of Rockville, said they arrived at the flats on Saturday.

Councillor H Madikane's sister-in-law, Miss Stephina Hlungu, said the councillor's family was enjoying some respite from the insults and abuse they got in the townships.

Other councillors living in the flats are Mr Julius Mdlalose, Mr J Khumalo, Mr Patrick Gaboutloele and Mr Siegfried Manthatha.

Soweto's mayor, Mr Ephraim Tshabalala, has refused to leave Soweto.

# Mahlatsi threatens to evict councillors



By JOSHUA RABOROKO

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CHAIRMAN of the Lekoa Town Council Mr Esau Mahlatsi yesterday threatened to evict councillors who refuse to pay their rent and service charges.

"In what he described as "a tough line of action," Mr. Mahlatsi said councillors were no exceptions because thousands of residents also face the same threat if they continue to boycott rent.

He was replying to criticism that councillors, living in exile at a camp outside Sebokeng township since the outbreak of violence on September 3, 1984, were not paying rent in homes which have been given to them by the now dissolved Orange-Vaal Development Board.

## Paying rent

It is now about two years that the Vaal councillors are staying at the camp called "Mahlatsi's Village" by residents in the Vaal Triangle townships.

Mr Mahlatsi said councillors were paying rent for their "new homes", although he declined to give details of how much they were paying. "That is a private matter between councillors and their landlords."

He refused to be dragged into further questions on councillors' rents and said "Everybody must pay there is nothing for (mahala) free."

## To resign

Referring to the call for councillors to resign, Mr Mahlatsi said they would only do so once the people who elected them requested them to do so.

"Those councillors who resigned did so out of their own free will. It is regrettable that they did so," he said.

However, opposition groups, including the Vaal Civic Association, have slammed the councillors and called them "cowards who ran away from the realities in the townships."

# Government guide plan freezes rebellious Johannesburg

The Government has decided what to do with rebellious Greater Johannesburg — freeze it

Apart from proposing to curb Johannesburg's development, it seeks to control entrepreneurial and residential growth throughout Central Witwatersrand. It feels the area is heading towards "congestion" and growth must be redirected to the Rustenburg-Pretoria-Middelburg axis

In a 250-page report issued last month, "The Central Witwatersrand Draft Guide Plan", the Government recommends rigid, immutable zoning regulations. If the region ever gets regional government, its character will have already been indelibly drawn by the Government

The report states that "it can be expected that the Central Witwatersrand will become less important within the broader national context and that provision will have to be made for channeling new work opportunities to other favourably situated areas"

Other recommendations include

- Because the committee found "there is not enough land" to expand townships to accommodate even the natural growth of the present black population, more and more blacks will have to move out
- No more industrial expansion will be allowed in Johannesburg
- In the rest of the region, if a small industry becomes too successful it will be induced to move out
- "No large-scale provision of industrial work opportunities is envisaged" in the interests of the prevention of over-concentration

All future development on the Central Witwatersrand must conform to the Government's national development strategy of decentralisation. Another aspect is that the

When, and if, the Central Witwatersrand gets its own regional government, it may be too late — the Government is about to decide the precise shape of its future. JAMES CLARKE examines the plan.

Transvaal Administrator — nowadays a Government appointee beyond the reach of voters — will remain Johannesburg's boss of planning

For instance, SATS will be able to develop its extensive properties as it sees fit, Escom will be able to design power lines and the province will be able to build highways "If, in the opinion of the Administrator", the developments are compatible with the Government's intentions

The public has less than a month to object to the document. Once passed, it becomes binding on Government and private enterprise

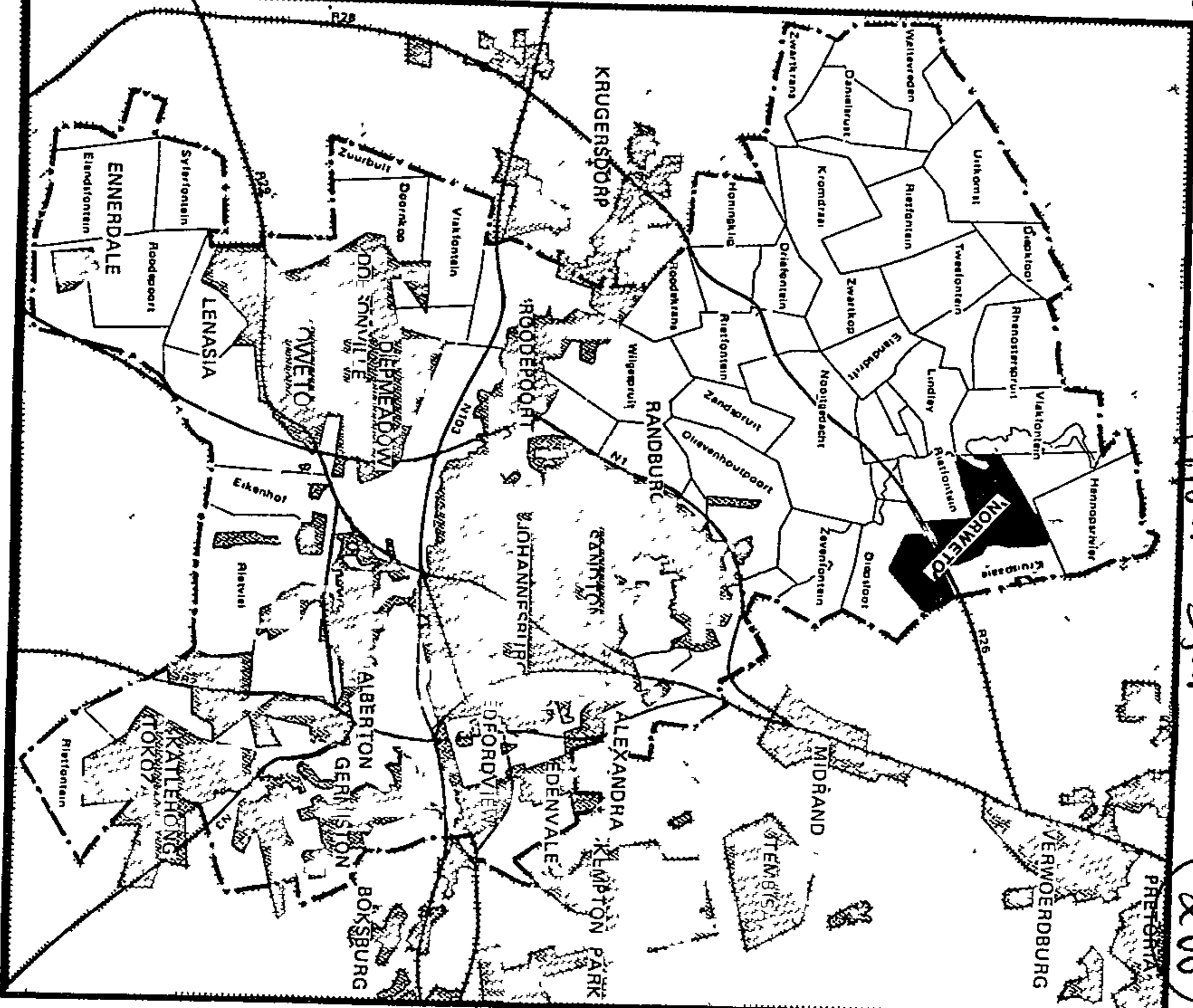
## BASIC BELIEFS

Planning critic Mr Conrad Berge commented "The Government planners are fired by two basic beliefs — that physical planning can vindicate the Government's social policies and that good planning works from the top down"

The plan follows four years of meetings between bureaucrats and, towards the end, black township representatives

The 2 000 sq km area of the Central Witwatersrand accommodates half the Rand's population and 18 percent of South Africa's population

The Central Witwatersrand produces 18 percent of the Gross Geographic Product (GGP) and 27 percent of its tertiary output (finance, communication, etc). But, says the document, its role is declining because of "spontaneous decentralisation (and because of) the



Influence of Government measures to restrict industrial growth in the Central Witwatersrand

The draft guide plan has

Many are outraged To me it reads like a Russian five-year plan In parts it appears to be a

anced 20th-century South Africa.

The report claims, again repeated, that Johannesburg must be saved from becoming "congested". Yet the report's population projections reveal that the metropolis would, by the end of the century, still be one of the world's least densely-populated urban regions

New York City has trebled this region's population in half the space Greater London has nearly trebled in 25 percent less space

The report expects the population of the region to reach 3 733 250 by the year 2000. Some demographers will argue it is already nearly that. The report concedes "the aforementioned estimates are regarded as conservative in some quarters"

## MULTI-NODAL

According to the report, Johannesburg — target for most of the more stringent controls — provides 66 percent of the job opportunities in the Central Witwatersrand area

It sees the future role of the Central Witwatersrand as being a multi-nodal commercial (tertiary) region, but which will, nevertheless, have to find jobs for just over 1 million new workers between now and 2000

But it adds "No large scale provision of industrial work opportunities is envisaged"

Among the "objectives" listed in the guide plan are

- "The relative levelling off of growth (as regards both population and employment) in the area in order to bring about a more even national distribution pattern, but without detracting from the key role played by the Central Witwatersrand in a national and regional context"
- "The elimination of over-population and congestion, and the effective combatting of pollution"

Government intends to control market forces and natural growth trends. If its suggestions are ratified, it could mean the economic

the framework of national development policy"

The aim is to divert growth to the Rustenburg-Pretoria-Middelburg axis. Other areas to be favoured are Brits, Rosslyn and Bronkhorstspuit

The report says the Government would allow the Central Witwatersrand to create "light industries and service industries on the borders of the larger black townships". The idea, it says, is to broaden the economic base of these towns and provide work within easy distance of black residents

Although the report advocates greater residential densities and more strategic public transport, it states that "care must be taken" not to allow public transport systems to "increase the load on various core areas, thereby hampering the de-concentration process"

Despite the region's wealth being taken away from it, the Government accepts that the region "will continue to grow and provision will have to be made for the controlled creation of employment opportunities in this area"

It says that in channeling growth away from the region it is "important to take into account the investment already made in respect of infrastructure in this area, and in particular in the Johannesburg city centre"

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Pretoria through Midrand, Sandton, the northern suburbs of Johannesburg, the city centre, and then south-westwards via Soweto, Diepsmeadow, Dobsonville and Eldorado Park to Lenasia and Ennerdale

It wants future development confined to these belts and "de- liberate development of suitable points on these axes in order to also put the black residential areas within easy reach of centres of activities

On the question of industrial growth it says "there is no real need to make additional industrial land available" — except "limited areas for light and service industries in, and adjacent to, Dobsonville, Diepsmeadow and Soweto, Tokoza, Katlehong, Lenasia and Ennerdale to provide for the local needs of the various communities

## LEVELLING OFF

On black residential expansion it says "Although the growth rate of the black population of the area is expected to level off in future, it will be necessary to make available additional land for township development in order to accommodate the foreseeable black population increase"

Within the guide plan area itself there is, however, little space available for this purpose. It proposes a large township in the northeast, already dubbed "Norweto"

"Only a part of the needs for township development for black people can be met (by these proposals) because there is not yet sufficient suitable land available in the guide plan area to accommodate the needs of the expected natural increase in the black population"

"The guide plan committee is therefore of the opinion (that) provision for township development for black people

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# Gaddafi hits at 'puppets'

HARARE — The Libyan leader, Colonel Muammar Gaddafi, yesterday slammed the Non-Aligned Movement as useless and threatened to withdraw because some members recognise Israel.

Col. Gaddafi, taking the podium on the fourth day of the week-long summit of the 101-member movement, declared he had come to Harare to put the material and moral

# TEMBISA SACKS

# 20 WHITES

THE new administrators in Tembisa township near Kempton Park have dismissed 20 white officials in the wake of the collapse of the Tembisa Town Council.

The white officials were fired on Monday but this was only announced at the administrators' first meeting held on Wednesday. They will be replaced by blacks.

The six administrators

are all former councillors. They were appointed on August 18. Their appointment was promulgated in the Government Gazette of August 26.

They remained on the council after other mem-

bers, including mayor Mr Lucas Mothiba, resigned and left it without a quorum.

In a heated argument with the town clerk, Mr Piet Harmse, the chairman of the administrators, Mr Solomon Boas More, said people who were owing rent in the township will not be evicted from their houses. They moved also not to have their electricity supply cut off.

"We do not want to see bloodshed in our township. We will call in all the people who owe rent to the administration offices and work out a plan on how they will pay back the rent arrears," Mr More said.



Mr SOLOMON MORE... chairman of the administrators in Tembisa.

In an interview after the meeting, Mr More said the white officials were fired "because we have the black personnel to do the job".

He said some of the senior white staff, including Mr Harmse, will continue working for the "council".

The other administrators are Mr Samuel Mandla Singo, vice-chairman, Mr Samuel Phaswane, Mr Charles Sithole, Mr Frans Nkoana and Mr Phillip Mashabela.

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# 'It is a job given to me by God and my ancestors. No man will tell me what to do'

**THE CHAIRMAN OF THE SOWETO COUNCIL TELLS WHY HE WON'T RESIGN — DESPITE MASSIVE PRESSURE**

**LETSASTI RADEBE**, executive chairman of the Soweto Council, admitted this week he faced pressure from his family to resign from the government approved council

But, he declared in his office in the Soweto Council complex, he had little difficulty in resisting the pressure

"I tell them it is a job given to me by God and my ancestors," he said "No man will tell me what to do Only God will guide me"

Soweto councillors had to face popular scorn and physical abuse as perceived "collaborators" even before 21 people were shot dead by police in Soweto last week After that their position became even more uneasy

Another councillor wandering along the corridor of the Soweto Council building, Patrick Gaboutdeloe, reflected the perplexed anger of some councillors "They are looking for freedom," he said of the nocturnal petrol-bombers who had attacked his house eight times "Freedom to kill people"

Last week's clash between residents and police had its origins in the eviction of rent defaulters, ordered by the Soweto Council

Subsequent popular wrath forced some Soweto councillors to leave Soweto at night to sleep in Johannesburg Radebe, 54, however, was not among them His house is in Naledi, but is guarded day and night by members of the hastily recruited Soweto Council police

A robust, dapperly-dressed man, Radebe was a leader of the *Magolia*, a vigilante organisation which sought to discipline Soweto residents by forcing them — under threat of lashing — to uphold traditional values

He deplored the "breakdown of discipline" in Soweto today, blaming the rent boycott — which is threatening to cripple the council financially — on intimidation by the "comrades", as Soweto's radicalised youth has come to be known They had frightened residents into joining the boycott by threatening to kill those who did not do so

Defining himself as a descendant of Langalalabele, a 19th-century tribal chief who defied the British in Natal, Radebe said of the "comrades" "There is a need to discipline them Their parents have lost control over them No man will stand up and say they are doing wrong They are scared of being necklaced"

But, Radebe predicted, the reign of the "comrades" would come to an end "As time goes on, people will give information to the police Then the rent boycott will die down The police already have a lot of informers among the comrades"

Launched in June, the rent boycott now has the support of about two-thirds of Soweto's 75 000 householders To pay for water, electricity, sewerage and refuse removal, the Soweto Council relies heavily on payment of rent and service charges by residents

Its monthly bill stands at R9-million, of which some R5-million normally comes from rent and service charges But the growing rent boycott has already reduced monthly income from house rentals to R1-million

Later, in another, bigger office in the Soweto Council chambers, Nico Malan, 46, the council's dedicated town clerk, insisted that rent and service charges were reasonable The average Soweto householder lives in a

**PATRICK LAURENCE reports on the escalating rents boycott crisis**

small four-roomed house, known colloquially as a "matchbox" Rent and service charges amount to R52 a month, Malan said

Payment of rent and service charges was, or should be, an apolitical matter, Malan contended "But it has been made into a political issue," he added The majority of people want to pay but they have been intimidated"

Malan had, it is understood, just returned from Pretoria in a vain quest for money to meet the mounting bills from Eskom, the Rand Water Board and the Johannesburg City Council

"If we don't get money from residents, we can't pay our bills," Malan said, adding "One can then expect an interruption of services That is our predicament"

Later, in an interview at his Dube surgery, Nthato Motlana, the veteran head of the Soweto Civic Association, accused the government of making housing, and the rent associated with it, a political issue

The authorities had deliberately restricted the number of houses in Soweto — the official waiting list for houses is over 20 000 families — to limit the inflow of black people It was, he insisted, a form of influx control

He charged that money was not spent on Soweto and houses were not built to make it as drab and ugly as possible The grimmer Soweto was, the more black people would be inclined to leave and return to their allotted tribal homelands, he said It was a calculated ploy

The South African government was the biggest "landlord outside of Russia," he said, accusing it of raising rents "beyond the means of the average Soweto resident" and then of trying to interpose the Soweto Council between itself and the people

Motlana spoke rapidly in short bursts He had to His telephone rang incessantly "Hullo, Des!" he said into the phone It was Archbishop-elect Desmond Tutu The prelate had phoned to inquire about funeral arrangements for the 21 people shot dead by police

Plans for a mass burial at Jabavu stadium in Soweto had been vetoed by the township's police chief, Gideon Loubser

Motlana spoke out aloud for the benefit of reporters present, not because he was boastful but because he had limited time By doing so he could answer queries from both Tutu and journalists simultaneously

Police had arrived at his home at 6am and informed him that the mass funeral had been banned

They had wanted to know why the Soweto Civic Association had not sought permission to hold the mass funeral To which he said he exclaimed "You kill our people and then you want us to apply to you for permission to bury them"

But beneath his brisk manner Motlana was a worried man "The boys," as he referred to the "comrades", were determined to go ahead with the mass funeral If they did, the police might "shoot first and ask questions afterwards" To emphasise the dilemma confronting him he asked rhetorically "How do you lead in a situation like that?"



Soweto council guards help unload furniture belonging to councillors who fled the township last week  
 Picture WENDY SCHWEGMANN, Reuter

**KENNISGEWING 623 VAN 1986****DEPARTEMENT VAN MANNEKRAG****WET OP ARBEIDSVERHOUDINGE, 1956****INTREKKING VAN REGISTRASIE VAN 'N VAKVERENIGING**

Ek, Adam Johannes Jacobus Barnard, Assistent-nywerheidsregistrator, maak hierby kragtens artikel 14 (1) van die Wet op Arbeidsverhoudinge, 1956, bekend dat aangesien ek rede het om te vermoed dat die Tramway Officials Staff Association nie as vakvereniging funksioneer nie, sy registrasie ingetrek sal word, tensy redes daarteen binne 'n tydperk van 30 dae vanaf die datum van publikasie van hierdie kennisgewing aangevoer word.

A. J. J. BARNARD,  
Assistent-nywerheidsregistrator.

(5 September 1986)

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Ek, Adam Johannes Jacobus Barnard, Assistent-nywerheidsregistrator, maak ingevolge artikel 42 (2) van die Wet op Arbeidsverhoudinge, 1956, hierby bekend dat 'n aansoek om die registrasie ontvang is van die Transvaal Association of Employees of Black Local Authorities. Besonderhede van die aansoek word in onderstaande tabel verstrekk.

Enige geregistreerde vakvereniging wat teen die aansoek beswaar maak, word versoek om binne een maand na die datum van publikasie van hierdie kennisgewing sy beswaar skriftelik by my in te dien, p/a die Departement van Mannekrag, Mannekraggebou 449, Schoemanstraat 215, Pretoria, (posadres: Privaatsak X117, Pretoria, 0001).

**TABEL**

*Name van vakvereniging*—Transvaal Association of Employees of Black Local Authorities

*Datum waarop aansoek ingedien is.*—26 Junie 1986.

*Belange en gebied ten opsigte waarvan aansoek gedoen word.*—Alle werknemers in diens van Swart plaaslike owerhede in die landdrosdistrikte Alberton, Barberton Belfast, Benoni, Boksburg, Carolina, Ermelo, Germiston, Johannesburg, Kempton Park, Klerksdorp, Krugersdorp, Middelburg (Tvl.), Nelspruit, Pelgrimsrus, Pretoria, Roodepoort, Springs, Vereeniging, Warmbad en Witbank.

“Swart Plaaslike Owerhede” beteken 'n stadsraad, dorpsraad, dorpskomitee of 'n plaaslike owerheidskomitee wat ingestel is kragtens die Wet op Swart Plaaslike Besture, Wet 102 van 1982, soos gewysig, en sal, tensy uit die samehang anders blyk, enige ander dergelike instellings of liggame insluit waarna verwys word in artikel 84 (1) (f) van die Wet op Provinsiale Bestuur, 1961 (Wet 32 van 1961)

“Plaaslike Owerheidsonderneming” beteken die onderneming waarin werkgewers en hul werknemers met mekaar geassosieer is vir die instelling, voortsetting en afhandeling van enige handeling, skema of aktiwiteit wat deur 'n plaaslike owerheid onderneem word

*Posadres van applikant*—Posbus 90, Atteridgeville, 0008.

*Kantooradres van applikant.*—Posbus 90, Atteridgeville.

**NOTICE 623 OF 1986****DEPARTMENT OF MANPOWER****LABOUR RELATIONS ACT, 1956****CANCELLATION OF REGISTRATION OF A TRADE UNION**

I, Adam Johannes Jacobus Barnard, Assistant Industrial Registrar, hereby notify, in terms of section 14 (1) of the Labour Relations Act, 1956, that as I have reason to believe that the Tramway Officials Staff Association is not functioning as trade union its registration will be cancelled unless cause to the contrary is shown within a period of 30 days from the date of publication of this notice

A. J. J. BARNARD,  
Assistant Industrial Registrar

(5 September 1986)

**NOTICE 624 OF 1986****DEPARTMENT OF MANPOWERS****LABOUR RELATIONS ACT, 1956****APPLICATION FOR REGISTRATION OF A TRADE UNION**

I, Adam Johannes Jacobus Barnard, Assistant Industrial Registrar, do hereby, in terms of section 4 (2) of the Labour Relations Act, 1956, give notice that an application for registration has been received from the Transvaal Association of Employees of Black Local Authorities. Particulars of the application are reflected in the subjoined table

Any registered trade union which objects to the application is invited to lodge its objection in writing with me, c/o the Department of Manpower, 449 Manpower Building, 215 Schoeman Street, Pretoria (postal address: Private Bag X117, Pretoria, 0001), within one month of the date of publication of this notice

**TABLE**

*Name of trade union.*—Transvaal Association of Employees of Black Local Authorities

*Date of which application was lodged*—26 June 1986.

*Interests and area in respect of which application is made*—All employees engaged in the service of Black local authorities in the Magisterial Districts of Alberton, Barberton, Belfast, Benoni, Boksburg, Carolina, Ermelo, Germiston, Johannesburg, Kempton Park, Klerksdorp, Krugersdorp, Middelburg (Tvl.), Nelspruit, Pilgrim's Rest, Pretoria, Roodepoort, Springs, Vereeniging, Warmbaths and Witbank

“Black Local Authority” means a city council, a town council, a town committee or a local authority committee established in terms of the Black Local Authorities Act, No 102 of 1982, as amended, and unless the contrary intention appears, shall include any other similar institutions or bodies referred to in section 84 (1) (f) of the Provincial Government Act, 1961 (Act 32 of 1961).

“Local Authority Undertaking” means the undertaking in which employers and their employees are associated for the institution, continuation and completion of any action, scheme or activity undertaken by a local authority.

*Postal address of applicant*—P O Box 90, Atteridgeville, 0008.

*Office address of applicant*—P.O. Box 90, Atteridgeville



# Tears from housing director

# Rent boycotts are sliding Soweto into bankruptcy

By Winnie Graham

The director of housing in Soweto, Mrs Del Kevan, does not weep easily. But when she talks about the official toll of 21 deaths following the evictions of seven families at Jabulani and Tshawelo she has tears in her eyes.

"I was instructed to evict residents who had not paid their rent since April," she said this week. "They were the incorrigibles — people who had not paid for months, not the rent boycotters who stopped paying in June. But I never thought for a moment anyone would die."

Ironically, the bloodshed did not take place in Tshawelo and Jabulani where the seven families had been evicted. The 21 died in White City.

Since then Mrs Kevan has been called a "racist" and named for the bloodshed. She has received a number of death threats and has to be escorted to work in Soweto.

But she will not give up the job she has been doing since January.

She took it because she believed her 24 years experience in housing with both the Johannesburg and Pretoria City Councils would be of use in Soweto.

She resigned her seat on the Randburg Town Council where, as a member of the Progressive Federal Party, she had served for a while as chairman of the management committee.

She is known in the town as an outspoken critic of the National Party and its policies.

"I never judge people by the colour of their skin," she says. "That is why initially I had no difficulty with evictions. There is no housing authority in the world who will not evict tenants who do not pay rent."

"I guess the situation is different here, I certainly don't believe an eviction is worth a suicide death."

By Winnie Graham

The Soweto Council, owed R22 million in unpaid rent and service charges, is on the brink of bankruptcy.

Since the rent boycott started in June, it has collected little more than R1 million a month. But its expenses come to R7 million a month, and without an income it cannot function adequately. Money is needed to pay for water, electricity and sewerage charges — and the wages of 5 000 employees.

Town Clerk Mr Nico Malan said yesterday that since the rent boycott started the council's income had dropped dramatically. In June, less than R1 million was collected, in July R1.6 million, and R1.3 million in August.

The evictions which sparked off street fighting in which 21 people died had been a decision by the "whole management team".

"We don't kick people out of their homes for the sake of it," he said. "They are given plenty of warning that they will be evicted if they don't pay, and if they still don't, we give them seven days' notice of eviction. Even if they pay the rental at the last minute, eviction can be avoided."

He emphasised that the director of housing in Soweto, Mrs Del Kevan, was not responsible for the eviction decision, but had been instructed by the council to go ahead.

## POWER CHARGES

Soweto, he said, usually collected R7 million a month from the 75 000 householders in the township. Of this, only R250 000 was rent. The rest was service charges. "We buy water from the Rand Water Board, power from Eskom and sewerage services from Johannesburg. If we don't pay, services will be cut off."

He said he was aware people were not paying rent because they were afraid to do so. For this reason the Soweto Council was setting up central offices and providing facilities for those who wished to pay by cheque or postal order. No unauthorised person would have access to the receipt books, and payments would be treated in the strictest confidence.

"There have been allegations that our black staff leaked information on 'rent payers' to the 'comrades,'" he said. "I don't believe this, but to stop the rumours we are providing a central office where people can pay rent without fear of intimidation and an employment had made rent a major issue. To help people experiencing financial hardship, a special office had been set up at the beginning of the year to discuss problems with residents and to reduce or even cut rentals entirely."

Mr Malan said there were 22 000 people on the council's waiting list for houses. Many came to the Soweto offices, saying "If others won't pay the rent, I will. Here is the money."

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## 'Different' regional govt possible for Natal

### Political Reporter

NATAL could have a regional government different from those in the rest of South Africa, Mr Stoffel Botha, Minister of Home Affairs, said in Estcourt last night

Speaking at a Klip River by-election meeting, Mr Botha said it would be reasonable to say Natal could remain part of South Africa but have a unique regional government

He said separating the province from the rest of South Africa was neither

politically feasible nor practical

Mr Botha said regional differences could be accommodated in the current constitution but any regional government must be compatible with the central Government

Mr Tino Volker, former NP Klip River MP and now Natal Executive Committee member, said he believed a black Natal Exco member would be appointed by President Botha in the foreseeable future

(Report by S Flitton, 12 Devonshire Place, Durban)

# Kevan's still a PFP member

By SHAUN JOHNSON

DEL KEVAN, the beleaguered Soweto City Council housing director, is still a member of the Progressive Federal Party — and that's official

It was recently revealed that Kevan, who first faced a storm of criticism and then a bomb at her home over her perceived role in the White City Jabavu tragedy, resigned from the PFP when she became the object of public attack.

According to PFP regional director Gary Cooney, who received her resignation verbally, "I spoke to her on the telephone at the height of the White City issue — I didn't ask her for her resignation — but she told me she wanted to resign and I could pass it on to the press, which I did. She said she was going to put it in writing."

Cooney then left for East London on business, during which time Kevan changed her mind.

Cooney says she contacted the local PFP executive and said she'd decided there was no reason for her to resign, "and that she'd like to stay on as an ordinary member of the party."

Because no written resignation had been received, the executive accepted this position.

According to Cooney there was no talk of expelling Kevan — but the executive retains the right, as a matter of course, to launch an inquiry if complaints are received from party members.

Kevan was unavailable for comment last night.

## Vaal indaba on rents

THE Lekoa Town Council will hold a public meeting on Sunday at Mphatlatsane hall.

The meeting will start at 7am **SOWETO**

Councillor Stephen Ntsoereng, who obtained permission from the local authorities to hold the meeting, said the purpose was to stop the massive eviction campaign which started last month.

Mr Ntsoereng said "We want to get a mandate from the residents to fight this evil campaign which has left many families homeless without accommodation"

The secretary of the council, Mr Ben Scott, has confirmed that Mr Ntsoereng has been given permission to hold the meeting — the first since the rent boycott started in six Vaal townships.

# Fiery escape for council employee

By Montshiwa Moroke

A Soweto Council employee narrowly escaped a fiery death when she was attacked by youths for failing to give them a list of rent-payers

Miss Fatima Mpotulo (29), of Central Western Jabavu, is recovering at Baragwanath Hospital from extensive injuries.

She works at the Mofolo administration offices.

Miss Mpotulo yesterday said she had been attacked by youths armed with petrol, garden forks and sjamboks, at about 4 am on Saturday.

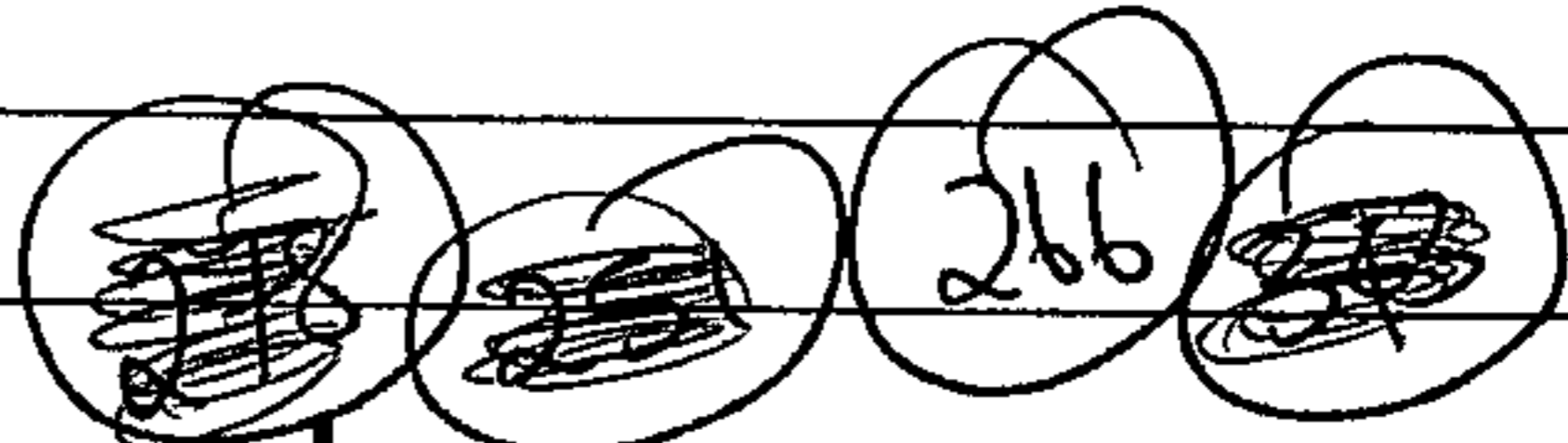
She is the first person known to have been attacked to extract information on rent-payers.

She said youths poured petrol on her and her mother, but her mother grabbed the youth about to strike a match and she ran from her home in the confusion.

However the youths caught up with her. Miss Mpotulo said she was naked after throwing off a gown, but was sjambokked, petrol was poured on her head and set alight. She managed to put out the flames and staggered home. The youths relented when neighbours pleaded for her life.

She added: "I have done nothing to deserve this attack. I do not work in finance and have no access to the records."

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# Police homes are set alight after evictions

CROWDS stormed the homes of Lekoa Council police and suspected police sympathisers in Sharpeville on Monday, dousing them with petrol and tossing petrol-bombs through windows. At least three houses were burnt out.

A resident claimed a number of people had been arrested after they had set alight a home where one of the family was a council policeman.

Residents said 10 people were shot, but a Bureau for Information spokesman could confirm only seven injuries. The spokesman said pellet guns and rubber bullets had been used to disperse groups — totalling a few hundred — in Seiso Street.

Some of the people had taunted council police, asking why they had evicted people.

Albert Botha, 21, had been shot in the head and in the stomach on Monday, said his mother, Elizabeth Botha. She said he was being treated at Sebokeng Hospital. No hospital spokesmen were available for comment.

Sharpeville residents said all the people in the township had not paid rent since August 1984, when community action was initiated in a campaign to convince the authorities rents were too high. Nobody listened. So nobody paid. Then the evictions began last month.

The start of this week saw the start of the residents' concerted efforts to counter the evictions. They believe that by burning council police homes, they are merely making homeless the evictors, who make others homeless.

But the tragedy of the situation was made clear by the plight of Petrus

The simmering rent boycott issue this week erupted in Sharpeville, where — following a number of evictions — there was an outbreak of violence.  
**NORMAN SHEPHERD reports**

Moeketsi, of Seiso Street, and his family. He said "I can't understand why there's no reason for my black brothers to burn my mother's house down. My mother is a widow and I have been trying to look after the house."

"New furniture worth R2 300 was burnt. My younger brother works for the Lekoa Council police and stays at the Sebokeng hostel. He does not stay here and he works for the police because there are no other jobs in this country."

Moeketsi said a mob at his home was dispersed with teargas just after 8am and that his two-year-old grandson, Solomon, collapsed from the fumes. He was treated in hospital.

Lekoa council policeman Carter Qubuza said his parents' home was burnt at 10 15am but nobody had been hurt. He did not know how much damage had resulted.

Pupils returned to schools yesterday, after the stayaway on Monday, but buses were not seen in the township. Many of the buses had been

stoned the day before, when drivers would not go into the township after 11am.

Whether the evictions will continue in the face of the new threat against council police remains to be seen.

Many of the evicted were living with next-door-neighbours while their houses stood empty. Most of the evicted claimed council police had seized their newer possessions, such as electrical appliances, and had left papers demanding payment of rents in arrear. The goods would be released once the rents had been paid.

Residents said groups of about 30 council police had swooped on each home in the mornings, when only children were at home. They seized some possessions and dumped others outside the houses. In some cases, council police had guarded homes to ensure the evicted did not return.

At least seven families had been evicted, said residents.

Joseph Ramokoma said his father, Johannes, in his 50s, was due to go on pension later this year. Earning R210 a month as a security guard, father-of-nine Johannes could not afford to pay the R66,16 monthly rental (excluding lights and water charges). The family was evicted three weeks ago.

SATS worker and father-of-four Piet Mohlhouoa said he was evicted on August 16 and would take the matter to court today. He said his lawyer would contest the eviction order because he felt victimised, as nobody else was paying rent. He claimed council police had taken his TV set and fridge and broken his front-door lock and a wardrobe.

Bernice and James Kwadibane and their four children are living with neighbours. Emily Habadibe alleged that the evicted Kwadibane family was told to pay about R600 in rents before their TV set, electrical stove and fridge would be returned.

die dorpsraad: Met dien verstande dat ten opsigte van die verkiesing van lede van die dorpsraad wat gedurende 1987 gehou staan te word, die laaste werksdag in Januarie 1987 die datum is waarop die indeling van wyke kragtens regulasie 2 (1) van Hoofstuk 8 plaasvind en ook die datum is waarop die registrasie van kiesers kragtens regulasie 4 (4) van Hoofstuk 8 afgesluit word.

## DEPARTEMENT VAN STAATKUNDIGE ONTWIKKELING EN BEPLANNING

No. 1945 19 September 1986

### DORPSRAAD VAN PHIRITONA.—BEPALING VAN BYKOMENDE BEVOEGDHEDE

Ek, Jan Christiaan Heunis, Minister van Staatkundige Ontwikkeling en Beplanning, kragtens die bevoegdheid my verleen by artikel 23 (1) (1) (i) van die Wet op Swart Plaaslike Owerhede, 1982 (Wet 102 van 1982)—

- (i) herroep die voorbehoudsbepaling in Goewermentskennisgewing 86 van 17 Januarie 1986; en
- (ii) bepaal dat die aangeleenthede in items 14, 16, 19 tot 25, 27 en 28 van die Bylae van genoemde Wet, benevens dié in Goewermentskennisgewing 86 van 17 Januarie 1986 bedoelde aangeleenthede, aangeleenthede is met betrekking waartoe die Dorpsraad van Phiritona ten opsigte van sy gebied bekleed en belas is met al die regte, bevoegdhede, werksaamhede, pligte en verpligtinge wat by of kragtens 'n wet aan 'n ontwikkelingsraad of 'n plaaslike owerheidsliggaam ten opsigte van daardie gebied verleen of opgedra is

J. C. HEUNIS,  
Minister van Staatkundige Ontwikkeling en Beplanning.  
(Lêer A2/17/2/P72)

No. 1975 19 September 1986

### WYSIGING VAN DIE GIDSPLAN VIR DIE VAAL-RIVIERKOMPLEKS

Kragtens die bevoegdheid my verleen by artikel 6A (19) van die Wet op Fisiese Beplanning, 1967 (Wet 88 van 1967), wysig ek, Jan Christiaan Heunis, hierby die Gidsplan vir die Vaalrivierkompleks deur die gebruiksaanwysings van die Restant van die plaas Uitgevallen 432 IR, distrik Vereeniging, soos skematies op bygaande Kaart A aangedui, van "Landboudoeleindes" na "Dorpsontwikkeling (uitgesonderd dorpsontwikkeling vir nywerheidsdoeleindes)" te verander

Geteken te Kaapstad op hede die 28ste dag van Augustus 1986.

H. C. HEUNIS,  
Minister van Staatkundige Ontwikkeling en Beplanning.

members of the town council: Provided that in respect of the election of members of the town council to be held during 1987 the last working day in January 1987 shall be the date on which the division of wards in terms of regulation 2 (1) of Chapter 8 shall take place and shall also be the date on which registration of voters in terms of regulation 4 (4) of Chapter 8 shall be closed.

## DEPARTMENT OF CONSTITUTIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING

No. 1945 19 September 1986

### TOWN COUNCIL OF PHIRITONA —DETERMINATION OF ADDITIONAL POWERS

I, Jan Christiaan Heunis, Minister of Constitutional Development and Planning, do hereby, by virtue of the powers vested in me by section 23 (1) (1) (i) of the Black Local Authorities Act, 1982 (Act 102 of 1982)—

- (i) repeal the proviso in Government Notice 86 of 17 January 1986; and
- (ii) determine that the matters set forth in items 14, 16, 19 to 25, 27 and 28 of the Schedule to the said Act shall be matters, in addition to the matters referred to in Government Notice 86 of 17 January 1986, with regard to which the Town Council of Phiritona is in respect of its area vested and charged with all the rights, powers, functions, duties and obligations which have been conferred upon or assigned to a development board or any local government body in respect of the said area by or under any law.

J. C. HEUNIS,  
Minister of Constitutional Development and Planning.  
(File A2/17/2/P72)

No. 1975 19 September 1986

### AMENDMENT OF THE GUIDE PLAN FOR THE VAAL RIVER COMPLEX

By virtue of the powers vested in me by section 6A (19) of the Physical Planning Act, 1967 (Act 88 of 1967), I, Jan Christiaan Heunis, hereby amend the Guide Plan for the Vaal River Complex by changing the designation of the Remainder of the farm Uitgevallen 432 IR, District of Vereeniging, as indicated schematically on the attached Map A, from "Agricultural purposes" to "Township Development (excluding township development for industrial purposes)".

Signed at Cape Town this 28th day of August 1986.

J. C. HEUNIS,  
Minister van Constitutional Development and Planning

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# The violence at daybreak, the peace at midday

AGAINST the backdrop of smoke stacks spewing their contribution to the already polluted sky, two toddlers packed a small suitcase with treasures scavenged from a heap of rubbish, older children played on rusty swings, and cows grazed on the grassy verges of dirt roads

That was the scene in Sharpeville at noon on Monday. Hours earlier, however, the Vaal Triangle township had been rocked by events which encapsulated present and past political tensions

Rent protests, which sparked the bloody Vaal uprising in September 1984, triggering two years of unprecedented civil conflict which has left more than 2 200 people dead, were also the impetus behind Monday's clashes

Activists planned a stayaway and a march on the rent offices on Monday to protest recent evictions of rent defaulters. Sharpeville residents, like others in the Vaal, have not paid rent since the 1984 protests. During the past fortnight, residents said, over a dozen families had been evicted. Local officials had dumped furniture and possessions outside the houses and locked the doors

News of the planned stayaway was spread by word of mouth. Some learned of it on Sunday night, others only when they walked to the bus and taxi ranks and found no transport running

Before 5am on Monday, youths were out enforcing the boycott, and scattered boulders on the tarred main road bore evidence to barricades erected previously.

At 7.30am, Red Cross worker Albert Botha, 25, set off for work as usual. His brother, Stanford, said Albert had barely passed a few houses when municipal police opened fire on people in the street.

Botha was shot in the head, stomach and foot, and was admitted to

At daybreak, a boycott began. By 7.30, twelve people had been shot. By noon, toddlers were playing peacefully outside. JO-ANN BEKKER reports on one more violent day at Sharpeville

Soweto's Baragwanath hospital Stanford Botha said about 12 residents were injured in the same shooting incident. The planned march never took place.

According to the Bureau for Information, the Security Forces had been "forced to retaliate" and had fired birdshot at a group of about 300, injuring at least seven.

At 8am, youths petrol-bombed the home owned by Lekoa Town Council policeman Peter Moeketsi, apparently in retaliation for the shootings.

Moeketsi, like the other council police, lives in a police camp at Sebokeng. His 64-year-old mother, Sarah Moeketsi, sister Emily, 22, and her son Solomon, 4, who stay in his home, escaped injury by rushing outside when the house was pelted with rocks and later reduced to a blackened shell.

But Solomon took ill after police sprayed tear smoke to disperse the crowd once the fire was already out of control. He was taken to a clinic suffering from the after-effects of the tear smoke.

At midday, the soiled furniture and clothes the family had managed to retrieve were stacked outside, guarded by municipal policemen carrying rifles, with cartridge belts strapped to their waists. A charred scrap of lace curtain fluttered from a window.

Among the relatives gathered outside was Moeketsi's elder brother Jacob, who was torn by a mixture of exasperation and pity for his brother.

"It happened because he refused to listen to the pressure on him to



An armed municipal policeman shepherds bystanders from the street after the shooting incident. Picture: REUTERS

resign," he said. "There is no question about it. He must resign, for the safety of the family."

"But I can't force him to," he added. "The youngster was out of a job."

The petrol bombing of the Moeketsi home was a small incident in itself, but it drew together strands of the history which has given Sharpeville a pivotal place in the country's saga of rebellion

and repression.

Peter Moeketsi's house borders on a vacant plot which was once the site of the home of Jacob Dhlamini, the deputy mayor of Sharpeville. Dhlamini was murdered after his home and car were razed to the ground when hundreds of youths took to the streets in September 1984 to protest the council's rent hikes.

And Jacob Moeketsi said he was among the crowd which marched to the Sharpeville police station during the 1960 pass protest, in which 69 people were shot dead.

"I was young then," he said. "So many people I knew were killed, I have already forgotten their surnames. That is why I'm scared when there's trouble like today."



Link to Soweto evictions?

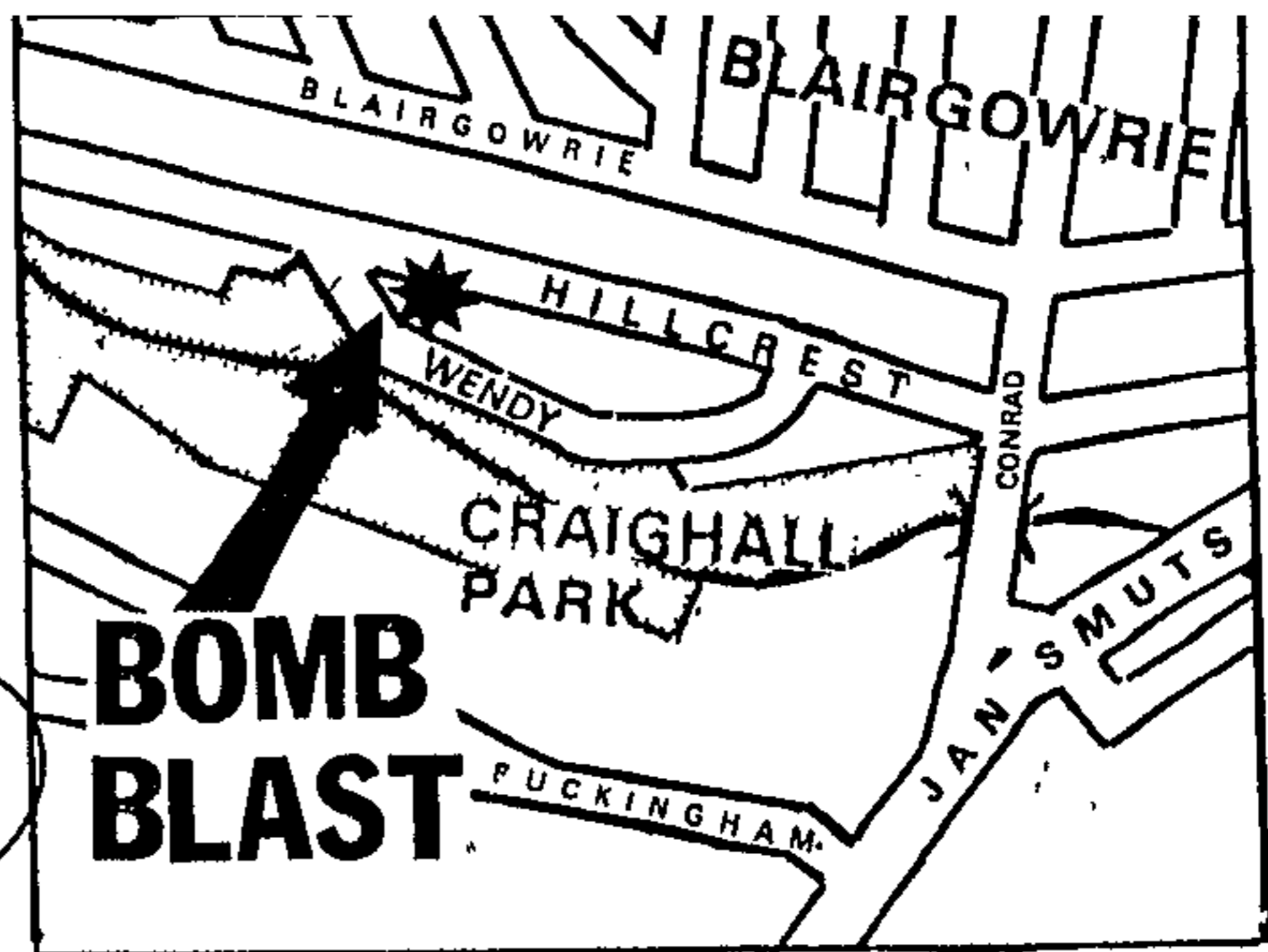
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## Bedroom

"The police are still here and they're still investigating I don't know exactly what happened.

"All I know is there was a terrible explosion It was quite close to my bedroom Naturally I got a terrible fright I didn't know what it was"

Since taking up the position of director of housing in Soweto in January, Mrs Kevan has been labelled a racist After receiving death threats she has had to be escorted to work in Soweto

But she refused to give up the job, saying she believed her 24 years experience in housing would be of use in Soweto

She resigned her seat on the Randburg Town Council where she had been chairman of the management committee

She is known in the town as an outspoken critic of the National Party and its policies and as a tireless worker for black rights

Mr Mike Choat, a neighbour, said he was woken at about 3 30 this morning by a massive explosion "We came haring out and when I went down to the house, I saw Mrs Kevan standing outside She seemed to be quite calm and controlled"

## Staff Reporters

A bomb exploded at the Craighall Park home of Mrs Del Kevan, Soweto's director of housing and former Progressive Federal Party councillor in Randburg, early today. No one was injured.

A spokesman for the Bureau for Information said a Soviet-made limpet mine was planted against the western wall of the house, next to the chimney wall of the lounge The explosive was planted on the ground

The house, on the corner of Hillcrest Avenue and Wendy Avenue, was extensively damaged in the blast which occurred at about 3 30 am

Mrs Kevan has received death threats in the past. Feelings against her have been running high since the evictions of seven families at Jabulani and Tshiawelo Some Soweto residents blame her for the deaths of at least 24 people in White City, Jabavu, this month when residents clashed with security forces after alleged threatened rent evictions

All the front windows and those on one side of the house were blown out Two windows in a neighbouring house, belonging to Mr Peter Wodrich, were blown out

Damage has been estimated at R10 000

An armed policeman refused *The Star* entry to the house

Mrs Kevan said this morning she was sure the attack was connected to her position as director of housing in Soweto and the death threats she had received

"I have not had a chance to think about my position and cannot at this stage say what I will do or if I will carry on with the job There's glass everywhere and I have had no chance to touch sides"



Mrs Del Kevan received death threats



Mrs Kevan's house where a bomb exploded early today A Soviet-made limpet mine was planted next to the chimney wall of the lounge

## Tshabalala may be back in council seat

Soweto mayor Mr Ephraim Tshabalala, suspended from the council for 135 days, is likely to return for the next council meeting after a hearing in the Rand Supreme Court yesterday

Mr E Du Toit, counsel for the Soweto Council, which suspended Mr Tshabalala for three consecutive terms of 45 days, conceded that Mr Tshabalala may return to future council meetings as a councillor, but not as mayor

Mr Tshabalala was suspended pending a court case by the council against him

Mr Justice Flemming reserved judgment

About 500 supporters of the Sofasonke Party, of which Mr Tshabalala is the president, tried to

attend the hearing. Those who could not get into the court stayed outside where they were watched by about 50 riot policemen

Mr Rene Kruger SC, counsel for Mr Tshabalala, said the council carried out Mr Tshabalala's suspension "as a member of the council and not just as a mayor"

"The council acted completely wrongly. Mr Tshabalala had no notice of the motion to suspend him. The resolution was moved from the floor."

Mr du Toit said Mr Tshabalala was suspended because he packed the gallery with squatters and asked the council to debate the housing shortage in their presence

# Del Kevan threatened with death for past eight months

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By Shirley Woodgate,  
Municipal Reporter

Mrs Del Kevan, the target of the bomb attack on her northern suburbs home in Johannesburg, has faced death threats for the past eight months

Since she took on the job of director of housing in Soweto in January, she has not only narrowly escaped yesterday's bombing attempt on her life — she has been stoned twice and only escaped a "necklace" death when the black councillor accompanying her routed the culprits with his firearm.

And after more than 23 people were shot in conflict over rent evictions in Soweto, she faced alienation from the political party she once led in the Randburg Town Council

Why? Why does a woman who could have opted for a safe office job accept one of the hottest positions in the country

Sitting under armed guard in her Craighall Park home only hours after the walls and foundation of the house had been split by a bomb, she said: "I went to Soweto to talk"

"I believe that the solutions to South Africa's problems lie in communication

"As the former director of housing in Johannesburg until 1980 I had the expertise to handle the job

"From the first day that I walked into my office my door was open to everyone whether they came to shout or to argue or to seek answers. And they came in an endless stream — but I cannot find solutions with people who come to plant bombs in the dark"

She has been made the public scapegoat for evictions since the rent boycott started in June. But council decisions on matters such as evictions are taken by all the black Soweto councillors as well as department heads

What has not been publicised is that her's was one of the voices that refused to support evictions unless they had been legally handled by the courts

She is bitter that she has been wrongly accused of having blood on her hands

"Had I known of the events taking place the night of the deaths, I would have moved heaven and earth to save innocent people.

"I believe the dead were pawns in a power game, just as I have been made the scapegoat for the problems in Soweto

"The blacks of Soweto have paid for those houses over and over again. At most they cost R400 when they were built in the '50s. I do not believe they must be forced to go on paying rentals, only the service charges for their sites"

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# Blast linked to job — Kevan

SOPHIE TEMA

AFTER weeks of receiving death threats and being called a racist, Soweto's housing director Del Kevan believes the limpet mine blast at her Craighall Park home yesterday was linked to her job

Asked if she would continue working for the Soweto Town Council, Kevan said "I have not had a chance to think about my work"

Nobody was hurt in the blast, which caused about R10 000 damage

Some of Kevan's colleagues said they suspected the blast was linked to the recent Soweto evictions

Kevan became unpopular after the killing of 21 people in Soweto's White City Jabavu — a result of seven families being evicted from Jabulani and Tshiawelo

She was called a "racist" after saying she was determined to crack down on people who refused to pay their rent. And that led to her being gagged by the council

As well, she received several death threats and had to be escorted to and from work

Kevan said the mine could have been planted in her garden, because she heard a loud blast close to her bedroom window

The former Randburg Progressive Federal Party councillor said she was convinced the attack was connected to her Soweto job and the death threats she had received

Several windows in front and on the side of the Kevan house were blown out, as well as five windows in a neighbouring house

Kevan said "I got a terrible fright when the blast woke me because I did not know what it was"

"I got out of bed and noticed that the lights had gone out and the burglar alarm had also gone off"

"I looked for my torch and by the time I got outside some of my neighbours were already on the scene and called the police"

"I went into the front rooms and saw glass everywhere"

# Employees tell of fear over Soweto Council jobs

By Sol Makgabutlane

Fear, uncertainty and anxiety are some of the emotions ordinary members of the Soweto Town Council have had to live with since the mass rent boycott was launched in the area three months ago

"We have personal fears that the kind of jobs we are doing may make people here feel we're their enemies," said an employee who wished to remain anonymous

Another said "Working for the council certainly damages your image in the community"

Some workers complain of being isolated by the community in which they live, others of being frowned upon when they pass by In some instances, this hostility can spill into violence as happened three weeks ago to a council clerk

Miss Fatima Mpotula (29), who works at the council's Mofolo offices, said she was attacked by youths who demanded a list of names of residents who ignored the rent boycott

She suffered head, facial and body injuries

"I have done nothing wrong to deserve this attack I have no access to these records I am just an employee, like the others Now, I am even afraid to go home when I leave the hospital," she said from her Baragwanath Hospital bed

Other employees said because of their links with the council, it was proving increasingly difficult to secure employment elsewhere

"I have found that working for the council automatically closes doors for your professional opportunities in the private sector," said one worker "If you stay too long here you will never be able to get out"

He said he applied to two companies for top-paying positions advertised in the media

## Social gatherings

"Once they discovered I work for the Soweto council they wanted to know if I would be accepted by the black community Then they stopped communicating with me altogether"

Other workers spoke of being shunned at social gatherings Said one "I was once invited to be a beauty contest judge When I arrived, one of the other judges, a political activist, said he would not share a platform with me because I worked for the system He said working for the system was 'selling out'"

He added "It is not everyone who works for the system who is a sell-out I know of a policeman who has repeatedly not gone out on riot patrol because he sympathised with the community"

Other employees, however, said there had been no visible change in attitudes.

"Sometimes children throw stones at our cars, but then that's done indiscriminately to everyone," observed another council employee "As far as my neighbours and relatives are concerned, nothing's changed"

A council policeman, insisting on anonymity, echoed similar sentiments

"I haven't seen any sort of change in the mood of my friends or neighbours," he said

Mr Nico Malan, Soweto Town Clerk, said council employees were like any ordinary person with a duty to perform

# Tembisa gives nod to union

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By LEN  
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THE Tembisa Town Council, fresh from a wage strike by its 1 200 employees, has granted recognition to the S A Black Municipal and Allied Workers Union.

The council announced its decision this week at a meeting between Tembisa Administrators, now responsible for the running of the township, and the union

Mr Solomon More, chairman of the administrators, said his board decided to recognise Sabmawu despite opposition from senior white officials

"We, as administrators, feel obliged to recognise a union representing our employees' interest," Mr More said

"On the other hand,



Mr BENNY Alexander...  
Sabmawu official.

senior white officials in the council have emphatically told us that they are not prepared to negotiate with the union, meaning that they do not want to talk to the representatives of our employees "

Yesterday's meeting has paved the way for the drawing up of a recognition agreement binding the two parties.

Mr More said the recent sacking of 21 white employees in the council was but the beginning of a move to have qualified

blacks, "denied promotion previously" occupy senior positions

The administrators have also extended the reinstatement period due to have ended on August 30, to September 30 for workers fired after a wage strike in May this year

"The way white officials handled employees' grievances was the cause of the strike," said Mr More

The council was paying Sabmawu members wages for the period they were out on strike, the administrator said. Some of the employees had had their wages upgraded after the strike.

Sabmawu publicity secretary Mr Benny Alexander welcomed the administrator's decision to recognise the union. He said long-standing grievances to be dealt with included salary structures and working conditions

# Kevan's still a PFP member

By SHAUN JOHNSON

DEL KEVAN, the beleaguered Soweto City Council housing director, is still a member of the Progressive Federal Party — and that's official.

It was recently revealed that Kevan, who first faced a storm of criticism and then a bomb at her home over her perceived role in the White City Jabavu tragedy, resigned from the PFP when she became the object of public attack.

According to PFP regional director Gary Cooney, who received her resignation verbally, "I spoke to her on the telephone at the height of the White City issue — I didn't ask her for her resignation — but she told me she wanted to resign and I could pass it on to the press, which I did. She said she was going to put it in writing."

Cooney then left for East London on business, during which time Kevan changed her mind.

Cooney says she contacted the local PFP executive and said she'd decided there was no reason for her to resign, "and that she'd like to stay on as an ordinary member of the party."

Because no written resignation had been received, the executive accepted this position.

According to Cooney there was no talk of expelling Kevan — but the executive retains the right, as a matter of course, to launch an inquiry if complaints are received from party members.

Kevan was unavailable for comment last night.

## Boycott continues to spread

The rent boycott has spread to 54 townships and could be costing local authorities R40 million a month or R1,3 million a day, the academic Community Research Group (CRG) based at Wits University said yesterday.

The State could lose R480 million a year if the boycotts in these areas continued for a year.

In its latest report the group said its figures were based on research that showed at least 4 million people, or 650 000 households, were not paying rent in the 54 townships.

"There is evidence that the boycott is spreading through many of the small OFS townships. Furthermore, the numbers of people not paying rent in some of the Port Elizabeth townships has also increased," the report said.

It noted the apparent spread of the boycott coincided with the Minister of Finance, Mr Barend du Plessis' announcement in July that R750 million had been allocated for low-cost housing development over the next two years.

## Del Kevan gives up Soweto post

By Shirley Woodgate, Municipal Reporter  
Soweto's director of housing, Mrs Del Kevan, resigned her position this morning and immediately left Johannesburg on an extended holiday.

She said she had handed her resignation to the town clerk, Mr Nico Malan, who offered her the opportunity of reconsidering it.

"By staying on in the job I would be endangering my neighbours who face the risk of another bomb attack being launched against me," she said.

Mrs Kevan has lived with threats of death hanging over her head ever since January. On Wednesday morning a limpet mine blasted her home in Craighall Park.



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## Motlana to take up challenge

Soweto Civic Association leader Dr Nthato Motlana said he would take up a request by the Divisional CID officer for Soweto, Brigadier James Beeslaar, to prove his claim that five people were shot dead at a night vigil last weekend

Brigadier Leon Mellet of the Bureau for Information said that, following Dr Motlana's claims, the matter was taken up with Brigadier Beeslaar

"Brigadier Beeslaar publicly invites Dr Motlana to his office to provide any information and/or witnesses he may have to substantiate his claim.

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"Brigadier Beeslaar says he wishes to assure Dr Motlana through *The Star* that he will investigate any information which he provides."

Dr Motlana backed allegations made by survivors of the shooting in Dube at the weekend that five people were shot dead at the night vigil

"It is about time one stopped talking to the police through newspapers I am a working man, but I will provide Brigadier Beeslaar with the information he requires"

# BANG!

## Del Kevan's worries didn't end with a limpet mine

By DERRICK LUTHAYI

SOWETO housing director Del Kevan - still rattled by the limpet mine attack on her house earlier this week - nearly jumped out of her skin yesterday morning when a shot rang out in her yard

But she need not have worried - the shot came from the rifle of a nervous blackjack (Greenjack) guarding her Craighall Park property. The policeman had pulled the trigger accidentally

Two neighbours came running out of their homes and strongly reprimanded the shivering policeman - who said the rifle went off accidentally and apologised for the incident

The incident took place while I was inside Kevan's home interviewing her about the explosion which blasted her house early on Wednesday morning

At about the same time as the cracking shot, a mystery caller phoned and asked her what she had said to the Press - and then put down the phone

A shaken Kevan said she

was not certain about her future in the council

"I have been made a scapegoat because I, as an official, am part of the management team - and all I did was to warn and advise people to pay rent to avoid evictions

"I did not mean the people who had stopped paying rents because of the rent boycott, because they were intimidated into not paying. I meant the incorrigible people - those incapable of being corrected or reformed and who have not been paying for a long time, before the rent boycott started in June," she said

Kevan said the damage done to her house was far higher than the R10 000 damages first estimated. The force of the explosion - which sounded like "a crash of thunder" - shattered windows of about ten neighbouring houses

One neighbour's 13-year-old daughter was lucky to escape injury when the window next to her bed shattered

Kevan said that since the rent issue had become a "such a controversy" she

had been a victim of threatening telephone calls at work and at home

All I did was carry out the council's instructions she said

The Bureau for Information said police had established that the explosive device which rocked the Craighall Park home at about 3 30am on Wednesday was of Soviet origin

The explosion at Kevan's house is the first of its kind to be directed at a white council official

Kevan has been criticised strongly by Soweto people for her tough policy towards rent defaulters

When she took over as housing director from JJ Jacobs, she announced her determination to crack down on rent defaulters

Kevan is a former member of the Progressive Federal Party - she resigned from the party after the August 26 shootings at White City Jabavu. At least 24 people were killed when security forces opened fire on crowds of residents demonstrating against the evictions of rent defaulters

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Del Kevan outside her home yesterday - still tense.

## Three to hang for 'political necklace'

THREE men were sentenced to death in the Cape Supreme Court for the "politically-inspired" necklace murder of Oudtshoorn community councillor Patrick "Big Boy" Maranene last November.

Judge AJ Lategan said this week there was "only one sentence" for Patrick Manginda, 23, Desmond Majoja, 27, and Dickson Madikane, 26, after ruling that there were no extenuating circumstances.

Manginda smiled after hearing the sentence.

Lategan said on November 22, while Maranene was on his way from his house to where he was killed, Manginda, Majoja and Madikane must have made a choice to join a group following him.

According to evidence, it was clear that when the group started following Maranene and throwing stones they intended to harm him, the judge said.

The group was not deterred when Maranene fired his revolver repeatedly.

Maranene was killed because he collaborated with the authorities, Lategan said.

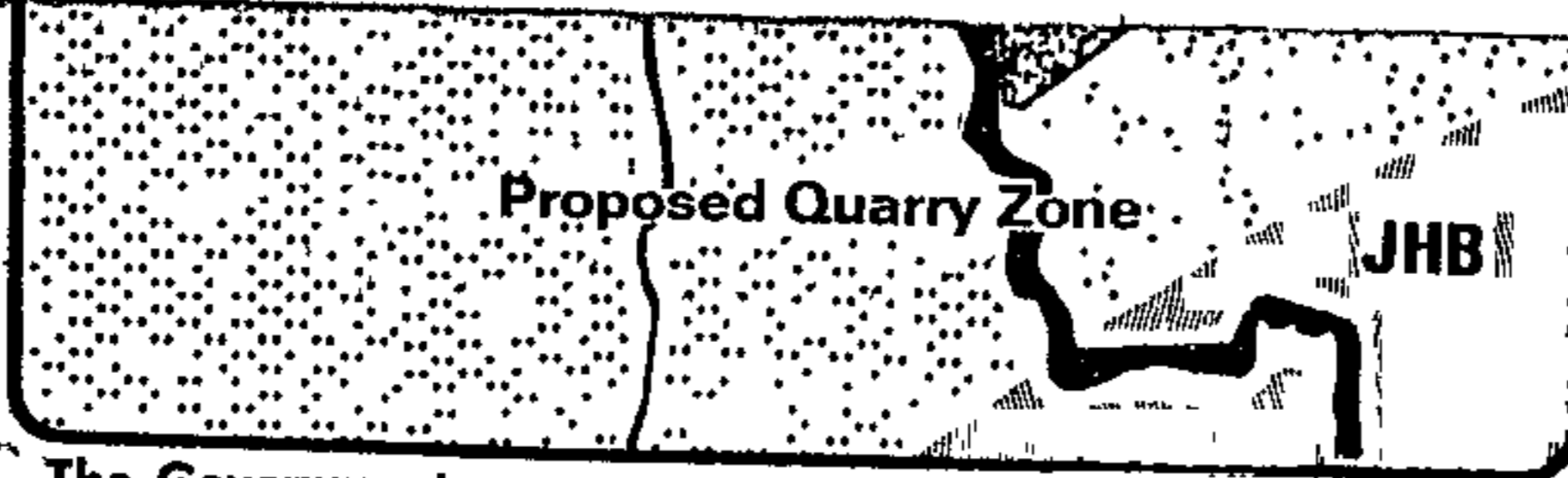
The judge said he was "convinced the murder was 'politically-inspired'".

He said there was "so much hate" in Majoja's heart that after most of the group left the scene, he smoked a cigarette and washed the blood from his hands. He replaced the burning tyre around Maranene's neck after a woman had removed it.

The sentencing of a 16-year-old youth - also convicted of murdering Maranene - was postponed to October 14 for a probation officer's report.

Two youths, aged 15 and 17, were each jailed for two years for robbing Maranene.

Manginda, Majoja, Madikane and the youths have previous convictions, including assault with intent to do grievous bodily harm - Sapa



The Government proposes to zone 5 000 ha of farming land south of the proposed Norweto township and the Diepsloot nature reserve — shown here on the map — for quarrying building materials. A local consulting engineer believes the land to be "entirely unsuitable" and sees the plan as an attempt to create a buffer around Norweto.

## Govt rethink on environment

By James Clarke

The Government is to draw up a new Environment Act — from scratch.

Director General of Environmental Affairs, Mr Fred Otto, announced in Sandton at the weekend that the new Act would be introduced in 1988.

Departing from his intended address to the first annual conference of the Institute of Landscape Architects, Mr Otto said: "We have concluded we have to look at this *de novo*."

He said in an interview afterwards that on the advice of the Council for the Environment, the Government might make "environmental impact assessments" (EIAs) compulsory.

EIAs are reports drawn up by developers listing all the anticipated good and bad effects of a proposed development.

He said the role of the landscape architect was of vital importance because the discipline directly related development to the environment.

## Sebe gets hostage ultimatum

EAST LONDON — Ciskei President Lennox Sebe's eldest son Kwane and a senior police officer are being held hostage in Transkei by Mr Namba Sebe, the President's brother.

A Ciskei Government statement yesterday said it had been informed by Mr Namba Sebe, who fled Ciskei while facing charges of fraud and corruption, that Major-General Kwane Sebe, commander of the Ciskei

police's elite unit, and Colonel Zandisile Ngwanya, would be freed in exchange for the release from prison of Toni and Rumbashe Sebe, sons of Mr Namba Sebe and his brother Charles.

Another demand was that President Sebe resign.

Charles Sebe was serving 12 years for inciting police and army officers to release a detained officer by force — Sapa

## Home of second white official is attacked

By Melody McDougall, Vereeniging Bureau

In the second attack this month aimed at township officials in white residential areas, the home of the Town Clerk of Lekoa, Mr Klasie Louw, was petrol-bombed early on Saturday morning.

Damage caused by a fire in Mr Louw's lounge at his home in Ackerman Street was slight.

The bombing followed the recent eviction of several rent boycotters from their houses in Vaal Triangle

townships, and came days after windows in Mr Louw's home were fitted with protective sheeting.

The home of Mrs Del Kevan, Soweto's then housing director, was damaged by a limpet mine last week.

Mr Louw said yesterday two petrol bombs had been hurled into the lounge. He said that one bomb, which landed on the windowsill, did not explode. He estimated damage at R2 500.

Asked whether he was considering resigning, Mr Louw said he had been with the Lekoa council for 29 years and felt he could still offer valuable service.

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**Kevan post  
is vacant**

The Soweto Council is to invite applications for the vacancy created by the resignation of its housing director, Mrs Del Kevan

A notice advertising the post will appear soon

Mrs Kevan resigns tomorrow from the controversial post she has held since January

She has lived with threats since she became Soweto's housing director and quit after her Craighall Park home was damaged in a limpet mine attack last week

She is understood to be out of town

# Dissolve Soweto Council call

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GOVERNMENT has been asked to consider dissolving the Soweto City Council and allow the appointment of an interim committee, representative of all blacks, to administer the township's affairs.

This announcement was made yesterday by the executive of the Sofasonke Party, which called for the resignation of all councillors and mandated mayor E T Tshabalala to dissolve the council.

A delegation consisting mainly of members of the Sofasonke Party executive — including Tshabalala, who is also party president — yesterday submitted the mandate to J Hitge, director of Local Authority, and B Fourie at the offices of the Department of Constitutional Development and Planning, Pretoria.

Ambition Brown, PRO for the party,

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said after returning from Pretoria: "The Office of the Minister has promised to consider the matter and we'll be notified as soon as a decision has been made."

About 5 000 supporters of the Sofasonke Party called for the immediate resignation of all councillors in Soweto.

The councillors, who are in hiding, are accused of malpractices and not serving the interests of Soweto's people.

□ The Soweto Council is to invite applications for the vacancy left open by housing director Del Kevan, who resigned last week after her Craighall Park home was damaged in a limpet mine attack.

# Vote on open town hall called off

East Rand Bureau

Today's planned referendum in Nigel on whether blacks should be allowed into the town hall has been called off

On Monday the town council accepted a motion to cancel the referendum

The reason was that the question "are you in favour of the town hall being opened to other races?" was too vague

## NOT INFORMED

The decision comes after the National Party in Nigel asked the council to postpone the ballot. It said voters were not sufficiently informed on the issue

In a pamphlet sent to all Nigel mu-

nicipal voters, the chairman of the NP divisional council, Mr Johannes Hoogenboezem, said "On the eve of the planned referendum, the town council has still not advised voters what they have in mind by 'opening'"

The pamphlet said that "the NP supports making the town hall available to other races on a limited basis which assures proper control and in no way harms vested rights of the white community"

A council spokesman said there were no plans to hold the referendum at a later date

He added "The status quo is that non-whites still have to apply to the council for permission to use the hall"

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JOHANNESBURG —

The Johannesburg City Council is to investigate phasing out racial discrimination in the city's transport services.

This follows the unanimous adoption of a motion by a New Republic Party councillor, Mr Ron Selley, at a council meeting this week.

Commenting after the meeting, Mr Max Neppe (PFP) said his party fully agreed with the desegregation of buses. When a similar motion had been introduced in June the PFP had pushed for the total elimination, not merely the phasing out of apartheid in transport services.

"Because all the routes are common to more than one service and the fares for black services are 60 per cent of those used by whites, coloured and Asians, we believed that it will not be possible to implement integration in phases route by route" he said. — Sapa

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# ER council dismisses 15 officials

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THE Ratanda Community Council has dismissed 15 white officials who were seconded to it by the East Rand Development Area formerly the East Rand Development Board.

They were dismissed last week. The Mayor of Ratanda, Mr J Sibaya, yesterday confirmed that the white officials had been dismissed by the council but refused to elaborate.

He referred the *Sowetan* to Mr Tom Boya, chairman of the East

By MZIKAYISE  
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Rand Urban Council's Association (Eruca) further particulars.

Mr Boya yesterday said the executive committee of Eruca met members of the Ratanda Community Council and officials of the Department of Constitutional, Development and Planning to try and resolve the dispute between the officials and councillors.

Mr Boya said "The matter is still *sub judice* and Eruca will issue a statement as soon as the problem has been resolved.

Mr J H Opperman, the chief director of the East Rand Development Area yesterday said Erada had no power to decide whether the council withdraws the services of seconded officials or not.

## Replace

According to sources within the council three white officials were fired because some of them were "arrogant" and others had to be replaced by blacks.

The source also said that following talks between councillors, executive members of Eruca and officials of the department, some of the officials may be re-employed but the council still has to make a final decision on this.

He said "The council intends replacing the whites with blacks."

Last month the Tembisa administrators dismissed more than 10 white officials and replaced them with black personnel.

# Soweto Council has 'become ridiculous'

By Michael Tissong

The situation in the Soweto Council has become ridiculous, according to the mayor, Mr Ephraim Tshabalala. Councillors no longer live in the township and meetings are held in Johannesburg instead of Soweto.

Mr Ambition Brown, public relations officer of the Sofasonke Party of which Mr Tshabalala is president, said Mr Tshabalala was the only councillor at the council chambers yesterday.

Soweto councillors left the township early last month after one had been killed and others attacked. Some councillors have been staying in a guarded block of flats in Fordsburg.

## MEETING SECRETLY

Mr Brown said the councillors and the town clerk, Mr Nico Malan, were meeting secretly and, in effect, giving Mr Tshabalala the "cold shoulder".

"The Supreme Court ruled that Mr Tshabalala could take over his duties after the council tried to suspend him for 135 days. Now, instead of giving effect to the court's decision by holding meetings with Mr Tshabalala, they are doing things without telling him.

"The management committee was supposed to meet at the council yester-

day but Mr Tshabalala was here the whole day waiting for them. They apparently met in town.

"They are trying to handle the affairs of Soweto people in town. This is wrong. This is ridiculous. There has not been one councillor besides Mr Tshabalala in the council building the whole day."

Councillors and the town clerk, Mr Nico Malan, were not available for comment.

Mr Brown added that Mr Tshabalala was facing political pressure to resign from the council. Last week youths forced a promoter to cancel his show at the Eyethu Cinema which is owned by Mr Tshabalala and hold it elsewhere.

"It is not only Mr Tshabalala who should resign. We were given a mandate at our Sofasonke Party meeting to disband the council and we have been to the government offices in Pretoria to urge that this be done. We cannot just leave because someone else will come in and take over.

"Mr Tshabalala wants all the councillors to resign when he resigns so that the affairs of the council can be run democratically by the Sofasonke Party and bodies interested in the civic affairs of the township, including the Soweto Civic Association."

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# Council in feud with whites

THE East Rand United Councils Association (Eruca) and the Department of Constitutional Development are investigating a feud between the Ratanda Community Council and white officials.

Fifteen white officials were dismissed by the council last week

Eruca chairman Tom Boya yesterday confirmed the feud between the council and white officials seconded to the council by the East Rand Board

Boya said "There is a wrangle and we are trying to negotiate with both

parties I will be talking to Ratanda mayor J Sibiya on Monday to see if we cannot settle the matter." He promised to issue a statement at the end of his investigations.

According to Sibiya, 15 officials were dismissed by the council last week.

But Boya said as far as he knew there were only about six officials serving on the council

There is talk that the council intends replacing the white officials

with blacks

In Soweto, members of the Sifa-sonke Party said the wrangle between Mayor ET Tshabalala — president of the party — and the councillors was worsening.

Ambition Brown, public relations officer of the party, said yesterday councillors and Town Clerk Nico Malan had been holding meetings without informing Tshabalala

Malan could not be reached for comment yesterday.

# The Star HOMES SHOW

Fourways Gardens

## Villages celebrate removal reprieve

By Sol Makhubane

The Transvaal communities of Driefontein and kwaNgema have organised a feast tomorrow to celebrate their victory over forced removal.

The Government had been planning since the 1960s to relocate the communities in kwaZulu and kaNgwane. This aroused opposition and culminated in the death of community leader Mr Saul Mkhize, who was shot dead by a policeman.

Last August Deputy Minister of Land Affairs Mr Ben Wilkens announced that the Government would not resettle the communities.

Instead, when the rising waters of the new Heyshope Dam covered parts of their land, the communities would be compensated in cash and given adjacent land that was previously white-owned.

## Youths remove house numbers

Youths in Central Western Jabavu, Soweto, are removing house numbers from the doors and walls in an apparent attempt to thwart town council officials from evicting residents.

Residents have not been paying rent since June this year.

Street names have also been removed in a campaign which one resident said was launched two weeks ago.

Youths used paint to blot out the numbers. They pulled off those pasted on the doors or walls and gave them back to the occupants to keep.

The removal of the numbers will, however, also pose problems for the postman.

A township manager at the rent and administration office of the area said they were not allowed to comment on issues related to the town council.

Town council officials were not available for comment.

## Masire to visit Aussie

The Star's Africa News Service

GABORONE — President Quett Masire of Botswana leaves this weekend for an official visit to New Zealand and Australia.

He will go to New York, where, it is believed, he will address the United Nations General Assembly.

President Masire will be accompanied by his wife and the Foreign Minister, Dr Gaositwe Chiepe.

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# If the Indaba is accepted . . .



John Kane-Berman is the director of the SA Institute of Race Relations and deputy chairman of the KwaZulu-Natal Indaba, which he discussed with the FM.

**FM:** Government recently transferred a number of towns to KwaZulu jurisdiction, in line with its local government policy on self-governing authorities. Does this cut across what the Indaba is trying to achieve?

**Kane-Berman:** No. One of the powers the Indaba believes should be handled at provincial level is overall control and supervision of local government, subject to the principle of maximum devolution of power to the third tier, which the Indaba has accepted.

There are existing systems of local government in KwaZulu and white Natal. If the central government accepts Indaba thinking, and returns broad control of local government to the provincial level — where it was until recently anyway — then presumably the new (Natal provincial) government will ultimately enact a new statute dealing with local government within a single ministry that caters for all population groups.

**KwaZulu wanted government to delay implementing the new provincial system until the Indaba put forward its proposals. Does this put a brake on them?**

Not a brake. But it came at an inopportune time in that there were two convening parties of the Indaba — the KwaZulu government and the Natal Provincial Administration. Now the NPA fell away as an elected institution and was replaced by appointees, despite the fact that they were one of the convening parties.

The logical thing for government to have done was to accede to the request that any changes in the structure of provincial government be delayed until we had reported to it. That request was regrettably not met.

**Are the Indaba's plans peculiar to Natal?**

I would hope not. Natal's particular circumstances have necessitated it as a matter of urgency, and have facilitated it. For example, the Natal Provincial Council has been under the control, not of the National Party, but the New Republic Party. This facilitated a degree of informal working co-operation with KwaZulu over a fairly long period. You had a far-sighted white political leader of Natal in Frank Martin, who was talking about this kind of co-operation while Vorster was prime minister.

On the black political scene, there is a coherent mass-based organisation large enough to make white and other negotiators confident that an agreement with it is likely to be adhered to.

A map of KwaZulu-Natal tells you that it's impossible to do anything in terms of physical planning — roads, public works — with two totally separate political structures, which is the government's way. It was blocked by (KwaZulu Chief Mangosuthu) Buthelezi and his supporters because Inkatha refused to make KwaZulu a sovereign independent State.

Apart from the fact that the vast majority of blacks in Natal (and elsewhere) reject the policy of hiving off homelands into "independence," it would have produced in Natal the sort of chaos that happened in East London with the consumer and bus boycotts. Business in East London who wanted to deal with those issues had to go through the Department of Foreign Affairs of the Ciskei, a supposedly separate State, because Mdantsane, the organisational base of those boycotts, is in Ciskei. That's utterly ridiculous.

**What about the effect of government's land consolidation plans for Natal?**

There's no enthusiasm for them in Natal. One of the implications of the Indaba, if its proposals are accepted by central government and enacted into law, is that the boundaries of KwaZulu as a self-governing entity will disappear in practice.

You won't then have a multiracial-but-nominated provincial executive controlling the white areas, and the KwaZulu government controlling KwaZulu. It will be a single legislature for the whole Province of Natal, and it envisages a single Cabinet for the whole province.

**Does the exercise have legitimacy?**

Despite the fact that government rejected the Buthelezi Commission report before even studying it, the executive committee of the Natal Provincial Council and the KwaZulu Cabinet went ahead with various co-operative structures. There was a joint working group of civil servants from both administrations set up last year, as well as a Strategic Policy Group.

They put to government a proposal to give the joint Strategic Policy Group statutory status.

That was accepted and incorporated in the Joint Executive Authority Act, which was the only piece of important legislation that went through the recent, rather abortive, second parliamentary session.

But then the next stage, as (KwaZulu's) Oscar Dhlomo pointed out, is that if you have a joint executive, you should follow it with a joint legislature. He observed that the two convening parties of the executive did not represent everybody in Natal. A joint legislative body required a much wider process of involvement in devising the plan.

Hence the Indaba, and bringing in people not represented by either of those two authorities — a mini constituent assembly for that area.

Assuming the Indaba reaches agreement on a constitutional package for government in Natal, that the central government enacts it into law, and that the show gets on the road, then the first election will be held. A multiracial legislature would be in place, a multiracial Cabinet would come into operation. Then I think a number of things will happen.

First, political stability can be maintained. There will be increased business confidence and greater investment, including some foreign investment. With greater investment you will get positive rates of GDP growth per capita, blacks in Natal will see that multiracial government not only means that they have meaningful power, but also that their material conditions start improving because there is growth to finance it.

Then whites in the rest of the country will see that they're not driven into the sea if there is multiracial government. Demand for this kind of thing will burgeon in different parts of the country. The proof of the pudding will be in the eating. If it's seen to work as I believe it will, you will get similar initiatives elsewhere. There is a great yearning for this kind of politics — that is, effective consultation with no preconditions laid down by either side.

**But will government accept the Indaba's proposals?**

The Indaba has a fighting chance. I detect a more favourable attitude from government's side. When the Joint Executive Authority Bill was introduced in parliament, the State President rightly drew a very clear distinction between joint executive structures and joint legislative structures, saying the latter had very profound political implications. He seemed to imply that for people of different races to make laws together was like something that should be permissible only between consenting adults in private.

Subsequently, (Natal NP leader) Stoffel Botha has said government would look very seriously at the proposals that came out of the Indaba. Government's stated position is, correctly, that it will reserve judgment until the final proposals are presented to it.

The NP observers at the Indaba, who have full speaking rights, are making a constructive contribution to the deliberations.

But looking at the broad political climate, it seems to me that government's constitutional plans are falling apart at every level. From this point of view, the Indaba is highly opportune.

We are coming up with a practical proposal that I have no doubt will command the majority of support in Natal.

One has to hope that government has a little bit of humility, that its professed desire to see greater devolution is sincere, and that it will have the humility to let other initiatives be tried where its own have failed.

# Mayor calls on absent officials to quit

By SAMKELO KUMALO

SOWETO councillors forced to flee their homes at the height of the unrest two months ago, now face a new crisis — they have been accused of neglecting their duties and have been asked to resign

The mayor, Mr Ephraim Tshabalala, and the United Democratic Front (UDF) this week claimed the councillors had deserted their posts and should no longer be allowed to hold office

But the councillors are adamant they will continue to perform their duties

And they deny they have capitulated to intimidation by the so-called "comrades" in Soweto who want to destroy established order

Several councillors — regarded by radicals as sell-outs — left Soweto when their homes were attacked and their families threatened

They are now living in a municipal block of flats in the Fordsburg area

## Staying

One, Mr Sigfried Manthatha, recently returned to his home in Soweto after damage done to it had been repaired

But Johannes Mokoena, Thami Ndaba, Julius Mdlalose, Johannes Khumalo and Patrick Gaboutloetloe are still in Fordsburg

Mr Mokoena says "Though we are not living in Soweto, we commute there every day and are still taking care of township administration

"Nothing will make me resign — not even death threats"

Another councillor, Mr Zacharia Madikane, says his house has been petrol-bombed and attacked with a grenade, but he has not left

"I refuse to run away or resign my council seat"

"I know the radical elements want us out but I am staying"

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the shooting on August 4, opened fire when they re

# The city that is leaving thousands in the cold

TENS of thousands of squatters will move onto vacant land on Johannesburg's outskirts - unless the critical black housing shortage is handled creatively

This warning comes from town planning expert Pauline Morris - who'll speak on "Johannesburg: The Second Century" at a conference next week

Johannesburg is showing the results of having neglected its lower socio-economic group, Morris said.

"Most white citizens are unaware of the growing squatter settlements springing up around the city.

"But throughout the Witwatersrand dozens of shacks are rising on vacant land - as desperate homeless people take the only course of action which appears open to them"

The official view was "disturbing", Morris said. The draft guide plan for the Witwatersrand stipulated that the proportion of black people in the region would remain constant - "in spite of the fact that the growth rate of the black population has actually increased in the past decade or so," she said.

If this was the basis of the government's urbanisation strategy, no room was being made for the crisis already on the doorstep, Morris said

"What we really need are creative solutions - not ideologically-based ones."

● Constitutional Development and Planning Minister Chris Heunis will open the conference at the Rand Afrikaans University on October 16 - Sapa.

# Youth in 'revenge' attack on council

By DERRICK LUTHAYI

ARMED with stones, youths launched a "revenge" attack on the Soweto council's Orlando West offices on Tuesday morning, sending terrified employees scuttling for cover under desks and into cupboards

Council cops fired several shots at the youths who dispersed and moved to the Maponya shopping complex, where they looted and set alight a beer truck.

Council employees escaped injury and hurriedly left for their homes. Three staff cars were slightly damaged.

One of the clerks said they were taken by surprise at about 9.45 am when stones landed on the building "I peeped through the window and saw a group throwing stones. I dashed into the adjacent office and found some of my colleagues under the desks and others in cupboards."

It is believed that the attack was revenge against council cops who recently took part in the White City "rent war" which claimed the lives of 27 people, and in the Dube night vigil in which four people were shot

Another shooting which may have infuriated the youths was the death of Peter Makgae, who was shot when council police opened fire on a crowd of people

The Bureau for Information confirmed the Sunday shooting and said the group were armed with hammers and a bulldozer - and wanted to demolish councillor Patrick Gaboutloeloe's house

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# COUNCILLORS DEFLY RESIGN CALL

THE three new members of the Wattville Village Council claimed yesterday that they have received anonymous letters demanding that they should resign from their posts.

The three are Mr Timothy "Mamline" Masoou, Mr Ezekiel Mtshah and Mr Shadrack Masuku. They were elected unopposed on October 3 to fill seats left vacant when two councillors resigned early this year and after another died.

The resignation of Mr Noel Mlokoth, former mayor of Wattville, Mr K Magubane and the death of Mr Hannock Kgobe

## 'We want to

## serve the

## community'

brought about the collapse of the council as the remaining two councillors, Mr Samuel Ntshona, mayor of Wattville, and Mr Cedric Xulu could not form a quorum.

Speaking on behalf of the three, Mr Mtshah said the letter warned that if they did not resign the same pressure would be applied on them as was applied

on the previous councillors who ultimately resigned.

He said "We were warned in the letters that we were working for a toothless organisation which was retarding the progress of the masses."

But, according to Mr Mtshah, the three have no intention of resigning from the council. He said "We will continue to serve the community and we will only resign when approached by the community of Wattville and not faceless people or organisations."

Wattville was run by the white administrator from March 1985 until October 3.

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# State President won't receive freedom of city

JOHANNESBURG — The State President, Mr Botha, will not get the freedom of the city, Johannesburg's Management Committee has decided

The centenary banquet on November 17, when the freedom would have been conferred, has also been cancelled

A news release today said the management committee had "decided with regret not to proceed with recommendations to the city council to offer the freedom to the State President"

"This step was taken after the matter was dis-

cussed in the Press while negotiations were taking place with the Progressive Federal Party in the council

"In the light of this, the management committee does not see its way clear to ask the State President to consider accepting the Freedom of the City"

The statement by the management committee points out that "because of extraordinary circumstances which stem from the new constitutional dispensation, the State President is both executive head and party leader", — Sapa

# Rent boycott 300 lose jobs

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**MORE than 300 Soweto Council black employees are to be retrenched because of the township rent boycott.**

This has been revealed to the *Sowetan* by workers who claimed that the council's town clerk, Mr Nico Malan, informed them at a meeting that the council was having financial problems following the rent boycott.

The workers said Mr Malan warned them that the council had no alternative but to retrench some of them because the rent boycott was having serious effects on the council's financial position.

The deputy mayor of Soweto, Mr Glen Jwara, yesterday confirmed that some workers will have to be retrenched because of the rent boycott.

Mr Malan's secretary told the *Sowetan* that he was unavailable to talk to the Press.

The University of the Witwatersrand's Community Research Group (CRG) has also announced that rent boycotts in the Pretoria-Witwatersrand-Vereeniging (PWV) and other areas, including bantustans, were costing the government at least R1-million a day.

To make matters worse, the council has had to spend R16 000 on temporary toilets for the 1 000 shacks that have now popped up on the Soweto golf course — popularly known as "Mshenguville".

The Soweto rent boycott has also had devastating results when at least 30 people were shot dead near White City, Jabavu during confrontation between residents and council police who were attempting to evict rent defaulters.

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# Soweto to fire 300

JOHANNESBURG. — The Soweto council confirmed that more than 300 of its workers would soon be retrenched because the council was "near-bankruptcy" because of the rent boycott.

Reports by staff reporter, own correspondent, political staff and Sapa-AP

# Soweto's workers to lose jobs

JOHANNESBURG  
The Soweto Council has confirmed that more than 300 of its workforce is soon to face retrenchment as the council is in a state of "near-bankruptcy" because of the rent boycott.

The confirmation was made by the council's deputy mayor, Mr Glen Jwara yesterday who said "We are very sorry that hundreds of people will lose their jobs at these difficult times. We are very bitter about this. But what can we do? The council is losing a lot of money on a daily basis and sooner or later we will be absolutely bankrupt unless people come forward and pay their rents," Mr Jwara said.

He could not say how much money the council has lost since the start of the boycott early this year — DDC

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# Jobs threat shows Govt boycott dilemma

By David Braun, Political Correspondent

Reports this week that more than 300 Soweto Council employees may be retrenched because of the rent boycott have underlined the dilemma faced by the Government with boycotts costing it an estimated R500 000 to R1 million a day nationally.

The reports have not been confirmed but the deputy mayor of Soweto, Mr Glen Jwara, was quoted yesterday as saying some workers would have to be retrenched because of the boycott.

The boycotts have also exacted a high death toll. More than 20 people were killed in the disturbances at White City, Soweto, in August following rumours that the Soweto Council was to evict people who had not paid rents.

There has also been intimidation of residents by activists and many black families live in terror of having their homes burnt down if they pay or being thrown out of their dwellings by the authorities if they don't.

According to one estimate, the rent boycotts countrywide are costing the Government at least R1 million a day.

And Department of Constitutional Development sources say that close on R200 million has been budgeted for interest-free "bridging loans" to black local authorities which are strapped for cash. Last year the figure was R75 million.

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The loans are to be repaid over five years but if the rent boycotts continue, it is not certain the Treasury will ever see this money again.

Details of how the various local authorities have been affected by the boycotts are apparently not easy to come by as central responsibility for black municipal authorities has been delegated to the provinces and each township must now be separately approached for information.

However, from information supplied by Minister of Consti-

tutional Development Mr Chris Heunis in Parliament, it is evident that by the middle of this year, before the rent boycotts began in earnest, a total of R43 million was outstanding in rent arrears in 11 black towns in the PWV.

The towns have a combined official estimated population of just more than two million people.

Sebokeng was in arrears to the tune of R21 312 109 on May 31, in respect of 19 910 houses and businesses.

Some 6 073 householders and businesses owed the Sharpeville authorities a collective R8,3 million in arrears at the same date.

In Boipatong 2 082 tenants were in arrears to the total of R3 million.

The corresponding figures for Soweto were Soweto R2,5 million (27 000 residents), Diepmeadow R1,1 million (20 840 residents) and Dobsonville R348 000 (about 40 percent of tenants).

## RADICALS

Mr Heunis told Parliament on September 3 that the experience in Soweto and everywhere in the country was that blacks accepted they should pay for their accommodation, water and electricity.

At the beginning of June, however, he added, the Comrades and certain other radical organisations publicly announced a boycott of rentals and service charges.

People who wanted to pay their rentals and service charges were physically prevented from doing so and even threatened with death and violence if they did.

Clearly the Government feels it must try various measures to resolve the problem.

The standard mechanism of evicting tenants in arrears is not a good option following the unrest and deaths at White City in August.

An attempt earlier this year by the Government to provide for orders on salaries was dropped.

Now there is a new Bill providing for the blocking of property sales or 99-year leases to people who are not fully paid up.

Some Government officials believe the solution lies in alternate sources of finance.

They are looking to the regional services councils, which will tax employers and businesses, or possibly to an old idea of Johannesburg management committee chairman Mr Francois Oberholzer's — raising general sales tax.

# Grenades hurled at house

Pretoria Bureau

17/10/82  
Two grenades were thrown at the house of a Soweto councillor last night, according to the Bureau for Information.

The grenades exploded outside the house without causing damage.

In an unrest report for the 24-hour period ending at 6 am today, a bureau spokesman said buses were attacked yesterday by groups of stonethrowers in Kagiso.

Six people, including a year-old baby, were injured last night when a petrol bomb was thrown at a home in Bonteheuwel, Cape Town, he said.

The injured were Mr K Hopply, Ms Lala Jansen (33), Ms Daly Muisenheimer, Karlien Jansen (1), Nel Jansen (10) and Klemen Muisenheimer (2), who is reported to be in a "serious" condition.

# A MESSAGE FOR



BRIGADIER C Loubscher

# GOING TO POLICE

**Serve your communities and not just be a force of power**

## SOWETAN REPORTER

MUNICIPAL police should strive to maintain law and order and not be intimidated by elements attempting to destroy the Government, a top policeman said at the weekend.

Speaking at the passing-out parade of 509 newly-qualified municipal police, the Divisional Commissioner of the SAP in Soweto, Brigadier C Loubscher, called on the police to serve their communities and not merely appear as a force of power.

He said, "As municipal police you must remember that respect can only be earned through your deeds and actions towards your fellow man. However, you must not allow anything to cloud the path you have chosen." He continued "To date 1 189 students have completed their training at the Tladi college in Soweto, to which number must be added

the 509 male and female new municipal police who graduated today."

The colourful ceremony, attended by Soweto's dignitaries, was blessed by Bishop Isaac Mokoena, the joint president of the new United Christian Conciliation Party.

### Hoped

Brigadier Loubscher said "You are going to be responsible for maintaining that fine social balance between two opposite factions — those that strive to uphold the system and those that will attempt to destroy the system. You must never let intimidation become an excuse for inaction," he said.

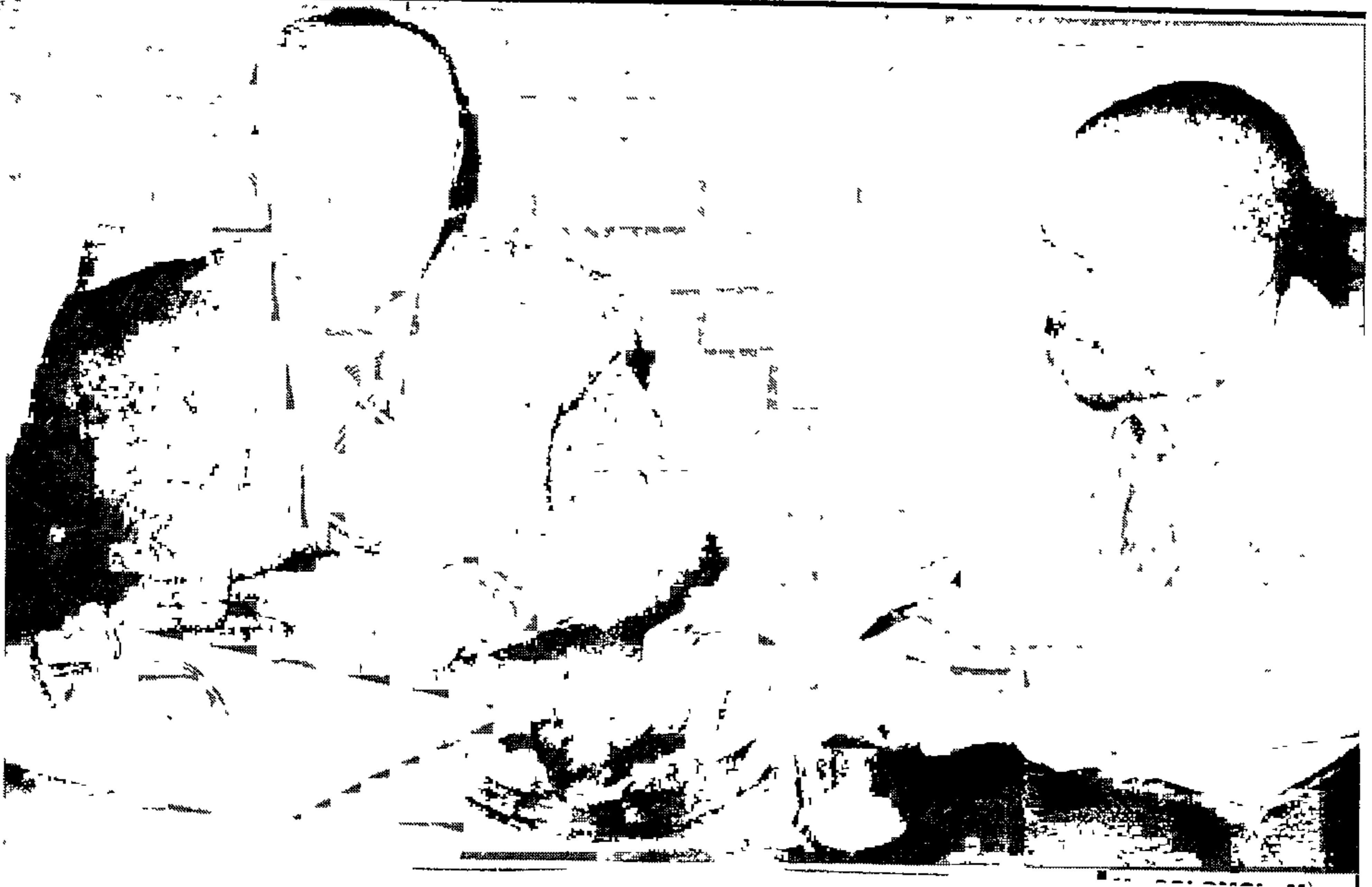
He hoped that their powers and duties had been explained to them.



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# The new township bosses

## FOCUS

By MZIKAYISE EDOM

The six, Mr Solomon Boas More (chairman), Mr Mandla Samuel Songo (vice-chairman),

Mr Samuel Phaswane, Mr Charles Sithole, Mr Frans Nkoana and Mr Philip Mashabela, are all former councillors

They remained on the council after their colleagues, including the mayor Mr Lucas Muthaba, resigned and left it without a quorum

Mr More this week said the administrators had more powers than the town and community councils

### Decisions

He said: "We can take decisions on our own, unlike the local authorities who have to approach the Government before embarking on most of their projects"

But recent developments in Tembisa have proved that the administrators do not have as much powers as they claim

Last month, they decided that 12 090 hostel

inmates — mostly migrant labourers — will have to vacate the 1 209 four-roomed houses they are using temporarily This was to make way for homeless families

The men were to have been evicted last Wednesday but they are still there

### Problem

The administrators are waiting for the Department of Constitutional, Development and Planning to say whether the men should be evicted.

Said Mr More "Our problem is money Therefore we cannot embark on any project

"We are losing about R2,2 million a month because of the (rent)

Mr SOLOMON MORE (left), chairman of the Tembisa Administrators, with Mr Samuel Songo, his deputy

boycott and unless people start paying, we will be unable to start on any of the projects Everything is at standstill now," Mr More added

Mr More said when the administrators had money they would.

- Build more houses to accommodate the 40 000 families on the housing waiting list,
- Complete the sewerage system in the township,
- Complete the electrification of all houses in the area, and
- Provide jobs for Tembisa residents

### Houses

"Before we take any decisions in the township, we will first approach residents and inform them about our plans We also plan to form committees, made up of residents, to liaise with the administrators," Mr More said

He hoped this would solve the problems encountered by the now-defunct council

"We will not do things the residents are against We have seen what happened in the past and we do not want to commit the same mistakes," Mr More said

Administrators are replacing town and community councils This follows the collapse of 38 councils throughout the country

The Government hopes that the community will accept these administrators

But residents feel that the administrators still have the same powers as the town and community councils.

### Experiment

As an experiment, the Government has appointed six administrators in Tembisa on the East Rand — the first black administrators in the country — to run the affairs of the township

The administrators were appointed on August 18 this year Their appointment was promulgated in the *Government Gazette* on August 26

# Gun law will now apply — Radebe

THE chairman of the Soweto Council Management Committee, yesterday said councillors will now use their guns to administer township affairs.

Mr Letsatsi Radebe said this at the council's monthly meeting yesterday

"We have behaved like teachers and priests," said an angry Mr Radebe, adding "it is time now that we used our guns to show those who are against us that we are determined to administer Soweto's affairs

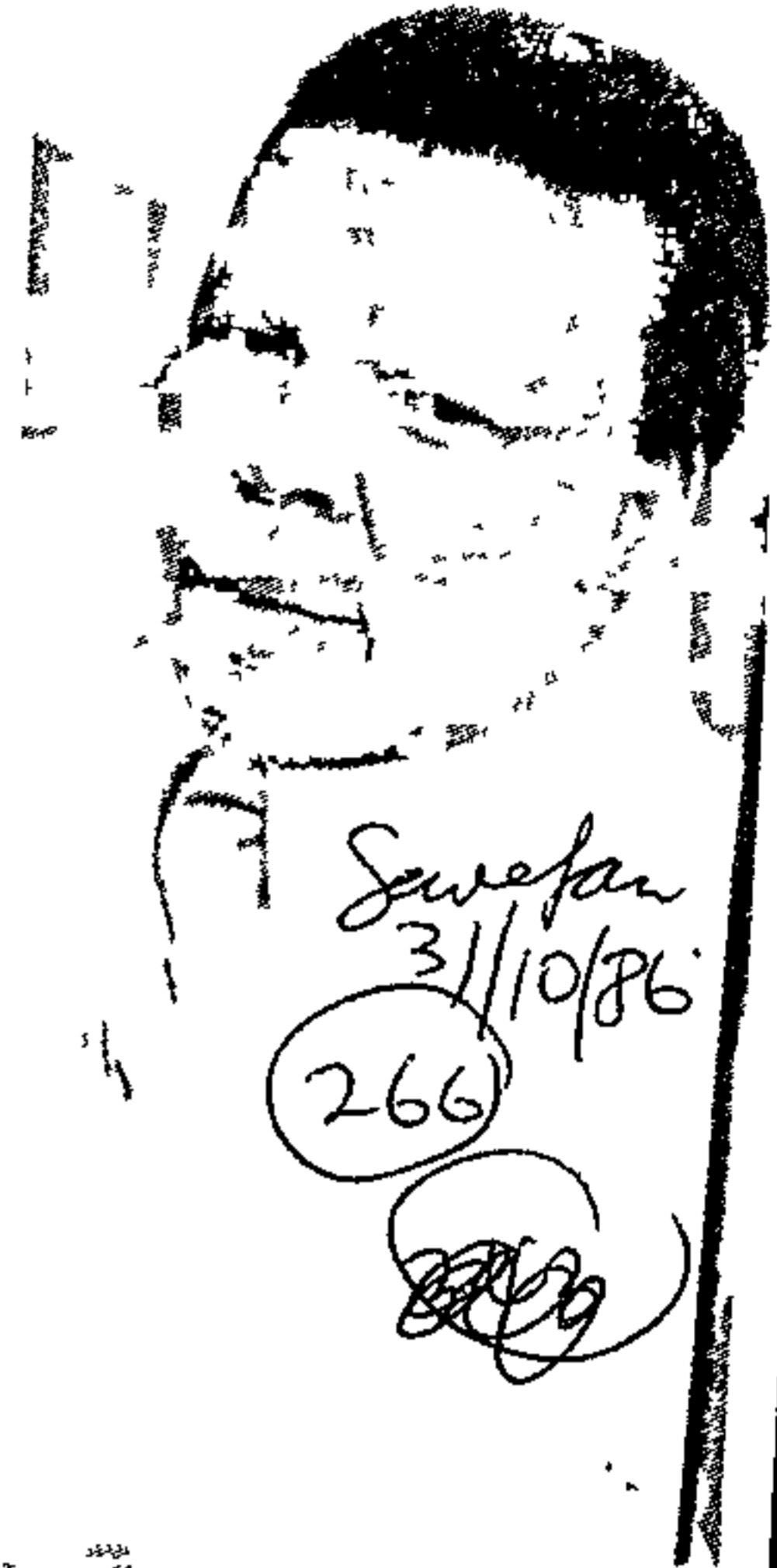
He said the council will give "siyayinyovas" and other people who regarded themselves as bosses of Soweto their match

Pointing at his colleagues, Mr Radebe said "These are the men who run Soweto They will now take up their guns to show their might"

The public gallery was packed with spectators mostly old men and women, some wearing the Sofasonke Party sash

It has been expected that there would be more controversy when the suspended mayor Mr E T Tshabalala was to give his first address He got to the chambers early and later left without attending the meeting

A number of councillors during a meeting called for Mr Tshabalala's suspension or resignation



Mr LETSATSI Radebe ... warning.

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THE judge in the Delmas treason trial yesterday asked the defence counsel for the 22 trialists why children were involved in a march by Vaal Triangle residents on September 4, 1984.

Judge van Dijkhorst sitting with two assessors, said it would appear the people who were organising the march were not concerned with the well-being of the children

"Why do you involve the children in a matter? Is it not an attempt to manipulate children for your purpose?" the judge asked.

In reply Mr Arthur Building, 215 Pretoria VEREENIGING



SOME of the residents who called on the councillors to resign. In the middle is Mr Mandlakayise Mazibuko and on his right is Mr Simon Mkhize and on the left Mr Sam Mkhwanazi.

## Call for Councillors to resign

A group of Soweto residents has called on all councillors, including the mayor, Mr Ephraim Tshabalala to resign.

In a meeting held in Orlando West, the residents said the councillors and the mayor, did not have the experience and expertise to administer the affairs of Soweto.

"We would not have lost precious lives as a result of evictions of rent defaulters," said Mr Mandlakayise Mazibuko, adding: "This clearly showed the councillors' shortcomings."

"For that reason," he said, "we call on them to resign and give

way to people who have the potential to administer our affairs in a proper manner."

Another resident, Mr Simon Mkhize, said the majority of people present at the meeting supported Mr Ephraim Tshabalala's suggestion that rent

should be reduced to R5.

The meeting resolved that the council should be dissolved and an interim committee composed of members from the various civic and political organisations be appointed.

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# Councillors owe R47 000 for rent

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SEVEN members of the KwaThema Town Council, including the mayor Mr Sam Ngema, owe the council more than R47 000 in rent arrears.

The chairman of the council's executive committee, Mr H H Ngakane and the former mayor of KwaThema, the Rev Joe Mzama, are among the councillors owing rent for their houses and business premises.

The total amount owed by the councillors is R47 143,22. According to our sources, some of the councillors have been owing rent for more than two years now. Mr Ngema yesterday confirmed that he and members of the council owed rent. For various reasons, councillors have been



COUNCILLOR Mothlaping... owes R25 000

MR SAM Ngema mayor of KwaThema

By MZIKAYISE EDOM

unable to pay their rent. They are human like other residents in the township who owe rent.

"The council will hold a special meeting to discuss this issue and a statement will be issued," he said.

According to figures, the only woman member in the council,

Mrs Muntu Matildah Mothlaping, owes the council R25 363 for three houses and four business premises she owns.

She is followed by Mr Ngakane who owes R10 065,73 for a business stand and R842,15 for his house

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## R47 000 is owed

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The other councillors are

- Mr Kenneth Mthembu — R6 052,53 for three business premises.
- Mr Ngema — R2 196.04 for house rent
- Mr A M Khumalo — R331,92 for his house and another R541,18 for his business premises
- Mr Luthi — R1 162,86 for house rent, and,
- Reverend Mzama — R587,08 for house rent

Mr Ngema said he had some problems but was going to pay the money before the end of this month. He also said all the councillors owing rent will have to pay the money.

"There is no truth that councillors do not pay rent in the township as most people believe," Mr Ngema added.

One of the councillors interviewed by the *Sowetan* yesterday, Mrs Mothlaping, said she was going to pay the money she was owing for rent.

"After the death of my husband early last year I had a problem negotiating for the businesses and the houses to be transferred to my name. I have partly solved the problem and I have informed the council that I will pay the money I owe them in the near future."

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## Applications pour in for Soweto council job

Many applications have been made for the vacant post of housing director of the Soweto City Council.

A council spokesman told *The Star* today that the town clerk, Mr Nico Malan, was still sifting through the applications for a "short list".

The post carries an annual salary of R43 446. Other perks include a company car, 100 percent housing loan, subsidised education scheme and "generous" vacation and sick leave privileges.

The advertisement for the post first appeared in the *Sowetan* earlier this month inviting people with a bachelor's degree and experience in local government to apply.

Closing date for applications was October 24

The post became vacant after the sudden resignation of Mrs Del Kevan

She quit her job after her Craighall Park home was bombed with a Soviet-made limpet mine following the confrontation between security forces and residents in White City, Soweto, in which more than 20 people were shot dead

Mrs Kevan was not hurt in the bomb attack

# Soweto householders owe council R29-m

27/10/86 Soweto  
Soweto residents owe R29 million in unpaid water and electricity accounts and if they are not paid supplies will be cut off, says Soweto Council Town Clerk Mr Nico Malan

He told a Press conference at the council of-

ices in Jabulani last week that the council had been subsidising the debt from its reserves, but these were running out

He said the stage was soon going to be reached when the council would not be able to pay the Rand Water Board and Escom, and residents' water and electricity supplies would be directly affected

Mr Malan said a distinction should be made between rent payments and service charge payments

"The rent boycott, called in June affects the payment of rent. Service charges are something else

"Electricity and water are trading services. If you use it, you should pay for it"

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## Krugersdorp wants total land control

Krugersdorp Town Council decided at its monthly meeting last night to apply to the Administrator of the Transvaal to be declared an authorised local authority

This, according to a letter from the Director of Local Management, would mean that Krugersdorp would have the authority to administer the land in its municipal area and to accept township development schemes without having to put them before the Administrator

● A proposed sale of about 22 ha to the north of Munsieville to the town council of Kagiso for use as a graveyard was referred back to the management committee

It was pointed out that the ground was rocky and unsuitable for a cemetery



# DEMO: MUNICIPAL POLICE ARRESTED

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Weekend Argus Correspondent

**JOHANNESBURG.** — More than 100 municipal policemen in East Rand's Katlehong township who allegedly set fire to barricades of tyres and stoned passing Post Office vans have been arrested, according to a police spokesman.

There is no indication when they will be released or appear in court.

The police spokesman said that a total of 115 municipal policemen — most of whom were recruited in Gazankulu, Venda and Kwazulu — were arrested this week in terms of the emergency regulations after a strike and demonstration in the township, which is near Germiston.

## Began marching

The policemen claimed that they were "starving" on their salaries of about R200 a month, and demanded a 100-percent increase. They said they would rather "starve at home" than work for "slave wages".

The drama began this week when negotiations broke down between the council and the policemen and a crowd of policemen began marching through the streets.

During the march other council employees were apparently intimidated, barricades of burning tyres were put up in the streets and vehicles were stoned.

Members of the South African Police were called to the scene and 115 municipal policemen were taken in vans to the local police station.

The council has employed its own police force for about a year.

● According to the Bureau for Information Against Report a group of 500 black youths attacked a municipal bus with stones in Katlehong.

A member of the public fired a shot at the mob. A black man was wounded and arrested.

# Gun threat is thuggery, says UDF

By Mudini Maivha

The threat that Soweto Management Committee councillors would use guns to administer the township's affairs, has been condemned as thuggery by the United Democratic Front (UDF)

Councillor Letsatsi Radebe made the threat at a monthly council meeting on Thursday in the wake of increasing difficulties facing the council in running the township's affairs

Councillors have fled to Johannesburg and gone into hiding after attacks on their homes

Meanwhile, the Minister of Constitutional Development and Planning, Mr Chris Heunis, said at

meeting that some town councils had been unable to collect rent and service fees

UDF treasurer Mr Azaar Cachalia said it (the council) would "sit and fold its arms while our people are massacred"

"It is not surprising that Soweto councillors will now openly display that thuggery. If they are going to threaten our people, they are looking for trouble," said Mr Cachalia

The threat by Mr Radebe to use force is not new

Earlier this year he called on councillors to form vigilante groups in their wards to fight the "comrades"

By MARTIN NTSOENGOE

# Another council bribes trial

DOBSONVILLE teacher and community councillor Isaac Benedict Mashao appeared briefly in the Roodepoort regional court this week on charges of bribery and corruption

Mashao, 58, is the fourth councillor to appear on similar charges. The others are Steve Nkatlo, Alex Jaca and Urban Councils' Association of SA president Steve Kgame

They are all alleged to have taken bribes from homeless residents. Mashao allegedly took R4 818 worth of bribes from residents.

- Residents who claim they gave Mashao bribes from January 1985 till last May are Mavis Montshiwa (R200), Leah Mphehlo (R150), David Kazeka (R40), Nodi Mahlaza (R200), Sarah Malole (R200), Victor Ntloko (R14), Stephen Mashisi (R200), Roy Berenz (R80), David Phashwe (R200), Topline Mosiane (R200), Hendrick Mogadi (R400), Marry-Ann Ngubane (R500), Amelia Ncube (R400), Machubedi Swale (R100), Rose Nekena (R100), Isaac Maqinga

- (R100), Mselele Xulukelo (R100), Chriss Jiyane (R250), David Dlamini (R200), Jonas Molife (R100), Jerry Ndlela (R100), Priscilla Dika (R50), Agnes Sentane (R500), Elias Mpitso (R230), Cynthia Mogale (R10), Penella Vuzane (R100), Priscilla Naung (R50), Dinah Mekisi (R100), and Maria Modau (R100). He also allegedly got two bottles of brandy from Salvada Maimela and Isaac May, a bottle of whiskey from Sy Mooketsi and 50 litres of paint from Wilham Madleka

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# Councillors fight over sanctions

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By STAN MHLONGO

LEKOA councillor P Motswahole - who opposed a motion for a delegation of councillors to be sent overseas to fight disinvestment and sanctions - was threatened with assault this week.

"Sit down or I will kick you," councillor Sonny Mofokeng warned him when he asked the council's monthly meeting whether "the council had a mandate from residents to speak against the imposition of sanctions against SA".

Mofokeng called on the council to send a delegation to the United States to fight disinvestment and sanctions.

Motswahole said the

council should first call a meeting and get a mandate from residents before going abroad.

He said it is above the council to speak about disinvestment and sanctions.

To emphasise his point, he turned to the agenda and said "the councillor who made the motion can't even spell sanctions properly - so how can he encourage the council to go overseas to fight disinvestment and sanctions?"

Lekoa mayor, Esau Mahlatsi said he could not reject the motion because of "typographical errors".

"I'm not going to penalise people for wrong spelling," Mahlatsi said.

Surge in Reef retail sales

# Rent boycott sparks boom in spending

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RETAIL sales are being boosted by between R60m and R80m a month because of the rent boycotts in black areas throughout the country

Economists say the boycott is effectively a massive subsidy to the black consumer

The huge cash injection into the economy is said to be as high as R400m and is money which should have been remitted in rents.

Blacks have withheld rent in 54 townships nationwide and retail executives report a direct correlation between rent boycotts and increased sales

Reef retailers, while reluctant to release exact figures, say sales have risen by 10%-20% in real terms in the past six months.

Checkers MD Clive Weil explains "Blacks do not put their money aside as more sophisticated consumers do. The (rent) money is being spent."

Edgars MD Vic Hammond says consumer spending is strong, particularly in black areas. Edgars recently increased sales by a massive 24% to R423m (R341m) for the 26 weeks to September 28

Business Day Reporter

OK Bazaars sales director Ken Coote says it is difficult to quantify the effect of the rent boycott. Still, he says, OK will show an increase in sales in real terms for the past six months — and he admits the rent boycott has played a role.

At Spar, volume is up 5% in real terms for the current six months compared with the same period last year. Spar executive-director Sidney Matus says turnover has been particularly high at stores popular with blacks

The rent boycott and a feeling of safety among black shoppers explains Spar's success, says Matus.

Mark Swilling, head of the University of Witwatersrand-based Community Research Group, conservatively estimates that black councils are losing R40m a month, but says he would not be surprised if the figure were closer to R60-R80m.

Real gross domestic expenditure in the third quarter increased at a runaway annual rate of 20% and real gross domes-

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## Councils lose out in boom

tic product by 2% to 3% in the third quarter

Market research shows black spending has been on the upswing for six months. Retail industry sources report blacks also feel more comfortable shopping in white areas since the state of emergency was imposed

A private market survey on buying trends, commissioned by Checkers, confirms the boost in grocery sales since the rent boycott was imposed

Using 100 as a base figure, black spending jumped from 86 in February, 1986, to 109 by July

Private stockpiling by black buyers anticipating another consumer boycott has also spurred sales to some extent

Township unrest has provided an added boost for large retail chains as black shopowners have been reluctant to carry large stocks, fearing burglary and looting

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Metro Cash and Carry MD Cecil Smith says this has sent many blacks into white shopping areas with their rent money. Metro expects to achieve its 31,5c share earnings target forecast and to pay an interim dividend of 6c

Meanwhile, the rent boycotts have led numerous township councils to the brink of bankruptcy

In Soweto, where 94% of residents are not paying rent, town clerk Nico Malan estimates the council has lost R59m since the boycott began in June

Tom Boya, deputy president of the Urban Councils Association of SA, explains "The fact that rent — the main source of income — has not been paid has rendered the townships ungovernable and has resulted in their collapsing"

# Two-chamber Parliament likely SPAK Indaba constitution 266 agreement this month? 3/11/86

## Political Staff

DURBAN — The Natal/kwaZulu Indaba is edging closer to a two-chamber legislature which could meet some of the demands for protection of minority groups but a racially based legislature is being firmly ruled out

Delegates are now hoping to agree on a constitution by the end of the month

In a brief statement after this week's two-day sitting chairman Professor Desmond Clarence said a constitutional model proposed by kwaZulu had been under consideration

Debate has been concerned

with resolving problems related to group protection and power-sharing," he said

"Consideration is being given to this in terms of a two-chamber system."

Most delegates are understood to favour a generally elected lower house with an upper house taking account of, among other things, cultural groups

There are still delegates insisting on recognition of racial groups but there is a feeling

among a number of delegates that there is a limit as to how far the feelings of these groups, which include the Afrikaans cultural body FAK, can be accommodated

Delegates are apparently prepared to accept lack of agreement on this point

The kwaZulu proposals were understood to have been submitted in an attempt to break the logjam on group rights and the talks will now accelerate to

achieve agreement on constitutional structures

The constitutional sub-committee is to sit for most of the week and the indaba will also meet for two days a week instead of every second week from then on

Indaba secretary Professor Dawid van Wyk has announced that the Catholic Women's League has taken a seat at the indaba as an observer, bringing to 38 the number of parties of which three are observers

# Reducing backlog

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THE Soweto City Council is optimistic that it will get more funds in the new year to reduce the huge housing backlog, Mr Letsatsi Radebe, chairman of the council's management committee said in a statement.

He said he was "happy to announce that the council has successfully applied to the National Housing Commission for a further allocation of R3½ million to fund the installation of services at Emden Extension"

Mr Radebe said the council was now calling for tenders for the installation of civil and electrical services to 704 sites in Emden

Work would start early in the new year. This development, he said, will enable the council to assist a further 704 families on the housing waiting list to build their own houses on fully serviced land.

Mr Radebe said the involvement of the private sector to assist with the construction of modern and affordable houses will be encouraged

## Funds

Several more applications for funds to the National Housing Commission have been made by the council. He listed the council's successful housing projects over the past two years, and said this had reduced the housing backlog

## Raising big stink



SOME of the 45 hired toilets to be removed by the council

Pic MOFFAT ZUNGU

# Threat on toilets

THE Soweto City Council will remove the hired toilets serving the 2 000 shacks in Mofolo township, Soweto, because the shack-dwellers have not paid rent.

Mr Nico Malan, the council's town clerk, yesterday said his council decided at a meeting in September to terminate the contract for the hired toilets

The reason, he said, was that the squatters had not paid rent to the council

Mr Malan said the contract would be terminated on November 7. Mr Sam Matona, owner of the company that has hired out the toilets, said he had not been notified by the council

Mr Matona said the council paid his company R25 000 for the 45 hired toilets that are serviced three times a week

He said the toilets were hired by the council in May this year and their removal would cause a health hazard

Mr Matona said to avoid the hazard, the heads of the 2 000 families would have to pay R12,65 a month each for the use of the toilets

"In this way," said Mr Matona, "my company will not remove the toilets"

Mr Malan said the council had erected four permanent "ablution blocks" and laid down taps for fresh water supply for 485 squatting families

He said when the number of squatting families increased, the council hired toilets, but the service would now be terminated because these families had not paid rent to the council

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# Blackjacks down tools

By JOSHUA RABOROKO

MORE than 100 Kagiso Town Council policemen yesterday downed tools after making several demands.

The workers, all members of the South African Black Municipal and Allied Workers' union (Sabmawu) said they presented a list of their demands to management which "had turned a deaf ear" to their demands.

They demand

- A pay rise from R250 pm to R500 a month;
- Payment for overtime;
- Compensation for injury while on duty;
- More policemen;
- Improvement of their barracks;
- More uniforms; and
- Better working relations with the community.

Mr van Rensburg, Kagiso's town clerk, yesterday said he did not want to talk to the Press because the *Sowetan* did not make an appointment with him. He threatened to assault the *Sowetan's* photographer Len Khumalo who was asked to take his picture.

"Ek sal jou bliksem!", he told Kumalo when he tried taking a picture.

Mr van Rensburg later ordered a white blackjack to expel the *Sowetan* team from the council's premises.

A Sabmawu shop steward said that they were dissatisfied with the council's "intransigent attitude" towards them.

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# Cops still detained

By MZIKAYISE EDOM

The 115 Katlehong Town Council policemen who were arrested two weeks ago following a strike and a march throughout the township, are still in detention.

The men were arrested on October 30 when they and about 200 of their colleagues went on strike de-

manding higher wages. The 115 policemen are being held under emergency regula-

tions. The East Rand Urban Councils Association will meet today in Vosloorus, Boksburg, to discuss the demands of the

Katlehong council policemen and the detention of the 115 policemen. The Katlehong policemen are demanding an increase in

salary to about R400 a month. Some of them are earning as little as R200 a month. During the march on October 30, the policemen stoned passing

cars and barricaded streets with burning tyres. According to the Bureau for Information post office vehicles were also stoned that day.

Mr Phillip Dlamini, a spokesman for the South African Black Municipal Allied Workers Union (Sabmawu), which represents the policemen, said his union was planning to meet the Katlehong council to resolve the matter. Most of the held council policemen and women were recruited from the homelands.



SOME of the 40 Kagiso Town Council labourers who downed tools yesterday.

# More council men join strike

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MORE Kagiso Town Council employees downed tools yesterday in solidarity with colleagues who went on strike on Monday.

Five clerks and 40 labourers in the local men's hostel joined the close to 100 council police who went on strike on Monday after making several demands

They are all members of the South African Black Municipal and Allied Worker's Union (Sabmawu)

The policemen made the following

By MANDLA NDLAZI

demands;

- A pay rise from R250 pm to R500 a month,
- Payment for overtime,
- Compensation for injury while on duty;
- More policemen;
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- Better working relations with the community

# PAY UP!

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By SELLO SERIPE

A THIRTY-three year-old mother of four in Koster's Reagile township this week told *City Press* she is homeless because she refused to give a "parcel" to a councillor.

Cathrine Kedibone Mogomotsi, who had applied early in 1985 for a four-roomed house, also said the councillor, - whose name is being withheld for legal reasons - told her she was too young to be given a house while elderly residents were homeless.

Mogomotsi, originally from Groenfontein on the outskirts of Koster, said she visited the Western Transvaal Administration Board and went several times to the councillor with the hope that she would be given a house - but all in vain.

"The board told me I cannot qualify for a house because my husband works in Krugersdorp," she said.

"A few days later, I learnt that a councillor had come looking for me

"I met him in the street the same day and he asked for a 'parcel' before he could allocate a house to me.

"When I refused his demand, he told me I was too young to own a four-roomed house - the other reason being that my husband worked outside Koster.

"He then promised me a two-roomed house - which I refused because I have a big family," she said.

She said the councillor also told her that her application had "gone missing"

## Council man tells mom: A 'parcel' before you get a house

from the council files

As a result, she has been staying in a hired single room with four children aged 15, 13, 10 and 7

When her husband is off-duty, all six of them squeeze together - and there is no privacy

"I am not prepared to offer any parcel as a bribe to get a house - whatever



CATHERINE MOGOMOTSI: Councillor wanted 'parcel'

he means by 'parcel'," Mogomotsi said

The councillor in question could not be reached for comment because he was said to have gone to Rustenburg.

Koster council mayor JL Marota said the dispute was news to him and he was not aware of any "parcel" to be given to councillors before houses are allo-

cated to residents.

"I am not even in a position to figure out what kind of a parcel it is I promise to investigate the matter," said Marota.

He then said he was aware of Mogomotsi's plight - but the councillor in question had told him Mogomotsi will be housed as soon as houses are available

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# Latest 'rent war' victims to be buried

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By SELLO SERIFE

THREE Orlando West residents - allegedly shot dead by Soweto council police - will be buried tomorrow

They are council clerk Mceba Mbundu, 25, Jacob Dirane, 40 and Vincent Kganticoe, 29, all of Orlando West

Dirane will be buried at Avalon cemetery at 11am - the procession will leave from his home

Kganticoe will be buried at Doornkop cemetery at noon and the procession will leave from the Holy Cross Church after the service, which starts at 10am

Mbundu will be buried at Avalon cemetery at 11am after the service at the AME Church, which starts at 8am

Meanwhile, the Soweto council released a statement this week saying it was investigating "the unfortunate incident" at Orlando West

Soweto town clerk Nico Malan said the council police were not involved in the incident

Orlando West residents alleged that council police were trying to evict people from their houses when the fight broke out

But Malan said "We would like people who were threatened with evictions to come forward and give their names and addresses"

The council, he said, never took action against rent defaulters in the middle of the night. They would also first have been served with written notices, he said

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# COUNCIL COPS GRANTED ORDER

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## Striking force can now return to the barracks

ABOUT 100 striking Kagiso Council policemen evicted from council-owned barracks last Thursday have been granted a provisional Supreme Court order allowing them to return to the place.

This follows an urgent application lodged in the Rand Supreme Court by the SA Black Municipal and Allied Workers Union (Sabmawu) at the

weekend, seeking the policemen's reinstatement to the barracks

The Kagiso Town Council did not oppose the application.

The case will be heard again tomorrow when the council will be called upon to show cause why the policemen should not re-occupy the barracks and why it should not pay the costs of the application

A spokesman for Sabmawu said the

100 policemen were forced to sleep in the veld after they were evicted by police from the Kagiso barracks

Meanwhile the Kagiso policemen resolved at Sabmawu's annual congress held in Roodepoort at the weekend to continue with their wage strike

The council police demand — among other things — a pay rise from R250 to R500, overtime pay and better working conditions.

Sabmawu general secretary Mr Philip Dlamini said the striking police were dismissed by the council last Thursday. More council workers, from other departments, have joined the strike in support of the policemen's demands

The strike enters its sixth day today.



SABMAWU members get into the spirit of the occasion at the union's conference at the weekend.

**Auditors report on allegations of corruption in council**

# TOWN 'BLEW'

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## Vaal pupil shot dead

## R90 000

By MZIKAYISE EDOM  
East Rand Bureau

A REPORT by a firm of auditors claims that top officials of the Thokoza Town Council on the East Rand have misused more than R90 000 on motor cars, various unauthorised trips and accommodation at hotels

The people who have benefited from the alleged misuse include relatives and people who are listed in the report as "unknown"

The total amount of money misused by the officials over the past 17 months is R93 607,19, says the report

### LOW PRICES SANTA WOULD APPROVE OF

By JOSHUA RABOROKO

AN 18-year-old Sebokeng pupil was shot dead by police this week

A spokesman for the Police Directorate of Public Relations yesterday confirmed that Leonard Jabulani Mzizi was shot dead by police and that police were investigating criminal charges against members of the special police unit

At the same time two other men alleged that they sustained bullet wounds in Sebokeng at the weekend and had to be treated at the Sebokeng Hospital

The police declined to comment further on the shooting of Mr Mzizi, saying the matter was *sub judice*.

Mr Abram Mzizi, Leonard's father, told the *Sowetan* that the police came to his house on Friday looking for Leonard

### Confiscated

He told them that he did not know where he was

After the police had questioned Mr Abram Mzizi on Friday, he was admitted to hospital and treated for injuries sustained as a result of having been assaulted

His wife, Nellie, who accompanied him to hospital, was detained, and is expected to appear in court today

Mr David Mzizi said he watched helplessly on Sunday as Leonard was allegedly shot in the head after four policemen came to arrest him

Afterwards the police went to the Mzizi home and confiscated several items — clothes, blankets, kitchen utensils and money — which they said had been stolen

Leonard was due to appear in the Sebokeng Magistrate's Court this week in connection with the stoning of the windows of a Sebokeng house



### Yvonne denies part in Info song

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The report was compiled by chartered accountants appointed by the Government to investigate allegations of corruption within the council

The commission of inquiry into the affairs of the council was conducted by the accountants and senior officials of the Department of Constitutional Development and Planning two months ago following complaints from some employees of the council

According to the report, the money was used without the approval of the council

### Money

The report further states that some of the officials used the money to pay their personal traffic fines

Part of the money the report states, was used as follows

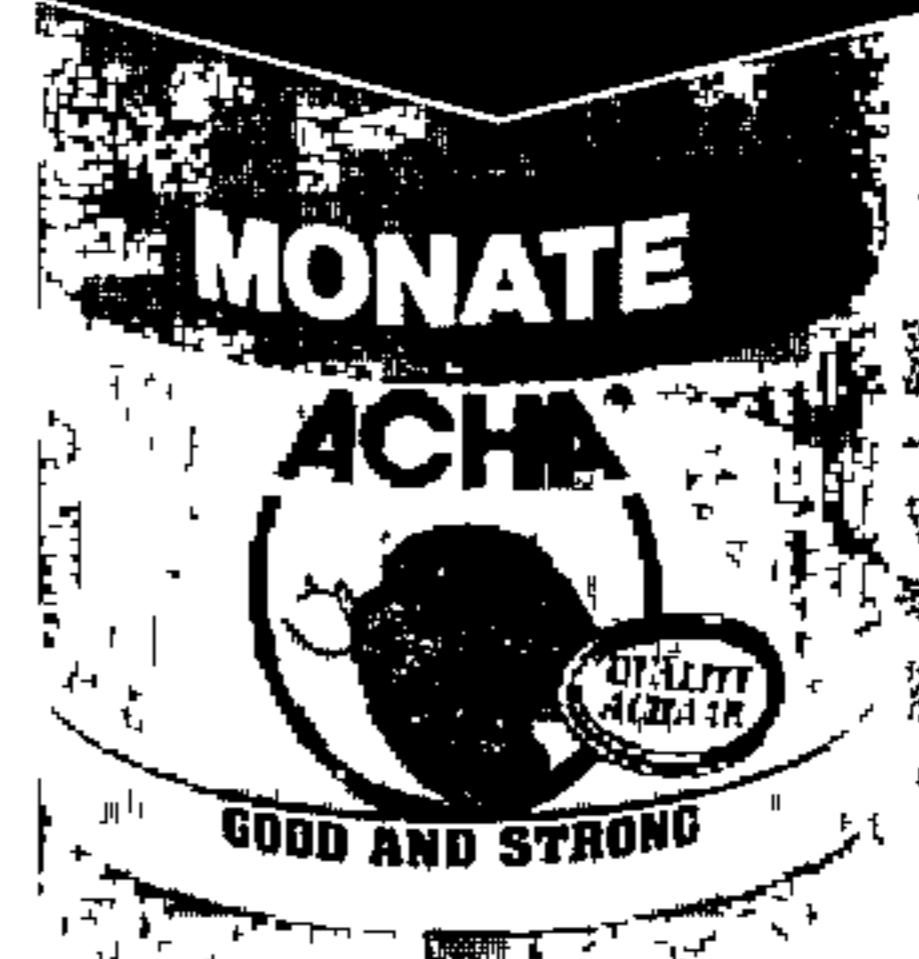
- More than R40 000 on various unauthorised trips and accommodation at hotels in places as far as East London, Durban and Port Elizabeth, to mention just a few places

Some of the money was used to hire cars for relatives of the officials

- R32 398,92 was used to purchase two new cars for council employees without the approval of the council

- These cars were for the private use of the two employees

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# Council official suspended

A SENIOR official of the Thokoza Town Council has been suspended from work following allegations of corruption against him.

He was suspended this week. At the same time two other council officials have been mentioned by council employees to resign from their posts after they were accused of being "rascals and sellouts".

The two have been barred from reporting to work by the employees. They have not gone to work since October 3, following alleged threats from the employees.

Mrs Doris Thimane, the town clerk of Thokoza, yesterday confirmed the suspension of the official and the petitioning of the other two.

She said the official was suspended because:

- He had neglected his duties.
- He had allocated building sites to developers without consulting the council, and
- He had failed to implement council resolutions.

Mrs Thimane said the council will meet today to discuss the fate of the three officials.



# Two blasts rock flats of Soweto 'exiles'

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THE Bureau for Information yesterday confirmed that two limpet mines exploded at a Fordsburg block of flats — new home of Soweto councillors who fled the township earlier this year.

The mines blasted two "big holes" through the ground floor facade.

About 27 councillors took refuge in the building in August, at the height of the White City "rent war" which left at least 30 people dead, among them councillor Sydenham Mkhwanazi.

The councillors vacated their homes after deciding at a special council meeting not to resign, as residents had demanded soon after the Soweto Council an-

Business Day Reporter

nounced tariff hikes which triggered the rent boycott.

The bureau spokesman would say only that the mines exploded at 1am on Saturday morning, causing no injuries to any of the building's occupants.

In its unrest report yesterday, the bureau said that two security force members were stabbed to death on Saturday — one in Somerset East and one in Nyanga.

The report said another four security force members were injured during unrest-related incidents in Bekkersdal (Westonaria), Tantje (Grahamstown) and Umlazi (Durban).

Soweto was said to have been "fairly quiet" during the period.

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# Council in 2nd money scandal

ANOTHER money scandal — this time involving more than R9 000 alleged to have been collected illegally by an official from residents — has hit the Thokoza Town Council in the wake of an auditor's report that some officials have misappropriated more than R90 000.

The official is alleged to have collected the money from 93 residents in the past seven months. Members of the public claim that they had paid R110 each to the official after he had promised them that he would apply for public motor (taxi) permits on their behalf.

Last Friday, we published a story that a report by a firm of auditors claims that top officials of the council have misused more than R90 000 on motor cars, various unauthorised trips and accommodation at hotels.

The total amount of money misused by the officials over the past 17 months is R93 607,19, says the report.

## Accused

Mrs Doris Thunane, the Thokoza town clerk, has confirmed that an official has been accused of collecting money from residents after he had promised them that he would organise taxi permits.

Mrs Thunane said the council was still investigating the allegations. "As soon as we are through with our investigations, we will decide on what steps to take against the said official," Mrs Thunane said.

The matter has been reported to the police. A spokesman for the East Rand police said they were still investigating the allegations.

Mr Piet Mbele, the chairman of the Thokoza Taxi Association, yesterday said they were planning to apply for a Supreme Court interdict, stopping the official from applying for the permits.

The taxi association and the council have met on two occasions to discuss the matter. "We took up the matter with the council because we felt that the official should stick to council matters and not interfere with our affairs," Mr Mbele said.

Mr Mbele said the association had reported the matter to its lawyer, Mr G.S Silber, who was preparing to seek a court interdict preventing the official from making applications for the residents in future.

# EKOJA MAYOR HITS AT ATTACKS ON POLICE

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## 'Radical elements' blamed

MANY Lekoa Town council policemen have been pulled out of Vaal Triangle townships following attacks on their homes.

The chairman of the council, Mr Esau Mahlatsi, this week strongly condemned the spate of violent incidents between council police and residents

He said most of the policemen have been forced to leave the townships following the petrol-bombing of their homes, stonings, insults and abuse on their families

Mr Mahlatsi could not say how many of the 800 policemen have been affected

He said "Most of these policemen are now staying at the Sebokeng hostel because of fear

By JOSHUA RABOROKO

that they might be attacked by radical elements "

Mr Mahlatsi was speaking after the council's monthly meeting which considered reports on incidents of shooting that have taken place in the Vaal townships, involving police and residents

The report comes in the wake of claims by residents that the council's Law Enforcement Unit men have shot and injured several people in the townships

According to the council's monthly report about ten people have been shot and wounded during confrontations with police in the past three months The council has resolved to provide financial assistance to the policemen involved in the shooting incidents if legal action is taken against them

In his comment, Mr Mahlatsi said the council was concerned about incidents which have been reported to them.

"The council strongly condemns the violence that has been taking place in the townships. People must co-operate with the police in trying to fight crime. They should not see the police as their enemies," he said

He was interested in the safety and welfare of everybody and the police were there to ensure that law and order was maintained, adding, "people should stop associating the police with the council

He slammed critics who referred to the council police as "Mahlatsi-Insects"

# Election snub

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TWO members of the Dobsonville Town Council yesterday boycotted the mayoral elections in the wake of corruption charges that are pending against some of the councillors.

Mr Freddie Mohajane and Mr Don Mmesi were not present when Mr Steve Nkatlo was elected mayor of Dobsonville for his third term.

Mr Nkatlo's election came as a surprise as the former deputy mayor, Mr Mohajane, was next in line for the mayoralship.

Mr Mohajane was deposed as deputy mayor when Mr Alex Jaca was elected unopposed.

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# Father-of-four, councillor dispute rights to house

By Mudini Maivha

A Soweto father of four says he was released from prison in October to find his house sold to a councillor's girlfriend and his children evicted

Mr Nathaniel Mokoena (42) says he has now been told by the councillor he must buy the house for R20 000.

The house, No 310, Moroka North, was taken over by councillor Mr Z H Madikane's friend, Miss Miss Joyce Hlongwa.

Mr Madikane confirmed he transferred the house, but said this was after he found that three families were occupying it illegally and that Mr Mokoena's children were not staying there.

Soweto Town Clerk Mr Nico Malan said the transfer was made by the Housing Committee.



Mr Mokoena and his four children are desperate to get their house back. From left, they are Theodora, Maureen, Cynthia and Portia

When he was sentenced for possession of stolen property in 1982, he arranged with the township manager that his children would stay with a guardian, because their mother had died.

Rent would be paid. The National Institute for Crime Prevention and Rehabilitation of Offenders (Nicro) handled his affairs and no rent was owed.

"On my release I found Mr Madikane and his Miss Hlongwa occupying my house. My children and caretaker had been ejected, and the house was registered in Miss Hlongwa's name," said Mr Mokoena.

He appealed to the Soweto City Council on October 22 for the house to be returned.

It was agreed between Mr Mokoena, Miss Hlongwa, Mr Madikane and the council that Mr Mokoena be given the house if he refunded Miss Hlongwa for renovations. Mr Madikane would provide proof of expenditure on October 29, when arrangements for payment would be made and Mr Mokoena would be given the keys. On this day Mr Madikane could not show proof of expenditure.

Mr Mokoena said there was disagreement among councillors over whether the house had been bought or was rented.

When Mr Mokoena again went to collect the keys on October 30, he was introduced to an estate agent who demanded R33 000 for the purchase of the house. Mr Madikane reduced

this to R20 000. Mr Mokoena said he would negotiate with a bank and consult his lawyer.

He approached the Soweto Civic Association and the Legal Resources Centre on the matter. In the meantime, he and his children, Cynthia (18), Maureen (17), Portia (15) and Theodora (14), are living with relatives.

He found three families living illegally in the house and quarrelling among each other.

"Mokoena's children were not in the house. They were staying somewhere in Diepkloof. I first saw two of them when a social worker came to me after I had ejected the three families and asked me why had I ejected the children," said Mr Madikane.

After evicting the families, he applied section 74 of the Township Regulations which states that if a house is vacant for 30 days, it can be allocated to another family.

"I transferred the tenancy to Joyce Mokoena should understand we are being sympathetic towards him by giving him first preference in the sale of the house. There are people prepared to pay more money for

that house. He has agreed to pay R20 000, which he himself offered, and we are still waiting on him," said Mr Madikane.

The council had "absolved" itself from the matter after agreement had been reached over payment for improvements.

It had been agreed the council would evaluate the improvements.

According to information in the council's file on the house, the Housing Committee allocated the house to Miss Hlongwa according to procedures laid down by the council. Mr Madikane is not a member of the committee.

Mr Malan said he could not argue on the merits of the allocation.

Asked how it was possible for a resident with a house, and who had a relationship with a councillor, to be given preference to thousands of others on the waiting list, Mr Malan said "The Housing Committee considers a number of factors in allocating a vacant house." Among these were:

● How long an applicant had been on the waiting list

● Whether the applicant was a registered tenant. If he was and had a big family in a small dwelling, he could be allocated a larger house.

Mr Mokoena's home had been occupied by "illegals" while Mr Mokoena's children were staying at house No 6428 A, Zone 4, Diepkloof. The house became vacant on April 9 1985, and this was confirmed by an inspection conducted by the council.

Miss Hlongwa applied for the house on April 10, and was allocated it. She bought it on August 1 1986.

"Miss Hlongwa apparently wanted to buy the house when she applied for it because the one she was occupying in Jabavu was semi-detached. When the Appeals Committee agreed that she be paid by Mr Mokoena for improvements, it appears that at this stage the committee was not aware Miss Hlongwa had bought the house," said Mr Malan.

He emphasised that Mr Madikane had no power to allocate the house, and according to the information he had, Mr Madikane had taken no part in the allocation. He could not say how Miss Hlongwa became aware the house was vacant a day after the tenant was said to have absconded.

# Tshabalala quits as Soweto mayor

Soweto's controversial mayor, Mr. Ephraim "ET" Tshabalala, yesterday handed in his resignation from the council as both mayor and councillor because of circumstances which have caused unrest.

He said he could not perform his duties in the present administration under such conditions

Mr Tshabalala's term as mayor was due to end on December 9.

Mr Tshabalala said he favoured the formation of an interim committee representative of all civic organisations to normalise the situation in Soweto

## SANG PRAISES

The former mayor was accompanied to the council to hand in the resignation by his daughters Zodwa and Dombolo

A big crowd of Sofasonke Party members and victims of a shack razing of Wednesday sang praises for Mr Tshabalala outside the council chamber's entrance

Mr Tshabalala said the council should dissolve and allow an interim committee to administer the township's affairs.



Mr Ephraim Tshabalala hands his letter of resignation to Soweto Town Clerk Mr Nico Malan. Mr Tshabalala's daughter, Zodwa, looks on.

He said his primary reason for resignation was the big outcry by residents of Soweto who no longer had confidence in the council.

His services terminate on November 30

Mr Tshabalala's resignation came less than 48 hours after the demolition by security forces of more than 100 shacks

in Mofolo. Bulldozers ploughed through the shacks, leaving shack-dwellers without a roof in the pouring rain

The shacks were sanctioned by Mr Tshabalala and 2017 of them were erected before the council ordered that no more shacks be built. The 100 shacks demolished on Wednesday were erected about two weeks ago.

# TSHABALALA QUITTS

By NIKOPANE MAKOBANE

SOWETO mayor Mr Ephraim "ET" Tshabalala yesterday announced that he is to resign from the Soweto City Council as mayor and councillor at the end of the month.

**'I want to be free'**

Addressing a Press-conference before the council's monthly meeting, Mr Tshabalala said the main reason for his resignation was the fact that residents no longer have confidence in the council.

where to sleep and were accommodated at the camp. In the last three years not a single house for the low-income group has been built in the town-

He said an "interim committee" representing civic associations must be formed to run Soweto.

"My resignation is prompted by the unsympathetic attitude of the council. I want to be free. I want to be with my people. Even people presently squatting at the camp are uncertain of their future because Mr Nico Malan, the council's town clerk, earlier said they would be there for four months, but now it is well over six months," he said.

In answer to a question, Mr Tshabalala said there had been no pressure from within the council for him to resign.

Mr Tshabalala also lashed at the council and said the mayor was just a "puppet figure". He said decisions were being taken without his knowledge. The management committee "ran the show" and every councillor felt he was "baas" (boss) in his ward.

The last straw, was the demolition of shacks at the Mofolo squatter camp on Wednesday.

He said he had hardly been formally informed that mayoral elections would be held on December 9.

"There are 22 000 people on the waiting list for houses in Soweto. Some of these people have no-

He further accused the United Democratic Christian Party headed by Bishop Isaac Mokoena of wanting to increase its membership at the expense of his Sifa-sonke Party.

He said an "interim committee" representing civic associations must be formed to run Soweto.

● Mr Tshabalala is to hand his resignation letter to the council either today or on Monday.

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**MAYOR Ephraim "ET" Tshabalala — resigning because of council's unsympathetic attitude.**



# Indaba opts for one-man one-vote

DURBAN — THE KwaZulu/Natal Indaba has reached an historic agreement on a non-racial government for Natal elected by "universal adult suffrage".

The breakthrough was reached late yesterday afternoon when delegates voted 24 to 2 in favour of a non-racial constitution with only the Afrikaans cultural group FAK refusing to sign the agreement.

Thirty-nine groups participated in the decision.

The proposals also provided for the protection of minority rights under a bill of rights and:

- A two-chamber legislature with wide powers.
- A provincial governor
- A prime minister and 10-man cabinet
- An independent judiciary and "cultural councils" to protect cultural rights

But despite the euphoria, the crucial bridge has yet to be crossed.

The proposals have to be accepted by the Government, who were represented at the indaba only as observers.

Without state approval, the indaba will have been nothing more than an academic exercise.

The indaba's proposals would give wide powers and a high degree of autonomy to the "new" province, most of them already enjoyed by the KwaZulu Government.

The proposals would first be put to the people of Natal and KwaZulu in a referendum.

The agreement provides for a 100-member legislative chamber elected by universal adult suffrage through proportional representation.

There would be a 50-member second chamber, equally representing African, Afrikaans, Asian and English ethnic groups as well as a group representing voters who preferred not to vote according to ethnicity. It is believed that this group provided the vital breakthrough for a majority agreement as most delegates said they were not interested in an exclusively ethnic chamber — Sapa

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Australian source



# Raiders of Msheguville

By BELLO SERIFE

SOWETO town council workers, backed by the P and S, this week bulldozed more than 500 shacks in Msheguville in Mofolo.

Residents, who are mostly suspended Soweto mayor Ephraim Mshengu Tshabalala's Sofasonke Party members, said the raid was carried out while they were attending a mobile clinic outside Eyethu Cinema.

Shackowners who were present when the raid was carried out were given a short time to remove their belongings.

A Bureau for Information spokesman confirmed that the council pulled down "illegal structures in

Mofolo North"

"Youths attacked the council workers with stones and petrol bombs and when the Security Force members arrived at the scene they were also attacked with stones and petrol bombs," said the spokesman.

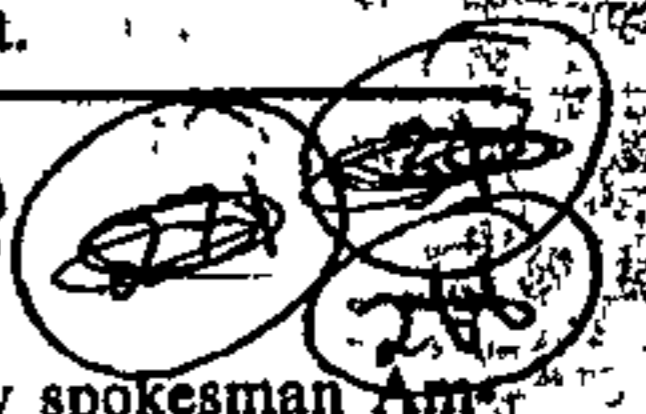
Tearsmoke was fired. No arrests were made and no injuries reported.

Among the victims of the raid was a 106-year-old Selina Mtshali. She had gone to the clinic for treatment at the time. When she returned her shack had been pulled down. Her stove and furniture were damaged.

Thandiwe Khalo, 34, who was also at the clinic, said: "All my crockery and a bed were broken when my shack was pulled down."

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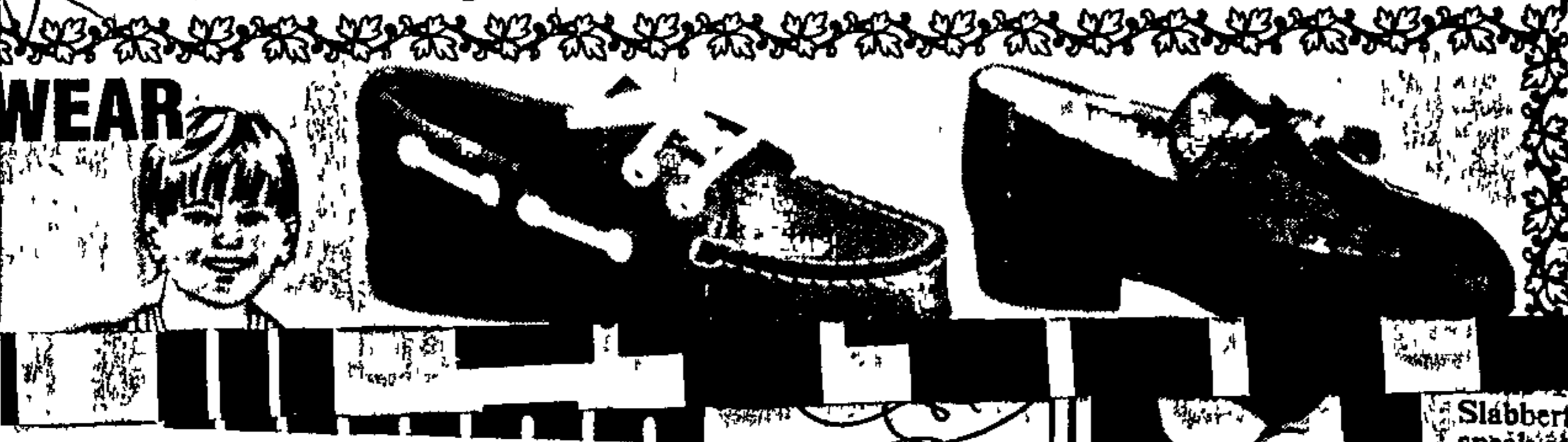


Sofasonke Party spokesman Ambitious Brown said that 180 shacks were pulled down. He condemned the action as "inhuman and the council should have notified the shackowners beforehand so that they could have looked for alternative refuge".

Soweto Council housing committee chairman Julius Mdlalose said that he was not aware that shacks were pulled down.

He said Tshabalala was granted permission to erect 400 shacks "but now there were 2017 shacks and new shacks are being built daily."

"The council had also approached the residents in new shacks and asked them to move to 'emergency' camp in Tladi, but they refused."



Slabbert former leader speak at an ECC meeting

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SOWETO'S suspended mayor Ephraim Tshabalala said he would resign, following the Mshenguville raid.

Tshabalala said he would resign at the Soweto council's meeting because the council had ordered the demolition of the squatter camp without warning the shack dwellers.

The council should have first housed the people, who were born Sowetans, before demolishing their homes, he said. - Sapa



Victims of the raid keep guard over the property that could be salvaged.

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# 4 defy mayor's 'secrecy' document

By ALINAH DUBE

THERE was drama at the Mamelodi City Council's monthly meeting when four councillors refused to sign an undertaking to refrain from disclosing confidential information.

The undertaking is entitled "The Councillor's Creed" and was read by Mayor Mr Zikhali Ndlazi, before he announced that councillors should sign it.

Shortly after the announcement, Mr S S Mokone, a councillor for Ward 9, said he would not sign until Mr Ndlazi had explained the document's origin. He added that the matter was never discussed by the council and came as a surprise. "We do not know what it is in aid of," he said.

He was supported by councillors Simon Mahloele of Ward 4, J Ledwaba

of Ward 1 and M P Mphuti of Ward 5 who also refused to sign.

Mr Ndlazi said there was nothing sinister about making an undertaking on one's convictions.

The paper reads "As a councillor, I believe that the public interest requires ethical standards of the highest order. Proper operation of democratic local government requires that councillors and officials shall be independent and impartial in their judgement and actions. Decisions of policy shall be made at the proper levels of the local authority organisation and the public office shall not be used for personal gain and the public shall have confidence in the integrity of his council."

"I believe that it is my duty, and I undertake to represent the people of my town, work for the common good and not for the private interest, ensure

fair and equal treatment of all persons with whom and all claims and transactions with which I may be concerned.

## Gifts

"I also undertake to refrain from accepting any gifts or favours or promises of future benefits which might impair or compromise my independence of judgement or action as a councillor and to help the council to maintain ethical standards of the highest order, and personally to refrain from doing anything that might offend such standards."

When approached by the reporters after the meeting, Mr Ndlazi said the paper was drafted by members of the Urban Councils Association of South Africa at a confer-

By Bruce Cameron,  
Political Staff

# NP rejection takes sparkle out of Indaba

DURBAN — The Government has not yet slammed the door on the Natal/kwaZulu indaba but it is clear that it will not accept the constitutional proposals in their current form.

The reaction of the National Party has sent shock waves through the Indaba, taking the sparkle out of the champagne with which the conclusion was toasted on Friday.

Natal leader of the National Party, Mr Stoffel Botha, who firmly rejected the constitutional proposals at the weekend, however said today he hoped

that ways and means could be found to use the proposals as a basis for negotiation.

Hopes are now being placed on Mr Chris Heunis, Minister of Constitutional Development, who said in July that the opinion of the people of Natal could be tested in a referendum.

And Mr Ray Swart, Natal leader of the Progressive Federal Party, made it clear today that if an election is held next year the Indaba would be main issue on which it would be fought in Natal.

Mr Swart also called on President P W Botha to intervene, warning that the National Party reaction would fan sanctions and add to polarisation in Natal.

At issue is the protection of group rights with the National Party claiming that there was no real protection of groups. But it was disclosed today that a number of other delegations, including the PFP, had real reservations about the emphasis placed on group rights in the proposals.

Meanwhile the National

Party has accused organisers at the Indaba of rushing through proposals without reaching consensus and of covering up differences while superimposing the views of one group.

Senior Nationalists were saying today that the Indaba organisers had repeatedly misread warning signs. Observer members had repeatedly warned in private conversations that the recommendations were not acceptable.

Mr Botha said in an interview today that he had not reacted to

the Indaba recommendations as a member of the Government but as Natal leader of the National Party and as an observer at the Indaba.

The Government would still have to consider the proposals, he said.

He agains rejected claims, which were repeated by Mr Swart today, that the National party had attempted to wreck the Indaba throughout.

In an interview at the weekend Mr Heunis, who heads the special Cabinet sub committee

which will study the Indaba proposals, said he could not comment at this stage on the contents of the report.

However Mr Heunis said the proposals would have to meet certain criteria.

The most important of these were that "there should be group protection, no domination and stability."

President Botha said earlier in the year that the Government did not exclude special arrangements in regions.

However the Government has studiously avoided stating how far it was prepared to go

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# NP rejects Indaba proposals, as they 'will end in domination',

— The leader of the National Party in Natal, Mr Stoffel Botha, has rejected the constitutional proposals put forward by the Natal/kwaZulu Indaba.

Mr Botha, who is also Minister of Home Affairs, said the proposals, if implemented, would lead to domination.

He said in a statement from Pretoria that, although the proposals attempted to accommodate minority rights, the end result would be a one-man, one-vote majority system.

## Chances ruined, says PFP

DURBAN — The Government's rejection of the Natal/kwaZulu Indaba recommendations had ruined its chances of starting constitutional negotiations, a Progressive Federal Party statement said last night.

Mr Peter Gastrow, the party's national chairman, was reacting to Minister of Home Affairs Mr Stoffel Botha's remarks about the Indaba.

Mr Botha said the Indaba's proposed legislative authority for Natal amounted to one-man, one-vote and this the Government rejected.

Mr Botha's statement was "a reaction from bigots who seem to have a death wish for South Africa". It insulted Natalians and made asses of moderates, said the PFP statement.

"The Government now has no chance to get negotiations going," Mr Gastrow said. "Confrontation will probably form the pattern of politics."

— Sapa.

He said the proposals would create mechanisms solely for the protection of the cultural interests of groups.

There was no mention of effective equal power-sharing.

Mr Botha said that, in contrast with the aims of the National Party, the implementation of the Indaba's proposals would lead to "total domination".

According to the Indaba's model, it was clear a majority party would effectively exercise sole power in the legislative and executive authority, as was the case in a typical Westminster system.

Mr Botha said the Indaba was informative and provided valuable lessons for future development.

### OBSERVER STATUS

It was accepted the proposals would be formally put before the Government.

The NP, which had observer status at the Indaba, could not associate itself with the model of the Indaba, he said.

The model did not comply with certain of the principles of the NP's constitution structure.

These were its requirements that at provincial or regional level the structure had to contain elements of democracy and allow all to take part in the process of government, as well as structures making provision for equal power-sharing without domination by one group or another.

He stressed the NP was committed to reform whereby the unequal prejudice to residents of Natal and kwaZulu on the basis of race and colour was eradicated. — Sapa.

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## Soweto City Council shows cracks



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THE Soweto City Council which for the the last three years seemed to be withstanding the political pressures that saw many local authorities crumble, is beginning to show signs of cracking.

This follows the surprise, but not unexpected, resignation of Mr Ephraim "ET" Tshabalala as mayor of Soweto and councillor for Mofolo South amidst the controversy surrounding the Mshenguville squatter camp and the rent boycott issue

Mr Tshabalala's resignation brings to three the number of vacant seats in Soweto. He is also the first Soweto councillor to quit since the days of the community councils

The council first suffered a setback when veteran civic politician Mr Walter Ngqoyi of Emndeni died earlier this year.

His death was followed by that of Mr Sydney Mkhwanazi, also of Emndeni, who was ambushed and killed by a group of youths soon after the

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rent boycott was enforced in Soweto

Many councillors fled their homes and took refuge in city flats after Mr Mkhwanazi died. Some had their houses extensively damaged during the disturbances.

Now the council will hold three by-elections in February in a bid to fill the three vacant seats.

Mr Nico Malan, chief executive officer of the council, said the council was operating normally although three seats had been left vacant.

He said councillors did not flee their homes, but were living in the city temporarily while the council was busy re-building their homes which were damaged during the disturbances

# Indaba snagged on group rights

By Bruce Cameron,  
Political Staff

The historic kwaZulu/Natal Indaba has again left the National Party clutching at group rights like a drowning sailor clinging to a water-soaked lifebelt.

The Indaba majority, as it seems intent on doing, will now have to convince the people of Natal that a constitution based solely on the protection of groups rather than the rights of individuals is not the only option.

Electoral pressure is likely to be the only way to sway the Government.

Group rights to the vast majority of blacks, who have suffered from racially based policies, and a large section of whites, are an anathema, particularly when their main proponent is the National Party, which gave the world apartheid.

Despite this, delegates who were firmly opposed to a constitutional system based on group rights bent over backwards to accommodate these views.

They faced a tremendous dilemma. On the one hand they realised too much emphasis on group rights would mean the majority of people of the region would find the proposals unacceptable.

It would also give the UDF and the ANC, which did not participate at all, a well sharpened weapon to attack the Indaba.

On the other hand, they knew the Government would not agree to something that ig-

nored group rights.

Those against group rights, believing they had the support of the overwhelming majority both black and white, were concerned too much attention to group rights would mean the tail would be wagging the dog.

The end result is a complicated system which is aimed primarily at starting from the base of individual rights, but tagging on group rights protections.

## MAJORITY

There is no doubt the proposals would result in the black majority dominating government in the region, but all groups would have a say.

The key to the protection of rights is the Bill of Rights, which would be protected by an independent judiciary.

The first house of the legislature (comparable to the former House of Assembly) would be elected in two sections by proportional representation.

Contrary to claims of Natal National Party leader Mr Stoffel Botha, that the proposals amounted to a non-democratic winner-take-all system, proportional representation severely limits just this.

Long the basis of Progressive Federal Party policy, it has been used successfully in many countries to ensure there is no winner-take-all situation. With 100 seats di-

vided among 15 constituencies, minorities have a great chance of representation, needing only 10 percent of the vote in a constituency to win a seat.

Mr Botha is proved even more incorrect when it comes to the second chamber.

Although Indaba spokesmen have attempted to dress up the second house as reflecting cultural groups, its composition would more likely be racial.

This house, with only 10 of its 50 members of an "African background", is anything but dominated by blacks and legislation would have to pass through it.

Here again, proportional representation would be used, with voters choosing for themselves for which group they wished to vote.

If this was not enough, the Indaba has gone further to force on the Government a Cabinet on which 50 percent of the members would have to come from minority parties — with those parties choosing their own representatives.

Although not part of the legislature, cultural councils would be established through which group interests could challenge in the courts the National Party which served on the Indaba.

One person quipped yesterday after Mr Botha rejected the proposals that it appeared that "the loser wants to take all — again".

# Heunis's reaction: another setback?

## Indaba meets again to plan tactics, despite discouraging response

Political Staff

DURBAN — The Natal/kwaZulu Indaba meets today to plan tactics and tie up crucial loose ends in the face of discouraging Government reaction to its proposals.

In the latest setback, Constitutional Development Minister Mr Chris Heunis has emphasised that he gave no assurance that a referendum would definitely be held to test the opinions of the people of Natal.

However, in an interview today he did not close the door on the proposals, or on the possibility of a referendum.

"I will only be prepared to comment on behalf of the Government after the Government has received and considered any proposals and has taken a decision," he said.

Indaba chairman Professor Desmond Clarence said today that plans were being made to hand the report to Mr Heunis as soon as possible.

It was also likely that Mr Heunis would be given a motivation for a referendum in Natal on the proposals.

There is now no doubt that members of the Indaba will go ahead with their referendum if the Government refuses to hold one.

This has been confirmed by Mr Frank Martin, former elected Natal MEC and a co-sponsor of the Indaba.

### WRAP—UP

The Indaba could also present its economic and education proposals after tomorrow's meeting.

Professor Clarence said the Indaba would now have to decide whether to wrap up and leave the rest of the work, such as selling the proposals to the Government and to the people of Natal, to political parties.

Mr Heunis's statement comes after a weekend statement by Natal National Party leader Mr Stoffel Botha, in which the pro-

posals were harshly criticised.

Mr Heunis today defended Mr Botha's right to make the statement before the Government had considered the proposals.

Mr Botha, as leader of the National Party in Natal, was represented at the Indaba with observer status.

"Quite obviously he has the right to respond and to comment on proposals in the province of which he is a political leader," Mr Heunis said.

Mr Heunis said it was too premature to speculate on probabilities, before the Government had received the report.

Commenting on reaction to the report, Professor Clarence said it should be remembered that no one was totally in favour of the proposals — "it is a compromise".

Minority reports were possible, not only from the dissenting right, but also from other parties, Professor Clarence emphasised.

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## Worrall letter seen as hint of referendum

The Star Bureau

LONDON — A letter from the South African Ambassador in London, Dr Denis Worrall, is being interpreted by *The Guardian* newspaper as a clear hint that Pretoria has not ruled out a power-sharing plan for Natal.

The letter denies that Minister of Internal Affairs Mr Stoffel Botha was speaking for the Government when he summarily dismissed proposals for the scheme.

Hella Pick, the newspaper's diplomatic correspondent, commented, "Dr Worrall's intervention strengthens speculation that the South African Government may decide to hold a referendum among Natal's whites before stating its position."



South Africans urged: Give it a chance

# Indaba plan is hailed in Washington

By Neil Lurssen, The Star Bureau

Washington

The United States Government has enthusiastically endorsed the Indaba plan for political power-sharing and urged all South Africans to give it serious consideration.

Referring to the rejection of the Indaba proposals at the weekend by Mr Stoffel Botha, South African Minister of Internal Affairs, a United States spokesman said: "We hope Minister Botha's comment will not be the South African Government's last word on the subject."

And in a speech to economists in Detroit, Assistant Secretary of State for Africa Dr Chester Crocker warned that external parties such as the United States could not help solve South Africa's crisis unless South Africans were prepared to take risks for peace

In Washington, the State Department said the Indaba, while at a regional level, was the only current example of black and white South Africans negotiating on equal terms on the central question of political and democratic constitutional guarantees

"As such, we hope it can inspire creative thinking among all the parties about how to initiate national negotiations leading to a new constitutional order for South Africa," a senior official said

"However one feels about the substance of the proposals, the Indaba has shown that South Africans can make the difficult compromises to advance the causes of racial justice and representative government when they are challenged to do so"

In his first major speech on the South African situation since the US Congress rejected his advice and imposed economic sanctions, Dr Crocker said the diplomatic option for solving the country's problem was now open — and America's good offices were available

The US was ready now to explore seriously with each of the parties the contribution it could.

"Despite the grim realities of the present situation in South Africa, we remain hopeful the contending parties will come to their senses and recognise that the path of violence and confrontation is a dead-end street"

## Challenges

The United States intended challenging the South African Government, the African National Congress, other black opposition groups and the Frontline States to do their part to help create a framework for negotiations, he said.

Dr Crocker said the debate in the US over South Africa had been hard-fought and had left bruised feelings on both sides

Sanctions were now the law, but Americans who had taken opposite sides were coming to realise sanctions did not amount to an effective policy toward South Africa

"The South African Government has responded by imposing something of a chill in our bilateral relationship," he noted. "Unfortunately the region is turbulent with stormclouds of violence and polarised confrontation."

"In response to international sanctions, the South African Government has retreated further into a self-imposed laager of repression and anti-American sentiment

"The police presence in black townships and restrictions on Press freedom have helped to keep scenes of violence off our evening news telecasts. But the cycle of repression and violent resistance continues."

# Indaba proposals show what SA is capable of

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WASHINGTON — The US Secretary of State, Mr George Shultz, has emphasised the Reagan Administration's approval of the Indaba plan for political power-sharing in South Africa

In the first comment on the Indaba process by an American official at Cabinet level, Mr Shultz said it was the only political forum in the country where blacks had participated on equal terms with members of other races

For many months the Indaba had wrestled on a provincial basis with the great questions that must be addressed at national level — including the creation of non-racial legislation and the drafting of a bill of rights.

"The Indaba has now made public its proposal. It is controversial in South Africa, as any imaginative compromise must be," Mr Shultz said. "But it has shown that South Africans are capable of difficult mutual accommodation to advance the cause of racial justice and representative government when they are challenged."

Mr Shultz cited a recent poll indicating that three out of four blacks favoured negotiations rather than violence as a way of ending apartheid. "Yet time is running out for those blacks still willing to play a positive role and peaceful role in building a new South Africa," he warned.

The Secretary of State paid tribute to South Africa's parliamentary Opposition which he described as "badly outnumbered but vocal" in calling the Government to account for its actions. "These determined South African patriots deserve our admiration," he said.

## Botile is Mayor of Soweto

Former social worker Mr Nelson Botile was elected Mayor of Soweto yesterday.

He trounced Mr. Isaac Buthelezi, a former deputy mayor and a staunch Sofasonke Party member, by 18 votes to four.

Mr Botile, a former chairman of Orlando Pirates, has to resign as chairman of the Soweto City Council's technical committee within seven days.

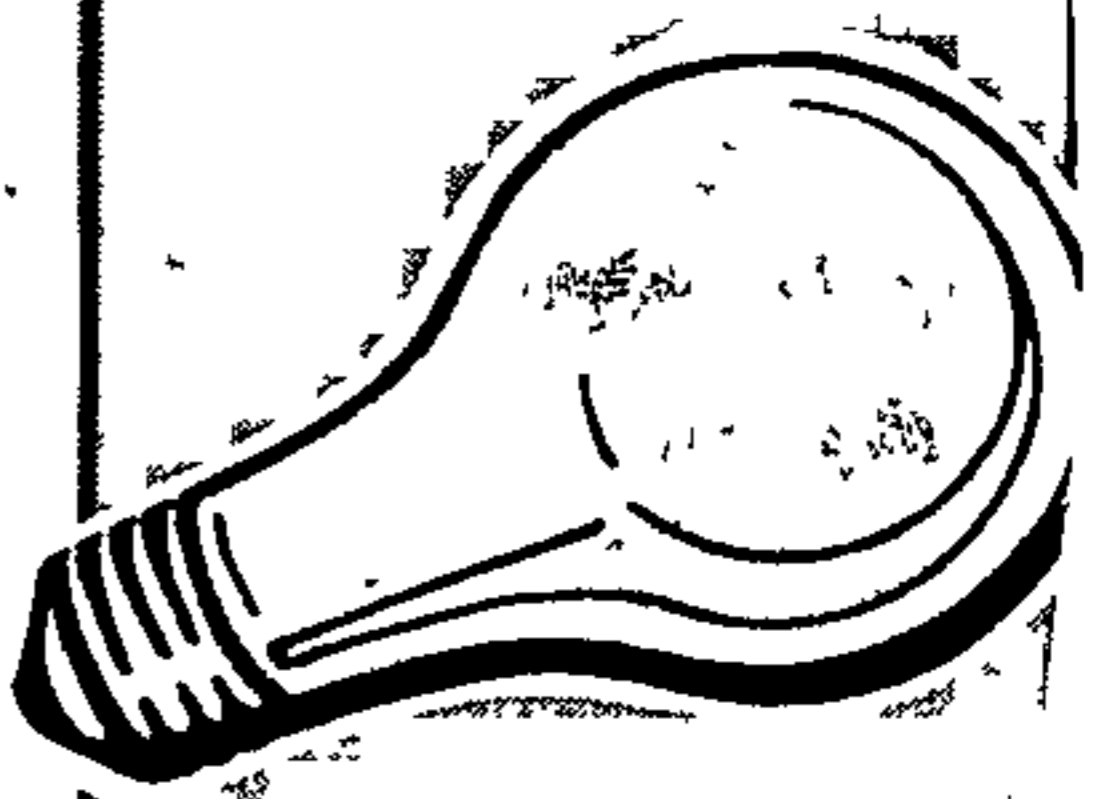
After being elected, Mr Botile promised to bring unity to the council and the Soweto community because "if we are not united as a black nation, it will be difficult to be liberated".

"I am aware of the acute housing shortage in Soweto and will use this office to satisfy the most pressing needs."

He also promised a job creation effort for the people of Soweto.

He promised, too, to look at the needs of the aged folk of Soweto "to make life a little bearable for the grandmothers and grandfathers".

# Big Switch off



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By SELLO SERIPE

THE Karlehong Residents' Committee this week snubbed the local town council - saying that the mayor did not consult residents when he acquired the R52-million loan to electrify the township and "we want to know who is going

to foot this massive bill". Mayor Thami Siluma said earlier during the week that the money, borrowed from the government and which is interest-free, would be used to electrify the houses and "after receiving these long awaited facilities, residents

would be expected to pay them". The KRC also demanded that the council scrap the R7,50 Electricity Master Plan Levy introduced in 1980 because the council had promised residents that the levy would be paid

"When the levy was introduced, the then Advisory Board, replaced by the present town council, promised that the R1 levy would be paid for a year to accumulate funds to electrify our houses

"Instead, the amount increased yearly until it reached R7,50 but still we are without electricity. "We therefore demand that the levy be scrapped and the money accumulated during that six-year period be used to electrify our houses," said the KRC spokesman

The spokesman said that since the levy was introduced, very little has been done to improve the township and residents view the continual paying of the levy as an act of betrayal because they were told the levy would last for a year

"Lastly, we would like Siluma to tell us what happened to our hard-earned money we paid as levy since 1980"

Siluma was at a meeting when *City Press* tried to contact him. The following day he was said to have left for Ciskei.

The town clerk said that he was not aware that the community was not consulted when the loan was acquired and said it was the duty of the councillors to inform the public of whatever steps were undertaken that would bind the community

# COUNCIL SCAM

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Mr CHRIS Heunis ...  
Minister.

**TOP officials of the Thokoza Town Council on the East Rand have allegedly misused about R700 000 to buy themselves houses in the posh suburbs of Johannesburg without the approval of the authorities.**

According to reli-

By MZIKAYISE EDOM  
East Rand Bureau

able sources close to the council and the Department of Constitutional Development and Planning, five officials of the council bought mansions in Sandton and Rosebank a few months ago

The houses, which cost between R100 000 and R150 000 each,

were bought by the officials without the approval of the full council and the Minister of Constitutional Development and Planning, Mr Chris Heunis

Our sources said at least two of the officials now live in the houses. The sources added that the houses "belong" to the officials and are not council property.

A spokesman for the Department of Constitutional Development and Planning last week confirmed that the department was investigating the allegations

"The five officials and the Thokoza Council were not given permission by Mr Heunis to purchase the houses. The officials took this decision on their own," the spokesman added

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## Council Scandal

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Mrs Doris Thimane, the town clerk of Thokoza, has denied the allegations

She said she was not aware of any council officials "owning" houses in the northern suburbs

"This is the first time I hear of council officials misusing council funds to buy themselves houses in town (Johannesburg) without the approval of the council and the Government," she said

This is the third such scandal exposed by the *Sowetan* within the past four weeks

Four weeks ago we published a story that a report by a firm of auditors claims that top officials of the council have misused more than R90 000 on motor cars, various unauthorised trips and accommodation at hotels

A week later, we published a story of a Thokoza Council official who allegedly defrauded residents of more than R9 000

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# Feuding councils group set to split down middle

By SEFAKO NYAKA

THE trouble-torn Urban Councils Association of South Africa (Ucasa) is expected to split down the middle on February 1 next year.

On this date, councillors are expected to pass a vote of no confidence in the present Ucasa executive committee.

At a meeting held in Daveyton, Benoni, over the weekend, more than 40 delegates from the Transvaal, eastern Cape and the Orange Free State demanded the resignation of Ucasa president Steve Kgame and the reinstatement of expelled vice president, Tom Boya.

Boya and Solly Rammala, acting director of Ucasa, were expelled at a Ucasa meeting held in East London on November 30. Their expulsion is seen as the culmination of a seven-month long feud between the organisation's old guard, represented by Kgame, and its new guard, led by Boya.

The feud centres around the question of negotiations with the government and allegations of corruption among councillors, especially amongst the old guard.

Several councillors, including Kgame, are presently facing charges of accepting bribes from home-seekers. The young guard has repeatedly called for the suspension of such members.

The young guard believes the Ucasa executive has been soft in negotiations on matters such as participation in the "controversial National Council, abolition of the Group Areas Act and all other forms of racial discrimination", according to Boya.

He said there was also a difference of opinion on the allocation of more land for the expansion of black residential areas and the upgrading of the areas of Black Local Authorities and housing.

According to Boya, who is also the chairman of the East Rand Urban Councils Association, (Eruca) the expulsion was prompted by the old guard's desire to participate in the proposed National Council, which he and other members of the young guard have been resisting.

The conference that expelled Boya and Rammala also dissolved the Ucasa Advice Committee — "a body of about

30 progressive councillors representative of the four provinces of the Republic whose main task has been to advise Ucasa on important policy matters and to undertake special projects for the organisation", according to Boya.

The weekend meeting also dismissed the dissolution of the "Think Tank".

Soon after being expelled, Boya warned that action could lead to a split in the organisation and was indicative of the fact that the committee had lost touch with its members and was acting in conflict with the organisation's constitution.

"Mr Rammala and myself did our utmost to avoid such a split. However, because of the weak leadership and lack of direction on the part of the national executive committee, the time may have arrived for local authorities to decide on a truly progressive representative organ, because serious relevant issues affecting Black Local Authorities need urgent attention," Boya said.

Cracks in Ucasa began to show in April this year at a conference in Bloemfontein when the old guard urged participation in the National Council without the government meeting the preconditions set by the organisation.

The young guard had called for the release of ANC leader Nelson Mandela, Zeph Mothopeng and other political prisoners before they would

serve on the council.

They also called for the abolition of statutory discrimination, the creation of non-racial Local Authorities and an end to forced removals.

After the Bloemfontein conference, the young guard lobbied in a bid to oust the old guard and stall the National Council participation.

In October, the Transvaal branch of Ucasa was split on the issue of elections.

The old guard wanted all councillors present to participate in the election of a new committee — a departure from the constitution, which stipulated that only two delegates each from the seven regions should have voting powers.

Sensing defeat, the old guard stayed away from a meeting held in the Vaal on October 19, where a new executive was elected.

Kgame, who leads the old guard, called a meeting at Mhluza Hall in Middelburg, Transvaal, but the meeting ended in a deadlock when the old guard again insisted on a departure from the constitution on the question of elections. The old guard then called the East London meeting but didn't invite Boya.

The new guard, under the leadership of Boya, who is a former Black People's Convention member, will hold a meeting this Sunday. A split is imminent.

Indications are that after February 1, if not earlier, Kgame and his old guard will be left out in the cold.

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GOVERNMENT had not yet received any official communication regarding the KwaNatal indaba's draft constitution, chairman Professor Desmond Clarence said yesterday :

Clarence said although the draft was released to the public more than two weeks ago, parties to the indaba had been given until the end of this week to submit minority reports

Only once those had been received would he write a memorandum, which would be presented to Constitutional Development and Planning Minister Chris Heunis at a meeting scheduled for mid-January

In view of that, Clarence said, he was not at all unhappy at the official government silence on the draft constitution Natal NP leader Stoffel Botha has already rejected the draft. But Clarence said he did not regard Botha's views as reflecting official government position

Clarence said "Botha's comments were not based on a full understanding of the proposals

"And various people, including Denis Worrall, have indicated that they do not represent official thinking"



# Soweto Council owed R12-m

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THE Soweto City Council is owed a staggering R12 million by residents who have not paid their electricity and water bills since June this year.

The council's electrical engineer, Mr R E du Toit disclosed the figure yesterday.

He said the council had paid Escom and Rand Water Board from "bridging loans" the council acquired. But the council could not continue doing this and "this is why the consumers will have to pay their arrears."

When told that some residents complained that council officials told them that their power was cut because they had not paid their accounts since June this year, Mr du Toit said the council had not taken a decision to that effect.

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But, Miss Sibongile Madi of Rockville said an official at the electricity offices in Nancefield told her yesterday that the electricity at her home would not be reconnected if the arrears were not paid.

The official further told her, she said, that 2 000 houses in Soweto have had their power cut because of non-payment since June and more would be disconnected.

Mr du Toit said he was aware that the council had temporarily reversed its decision to evict rent defaulters following violence that erupted in White City Jabavu where several people died some months ago.

In normal situations, said Mr du Toit, a person in arrears had his electricity cut and reconnected after payment. In this case, he said, the council had not taken a decision to cut electricity and water in an effort to break the boycott that started at the beginning of June.