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Wienburg hits at committees

CAPE TOWN City Council executive committee chairman Mr Arthur Wienburg yesterday sharply criticised nine council management committees for what he termed active collaboration with renegade elements in the South African Municipal Workers' Union.

Mr Wienburg was responding to the committees' call for his resignation.

The committees said on Tuesday he should be billed personally for damage caused by municipal workers to the Civic Centre (263).

Ten policemen and at least 50 Samwu workers were injured in a protest at the civic centre on Monday and at least R20 000 damage was caused.

In a statement yesterday Mr

Wienburg said utterances by the committees could have "the effect of encouraging further acts of violence among undisciplined elements in the union movement".

"The management committees are making a last-ditch grab for authority in the transitional council," he said.

He said the committees state-

ment displayed "total ignorance" of the events leading up to, and during, illegal industrial action by some Samwu workers.

He said Samwu and the council reached agreement in just one meeting on Tuesday and "this speaks for itself of our good faith and willingness to reach a solution" — Sapa

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Councillors must pay

Municipal Reporter

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NO ratepayers' money will be spent on contributions towards pension buy-backs for outgoing councillors, the council voted at its meeting yesterday.

But this decision may be overturned when the council meets next month for the last time in its present form.

Mr Leon Markowitz gave notice that he would apply to have the decision "reviewed and rescinded" at the next meeting since the voting was close.

Exco chairman Mr Arthur Wienburg said individual councillors could still

pay R17 000 of their own money to reach the minimum that secures a pension.

● Eighty-five of the 98 Clifton bungalow lease-holders had signed agreements to purchase the sites they occupy by last month when the three-month period for acceptance of the council's deal expired.

● A barrier wall to separate traffic going in opposite directions is to be built on De Waal Drive/Rhodes Drive, on a 600-metre stretch over the bridge where Settler's Way separates from the freeway that goes past UCT.

Agreement Reached on Amalgamation?

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By PETER DENNHY

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The deal between the contesting sides is expected to be ratified at a full plenary session of the forum on November 7.

Yesterday both sides agreed:

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- But by March or April next year, new "substantially revised" municipal boundaries will be established, giving effect "to the principle of (inter-racial) unification".

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will be run on the basis of these changed boundaries;

- Amalgamation at political level will take place between the various councils that all fall into the same municipal boundaries after this shift.

This means that the council budgets that come into effect in the middle of next year will be joint budgets.

A 90-day period will be allowed for the political amalgamation, from the date of the announcement of the restructured boundaries.

The total number of councillors will not be cut back again when the new boundaries are established. This means that Cape Town's "pre-interim council" is likely to grow even further in number, from 98 at the end of November to 98 plus the number of Pinelands and Ikapa councillors.

Elections late next year will trim back this number substantially.

Another agreement reached just yesterday was that the Transitional Metropolitan Council, which will also be established towards the end of next month to rule Greater Cape Town, will have 160 members.

Mr. Bathembu Lugalwana, acting co-chairman of the non-statutory side, said his team was grappling with the distribution of seats on the new councils among its parties and organisations.

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Accountants' Union-Councils

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Probe into police action during demo

ANDREA WEISS
Municipal Reporter

TWO days of upheaval in Cape Town's municipal workforce ends today after an agreement between the council's executive committee and the SA Municipal Workers' Union.

And in a further move related to the violence on the steps of the civic centre on Monday, the parliamentary standing committees on local government and police have indicated they will launch an inquiry into police action.

Both Samwu and executive committee chairman Arthur Wienburg have welcomed the inquiry, albeit from different viewpoints.

Mr Wienburg said today such an inquiry would exonerate the police of all blame. He reiterated that neither he nor his senior officials called the police, but praised the police for "acting admirably in containing an ugly situation".

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Samwu branch secretary Robert Adams said the union was still trying to establish who had called the police.

Mr Adams said Samwu had achieved major victories in its negotiations with council.

He blamed the deterioration in relations between Samwu and the council on "the change in leadership".

He was referring to the recent election of Mr Wienburg as head of exco and the ousting of Clive Keegan.

Today the council has given the union an hour to discuss the agreement with members, after which they are expected to return to work.

The terms of the agreement include

- Any upgrading in job categories not currently on the agenda of the Town Clerk's Forum will be dealt with by the new incoming council, except in exceptional

circumstances. Those now being dealt with will proceed.

- The sale or lease of Kogel Bay and the Wemmershoek facilities will be dealt with by the new incoming council.

- The council will negotiate with abattoir staff regarding retraining and alternative placement, and will negotiate on severance benefits where applicable. Samwu is to get a copy of the lease agreement, which will be advertised for comment, giving people the opportunity to object.

- The existing bargaining forum, being the Town Clerk's Forum, will remain and this forum will be fully mandated by council to speed up proceedings.

- Exco will facilitate meetings between the unions with a view to establishing an industrial union.

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Govt rejects Western Cape's funding gripes

CAPE TOWN — NP complaints at the weekend that the Western Cape was being denied access to the reconstruction and development fund were rebuffed yesterday by Minister without Portfolio Jay Naidoo.

Senior NP members, including Western Cape premier Hernus Kriel and provincial finance minister Kobus Meiring, reportedly told a party congress government planned to cut funding to the province as its educational and health facilities were the best in the country.

The cuts, together with very limited access to the RDP fund, would cause thousands of people in the Western Cape to lose their jobs, it was claimed.

Naidoo said these views were based on "misconceptions" about the RDP. "The RDP fund is not just an add-on, it is aimed at redirecting the spending of resources," he told the Senate's select committee on the RDP.

Naidoo said expenditure on education amounted to 21% of the state budget, significantly more than other countries in a similar development bracket. "It is just not feasible to talk about increasing that budget."

SA's high level of spending on education could be blamed on wastage and on the misplacing of

ADRIAN HADLAND

state resources. "In some schools the teacher-student ratio is 1.15 whereas in others, even in the same magisterial district, it is closer to 1:50."

Provincial, local government and education departments had to restructure their budgets, by redeploying staff and resources to fund new or existing schools.

Housing accounted for only 1.4% of the national budget while agriculture and regional industrial development, which were also important RDP objectives, consumed 1.8% and 0.56% of the budget respectively.

Naidoo said a five-year strategy to restructure central government, provincial and parastatal budgets would be completed by his department by year-end. Some harsh economic and political decisions would have to be made as a result of the strategy.

Public hearings on the RDP White Paper would be consolidated into a new document, ready for Cabinet approval by November 9, he said.

A detailed White Paper, outlining economic and industrial policies, would be ready by March. This would include details of an investment strategy leading to the lifting of foreign exchange controls.



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ANC ends boycott of provincial cabinet

By Alexandra Zavis

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THE ANC has resolved its differences with the National Party and ended its boycott of the provincial cabinet.

ANC ministers walked out of the cabinet last week, when a document came into their hands suggesting that the restructuring of departments was taking place unilaterally without input from ANC provincial ministers.

Western Cape premier Mr Herens Krriel denied that the document

reflected official policy and said any proposals would have to be discussed at cabinet level.

A memorandum of understanding was drawn up by Krriel and the ANC at a meeting on Tuesday.

The ANC agreed to raise any future problems with Krriel or the provincial cabinet first, while the premier confirmed that any changes in the allocation of portfolios would be made in consultation between parties. All ministers agreed to adhere to cabinet decisions, although a minority view would be

noted in the cabinet minutes.

Ministers also agreed to report regularly to the cabinet on their department's activities. Both parties reaffirmed their commitment to the creation of a provincial public service which was representative of the Western Cape population, and to establish a Provincial Service Commission for this.

They also agreed that the restructuring of departments would take place with due consideration for the need for frugality in creating senior posts. Finally, a joint committee will

be established to work out a framework for decision-making by ministers in order to realise constitutional objectives.

The committee will include ministers of housing Mr Gerald Morkel, minister of finance Mr Kobus Meiring, minister of agricultural development Mr Lampie Fick, minister of health and social services Mr Ebrahim Rasool, minister of roads, transport and public works Mr Leonard Ramatlakane and ANC provincial leader Rev Chris Nissen.

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Hearings on local government

ANDREA WEISS
Municipal Reporter

PEOPLE will be given a say in what they believe the new municipal boundaries for Cape Town should be at public hearings throughout the metropolitan area

Public to have say on changes

But people will have to notify the board that they wish to make an oral presentation at the hearings. Board chairman Fanie Cloete has asked people to be "factual and concise".

The Demarcation Board has an advertisement in newspapers today calling on people to take part in the process, which will determine how many new councils, or sub-structures, the city will have and where they will be

The hearings, which will take place in the third week of next month, are to be held in the Cape Town centre, Bellville, Khayelitsha, Athlone, Milnerton, Simon's Town and Somerset West

A crucial part of the process will be deciding how to redraw boundaries to marry financially viable areas with disadvantaged areas and to break down the geography of apartheid

And, in another move, the board has also been asked to hold a special hearing to accommodate the concerns of Stellenbosch and Knysna farmers, who are unhappy about being included in the metro-pole's outer boundaries

Professor Cloete was not willing to comment on why the farmers had been given a "second bite" in the boundary debate, while Helderberg residents had not.

Local Government Minister Peter Marais has asked for a report on the farm boundaries by the end of December, a month after the new Transitional Metropolitan Council (TMC) ought to be in place

Professor Cloete said he did not believe that the revisiting of the eastern boundaries of the metropolitan area would hold up the transitional process because it involved agricultural land which

was not densely populated.

If the farms were included, however, farmers might ask for representation on the TMC

Professor Cloete said he believed the Cape metropolitan transitional process was lagging behind the rest of the country because procedures here had been "more democratic".

The board has been asked to submit a report on proposed inner boundaries of the metropolitan area by the end of February

It has also been asked to look at the boundaries of 62 rural areas with the view to finalising them for the municipal elections in October next year

More information on the hearings can be obtained from Mr M P Randal at (021) 483 4127

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Municipal change is 'crucial'

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THE transitional process for municipal government is far more complex than changes at national level — but it is crucial to the total political reform of South Africa

This was the view of Valli Moosa, deputy-minister for provincial and constitutional affairs, at a seminar in Cape Town on the local government negotiation process yesterday

Mr Moosa said 434 recognised negotiating forums had been established in the country, and 40 percent of these had reached agreement, indicating a "great deal of progress"

The government was under pressure to set a date for the municipal elections because there were areas which were deliberately stalling the process

The cabinet had decided elections should be held by the end of October next year because a lengthy delay would mean a delay in the reconstruction and development programme, which would largely have to be implemented by local authorities

A November 30 deadline for the establishment of transitional councils had been agreed on by all nine provinces so that the process of voter registration could proceed

Mr Moosa said there was a sense of urgency because the crisis in local government financing needed to be solved

Probe into city's municipal limits

Municipal Reporter

LOCAL government minister Mr Peter Marais has asked the Demarcation Board to investigate where greater Cape Town's new municipal boundaries should be drawn

This was announced yesterday by the Local Government Demarcation Board for the Western Cape (263) CT 21/10/94

The board is still considering one point in the Cape Metropolitan boundary — that between the Cape Town-Paarl N1 and the edge of the Helderberg Nature Reserve in Somerset West

The board has also been asked to recommend boundaries for 62 Western Cape towns

Interested persons may submit written proposals, comments and representations by not later than Friday, November 4 to the board

These must be sent to The Secretary, Demarcation Board, Private Bag X9083 Cape Town 8 000

A series of seven meetings is to be held about the greater Cape Town boundaries, all at 9 30am on consecutive weekdays from November 16

Call to limit council areas

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By PETER DENNEHY

THERE should be only five municipalities within the Cape Metropolitan Area after boundary redrawing, if this is done with service considerations in mind

This was said yesterday by Mr Mike Marsden, the Cape Town City Council's chief engineer for research and development

He was presenting a paper, co-authored by city engineer Mr Arthur Clayton, to the Institute of Municipal Engineers' Conference in the civic centre

The views of the two men are not those of the council

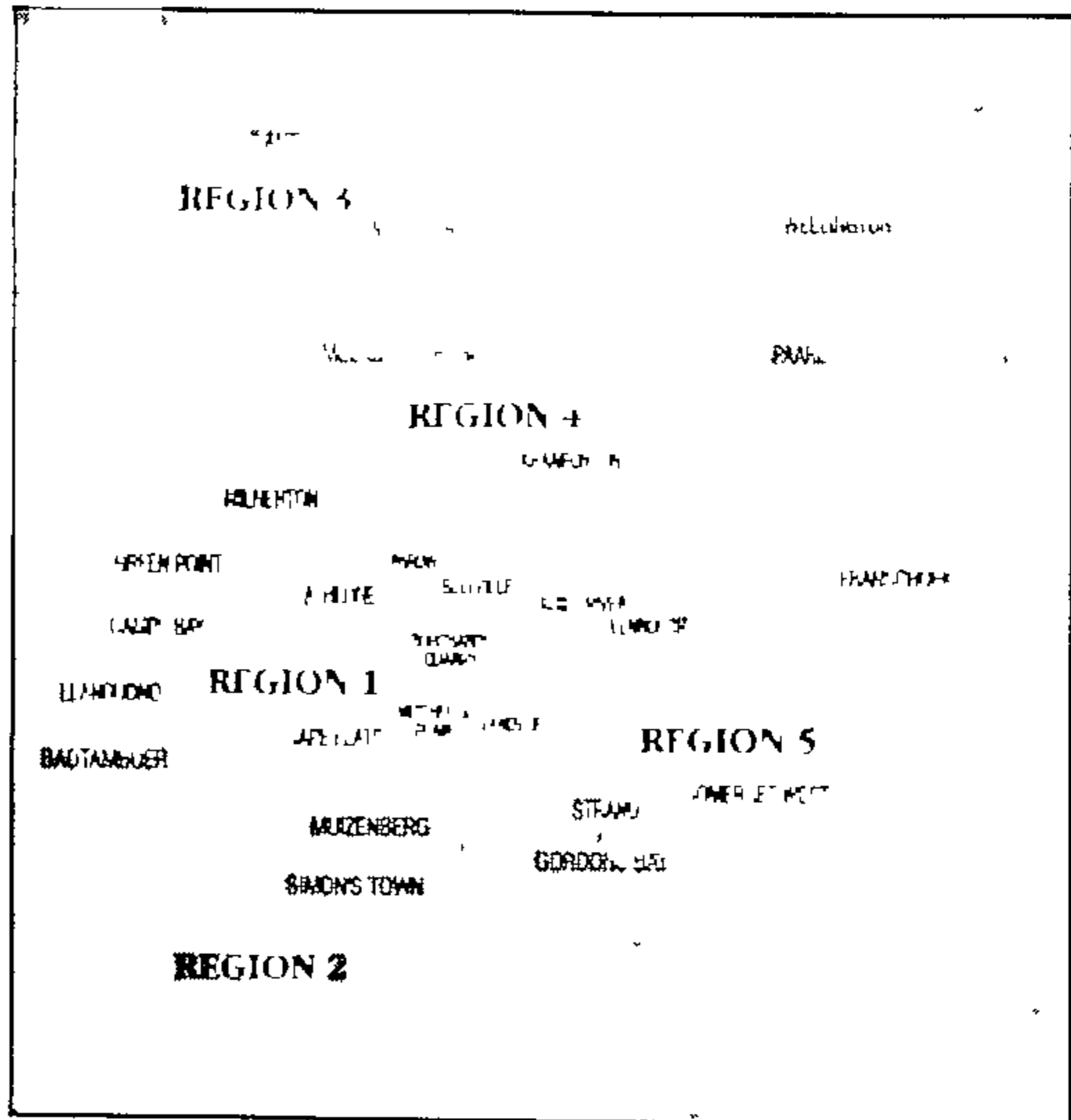
The council has yet to put forward its views on the new boundaries through its representatives on the Metro Negotiating Forum, council spokesman Mr Ted Doman said yesterday

Mr Marsden, who is an adviser to one of the Metro Forum task groups, argued that the re-organisation of local government should be service-driven "because that is the basic need"

Municipal services had virtually collapsed in the iKapa area (Langa, Guguletu, Nyanga) and to a lesser extent in Khayelitsha

"Resources and needs, rich and poor, need to be twinned," he said "The resources are mainly with the white local authorities"

The resources of the city should be coupled to the needs of iKapa, and those of Bellville with Khayelitsha and Mfuleni, he said. The other three municipal areas which he proposed were Southern Peninsula, Milnerton/-



BORDERLINE . . . The five proposed Cape Metropolitan "service-orientated" municipal boundaries.

Atlantis and Helderberg, which were all small, and included relatively small black towns

There are currently 67 local authorities in the area covered by Mr Marsden's suggested five

● Referendums on disputes about provincial boundaries are to be scrapped, says Deputy Min-

ister of Constitutional Development and Provincial Affairs Mr Valli Moosa

Addressing the joint select committee on constitutional affairs yesterday, he said this would be among the provisions of an omnibus Constitution Fifth Amendment Bill to be considered by Parliament — Sapa

Parties resolve Western Cape portfolios problem

CAPE TOWN — The crisis in the Western Cape provincial government was resolved yesterday when premier Hernus Kriel and the ANC reached a formal understanding on the allocation of portfolios and other issues.

The four ANC provincial MECs boycotted a cabinet meeting last week in protest against what they called the NP's unilateral restructuring. **BIDA**

Kriel and ANC Western Cape chairman Chris Nissen said in a joint statement the effect of yesterday's agreement was that the provincial cabinet would now be attended by both parties. **19110194**

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All ministers undertook to respect and adhere to all decisions of the provincial cabinet. A minority view would, however, be noted in the cabinet minutes.

A delegation led by MEC for economic affairs Allan Boesak and Nissen met ANC national leaders for talks on the issue at Tuynhuys on Monday — Sapa

ANC cabinet stand-off over

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By CHRIS BATEMAN

WESTERN CAPE Premier Mr Hernus Kriel stamped his constitutional authority — and that of his NP-led cabinet — on the provincial legislature yesterday, ending the ANC's controversial boycott after an hour-long meeting

In what amounts to a severe climb-down for the ANC partners, the party's four cabinet ministers have undertaken to raise all future problems with the premier and/or the cabinet before taking any action

They also agreed to be accessible to senior officials of their departments to allow "effective functioning" and conceded several points in the constitution which give considerable powers to premiers. One of these makes all ministers accountable to the

Kriel lays down the law

premier and the legislature for the administration of their portfolios

These were among several undertakings in a joint "memorandum of understanding" the ANC and NP released after yesterday's meeting

The NP agreed any changes in the allocation of cabinet portfolios be made in consultation with the affected political parties

One of the reasons the ANC gave for their boycott of last

week's cabinet meeting was that Mr Kriel had secretly been trying to prepare the ground for a re-shuffling of portfolios

Another was a document outlining 93 senior post allocations, which they said was drawn up after Mr Kriel approached them but was turned down

Mr Kriel dismissed the document as "theoretical" and of no relevance, saying he disagreed with several points

Yesterday's memo also emphasised that ministers were collectively accountable for governing the province as a cabinet

Those who attended yesterday's meeting with the premier were ANC regional chairman Mr Chris Nissen and Ministers Mr Lerumo Kalako, Mr Ebrahim Rasool, Mrs P Mlambo (all ANC) and NP ministers Mr Gerald Morkel, Mr Kobus Meiring and Mr Lampe Fick.

Driftsands waits for peace while political fortunes rise and fall

□ 'We want the Provincial Administration to do what they said they would do'

ZODAA Tika is an old hand at dealing with life on the Cape Flats.

She settled in Crossroads in the 1980s and, for a decade, has contended with the comings and goings of unpleen leaders, and the rising and falling fortunes of their factions

Now she has had enough of all that. She wants to live in a community that is peaceful and has facilities for a better life.

As a member of the Driftsands Residents' Committee, Ms Tika's sentiments closely match those of the community's other 500-odd inhabitants

But their perception is that even in the new South Africa, it is the comings and goings of political leaders that are decisive

In fact, it may not be as simple — or as hopeless — as that. It is probably true of development everywhere that it is slow and complex. Fund applications have to be made, budgets approved, priorities established

Nevertheless the community feels that politics, rather than need, is the chief determinant in how soon they can expect things to change for the better

A few months ago Driftsands was in the news because some residents were burning down each other's houses

At the heart of it was bitter competition between a National Party faction led by provincial legislator Johnson Ngobongwana and ANC and Pan Africanist Congress rivals

DRIFTSANDS is one of the smallest communities on the Cape Flats, a settlement whose neat, structured appearance gives it an air of enviable calm. But in the past year Driftsands residents have found themselves at the very nexus of the tough, sometimes bitter, political competition in the Western Cape between the National Party and the African National Congress. Political Correspondent

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PLAYTIME: Driftsands children gather outside the temporary crèche, damaged during the recent conflict between rival political groupings.

houses. At the heart of it was a bitter competition between a National Party faction led by provincial legislator Johnson Ngobongwana and ANC and Pan Africanist Congress rivals.

When the conflict came to a head in August, Mr Ngobongwana and his 40 or 50 followers left Drietsands and eventually resettled nearby.

Since then, there has been peace in the community, but residents claim development has come to a standstill.

Their perception is that the Provincial Administration — and its Nationalist political leadership — has turned its back on Drietsands precisely because the NP element moved out, dropping what the residents believed was a strategy to turn the settlement into a "model" NP township, for image-building purposes.

Provincial development officer Mollat Mfeko said he had been told by his superiors to "work through" Mr Ngobongwana and no-one else.

He said his objections to this — and warnings that Mr Ngobongwana's presence in the community was the source of friction — fell on deaf ears.

He said he was eventually told not to work in Drietsands.

The Provincial Administration rejects suggestions of political bias in its approach to Drietsands, and says Mr Mfeko was instructed to "concentrate his energies on other communities — Wallacedene and Bloekombos — long before tension developed at Drietsands".

Ms Tika said, "Mr Ngobongwana tried to force people to join the National Party and he used to say that if they didn't, everything (development) will stop."

"Now we want the Provincial Administration to come back and do what they said they would do. She said they had been told the school and crèche would be upgraded, a community hall would be built and a community garden laid out."

"Now, nothing is happening." The Provincial Administration denies that development plans have been altered for political reasons.

A Housing Ministry spokesman said in response

- The upgrading of the school needed to be done

PLAYTIME: Drietsands children gather outside the temporary crèche, damaged during the recent conflict between rival political groupings.

by the Education Department in close co-operation with the Serviced Land Project.

- An application had been made to fund the relocation of the crèche

- An application for funds to build a community hall had been lodged with the Regional Housing Board, and that funds "have been made available" for the training of people in the community to help build it, but that training could begin only once the project finance was approved.

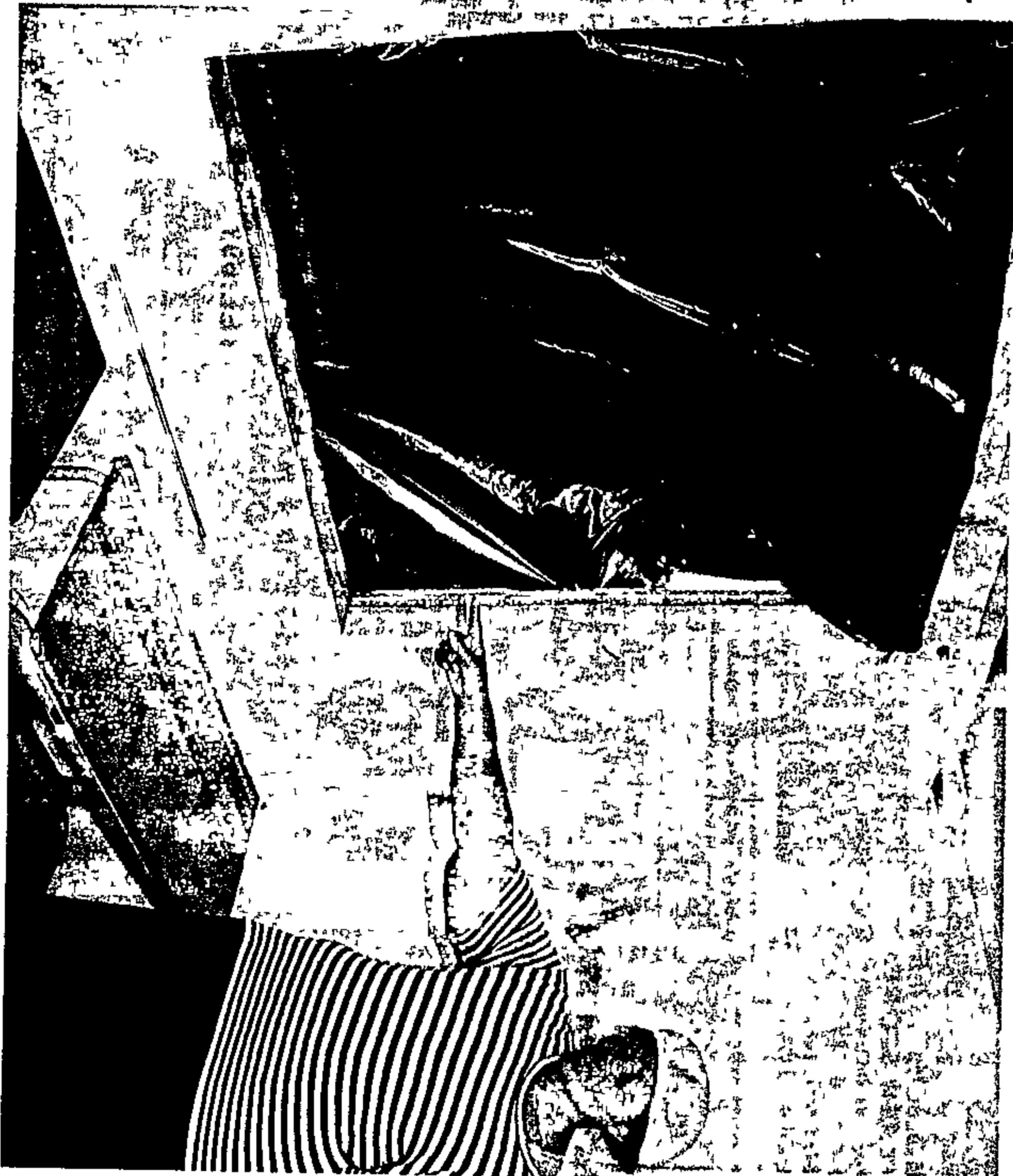
- That Food Gardens Unlimited had conducted a series of training programmes in the community to prepare for the launch of a community garden. Development of the garden, however, had been re-

tarded by political tension in Drietsands.

But the spokesman acknowledged that "tensions in the community have a destabilising effect on all development projects" and that there are "many examples where tension has either halted or retarded development".

Conflicting claims about events in Drietsands are unlikely to be settled openly — not least because of the political sensitivities involved.

But now that peace has returned to Drietsands, the community is anxious for a practical indication that development will resume, and that the departure of the NP contingent will have no bearing on that.



STRIFE DAMAGE: Drietsands Residents' Committee member Zoda Tika points to black plastic used to fill a window of the Drietsands crèche.

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ANC, NP reach understanding over regional crisis

THE crisis in the Western Cape provincial government has been resolved

Regional Premier Hennis Kriel and the African National Congress today reached a formal understanding on the allocation of portfolios and other issues

The four ANC provincial MECs boycotted a cabinet meeting last week in protest against what they

called the National Party's unilateral restructuring

In a joint statement, Mr Kriel and ANC Western Cape chairman Chris Nissen said the provincial cabinet would now be attended by both parties

"We are pleased we could resolve the problem for the benefit of all the people of the Western Cape," they said

After 18/10/94

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SYSTEM FAILURE . . . Mr Colenso Mama, a community leader from Settler's Park in Langa, chats to councillors Mrs Elma Dunn of Kuils River and Mrs Zerilda Droskie (right) of Pinelands as Mr Themba Mdlalo, City Council assistant director of environmental health, looks at a rubbish-filled gutter in Langa's hostel area. Picture BENNY GOOL

Tour sees 'filthy' ⁽²⁶³⁾ township ET 15/10/94 conditions

Staff Reporter

CONDITIONS in parts of Langa — in the shacklands around the old hostels — are so bad that they could cause bubonic plague, council chief engineer Mr Mike Marsden said yesterday.

He was conducting a township tour of 40 senior staff members and councillors from 12 municipalities.

The purpose of the tour was to show surrounding municipalities the extent of the collapse of municipal services.

The delegation were non-committal about finance

Decisions about assistance will have to be taken by their councils, the councillors said.

In Khayelitsha, acting town clerk Mr Wouter Loots asked for assistance mainly for staff training

In Langa, sewage is seeping out of manhole covers into the muddy streets

At Mfuleni, near Blue Downs, 1 500 shacks share five water taps and 10 toilets

But there is some good news. In Mfuleni funds will soon be available for another 1 400 plots. In Khayelitsha another 2 700 serviced sites will soon be provided.

Municipal sit-in spreads

Staff Reporter

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THE municipal sit-in at Grabouw has spread to include workers from the ambulance services and water purification plant.

Western Cape Premier Hennis Kriel has agreed to send a representative from his office to meet workers to discuss their grievances.

Support has come from all areas, said Grabouw Community Organisation

ANC quits W Cape Cabinet

Star 13/10/94

■ BY ESTHER WAUGH
POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

Cape Town — The ANC has withdrawn from the Western Cape Cabinet after accusing Premier Hennis Kriel of planning to unilaterally restructure and shuffle portfolios.

Last night, Kriel hit back, saying the document used by the ANC as evidence for his alleged plans was an unofficial one and had been compiled by a junior official (263).

The ANC said it would return to the provincial Cabinet only once the issue had been cleared up. It would not meet Kriel until regional ANC leaders had discussed the issue with President Mandela.

The party demanded that the four executive council positions held by the ANC remain unchanged, unless changes resulted from proper negotiations, that MECs remain the final arbiters of any restructuring and appointments made in their departments, that all agreements between the ANC and the National Party be honoured; and that any unilateral restructuring be stopped.

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Kriel refutes ANC allegations

By CHRIS BATEMAN
and Sapa

**WESTERN CAPE Premier Mr
Hernus Kriel yesterday rejected
the African National Congress'
reasons for withdrawing from
the cabinet, saying the provin-
cial legislature had become a
victim of an internal power
struggle in the ANC's Western
Cape branch.**

He told a press conference the ANC move had been "uncalled for" as its complaints could have been resolved in talks.

The ANC's withdrawal from cabinet meetings would delay the presentation of budgetary proposals to the central government and undermine the implementation of Reconstruction and Development Programme projects in the Western Cape.

Earlier, ANC provincial caucus leader Dr Allan Boesak said he and three other ANC members would withdraw from the cabinet in protest against "unilateral restructuring of the provincial civil service by the NP-dominated provincial government".

The "unilateral restructuring" of the civil service had rendered their cabinet partic-

pation "hollow" and "farce".

Dr Boesak, Economic Affairs Minister, said the ANC was inadvertently given a document by a management adviser of the former Cape Provincial Administration which indicated restructuring of government was a fait accompli.

The handwritten document, entitled Possible Allocation of Posts, detailed the allocation of 93 senior posts within the provincial government and seemed to propose the splitting of cabinet portfolios.

Mr Kriel described the document as "a theoretical exercise by a relatively junior official" and not binding on his government.

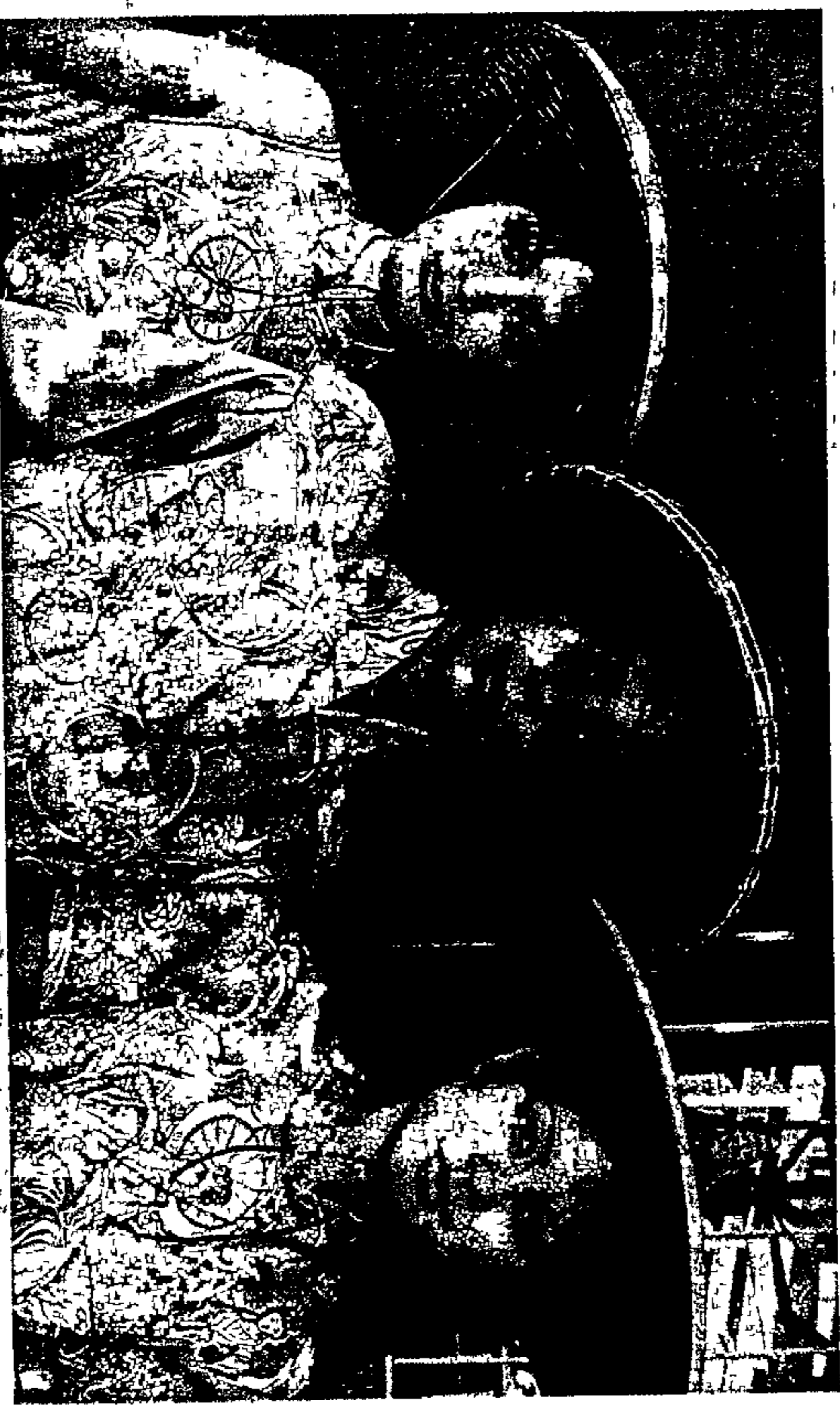
The impasse drew barbed comment from the DP's provincial leader, Mr Henne Bester, who labelled it an ANC "strike" and called for "no work, no pay".

Dr Boesak said he had requested an urgent meeting with President Nelson Mandela and ANC secretary-general Mr Cyril Ramaphosa to discuss the crisis.

The right of ministers to be the final arbiters of restructuring and appointments in their ministries should be respected.

Health Minister Mr Ebrahim Rasool said none of the four ANC ministers had been consulted on their departmental budgets, which have to be finalised by Monday.

The document meant all cabinet discussions and "organograms" submitted by their own departments were "meaningless".



FASHION FUNDIS . . . Cape Technikon Fashion Design and Technology students will be showing off their creations at the Arthur's Seat Hotel, Sea Point, tomorrow and Saturday. Revealing a glimpse of the Chinese-inspired range to be displayed are models Jamilla Parker, Jill Roberts and Quanita Rinquest.

Pictures ALAN TAYLOR

Council to oust 3 ANC men?

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Staff Reporter

THE City Council moved yesterday to "purge" its three ANC members — all former mayors — from positions of power as existing-council representatives in the transition process

A proposal was made that the trio — ousted exco chief Mr Clive Keegan, Mr Frank van der Velde and Mr Gordon Oliver — should not be eligible to be statutory-caucus nominees to serve on the "new council"

The council is expected to be transformed within months into an all-nominated body, which will last for about a year until local elections are held

Half the new council must be acceptable to the "statutory" team, on which the existing council serves, and the other half to the "non-statutory" side comprising those who opposed apartheid from outside all official structures

The move to purge could mean a year-long period of "political death" for the three unless the non-statutory side now selects

Keegan threatens court action

them to be among its own nominees as Cape Town transitional councillors

It drew an angry response from Mr Keegan, who said it was based on flawed legal grounds — and threatened Supreme Court action unless the proposal was scrapped.

The council later considered the matter behind closed doors and decided to postpone a decision until Tuesday

In a further, separate, move yesterday, the mandates of all three men as council representatives on the Cape Metropolitan Negotiating Forum were also withdrawn. Mr Arthur Wienburg was voted in as a council representative on the forum

The proposal to exclude the three from being statutory nomi-

nees on the new council was on green paper, which means it is not publicly available. The three were not referred to by name

Instead, the proposal said that anyone who belonged to a party that was mainly represented on the "non-statutory side" could not be a nominee from the "statutory side"

In the debate about excluding the ANC members from the forum, Mr Keegan said it had "everything to do with party-political affiliation, and attempts to keep the statutory side clean and virginal"

Mr Leon Markovitz disagreed, saying the only way to divide local government groupings was into statutory and non-statutory teams. It would be foolish to have the ANC sitting on both sides of the table

"Ninety-nine percent of their thinking will be the same as that of any other member of council. But the 1% concerns me, that 1% where they have to go along with the policy of the party to which they have dedicated themselves," said Mr Markovitz, who said he belonged to no political party

Boundaries of Cape transitional council decided

CLIVE SAWYER, Political Correspondent

THE Western Cape cabinet has decided the boundaries of the Cape transitional metropolitan council — excluding Boland towns but including the Helderberg

The decision is subject to ratification by the provincial committee on local government.

Excluded will be Klapmuts, Paarl, Wellington, Franschhoek and Stellenbosch. Included in the metropole will be the Kuils River magisterial district, Kleinvlei, Blue Downs, Khayelitsha and Macassar

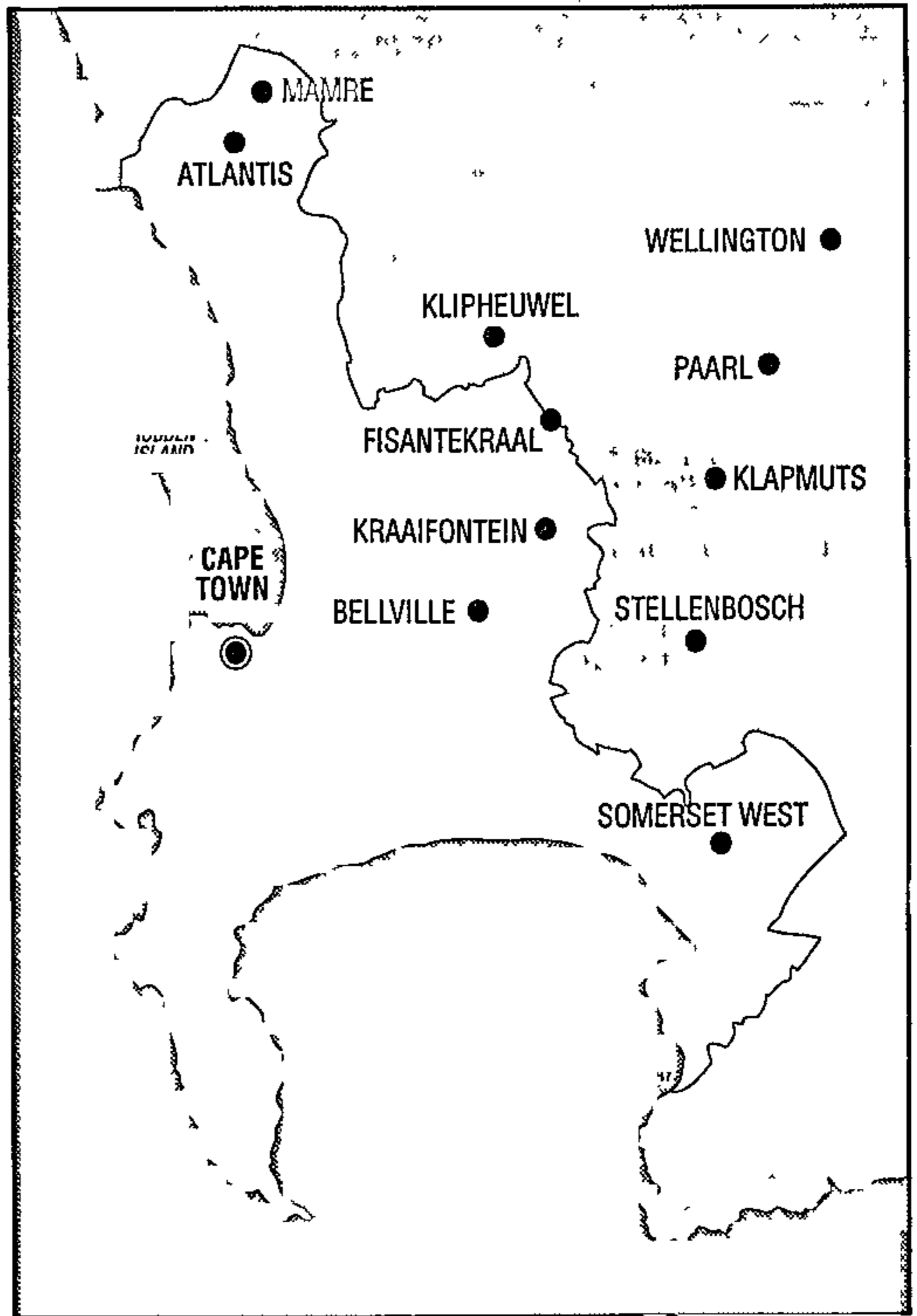
Provincial Minister of Local Government Peter Marais said he hoped all local authorities would now concentrate on organising metropolitan sub-structures and preparing for local government elections.

The demarcation board recommendation was that boundaries should

“Including Atlantis and Mamre in the north and the Fisantekraal area north of Durbanville, but exclude the agricultural land to the north-east of Bellville and Durbanville around Philadelphia and Klipheuwel

“Also excluded are the areas and towns of a part of Joostenbergvlakte as well as Klapmuts, Paarl, Wellington, Franschhoek and Stellenbosch.

“Included are the Kuils River magisterial district, Kleinvlei, Blue Downs, Khayelitsha, Macassar, a portion of the Stellenbosch magisterial district and the whole of the Helderberg basin as well as the False Bay coast up to and including Kogel Bay, but excluding Hangklip municipality and the remaining edge of the False Bay coast.”



Keegan, V d Velde ousted from forum for 'non-attendance'

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□ Flimsy grounds, say ANC representatives

ANDREA WEISS
Municipal Reporter

THE Cape Town City Council today dismissed ANC representatives on the statutory side of the Cape Metropolitan Negotiating Forum because "delegates had not attended meetings on a regular basis"

But the move was labelled by councillors Clive Keegan and Frank van der Velde as a "flimsy way" of dismissing ANC members from the statutory caucus

New executive committee chairman Arthur Wienburg, who unseated Mr Keegan in the executive committee a month ago, is now on the negotiating team

At last month's city council meeting a resolution was passed calling on Mr Keegan, Mr Van der Velde and Gordon Oliver to resign from the statutory side of the forum because they were members of the ANC, which is represented on the non-statutory caucus

Mr Keegan and Mr Van der

Velde were both official delegates, while Mr Oliver was an alternate.

Today an attendance register was used to substantiate the motions put before council in which it showed that only three of the eight official delegates had attended most of the caucus meetings

Councillor John Muir said that in the past two weeks there had not been full representation at statutory caucus meetings, which were "the voting fodder of the negotiation forum"

He also complained that he had not had an alternate in the steering committee meetings, which were held twice a week, effectively meaning that he had to sit there for hours without being able to attend to his own business

Mr Muir said he was batting for Cape Town and he needed the support of his colleagues

At one meeting, of 19 potential votes from council delegates and officials, only six voters were present

Mr Wienburg said he was go-

ing to "stick his neck out" and read the attendance register

"The coal-face is the statutory caucus — that is where the deals are cut, where the major action takes place"

Earlier Mr Keegan said the motion had "everything to do with party politics", and nothing whatsoever to do with the cited reason.

He also threatened court action should a matter on a green paper, which was not open to the press, not be withdrawn today

The attendance register showed that of 25 meetings Mr Oliver had attended one as an alternate, Mr Keegan had attended four, although it was acknowledged that he had been a late nomination to the forum, and Mr Van der Velde had attended 10

● The new negotiating team is led by John Muir. Other members are Mr Wienburg, Ian Iversen, Joy Gibbs, Neil Ross, Ruth Ortlepp, Isobel Edelstein and Dick Friedlander

Provincial premiers can't perform

By Alexandra Zavis

THIS month's meeting of the Inter-governmental Forum, comprising provincial premiers and national cabinet members, was tense.

Five months into government, provincial legislatures are still waiting for the bulk of their powers to be devolved from the centre, and their position is becoming increasingly uncomfortable.

Western Cape premier, Mr Her-nus Kriel, commented, "You cannot plan or implement these plans if you do not have the power or the money to do so, and neither of these are forthcoming from central government."

"Housing We have the plots available and serviced, but without the powers or the money we cannot get going."

"We would like to embark on a cleaning-up programme of the townships at an established cost of R18-million, making it labour intensive and supplying jobs for people. We can't do it."

"We need to build schools. The plans are ready, the sites are ready. Where is the money or the power?"

"I am not going to take the rap for non-performance if I am not placed in a position where I can perform."

Kriel said he understood that in some circumstances there were genuine legal and logistical problems, but thought that in other cases there was a reluctance on the part of central government to transfer powers and funds.

"Inevitably there are still people in ministerial positions who do not believe in federalism, who are centralists, and I think that also plays a part," he said.

The office of the Minister of Provincial Affairs and Constitutional Development, Mr Roelf Meyer, rejected the suggestion there was any foot-dragging on the part of central government.

The minister's spokesperson, Mr Izak Retief, explained that the provincial elections had taken place before their respective administrations had been in place.

This was a political decision, for which there were good political reasons, but from an administrative point of view it was problematic, he said.



HERNUS KRIEL

"You can't have powers if you haven't got the administrations to handle those powers" (218)

In the case of the Western Cape, the old Cape Provincial Administration (CPA) and its budget have to be divided up with the Northern and Eastern Cape provinces.

The Eastern Cape has the additional problem of incorporating and consolidating the former Transkei and Ciskei administrations.

"On the legal side, there are a lot of existing bills enacted by the old

provinces and by central government that must be sorted out between the different levels of government," Retief said.

"Some of the bills have got to be dissected because portions of the bill have to be devolved to the provinces and portions need to go to central government."

"We are unscrambling a legal egg and putting it together in a new form."

The Western Cape provincial legislature now has all the powers it had as the old CPA but is waiting for powers in new areas of responsibility, including education, economic affairs, agriculture, police, public works and tourism.

Progress has been made by the national parliament, and proclamations are being processed by the President's office to devolve powers over health, education and local government soon, according to a joint statement of the premiers and cabinet ministers after last week's meeting.

"The money should come with the powers, especially in areas like agriculture and police, which have always been structured in such a

way that the Western Cape's portion of the budget was easy to put a finger on.

With education, however, this will be more difficult, as what were four different departments have now to be amalgamated into one and the budget divided between nine new regions.

In the meantime, the provincial ministers have on the whole established good relationships with their central government counterparts and are able to get work done by seeking authorisation from above.

Mr Leonard Ramathakane, MEP for Roads, Transport and Public Works, was actually grateful for the delay, as it gave him time in which to familiarise himself with the department and develop a policy framework.

Mr Ebrahim Rasool, MEP for Health and Social Services, agreed. "I am not a federalist," he said.

"I welcomed the initial vacuum. It gave me the space to identify where I was and who I was dealing with. It also gave me the space to communicate with communities and work out priorities, before I had to act with powers."

Deadlock on boundaries

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AN eight-person team will present a possible solution to the Cape Metropolitan Negotiation Forum's deadlock on the redrawing of inner boundaries of the metropole today

The negotiation process has been dragging because the non-statutory caucus wanted to go back on an initial agreement dubbed "the package"

This agreement is that new councils will be appointed, using the old boundaries pending the redrawing of the new boundaries.

But recently, the non-statutory caucus felt this would not ensure a race-free municipal election next year.

It came up with a new proposal calling for the establishment of "caretaker councils" at the same time as a Transitional Metropolitan Council at the end of November

The statutory delegation rejected this idea, and called for a return to the original agreement with the understanding that everything possible would be done to ensure the redrawing of boundaries

Row over W Cape ANC chief

By BARRY STREEK
Political Staff

A ROW developed yesterday after the National Party demanded that the ANC's new Western Cape leader, the Rev Chris Nissen, should resign as deputy speaker in the regional legislature

The NP claimed that since Mr Nissen had been elected to a high-profile political position

he could no longer be impartial ANC sources said last night that it would reject the NP demand unless it followed a similar policy in parliament

The sources said the ANC would demand the resignation of Dr Bhadra Ranchod as Deputy Speaker of the National Assembly, who is also deputy leader of the NP in Natal, and Mr Kobie Coetsee, former

leader of the NP in the OFS as president of the Senate

● Meanwhile it was learnt last night that Dr Tony Ruiters, currently a special adviser to local Economic Affairs Minister Dr Allan Boesak, is likely to succeed his boss, both as minister and member of the regional legislature, when Dr Boesak is appointed South Africa's ambassador in Geneva CT 16/9/94

Boundary row leaves W Cape lagging in transition

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THE Western Cape could be the last province to negotiate a new deal on local government if a row about the metropole's inner boundaries cannot be settled before the deadline for setting up a Transitional Metropolitan Council

But at least one of the parties on the Cape Metropolitan Negotiating Forum is confident agreement will be reached

Statutory caucus chairman

Willie van Schoor said the province would be the "odd one out" if agreement could not be reached. But he expressed confidence that the negotiating process would move forward.

Members of the non-statutory caucus — those who were unrepresented in local government — are afraid municipal elections will be held along old racial lines.

Because of this concern, the non-statutory caucus has pro-

posed that "caretaker councils" be set up pending the redrafting of boundaries.

This proposal is at odds with an earlier agreement under which the new councils would be appointed along the old boundaries for the purposes of the transitional process.

The agreement, dubbed "the package", also provided for the redrafting of boundaries before an election.

The statutory caucus, made

up of council and management committee members, discussed the "caretaker council" proposal and decided that it should be thrown out.

It called for a return to the original "package" with the understanding that a process for redrawing boundaries should be settled on.

Mr Van Schoor said "caretaker councils" were not provided for in the Act governing local government transition.

Bellville rejects unity proposal

■ Khayelitsha should be run by the new metropolitan government until it is viable instead of being joined to existing municipalities, says Bellville mayor Awie Kempen.

JEAN LE MAY
Weekend Argus Reporter

BELLVILLE is fighting hard to avoid accepting sole responsibility for Khayelitsha.

Officials are suggesting that the huge township should become the direct responsibility of the proposed metropolitan authority until Khayelitsha becomes viable.

There was no municipal area in the Peninsula capable of accommodating an entity the size of Khayelitsha, said Bellville mayor Awie Kempen.

The view of Bellville City Council was that Khayelitsha should either become one local authority area or should be divided into a number of far more manageable areas.

In time the metropolitan government would devolve powers and responsibilities to Khayelitsha "in an orderly manner".

Mr Kempen was referring to a proposal reflected in a recently published report and map collated by Weekend Argus using information obtained from authoritative sources.

This suggested that Khayelitsha should be included in a new metropolitan sub-structure which would take in Bellville, Belhar, Delft and Blue Downs.

"If Khayelitsha were to become a special substructure directly under the metropolitan government, all other new local authorities in the metropole will have joint financial responsibility for it," he said.

Personally, he could imagine no greater challenge to the creative abil-

ity of the metropole than being given the responsibility of transforming Khayelitsha into a viable, livable city, he said.

However, it was too much to expect a single existing municipality to take such a task on.

"Nor would this benefit the people of Khayelitsha, because of necessity Bellville could not expect to achieve in 20 years what the metropole, given the will, could achieve in much less time."

Mr Kempen said that he was aware that one of the objectives of the new metropolitan system was that racial fragmentation should cease.

Bellville was prepared to carry its financial share in reconstructing and developing Khayelitsha, he added.

"Provision for this has already been made in our budget. As it is, Bellville is already sharing its resources with Ikapa in terms of personnel and equipment."

Mr Kempen commented that the putting Khayelitsha, Delft, Belhar and Blue Downs in the same local authority as Bellville would create a municipality with more than 1,5 million inhabitants.

"Of these, the existing Bellville area would represent only seven percent," he said.

"The residents of Belhar, Delft and Blue Downs will make up about 20 percent of the total, while 73 percent will be residents of Khayelitsha."

"It is plain that the identity of the City of Bellville will be seriously threatened by the proposed addition to it.

"It would be impossible and impractical to service this large area without creating a bureaucratic monster," said Mr Kempen.

Willie van Schoor, co-chairman of the metropolitan negotiating council, declined to comment on the Bellville proposal because, he said, talks about the boundaries had reached "a very delicate stage".

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Wienburg and Keegan may not make new era

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■ Soon, the Cape Town City Council will be replaced by a more representative body. So why the political bunfight which saw Arthur Wienburg replace Clive Keegan as political chief last week?

ANDREA WEISS

Weekend Argus
Municipal Reporter

IN just more than two months, the all-white, mostly male, Cape Town City Council will be history.

So what was the point of the shake-up which saw one of Cape Town's most eloquent spokesmen Clive Keegan being unseated as the new chairman of the executive committee by champion of the city's ratepayers Arthur Wienburg?

Within the next two months, if all goes well with the local government negotiation process, a new council will be in place with a 50/50 representation of the old order and those who traditionally occupied the extra-parliamentary arena.

Whether either man will survive into that era is an open question.

Mr Wienburg may be nominated by the council he leads.

Mr Keegan's only hope is of coming in on the ticket of the so-called "non-statutory" side because of his African National Congress membership. He is quick to point out, however, that he did not join the organisation in anticipation of any potential nominations.

Mr Keegan believes he was the victim of a coalition of "has-beens" and rightwingers who took action against him because he joined the ANC.

Mr Wienburg describes himself as a "benign pussycat" whose mission in life is to serve the ratepayers of Cape Town.

His bid for chairmanship was in their interest, he contends.

In Mr Keegan's view, the shake-up had a negative effect on the city and made it the

laughing stock of South Africa.

"It has merely created uncertainty at a time when the city can least afford this kind of disruption," he says.

Mr Wienburg, who seems given to the extended metaphor, likens the situation to a rugby game.

"When the game plan's not working, you change it."

"Even if it is just two months, my idea is to put my head down and go for the line until the very last minute in power."

If politicians don't view things in this way, they should not be in the game in the first place, he contends.

Mr Wienburg accuses the erstwhile executive committee — which, incidentally, remains untouched except for his replacement as chairman — of being unwilling to stick its neck out.

"Kicking for touch doesn't achieve anything," he says.

Asked if he was able to do anything positive in the time remaining to him, he said "If you're asking if I can turn around this huge ship in two months, definitely no. What we can do is set the parameters on which the council should be operating."

On the charge that the move was destructive, he concedes that the opinion exists, but adds "I have been overwhelmed by a positive response."

"I am certainly not denying the honesty and integrity of the people who have tried in the past, but the bottom line is that they have not succeeded."

Mr Keegan says "I and others are perfectly satisfied that what happened last week had nothing whatsoever to do with my achievements, performance and abilities."

Council fight a puzzle

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Health Services in crisis

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By CLAUDIA CAVANAGH

HEALTH SERVICES in the Western Cape are crumbling with patient numbers rocketing due to new government policy, stringent budget cuts and untenable staff problems

A Cape Times investigation has revealed that

- Next year's budget for the region has been cut to R1,6 billion — 13,6% less than the projected expenditure for the current year

- New government policy on free care for children under six and pregnant women has led to overcrowding, long waits and angry patients

- Staff morale in hospitals and clinics is at an all-time low

- Many skilled people are leaving for the private sector.

- Western Cape hospitals and clinics are understaffed by 12,3%

- Twenty-six medical officers' posts at day hospitals in city townships are vacant due to lack of applicants

- A plan to address the crisis has been put in motion by the province

Red Cross Children's Hospital medical superintendent Dr Rod Marshall said the number of patients seen at the trauma unit each month had increased 60%

He said staff could not cope

Western Cape Health and Social Services Minister Mr Ebrahim Rasool said yesterday the problem was exacerbated by bureaucratic procedures that slowed down the filling of posts

Mr Rasool said an appeal will be made to the national Minister of Health, Dr Nkosazana Zuma, to maintain previous funding levels

Rationalisation between hospitals will be implemented to use facilities better

Specialists will visit clinics regularly to lessen strain on hospitals

Community health centres are to be established in as many areas as possible

Dr Tom Sutcliffe, the Deputy Director-General for Health Services in the Western Cape, said he was deeply concerned about low staff morale



OVERBURDENED ... A 60% increase in patients at the Red Cross outpatient unit has put staff under pressure. Here four-month-old Leon Esau is seen to by Nurse [Name] as his mother, Mrs Susan Esau (centre) looks on

Picture ANNE LAING

Advertisement for 'Disco Super' featuring a large stylized letter 'H' and a graphic of horizontal lines.

Keegan in last stand over fo

forum membership

□ May be forced to quit over ANC link

ANDREA WEISS, Municipal Reporter

FORMER Cape Town political chief Clive Keegan will probably be forced off the Metropolitan Negotiating Forum next week by the caucus representing councils and management committees

The forum has two components the non-statutory side made up of people previously left out of local government and the statutory side consisting of members of councils and management committees

Mr Keegan, who recently joined the African National Congress, is a member of the city council negotiating team on the statutory side

Last week the council passed a motion asking ANC members to resign from the statutory side of the forum because they belonged to a body represented on the non-statutory side of the forum

Other councillors affected by the call were Gordon Oliver and Frank van der Velde, both of whom indicated they would resign

Mr Keegan has remained defiant, saying the council would have to force him to go

But indications are that the entire statutory caucus supports the motion

Forum co-chairman Willie van Schoor said it was obviously very difficult to debate strategic issues and planning if people belonging to the "so-called opposition" were sitting in on the statutory caucus

He said it was "very fair" to expect somebody who had joined the non-statutory side to resign and he believed the impetus would come from the members of the caucus, which was to meet next week

● The target date for a new-look city council is October 2, when provincial Premier Hennis Kriel has asked for final details on the proposed new structure of local government

By that date, Mr Kriel wants to have details of agreement on geographic borders as well as the transitional metropolitan sub-structure (the old Cape Town city council) in terms of the number of seats and the names of those who will fill them.

Half of the new TMS, as it will be known, must represent statutory bodies and the other half will represent non-statutory bodies

The management committee members outnumber the 27 white councillors who have been running the city and negotiations are under way on who will be nominated to the new structure

After the TMS has been empowered by provincial proclamation, a new voters' roll will have to be drawn up for the city's first democratic elections next year.

Provincial Affairs and Constitutional Development Minister Roelf Meyer said last week that transitional local government structures should be operational by mid-November

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Wienburg's

'War'



AT WAR ...
Mr. Arthur Wienburg has had a motion passed calling on ousted rival Mr. Clive Keegan to resign.

EX-mayors voted off metro forum

By PETER DENNEHY
NEW Exco chairman Mr. Arthur Wienburg consolidated his victory in the council yesterday by having a motion passed calling on his ousted rival Mr. Clive Keegan and two other former mayors who have joined the ANC to resign

as council representatives on the Metropolitan Negotiating Forum.

This latest battle in what one councillor yesterday called the City Council "war" raged on last night when a defiant Mr. Keegan refused to resign his position on the forum. Mr. Gordon Oliver indicated he would resign and Mr. Frank van der Velde interjected in the meeting that he needed some time to answer

Mr. Wienburg's argument that their participation in the forum could force a conflict of interests was accepted at the full council meeting yesterday. The motion was passed by 14 votes to ten, after several unsuccessful appeals to Mr. Wienburg to withdraw it.

Mr. Wienburg's motion read that any councillor who has been elected to represent the Cape Town municipality on the Metropolitan Negotiating Forum, and who has since joined a political party or organisation which

forms part of the non-statutory team on the forum, should be called on to resign.

Mr. Keegan was not mentioned by name in the motion. Mr. Wienburg stressed that he was dealing with a matter of principle, not personality. He said he knew that Mr. Keegan, Mr. Van der Velde and Mr. Oliver all had the best interests of Cape Town at heart. Mr. Wienburg said he had the good faith of all eight councillors who represent the municipality on the forum, to do so to the best of their ability.

He added, however, that by "wearing two hats" they would be placed in an invidious position, and might be asked to argue against their own political bedfellows.

Mr. Rupert Hurly, who supported Mr. Wienburg, argued that the council's eight votes on the forum would effectively be reduced to two if three owed allegiance to a party on the other side (three votes would cancel out another three). Mr. Keegan did not enter the debate at all. Mr. Neil Ross argued that he

himself was a member of the DP, but that whenever its line conflicted with that of the council, he voted for the council when representing it.

The same applied to the National Party at the forum, or any member of an organisation of civil society. Dr. John Sonnenberg said the debates in the forum were about who is going to run the city and the metropole in the future. One of the reasons why negotiations were so protracted is that "people are trying to protect their positions".

This council has been riven by divisions in the last few weeks and months. War has broken out again, regrettably. Only between 10 and 14 of the 27 present Cape Town City councillors are expected to survive into the new era of local government, Mr. Leon Markovitz estimated.

After the council's monthly meeting, a statutory meeting to replace Mr. Keegan with Mr. Wienburg as head of Exco. The Mayor, the Mayoress, the Deputy Mayor and Deputy Mayoress were all voted into office again.

Fire destroys 200 homes

By DALE GRANGER
A RAGING fire left 800 men, women and children homeless last night when it destroyed 200



ANC-affiliates are forced off city's negotiating team ⁽²⁶³⁾

SHARON SOROUR
Municipal Reporter

CITY council negotiators — including ousted political head Clive Keegan — representing the city at local government talks, have been asked by the council to resign from its negotiating team because of their ANC membership

A motion by councillor Arthur Wienburg that they resign as the municipality's representatives on the statutory side of the Cape Metropolitan Negotiating Forum was adopted by the council after a heated debate during its monthly meeting yesterday.

The motion affects Mr Keegan and two other former mayors, Gordon Oliver and Frank van der Velde.

Although they have been called on to resign, the affected

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□ Keegan, Van der Velde and Oliver asked to quit

councillors voted against the motion and gave no indication whether they would comply with the request.

The ANC is represented on the non-statutory side of the forum

Mr Wienburg said the matter was one of principle, not of personalities

He acknowledged the three councillors involved had "served the city admirably", but a division had been drawn and they had taken sides

"It will be wonderful to have them assisting Cape Town from the non-statutory side — which will provide the city

with a greater voice on the forum," Mr Wienburg said

Mr Keegan recently resigned as chairman of the provincial committee on local government in order to take up a seat on the city council's negotiating team at the forum.

He has not yet taken part in a forum plenary meeting

Neil Ross, who resigned to enable Mr Keegan to take up his seat, said he could not support the motion.

He said the councillors' political allegiance should not prejudice them

"They are mandated by constitutional documents, and if

they deviate from their mandate this is an issue, but in no way have they done that or indicated that they would They are councillors first and then ANC members"

John Sonnenburg asked Mr Wienburg to withdraw the motion.

"The three people involved are all former mayors and people with considerable experience and avid and devoted Capetonians first, and political party adherents second"

Leon Markovitz accepted the integrity of the three councillors, but he was worried about the implications when a new city council, with a statutory and non-statutory component, was appointed

The motion was carried by 14 votes to 10

'Union-basher' Wienburg will create tension, says Manie

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Municipal Reporter

THE election of "union-basher" Arthur Wienburg as the city's political head will create tension between the Cape Town City Council and its workforce, says former council trade unionist Salie Manie.

Mr Manie, now an African National Congress MP, said workers would far more readily resort to industrial action with Mr Wienburg as exco chairman

Mr Manie, former Cape Town branch chairman of the SA Municipal Workers' Union (Samwu), resigned from the

council this year when he became an MP.

He said: "Mr Wienburg has been responsible for polarising the unions — Samcu and the SA Association of Municipal Employees — and his chairmanship will increase that polarisation and force workers to take industrial action."

Mr Manie said Mr Wienburg was seen as "a union-basher ... not as someone who is sensitive to the needs of the poorer section of Cape Town. He is a mouthpiece for more affluent people, not for deprived or disadvantaged groups."

Mr Manie said Mr Wienburg's election would not create the stability needed at local government level in the run-up to municipal elections.

Responding to Mr Manie's attack, Mr Wienburg said: "Given Mr Manie's work record at the council, I am amused that he should comment on any activity relating to work."

"His statement must be considered as an act of aggression and one of intent — namely that he and his ANC cohorts wish to see disruption of services at the council."

Mr Wienburg, a Democratic Party member, said Mr Manie and the ANC were "looking for a reason to create anarchistic conditions in Cape Town".

This was contrary to the policy of ANC leader President Mandela, who wanted to create a work ethic, not a strike ethic.

Asked to comment on being labelled a "union-basher", Mr Wienburg said: "If being a union-basher means expecting people to earn their salaries and wages, then of course it describes me ... but I am not a union-basher."

DP 'had no part in ousting Keegan as chief of exco'

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SHARON SOROUR
Municipal Reporter

THE Democratic Party had no hand in the dramatic ousting of former party member Clive Keegan as Cape Town City Council executive committee chief — but councillor Leon Markovitz has admitted playing a part in his downfall

DP regional leader Hennie Bester said although DP councillors had voted for Mr Keegan's arch rival Arthur Wienburg, the party had not played an active role

The formal DP caucus in the council was disbanded in June, and there was no caucus line in now, even though the majority

□ But ex-mayor says he did

of councillors were DP members

But former mayor and exco member Leon Markovitz has admitted being the "ringleader responsible for the fall of Clive Keegan"

Mr Markovitz said "I believe I did it on merit, coupled with the fact that Mr Keegan has become increasingly arrogant and lacks humility

"Under no circumstances did I proceed with the action on the basis of his changing political parties, but he can take a leaf out of President Mandela's book if he wishes to succeed in local government in the future

as far as humility is concerned"

Commenting on the outcome of Tuesday's council caucus meeting, Mr Bester said Mr Wienburg now had an opportunity to "show his mettle — we wish him well"

Mr Keegan joined the ANC about two weeks ago, accusing the DP of being "held hostage by its own right wing".

He said there was a complete lack of leadership and purpose in the party and the ANC was the only party in the country capable of uniting all South Africans behind a common and coherent vision

ANC member of parliament and former council employee Salie Manie described Mr Keegan's ousting as "predictable", but said the choice of Mr Wienburg as his replacement was "surprising".

"As far as I am concerned, Mr Wienburg is the worst possible choice the DP could have made at a time when one has to build bridges — if anything, he does exactly the opposite," Mr Manie said

"If the DP had looked past narrow politics they would have realised that Mr Keegan had a role to play in building bridges, which would have been a good thing for the DP even though he is not a member anymore"

Keegan

n defiant

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OUSTED City Council exco chairman Mr Clive Keegan came out fighting last night after his dramatic loss to arch political opponent Mr Arthur Wienburg, saying he was still keen to survive into the new era of municipal politics.

A shocked Mr Keegan said in an interview that his recent switch to the ANC had much to do with the surprise voting result of yesterday's annual council caucus meeting

"But I certainly hope to survive into the new era."

Mr Keegan said he doubted whether Mr Wienburg would be able to do much to slash expenditure and rationalise posts if he were only to head the council until it became an appointed body at the end of October

The ballot decision was announced after a torrid and divisive two-hour session

Balloting was secret, but council sources said the first ballot was tied, with three spoilt papers. Another vote was taken — this time tilting the odds in favour of Mr Wienburg

"It's open war now," one official commented. Several councillors refused afterwards to say which way they had voted.

In a second vote, Mr Keegan lost his seat on the executive committee

Yesterday's vote is expected to be ratified by the statutory caucus meeting tomorrow. Mr Keegan himself conceded last night that he did not expect the vote to be overturned

A triumphant Mr Wienburg said after the ballot yesterday he believed the council should be run strictly along business lines — as far as this

was possible — and that "red tape" should be kept to a minimum

Mr Wienburg has not objected in the past to being called a conservative and has made no bones about being conservative in his approach to the way ratepayers' cash is spent

He has repeatedly questioned whether councillors would spend their own money as freely

Mr Wienburg said he wanted to be a "new broom" The time had come to empower the highly-paid and highly-trained senior officials to run, take responsibility for and be accountable for their own departments.

The ANC Western Cape late last night described the toppling of Mr Keegan as "unwise" Accusing Mr Wienburg of being a "union-basher whose position does not fit in with the new politics of the changing South Africa", it said

"Reconstruction and development are the issues of the day and we need the skills and experience of someone like Clive Keegan, even if we have a difference of opinion."

● Mr Wienburg was warmly congratulated yesterday by the Good Hope Alliance and Southern Suburbs Ratepayers' Associations Spokesman Mr David Erleigh said the next important step would be for Mr Wienburg and his supporters to take control of Cape Town's representation on the Metro Forum



Commonwealth Games to a tumultuous welcome at Winkell, Neil Burkett and Jo Peacock show their

Picture BENNY GOOL

Keegan ousted by Wienburg's



Arthur Wienburg

☐ New Exco chairman chosen at caucus meeting behind closed doors

SHARON SOROUR
Municipal Reporter

ARTHUR WIENBURG today became Cape Town's new political head, ousting Clive Keegan as chairman of the City Council's executive committee.

And in an equally dramatic development, Mr Keegan was not elected a member of the executive committee.

The informal meeting of the council caucus, called to choose a team to lead the city in the approach to democratic local government, was held behind closed doors.

The outcome, including Mr Wienburg's chairmanship, will have to be ratified by the full council at its statutory meeting on Thursday.

The council rarely deviates from decisions thrashed out at a caucus meeting.

The outcome of today's meeting was confirmed by



SLAIN: Rasheda Akleker, 35, who was stabbed to death by intruders.

Young mother, student



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Councillors John Murr, Ian Iversen, Chris Joubert and Neil Ross retained their positions on the committee.

Mr Keegan will sit on the town planning committee.

Mayor Patricia Kreiner and deputy-mayor Llewellyn van Wyk retained their positions.

Today's meeting was essentially the council's last all-white caucus gathering. A transitional metropolitan council comprising statutory and non-statutory members — and local authorities, including Cape Town — is expected to be appointed in October.

Outspoken Mr Wienburg has been Mr Keegan's strongest critic since Mr Keegan took over as exco chairman last October from the late Louis Kreiner — who was also ousted when the Democratic Party caucus pressured him into resigning over the rates debacle.

Mr Wienburg was pipped at the post last year when Mr Keegan beat him by 16 votes to 13 to become exco chairman.

After his victory today, Mr Wienburg said: "I am grateful for the confidence shown in me by my colleagues. I pledge to serve all residents of the municipality with enthusiasm and to the best of my ability."

The meeting, at the civic centre, began at 10 am and lasted about two hours.

Informed sources said an "omnibus" motion, proposed by Clive Keegan, called for the status quo to remain to avoid unnecessary change before the transition.

But dissident councillors, including Mr Wienburg, were bound to oppose it.

On Friday Mr Keegan said he would stand for re-election.

He was responding to allegations by Mr Wienburg that he intended to "hide behind an interpretation of the ordinances" and not submit himself for re-election.

Mr Keegan said at the time "Mr Wienburg is tilting at windmills — of course I shall be available for re-election."

Sources said Mr Keegan's motion called for all positions to remain the same — but his own position was not listed

Mr Keegan could not be reached for comment.

Mr Wienburg said Mr Keegan's motion was designed to "protect vested interests of certain people who wish to retain power ..."

Meiring: 3 new provinces to have R818-m shortfall

VUYO BAVUMA
Political Staff

THE three governments in the former Cape province will have a shortfall of R818 million, Western Cape minister of finance Kobus Meiring warned. Speaking during the provincial debate on finance yesterday, Mr Meiring (NP) said hospital services would fall short by R383 million, while pension would have a shortfall of R435 million.

In terms of the interim constitution, the Cape province had to divide a R5 471 million budget between the Western Cape, Northern Cape and Eastern Cape.

He said the region's financial planning was hampered by the

failure of the central government to transfer powers to the provincial departments of economic affairs, education, tourism and policing.

Furthermore, the regional government was still in the dark regarding the funding of these ministries, he said.

To worsen matters, the government had not set up the Financial and Fiscal Commission to help the region to plan ahead.

He said some members of the old Cape Provincial Administration might have to be transferred to some of the new provincial areas.

Yesterday, the standing committee on public accounts and

finance heard submissions from various groups before the Tender Board Bill could be discussed by the province.

The Western Cape resolved that advertisements should be placed in the media to invite more submissions before September 15.

● The ANC said in a statement that yesterday's submissions from community organisations showed that the old tendering system discriminated against small businesses from the disadvantaged areas.

A clause dealing with affirmative action needed to be built into the new Bill to empower the disadvantaged groups.

Cape provinces will share R819m shortfall

By CHRIS BATEMAN
Political Staff

A DEFICIT of R818,9 million in pensions and health would have to be shared between the Cape's three provinces, Western Cape Finance, Expenditure and Service Commission Minister Mr Kobus Meiring warned yesterday.

Addressing the provincial legislature, Mr Meiring said "warning

lights" were flickering because the CPA budget catered only for very basic needs and services.

Provisional estimates revealed a shortfall of R383,9m for hospitals and a deficit of R435m for pensions for the entire region.

"It is clear that we have very little money and thorough, careful and good planning is absolutely necessary," Mr Meiring told the house. He said yesterday's debate could

not be termed a budget debate because it was about money available from the old CPA which had yet to be divided among the local regions.

This central kitty came to R6,997 billion, of which R1,525bn had already been spent between April 1 and June 30 this year.

This left just R5,472bn for division between the new provincial administrations. His job had been to determine the

maximum amount available for distribution among the administrations and to provide them with interim working figures.

Until these negotiations had been concluded in a fair and just manner to the satisfaction of all parties he could not provide further details, Mr Meiring said.

The Western Cape exco had been hampered by the failure of the central government to transfer powers

such as economic affairs, education, policing, urban transport, tourism, agriculture and housing to the province.

"We are still in the dark with regard to the funding of these powers and the financing thereof," he said.

Mr Meiring "urgently appealed" for the Financial and Fiscal Commission to get established "so we can plan ahead properly".

Town councils replaced

JOHANNESBURG — A transitional Metropolitan Chamber (TMC) will be signed into being today to replace all existing town councils and local government authorities in the central Witwatersrand (263)

Nominations for the 100 councillor positions on the TMC will also be announced. After the signing ceremony, at the Johannesburg civic cen-

tre, the agreement will be submitted to PWV premier Mr Tokyo Sexwale

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Negotiating committee member Ms Sias Reyneke said the issue of deciding internal boundaries for the area — which had brought negotiations to a deadlock for the past three weeks — was to be referred to arbitration and a deadline of September 15 had been set for resolution

A matter of in or out

Split over metropolitan boundaries

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JEAN LE MAY

Weekend Argus Reporter

THERE is a clear political split between the majority and minority recommendations of the Demarcation Board on the boundary of the Cape Metropolitan Council

This could lead to a deadlock between the provincial government and the provincial committee — and still further delays in establishing a metropolitan council and thus in holding local elections

The ball is now in the court of the provincial government, but the Local Government Transition Act makes clear that its decisions must be supported by the provincial committee

Local Government Minister Peter Marais emphasised at a Press conference this week at which the board's report was released that the boundary issue should not be politicised

But, there was a hint of the coming storm when Hilda Ndude, an African National Congress MEC who is chairman of the provincial committee, firmly reminded a questioner that "any decision taken by the minister would have to have the concurrence of the provincial committee"

The 12 people who signed the majority report of the Demar-

■ The inclusion of the Helderberg Basin and the Boland towns within the Cape metropole are the hot potatoes in the Demarcation Board's report

cation Board were mostly members of the administrative and academic establishment of the western Cape

They want the boundary along a line drawn roughly along watershed boundaries between Atlantis on the west coast and Kogel Bay on the False Bay coast, with bulges to take in agricultural land west of Atlantis as far as Fisantekraal and the Helderberg Basin. It includes the fringe towns (Gordon's Bay, Strand, Somerset West), but excludes the Boland towns of Stellenbosch, Paarl, and Franschhoek (see map)

The three minority report signatories were town planners Basil Davidson and Amanda Younge and IDT manager F Gqiba. They want to keep the boundary of the present regional services council area plus the Steenbras dam

It is a much bigger area than the other and includes the Boland towns as far north as Wellington. It also coincides roughly with boundary proposals made by the Western Cape Metropolitan Negotiating Forum and the Cape Town City Council

One member of the 16-strong board, trade unionist Adrian Sayers, did not sign the report

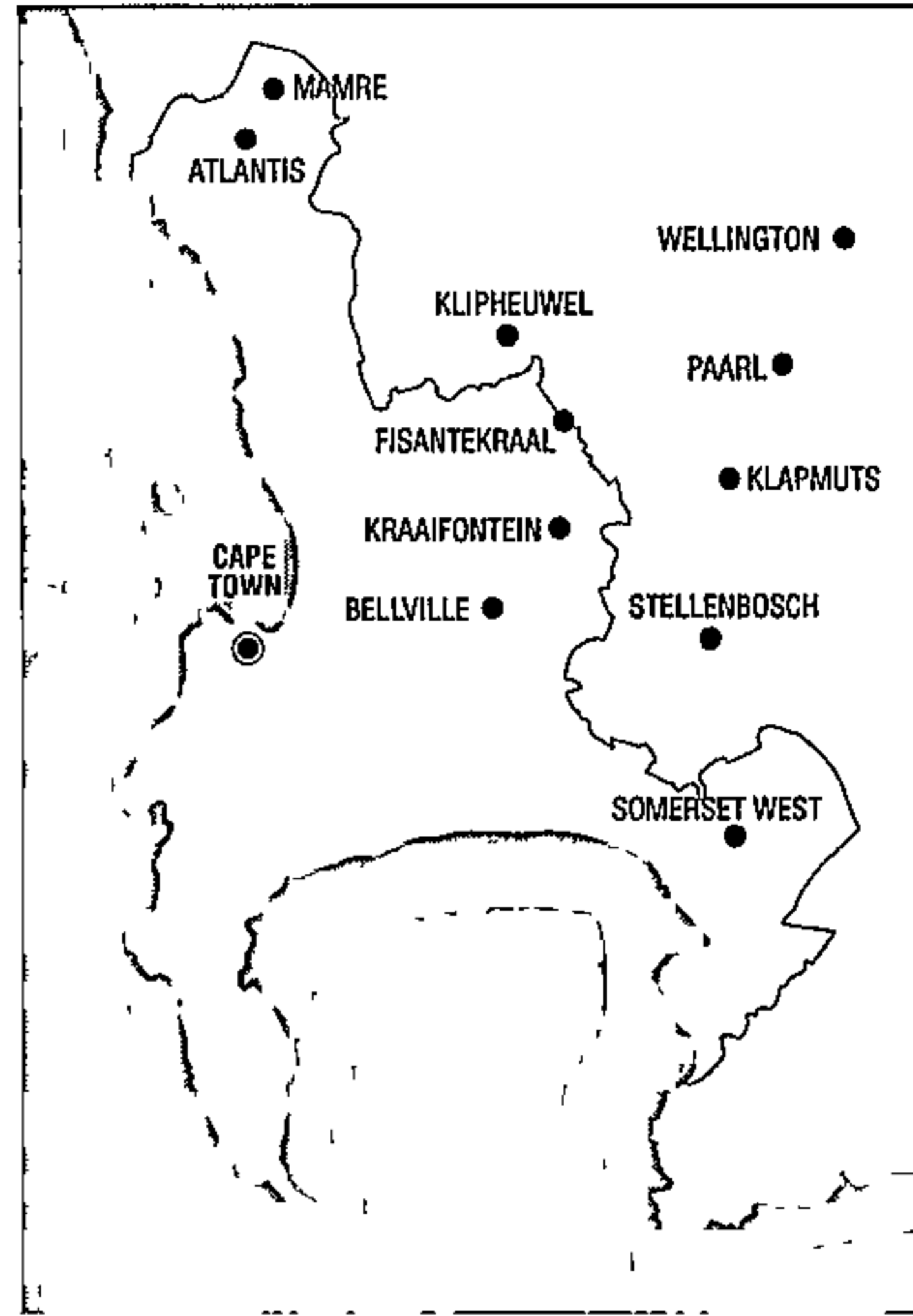
There are clear signs of which way the political wind is blowing in submissions made to the board and included in its report

The Wellington Discussion Forum (which claimed to represent the entire community), Paarl municipality and other Paarl organisations, Franschhoek Municipal Forum, the Macassar Management Committee, Gordon's Bay Ratepayers' Association, Sir Lowry's Pass Development Committee, the town councils of Somerset West, Strand and Gordon's Bay, the University of Stellenbosch and a raft of Stellenbosch organisations were dead against inclusion in the metropole

Bellville City Council wanted to keep the RSC boundary including only the core metropolitan area and taking in Kuils River and Kraaifontein

The University of the Western Cape wanted to keep the RSC boundary, as did UCT's urban problems research unit

The National Party and Fedhasa wanted the Helderberg basin excluded from the metro-



pole but non statutory groups (from among "disadvantaged communities") wanted it included

The ANC and Sanco supported the RSC boundary, which takes in Stellenbosch

However, a maverick group, the Alliance Organisation (comprising the PAC, the local Sanco and ANC branches and the Priel ANC interim committee) were opposed to Stellenbosch being in the metropole

Demarcation board's plan upsets Keegan

SHARON SOROUR

Municipal Reporter

THE demarcation board's "majority" recommendation on the outer boundary for the proposed Cape metropole has drawn a scathing response from the Cape Town City Council — one of the largest local authorities in its jurisdiction

Council political head Clive Keegan said the proposed demarcation would "severely retard our ability to manage the growth of greater Cape Town in a sustainable way"

Although the board failed to reach consensus on the bound-

ary, most of the members recommended the metropolitan area include the Helderberg basin — but exclude the Boland "fringe" towns of Klapmuts, Paarl, Wellington, Franschhoek and Stellenbosch

The Cape Town City Council, in its submissions to the board, argued for the inclusion of the fringe towns

Mr Keegan said that if the majority boundary was adopted, it would result in "continued fragmentation of policy-making in matters such as land use, informal housing and transport planning"

"There will be no mechanism

to contain urban sprawl within the Peninsula and prevent human settlement from spilling over into irreplaceable agricultural and recreational land," he said

The board's 1 167-page report was made public late this week by Local Government Minister Peter Marais

He said he would allow aggrieved local authorities to make submissions or to supply "evidence" that statistics or trends on which the board's findings were based were inaccurate

Mr Marais then would make a decision to be ratified by the

regional government and to be agreed on by the provincial committee on local government

Only then would the decision be promulgated

Mr Keegan said Cape Town would take up the minister's offer

Gordon's Bay town clerk Chris Neethling said the Helderberg towns were opposed to the majority recommendation

"It will be doomed from the beginning — we do not want to be included in the metropole"

Franschhoek, Paarl, Wellington were not included in the

majority recommendation because they did not comply with criteria for inclusion as set out in the Local Government Transition Act

The majority of members recommend the outer boundary include Atlantis and Mamre in the north, the Fisantekraal area north of Durbanville, the Kuils River magisterial district, Kleinvlei, Blue Downs, Khayelitsha, Macassar, a portion of the Stellenbosch magisterial district and the Helderberg basin up to and including Kogel Bay and the magisterial districts of Somerset West and the Strand

Board reveals border plans

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By PETER DENNEHY

THE new boundaries of Cape Town's metropolitan area, as proposed by Demarcation Board experts, were announced yesterday

Stellenbosch and Paarl are excluded and Somerset West, Strand, Gordon's Bay and Atlantis are in

The mayor of Stellenbosch, Mr Koos van Schoor, said he was delighted to be left out. "We always knew we had a good case," he said

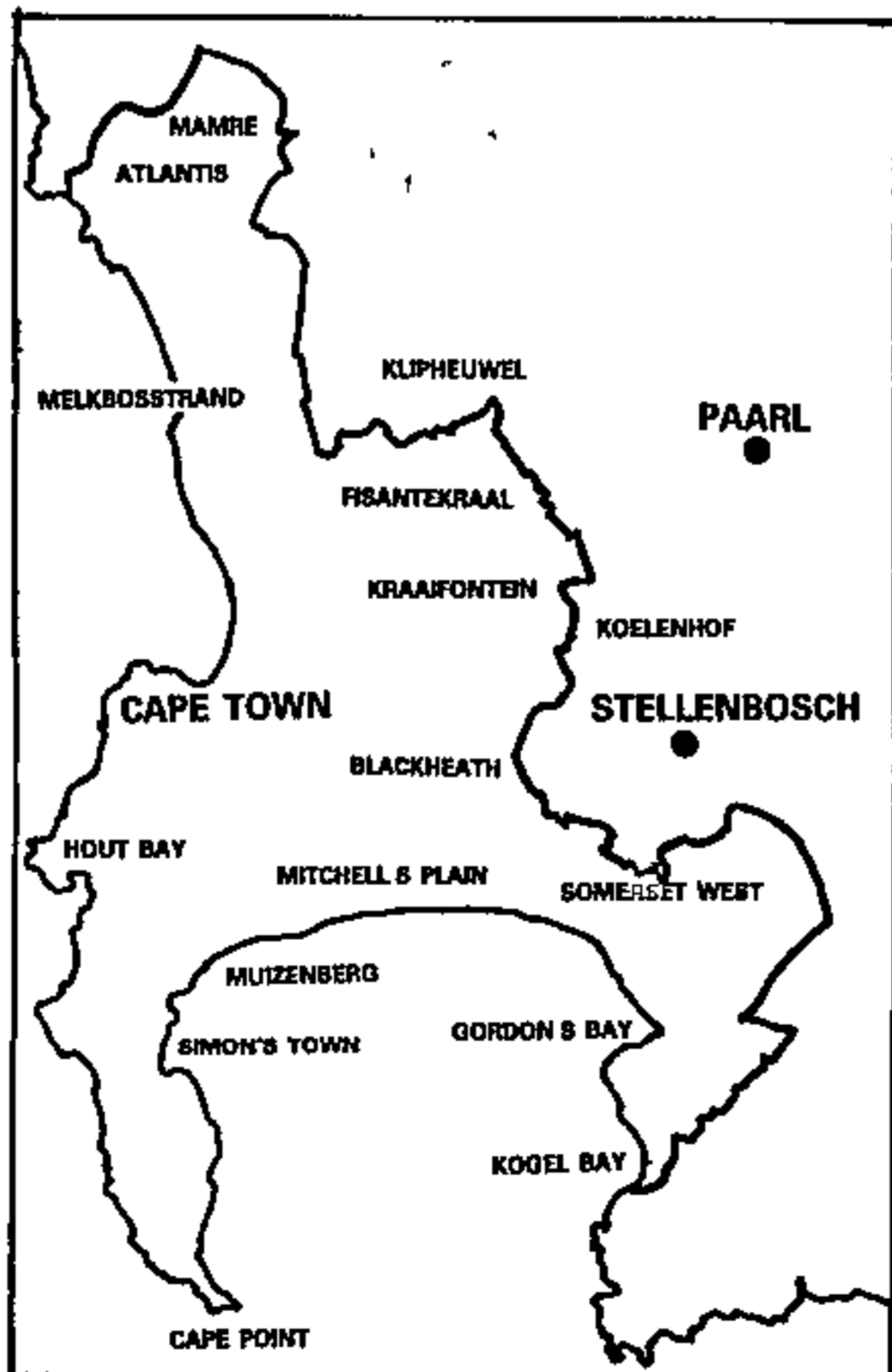
Gordon's Bay town clerk Mr Chris Neethling said his town would continue to fight against inclusion. It had just been given a new mandate to do so. An astonishing 97,4% of adult inhabitants of Gordon's Bay had voted against inclusion in the metropole in a local referendum on Wednesday this week, he said

Western Cape Minister of Local Government Mr Peter Marais said yesterday that he would allow representatives from aggrieved local authorities — included or excluded — to present facts to him which have not been put before the board, or contest evidence that was before it

These submissions must reach him by Monday, August 29. He would then take a decision for ratification by the full provincial legislature, then try to reach consensus with the Provincial Committee, of which Mrs Hilda Ndude is chairperson

In her capacity as head of the ANC's Western Cape local government department, Ms Ndude has already expressed her organisation's unhappiness with the board's boundaries, which are "narrower" than those the ANC wants

● Board chairperson Professor Faan Cloete confirmed that confidential copies of working documents had been leaked. A criminal offence might have been committed, he said



WHO'S OUT . This map shows the Demarcation Board's proposals on areas to be included and excluded from Cape Town's metropole. A metropolitan council is expected to be established within months. Map LESLEY STACEY

Board fails to agree on metropolitan area

□ Now it's up to provincial government

SHARON SOROUR
Municipal Reporter

THE Demarcation Board has failed to reach consensus on the outer boundary for the proposed Cape metropolitan area

The board's findings, set out in a confidential 116-page report, were handed to local government minister Peter Marais this week, ending months of speculation over the contentious issue

At a Press conference today board chairman Fanie Cloete said the 16-strong board could not agree on an outer boundary and the report contains the findings and recommendations of the majority — and the alternative minority views of three board members.

Professor Cloete said the report was delayed because parts of it were "leaked" before it was completed, causing "considerable political embarrassment and damage to personal relationships in the area"

He said the leak was being investigated, and if the source was established, the board would decide whether or not to

prosecute in terms of the Commissions Act

The majority of members recommended that the outer boundary include Atlantis and Mamre in the north, the Fisantekraal area north of Durbanville, the Kuils River magisterial district, Kleinvele, Blue Downs, Khayelitsha, Macassar, a portion of the Stellenbosch magisterial district and the whole of the Helderberg basin, up to and including Kogel Bay and the magisterial districts of Somerset West and the Strand.

Agricultural land northeast of Bellville and Durbanville near Philadelphia and Klipheuwel has been excluded, as well as the area and towns which form part of the Joostenbergvlakte Klapmuts, Paarl, Wellington, Franschoek and Stellenbosch

A minority of board members recommended that the boundary should conform to the Western Cape Regional Services Council boundary but also include the Steenbras Dam

Professor Cloete said the majority of members recom-

mended the boundary be reviewed in about five years, or at any stage if necessary

Mr Marais said he would hear objections to the proposed boundary by aggrieved local authorities — included or excluded from the metropole

Submissions had to reach his office by August 29, 1994

"After than I will make a decision, to be ratified by the full cabinet and then try to reach consensus with the provincial committee on local government," Mr Marais said

A decision on the boundary would then be promulgated

The Cape metropolitan area will fall under the jurisdiction of the Transitional Metropolitan Council to be set up in October

When the board was set up in March and April, it was asked to investigate where was the boundary of the Transitional Metropolitan Council

A boundaries dispute has dragged on since, between the Peninsula and the "fringe" Boland towns from Somerset West to Wellington.

Four local forums for city's municipal area

□ 'Platform for people to express themselves'

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SHARON SOROUR
Municipal Reporter



Picture ANDREW INGRAM, The Argus.

SOUTH AFRICAN BEAUTIES: Tonight's the night for the finals of the Miss South Africa Western Cape competition at Tyger Valley Shopping Centre. Three of the contestants are, from left, Sarah-Ann Finch, 22, of Pinelands, Sonia Kempff, 20, of Stellenbosch and Linda Stassen, 21, of Monte Vista. The choreographed show at 7.30 pm. Tickets at R15 and R20 are available from Computicket.

Woman shopper, 73, robbed

Crime Reporter

A 73-year-old woman was robbed of R1 300 on her way shopping in Kuils River.

Johanna du Toit of Kuils River was accosted by three men who knocked her down and grabbed her bag. She was unhurt.

Mitchell's Plain driver Peter Barnard was attacked at an in-

tersection in Nyanga. He was in Eisleben Road when four men with handguns surrounded his car and pulled him out. He was uninjured. Police are seeking his red 1975 BMW CA 742 529.

In Lonedown Road, Hanover Park last night, 29-year-old Shaun Jardien was shot in a knee when three men attacked him.

FOUR local forums are to be established in the Cape Town municipal area following the call by mayor Patricia Kreiner for ordinary people to be given a platform to express themselves in local government negotiations

Certain councillors, management committee members and community leaders "with a strong commitment to empowering the community" have agreed to establish the forums

The move comes in the light of sharp criticism of the council's executive committee for not establishing local forums months ago

Taking the initiative, councillor Arthur Wienburg called a meeting last night to establish support for the move

Several councillors, including at least one executive committee member, are behind the proposal

Mr Wienburg was recently elected to a council working group to determine how many councillors will serve on a new transitional local authority

He said "The citizens of Cape Town have not been properly consulted by the Cape Town City Council regarding restructuring of local government which affects their daily lives"

Mr Wienburg said the forums would allow people to take part in planning and capacity building and empower the people of Cape Town to take a "bottom up approach".

"A further announcement will be made, giving details on the areas and convenors of the initial meetings," said Mr Wienburg

According to informed sources, councillors who are committed to establishing the forums include Clive Bilski, Joye Gibbs, Chris Joubert, Clive Justus, Leon Markovitz, Peter Muller, Kenny Penkin, Ivor Powell, Jack Frost and deputy-mayor Llewellyn van Wyk.

Others are also expected to support the initiative

David Erleigh, spokesman of the powerful Good Hope Alliance — which has repeatedly called for the establishment of local forums — and the Southern Suburbs Ratepayers' Association said the initiative was "very exciting"

Slow transfer of powers

upsets Kriel

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CLIVE SAWYER
Political Correspondent

WESTERN Cape premier Henus Kriel says some central government ministers are reluctant to put the constitution into effect by transferring powers to provinces (263)

In an opening speech to the provincial parliament yesterday, Mr Kriel expressed frustration at the continuing delay in devolution of powers.

Some powers have been transferred, including finance, health, welfare, nature conservation, roads, works and local government.

But the province still has no power over economic affairs, education, police, urban transport, tourism, agriculture and housing.

"This situation cannot go on indefinitely — we cannot plan or govern without powers."

There was confusion about finance: "We do not know exactly what funds we have or how much we are getting."

Strategic management teams had not finished restructuring departments, causing delays in planning.

Projections were that the province was heading for a deficit in health and welfare services budgets

Mr Kriel said he was confident of a five percent annual economic growth rate for the Western Cape.

● Ryno King (NP) yesterday gave notice he would move a motion on Friday to confirm the equality of official languages in the Western Cape

● Arno de Jager (NP) is to move a motion on Friday calling for improvements to public transport "to serve the broader community"

Cape metropole boundaries — proposals go to minister

Municipal Reporter

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THE Cape demarcation board has submitted a confidential report on proposals for the metropole's outer boundary to Local Government Minister Peter Marais. **ARG 16/8/94**

Mr Marais is expected to make the report public this week.

"The report is being circulated among members of the executive council and the provincial committee," a spokesman said.

It took about a month to compile after a series of public hearings on the contentious issue.

The board was set up in March and in April it was asked to investigate where the boundary of the Transitional Metropolitan Council should be when consensus could not be reached.

A dispute between the Peninsula and "fringe" Boland towns from Som-

erset, West to Wellington over the boundaries has dragged on since.

The Cape Town City Council and the Cape Metropolitan Negotiating Forum unanimously support a large metropolitan area stretching from the Peninsula to Atlantis and Mamre in the north, Paarl and Wellington in the northeast and Somerset West and Franschhoek in the east.

At the hearings they argued that this larger area functioned — economically and in other ways — as a unit and that the extended metropole would achieve cheaper and more effective services.

The Boland towns opposed this, saying they did not want to lose their sovereignty and the fringe towns had very different interests and communities from those of the metropolitan forum.

Call to decide local borders

THE finalisation of boundaries in rural areas under the Cape metropolitan area, and voter registration, are the two key factors delaying the announcement of a local government election date

This was said by ANC head of local government Mr Thozimile Botha at a conference on local government in the city on Saturday

Deputy Constitutional Development Minister Mr Valli Moosa encouraged the Cape metropolitan negotiating forum to move faster on both matters — Sapa

Bills get W Cape going

Political Staff

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FOUR crucial draft bills which will free finances for the Western Cape government and enable it to function properly were published in the Provincial Gazette yesterday

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They are the Exchequer Bill, Finances Bill, Services Commission Bill and Tender Board Bill

The joint committee on finances is expected to sit next week to discuss the bills in depth before they are put before the legislature for enactment.

The Tender Board Bill makes provision for the requisitioning of services and the hiring and letting of equipment and/or staff

Charge Ikapa officials, says lawyer

SEVERAL Ikapa town council officials should be prosecuted for fraud and several companies involved in fake tenders investigated, a lawyer told the Swart Commission yesterday (263)

In her closing arguments advocate Mrs G Lategan asked the commission to condemn former Ikapa chief executive officer Mr J J Olivier, who must have been aware

of the irregularities in his municipality

Former town treasurer Mr Ian Grisdale and two of his employees, Mr John Walters and a Mr Weyers, had received money from contractors "in an irregular manner" and should be prosecuted, she said

Other officials who should be investigated and possibly charged included the chief engineer and the former town clerk

Mrs Lategan asked that the Bureau for Serious Economic Offences be called in Fake tenders had been submitted, prices inflated and the difference paid to council officials CT 2/8/94

She also asked that further inquiries be made into SA Biotech, a company that was paid more than R7 million to dispose of waste from houses that did not exist

Fears of split in West Cape

Nerves on edge over parliament's home

CLIVE SAWYER

Weekend Argus
Political Correspondent

FEARS are mounting that a successful bid to move parliament to Pretoria could fuel secessionist sentiments in the Western Cape

Across the political spectrum there is concern that the symbolism of Cape Town losing its status as national legislative capital could tear the country asunder

Political observers and supporters of the campaign to keep parliament in Cape Town noted that the triple-capital system was crucial to sealing the union of the four colonies in 1910.

South Africa in 1994 was at an equally delicate stage, with national reconciliation a key theme in determining the success of the fledgling democracy

Members of the Citizens Alliance for Parliament (CAP),

■ The debate over the future of parliament thunders on with fears that secessionist sentiments will be fanned should Cape Town lose its legislative capital status.

formed from Cape Town labour, civic, political, business and community leaders, were furious that the proposed move could divert millions of rands from the reconstruction and development programme

Adrian Sayers of Cosatu, who convened the meeting, said there had been an amicable spirit and broad consensus on the need to keep parliament in Cape Town

The dispersal of assets and political activity throughout South Africa was crucial to nation-building, he said

There was speculation earlier this year of a strong move by some MPs to hold June's short session of parliament for the first reading of the budget at a Transvaal venue

The move was averted, to

the relief of those who saw it as the thin edge of the wedge

An important focus of the reconstruction and development programme was the promotion of economic development throughout SA

Moving parliament from Cape Town could reduce the former capital to backwater status

A veteran politician who did not wish to be named said it was this which had raised fears of a new impetus for a politically catastrophic secessionist movement

Secessionists had put forward arguments about the Western Cape's potential to be economically viable as a separate entity

Agricultural, tourism and skills resources in the region

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were offered as arguments for a breakaway ARG 30/7/94

The argument did not take account of the potentially disastrous consequences of being separated from the national economy

Secessionism by definition ran counter to the spirit of reconciliation and implementation of the RDP which was supported by political parties across the spectrum

In the short term there were also fears that the debate could fracture unity among party caucuses

With the success of the new era hingeing on the building of consensus, splits in caucuses along provincial lines in a debate about parliament could cripple them

With indications of tension in both African National Congress and National Party ranks, members of both parties were keen to avoid further discord about a proposal many feel will split the country

Towns 'not in the metropole'

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By PETER DENNEHY
Municipal Reporter

PAARL, Stellenbosch, and Franschhoek are to be excluded from the Cape Town Metropole if the Demarcation Board's first draft report is heeded

This was disclosed yesterday by ANC local government spokesman Mr Barend Hendricks, who said the ANC had seen a "very rough first draft" of a report being drawn up by the Demarcation Board under Professor Faan Cloete.

The ANC has made it plain that it wants the so-called "fringe towns" included in the new boundaries of Greater Cape Town

The same report recommends the inclusion of Somerset West, Gordon's Bay, the whole Helderberg area, Atlantis and Mamre, Mr Hendricks said

After seeing the report the ANC had asked Professor Cloete for a meeting with the entire board

Professor Cloete had felt a meeting with himself and board vice-chairman Mr Basil Davidson

of the ANC should be enough, but the local ANC still believed a meeting with the full board would be appropriate

Professor Cloete could not be reached yesterday Mr Peter Marais, the provincial head of local government, said it seemed the ANC was getting reports before he was

"I have a meeting with the professor on Saturday morning, which is the first time I might get insight into that report," he said. It was no use asking for an official response before then

JUST AS the death of Steve Biko in police detention symbolised the lawlessness of apartheid South Africa's "security" operations, so District Six became the symbol of the senselessness and callousness of the Group Areas Act.

A generation later, the Western Cape is taking steps to put right one of the watershed wrongs of the past.

It was in 1966 that squalid, vibrant District Six on the slopes of Table Mountain was bulldozed in the interests of making sure people never lived side by side with those of another colour.

The black, coloured and Indian residents were dispatched to scattered townships on the windswept Cape flats, where insensitivity about community and family ties added insult to injury. District Six was declared a white area and renamed Zonnebloem, but the whites who had lived there moved away, and few others came to replace them.

For more than 30 years, the ground has stood largely empty. In recent years the Cape Technikon has established itself there, a few clus-

District Six returns to life

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in Cape Town

ters of homes were built and the navy and defence force headquarters rooted themselves. But it seems the curse which, it was said, departing imams placed on white development, has had its effect.

District Six was by no means the only community to fall victim to the insatiable demands of the Group Areas Act. What perhaps defined it, and made it memorable, was the articulate outrage of the people who lived there. In their numbers, journalists, photographers and musicians wrote, recorded and sang their anger and grief.

Having roots in District Six has become almost de rigueur for artistic credibility. The suffering has been romanticised to the point of kitsch.

Close to the city, with wonderful sea views and one of Cape Town's kinder climates, it is an eminently desirable place to live. But the hor-

ror ran deep, both among Capetomans and developers.

"Nobody wanted to touch it because of the stigma," said Western Cape housing minister Gerald Morkel who, himself, has strong links with the district.

Morkel — House of Representatives housing minister for the former government — has announced the redevelopment of District Six will begin within 12 months. The Western Cape legislature last week cleared the way to establish the managing trust which will oversee redevelopment of the area.

Morkel envisages "affordable" housing and a revival of the vibrant

spirit and cosmopolitan flavour of the old District Six. The latter, one suspects, is wishful thinking; one cannot wish colour and organic community life on a development, any more than one can wish a West Coast development to be Greek. But if the planners have their way, the new development will be a microcosm of Cape Town.

The Cape Town Community Land Trust, in the wake of the Cabinet's approval of the proposed deed of trust, will be registered once the 10 members have been chosen. All vacant government-owned land will be transferred to the trust, which will take all responsibility for "ensuring appropriate and accountable development in the area", said Morkel.

"We're all glad that things are on the road. That empty piece of land has been a terrible reminder," said Prof Jaap Desmond of the Univer-

sity of the Western Cape and the Western Cape Peace Committee. Central to the redevelopment scheme is the principle of cohesive development. The business community is looking for this as keenly as the political sector. Those involved with the scheme will be drawing up a comprehensive plan for the whole area. The plan will be submitted to the trust. It is envisaged that housing to suit all budgets (including subsidised budgets) will be included. If the redevelopment then took place piecemeal, said Morkel, it would at least be cohesive.

All indications are that the new District Six will be a hit. Already, said Morkel, as rumours of the redevelopment spread, applications had started coming in from people interested in moving into the area.

Privately owned land may, of course, be the spoke in the wheel of cohesion. Will the SA Navy and SANDF headquarters, for instance, be staying there? Morkel would not commit himself. "They will all have to negotiate. They may find it's no longer a suitable place to be."

Council agrees to give 7,5% increase

Municipal Reporter

THE city council has avoided the wave of industrial action crashing down on business and industry by agreeing to give the 12 000-strong South African Municipal Workers' Union increases of up to 7,5 percent.

The lowest two notches will get 7,5 percent, the third and fourth notches will get a R100 a month increase, and the other notches a seven percent increase

At its monthly meeting yesterday, the council agreed to pay workers the increases,

which were on a par with those awarded to the South African Association of Municipal Employees

Urging the council to accept the recommendation, executive committee chairman Clive Keegan said "The whole country is awash with industrial action, and when I returned from leave last week, I was convinced we would be confronted with it too. We should be grateful this has not happened"

Mr Keegan compared the increases with those given by municipalities in Durban

(8,5 percent), Johannesburg (10 percent) and Pretoria (8,5 percent)

Councillor Arthur Wienburg noted the increases brought the minimum wage paid by the council to R1 308 plus benefits

Voting against the recommendation, Mr Wienburg questioned how many councillors paid that wage to their domestic workers or gardeners

● Mr Keegan said the city would ask to be exempted from the Town Clerk Remuneration Board proposal to give town clerks a 12,5 percent increase

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Anger mounts in Cape over bid to move parliament to Pretoria

Concentrating power in PWV will harm the national economy, says Kriel

CLIVE SAWYER
Political Correspondent

ANGER is mounting that removing parliament from Cape Town will be a grave blow to poverty-stricken people who have pinned their hopes on the success of the Reconstruction and Development Programme. A public meeting will be held in coming weeks to mobilise broad support to prevent the removal of parliament.

This emerged after a special meeting of Western Cape political, civic, business and labour leaders yesterday to form the Citizens Alliance for Parliament (Cap).

Premier Herens Kriel, who chaired the meeting, said concentrating power in the PWV would harm the national economy, encourage disunity and distract the government from its focus on national reconciliation.

African National Congress regional secretary Lerumo Kalako said the fact the cabinet was considering moving parliament had caused anxiety in the Western Cape, especially among the poor on the Cape Flats.

Mohammed Cassiem Sunday of the Muslim Business Association said "The anger of the people in the Western Cape is a hard fact.

"We cannot believe a new government is even considering reinforcing that artificially created city in Pretoria — a product of the previous regime's strategy to disinvest from the Cape."

Convenor of the meeting, Adrian Sayers of Co-satu, said the timing of the discussion was "completely wrong."

A debate about moving parliament was out of keeping with the sensitive state of the national economy and the positive direction set by President Nelson Mandela and the RDP.

The Western Cape was the second strongest economic region and removing parliament would cause huge imbalances in development.

Fair dispersal of assets throughout the country was the best path to economic growth.

SA National Civic Organisation leader John Neels said people in the region would not take the matter lying down.

"There is enormous anger about a move which will cost thousands of jobs — at a time the government is meant to be focusing on jobs and economic empowerment.

"Pretoria City Council must face up to economic realities of redistribution and the integration of its local economy, and not drive other parts of the country into poverty, just so they can maintain their privileged lifestyle in Verwoerdburg."

The proposal has been slammed by ANC chief whip Arnold Stofile, Water Affairs Minister Kader Asmal, Mineral and Energy Affairs Minister Pik Botha and deputy chairman of the constitutional assembly, Leon Wessels.

Peninsula and Tygerberg mayors are to join forces to make legislators welcome.

The issue is expected to be taken up by the Western Cape provincial legislature.

Pretoria has spent at least R4 million on its campaign.

Samwu workers to get 7,5%

SHARON SOROUR
Municipal Reporter

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MEMBERS of the SA Municipal Workers' Union (Samwu) are set to get increases of up to 7,5 percent in terms of an agreement reached with the Cape Town city council.

Council human resources director David Beretti said the agreement, signed yesterday, brought the minimum monthly wage paid by the council to R1 275

Most of the union's 12 000 members will get a seven percent increase, but the average increase was 7,1 percent, Mr Beretti said

Workers on lower notches would get 7,5 percent

The council will ratify the increases at its monthly meeting today.

Mr Beretti said the union originally

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demanded 15 percent or R230 a month — whichever was greater. This amounted to an average increase of 19,5 percent.

A joint negotiating forum was established to streamline this year's round of wage talks, which took about four months to conclude.

For the first time, the council negotiated collectively with three unions: Samwu, the SA Association of Municipal Employees (SAAME) and the Cape Town Municipal Professional Staff Association (CTMPSA).

Mr Beretti said the move to negotiate with all the stakeholders in a forum had paid off as all three unions, which represented different sections of the workforce although some overlapped, were not handled in isolation.

Negotiations with the CTMPSA have not been concluded.

'Alliance' ⁽²⁶³⁾ call to keep Parliament ^{21/7/94}

Staff Reporter

THE Western Cape Economic Development Forum (WCEDF) called yesterday for a "broad alliance" of organisations to keep Parliament in the city.

WCEDF co-ordinator Mr Howard Gabriels said the forum emphasised the threat to jobs, the regional economy and the welfare of thousands of people in the Western Cape by the Pretoria initiative to move Parliament.

He said it was clear at the meeting yesterday that the broad community in the Western Cape was "extremely concerned".

A steering committee consisting of various parties would be formed soon to co-ordinate the region's response, he said.

Key tasks agreed for transitional city councils

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□ Decision hitch on voters' roll

SHARON SOROUR
Municipal Reporter

ENSURING a fairer spread of services throughout the metropole will be one of the key tasks of the transitional metropolitan council, the caretaker body to be appointed in the run-up to democratic local government elections

It will also have the financial clout to support poor or bankrupt local councils.

Local government negotiators in the Cape Metropolitan Negotiating Forum have, however, consciously limited the powers and duties of the TMC, emphasising maximum control over local decision making should rest with town and city councils under it.

This emerges from the powers and duties approved by forum negotiators at a plenary session last night

One key element the forum could not agree on was whether the TMC should have power to compile a central voters' roll which conformed to national guidelines

Recommendations adopted by the forum included

- The TMC would address only matters which could not be effectively tackled by primary local authorities managing and directing urban growth on a metropolitan scale

- Services and functions

"which are metropolitan in character" had to be co-ordinated and provided by the TMC.

- All levels of government had to share responsibility for redressing metropolitan area imbalances.

- Maximum control over local decision making and implementation had to remain in the hands of local authorities.

- Effective service delivery in the run-up to local elections had to be maintained

Cape Town City Council negotiator Frank van der Velde tabled an additional power that the TMC promote and co-ordinate sport in the metropole.

He said there was an abundance of sporting facilities in some areas, but a shortage in others

Sporting events would also draw tourists, the Cape-to-Rio yacht race had garnered R60 million for the region

Council negotiator Dick Friedlander also tabled an additional power that the TMC look at cultural activities on a metropolitan scale

Forum negotiators could not agree on a list of additional powers and duties, stumbling on a suggestion from the forum's working group 1, which had thrashed out the proposals, that TMCs have power to compile a voters' roll.

The proposal was sent back to the drawing board

'Blanket of fear covers council'

CT 22/11/94 (263)

By PETER DENNEHY

IN a scalding attack on his fellow councillors, Mr Arthur Wienburg said yesterday a psychosis of fear lay like a blanket over the council.

He had been overruled at the amenities committee meeting in objecting to a proposal to hire out Green Point stadium to the Coon Carnival organisers at the ordinary fee of about R4 500 a day, instead of at the "professional" or pop-concert rate of R13 200 a day.

Last year, use of the stadium for the four days of the carnival had gone out to tender and attracted a R120 000 bid, but this had been overturned after a court action.

Mr Wienburg said the city was not being governed "without fear or favour". The more militant and aggressive people were, the more some of his colleagues backed down, he said.

"As long as someone bashes the door down and screams and shouts and threatens, they will get their way," he said. "You are surrendering the power to act in a fair and reasonable manner to anarchists."

"I cannot be party to a sick fear. I can smell it emanating from certain people."

Chairman of the committee Mr Chris Joubert responded: "I take a bit of offence at your remarks, but not too much."

Mr Wienburg predicted users of the Athlone Stadium would also come knocking on doors, asking why they could not have similar privileges.

After that the users of sports fields — from which the council receives fees only sufficient to recover 10% of maintenance costs — might demand and be granted free use.

Job evaluation study 'agitates' workers ⁽²⁶³⁾

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HUNDREDS of ag-
grieved Lingeletu West
municipal workers re-
fused to work at Maka-
beni depot off Spine
Road yesterday while
they waited for a meet-
ing with management

A spokesman from the
Worker Delegation, who
asked not to be named,
said they had been upset
by the results of a two-
year-long job evaluation
study

"It was done by un-
qualified personnel
Some workers were re-

quired to detail the actu-
al duties they were per-
forming whereas others
were asked to compile
the ideal functions of
their posts"

This led to inconsis-
tencies, they said in a
press release, and the
workers were "extreme-
ly agitated"

They conceded that
they had agreed not to
embark on industrial ac-
tion, but added "Be-
cause of delays and lack
of good faith in negotia-
tions, the community of
Khayelitsha is now faced
with a crisis"

Local councils may be limited to 20 members

□ Non-statutory negotiators' proposal

SHARON SOROUR
Municipal Reporter

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THE number of councillors nominated to serve on local councils in the new metropole may be limited to a maximum of 20.

This is the latest proposal of non-statutory negotiators on the Cape Metropolitan Negotiating Forum.

The local councils — transitional metropolitan sub-structures — will come into being when the Transitional Metropolitan Council is appointed, probably at the end of October.

The non-statutory delegation is also pushing for:

- The demarcation of internal boundaries by the end of October to facilitate the drawing up of a voters' roll and local government elections.

- The city's tax base to be shared equally by all local authorities

The Demarcation Board is drawing up a confidential report on the controversial outer boundary, which will be handed to regional premier Hennis Kriel for a decision.

The forum's plenary will have the final say on the proposals when it meets on July 25

Explaining the non-statutory position, spokesman Mzukisi Gaba said the groups felt it would be "costly and wasteful" to create large sub-structures as they would not have a long lifespan.

Mr Gaba said the Cape Town City Council's "lease on life" had been ex-

tended "because it is assisting us in the transitional phase".

Limiting the number of councillors would also ensure a smooth transition to democratic local government.

Councillors will be nominated to sub-structures on a 50/50 basis: half from the statutory side and half from the non-statutory side.

This means that only 10 of the 27 serving councillors would be accommodated.

Mr Gaba said the non-statutory side felt it was not necessary for people appointed to sub-structures to reside in the area concerned. This would enable local councils to be appointed on a 50/50 basis.

"We want to accelerate the process so that we can get to the elections as soon as possible," Mr Gaba said.

Responding to the proposals, the statutory side said it accepted the target date of October 31 for the establishment of the transitional metropolitan council and the sub-structures.

The group supported the principle of limiting the number of councillors "as far as it is feasible to avoid unnecessary cost and waste", but it believed it was not possible to set an absolute limit.

"Numbers must be fixed after wide consultation at local level."

Mr Gaba said the non-statutory group was confident internal boundaries could be demarcated by the end of October as the Local Government Transition Act had mechanisms to "address these problems".

Bid to stop Parliament site debate

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By CHRIS BATEMAN
Political Staff

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A SECRET meeting of top city strategists last night decided to launch a campaign to remove the "divisive and wasteful" debate over the siting of Parliament from the political agenda for the next five years.

They aim to achieve this before the end of the year.

Key players, council Exco chairman Mr Clive Keegan, veteran DP politicians Mr Jasper Walsh and Mr Roger Hulley and top local commercial lobbyist Mr Kevin Kevany were hosted yesterday for two hours by Wesgro director Mr David Bridgman.

Sources close to the "think-tank" said the team came up with a carefully thought-out strategy that would highlight how divisive the debate had been when it was allowed to rage over the last parliamentary session.

The aim is to prepare the ground for when parliament re-assembles next month.

Then the campaign team will "turn up the heat" in the hope that the government or President Nelson Mandela "realise that the country's best interests are served by not making any definite decision in this five-year term".

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Their argument will be that the country's reconstruction and development programme needs to be given priority and a medium-term freeze on any decision over the siting of Parliament would allow a turbulent civil service to settle.

"With the civil service virtually falling apart, as seen with the directors-general — who are virtually the home team (Pretoria) — what can they expect if another upheaval comes?" one source said.

Tens of thousands of campaign letters will shortly be targeted at decision-makers across the country, punting the "postponement" strategy.

Another angle of the campaign will highlight how a Pretoria government allowed Mossgas to run over budget from R3,5 billion to R12bn, and the election from R400m to R1bn.

"Now they want us to believe that it will cost R2bn to move Parliament to Pretoria," the source said.

● The previous campaign — a response to a secret Transvaal dominated cabinet committee set up to decide the issue — resulted in the process being thrown open to parliamentary debate.

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Keegan opts to work on local negotiating level

SHARON SOROUR
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CONFLICTING interests prompted Cape Town City Council executive chairman Clive Keegan to resign as chairman of the provincial committee of local government

Mr Keegan, who resigned on July 1, said his position as provincial committee chairman excluded him from the local government negotiations at the metropolitan level

"I felt this gave rise to a conflict of interests. As chairman of the council's policy committee (exco) and the constitutional committee, I was finding it increasingly difficult to stand outside the metropolitan negotiating forum process," he said

"I put a stop to that conflict, choosing between the provincial committee and the local negotiations. I felt the local job was more in keeping with my obligations to the city."

Mr Keegan planned to join the city council's negotiating team on the statutory side of the Cape Metropolitan Negotiating Forum

"The city council has a point of view, and a contribution to make to the orderly transition to democratic local government

"We have argued for a long time that the process needs to be speeded up so that we can get on with upgrading under-developed areas and it's in accordance with those principles that I will attempt to strengthen our negotiating position."

SA not alone in dilemma over Parliament — Heath

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By ARI JACOBSON

POLITICAL parties which cause "havoc" with the opposition can expect similar treatment when in power warned Edward Heath, the oldest statesman in the British House of Commons and a former prime minister, at the Seeff/Cape Times breakfast yesterday

He said that in a democracy "the other side always got a chance (to rule)"

In a keynote speech filled with dry British humour — Heath discussed the importance of Parliament in the UK

The Cape at present enjoys the benefits of housing Parliament but there is stiff competition to have it moved to Pretoria



UK VIEW . Seeff/Cape Times keynote speaker Edward Heath poses with Willards Foods financial manager Phil Sithole at the breakfast

Heath mentioned an occasion when legislation was debated through the night in the "House" and with no settlement in sight the then prime minister Winston Churchill was woken at

2am to come to Parliament to solve the deadlock

He also talked of a piece of legislature, coinciding with certain announcements on government spending

and the budget, brought up in 1958 and passed last year

On the moving of Parliament Heath pointed out that Britain had its Parliament in "different places" and Washington had been "fairly remote" until the region was industrialised

He added that the united Germany was undergoing heated discussions about the cost of moving Parliament from "Bonn to Berlin" and Australia's Parliament, in Canberra, was "out in the woods — so I don't go there"

He stressed that for Parliament to be successful "numbers" had to be limited and salaries should be at a level which would attract the "right personnel"

Half of city councillors, manco members may go

By PETER DENNEHY

BY the end of October this year, at least half the councillors and management committee members of every municipality in Greater Cape Town may have to make way for a new set of councillors

Documents from both sides of the Cape Metropolitan Negotiating Forum indicate an emerging consensus that new, appointed transitional councils should come into being by October 31

One team consists of the non-

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statutory side, those who, like the ANC and its allies, were formerly excluded from local government under apartheid. The other is the statutory side, which is the existing municipal establishment

In its latest document, the non-statutory team concedes that local authority boundaries can remain largely unchanged initially, to get the new councils started, but it requires a commitment to changes later

It also says that the number of councillors on transitional councils should be limited to "half the

existing number, with a maximum of 20"

Responding to this proposal to cut council posts by half, the statutory delegation said "It is not possible to set an absolute limit which would be applicable to all circumstances"

The new councils will be "50-50 bodies", with half the appointed councillors coming from the statutory and the other half from the non-statutory side

Forum co-ordinator Mr David Schmidt said yesterday each council would have to decide which of its councillors would continue to occupy their seats

Councillors set to lose posts

S Times [Cape Metro]

By NAZEEM HOWA

MORE than half the present white municipal councillors in the Western Province are to lose their posts within months in terms of a proposal being considered by the region's local government negotiators.

Key negotiators believe the new proposal, due to be debated later this month, contains several compromises which will lead to it being accepted without major alterations.

In terms of the deal, which is presently before the Cape Metropolitan Negotiating Forum, boundaries for new interim transitional metropolitan sub-councils will be finalised by October 31 this year.

This will open the way for the immediate appointment of new sub-councils to take over the running of existing municipalities until democratic elections are held. October this year was originally identified as the date for democratic local government elections. However, delays in the negotiating process, mean that this deadline will not be met.

Now local government negotiators are keen to get interim structures up and running by October or as soon as possible thereafter.

The sub-councils will be set up on the boundaries of the existing local authority areas, effectively postponing one of the more heated debates on where sub-council boundaries should be drawn.

Each sub-council will consist of a maximum of 20 people, with half that number being appointed by non-statutory delegates to the Forum.

In the case of the Cape Town City Council, only 10 of the existing 34-member council will be accommodated in the new sub-council.

City council delegates are expected to protest against this clause, but they are unlikely to get much support from other members of the statutory delegation.

Council delegates have previously pointed out that Cape Town should have greater representation because of the extent of its boundaries, but this argument has not won significant support among delegates.

Non-statutory delegates are firmly opposed to increasing the number of councillors as "it would be costly and wasteful to create large structures that will exist for only a short time".

In a document which provides a first glimpse of what the new local government structure will look like, negotiators have also proposed that people appointed to the sub-councils need not be resident in the areas concerned.

MPs buying properties

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By CHRIS BATEMAN
Political Staff

MANY MPs are buying homes in the Peninsula and over 300 of them are renting houses in the fully-booked local parliamentary villages — but not necessarily because they believe parliament will remain in the city

The property buying is based on a belief that prices are set for a sharp rise and a conviction that even if Par-

liament moves this will be a slow process over several years

Several MPs said they believed some compromise would be found

MPs across party lines said they all knew of colleagues who had bought or were "looking around"

Of the 702 state homes in Laboria Park, Acacia Park and Pelican Park, 336 have been taken by MPs and Senators with 366 going to parliamentary "session" officials

Zim trial: Prosecutor slams press

HARARE — The prosecutor at the trial of a Scottish-born Zimbabwean doctor accused of killing five patients hit out yesterday at press coverage of the widely publicised case **CT 6/7/94**

Dr Richard Gladwell McGown, 54, who has been practising in Zimbabwe since 1968, pleaded not guilty to five counts of culpable homicide when the case opened on Monday after several postponements. The charges were levelled in 1992 after

a parliamentary committee reported that Dr McGown had killed some patients while experimenting on the effects of high doses of spine-injected morphine on black women and children **(213)**

Attorney-general Mr Patrick Chinamasa, on the second day of the trial, said he was particularly unhappy with the coverage by the semi-official Herald newspaper and the monthly magazine MOTO, published by the local Catholic

Church. An issue of the magazine features a picture of Dr McGown's head on its front page labelled "untouchable".

The leading article accused Mr Chinamasa and Zimbabwean health minister Mr Timothy Stamps of trying to cover up Dr McGown's court case.

"They are convicting him and I must say I really take the strongest exception to newspapers and press reports usurping the functions of the courts," Mr Chinamasa said — Sapa-Reuter

R17m now owing to council **(263)** **CT 6/7/94**

By EUNICE RIDER

THE arrears of City Council housing schemes have topped R17 million — about R10m up from last year — and the council believes people are holding back their rent because of the recession and in the hope of debts being written off.

A senior council treasury official last night confirmed the council's housing branch figures claiming that tenants and homeowners had fallen behind by an average rate of R600 000 a month in the last year.

Further R10m

He said the problem of non-payment was aggravated by the economic recession and state announcements about the possible writing off of debts.

The official, who did not wish to be named, said the R17m in arrears to the council did not include arrears in rates payments or water and electric-

ity supplies.

He said rates arrears amounted to a further R10m to R11m.

Mr Sahe Manie, a National Assembly member on the standing committee on constitutional affairs, said the ANC would not call on people to pay their arrears until more representative local government structures were in place.

Write-offs

But people should not use the possibility of debt write-offs for unfair personal gain, he said.

Mr Manie said his general belief was that all people should pay for services rendered because without payment no services would be possible.

He said the possibility of debt write-offs were to have been discussed at local level but community leaders were still busy setting up more representative local government structures in the Western Cape.



BLIND AMBITION . . . Mr André Vosloo, switchboard operator, congratulated Brigadier David Ackerman when he qualified as a public relations officer.

Oliver 'made death threat'

Own Correspondent

PORT ELIZABETH — "You'd better f*** off out of the house or I'll kill you," Brazilian murder accused Mrs Nina Oliver allegedly told a woman who had shared a house with attorney Mr George Kellerman.

This was heard by the George Magistrate's Court.

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Thousands of whites feel pull of Zimbabwe

HARARE — About 40 000 whites who fled Zimbabwe to South Africa, Britain and Australia at independence in 1980 have inquired this year about returning

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A London-based magazine says most are living in South Africa, where uncertainty about the future, political and criminal violence, recession and tense race relations have made Zimbabwe seem attractive.

The magazine reports that inquiries have also come from Britain and Australia, the other two major destinations for whites during the exodus in the early 1980s.

An estimated 100 000 whites left Zimbabwe during the first four years of independence. Although emigration later slowed, a continuing trickle out of the country reduced the white population to its present level of about 100 000.

This compares with a peak of about 270 000 in the mid-1970s.

But it might not be easy to return. In 1989, the Zimbabwe Government passed a law restricting dual nationality.

Whites were asked to choose whether they wanted to remain Zimbabwean or to relinquish this nationality in favour of their new one, which many chose to do. — Sapa

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increases of up to 7,5%

Municipal Reporter
MEMBERS of the SA Association of Municipal Employees will receive wage increases of up to 7,5 percent in terms of a final offer by the Cape Town city council.

The council ratified the increases at a special meeting yesterday.

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In terms of the agreement, union members on the lowest four notches of the salary scale will get 7,5 percent, amounting to a monthly increase of R88,97 at the lowest hourly-paid notch.

This brings the minimum monthly wage to R1 275,22.

Union members on the re-

maining notches will get a 7 percent increase.

According to an executive committee report, the union was demanding that fixed scales and salary notches increase by 15 percent.

A joint negotiating forum was established to streamline this year's round of wage talks, with the council negotiating collectively with SAAME, the SA Municipal Workers' Union and the Cape Town Municipal Professional Staff Association.

The municipal workers' union has refused to accept the council's final offer, while the professional staff association has accepted the offer, but a final settlement has not been reached.

Ikapa corruption commission complete

JOSEPH ARANES

Weekend Argus Reporter

THE Swart commission of inquiry investigating alleged corruption and maladministration in the Ikapa Town Council is drawing up a report for the State President after hearing more evidence this week.

For the past 10 months, the commission has heard evidence from a range of Ikapa officials, businessmen linked to the council and Cape Provincial Administration officials.

Allegations of council officials embezzling funds, taking bribes, using council material for personal use and favouring particular companies ahead of others surfaced from the start.

The commission, headed by retired Boland chief magistrate J Swart and two assistants — retired Bellville chief magistrate P le Roux and former Paarl town clerk W Wagenaar — was appointed by Mr De Klerk in August.

Its task was to investigate any mismanagement at Ikapa with special references to

- Irregularities including non-compliance with financial or other instructions,

- Any improper favouring of individuals or companies,

- Abuse of authority, and

- Any losses sustained by the council as a result of misappropriation of its funds.

Earlier this week, former

Ikapa treasurer Ian Grisdale, who featured prominently in earlier allegations of corruption, told the commission that CPA officials altered their homes and one built a beach cottage with building materials intended for township job creation projects. *ARLZ/7/94*

Mr Grisdale also told the hearing that many companies were favoured ahead of others because their managers "looked after" senior Ikapa officials. *(263)*

"Companies were awarded contracts on the basis of recommendations by top officials, who would later go on trips with the company managers.

One of the allegations

against Mr Grisdale was that he received a sailing holiday to Durban by yacht from one of the companies supplying a service to the council.

A waste-removal company, SA Bio-Tech, was contracted to dispose of waste in the council's areas and was paid more than R7 million for waste removal from houses that did not exist.

Ikapa officials allegedly deposited cheques worth millions of rands in their private bank accounts over weekends to earn interest for themselves.

At one stage, the commission also heard of "boeremafia" involvement in the affairs of the council.

Cape Metro borders settled — for now

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By Quentin Wilson

AFTER months of wrangling, the Cape Metropolitan Negotiating Forum (CMNF) overcame one of its greatest obstacles this week by agreeing unanimously on the outer boundaries of the Cape Metropolitan area.

But there are fears among members of the CMNF that the Demarcation Board — which has the final say — will overrule their decision.

The forum, launched in September last year, has the task of preparing the way for Cape Town's first non-racial municipal elections.

An important step in this direction was to finalise the boundaries of the future Cape Metro area. On Monday, the forum released its proposals to be considered by the Demarcation Board.

The CMNF proposed that the outer boundaries include the area now serviced by the Regional Services Council, including Stellenbosch, Paarl and Somerset West. (263)

This was despite calls by residents from these "fringe towns" for autonomy from the Cape Metropolitan area.

"Many of us are anxious that the Board is overly sympathetic to the fears of those in the fringe towns," said a source in the forum.

While the CMNF is a body whose membership spans right across the political spectrum, the 16 members of the Demarcation Board were appointed by the Cape Provincial Association.

Four of these members, including chairperson Professor Fanie Cloete, are based in either Stellenbosch or Paarl, the fringe towns where opposition to the settlement has been strongest.

But CMNF spokesperson Ms Anthea Williams said there was "no foundation" to fears that the board would be biased towards these areas.

● The Forum is holding a public briefing in Athlone on Thursday June 30 on local government restructuring in the Cape Metropolitan Area. The briefing starts at 7.30pm at St Mark's Church Hall in Church Street. Contact Muriel Fincham at 400-3889 for more information.

R1m boost for Parliament campaign

THE campaign to keep Parliament in Cape Town is to get a R1 million boost from the Cape Town City Council, in response to the R3m to R5m which Pretoria is said to be spending on its campaign.

The money will come out of council reserves. This emerged at yesterday's monthly council meeting.

Mr Arthur Wienburg said he was appalled at the executive

committee's decision to spend the money on this, and he did not care how much Pretoria was spending.

He complained that handing out chocolates in the shape of Table Mountain to Members of Parliament was undignified and embarrassing. He felt lobbyists should be hired, to direct their efforts at the fewer than 500 parliamentarians, instead of spending money on news-

paper advertisements.

Captour chief Mr Gordon Oliver replied that hospitality was just one factor in a much broader campaign.

New MPs had not been welcomed to Cape Town when they first came, he said. The weather happened to be unpleasant, their offices were not ready, their telephones not connected, and they did not like their accommodation. CT 1/7/94

The chocolates were just a symbol of welcome, he said.

Mr Frank van der Velde said those who needed to be convinced were the Ministers of Finance and of Housing.

In response to the debate, exco chairman Mr Clive Keegan conceded frankly that his committee had taken decisions without a full mandate, but he felt the urgency of the matter warranted it. (263)

Union disrupts council meeting

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□ Move to banqueting hall after abuse

SHARON SOROUR
Municipal Reporter

PROTESTING municipal workers spent hours in an empty council chamber yesterday — after disrupting the council's monthly meeting — before a delegation handed over a memorandum detailing their grievances.

About 50 SA Municipal Workers' Union shop stewards staged a placard protest in the foyer of the civic centre before demanding their right to sit in the chamber public gallery.

Workers protested against the "unilateral" selling off of public assets and land, including the abattoir and the closure of the Kogel Bay resort, the way the council was implementing its affirmative action programme, and the "contemptuous" way the executive committee treated the union.

Once in the chamber, acting branch secretary Neville Alcock asked if the

council would be prepared to accept the union's memorandum.

Acting mayor Gordon Oliver declined and workers shouted abuse.

Mr Oliver's pleas that the council be allowed to carry on with business were drowned out by interjections.

The meeting was adjourned and resumed in the banqueting hall.

The protesters vowed to stay in the chamber until they handed over their memorandum.

Commenting on the disruption, executive committee chairman Clive Keegan said it was an "appalling display of negotiation by intimidation, to which we will not be party".

Councillor Arthur Wienburg said workers had to follow procedures and the council could not give in to the demands of people who had behaved "appallingly".

He asked why the protesters had not been forcibly removed.

R1-m bid to 'keep parliament'

Municipal Reporter

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THE campaign to keep parliament in Cape Town has received a R1 million boost from city council reserve coffers

At its monthly meeting yesterday, the council heard the executive committee had agreed to grant R1 million to Wesgro

Exco believed the input and support of the wider community was important if the campaign was to have maximum credibility.

Criticising the move, councillor Arthur Wienburg said he was "appalled" by exco's decision to "throw money at the problem".

He believed the campaign was harmful and was being handled in an undignified manner which had left certain MPs unimpressed

However, councillor Gordon Oliver said the campaign was a "well thought-through strategy" and a bid to change the perception of parliamentarians that Cape Town was an unfriendly city

He said R1 million was "pocket money" compared with the money Pretoria was spending on its bid to wrest the legislative capital from Cape Town

Executive committee chairman Clive Keegan conceded exco had allocated the money without a mandate from the council.

Exco had taken a risk in the interests of the public.

Mr Keegan said Pretoria was prepared to spend up to R5 million on getting parliament

He said it would have been "irresponsible" if exco had not decided to spend the money, and the council had already been accused of being complacent about Pretoria's challenge

He said the first thrust of the campaign, run mostly through the print media, had been successful

The next phase would be to lobby parliament, and former parliamentarians would be approached. A survey of the financial implications would also be presented as part of the campaign

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**Chaos as
workers (2b3)
disrupt (269)
meeting**

SHARON SOROUR
Municipal Reporter

CHAOS erupted in the Cape Town City Council chamber today when members of the South African Municipal Workers' Union burst into the public gallery and shouted abuse at the councillors.

The monthly council meeting, under the chairmanship of Gordon Oliver, was disrupted and later adjourned.

The workers earlier staged a placard protest in the foyer of the civic centre and demanded their right to have access to the public gallery.

About 50 employees entered the public gallery about 12 15am. After sitting for two minutes, union spokesman Neville Alcock stood up and asked if the union could hand over a memorandum to the council.

Mr Oliver replied that the council could not "accept the intrusion" after which the gallery erupted.

Screaming abuse at the councillors, workers said the city council was an "illegitimate body". Mr Oliver's pleas that the council be granted the right to carry on its business were drowned out by interjections.

The employees signalled out outspoken councillor Arthur Wienburg and also criticised executive committee chairman Clive Keegan.

Mr Oliver adjourned the meeting and councillors hastily left the chamber. Mr Wienburg was prepared to talk to the workers but when he arrived in the public gallery they refused to "give him an audience".

There were shouts of "amandla" and a failed attempt to sing *Nkosi Sikelel' iAfrika*.

The council resumed its business in the banqueting hall.

Earlier disgruntled shop stewards of the union said they wanted to address councillors on grievances about the affirmative action programme. They were also angry about the "unilateral" selling off of public land and assets.

About 50 placard-bearing workers gathered in the civic centre foyer before the council meeting began at 10am, but they were prevented from entering the Podium block by security guards.

Groups to lobby for Parliament

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By PETER DENNEHY

A WIDE range of city organisations has pledged to support each other in the "regional war" to keep Parliament in Cape Town and prevent its being moved to Pretoria

Business, labour, local authorities, community and political organisations pledged yesterday to form a united front in the battle to keep Parliament in Cape Town during the second plenary session this year of the Western Cape Economic Development Forum

It was resolved unanimously that what Cosatu called a "combat committee" should be formed to take the fight forward

Dr David Bridgman, chairman of Wesgro and a key figure in an ad hoc committee to keep Parliament in Cape Town, disclosed that businesses had come forward of their own accord and lined up to provide funds for the challenge

"It is clearly not in the national interest to move Parliament to Pretoria," he said

His committee interpreted President Nelson Mandela's comments on the issue in Parliament this week as meaning that a parliamentary commission of investigation would be appointed after the initial "gang of four" had reported on implications of the move

The commission may well provide a

forum for debate outside Parliament. This was a welcome move because "as soon as the national interest is looked at closely, it will be seen that a move is not advantageous"

"Our ad hoc committee feels the time is right to structure a lobbying committee", Dr Bridgman said

Mr Chris Newton, who represents 13 business organisations on the EDF, suggested the matter should be decided on evidence presented, rather than by a referendum — as a poll could turn out to be a "contest over the size of budgets"

Mr Clive Keegan, speaking on behalf of the "Keep Parliament in Cape Town" task group, agreed yesterday that there should be no referendum. He argued that it would commit the country to spending billions of rands

Levy

The EDF's steering committee is to consider which EDF delegates should be asked to serve on the lobby committee.

Moving Parliament could lead to a new levy on taxpayers or it could detract from the Reconstruction and Development Programme, Dr Bridgman said.

Mr Ian Iversen, who represented Cape Town municipality, said the executive committee had given R100 000 to the campaign and it would increase this amount

● Argue Parliament issue with dignity
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By WETTE VAN BREDA

June 30 1994

WILL BY WETTE VAN BREDA
shaped gifts of Table Mountain
seeing chocolates, proteas, sight-
for Members of Parliament be
the Mother City?
Captour seems to think so
In a bid to keep Parliament be
relocating to Pretoria, the tourism

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promotion body launched a five-
day blitz on MPs this week
began on Tuesday when Captour
workers handed up program
proteas to surprised parliamentar-
ians leaving the House and yes-
terday 15 of them signed up for a
free sight-seeing coach tour of the
city

Also on offer are free movie
tickets and 25% off the bill at a
popular waterfront venue
On Saturday parliamentarians

together by the regional govern-
ment, the City of Cape Town and
hour-long luxury bus tour of the
sights, to be topped off with drinks
on Signal Hill

will receive up to 50% discount on
day coach tours around the Penin-
sula and will also be treated to a
performance of "Folies Panache"
at the Nico Malan with complimen-
tary drinks

On Sunday they can enjoy a free
jazz evening at a Manenberg club
and discounts on traditional food
will gesture

And just in case the MPs have
missed out on anything, Captour
grabs, an information desk manned
by Captour has been set up in Par-
liament
Captour spokeswoman Ms Radka
Kucera said "No, we are not suck-
ing up. We prefer to call it a good
gesture"

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stay in the city

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Poll possible (263) on Parliament

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By ANTHONY JOHNSON

PRESIDENT Nelson Mandela hinted yesterday a national referendum would be necessary before Parliament could be moved from Cape Town

He told the Senate "Should any adjustments in the governmental and parliamentary functioning be considered, the views of the South African people will have to be taken into account"

However, he made it clear the controversial cabinet committee probing the siting of Parliament — the ANC caucus last week called for its disbanding — will forge ahead with its work, which is done behind closed doors

Responding to questions from Senator Errol Moorcroft (DP), Mr Mandela said the four-member committee of cabinet ministers,

Group of 4 to stay

which is chaired by Constitutional Development Minister Mr Roelf Meyer, had already given him a verbal report

He said according to this report, they did not understand their terms of reference as calling for recommendations about whether Cape Town or Pretoria should be the seat of Parliament

"Their aim is to identify considerations regarding financial and other arrangements under which the government and Parliament function. They will try to assess the running costs and the efficiency of government"

He said the government accept-

ed as one of its main responsibilities the upliftment of the poor and the dispossessed "For this, we need money and efficiency"

"In this regard, the expense and efficiency aspects of the governmental and parliamentary arrangements had to be assessed"

● A government probe last year into the costs (the transport of politicians and officials and the upkeep of official residences) of having the dual capital system found the current system cost about R16 million a year

The interest alone of building a R1,5-billion parliamentary complex will cost about 16 times more than that of the twin capital system

Mr Meyer last year told diplomats a new government would "very urgently" have to merge the administrative and legislative capitals of South Africa

Farmers' emergency help

PROVINCE ANNOUNCES R500 000 RELIEF, MANDELA TOURS TOWNSHIPS

JOE ARANES and CLIVE SAWYER, Staff Reporters

EMERGENCY relief totalling R500 000 — including blankets, clothing and alternative accommodation — has been announced by the Cape Provincial Administration to alleviate some of the hardships facing thousands of people affected by flooding.

President Mandela is due to declare the Cape Flats a disaster area following an emergency cabinet meeting to discuss the desperate plight of rain-runned residents today.

Mr Mandela, accompanied by several cabinet ministers, toured the Cape Flats today.

Stepping into a roofless and muddy shack in Philipp, Mr Mandela promised families they would get shelter as soon as possible.

A rapidly constituted crisis committee, comprising the Red Cross, Welfare Departments and emergency and health services, is organising and providing the relief to the storm victims.

Regional Health Minister Ebrahim Rasool said an estimated 11 800 people were affected by the storm, but feared the figure could be as high as 20 000.

Areas particularly affected include Nyanga's Black City, Hout Bay, Bloekombos squatter camp and parts of Philipp.

A provincial administration spokesman said its community services branch allocated a provisional budget of R500 000 to the relief effort.

The province's engineering staff are also digging ditches to drain-flooded settlements.

A special task force was established to monitor the risks of disease spreading through the informal settlements and the spokesman added that the measures were all temporary, but comprehensive medium to long-term plans were being looked at.

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More reports, pictures on pages 2, 3, 4, 5 and 25

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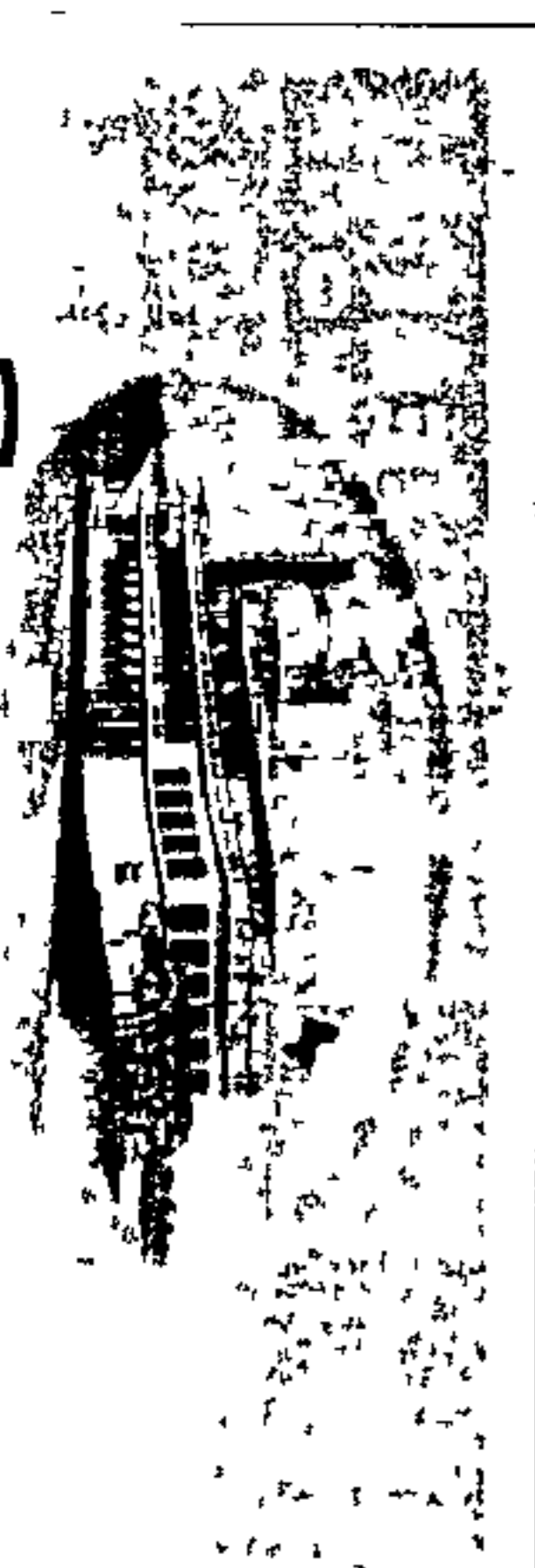
Sun on way — but so is cold front

Staff Reporter

RELIEF is in sight for beleaguered Cape Town. After two weeks of cold, rain, shipping disasters and oil slicks, the weather bureau predicts "lovely sunny weather" for tomorrow. There could even be "sunny intervals" today, although it will remain very cold with



MANDELA ON TOUR. President Nelson Mandela meets a desperate woman in Nyanga, one of the areas he visited to determine the extent of the Western Cape crisis brought on by the floods. Picture: OSED ZILWA. The Argus



Police join in beach clean-up

JOHAN SCHROMEN
Staff Reporter

HUNDREDS of police today met regional minister of police Patrick McKenzie before they went to Clifton beach to help clean up the oil spill.

Mr McKenzie thanked the police for their effort and said they were to be the servants of the community in the true sense of the word.

"A disaster has hit us in the Cape. First it hit the squatter camps, where thousands of homes were washed away — and I don't think any of us can sleep in a warm bed and in a warm house and not think about our brothers and friends suffering out there," said Mr McKenzie.

"Today is the second phase we are going to roll up our sleeves and show the Cape and Western Cape communities that we are their servants. We want to show we're not only here to arrest people."

Mr McKenzie said he was grateful that when he appealed for help scores of police volunteers offered their help with clean up operations. Council cleansing chief Dick Arnoldt joined the police on the beach to advise on the most effective way to remove the oil.

Mr Arnoldt said no chemicals or heavy equipment should be used and asked helpers to scoop with their hands and leave as much clean sand as possible on the beach.

Tariffs for RSC

services:

No change

SHARON SOROUR
Municipal Reporter

TARIFF levies for services rendered by the Regional Services Council will not increase in terms of a R193 million budget for the new financial year. These tariffs affect mainly businesses.

The existing rebate of 25 per cent for bona fide farming activities in the region also remains unchanged.

Other highlights of the budget include:

● The allocation of R50 million to help local authorities lacking infrastructure or the ability to render services

● Kirstenbosch Botanical Gardens will get R500 000 to improve tourist facilities

● R6,7 million has been budgeted for grants — including R4,9 million to communities not represented on the council, and R1,5 million to Wesgro to continue marketing the Western Cape overseas

● Provision has been made for R687 000 in grants to local authorities managing nature reserves

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Peninsula was a squatter camp just outside Philippi

Accompanied by Housing Minister Joe Slovo, Defence Minister Joe Modise, Welfare Minister Abe Williams and Regional Health Minister Ebrahim Rasool, Mr Mandela visited families in shacks damaged by the heavy rain

More rain was falling as the president began his tour

Mr Mandela's visit was greeted with jubilation by residents whose gloom was lifted by his compassion in visiting the impoverished areas

Defence Minister Joe Modise said the tour was aimed at an assessment of the needs of each community

Mr Slovo said "We are trying to transform the lives of these people in the quickest possible time"

Jay Naidoo, minister in charge of reconstruction and development, standing among the muddy wastes of shackland, said the crisis showed the impact of apartheid. It was unacceptable that there was not even an infrastructure to cope with the effects of the heavy rain



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Staff Reporter

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There could even be "sunny intervals" today, although it will remain "very cold" with occasional showers

Today's fresh westerly to south-westerly winds will reach gale force at times between Cape Point and Cape Agulhas

Tomorrow will begin partly cloudy, before making way for the promised sunshine. Fair weather should prevail until Sunday, when — batten down the hatches — another cold front moves in



SNOWBOUND! Wrapped up warmly, Stellenbosch University students, from left, Pieter van Zyl, Christian Strohmarer and Henk Lourens frolic in the snow at Bo-Swaarmoed Pass in the Boland

Power use throughout SA soars to record high

JOHANNESBURG — Electricity use throughout the country soared to a record high of 23 992 megawatts yesterday as snow fell in most parts of the country, an Eskom spokesman said today

"Electricity consumption hardly dropped from 9am," said Peter Adams

"Every year we reach a new high, especially since 1991 when half a million

households were connected to the national network

"But yesterday was a new record high"

The last record was set on June 7, when 23 267 megawatts was used during a cold snap across the country

Mr Adams said Eskom was unable to indicate which province had used the most electricity yesterday — Reuter

Snow forces Bok change

Sports Staff

QUEENSTOWN (New Zealand) — Heavy snowfalls forced a change in the Springboks' itinerary today as they made their way southwards on their rugby union tour of New Zealand.

With the airport at Queenstown closed until early afternoon, the charter aircraft carrying the Boks to the South Island was diverted to nearby Invercargill, the venue for Saturday's fourth tour match against Southland

From there the tourists faced a two-hour bus trip northwards to the beautiful holiday resort of Queenstown, on the shores of the majestic Lake Wakatipu and surrounded by the snow-capped peaks of New Zealand's Southern Alps

The Argus pledges R20 000 to help flood victims

SHARON SOROUR
Municipal Reporter

THE Argus today pledged R20 000 from its charity funds to help Peninsula flood victims

The money will go to the Mayor's Relief Fund and will boost the overall donations to the collective "rainbow fund" to put right the damage and misery caused by the weather and oil pollution

The "rainbow fund" now stands at R862 115

Editor-in-chief of The Argus Andrew Drysdale said "If you feel comfortable and secure in your



home in these appalling conditions, think of those many thousands on the Cape Flats and elsewhere who are living in such misery

"The Western Cape is dealing with blows to its people, its marine life and the coastal environment. Money and support are desperately needed"

● The RSC and Shell South Africa each pledged R50 000 to the SA Red Cross to assist storm victims

Shell chairman John Drake said the Department of Sea Fisheries would be offered dispersants worth R30 000 for the pollution clean-up.

● Nedcor group members Cape of Good Hope Bank and Syfrets together gave R32 000 — R19 500 for the Red Cross, R2 500 for Catholic Welfare and R10 000 for Sanccob.

Peninsula branches of the Cape of Good Hope Bank will serve as collection points for clothes, food and money.

The bank will also collect items

for storm victims. Call them toll-free on 0800 018310

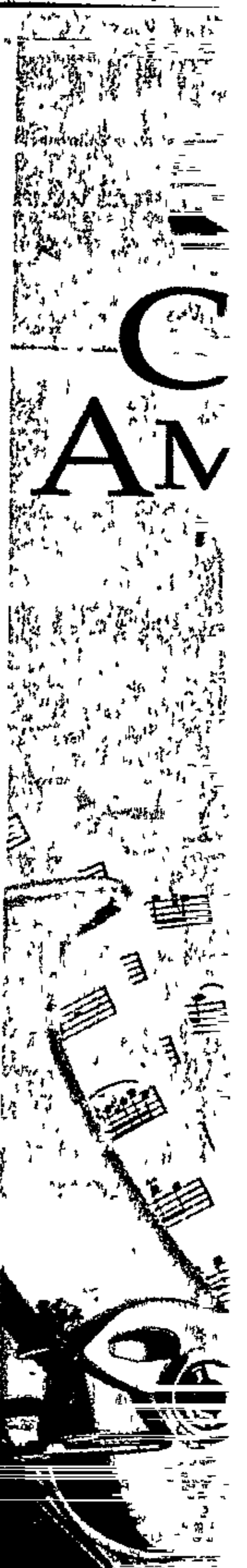
● Regional premier Hennis Kriel said the provincial administration would give R200 000 to local authorities for flood victims

● The Regional Department of Welfare will give R250 000 to the SA Red Cross for relief aid

Meanwhile, the Mayor's Relief Fund now stands at R170 115

Anyone wanting to contribute can make a cheque payable to The Mayor's Relief Fund and post it to The Mayor's Relief Fund, P O Box 298, Cape Town 8 000. Inquiries, 400 2209 or 400 3409

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Nelson Mandela
woman in Nyanga
he visited to deter
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PM 24/6/94
Moving and shaking

Political harmony appeared to settle over the Western Cape's provincial government this week as the Nat-dominated legislature decided to give up a symbolically important post in favour of the ANC (263)

Deputy Speaker Arnold de Jager stepped down, citing pressure of work. He will stay on in the legislature as chairman of the Standing Committee on Public Accounts and Finance. The ANC's Chris Nissen is expected to be elected Deputy Speaker.

Tension between the NP and ANC surfaced at the legislature's first meeting early last month, when the NP insisted on voting in De Jager as well as choosing the Speaker, Willem Doman. Nissen was nominated by the ANC, but defeated by the NP majority.

The action was seen to go against the spirit of national reconciliation which was characterised by a sharing of the Speaker and Deputy Speaker posts between the ANC and the NP in nearly all the provincial legislatures and in the national assembly.

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Tension continued to be felt in the Western Cape government and surfaced again earlier this month when the ANC caucus accused provincial premier Hennis Kriel of requesting provincial powers from central government without first consulting the ANC members of the Western Cape cabinet. The dispute was subsequently resolved.

The ANC was deeply hurt by losing the Western Cape to the NP in the election. The Nats gained 53% of the vote and 23 of the 42 seats compared to the ANC's 33% and 14 seats. But the latest compromise will not necessarily mean a long-term settlement of differences between the two parties. Kriel is likely to vigorously promote NP policy in the region and further clashes with the ANC can be expected. (263)

Meanwhile, the ANC in the Western Cape says it will soon "restructure" its leadership to cope with changing demands. The initiative may be used to replace Allan Boesak as regional leader.

Boesak is widely blamed for the ANC's poor showing. There has been speculation that he would be posted to Washington to replace Harry Schwarz as ambassador, but subsequent reports said President Nelson Mandela had vetoed that possibility. ■

NP backs down over Nissen

Soweto 24/6 - 28/6/94

By Quentin Wilson

REVEREND Chris Nissen, an ANC member of the Western Cape legislature, was sworn in on Tuesday as deputy speaker, following an about-turn by the NP caucus to keep the position for themselves.

During the first sitting of the provincial legislature last month, the dominant NP group insisted, in the face of angry ANC opposition, that both the speaker and deputy speaker be NP members. (263)

This was despite a gesture made by the ANC in the national assembly that the NP could choose a deputy speaker.

The NP's about-turn in the Western Cape was largely due to a conversation between President Nelson Mandela and Western Cape premier, Mr Hennis Kriel,

according to the ANC in the provincial assembly.

"Kriel then wanted to have two deputy speakers, one from the NP and one from the ANC, but Mandela said this was impossible and eventually Kriel backed down completely and gave the position to us," said Dr Allan Boesak, local minister of economic affairs.

But Kriel's spokesperson, Mr Frikke Odendaal, gave a different version.

He said Kriel had indeed talked to Mandela, but that the president had accepted Kriel's suggestion of two deputy ministers.

"Last week, however, the NP's deputy speaker, Mr Arnold de Jager, resigned from his post because of time constraints and the NP sees no reason to replace him," Odendaal said.

Parliament: Ads backing Cape Town claim slated

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The Argus Correspondent

PRETORIA. — Parliament in Pretoria would make government accessible within half an hour to the vast majority of the country's voters.

This is the view of a Pretoria academic, who attacked a series of advertisements to bolster Cape Town's bid to keep parliament as placing a question mark over MPs' integrity.

Unisa professor of communication Koos Roelofse, when asked for comment on the advertisements, said it was a pity that in the illustrations accompanying the advertisements the impression was created that most parliamentarians — those from the Transvaal — were busy with an underhand takeover of parliament similar to that which often occurred under the apartheid dispensation.

One of the advertisements carries the heading: "Why is an important decision being made behind closed doors?" It is accompanied by an illustration of

Transvaal MPs whispering together about "let's take it to Pretoria"

This placed a question mark over the integrity of the Transvaal MPs, said Professor Roelofse.

He said the fact that the illustrations formed part of a series in which the old Pretoria regime's top hat racist caricature was being used to create sentiment for Cape Town showed that Cape Town supported democracy only when it was in its own favour.

The advertisements were contrary to the idea of parliament unifying the people behind a democratically-elected government. They were extremely divisive, to say the least.

Pretoria City Council marketing-director Peet du Preez, when asked for comment on the advertisements, said he had full confidence in the integrity of all parliamentarians.

Roelf keeps local cabinet briefed 263

By CHRIS BATEMAN Political Staff UJ 23/6/94

THE Western Cape cabinet was yesterday fully briefed by Provincial Affairs Minister Mr Roelf Meyer and his deputy, Mr Mohammed Valli Moosa, who took time out from attending the Budget presentation to attend to their portfolios.

Premier Mr Hennis Kriel said his ministers had emphasised to the central government duo that the Western Cape "wants input at the next Budget".

"We realised that it wasn't possible this time around," he added.

Mr Kriel said discussion had centred on how his government would "work together" with Mr Meyer's department.

"He invited us to point out our problems which we did," he said, declining to elaborate.

Some provinces are tardy, says Kriel

CAPE TOWN — Western Cape premier Hennis Kriel has accused other provinces of holding up the devolution of provincial powers. He said several of them had not met criteria set down in the constitution for the assumption of powers.

The Western Cape was adequately staffed and had the financial expertise to accept all the regional powers to be allocated in terms of the constitution, he said in an interview.

Recent problems and tensions within the regional government with ANC members had been resolved in a

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friendly, co-operative spirit.

The ANC caucus earlier this month accused Kriel of acting unconstitutionally in his early bid for powers.

Excluding reconstruction and development, Kriel said current estimates were that the province would be dependent on central government for 25%-27% of its expenditure.

The provincial government's aims over the next five to 10 years would be to contribute to poorer regions rather than be a recipient of funds.

Innovative ways would be found to augment the province's income, such as indirect taxation through the payment for services, and possibly the establishment of casinos.

Kriel called for provinces to have a say in future national budgets, as there was concern that central government would look after its own needs first.

He was optimistic about economic growth in the region. A Western Cape development bank was being planned to stimulate the development of small, new and informal businesses.

Top post for Chris Nissen

By CHRIS BATEMAN
Political Staff

THE NP-dominated Western Cape legislature yesterday elected unopposed the ANC's chief whip, Mr Chris Nissen, as Deputy Speaker — paving the way for far reaching cross-party co-operation

The provincial parliament also passed laws for the first time since its demise nearly 122 years ago with several members delivering emotive maiden speeches

The 42-member legislature accepted a Rules Committee proposal that committees sit in secret — unless members decided otherwise, agreeing that this would enhance open discussion

and decision-making on "sensitive matters"

However ANC leader, Dr Allan Boesak, appealed for committees to remain open to the public "whenever possible so that we can grow in democracy"

He said there should be open, full and vigorous debate in parliament if committees failed to reach private consensus

The ANC saw the committee process as being widely consultative of the entire community

"We believe this will be an opportunity for people long-denied to help shape legislation," he said

The ANC party caucus elected Mr Roseberry Sonto as their new

chief whip

A request by Mr Vincent Diba (ANC) that the traditional reference to people in the public gallery as "strangers", be changed to "visitors", was referred to the parliamentary Rules Committee

So too was his proposal that Xhosa, Afrikaans and English be adopted as the official languages of the region

Mr Hennie Bester (DP) described the Western Cape's agreement on rules as a "triumph of reason over chaos, violence and barbarism" citing Natal's 47 dead last week as an example of "antagonists who have yet to meet in unison"

The legislature will reconvene on August 1

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MPs call for parly to remain in Cape (263)

By CHRIS BATEMAN
Political Staff

SEVERAL provincial MPs, including the leader of the House, Mr Gerald Morkel, yesterday added their voices to the growing campaign in favour of retaining the central Parliament in Cape Town.

Mr Morkel told the 42-member local House "I don't think it's purely an economic matter — I believe that it's been a tradition, part of the life of this city and province."

"Taking it away from here will change the attitude between the North and South."

He appealed to the ANC to allow Cape Town sittings to continue.

"It mustn't be seen that the Western Cape is being chastised because of the party that won the election here," he said.

Mr Ryno King (NP), and the NP's chief whip, Mr Adriaan Jordaan, supported his call.

Mr Jordaan predicted that the provincial legislature's closed committee system would cause radical local political re-alignments in its five year life span.

Council should be elected — Keegan

SHARON SOROUR
Municipal Reporter

CAPE Town could have a nominated interim council in place by October — but if metropolitan government negotiators oppose the step, a single administrator could run the city.

Presenting both scenarios at a lunch yesterday, Cape Town city council executive council chairman Clive Keegan said neither was acceptable and the answer was to hold elections for a transitional metropolitan council.

He said it was anticipated that city councillors would be removed from office in October and reappointed as nominated councillors.

An equal number of "graft-

ed" councillors from areas not previously represented on the council would be added to the body of existing councillors, in the so-called 50/50 phase.

The Cape metropolitan negotiating forum, established to negotiate transitional local government structures in the Cape metropolitan area, would nominate councillors.

Mr Keegan said it was no improvement to appoint "commissars, accountable to no one, to run the city" as it would cause political tension.

There was no need to go through a period of nominated councils before electing a transitional metropolitan council, he said.

Explaining the position of the non-statutory group,

Mzukisi Gaba said they wanted radical changes to address non-racialism and economic viability.

"We believe elections must take place soon, but there is a period of levelling the playing fields in the pre-interim phase — we must create new political boundaries.

"We maintain you cannot have 50/50 councils on the basis of existing boundaries — new boundaries are needed to accommodate marginalised areas like Khayelitsha."

Mr Gaba said if the forum failed to reach agreement, the regional government would have to intervene.

"In terms of the act, this may take the form of an administrator or administrators."

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Boesak set to quit his ANC post

By CHRIS BATEMAN
Political Staff

ANC regional leader and provincial Minister of Economic Affairs Dr Allan Boesak may quit today as ANC regional chairman to devote himself full-time to his new cabinet portfolio.

Interviewed after yesterday's legislative session, he broke a week-long silence on the issue to say: "My own conclusion is that if you want to do this job (economic affairs) you can't sit as chairman of the ANC."

Dr Boesak recently admitted to being "almost overwhelmed" with work.

He said he was still grappling with the implications of losing direct party leadership.

Grassroots

Yesterday he revealed that former party whip Mr Chris Nissen had asked him to postpone a final decision on the proposed resignation until the full ANC executive committee met today to take a policy stand.

The ANC's executive committee would decide whether it was possible to act in an "ex officio" capacity and still fulfil their parliamentary responsibilities.

The entire ANC exco presently sits in the provincial parliament.

They are anxious that they might lose touch with grassroots ANC membership unless a "hands on" regional committee is elected at the party's regional congress in Bellville next month.

Party officials said if Dr Boesak did resign he would remain the "symbolic" provincial leader of the party.

Rebel ANC caucus wants transparency

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By ANTHONY JOHNSON
Political Correspondent

A REBELLIOUS ANC parliamentary caucus yesterday resolved that the controversial secret cabinet committee on the siting of Parliament be disbanded in favour of a representative parliamentary committee operating in the open.

The resolution forms part of growing opposition by MPs and Senators to being kept in the dark about major decisions and has sparked the formation of a special committee to re-examine the role between the government, the cabinet and the ANC. This committee will be headed by Mr Cyril Ramaphosa.

ANC MPs yesterday complained about being sidelined when it came to key planning initiatives — the siting of

a legislative capital being a prime example.

MPs noted that ANC leader Mr Nelson Mandela had only briefly attended one meeting of the 312-member caucus.

This has created misgivings about the role of the caucus.

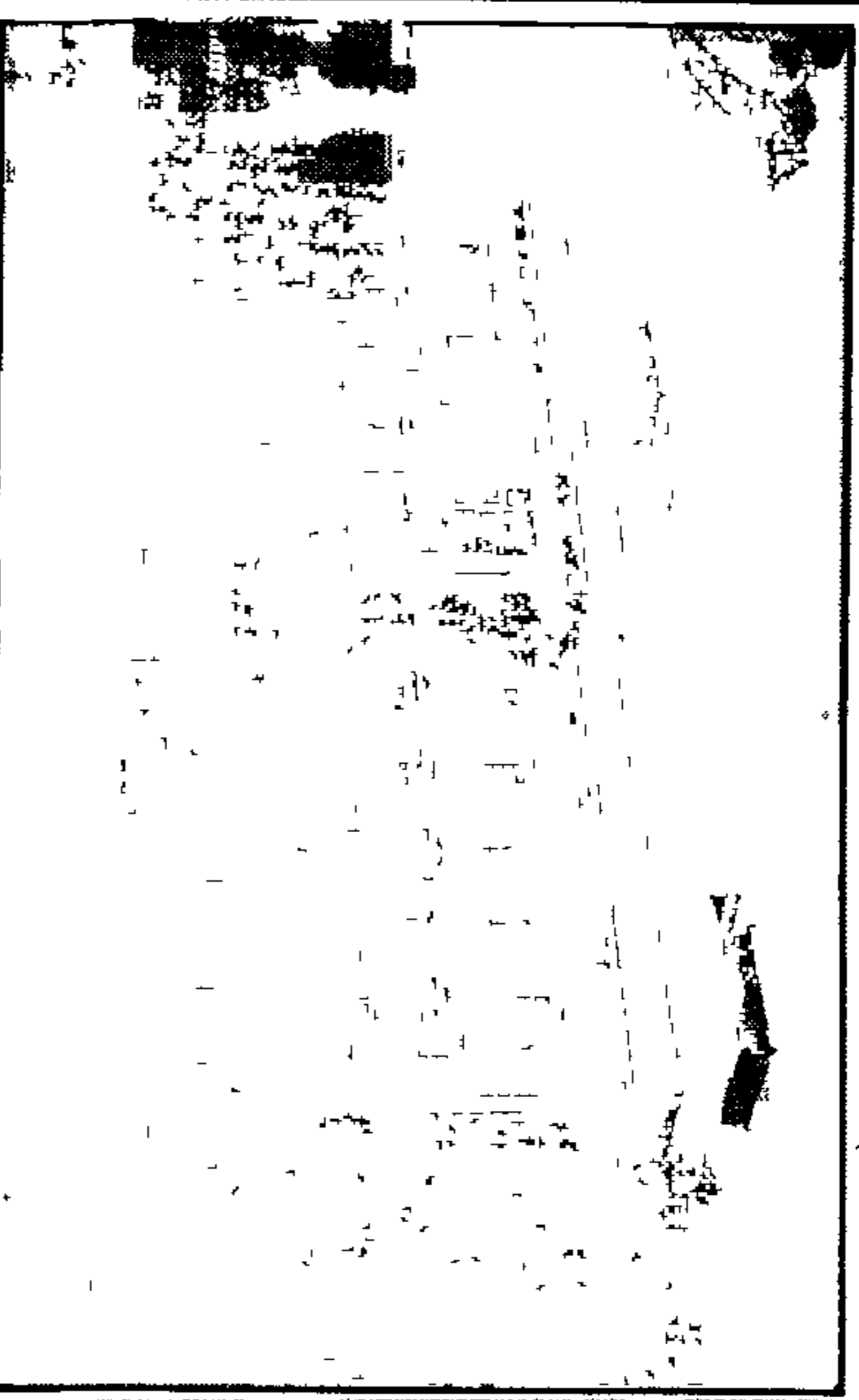
ANC caucus chairperson Mr Mendi Msimang said that the parliamentary caucus had resolved that the present four-person cabinet committee studying the siting of Parliament should be disbanded.

President Mandela will become directly involved in the controversy next week when he is set to answer questions in the Senate about the controversial cabinet committee.

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—Old pictures support Cape Town's claim as home to the legislature, says antique dealer—



VIVIEN HORLER
Staff Reporter

TWO pictures unearthed by antique dealer Peter Visser in support of Cape Town's claim to parliament say much about the respective historical traditions of the Mother City and the Transvaal challenger, Pretoria.

"We thought they might aid our claim on parliament," said Mr Visser.

"I'd be horrified if parliament moved. Not that MPs from up north are great antique buyers, mind you."

"I used to have a shop in Queen Victoria Street and we didn't see much of them. But the diplomatic corps — they're antique browsers — they're bringing a little Continental lift to Cape Town in the par-

liamentary season, and we need that."

The photograph of the Houses of Parliament was taken about 1890 shortly after the statue of Queen Victoria was unveiled.

The building was completed in 1884 to house the Cape Colony's Legislative Council and National Assembly, which had met in separate buildings — the old supreme court (now the Cultural History Museum) at the top of Adderley Street and the barquetting hall of the Goede Hoop Lodge.

Parliament was built from plans adapted from a design that won an architectural competition and cost £220 000, even though the architectural competition stipulated a £50 000 limit.

The saplings shown have become mature trees that almost

entirely obscure this view of the building.

But Queen Victoria is still there, more than 100 years and several radical changes of government later.

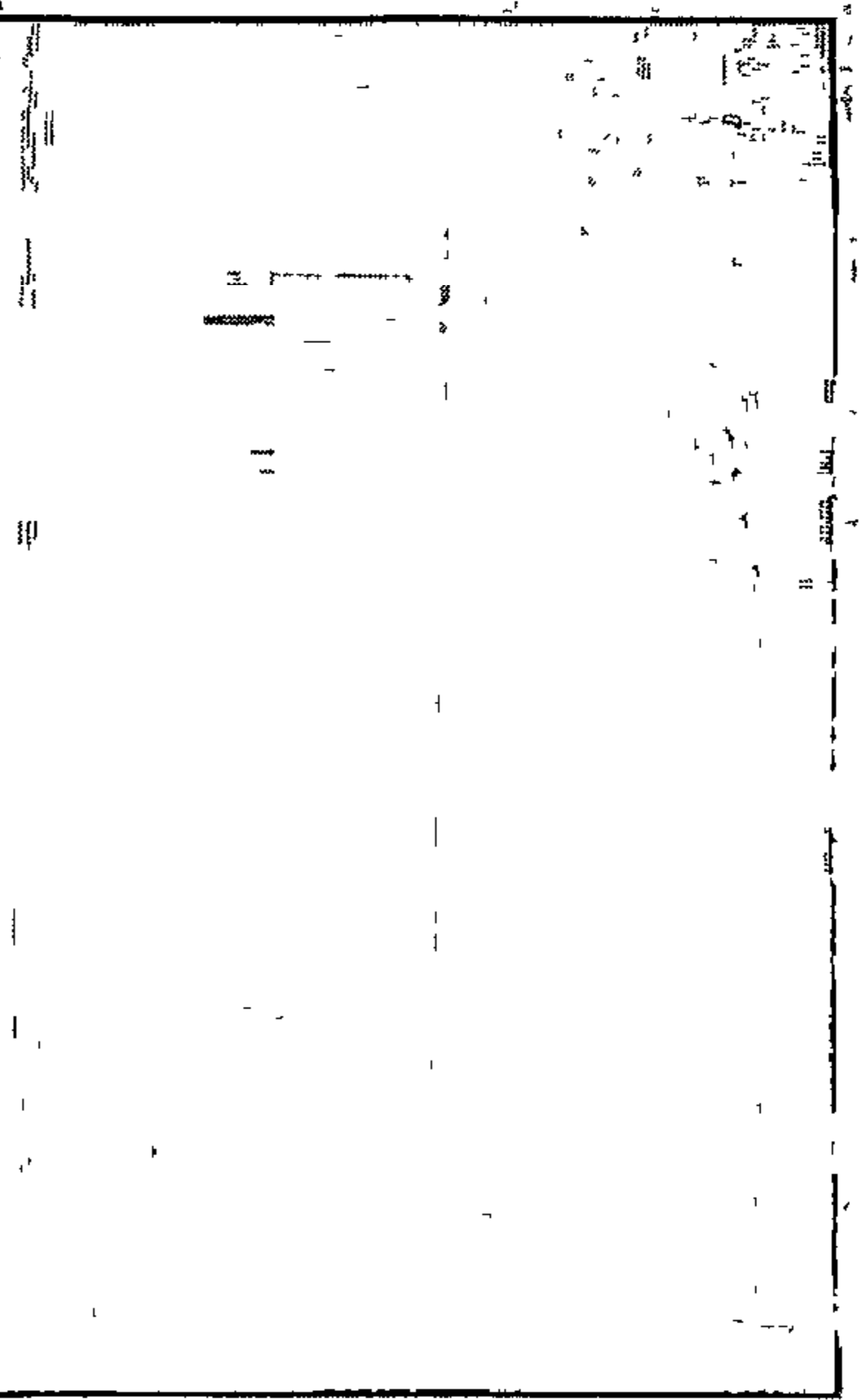
THE engraving of the rather ramshackle Parliament House in Pretoria appeared in the London newspaper The Graphic in February 1887.

It was done from a sketch by an artist sent by The Graphic as one of a series worked during "our special artist's journey to the gold-fields".

It was a small, white-washed, thatched building, with a tall tree-branch for a flagpole and an invitingly shady stoep which provided a welcome shelter for wandering donkeys.

Before Union in 1910 Pretoria was the capital of the Transvaal Republic

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... TO THE RIDICULOUS: The Transvaal Republic's parliament, from a sketch done in 1887. Notice the tree-branch flagpole and the livestock on the stoep

FROM THE SUBLIME ... The Houses of Parliament in Cape Town. Notice the statue of Queen Victoria in the garden, unveiled in January 1890.

Parliament — no quick move

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**CHRIS BATEMAN
and ANTHONY JOHNSON**
DEPUTY PRESIDENT FW
de Klerk yesterday ruled out
a snap decision on whether
Parliament should be moved
from Cape Town

He told a National Party press
conference that the government
would only discuss this complex
and multi-faceted issue once all
the conditions and consider-
ations were before it

"It must be defused. We cannot
afford a heated debate on this,"
he said

A cabinet committee had been
set up to identify all the relevant
considerations, he said

Call to defuse debate

Mr De Klerk said that the NP
did not have a formal position on
the matter

He emphasized that the debate
should not be limited to the shift-
ing of Parliament, but should
focus on ways of overcoming the
problem of "having the top politi-

cal and administrative manage-
ment being removed from each
other for lengthy periods"

His comments coincided with a
R500 000 local advertising blitz
launched yesterday to influence
decision-makers to keep Parlia-
ment in the Mother City

The campaign is timed to co-
incide with the arrival of MPs for
tomorrow's Budget debate

According to campaign man-
ager Mr Kerry Capstick-Dale, the
adverts — sponsored by the City
Council and concerned business
— were saying to the person-in-
the-street "Are you sure you
want to spend R2 billion on mov-
ing Parliament up to Greed City
(PWV)?"

Parliament switch cost probed

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JOHN YELD
Staff Reporter

AN intensive investigation into the financial cost to Cape Town of moving parliament to the Transvaal is under way.

Initial evidence suggests it will probably cost the country well over a billion rands — and possibly as much as two — to make the switch, and some economists fear the proposed move will also have a devastating long-term effect on the economy of metropolitan Cape Town.

Also, it will cause severe short-term problems for many businesses in the city and cost job opportunities. But their view is not unanimous, and at least one commentator — property economist Erwin Rode — believes the thriving economy of the Western Cape can “take a knock on the chin”.

The findings of the investigation will be a key element in a vigorous propaganda counter-attack by a special task force headed by Cape Town City Council executive committee chairman Clive Keegan.

The task force, which includes representatives from organised business, Wesgro and political and property groups, has decided to appoint consultants to produce as accurate an estimate as possible.

“But it’s extremely difficult to quantify,” Mr Keegan emphasised. “How do you attach a financial value to the loss of international prestige and diplomatic status, for example?”

Earlier this year, Deputy Trade and Industry Minister David Graaff said it would cost R1,5 billion and involve interest payments of R255 million a year to move parliament from Cape Town. He said it cost only R9 million a year to move ministers between Cape Town and Pretoria for parliamentary sessions. Keeping parliament in the Mother City would save taxpayers R246 million a year.

The Department of Public Works, which administers all government buildings, has been co-opted on to a cabinet

Billion rand bill seen — and devastating effects for Cape Town

committee investigating the possible move and has been ordered to produce a detailed cost analysis.

“To acquire this in-depth information is a mammoth task and no detailed questions will be answered in the interim period,” a spokesman said in response to a request for details of proper- ties likely to be vacated.

According to some preliminary “guesstimates”, the proposed move would include vacating office space such as the parliament building (30 000 square metres), H F Verwoerd (40 000 sq m) and Marks buildings in Parliament Street and 100 Plein Street and Garmor House and Belvedere building, both in Plein Street.

Embassies also occupy 28 offices with an estimated average of at least 100 sq m.

Apart from the custom-made parliament building — alterations to the Great Chamber for the National Assembly costing R5 million were completed only this year, with new furnishings alone amounting to R1,5 million — associated office space is estimated by some economists to be two years’ “uptake”.

Mr Rode said he believed a move would be more like 35 000-40 000 sq m, equal to positive take-up in one good year, although he admitted these were “very soft figures”.

He added “I would suspect that the H F Verwoerd building is still prime but most of the other office space (now occupied by the government) is not”.

Average monthly rentals for central Cape Town are about R25 sq m for prime, R18 for B grade and R12 for C grade.

In terms of the Rating of State Property Act of 1984, which came into effect in July 1988, all state-owned property is rateable, al-

though a rebate of 20 percent has been granted.

Seven key state-owned buildings and complexes associated with parliament — Parliament building and Marks building in Parliament Street, H F Verwoerd building and the residential complexes in Klipper Road, Rondebosch, Groote Schuur Estate, Zonnebloem and Pelikan Park — have a total municipal valuation of R69 271 040.

This year’s rates to the Cape Town City Council on these buildings alone amount to R481 793,94. But even if parliament moved, the state as owner would still be liable for rates on these buildings.

Residential housing associated with parliament includes 30 presidential and ministers’ houses, 12 deputy ministers’ houses and MPs’ accommodation in the form of 700 houses in the compounds of Acacia Park, Pelikan Park and Labonia Park. There is also housing for senior officials, security staff and servants.

All those involved in parliament use local businesses and services which include hotels, caterers, restaurants and theatres, car-hire firms, supermarkets and other retail and commercial outlets, banks, department stores and the airport, among many others.

Non-government employment opportunities associated with parliament include the service providers, maintenance personnel and journalists, among others.

There are also many visitors to parliament each year and associated activities such as conferences requiring the presence of politicians, and trade missions, visiting constituents and pressure groups — all of which spend money in the city.

Rough “guesstimates” suggest that the capital cost to the country of moving par-

liament either to Pretoria or Midrand could amount to

- R200 million for new parliamentary buildings of 50 000 sq m.
- R50 million for parking areas and landscaping.
- R20 million for a new site, R300 million for trunk services (at the Midrand site).

● R100 million for 500 new houses (at a modest estimate of R200 000 each), and

● A huge R500 million to replace the H F Verwoerd building and other offices.

This total cost of R1,19 billion does not include associated items such as sports facilities.

The cost would be offset to some extent by the sale of ministerial and MPs’ houses, offices and the value of parliament as a possible conference centre.

The Cape Town task group is also investigating longer-term costs which it believes are more difficult to quantify but which are potentially much more serious.

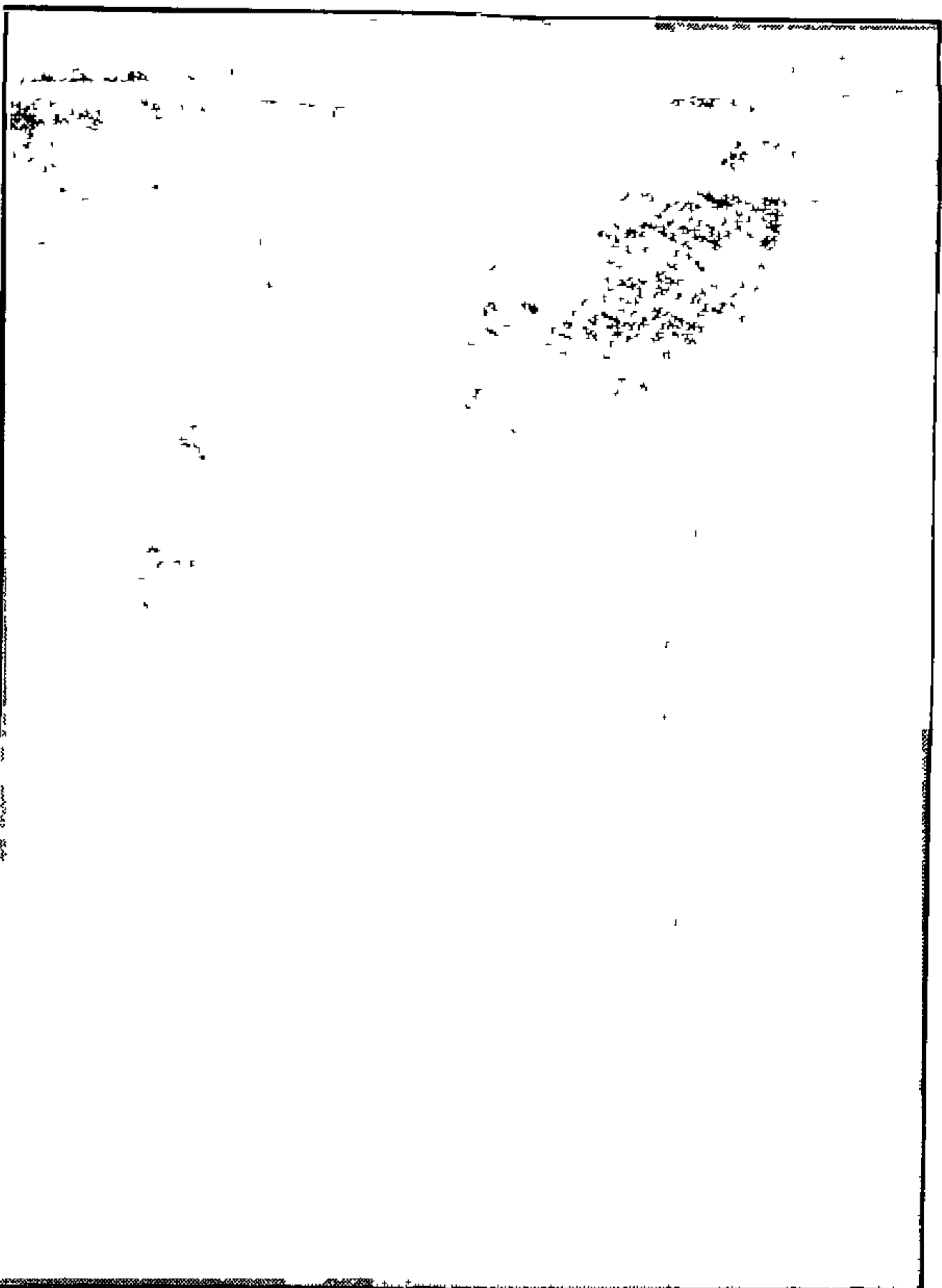
These include the possible negative impact on Cape Town’s bid to host the 2004 Olympic Games, the longer-term impact on local business confidence following the short-term economic effects and the possible move by many corporate headquarters, such as the major oil, insurance and finance companies.

Cape Town without parliament would rate fewer mentions in the media and on television and would receive fewer visits by trade missions and VIPs.

This would result in the city losing much of its international role and status and send a bad signal to both local and international capital markets.

Economists suggest that locating yet another public investment in the PWV would strengthen this region’s economic dominance and increase centralised power. Also, Cape Town’s economy would be damaged more than the PWV would gain.

But Mr Rode said he stood by his views that the Western Cape economy had been growing faster than other re-



Picture DOUG PITHEX. The Angus

ANTIQUES: Antique dealer Leslie Hurst with pictures of the Houses of Parliament in Cape Town, about 1890, and Parliament House in Pretoria in 1887.

gions and would not be severely affected by the proposed move.

“On a micro level, businesses in and around Plein Street will be severely affected — there’s no doubt about that. Also, there are some businesses directly linked to parliament — for example, printing.

“To some businesses the transition will be traumatic but I suspect it will be localised — I know some guys are worried about the long-term effects — that is an outside possibility, but I somehow doubt it. I don’t think it’s a very serious threat.”

kwaZulu capital row: 'ANC can break IFP'

DURBAN — The African National Congress was determined to rule every part of the country and could use its national majority to break the Inkatha Freedom Party, ANC MP Mr Peter Mokaba warned yesterday.

Addressing hundreds of supporters at a June 16 commemoration rally outside Durban City Hall, Mr Mokaba issued the warning in response to a dispute over kwaZulu/Natal's capital.

The ANC would use its national majority to "break" the IFP if they tried to do the same to the ANC in kwaZulu/Natal, he said.

Inkatha should co-operate with the ANC if it did not want to see its leader, Minister of Home Affairs Chief Man-

gosuthu Buthelezi, "packing his bags for home", Mr Mokaba said.

ANC MEC for Roads, Transport and Traffic Control Mr Sbu Ndebele said Ulundi was impractical as a capital because it was far from major urban areas. The ANC favours Maritzburg as the capital.

Local South African Communist Party leader Mr Dennis Nkosi said "Every student, every worker, every man and woman, young and old, must become part of the fight to make sure Maritzburg is the capital."

Three ANC MECs boycotted an executive council meeting at Ulundi this week because of the dispute.

— Sapa

Bellville denies Khayelitsha 'dumping' claim

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□ Mayor responds to Keegan's attack

SHARON SOROUR
Municipal Reporter

BELLVILLE does not believe Khayelitsha should be "dumped" on Cape Town when new inner metropolitan boundaries are drawn up because no local authority can be expected to uplift singly vast, underdeveloped areas, says Bellville Mayor Awie Kempen.

Mr Kempen was responding to a report in which Cape Town City Council exco chief Clive Keegan berated northern areas councils for their apparent reluctance to share the burden of uplifting the Peninsula's townships.

Mr Keegan singled out Bellville City Council for excluding Khayelitsha from its proposals for inner metropolitan boundaries, saying it was trying to "dump" the township on Cape Town.

According to Mr Keegan, possible inner boundaries would involve Cape Town assuming responsibility for Langa, Nyanga and Guguletu while Khayelitsha became part of a new local authority in the Bellville area.

But Mr Kempen said that if the matter were approached objectively, no criteria existed to "seriously indicate" Khayelitsha and Bellville belong together.

Bellville believed no local authority — not even Cape Town — could be expected to assume responsibility alone for Khayelitsha with its 500 000-strong population.

All local authorities had a joint responsibility for restructuring vast, underdeveloped areas should be managed by the metro government until they could stand on their own.

Bellville had not suggested that Khayelitsha be "dumped" on Cape Town.

"We have never said it and never will. It would be manifestly unfair and unrealistic," Mr Kempen said.

He emphasised that Bellville was "truly and openly" committed to taking part in restructuring local government in the metropolitan area. "The involvement of Bellville in all the processes is ample proof of this commitment."

However, linking Bellville, with its population of 120 000, to Khayelitsha automatically included Delft, Blue Downs, Mufuleni and Belhar, which easily amounted to an extra million people.

"The deduction is made that Cape Town sees only two megacities in the metropolitan area. This option is simply not acceptable to Bellville."

Mr Kempen said Bellville was convinced local authorities in the metropolitan area should expand, become more homogeneous and be financially viable if they collectively wanted to address the development needs and backlog in the region.

"For a start, local authorities should at least contemplate taking on those adjacent areas which could logically, geographically, historically and economically be grouped together."

There should be "a couple of strong and big local authorities with about 300 000 inhabitants and a sound balance between residential and industrial infrastructure".

He added "We do not believe that small, stand-alone local authorities are viable — especially if they themselves need assistance. This can only hamper and delay the restructuring process."

Bellville had already agreed in principle to help in upgrading and was making provisions in its budget.

Mr Kempen said Bellville City Council did not want to take part in "mudslinging or recriminations" and a deputation had discussed the issue with Cape Town City Council members to clear up "this most regrettable and uncalled-for development, which could only harm future relations".

Western Cape police will learn Xhosa

BY SABATA NGCAI

POLICE in the Western Cape are the latest of a number of organisations keen to learn Xhosa.

The police linguistics department is preparing to teach members of the force the language

Hundreds of policemen and women have worked in the African community for years without learning Xhosa, although they have been dealing with some people who cannot understand either

English or Afrikaans

The need to learn Xhosa has been hastened by the possibility that it could become the third official language in the Western Cape, after English and Afrikaans

Police spokesperson Captain Wicus Holtzhausen, said the changing political scenario has forced police to learn Xhosa

"Xhosa will become one of the official languages and therefore we have to learn to know it," he said

Captain Holtzhausen said it was easier to understand a person when addressing him in his own lan-

guage. ^{South 17-21/6/94}
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"I am Afrikaans speaking and therefore would feel better when addressed in that language," he said ~~(263)~~ (263)

Captain Holtzhausen said learning Xhosa would help improve the police's relationship with the black community

They plan to have at least one Xhosa speaking policeman in every station

A police linguistics department was established in the Western Cape recently. It was initially based in Pretoria.

By Quentin Wilson

Olckers favoured shady scheme in East Cape

LOCAL minister of Education, Training and Cultural Affairs, Mrs Martha Olckers, was part of a shady retrenchment and rehiring scheme that would have cost taxpayers in Grahamstown close to R14 million if it had gone through.

Minutes of a Grahamstown city council meeting in September 1992 outlines a plan to retrench five top officials and award them pensions while re-employing them the following day with their old salaries.

Olckers, indicated by the minutes as being present at the meeting and having voted for the implementation of the programme, was at the time a councillor for the Grahamstown City Council.

Olckers' short tenure as local education minister has already been rocked with controversy following remarks concerning class boycotts and teacher strikes.

She now faces renewed calls for her resignation in the light of her Grahamstown activities.

The plan in Grahamstown was uncovered by a council worker and after a public outcry in January last year, the double payout scheme was

aborted. But not before R2,7 million of public funds was pocketed.

Olckers resigned when the scandal broke early last year.

After a year of serving on the Cape Provincial Executive, she was elected a cabinet member of the Western Cape provincial legislature in May this year.

"How she became a minister of education is completely beyond me," said Professor Mike Whisson,

executive member of the Grahamstown Ratepayers' Association.

"There is clear evidence that deeply implicates her in all of this. For a small town like Grahamstown, R14 million is a lot of money to be just thrown away," he said.

When the secret scheme was discovered, a committee of inquiry was set up and became known as the Hugo Commission.

The Hugo report finalised in the

same month as Olckers' election to the provincial legislature, slammed the retrenchment and re-hiring scheme as "an ill-conceived plan" and a "financial embarrassment".

While Olckers admitted to SOUTH that she was initially in favour of the plan "in principle", she said the council had rescinded the proposal when more "detailed information of its cost" came to light.

"I don't really regret being part of it. Its all in the past so I do not see why it is important now. In principle we accepted the plan, but we also wanted more information about its cost."

"By the time this information was tabled, I had already left the Grahamstown city council," she said.



MARTHA OLCKERS

Minister admits 'mistake'

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By Edwina Booysen

MRS MARTHA Olckers was wrong when she told teachers the education budget would be cut by R200 million in the Department of Education and Training.

As it turns out, all education departments will have to make cut-backs to make up R200 million losses incurred by the Independent Electoral Commission.

"I made a mistake when I told the CTPA conference that the DET budget would have to be cut by R200 million. What I should have said was that the entire education cut will amount to R200 million."

"We have been told by the education people that the IEC overspent their budget and therefore departments have to cut their budgets by about four percent," she said.

"I don't know whether there will be departments which will not be affected."

Olckers told a group of teachers at a Cape Teachers' Professional Association (CTPA) conference last week that R41 million had to be cut from the budget of the Department of Education and Culture (DEC) and R200 million from the Department of Education and Training (DET).

"The figure for the DEC is correct but I am not exactly sure how much other departments will have to cut," Olckers said.

Olckers said attempts would be made to keep DET cuts low because of the backlog in education.

"So that teachers don't lose their jobs we are planning to cut on maintenance and capital projects," she said.

"We won't be building new schools. Schools and classrooms which were burned down will not be replaced and although there are schools in dire need of renovation, we won't be able to do that either."

Olckers said she realised the education backlog was being increased by the cut, but that she didn't know how it would be addressed.

"I suppose we will have to get more money," she said.

"We need extra money from the government and what I call 'new' money from foreign funders. Money is the name of the game."

The Democratic Party Youth this week strongly condemned the cuts in the National and Provincial education budgets.

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Rasool holds healthy record for the job

By Shannon Neill

SOME might think that at 31 Regional Minister of Health and Social Services, Mr Ebrahim Rasool, is too young to take on the massive task of trying to sort out the mess in the social services left by the apartheid regime

However, the demanding positions he filled in various organisations have proven his ability to get things done even under the most difficult conditions

Rasool is taking his new job seriously. He has already been out to observe the difficulties people face in pension queues and is considering a number of possible changes to the system to alleviate problems.

He described how he became involved in the struggle for democracy which eventually led to his ministry

"I was born in District Six in 1963 and attended Livingstone High School where most of the

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teachers belonged to the Unity Movement.

"You could say my initial political education was through the Unity Movement," he said.

After matric he went to the University of Cape Town (UCT) where he obtained a BA degree and was an active member the Azanian Student's Organisation (Azaso) and the Muslim Student's Association.

In 1983 when the United Democratic Front was launched he was elected to the regional executive and served on the committee until 1988. He was regional secretary from 1985 to 1987 and then treasurer until 1988.

Rasool was involved in the launching of the Call of Islam in 1984.

"I was detained in October 1985 for the first time and released in January 1986. When I was released I was restricted," he said

In 1987 he was arrested again and detained for 13 months. After

his release he remained a "banned" person until the unbanning of the ANC and SACP in 1990.

Rasool got married during his banning in December 1988.

"It was weird. We had to ask for permission to have more than 10 people present and get permission to have it out of the magisterial district I was restricted to," he said, laughing at the absurdities that ruled people's lives under the state of emergency.

Elected ANC regional treasurer in 1991, Rasool held the position until his appointment as minister.

Speaking about his ministry, he said: "I've not wanted to come in and take control immediately, I've wanted to understand what's going on and get to know the people I'm working with."

He wants his policies to relate to the Reconstruction and Development Programme which he would use to develop a "people centred approach" to health and welfare

ANC shadows Cape ministers

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By Quentin Wilson

ANC MEMBERS of the Western Cape's provincial legislature have appointed "watchdogs" to keep a beady eye on how ministerial portfolios are managed by their NP counterparts.

Although the idea has been shot down by the NP caucus as being "absurd", ANC members are determined to twin NP ministers with their own "shadow" ministers

According to Reverend Chris Nissen, ANC chief whip in the provincial parliament, the move is important to ensure the ANC's national programme of reconstruction and development occurs in the region.

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"The Western Cape is not an island cut off from the rest of the country," said Nissen "We have an ANC-dominated central government with a vision of how to rebuild the whole of South Africa. We have

to make sure the Western Cape is part of the process.

"While we do not expect to have formal deputy ministers, our 'shadow' ministers will be active watchdogs who will see to it that the Reconstruction and Development Programme is implemented across the board in the region."

Of the 10 positions on the provincial executive council, the NP heads six portfolios while the ANC controls the remaining four positions NP ministers, however, are dead against the proposal.

According to Mr Lampie Fick, minister of agriculture and sport, the NP caucus would not even consider co-operating with the ANC's plan.

"There is no way we in the NP will accept a policy of shadow ministers. It is not constitutional. We have ministers who have their objectives, there is absolutely no need for shadow ministers as well," Fick said.

Rumpus over CT 17/6/94 kwaZulu flag

PRETORIA — KwaZulu Police Commissioner Lt General Roy During was summoned here yesterday by Safety and Security Minister Mr Sydney Mufamadi to be rapped over the knuckles over the continued hoisting of the old kwaZulu government flag. (263)

It had come to the minister's attention last month that there were a number of kwaZulu police stations under the commissioner's jurisdiction that were still flying the old flag, the ministry said in a statement

SHARON SOROUR, Municipal Reporter

EXCO chief Clive Keegan has warned of a dangerous regional backlash if Transvaal interests destroyed Cape Town's capital city status without consultation and open inquiry.

And the mayor, Patricia Kreiner, says she believes that Cape Town, "the liberal capital of the country", is the right place for the legislative capital

She hoped reason would prevail.

"I cannot believe people are spending so much time in the early days of the government of national unity on trying to be divisive"

Mr Keegan said the "so-called government of national unity would do well to contemplate the repercussions"

Hitting out at suggestions that Cape Town had given an unfriendly reception to up-country MPs, Mr Keegan said it was flagrant nonsense to use that as grounds to justify a precipitous relocation of parliament from the Mother City.

The city council would launch a vigorous campaign to reverse perceptions at the next parliamentary sitting

"We are in the meantime willing and ready to assist the government in any way possible to overcome any problems they may be experiencing in retaining this city as the legislative capital"

To strip the region of its international political and diplomatic prestige would be contrary to the spirit of national reconciliation, which government purported to uphold, Mr Keegan said

Efforts on the part of the city to provide hospitality and welcome to the new members of the national assembly were frustrated by the "indecisiveness and vacillation" of departmental officials and party representatives who were responsible for the logistics of the session.

The city was compelled to abort events like a civic reception and a gala concert by the Cape Town Symphony Orchestra because of lack of organisation.

"Any blame for the discomfort and confusion experienced by parliamentarians and their families must thus rest squarely with party managers and Pretoria bureaucrats who treated all Cape Town's efforts to assist with almost total indifference"

Mr Keegan accused the government of being as intent as the previous government on concentrating all facets of the nation's public life in a single region

Mr Keegan repeated exco's demand that the government appoint a commission of inquiry, chaired by an independent person of national stature.

● ANC members in the Western Cape's coalition cabinet had agreed with the ruling National Party that parliament should stay in Cape Town, Western Cape Premier Henus Kriel said yesterday.

A four-member central government cabinet committee headed by Constitutional Affairs Minister Roelf Meyer is investigating the cost of South Africa's dual-capital system

□ MPs 'felt unwelcome'

Keegan warns of backlash if capital city status is destroyed

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Union may challenge council

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ONE of the city council's employee unions may sue the council

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The SA Association of Municipal Employees (SAAME), one of four unions representing council employees, consulted lawyers yesterday over a circular issued by the council last week.

The circular allegedly accuses

the union of actions amounting to a "prima facie case of fraud"

The council had complained that some of the money that it and union members were paying, supposedly into a group life assurance scheme, was in fact going into a "stabilisation reserve fund"

Meanwhile, it emerged yesterday that up to 20% of funds going into the scheme, administered

by the union, have been deducted as an "administration" fee

Mr Gabriel Beukman, secretary of the Cape Town branch of SAAME, confirmed that this money had been used, instead of members' subscriptions, to run the local union. The union had for years run a number of schemes, including selling short-term insurance, from its local offices, he said

Mother City to fight to keep Parliament

By ANTHONY JOHNSON

THE Save-the-Mother-City campaign gathered momentum yesterday as parties across the political spectrum formally resolved to fight to keep Parliament in Cape Town.

The unanimous decision by the Western Cape cabinet that the national Parliament should stay put followed a Captour challenge to all Capetonians and the hospitality industry to make up-country parliamentarians feel at home in Cape Town.

And the Deputy Minister of Education, Mr Renier Schoeman, told an international seminar in Cape Town last night that the city had been the seat of Parliament for almost 90 years "and I hope still for as many years to come".

Western Cape premier Mr Herinus Kriel said the provincial cabinet had resolved to immediately inform the central cabinet committee investigating the siting of Parliament about the importance of keeping the legislature in Cape Town.

He said reasons included the prohibitive cost of erecting a new parliamentary complex, and that the Western Cape economy would be "seriously damaged" if Parliament was moved.

Captour chief executive Mr Gordon Oliver said all Capetonians needed to take urgent steps to dispel the perception among some parliamentarians that Cape Town was an unfriendly city.

"Come on Kapenaars — let's show our guests what a great place this is!" he said in a special appeal issued yesterday.

Mayor of Cape Town Mrs Patricia Kreiner said yesterday she could not believe the new government was spending so much time behaving in a divisive manner.

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ANC members boycott Ulundi

DURBAN — Three African National Congress MECs yesterday boycotted a Ulundi meeting of the kwaZulu/Natal provincial legislature

An ANC, SACP, Cosatu alliance at the weekend called for meetings in Ulundi to be boycotted. The alliance supported Maritzburg as the provincial capital.

ANC spokesman Mr Dumisani Makhaye said MECs Mr Zweli Mkhize, Mr S'bu Ndebele and Mr Jacob Zuma would "not go to Ulundi"

Mr Ndebele said "no one was able to assure us that our lives were safe in Ulundi"

Referring to the issue of the future capital for the province, Mr Ndebele said Maritzburg was and always would be the capital

The National Party's Mr Val Volker said it would be counter-productive to make Ulundi the capital as long as there was violence in the province

"Ulundi will be seen as a no-go area

"Maritzburg has been acknowledged as an area where all political parties, including the King of the Zulus, can freely attend meetings" — Sapa, Own Correspondent

Parliament: Exco warns of backlash

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THERE would be a dangerous regional backlash if Transvaal interests went ahead in switching Parliament to the PWV without maximum consultation and open inquiry, Cape Town City Council's executive committee chairman Mr Clive Keegan said yesterday.

He reiterated his call for an interim commission of inquiry to examine the proposal which would rob Cape Town of its capital city status.

"To summarily strip this region of its international political and diplomatic prestige will run contrary to the spirit of national reconciliation and will make nonsense of the commitment to regionalism."

Three NP provincial leaders have come out strongly in favour of retaining Cape Town as the legislative capital. PWV leader Mr Pik Botha, Western Cape leader Dr Dawie de Villiers and Free State leader Mr Inus Aucamp. However, kwaZulu/Natal provincial leader Mr Dama Schutte believes Parliament and the public service should be close to one another.

Natal MP Mr Kobus Jordaan said in view of the fiscal importance of the Reconstruction and Development Programme, moving Parliament was a low priority. It would take 30 years to make up the cost of building a new R3-billion parliamentary complex with savings of about R130 million a year on transport and accommodation costs in Cape Town. — Staff Reporter, Sapa and Own Correspondent

Parly move gains ground

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By ANTHONY JOHNSON
Political Correspondent

CAPE TOWN could lose Parliament as early as next year, top government sources said yesterday.

The sources said that the anti-Cape Town lobby had grown to the point that a powerful PWV clique of ministers and MPs was even pushing for next week's Budget address to be given in the Transvaal or delayed.

However, a spokesman for Finance Minister Mr Derek Keys' office said yesterday that preparations remained on schedule to present the Budget on June 22.

Government sources, who spoke on condition of anonymity, said the four-member cabinet committee to look into the cost of Parliament remaining in Cape Town had not yet made much progress in its investigation.

However, it had not been given a time limit for completing its work.

The committee does not include any Western Cape ministers or members known to favour keeping Parliament in the Mother City.

Its members are Mr Keys, Constitutional and Regional Affairs Minister Mr Roelf Meyer, Transport Minister Mr Mac Maharaj and Public Works Minister Mr Jeff Radebe.

Mr Maharaj said yesterday that the committee's brief was not specifically whether Parliament needed to be shifted to the Transvaal but rather the cost of the present structure of government.

Mr Keys was non-committal about the committee's brief.

Groundswell

Mr Meyer and Mr Radebe could not be reached. However, government sources said there was a groundswell of opposition, from Transvaal-based ministers and MPs, across party lines, to Parliament remaining in Cape Town.

They said that although the debate was not being conducted in public, three options were being considered at the moment.

● Parliament remaining in Cape Town for much of the year but only sitting for, say, three days a week. MPs and officials would shuttle back and forth, with some sittings and meetings taking place at a site still to be designated.

● Parliament moving to Pretoria in the next two to five years — "the more likely option".

● Moving Parliament "as early as next year" to a site like Gallagher Estate in Midrand, pending the building of a more permanent Parliament, possibly in Pretoria.

Government sources said that up country MPs had become so disenchanted with Cape Town after the "unfriendly" reception they were given during the recent short session of Parliament that the third option was gaining momentum.

"Pretoria has been doing a magnificent job selling the city — unfortunately, Cape Town has not," one source said.

● Pretoria, Johannesburg and Midrand have been short-listed out of 20 proposals as contenders for the capital of the PWV province.

FURIOUS TRAFFIC OFFICERS

Fines of R1 000 for blockading

By GLYNIS UNDERHILL

FURIOUS Brackenfell traffic officers who took part in the recent strike over pay and working conditions were caught by surprise yesterday when they received traffic fines of R1 000 each.

The Cape Town municipal traffic department issued the fines to the officers, who were involved in blockading Wale Street in protest action earlier this month.

But one of the participants, principal traffic inspector Mr Sherman Amos, who is the National Education, Health and Allied Workers Union (Nehawu) chairman at the Brackenfell Traffic Department, tore up a batch of the tickets to show his dissatisfaction.

Up to 15 provincial traffic officers had received the traffic tickets by yesterday, he said.

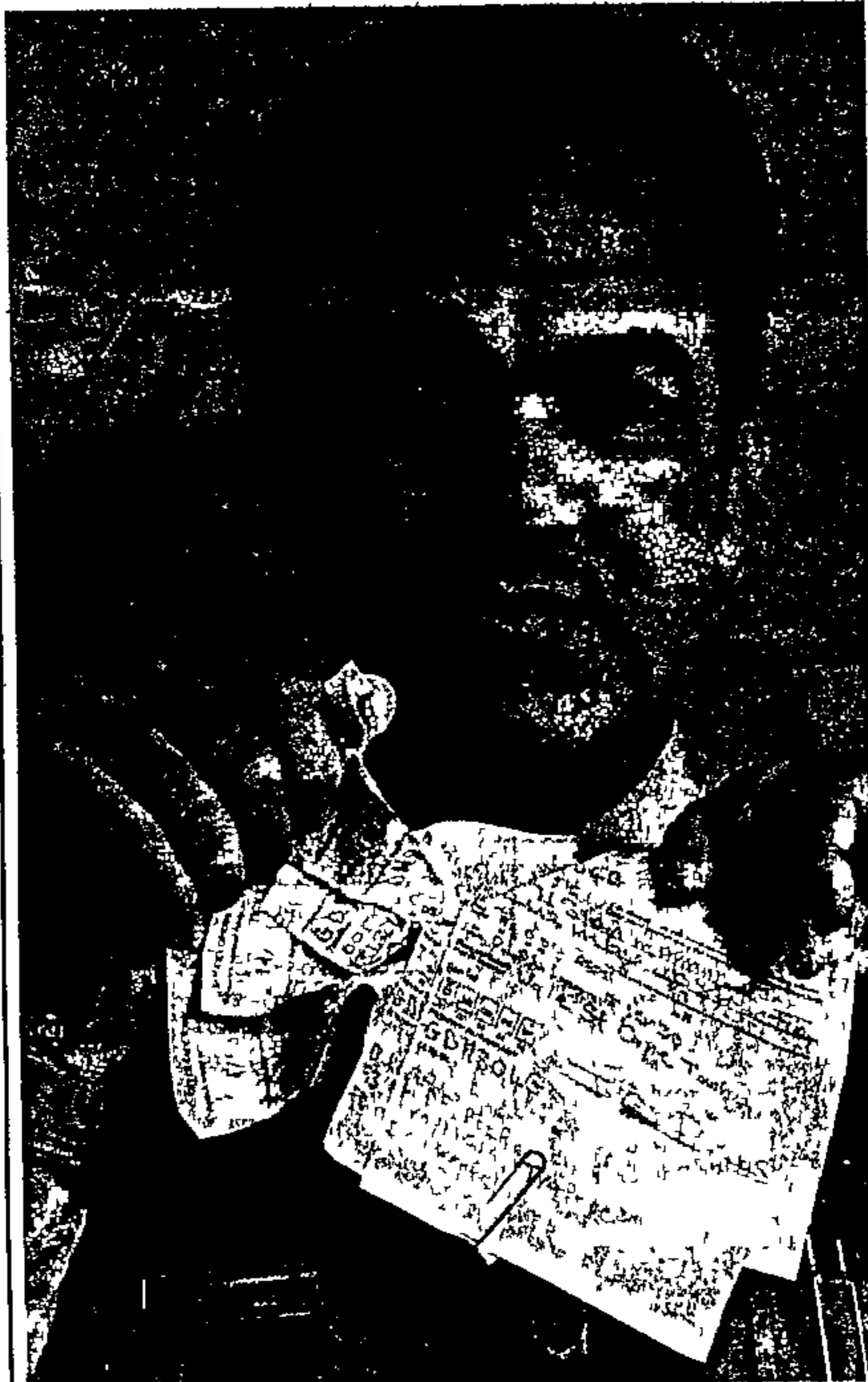
Municipal traffic manager Mr Wouter Smit confirmed yesterday that the traffic tickets were "no hoax".

"The matter was decided upon by the acting traffic manager and the senior public prosecutor representing the attorney-general's office."

Mr Smit said that any vehicle causing an obstruction of the road and blockading the free flow of traffic would be fined R1 000.

Traffic officers from the Cape Town Traffic Department told the Cape Times that they had refused to ticket the vehicles at the protest.

Mr Amos said that as the traffic fines were posted to residential addresses "somebody from our department must be in cahoots with them".



TICKET OUTRAGE . . Brackenfell principal traffic inspector Mr Sherman Amos yesterday tore up a collection of R1 000 traffic fines issued to traffic officers who blockaded Wale Street earlier this month.
Picture ANNE LANG

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Cabinet partnership patched up

By CHRIS BATEMAN
Political Staff

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THE Western Cape cabinet partners patched up their "misunderstandings" yesterday — but ministers remained without powers when a "technical hitch" prevented Pretoria from signing over enabling ordinances.

After an hour-long session of the cabinet, Premier Mr Herens

Kriel said: "We've discussed the issue that came to light last week and all misunderstandings have been cleared up with no further problems."

The lack of transfer of the 52 initial regional ordinances from the Public Service Commission meant work was piling up with ministers unable to take decisions. The enabling ordinances

were due last Friday. Sources close to cabinet said powers were expected "later this week".

They said the meeting, in response to ANC objections that Mr Kriel failed to show them the list of local ordinances before submission to Pretoria, was "totally unstructured".

Mr Kriel's spokesman said ANC

members had failed to realise that the ANC central government had drawn up the list and not Mr Kriel. Another had been the forced cancellation of a cabinet meeting which would have addressed the issue.

Mr Kriel had had "no hand" in deciding what ordinances were passed down, his spokesman, Mr Frikkie Odenaal, said

Leave parliament in Cape, says Pik

Political Correspondent

PARLIAMENT should stay in Cape Town, says National Party PWV leader and Minister of Mineral and Energy Affairs Pik Botha.

A four-member cabinet committee is investigating the cost of the present structure of government, including the three-capital system, and is under pressure from Transvaal MPs to shift the legislative capital to the Reef.

A decision will have to be

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made by parliament, not just the cabinet.

Mr Botha said it would be better in terms of cost to keep parliament in Cape Town.

Communication between capitals was not a significant problem because of rapid technological development, he said.

Western Cape NP leader Dawie de Villiers said it would be "short-sighted" to move parliament.

The probe into whether parliament should move is expect-

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ed to take a long time. The committee, which has no Western Cape ministers, has no deadline for completing its investigation.

Government departments will have to compile statements of the cost of moving back and forth between Pretoria and Cape Town, and whether there would be any saving by moving parliament.

The cabinet committee will also investigate the cost of building a new parliament.

I am taking RDP policy on my own shoulders, says Kriel

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WESTERN Cape premier Hernus Kriel has decided to personally take on the responsibility of implementing the ANC's reconstruction and development programme (RDP) in this province.

"I'm committed to full co-operation with the ANC on the implementation of the RDP but, because of its importance, I believe it can best be handled from my office," he said in an interview this week.

While responsibility for the co-ordination of the RDP will fall within the premier's office, Mr

By NAZEEM HOWA

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Kriel plans to involve all 10 members of the executive committee in the implementation of the programme.

Mr Kriel said he saw job creation as the nucleus of the RDP in the Western Cape.

"Central government has made housing the nucleus of the national RDP, but of what good will it be to give a man a house when he does not have the money to provide for its upkeep?"

"It is only through the

creation of jobs that we will ensure social upliftment across the spectrum of people's lives. More money in family budgets will mean better health, education and housing for all.

"It is for that reason that the creation of jobs is a major thrust of the NP's approach to social upliftment. It's only through this approach that we can ensure sustainable social upliftment," he said.

Mr Kriel has also taken on himself responsibility for gambling and horse-racing.

"All I know about horse racing is that every time I put money on a horse I lose but, if correctly handled, gambling can be a considerable source of revenue for the provincial coffers."

Mr Kriel plans to form a committee consisting of finance minister Kobus Meiring, economic affairs minister Allan Boesak and himself to oversee the implementation of gambling legislation in the Western Cape.

Mr Kriel also had some harsh words for those delaying the process of moving to a new local government dispensation.

"We must sort out our differences as a matter of urgency. My aim is to have representative non-racial local governments by April next year."

Affirmative action will also be placed high on the agenda of the new provincial government.

"I was the first minister under the old dispensation to apply affirmative action within my ministry. It was through that process that several coloured and Indian policeman were appointed to senior posts. I'm certainly not against the process taking place in



FIRST CITIZEN . . . Regional premier Hernus Kriel
Picture: JUSTIN SHOLK

the provincial legislature," he said.

Talk about the possibility of Parliament being moved to Pretoria has also prompted an angry response from Mr Kriel.

"If Parliament moves up north we'll lose a substantial income from parliamentarians and officials coming down here for six months of the year."

"But politicians need to realise we are not living in the dark ages anymore. We have fax machines, television conferences and cellular telephones. It's no longer necessary for ministers to bring down 20 people to support them. Two or three is more than sufficient and it would go a long way to bringing down costs," he said.

Most importantly, according to Mr Kriel, Cape

Town offers politicians a much more relaxed atmosphere than any other city in South Africa.

"One can't calculate the financial benefit politicians receive from the atmosphere of political tolerance which prevails in Cape Town, but it would be extremely unfortunate if our country should lose that benefit," he said.

Mr Kriel said he was still in favour of changing the name of the province to the Cape of Good Hope.

"After all, that is what we are. We have so much going for us in this region. We have an infrastructure second to none, we have the lowest illiteracy rate in the country. There is nothing to stop us being the first province to take off economically," he said.

W Cape cabinet feud continues

By CHRIS BATEMAN

THE Western Cape cabinet feud festered on yesterday — with ministers too busy to convene an emergency session until Monday and the National Party's regional office demanding that ANC leader Dr Allan Boesak "discipline" his members.

The row began on Wednesday when the ANC regional caucus accused Premier Mr Hernus Kriel of having acted "unilaterally and illegally" in submitting a list of powers and ordinances to Pretoria for implementation locally.

The ANC said they came upon the list inadvertently and had not been shown its contents by Mr Kriel — who cited work pressure and denied any sinister motive.

Ministers remained tight-lipped yesterday, with Dr Boesak shuttling between the World Economic Forum at a city hotel and his office.

The only contact between Mr Kriel and ANC ministers was to set up Monday's crisis meeting. Dr Boesak did not return calls in spite of several appeals to his staff and personal aides yesterday.

ANC premiers will convert to federalism,

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CLIVE SAWYER
Weekend Argus Political Staff

AFRICAN National Congress premiers will soon convert to the cause of federalism, predicts Western Cape premier Hennis Kriel. **ANC 11/6/94**

Vigorous demands for bigger powers for provinces will start as premiers, even those in the same camp as the ANC majority in central government, grow frustrated at their powerlessness.

Mr. Kriel made the prediction shortly after his return from a meeting in Pretoria this week of all provincial premiers with Minister of Constitutional Development Roelf Meyer and Minister

of Public Administration Zola Skweyiza

And it was made in the same week Mr Kriel found himself in the midst of a flurry over claims by ANC provincial cabinet colleagues that he had acted unilaterally in asking for powers for provinces

Transfer of powers to provincial government were to take place this week

Until now, provinces have been unable to formulate legislation or take policy decisions because the interim constitution transferred all power temporarily to central government

Mr Kriel said the National Party and Inkatha Freedom Party had up to this point been the two leading exponents of

federalism ANC premiers would follow suit, he said

He told an Afrikaanse Sakekamer luncheon President Mandela had promised him the Western Cape would not be discontinued against because it had voted for the NP

"He expects to be recognised as president of the Western Cape, and said he recognises me as premier"

Unveiling his economic plans for the province, Mr Kriel said the Western Cape should be marketed dynamically at home and internationally, with the private sector as senior partner

Elements of his strategy include:

Western Cape,

■ A Western Cape Development Bank, funded by the provincial legislature, insurance companies, others in the private sector, and foreign sources Mr Kriel called on the private sector to take the lead in this project,

■ A Western Cape Trade Centre, a one-stop marketing centre with all the products of the region on display under one roof, and

■ A fiscal policy which will ensure the "golden goose is not taxed to death"

Every effort should be made to ensure the province was safe for investors Mr Kriel revealed he would ask labour unions to keep wage demands

down

"We cannot destroy ourselves with huge wage demands," he said

A balance had to be found between high-technology and labour-intensive industry.

Another key element was an efficient public service, capable of effective service delivery, and free of corruption

"I have heard too many stories about elsewhere, in Africa and how much it costs businesses to operate"

Mr Kriel said he did not believe it was the state's role to be responsible for economic growth, but rather to create the climate in which economic growth could happen

says Kriel

Kriel says he's flabbergasted

By CHRIS BATEMAN
and BARRY STREEK

AN "absolutely flabbergasted" Western Cape Premier, Mr Henus Kriel, last night described as "nonsense" ANC claims that he had flouted the constitution by failing to consult his cabinet

The crisis hotted up yesterday when ANC MP and lawyer Mr Wille Hofmeyr said Mr Kriel failed to consult his cabinet properly in submitting to Pretoria last Friday a list of powers and ordinances to implement locally

ANC cabinet members had

only "discovered it by accident" this Wednesday

Mr Kriel replied that "central ANC government" drew up the list and said he explained to his cabinet last week "just what powers are coming to us"

"I've gone out of my way not to take unilateral decisions I've urged them to bring problems to me Now all of a sudden this — I'm absolutely flabbergasted," he said

However, he admitted not having shown the cabinet the list of 52 provincial ordinances (existing Cape laws enacted as far back as 1911) "because members were unable to meet this week"

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"I cannot wait for the normal thing People want to get working — ministers cannot sit there without power for their portfolios," he said

Mr Kriel said he felt a local ANC leadership struggle was behind the complaint, adding "It's not necessary for some people to be kragdadig (heavy-handed) against me just to catch votes for their leadership problems"

The provincial powers are due for legal transfer today

ANC cabinet ministers said yesterday their schedules were too full to accommodate requests from Mr Kriel for an emergency cabinet meeting today

'I'll decide,' says local govt minister

By Quentin Wilson

WESTERN Cape Minister of Local Government and Development Planning, Mr Peter Marais, says he will be prepared to "step in and make decisions" if negotiating forums around local government "do not get their act together".

Forums around the country are frantically trying to re-organise local government so as to keep in step with national developments.

In the greater Cape Town area, for example, the Cape Metropolitan Negotiating Forum is busy laying

the groundwork for local government elections to take place by early next year.

But so far, progress has been slow. The demarcation board has yet to recommend what the geographical boundaries will be for the Cape Town metropolitan area. Before an election can take place, a voters' roll naming all eligible voters has to be drawn up. (263)

"The law is clear on my powers," says Marais "I can take a decision on any matter relating to local government. While it would be best for negotiating forums to solve these

problems, I will not hesitate to make the decisions if the need should

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Mr David Schmidt, co-ordinator of the Cape Metropolitan Negotiating Forum, said he was "not concerned" with Marais's comments because he believed the forum was succeeding in its aims.

"A very large measure of consensus is beginning to emerge and I can't say at this point that we don't have deadlocks that we can't resolve. I don't think there will be a need for his intervention," Schmidt said.

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NP education minister: 'We'll do it our way'

By Edwina Booysen & Quentin Wilson

AFTER just a month in power, new Western Cape minister of education and cultural affairs, Mrs Martha Olckers, has become unpopular for her "arrogant and outdated" approach to education.

Soon after her appointment, and in conversation with journalists, she made it plain she would not tolerate protest.

"And I told Hennis (Premier Kriel) that the first *bliksem* who boycotts classes will personally receive a good smack from me. And then I'll hand them over to (Minister of Police, Mr Patrick) McKenzie so he can put them in jail," she said.

"We are a legitimate government now, we don't have to tolerate this nonsense. The NP has been elected to run the Western Cape and we will do things our way."

She also admitted knowing little about "education issues" and said she would have to "familiarise" herself with "all the debates" before she could think about policy.

She has come under fire from two major trade unions and members of the public over reported statements that it is illegal for teachers to strike.

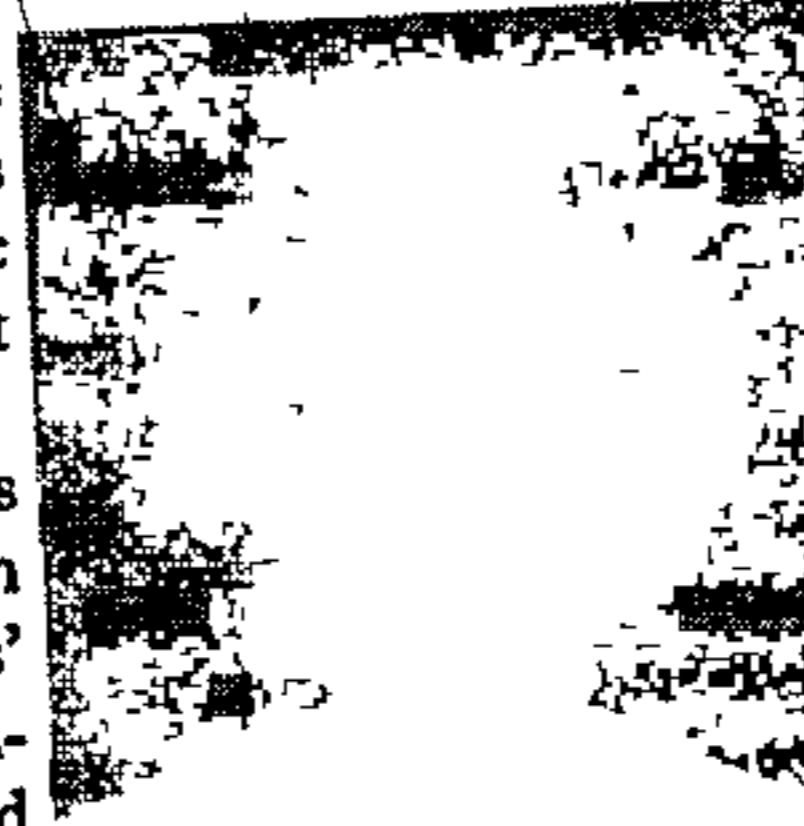
In separate statements regional branches of the South African Democratic Teachers' Union (Sadtu) and the National Education, Health and Allied Workers' Union (Nehawu) called for Olckers's resignation.

A local afternoon newspaper carried several letters from the public questioning her qualifications. (263)

The newly-launched Western Cape region of Sadtu said it found Olckers "ill-equipped, ill-prepared and unsuitable" for office.

"According to press reports — which Mrs Olckers has not denied — she will not give Sadtu 'a status they do not deserve'," Sadtu said. "She also states that it is immoral for teachers to strike and that she 'will not look kindly on it'."

The union said Olckers implies Sadtu



MARTHA OLCKERS

does not cherish interests of children

Sadtu Western Cape chairperson Mr Glen Abrahams said the union felt Olckers has "deliberately and irresponsibly acted contrary to the spirit of peace and reconciliation."

"She arrogantly seeks to deny teachers a right which governments throughout the world accept as legitimate."

He said the union was setting up an urgent meeting with Olckers.

"We want to discuss broad issues such as her views on education and her vision for education in the region," Abrahams said.

"We were led to believe that a meeting with the major education stakeholders would be held on June 17, but we have not yet been asked to attend and we have no idea who these stakeholders are."

Olckers said she did not want a "debate via the media" and the matter had to be discussed by "all relevant role-players".

Talks about local government are nearing a critical phase

SHARON SOROUR
Municipal Reporter

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□ Negotiators present proposals for future

NEGOTIATIONS on the future of local government in the Peninsula have reached a critical phase with the tabling of far-reaching proposals at the Cape Metropolitan Negotiating Forum.

Forum co-chairman Willie van Schoor said important ground-breaking work had been done by the forum's working groups to speed up the establishing of a transitional metropolitan council (TMC).

"We will have to take crucial decisions in the next few months," Mr Van Schoor said. A major obstacle to the forum's progress remained the outstanding demarcation of the outer boundary of the Cape metropolitan area, which was being decided by the demarcation board.

In terms of the proposals, the negotiators picture a transitional metropolitan council with a relatively small bureaucracy concerning itself chiefly

with policy and finance, leaving the implementation to its sub-structures.

The proposals were presented to the forum by working groups at a plenary meeting last night, but were not open to discussion by members.

They would now be debated in caucuses before a final recommendation by the forum's steering committee was presented for agreement to the plenary.

Working group one presented proposals on the powers and duties of the TMC in the pre-interim phase.

The working group outlined criteria for the powers and duties of the TMC, which would function as the metropolitan component of the system with sub-structures forming the other component.

The group's paper emphasised that it could be safely assumed that the metropolitan component of the TMC would

address only issues which would affect the whole metropolitan area, or where it would be necessary to set overall policy for or minimum standards throughout the metropolitan area.

"Metropolitan government will not replace primary local authorities," said the group's co-chairman, Pierre Uys.

The group suggested the following criteria

- The TMC must manage and direct urban growth and development on an urban scale
- Effective service delivery must be maintained and extended in the transition phase.
- It must make policy for, and co-ordinate provision of, services and functions which were metropolitan in character.

● All levels of government, and not only the TMC, must have a shared responsibility for redressing the imbalances in the metro area

● The TMC must facilitate greater equity in service provision across the metropolitan area and must have the financial capacity to support sub-structures which are not economically viable.

● Maximum control over local decision-making and implementation must remain at sub-structure level.

The group said the forum had no power to reduce the powers and duties of the TMC. This was up to the TMC to decide.

However, since the Local Government Transition Act gave the forum power to negotiate the establishment of the TMC, there was no reason why it could not make recommendations on whether or not it should exercise its powers or perform its duties.

The TMC faced the options of exercising all its powers and performing all its duties, but this would result in a "large bu-

reaucracy" requiring large financial resources

Another option was the other extreme if the TMC declined to perform duties or exercise powers, this would result in a worsening of the current servicing crisis in parts of the metropolitan area, but give sub-structures great power

"In reality the TMC is likely to function somewhere between these two extremes. Any number of variations is possible. The TMC should be guided by the criteria suggested when it takes decisions on powers and duties.

"This would result in the TMC being a body with a policy and financial role (with a small bureaucracy), leaving implementation to sub-structures and other bodies," the paper said

This would also result in effective managing of urban growth, greater equity in servicing, support for sub-structures with limited financial resources and better coordination of metropolitan services, including transport

Top role for new community council?

Staff Reporter

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THE Transitional Metropolitan Council (TMC) should play the leading role in restoring, maintaining and upgrading services in disadvantaged communities

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However, this should not disrupt the provision of services now provided

This emerged at a Cape Metropolitan Negotiating Forum meeting last night where a recommendation on the

powers and functions of the TMC was released

The discussion paper suggests the TMC appoints organisations currently delivering services — such as local authorities — as its agents. This would mean these authorities would remain unchanged and act as TMC agents

It also recommends that initially the TMC adopts a "policy formulative, co-ordinative and financial redistribu-

tive" role only. Further, that it carries out a detailed investigation into each power and duty for which it has assumed responsibility, to determine the best way in which services should be delivered in the metropolitan area

Another paper on the role of the Regional Services Council (RSC) stated the TMC and the RSC could not co-

exist as political entities. It suggested the TMC take financial responsibility for RSC administration

It recommended that restructuring must be fair and no RSC or local authority staff should be disadvantaged

The meeting's co-chairman, Mr Willie van Schoor, said all the proposals would go to the constituencies and be discussed by interested parties

He said the major obstacle facing the forum was the Demarcation Board's report which, he anticipated would only be ready by August

New Cape

party

being formed

Local alliance aims to stop the Nats



Clive Keegan

EXCLUSIVE

■ The dumping of the Democratic Party by the Cape Town City Council caucus foreshadows the emergence of a new, Stop-the-Nats, party political alliance in the region

JEAN LE MAY Weekend Argus Reporter

CONCERTED moves are afoot to form a new, multiracial political party to focus exclusively on affairs in the Greater Cape Town metropolitan area

Investigations by Weekend Argus this week revealed that political discussions have taken place to unite a broad alliance of ratepayers' associations, civic associations and organisations

Individual members of existing political parties have taken part in the talks, which have been going on throughout the past week

The decision this week by Cape Town city councillors to disband the council caucus of the Democratic Party is widely seen as the first move in this direction

Senior spokesmen for ratepayers' associations consulted by Weekend Argus agree that the DP has finally "shot its bolt"

Clive Keegan, chairman of the council's executive committee and a former member of the DP caucus, told Weekend Argus yesterday

FORMER Cape Town mayor Frank van der Velde yesterday joined the ANC, spokesman Bulelani Ngcuka confirmed last night.

Mr van der Velde quit the Democratic Party this week saying he would "rather be a participant in the reconstruction of South Africa than stand niggling on the sideline"

"There is an increasing need for a realignment of democratic forces as we move towards our first democratic local elections"

He foresaw a new political grouping which would preclude the type of coalition that existed at national level in the government of national unity

"Cape Town has special needs, politically and economically, which will not best be served by that type of coalition," he said

However, Mr Keegan said that at present he had "no plans" to resign from the DP

John Neels, chairman of the Western Cape Civics Association, told Weekend Argus that "we have to move quickly" to prevent the National Party from winning local elections when they take place, possibly in March next year

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□ **SENT HOME** Vincent Mwahla's dream of work Israel was shattered when he was turned back to his home after landing in Tel Aviv

New Cape Town party being formed

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David Erleigh, chairman of the powerful Southern Suburbs Ratepayers' Association (SSRA), said that he would welcome the formation of a new-style regional political party to contest elections for the metropolitan council, but added that elections at local level should not be fought on a party political basis

Hennie Bester, regional chairman of the DP, said he "couldn't see the DP going into an alliance with anyone"

"It is difficult to say on what basis the local elections will be fought

"Some may fight on a party platform, others in wards — 60 percent of the representation is by ward

"If there is a high-profile person in a ward, a party may decide to put him or her up as an independent

"There may be alignments or alliances — there may be certain people among ratepayer or civic associations who form groupings to run candidates. It's all going to be very pragmatic

"Politics is changing very rapidly and I'm loath to say what will happen as far as the DP is concerned

"Traditionally, local government elections in Cape Town have not been fought on a party political basis — that's not saying it's not going to happen in future"

Mr Erleigh, who represents the SSRA on the metropolitan negotiating forum, emphasised that "a distinction must be drawn between metropolitan councils and local municipal councils"

"The local councils will be elected from among existing ratepayers' associations and no party, new or old, should usurp the community's rights

"These bodies will be elected without involving political parties," he said

"But, when it comes to metropolitan government there can be no real objection to a new-style political party being formed because there is no way you can campaign in the old way under the new metropolitan electoral system, as long as it exists"

It was "very unfortunate" that metropolitan elections would be racially based, he went on.

"Political parties campaigning under such a system will be racially tinged, by the very nature of the Act, and this is something we do not want and do not need in the Western Cape.

□ Frank van der Velde quits party

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CLIVE SAWYER
Political Correspondent

THE Democratic Party caucus in the Cape Town City Council has disbanded. **AR 3/6/94**

And former mayor Frank van der Velde announced today that he had resigned from the DP, saying he would, "rather be a participant in the reconstruction of South Africa than stand niggling on the sideline"

He had decided on his resignation "not in pique or anger or to score political points".

"That for which we have striven has been achieved and I am highly elated with the result and the whole mood of the country

"I have no intention of compromising the principles by which I have always stood," he said

The disbandment of the caucus was announced at a closed meeting of city councillors — convened by Mayor Patricia Kreiner — to discuss the road ahead for the troubled council.

At the meeting, some councillors disclosed they would not be available for re-election. More than 20 of the 28 councillors, caucus and non-caucus members, attended the meeting

DP regional leader Henne Bester, who was not at the meeting, said the decision to disband was part of the broader restructuring and reorientation of local government.

The caucus, formed a year ago, shed several members amid clashes of personality and principle in the months leading up to its disbandment.

Mr Bester said the formation of the caucus had been premature.

"It's only now, with local government elections looming, that party political local politics should become the norm in the Western Cape"

The DP was represented in many local forums throughout the province.

"We are playing and will play a major role in new non-racial local government," Mr Bester said.

Disbandment of the caucus meant the challenge passed to the city council as a whole to secure an equitable system of metropolitan government

Leader of the council DP caucus John Sonnenberg told the meeting the decision to disband had not been forced on the caucus by "other structures" like the regional leadership.

The motion by Jack Frost, who last month proposed a motion asking the council to call on the DP caucus to disband, had played no part in the decision, Dr Sonnenberg said

"It was agreed that in view of the crucial negotiating process involving the restructuring of local government in the Cape metropolitan area, it was

Council dumps the DP caucus

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vital that the council, as a major role-player, should project an image of unity and common purpose.

"The caucus reaffirmed its support of the principles and policies of the DP," Dr Sonnenberg said

He said the meeting had been constructive and amicable.

The decision comes amid growing uncertainty about the immediate future of local government in the Western Cape. The city council is considering pressing for amendments to local government legislation to enable some existing councils, including Cape Town, to stay in place during transition.

Some in the council want legislation specific to metropolitan areas, to speed local government elections

Non-statutory groups favour the early abolition of race-based councils and their replacement by appointed administrators

The timetable for local government transition provides for appointed interim councils, drawn half from statutory and half from non-statutory ranks, to take office on July 2.

Also discussed at the meeting was whether to proceed with August internal council elections for the mayor and executive committee.

"Most people seemed to feel we should go ahead as normal until such time as arrangements are made which will nullify the process," Dr Sonnenberg said

Councils accused of turning backs on township upliftment

□ Keegan lashes out during boisterous meeting

Municipal Reporter

COUNCILS in the northern areas have been berated for their apparent reluctance to share the burden of uplifting the Peninsula's townships

This criticism was levelled at the mostly white municipalities by Cape Town City Council executive committee chairman Clive Keegan

"We are prepared to do our bit, but other councils must be prepared to do the same"

Speaking at a boisterous civic centre meeting last night called to tell ratepayers' and civic associations about developments in local government reform, Mr Keegan also acknowledged that the Cape Flats area "has been desperately neglected by this council"

White councillors were responsible for certain areas and "however well-meaning they may be, other areas don't get attention because they are not physically represented, and this is why we are moving rapidly to an integrated council"

Much of the discussion focused on the problems of establishing inner boundaries for the Cape metropolitan area

Mr Keegan said many groups, including northern areas municipalities, had been working on suggestions for new boundaries. But in all the maps put forward by the northern

areas, "there is fierce insistence that they do not take responsibility for Khayelitsha"

He added "No one wants Khayelitsha and the Ikapa areas (Langa, Nyanga and Guguletu) and they have been carefully excluded from proposals. They don't want the obligation to uplift the black areas of the city"

Singling out the Bellville City Council, Mr Keegan said "Bellville's plan excludes Khayelitsha and Ikapa — they are trying to dump them on Cape Town"

The Cape Town City Council had not yet seriously considered inner boundaries as it favoured a moratorium on their determination, but had tentatively looked at borders

"One possible scenario is that Cape Town assumes responsibility for Langa, Nyanga and Guguletu . . . which were part of Cape Town until the 1970s . . . while Khayelitsha (becomes) part of a new local authority in the Bellville area"

In terms of the Local Government Transition Act, the outer boundary of the metropolitan area had to be decided before inner boundaries were determined.

Mr Keegan and the council strongly believed that the determining of inner boundaries should be delayed, with existing inner borders remaining in place "to accelerate the pace of

constitutional change at local level and to ensure rapid movement of the democratisation of local authority bodies"

He added "There is nothing more disastrous than a well-meaning but precipitous rush to draw boundaries. Given the conflicts and battles of interest that are going to surround the debate on boundaries, it must be done at leisure as it's the kind of job that can only be done once. To allow us to do it properly, and at the same time uplift services, we must leave boundaries as they are in the short term"

Deputy exco chairman and the council's chief local government negotiator John Murr said that providing and delivering services to the "huge, deprived" areas of the Peninsula was the priority

At one point the meeting had to be called to order by the chairman, Deputy Mayor Llewellyn van Wyk, when some of the audience accused the council of not consulting the citizens of Cape Town

Questioned on the criteria used in formulating the council's outer boundary proposal for the metropolitan area, Mr Keegan said the council was bound by criteria in the Act, but had drawn on a vast body of international literature

The question of determining the outer boundary was in the hands of the Demarcation Board

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Arrears: Councils to decide

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Municipal Reporter

THE financial strength of municipalities and the bodies that succeed them will determine whether any part of white and coloured rent and service arrears is written off

A May 4 circular from the director-general of local government to all local authorities in the Cape also implies that the decision will be taken by local government forums and existing municipalities

In January residents' debts to black local authorities were written off under a Kempton Park-negotiated agreement

The government agreed to pay what the black local authorities owed white municipalities

Many felt it was unfair that the same was not done for coloureds and whites

The circular says "Local government forum decisions in respect of the outstanding services debt of white and coloured communities should be considered, with due regard to the financial position of the white local authority concerned"

If the white local authority could afford to, it could summarily write off what it was owed

In RSC areas the financial position of the Transitional Council that is to be established "will determine to what extent the state and RSC must stand in for outstanding service fees"

'Yes' for Cape Point plan

By MELANIE GOSLING

THE controversial multi-million rand tourist development at Cape Point was given the go-ahead by the Regional Services Council after a special on-site meeting yesterday.

The move was welcomed by Cape Point chief nature conservation officer Mr Howard Langley, but was slammed by green pressure groups.

RSC councillors were met at Cape Point yesterday by protesters.

RSC chairman Mr Piet Loubser said the executive committee's decision had been unanimous.

"The professional (environmental) people we've had to advise us have done a fine job and the new development will have less impact on the natural envi-

Scheme slammed by greens

ronment than the present facilities."

The R4 million development, which could be completed within a year, includes a sunken restaurant below the parking area with rockeries and indigenous plants on its roof, and a funicular railway system to replace the Flying Dutchman buses.

Mr Loubser said "everything humanly possible" would be

done to ensure there was no damage to the environment.

A clause in the agreement of lease holds the lessee financially liable for the reinstatement of any undue environmental damage during construction. A member of the reserve staff will monitor construction daily.

Cape Point Reserve costs R5m a year to operate and generates R2m income.

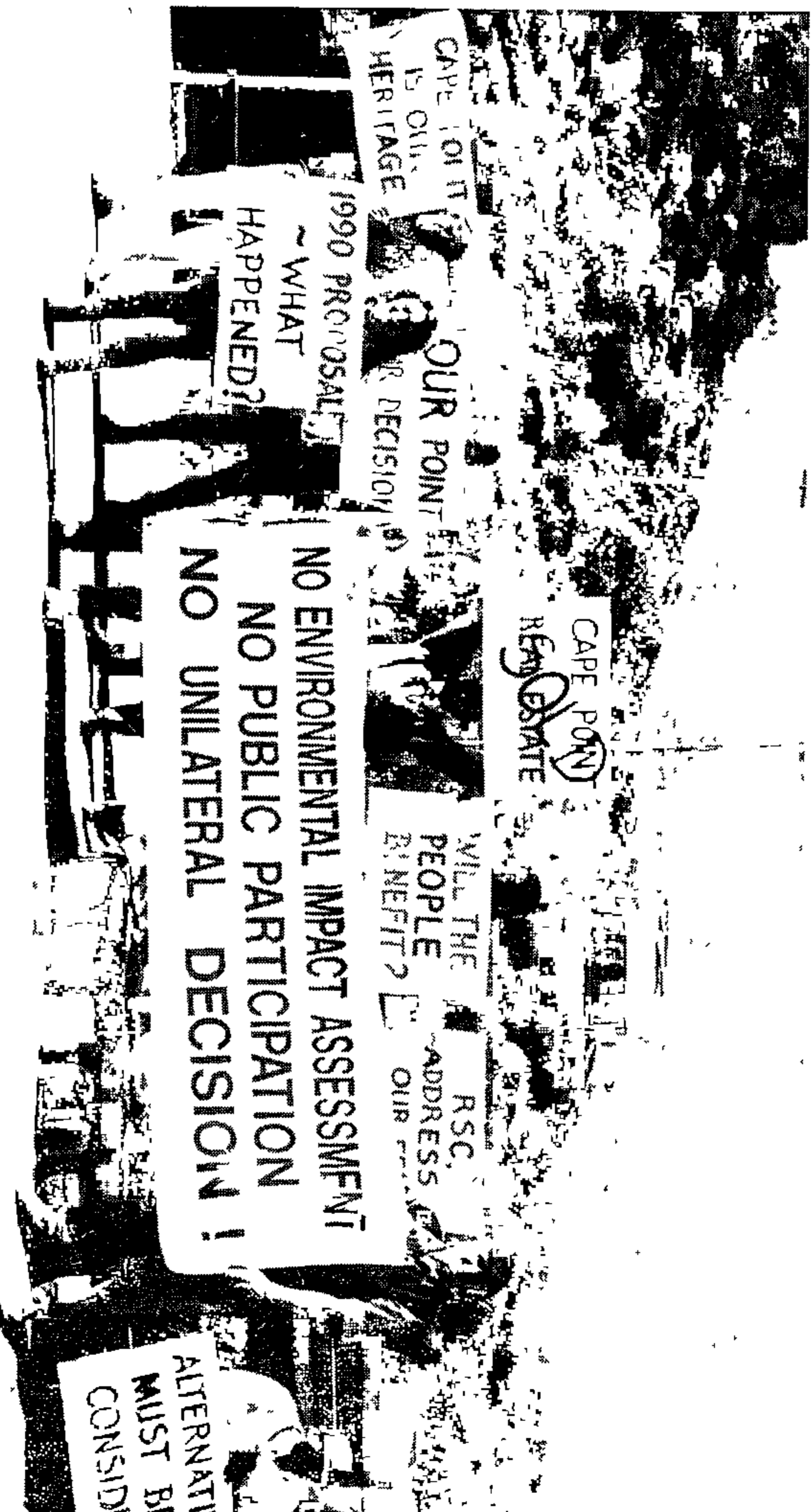
BARRY STREEK reports that the Democratic Party has received information that the RSC is planning the development without having done an environmental impact assessment.

The DP's spokesman on the environment, Senator Errol Moorcroft, said yesterday "If such a study has indeed not been carried out, the DP calls for an immediate stop to all further plans until this has been done."

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GREEN PROTEST. Members of seven environmental groups staged a placard protest when the RSC visited Cape Point Reserve yesterday for an on-site inspection of the proposed R4 million tourist development.

Picture ANNE LANG



Cape Nats split into three regions

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By ANTHONY JOHNSON

THE STRAND. — The 79th — and probably the last — congress of the Cape National Party unanimously adopted a new draft federal constitution for the party at the weekend which splits the Cape NP into three distinct parts

The NP's newly established Western Cape, Eastern Cape and Northern Cape components will hold separate congresses later this year to adopt separate regional constitutions and decide on new directions for the refashioned NP according to provincial needs and priorities

The three new regions will set committees in coming weeks to advise the new provincial party structures on drafting their own constitutions

In the meantime, a commission including the three new provincial leaders elected at the weekend will meet to decide on how to divide up the spoils and liabilities of the old Cape Nat empire

Delegates to the Cape congress at the weekend voted the Minister of Environment and Tourism, Dr Dawie de Villiers (Western Cape), the Minister of Agriculture and Senator, Dr Kraai van Niekerk (Northern Cape) and Dr Tertius Delpont (Eastern Cape) as new provincial leaders

Opening the congress at the Civic Centre here, Dr De Villiers told about 400 delegates that the NP would have to change its

Nat MPs to vote for Natal leaders

KWAZULU-NATAL National Party MPs — for both the regional and national assemblies — meet this weekend to elect a new leadership cadre — with a battle royal expected between two old hands for provincial leader

And Indian party chairmen are expected to put up a fight for greater Indian representation in party structures following the good showing in their areas of the

province in the election — in contrast to former white strongholds.

The congress, the first since the party lost power in the province, will see former Home Affairs minister Mr Danie Schutte pitted against his lieutenant, Deputy Education Minister Mr Renier Schoeman

However, Mr Schutte is expected to tip the scales, having topped the list of NP candidates in the election. The leadership fell vacant

when Mr George Bartlett, the former Mineral and Energy Affairs Minister took over as provincial MEC for agriculture

Mr Schoeman, at present one of four deputy chairmen, is likely to win the chairmanship at present held by Mr Schutte.

Widely tipped to fill his shoes is Commandant Adriaan Blaas, former Newcastle MP and now a national assembly MP

organisational structure and strategy to adapt to challenges

Apart from learning how to function as an opposition party in many parts of the country, the NP would have to transform itself beyond being a mere political party to a grassroots community organisation

The party would also have to look at introducing a system of constituency responsibilities for public responsibilities — something which is ignored by the present national constitution

The three NP regions in the Cape — which brought in 42% of the party's total vote count in the national election (a whopping 30% of this from the Western Cape alone) — would have to consolidate its support among coloureds and whites and go for growth in the black political market

Dr De Villiers — as well as the other two newly elected provincial leaders — em-

phasised that the 1999 election "starts now" and urged party workers to begin immediately the task of building the party

Dr Delpont, who predicted that the NP would win the next national election, urged delegates not to sacrifice Afrikaner and Christian values in a bid to win over new converts to the NP cause

"Let us rather walk the hard road and grow in a healthy manner," he said

● The Western Cape delegates to the congress elected three deputy chairpersons to assist Dr De Villiers as provincial leader Mr Hernus Kriel, Mrs Marita Badenhorst and Mr Gerald Morkel

Western Cape members elected to the NP's head council were Mrs E Prins, Mr P Naude and Mr J Schippers (all platteland members), and Mrs Diana Bell, Mrs Anette van der Merwe and the Rev Thomas Bantam (all metropolitan members)

By JESSICA BEZUIDENHOUT
A NATIONAL agreement to scrap millions of rands owed to black local authorities for service arrears is to be extended to some coloured and Indian communities.

Local authorities this week confirmed that outstanding debts totalled several million.

The agreement makes provision for debts owed by residents to black local authorities before January 20 this year to be written off. 22/5/94
Arrears owed to black local

Major concession on rent boycotts

SI Times [Cimetro]
authorities include:

- Ikapa (which covers sections of Guguletu, Nyanga, Langa and New Crossroads) totalling R12,9 million,
- Lingeletu West (Khayelitsha) R46,14 million;
- A senior official at Cross-

roads Town Council estimated arrears owed at about R15 million (263)

According to ANC local government spokesman Mr Thozamile Botha, the agreement to ditch service arrears is likely to be broadened

Communities which could now be covered by the agreement include those which previously fell under the House of Representatives and House of Delegates, he said

In coloured and Indian areas, the local authorities may write off debts if they had accumulated as a result of politically motivated service boycotts, he said

Local authorities had to determine their own date and criteria for scrapping of arrears in their areas

Ordinance blocks Cape Town budget

CAPE TOWN — Today's city council meeting to adopt the budget was cancelled because of a recently amended provincial ordinance which could cost the city about R18m in lost rates, council executive committee chairman Clive Keegan said yesterday.

At a hastily gathered news briefing Keegan said. "I shall not ask council to consider the city's budget unless I am certain it is not vulnerable to legal assault."

In terms of the ordinance — amended on April 25 — about 36 000 low-cost houses in the Cape Town municipal area, sold under the national housing scheme by suspensive sale agreements, could be declared non-rebatable.

The council regarded the ordinance, which was amended by the

Bill No. 26 of 1944
EDWARD WEST

former provincial administrator, as inequitable since it could cost the city R18m in lost rates.

The amendment was likely to have a similar, if not greater, effect on the budgets of other local government structures in the Cape — such as the Kimberley, Port Elizabeth and East London municipalities, said Keegan. (263)

Although provincial political representatives had indicated a willingness to tackle the issue, there were no easy solutions as the first provincial legislature meeting would take place only in August.

By law the council had to adopt a budget by the end of June.

Keegan rejected the short-term option of absorbing lost rates by

charging higher rates for the rest of the city.

He said the council had promised not to increase rates more than 9,5%.

Absorbing the R18m would entail a further rates increase of 4%.

Previous representations by the council to provincial authorities on the amended ordinance had been ignored or were not taken seriously, and it was now up to them to solve the problem, said Keegan.

The council, which was seeking legal advice, would take further action to rectify the situation through representations to the provincial government.

A council budgetary meeting was scheduled for mid-June pending further clarity on the issue.

Nats brave the winds of change

DAVID BREIER
Weekend Argus Political Staff

THE once-mighty National Party which dominated parliament for decades has been pushed right out of the main parliamentary buildings.

From this week the dominant African National Congress will occupy all the office space available to MPs in the three linked parliamentary buildings.

The old senate building, the former house of assembly and the chamber of parliament together form the main parliamentary building which now houses both the national assembly and the new senate.

The Nats have had to move their offices into Marks Building which previously housed the overflow of office space for MPs who could not be accommodated in the main building in the now defunct tricameral parliament.

When the division bells ring in the new National Assembly and Senate summoning politicians to vote on Bills, the Nats will have to dash over the road, braving winter downpours and summer gales.

ANC members will be cosily accommodated in the main building and need merely stroll down air-conditioned lobbies to the debating chamber without risking so much as a drop of rain or a breeze to spoil their hairdos or clothes.

The more than 300 ANC politicians, including their 252 members of the national assembly and newly-appointed senators, will

■ Nat MPs will have to battle the Cape weather to reach parliament from their new offices while the ANC monopolises the entire main parliamentary building. (263) ARG 21/5/94

occupy all office space in the main building.

Parliamentary officials said this week that the NP would occupy the ground floor up to the third floor of Marks Building over the road. The NP will have about 100 politicians including its 82 elected national assembly members and its senators.

The Inkatha Freedom Party has been allocated offices even further from the action. Officials confirmed the 43 IFP members plus its senators will occupy the Good Hope complex, formerly the president's council.

This means IFP politicians face an even longer walk from their offices to parliament unless they make the 20 m dash from the front door of their building to the nearest entrance of the underground parking garage under Stalplein and walk through the garage to the main building.

Smaller parties including the Democratic Party with seven national assembly members and a couple of senators as well as the Pan Africanist Congress, the Freedom Front and the African Christian Democratic Party will occupy the fourth floor of Marks Building, requiring their MPs to cross the road to reach parliament from their offices.

In the past the Nats were generous in housing opposition parties in prime office space in the main building. The official opposition — most recently the Conservative Party in the tricameral

parliament — had pride of place.

But the Nats are not whining about their new "exile" in Marks Building. NP spokesman Danie Du Plessis said "We have made the best of a bad situation."

Mr Du Plessis said the agreement had been reached by mutual consent between the parties.

He said it was better for all members of the NP caucus to be accommodated together in Marks Building than to have the party offices fragmented with some members in the main building and others in Marks Building. The NP's caucus room will also be in Marks Building.

While the Nats have given way on office accommodation, little will change when it comes to the official languages of parliament, despite the creation of 11 official languages in place of the former two.

Parliamentary officials confirmed this week that parliamentary documents would continue to be printed in English and Afrikaans.

MPs wishing to make speeches in any of the other official languages should give notice of this to ensure interpreters are on hand to translate them into English or Afrikaans so MPs and visitors can listen in on earphones.

However, there is no provision for speeches delivered in English and Afrikaans to be interpreted into any of the "new" official languages.

Council puts poor before boundaries

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THE Cape Town City Council has bought itself some time by adopting a plan to concentrate on improving services to the poor right now, instead of plunging into disputes about future metropolitan boundaries.

Ms Gill Bolton, an assistant city administrator, said yesterday that an "enhanced service delivery model" had been adopted at a closed council meeting on Wednesday evening, as a basis for negotiation at the Cape Metropolitan Negotiating Forum.

In terms of this model, it is more important to restore and maintain municipal services in "deprived areas", than to determine municipal boundaries.

Councillors envisaged that in order to get a Transitional Metropolitan Council up and running, existing municipal borders should be retained initially. The various municipalities would be the "sub-structures" below the metro authority.

Some black councils have collapsed entirely, or suffered mass resignations. In such cases, their existing boundaries will initially be retained and administrators appointed to run them.

Council meeting today on township services

CLIVE SAWYER
Municipal Reporter **ART 18/5/94**

A SPECIAL meeting of Cape Town City Council to debate plans for transitional local government was postponed because of technical errors in the notice of the meeting.

The meeting will be held at 5pm today.

On the agenda is a proposed "enhanced service delivery model" This will enable services to crisis-hit Peninsula townships to be restored while avoiding short-term restructuring of most city and town councils

Critics of the plan within the council say finance and staff implications are inadequately explained

They fear it will put too heavy a burden on Cape Town municipal coffers

The model proposes putting off re-drawing municipal boundaries

Cape Town City Council would remain intact and play a pivotal role in service delivery in townships

The Western Cape Regional Services Council and management committees would be abolished as soon as

a Transitional Metropolitan Council is set up

Proponents of the plan hope for support from statutory and non-statutory local government negotiators

A report said impact on rates could be kept to reasonable limits, but service charges and tariffs could go up.

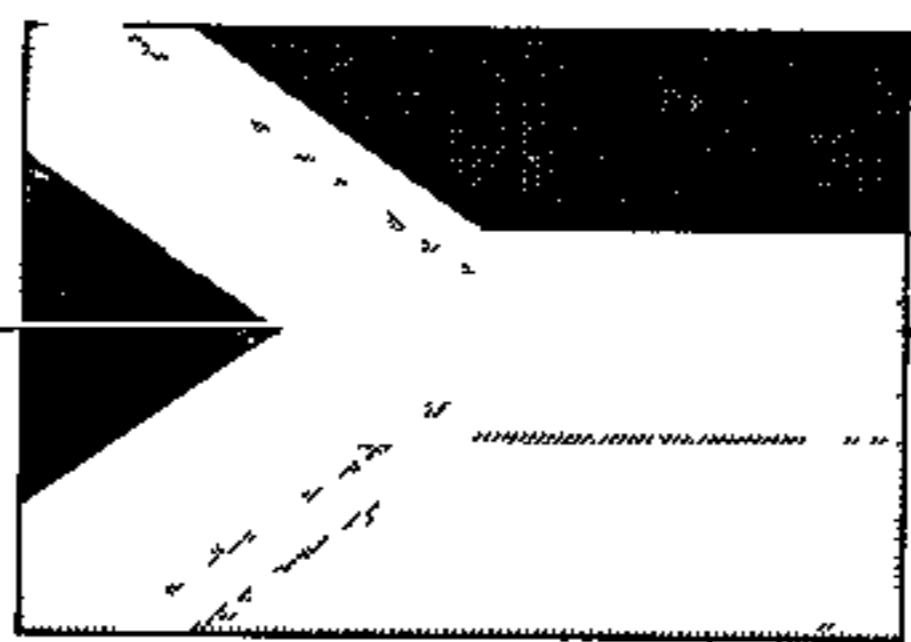
City and town councils could aid townships by seconding staff or managing consultants.

● A confidential council report has proposed criteria for choosing appointed councillors in the "pre-interim" phase of local government transition

Potential nominees should have decision-making qualities which would contribute to the overall success of local government restructuring, the report said.

● Participation in the Cape Metropolitan Negotiating Forum costs Cape Town City Council R17,000 a month. — R1 000 a delegate

Eight councillors are delegates and the council has to pay for each of the nine representatives from management committees under its jurisdiction.



Here are all the words . . .

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Die Stem

Nkosi sikelel' iAfrika

XHOSA

Nkosi sikelel' iAfrika
 Maluphakamiso phondo lwayo
 Yiva nemithandazo yethu
 Nkosi sikelela, thina lusapholwayo (x2)
 Yiza moya sikelela nkosi sikelela nkosi
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 Yiza moya sikelela nkosis sikelela
 Yiza moya oyingcwele
 Nkosi sikelela; thina lusapholwayo
 Morena boluka sechaba saHesu
 Ofedise dintwa lemantswenyeho (x2)
 Osiboluke Osiboluke
 Osiboluke morena siboluke
 Sechaba saHesu
 Sechaba saAfrika (x2)

ENGLISH

Lord bless Africa
 May her horn be raised
 So also hear our prayers
 Lord bless us
 We, the families of Africa
 Come spirit, bless us Lord, bless us (x2)
 Come Holy Spirit
 And bless our families
 Lord take care of the nation
 Stop the struggle and frustrations
 Save it, save it (x2)
 Save our nation, save it
 Our nation Our Africa.

HISTORY

WRITTEN in 1897 by Enoch Sontongo, a teacher at a mission school in the Transvaal.

According to the Standard Encyclopaedia of Southern Africa, the hymn was first sung in 1899 at the ordination of the first black minister of the Methodist Church in Nancefield, Transvaal

It is not known who composed the tune
 The words appeared in print for the first time in 1927 in the Johannesburg

weekly newspaper Umteteleli wa Bantu. Samuel E K Mqhayi wrote seven additional verses, all like the first in the form of a prayer.

Nkosi Sikelel' iAfrika became the national anthem of the Transkei in 1963 when the territory was given "self-governing status"

It is also the national anthem of Zambia and Zimbabwe, though there are moves for Zimbabwe to change to another anthem.

AFRIKAANS

Uit die blou van onse hemel, uit die diepte van ons see
 Oor ons ewige gebergtes, waar die kranse antwoord gee
 Deur ons ver verlate vlaktes, met die kreun van ossewa
 Ruis die stem van ons geliefde, van ons land Suid-Afrika
 Ons sal antwoord op jou roepstem, ons sal offer wat jy vra
 Ons sal lewe, ons sal sterwe
 Ons vir jou Suid-Afrika

In die merg van ons gebeente, in ons hart en siel en gees
 In ons roem op ons verlede, in ons hoop op wat sal wees
 In ons wil en werk en wandel, van ons wieg tot aan ons graf
 Deel geen ander land ons liefde, trek geen ander trou ons af

Vaderland! Ons sal die adel van jou naam met ere dra
 Waar en trou as Afrikaners, kinders van Suid-Afrika

In die songloed van ons somer, in ons winternag se kou
 In die lente van ons liefde, in die lanfer van ons rou
 By die klink van huw'liks-klokkies, by die kluitklap op die kis
 Streel jou stem ons nooit verniet nie, weet jy waar jou kinders is
 Op jou roep sê ons nooit nee nie, sê ons altyd, altyd ja
 Om te lewe, om te sterwe — ja, ons kom, Suid-Afrika

Op 'U Almag vas vertrouend het ons vadere gebou.
 Skenk ook ons die krag, O Here! om te handhaaf en te hou
 Dat die erwe van ons vaad're vir ons kinders erwe bly.
 Knegte van die Allerhoogste, teen die hele wêreld vry.
 Soos ons vadere vertrou het, leer ook ons vertrou, o Heer—
 Met ons land en met ons nasie sal dit wel wees, God regeer.

ENGLISH

Ringling out from our blue heavens,
 from our deep seas breaking round
 Over everlasting mountains where
 the echoing crags resound
 From our plains where creaking
 wagons cut their trails in the earth
 Calls the spirit of our country, of the
 land that gave us birth

At thy call we shall not falter, firm
 and steadfast we shall stand
 At thy will to live or perish, O South
 Africa, dear land

In our body and our spirit, in our
 inmost heart held fast
 In the promise of our future and the
 glory of our past
 In our will, our work, our striving,
 from the cradle to the grave
 There's no land that shares our
 loving, and no bond that can enslave

Thou hast borne us and we know
 thee
 May our deeds to all proclaim
 Our enduring love and our service to
 thy honour and thy name.

In the golden warmth of summer, in
 the chill of winter's air
 In the surging life of springtime, in
 the autumn of despair
 When the wedding bells are chiming
 or when those we love depart
 Thou dost know us for thy children
 and dost take us to thy heart
 Loudly peals the answering chorus
 We are thine, and we shall stand
 Be it life or death, to answer to thy
 call, beloved land.

In thy power, Almighty, trusting, did
 our fathers build of old
 Strengthen then, O Lord, their
 children to defend, to love, to hold
 That the heritage they gave us for
 their children yet may be
 Bondsmen only to the Highest and
 before the whole world free
 As our fathers trusted humbly, teach
 us, Lord to trust thee still
 Guard our land and guide our
 people in Thy way to do Thy will.

HISTORY

THE words of *Die Stem* were written by author and Cape parliamentarian C J Langenhoven

The music was written by M L de Villiers

The official English translation, first made in 1952, was amended in 1959.
Die Stem was adopted as a national anthem in 1936, alongside *God Save The Queen*

Cabinet set for fight over funds

By CHRIS BATEMAN

THE Western Cape cabinet met for the second time yesterday to plan on negotiating their "fair share" of the Cape's existing R7 billion budget — for the first time in competition with the Eastern and Northern Cape

Also on the agenda was the incorporation of existing tricameral parliament assets and defining parameters for allocating budgets to local ministers for their newly-created portfolios

These include economic affairs, tourism, education and culture, police services, agricultural development and sport

Dominating yesterday were briefings by the director-general of the Cape Provincial Administration (CPA) Mr Herbert Beukes and former administrator — now minister of finance, expenditure and service commission — Mr Kobus Meiring

Premier Mr Hennis Kriel said yesterday's entire focus was financial

"The picture is not yet clear because we are dividing the existing

budget between the three new provinces — and Ciskei and Transkei must be incorporated into the Eastern Cape," he emphasised

The Western Cape cabinet — with a R9 billion budget forecast for 1995 — is ahead of its rivals with two meetings under the belt — while the Eastern Cape still has to incorporate assets from the former satellite "homelands"

However, the Eastern Cape will benefit from the final Ciskei/Transkei foreign affairs budget allocation

Another focus yesterday was on how to motivate the maximum devolution of powers from President Nelson Mandela's central government by the time the full Western Cape legislature sits on August 1

With all portfolios assigned, cabinet members began the week with mundane, but important tasks, such as moving into their Water Street offices

Ministers, especially new regional governors, must digest masses of information and schedule meetings with lobbyists to test the political waters

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THE National Party and ANC were the only parties entitled to seats in the Western Cape cabinet. The NP get six of the 10 posts and the ANC four.

The cabinet positions are Mr Gerald Morkel (NP), Minister of Housing and Local Affairs, Mr Kobus Meuring (NP), Minister of Finance, Expenditure and Service Commission, Mr Lampie Fick (NP), Minister of Agricultural Development, Mr Peter Marais (NP) Minister of Local Government

zine (NP), Minister of Police Services, Dr Allan Boesak (ANC), Minister of Economic Affairs, Mr Leonard Ramatlakane (ANC), Minister of Roads, Transport and Public Works, Mr Ebrahim Rasool (ANC), Minister of Health and Social Services, Mr Terumo Kalako (ANC); Minister of Environmental Affairs, Nature Conservation and Tourism

Mr Willem Doman (NP) will be Speaker of the Western Cape Parliament and Mr Arnold de Jager (NP) will be his deputy.

Ombudsman finds no council maladministration in probe

CLIVE SAWYER

Municipal Reporter ARG 17/5/91
CAPE Town City Council ombudsman Ron Delpert may take on additional duties

In his annual report, he told the executive committee he had found no maladministration nor inefficiency in cases he was asked to investigate.

Of 66 formal complaints last year, most involved

- Alleged overcharging on electricity or water accounts
- Failure to act promptly on unreasonable decisions by the building survey, insurance claims and town planning branches.

"Most complaints proved to be groundless

"Almost without exception the formal complaints revolve around personal problems rather than allegations of maladministration or inefficiency by the council"

Mr Delpert said it was important for the ombudsman to remain independent.

People still dissatisfied with

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a council decision, even after the ombudsman had investigated and found no wrongdoing, could go to a higher authority or to court

"To the best of my knowledge it has not been necessary for these options to be exercised by any complainants with whom I have had dealings"

But there were areas where the council could improve efficiency

These were

- Claims for compensation
- Taking action where by-laws were being broken
- Privatisation of certain services, such as sewerage connections, done by the council
- Introduction of a traffic by-law to allow a left-hand turn at a red traffic light after stopping at certain intersections
- Reversing previous council decisions
- Review of delegations of power to council officials to make decisions in matters not involving policy or principles

Mr Delpert said the impression was created the council did not know what it was doing

"I accept that rescinding a decision is part of the democratic process (but) decisions should not lightly be changed unless new relevant facts present themselves"

Mr Delpert told exco there were "one or two" areas where he could expand his job as an independent mediatory

Details would be reported to the committee later, he said

- The city council development co-ordination team has proposed changes to the Capricorn science research park planned for Muizenberg east

The development is to be built on 280 ha

A city engineer's report said developers had proposed a low-density development

Proposals for light industry and commercial development were added to original plans to boost the project's viability

New administrators put tiny Saron on map

Saron (C. Me 50)
By JESSICA BEZUIDENHOUT

SARON, a tiny Boland town outside Worcester, made history this week when it became the first small town to be managed by independent administrators

The two administrators are to take over the duties of the old management committee.

Saron last year rejected the old management committee and replaced it with a new, fully-representative Saron Board of Management. 1515194

But an ongoing feud between the two bodies angered the community. The new committee was not recognised by the administrator which meant official decisions were still made by the old body.

This week saw the appointment of the two administrators who are to replace the old management committee. They are Mr J J Coetzee, chief director of the Breerivier Regional Services Council and Mr G N Williams of Stellenbosch. (213)



PROVINCE PLAYERS . . . Western Cape premier Mr. Hermus Kriel (centre) chairs the first meeting of the cabinet of provincial unity yesterday. From left are Mr. Patrick McKenzie (Police), Mrs. Martha Olckers (Education), Mr. Lerumo Kalako (Conservation), Dr. Allan Boesak (Economic Affairs), Mr. Gerald Morkel (Housing, Leader of the House), Mr. Kriel, Mr. Kobus Merring (Finance), Mr. Lampie Fick (Agricultural Development), Mr. Peter Marais (Local government), Mr. Ebrahim Rassool (Health Services) and Mr. Leonard Ramatlakane (Road and Public Transport). Organisation procedures were discussed.

Western Cape budget will be R9bn

THE new Western Cape budget will be R9 billion — nearly double that of the old Cape Provincial Administration. Announcing this after yesterday's cabinet meeting, Mr. Hermus Kriel, the new Western Cape premier, described the meeting as "quite out of this world — not one fight took place".

Agricultural Development Minister Mr. Lampie Fick landed the sport portfolio, the only other outstanding local portfolio.

Mr. Kriel revealed that the first regional Legislative Assembly sitting will be on August 1.

He said he was "now confident we'll be able to form a government of national unity — we've laid a sound basis for good co-operation".

Dr. Allan Boesak, Minister of Economic Affairs, said "It looks as if a good spirit of co-operation can be built".

The cabinet will meet again on Tuesday to deal with finances and the devolution of powers from Pretoria and thereafter meet weekly on a Wednesday (263)

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Picture BENNY GOOL

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Money matters for Boesak

By Quentin Wilson

THE FIRST sitting of the Western Cape provincial legislature on Saturday was marked by ongoing behind-the-scenes tussles between NP and ANC parliamentarians for the top provincial seats of power

Earlier in the week, Dr Allan Boesak, ANC Western Cape chairperson and Mr Hennis Kriel, Western Cape premier from the NP, were locked in discussions about the make-up of the provincial cabinet

"There was some really heated talk," said one ANC insider "Initially Kriel wanted the six most powerful cabinet positions, including education, local government, health and full control of the regional economy (263)

"Although he did not say it, his attitude was 'We won, and so we will decide' "

Although Kriel secured most of what he wanted, he backed down on the health portfolio, which went to the ANC's Mr Ebrahim Rasool. But more important, as far as the ANC is concerned, was Boesak's appointment as minister of economic affairs

"Kriel realised that nobody in the NP has the credibility to attract foreign investment like the ANC. Although Mr Kobus Meiring is in control of the budget, Boesak will be responsible for the economic growth," the insider said



REGIONAL TEAM: The ANC's members of the regional government pose for a team picture at their first session

According to Boesak. "It is certainly, as one NP member admitted, 'the meater' of the two economically related portfolios. It is important to us because this is where the ANC's Recon-

struction and Development Programme (RDP) will be implemented for the region "

Kriel has indicated he has "no major problem" with the RDP

W Cape push for local power

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CT 13/5/94

By CHRIS BATEMAN

THE full Western Cape cabinet meets for the first time this morning to thrash out proposals with which to petition President Mandela for the maximum devolution of power to the province

Top items on the agenda at the historic "nuts and bolts" planning session will be what responsibilities the regions can handle, what line functions (responsibilities) fall under each minister's portfolio, staffing requirements and financial organisation

Minister of Economic Development Dr Allan Boesak said last night he was hoping detailed proposals would be enough to petition the president

"If we have to have the bureaucratic structure in place first it could take a very long time — we all want to get moving" he said

Cabinet meets this morning

Dr Boesak said he had already worked out a feasibility proposal for his department until the end of the year and would be thrashing this out with the cabinet before putting the final product to central government

Another important item for discussion will be just when the cabinet decides to sit (it cannot be at the same time as the national cabinet)

Insiders said last night that cabinet members were keen to sit

with the provincial parliament within a fortnight to get comprehensive planning clarity

One of the issues to be resolved is that of who will be responsible for gambling — a provincial matter under the new constitution — and horseracing

Both are major revenue earners

Line functions of each portfolio not yet agreed upon could provide some colourful debate in what is otherwise expected to be a mundane, but historic planning session

Dr Boesak was confident his line functions would be trade and industry, international investment, reconstruction and development and small business

Neither Western Province premier, Mr Hernus Kriel, nor the provincial speaker, Mr Willem Doman, was available for comment yesterday

Municipality from Salt River to Hout Bay proposed

Municipal Reporter

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CAMPS Bay and Green and Sea Point ratepayers' associations have released a proposal for a municipality with a population of 200 000.

The municipality will stretch from Salt River through central Cape Town and the Waterfront to Bakoven, Camps Bay, Llandudno and Hout Bay.

Proposers were confident that the municipality, which will include some of the wealthiest suburbs in metropolitan Cape Town, would have the highest rates income in the Western Cape.

Forum said there was a need for strong, self-regulating, self-determining, viable and financially independent municipalities.

Mountaun nature reserve should be handed to a national or metropolitan conservation body, the proposal said.

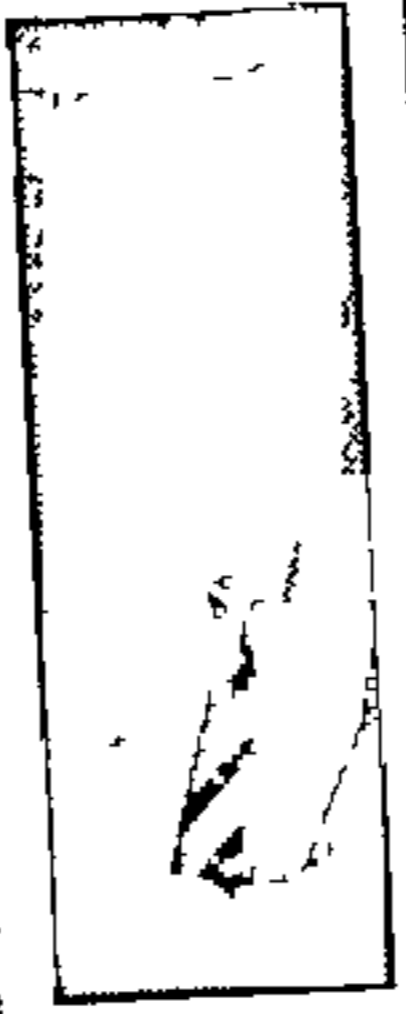
Areas to be included in the proposed municipality are Bakoven, Camps Bay, Clifton, Fresnaye, Bantary Bay, Sea Point, Mouille Point, Green Point, Three Anchor Bay, Tamboerskloof, Bokaaap, Gardens, Devil's Peak, Orangezicht, Vredehoek, Higgovale, central Cape Town, the Foreshore, parts of Woodstock and Salt River, Hout Bay and Llandudno.

While the Camps Bay and Green and Sea Point ratepayers' associa-

A document outlining the proposal to the Cape Metropolitan Negotiating

Star 12/15/94
**Kriel an
'in-fighter'**

Western Cape
premier
Hernus Kriel has
always been a
survivor



Not only did this
conservative poli-
tician overcome
severe competition
to spearhead the
NP's bid for power
in the region, he
was the only can-
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"New Nats" to provincial victory
Kriel — the party man, the
hardline Nat, the controversial
Minister of Law and Order, and
creator of the Internal Stability
Unit — is a minister's son and
Stellenbosch law graduate.

"Somebody once said you get
a certain breed of people who
can be called political animals. I
don't know whether that can be
applied to me, but I am a politi-
cian. I decided at a young age to
enter politics as a career. This is
not a game for sissies, so you
have to survive it," he was once
reported to have said (263)

He took over the reins of the
Law and Order portfolio when
then Minister Adriaan Vlok was
under political pressure.

He warded off a strong chal-
lenge for leadership of the Cape
NP by moderates, then believed
to be more marketable to col-
oured and Indian voters. Now
he has survived the politics of
reform to become the only white
premier in the country

— Lee-Ann Alfreds

Don't judge us by our *South African* past — *1981/94* Kriel

By **Themba Molefe**
Political Correspondent

THE National Party has won the Western Cape province at all costs and no amount of political or expert analysis will remove that fact.

Briefly, this sums up the feelings of Hérnus Kriel, the first NP premier (Western Cape) and head of a regional government. (2163)

In an interview from his Groote Schuur Estates house, Kriel ran just short of condemning to hell those who questioned the NP's victory in the second-most important region in South Africa.

He said: "We have won and that's a fact of life. Democracy says no one party should have all the power."

"Are you disappointed that the National Party has won? We had to win the Western Cape."

He took umbrage at the prevalent notion that the NP mounted a racist campaign, pitting the coloured voters against Africans in the Cape's townships.

Apartheid was wrong

"That is negative. We went to the electorate and said apartheid was wrong and apologised for it. People want jobs. They want their children to go to school," said Kriel.

Great concern in the Western Cape is that the NP told coloured voters that Africans in black townships would, if the ANC ran the province, occupy their houses and take their jobs.

Kriel emphasised that those who voted NP did so after being convinced that the ANC would deliver communism and made unrealistic promises.

These, he said, included promising people washing machines and "other impossible things". Therefore armed with that and the "ANC's links with the South African Communist Party, its intimidatory and violent tactics, our strategy was believable."

But Kriel has no specific plan nor does he know his voters. Asked what programme he had for solving rampant gang violence on the Cape Flats, the controversial former Minister of Law and Order spoke about the possibility of increasing policing in the area.

Rather, Kriel preferred talking about the new government of national unity and the prospects of working "in partnership" with the ANC.

"We have the same goals of improving economic development in the area. We must create jobs to enable people to have houses."

He pleaded: "Let's start working on a clean slate. Judge us on what we do and not on the past."

Creating jobs a priority — Kriel

CT 9/5/94
By ANTHONY JOHNSON

THE 11-member Western Cape cabinet will hold its first meeting on Friday, Prime Minister Mr Hernus Kriel said at the weekend

Speaking during the historic first meeting of the Cape Parliament since June 22, 1910, Mr Kriel told the 42 Members of Provincial Legislature "We are writing new words on a new page of a new era"

The first meeting of the cabinet will concentrate on refining portfolios and the division of power between central and provincial government

The MPLs will gather for their first substantive session on May 27

Saturday's meeting was largely ceremonial, with the swearing-in of new members and the the election — unopposed — of Mr Kriel as premier, and Mr Willem Doman as Speaker

Mr Arnold de Jager was elected Deputy Speaker after a surprise challenge from Mr Chris Nissen was defeated 35-17

The Parliament decided to set up a multi-party committee under the chairmanship of the Speaker to decide on MPLs salaries and allowances

The committee, which has to make its recommendations by May 30, will also be looking into finalising rules of procedure for Parliament

An ANC amendment to the interim rules was accepted on Saturday in terms of which MPLs could express themselves "in the language of their choice" with all written documents being available in English, Afrikaans and Xhosa

Mr Kriel told a press conference afterwards he did not believe there was a great deal of difference between the National Party's plan for economic and social upliftment and the ANC's reconstruction and development programme

One of the new government's priorities would be to attract investment that would create jobs and help to break "the circle of poverty" in the province

The large discrepancy in spending on white and black education "cannot be tolerated much longer" and would have to be eradicated "as soon as possible within our financial means", Mr Kriel said

The Western Cape Parliament has 23 NP members, 14 ANC, three Democratic Party, one Freedom Front and one African Christian Democratic Party

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Joe Slovo
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Top local communist chiefs in Kriel cabinet

By BARRY STREEK, (263)

Political Staff 07/5/94

WESTERN CAPE premier Mr Hennis Kriel, a veteran anti-communist, has appointed two regional SA Communist Party leaders to his 10-person cabinet

They are Western Cape SACP chairman Mr Leonard Ramatlakana, and his predecessor, Mr Lerumo Kalaka, now the ANC's regional secretary

Mr Ramatlakana has been appointed the Minister of Roads, Transport and Public Works, and Mr Kalaka the Minister of Environment Affairs, Nature Conservation and Tourism

Although the final allocation of duties will only be decided when the Western Cape cabinet meets for the first time on Friday, it is understood Mr Kalaka will be responsible for

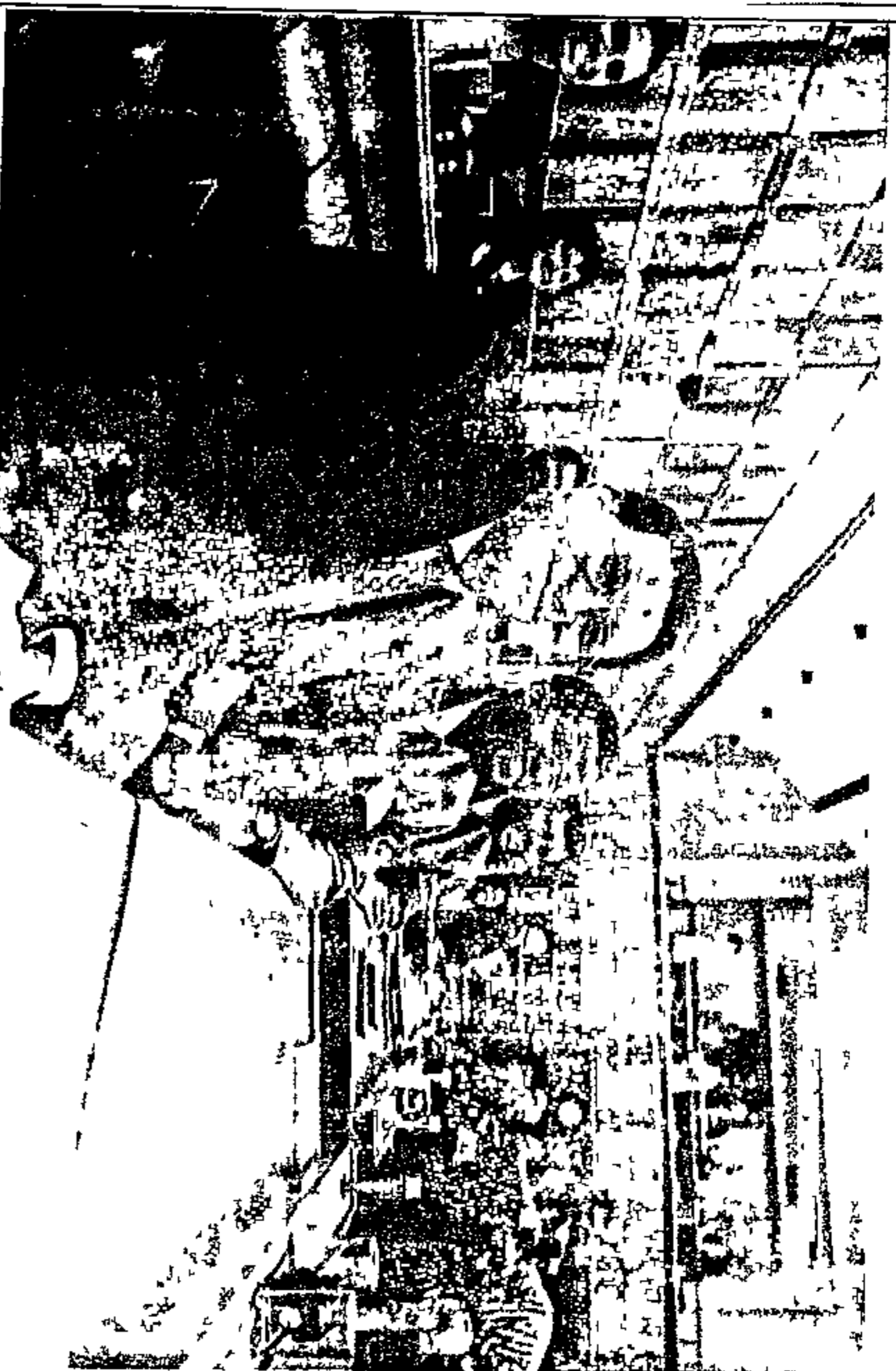
some of the province's thorniest issues — gambling and horse-racing

In his former capacity as Minister of Law and Order, Mr Kriel inherited the responsibility for the police's anti-communist campaigns

It was also disclosed at the weekend secret police funds were diverted to a slush fund, Stratkom, to finance disinformation against the ANC. Most of its activities took place before Mr Kriel became the minister in July 1991

SACP regional secretary Mr Liso Nkonki attended the first session of the Western Cape Parliament on Saturday wearing a red tie, a red handkerchief in his breast pocket, red socks and, he said, red underpants

Yesterday, Mr Ramatlakana said although he had owned a taxi, he had stopped the business in 1989 and had been involved with trade union since



ON THE LEFT ... Dr Allan Boesak

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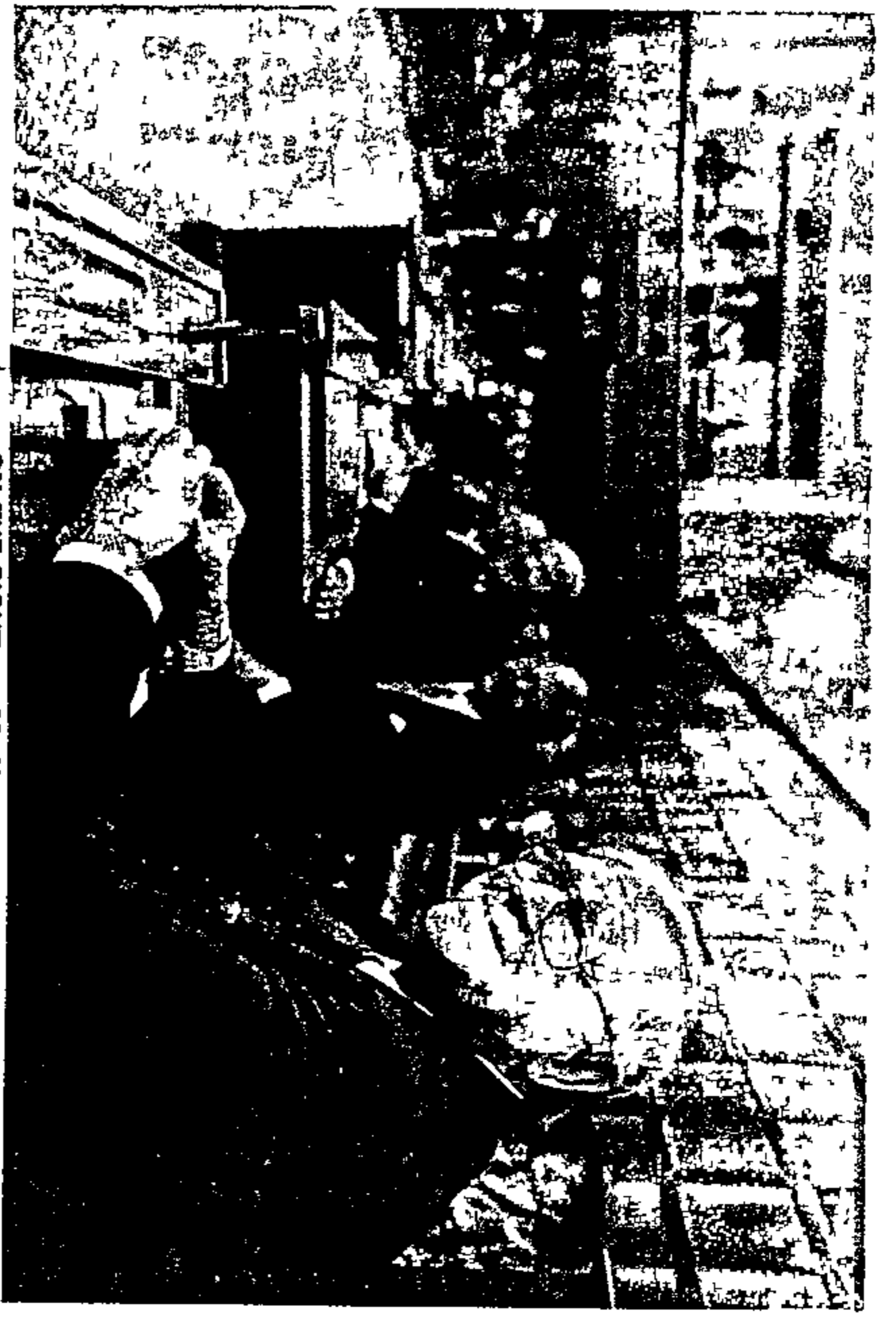
DIFFERENCES were temporarily forgotten early yesterday at the start of the historic first sitting of the 42-member Western Cape legislature.

When Mr Heruus Kriel, right, was unanimously elected premier of the region he was warmly congratulated by his challenger for the post, Dr Allan Boesak, left.

Mr Kriel was equally warm in his good wishes on Dr Boesak's election as minister of economic affairs in the regional parliament.

The two form the core of an 11-person executive made up of seven NP and four ANC members which will be responsible for the running of this region over the next five years.

The Western Cape is one of only two regions where the ANC is not in control of the regional parliament.



ON THE RIGHT ... Mr Heruus Kriel

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By INGRID ARNOLD

about him anymore," she said.
She said she shared a room with three other women and found a lot of love and comfort there, particularly from black women.
There were gasps of disbelief when her attorney, Mr Henry Lern of Port Elizabeth, an-



**W Cape govt
faces first
unity test**

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BY NORMAN WEST and NAZEEM HOWA

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However, when the NP's Mr Arnold de Jager was nominated during yesterday's session of the regional parliament for the post of deputy speaker, the ANC nominated Mr Chris Nissen to oppose him in a move which surprised many

Regional premier Her-nus Kriel had earlier announced Mr de Jager's appointment as part of package agreed between the two parties

Mr Kriel told a press conference yesterday that he and an NP delegation had met the leader of the ANC opposition, Dr Allan Boesak, and his deputation the previous day and that they had entered into an "agreement" that Mr de Jager would not be opposed as deputy speaker

Winner

Mr de Jager was eventually declared the winner by 25 votes to 17 which meant the NP, with a total of 23 members, had the support at this first sitting of the lone Freedom Front member, Mrs Eleanor Momberg, and the single African Christian Democratic Party member, Mr Michael Louis. Mr Nissen's nomination was supported by both ANC and DP members

With the National Party occupying 23 seats and the ANC 14, political observers are now concerned about the increasingly strained relationship between the ruling partners

Indications are that

the ANC is very unhappy with the cabinet portfolios given to them by the NP

"We challenged the NP over every post on the cabinet," our source said

"We kept reminding Mr Kriel of the manner in which Mr Mandela was accommodating the NP in the national struc-

ture but he seemed to show little interest," he said

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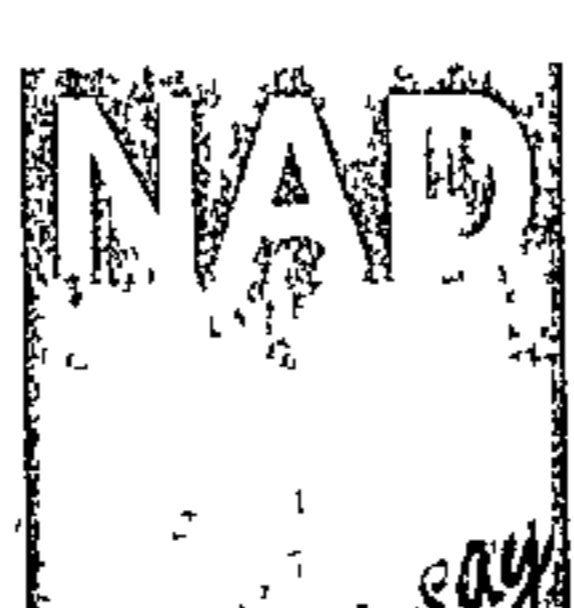
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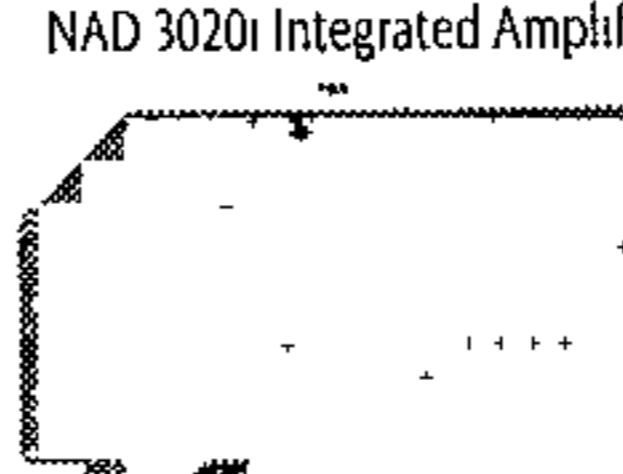
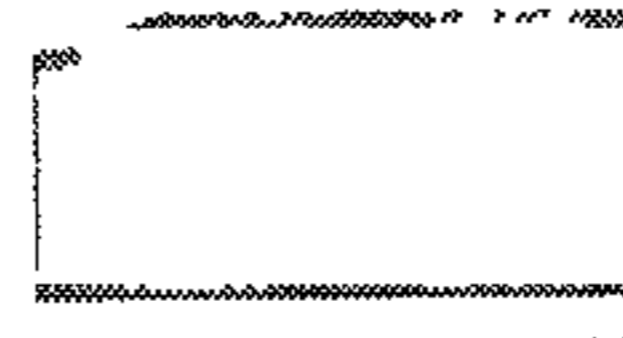
to socially reconstruct Western Cape communities

● Cabinet appointments agreed to by the two parties were Mr Gerald Morkel (housing), Mr Kobus Meiring (finance and expenditure), Dr Allan Boesak (economic affairs), Mr Lampie Fick (agricultural development), Mr Leonard Ramatlakane (roads, transport and public works), Mr Peter Marais (local government and development planning), Mrs Martha Oickers (education, training and culture), Mr Ebrahim Rasool (health and social services), Mr Patrick MacKenzie (police services), and Mr Lerumo Kalako (environment affairs)

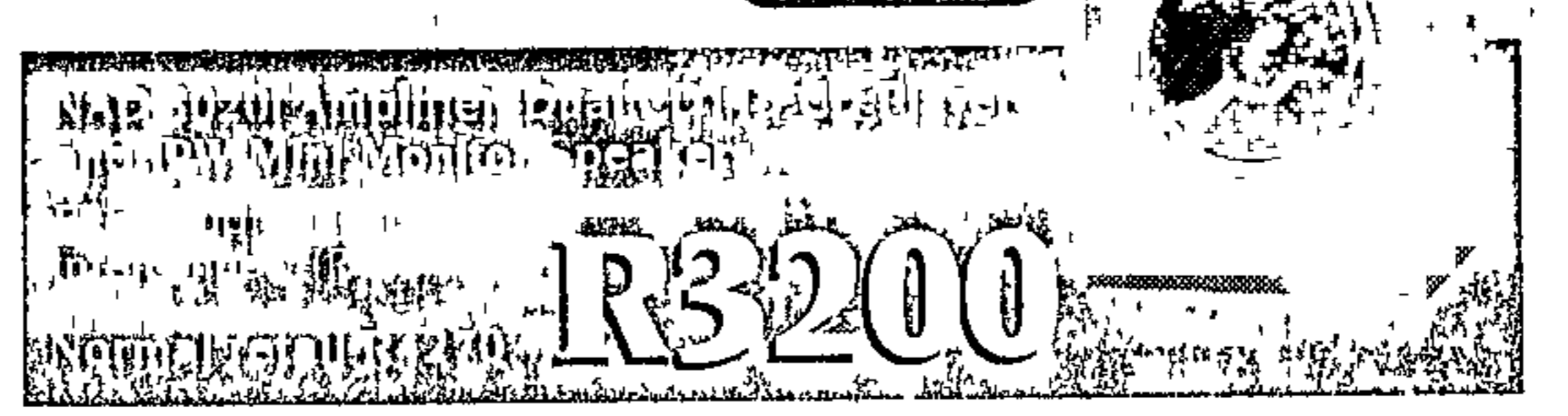
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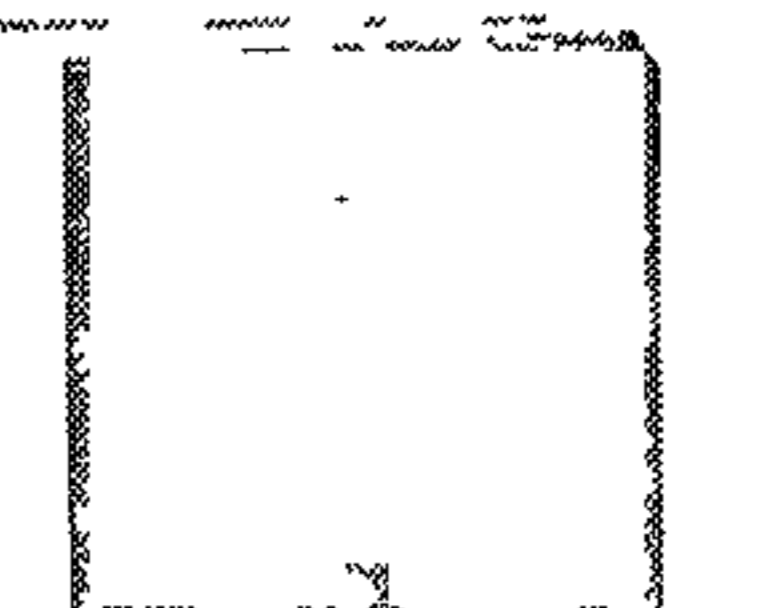
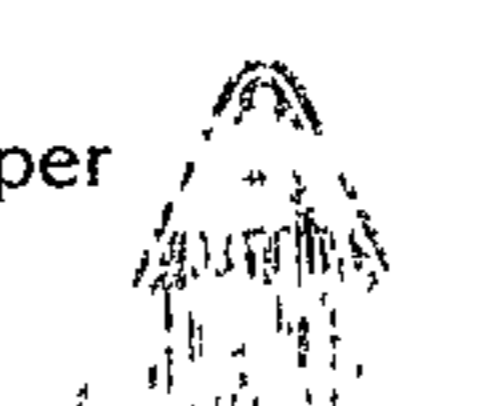
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Kriel's five-year plan for W Cape

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■ FOR the next five years, Hernus Kriel — the only National Party premier in the country, will run the Western Cape. He spoke to Weekend Argus of his plans.

WILLEM STEENKAMP
Weekend Argus Reporter

PREMIER-ELECT of the Western Cape Hernus Kriel has disclosed a five-point plan which is to form the basis for regional government in this area over the next five years — and he believes these plans will make the Western Cape the jewel of provinces in South Africa

In an interview at his house in Newlands this week, a relaxed Mr Kriel spoke about his hopes, plans and dreams for the Western Cape

He said one of the cornerstones of future plans for this region was the granting of Western Cape citizenship to the people of this region

Mr Kriel said it was important that people who lived and worked in the Western Cape received citizenship of their region. He said he would push for this to be written into the new constitution for the area

"One of the reasons why I believe this should be done is to prevent tampering with or influencing the democratic process in future elections

Mr Kriel said this would prevent people being transported from one region to another to influence elections by casting their votes in a particular area which was not their home

"I foresee that in future each region will have a voters' roll and that regional elections and national elections will be split and will not be held on the same day. It is important that people who work and live in an area will be able to decide who will govern them in that area."

Mr Kriel said he had five definite objectives he would



Picture BRENTON GEACH, Weekend Argus

□ **NEW LEADER:** Cape Town mayor Patricia Kreiner and the premier-elect of the Western Cape Hernus Kriel.

work towards in the Western Cape over the next five years. He believed this would form a sound basis for development of the region

"My priority is reconciliation. I will strive for good and sound government, stability in the region, economic development based on true, free enterprise principles and the social upliftment of our people.

"We will strive to ensure minimum interference by the state in the private sector, the maximum stimulation of the economy, fair taxation and the security of investments and profits"

Mr Kriel said he would endeavour to devolve as much power as possible from the regional government to local authorities so that issues that af-

ected people on the ground were handled by representatives in local bodies and councils

Mr Kriel said that, as premier, it was his prerogative to decide which members of the National Party would serve at his side in the 10-member provincial cabinet

"I already know who I will appoint, but I am not prepared to disclose this just yet"

Mr Kriel said he also had started discussions with the African National Congress to get the names of their members who would serve in the cabinet and to finalise the different portfolios of regional ministers

On the ANC's reconstruction and development plan, Mr Kriel said this had some very good points, but pointed out

that the NP also had some plans for reconstruction and development which would be promoted in the Western Cape

He said he did not believe the Western Cape would receive less funds for reconstruction and development projects because there was not a ANC regional government in place here

"The constitution makes provision for the basis on which regions will receive funds from central government and I believe the ANC government is one of integrity

"As such, I do not believe they will penalise us, I believe we will receive our fair share of financial aid. If this does not happen, the people of the Western Cape will surely know this. In my opinion, it would be po-

litically unwise for the ANC to take such a course"

Mr Kriel also warned that people had vast expectations which they wanted met by the government of national unity

"People should realise they will not receive new houses and facilities overnight. This will not happen anywhere in the country and also not in the Western Cape

"It will be a long process — and I want to assure the people in the Western Cape that, in this context, we will perform as well if not better than the rest of the country

"The Western Cape has the infrastructure and capability to become the shining example for development and upliftment in this country and we will work towards this goal"

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READY TO RULE THE W CAPE

Southeaster (suppl to South)

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BY VICKY STARK

AT THE old Cape Provincial Administration building in Wale Street, the lobbies are lined with expensive paintings of the white, male administrators of the past.

A group of cleaners ignore their stares as they prepare for the first session of the new government of the Western Cape

The chamber where they will meet on Thursday smells of fresh polish

In the stinkwood-panelled room, seated on soft blue leather, the 42 candidates will first face the task of electing a premier for the region

'The party which got the most votes in the election will have the majority of representatives in the provincial government

Once the premier is elected, he will select his cabinet of 10 members, to be known as the executive council

The provincial government will be responsible for providing all the residents of the Western Cape with water, sanitation, transport, electricity, health services, education, housing and security (263)

Some of the money for these services will come from the national assembly Other funds will come from tax collected from people living in the Western Cape

Income from VAT or any other sales tax that may be imposed will also go towards provincial coffers

Decisions will be made by the candidates in the provincial legislature who will vote on proposals submitted by specialist committees But the premier has the right to veto any proposal made by the provincial legislature

While the provincial legislative body will decide how often they will meet, the premier elect will have the power to call special sittings

All members of the provincial government will be paid from the

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Nats, ANC will dominate Cape

Southern b15 - 10/5/94

By Quentin Wilson

AS THE last results, albeit provisional, seep through the bureaucracy of the Independent Electoral Commission, a new provincial government for the Western Cape is starting to take shape

Headed by Mr Hernus Kriel, the 42 seats of the Western Cape parliament look set to be dominated by the NP and the ANC.

Preliminary calculations give the NP an estimated 24 seats, more than half the legislature, while around 13 ANC candidates will get a chance to occupy seats of provincial power (2103)

The remaining seats could be shared by the DP and the Freedom Front as long as the IFP and the African Christian Democratic Party don't sneak in at the finish.

Noticeable in their absence is the PAC, who, at the time of going to press, were lying in eighth position, only managing to garner 0,9 percent support

The African Muslim Party looked marginally more popular, also finishing around the one percent mark.

Two of the most controversial NP candidates are poised for governmental positions. Mr Johnson Ngxobongwana, leader of the notorious "Witdoeke" vigilantes who operated in Crossroads during the early eighties and Mr Mah Hoza, the old mayor of Khayelitsha, are safely in.

After 1 831 120 counted votes, the NP enjoyed 54,9 percent support, the ANC took 29,1 percent and the DP followed with 7,2 percent.

Next came the Freedom Front with 2,4 percent, tailed by the IFP which managed to accrue 1,4 percent of the provincial vote.

Western Cape shatters ANC and DP hopes

South 615 - 10/5/94

By Shannon Neill

THE ANC had high victory expectations in the Western Cape, as did the Democratic Party, but both parties failed to outstrip the National Party at the polls.

ANC spokesperson, Mr Bulelani Ngcuka, described what some of the problems faced by the ANC in the Western Cape were:

"Essentially we did not get through to a majority of the coloured community.

"For most of them their primary source of information was television, particularly TV1, which was not friendly to us.

"Our message was either distorted or recorded negatively, which was clearly a major problem.

"In the past the coloured community was more privileged than Africans. There was a fear in the coloured community that the ANC would reverse this and make them suffer. So they voted NP to preserve their privilege.

"And obviously the racial aspect of the NP campaign contributed.

"But we fought a good campaign,

we're happy about what we've done. We're grateful for the sacrifices our people made. Most of them worked for long hours without being paid. (263)

"When all is said and done we have a lot to offer and hope we will have a central role even though we will be the minority."

DP spokesperson, Mr Jasper Walsh, was surprised at how little support the DP got at the polls.

"The NP's campaign in the coloured community was particularly successful, possibly because of the racial undertones.

"What is also clear is that there is little room for a centralist party at this point in time. People were either for the liberation movement and therefore the ANC or they were against it and supported the NP.

"I think whites who feared the ANC voted for NP because they perceived them to be stronger than the DP.

"It's important to have a tough opposition and in the future the DP's role is going to be that of a tough opposition outside the regional government."

Cape DP considers 'new civic alliances'

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CLIVE SAWYER
Municipal Reporter

THE Democratic Party in the Western Cape is considering "new civic alliances" as the run-up to local government elections next year begins.

And the DP caucus in the Cape Town City Council has been told by the party's provincial leadership that domestic feuding must end.

City council executive committee chairman Clive Keegan this week withdrew his resignation, which he submitted after months of criticism of council leadership by fellow DP members.

Mr Keegan said party leadership had persuaded him his resignation "would not contribute to the restoration of the party's fortunes".

Arthur Wienburg, the councillor who has been a leading figure in the castigation of the executive, declined to comment on Mr Keegan's decision.

Mr Wienburg's membership of the party was suspended last month after his motion of censure of exco, but the suspension was revoked after talks with provincial leaders.

Mr Keegan said the DP's future would be re-examined in coming weeks.

"It must be accepted that new alliances, appropriate policies and even new political groupings will emerge from this process," he said.

Caucus leader John Sonnenberg said the caucus had debated its future in the light of the DP's poor showing in national elections.

It had been agreed there was no point in dissolving the caucus, he said.

● African National Congress local government head Thozamile Botha said next year's municipal elections would end in chaos unless steps were taken to avoid a repetition of the problems of last week's national poll.

Unlike national elections, municipal elections will require voters' rolls to be compiled.

"This alone will pose many logistical problems, particularly in view of the present rapid scale of urbanisation," he said.

Voters will have to be educated about the mixed system of ward and proportional representation proposed for local government.

Municipal boundaries will have to be redrawn.

Mr Botha said much could be learnt from the general election, especially in terms of voter education, printing and distribution of ballot papers and other logistical matters.

40 percent of M Plain voted outside area

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□ IEC allays fears of irregularities

SHARON SOROUR
Staff Reporter

UP to 40 percent of the Mitchell's Plain electorate did not vote in their district because of delays at the polls, says Independent Electoral Commission chief electoral officer in the Western Cape Mary Burton

Confirming that only about 300 000 of the 656 000 ballot papers issued in the Mitchell's Plain district were used, she dismissed fears that nearly half the residents had not cast their votes

Mrs Burton said "This does not mean that hundreds of thousands of Mitchell's Plain residents did not vote, but that they voted in other districts because polling stations did not open on time in the area, or because of long queues

"There was clearly an oversupply of ballot papers to Mitchell's Plain. People who live in the Mitchell's Plain district voted outside the area because of the delays"

Mrs Burton said the unused ballot papers were returned to the IEC, so that the number used and the number issued could be reconciled

"There was no dirty work anywhere. The unused ballot papers came back to us in the form in which they were issued, that is in book form, or if they were from the second printing batch of ballot papers, they were returned in the boxes in which they were supplied"

Used ballots were accounted for in the form of stubs remaining in the books after ballot papers were torn out

"The stubs had to be reconciled against the ballot papers which were used to vote — that is why it took so long to count," she said

Mrs Burton admitted she had been worried initially about the number of votes cast in Mitchell's Plain as it was too low for the district, but monitors and observers had reported that people had used other voting stations

"Between 30 and 40 percent of the Mitchell's Plain population voted outside the area," she said

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Boesak pledges *Sowetan* #15194 support to Kriel

Sowetan Correspondent

DEFEATED African National Congress Western Cape candidate the Reverend Allan Boesak has pledged his "full co-operation" to the new National Party provincial government led by Law and Order Minister Mr Hernus Kriel.

Addressing a Press conference yesterday, a sombre Boesak said people should rise above rivalries and recriminations — the time for holding grudges and hard feelings was over. Instead members of the new provincial government should work together to improve the life of all.

Boesak said the ANC looked forward to taking its seats in the provincial government and he would soon meet Kriel to discuss the matter. He stressed that he and his party would push for the implementation of the ANC's reconstruction development programme.

At this stage the "early signs" were good that Kriel would not oppose the plan (263)

Cosatu warns NP of strikes

SENIOR Cosatu official Tony Ruiters yesterday threatened strikes and boycotts if an NP parliament in the Western Cape refused to implement the ANC's reconstruction and development programme.

But NP Western Cape premier-elect Hernus Kriel said earlier he had no problem with the programme.

The 1,3-million-member Cosatu said yesterday the ANC's election victory was a triumph for the "working people" and warned it would do everything in its power to ensure the reconstruction and development programme was not blocked in any way.

Cosatu said the ANC's positive message of peace, jobs, housing, education and a better life for all had struck a deep chord in the minds of workers.

The message had credibility because of the organisation's reconstruction and development programme.

Cosatu welcomed President-elect Nelson Mandela's statement on Monday that this programme would be the cornerstone of the government of national unity and that all parties would be expected to work within the framework of the plan.

Kriel and Boesak bury their party hatchets

CAPE TOWN — Western Cape premier-elect Hennis Kriel and his defeated ANC rival Allan Boesak pledged yesterday to put aside their differences and work together in the NP-led provincial government.

Boesak congratulated Kriel on the NP's clear win in the region. *Biday 4/5/94*

"Whatever work we do will not be for ANC members, but for the people of the Western Cape."

Kriel, who said he had already held cordial telephonic discussions with Boesak, pledged himself to reconciliation with political opponents and co-operation with the central government.

He was optimistic he and Boesak would have a good working relationship. They were due to meet yesterday afternoon to discuss matters such as the composition of a 10-member provincial cabinet. The NP would have six members and the ANC four.

Kriel did not foresee problems in co-operating with the ANC-dominated central government. Its rights and powers would be respected, he said, but those of the region would be jealously guarded. There was no animosity on the NP side, he stressed.

He said he was aware of racial tensions as the result of the elections in the Western Cape.

"We will have to work out a plan of action to tackle that problem, but it is something we have to do along with the ANC and this will be started as soon as the new cabinet meets." *(263)*

He would meet community leaders soon.

"I will go out of my way to meet leaders to assure them of the good intentions of the NP," he said. "In the final analysis we will have to prove ourselves, and we intend doing that." — Sapa.

Financial aid for struggling Ikapa

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THE Bellville and Parow municipalities are giving financial aid to the Ikapa council, which is unable to meet its financial obligations without state assistance.

The Bellville municipality is already maintaining all Ikapa's trucks, tractors and earth-moving equipment free of charge. The Parow municipality has been approached by Ikapa to maintain and repair 34 light vehicles.

The assistance is being given in terms of the strategic management plan for black townships in the Cape metropolitan area, according to which local authorities

in the metropole will provide financial support to the townships.

A Parow council spokesman said it was impossible to estimate what it would cost to maintain the 34 vehicles but the maintenance would put Parow's mechanical workshop, which already found it difficult to cope with its workload, under pressure.

When it originally approached the Parow municipality, Ikapa requested that the vehicles be serviced at 5 000 km intervals due to "aggressive" working conditions. Ikapa later agreed to six-monthly service intervals.

'Deep disappointment' in black areas

By CHRIS BATEMAN

A CLOAK of disappointment hung over the Peninsula's black townships last night as residents began to realise the ANC had lost the Western Cape to the NP — but they took some solace in their party's clean sweep nationally.

Emotions in Khayelitsha and Nyanga ranged from frustration and

outright mistrust of the result to a consoling belief that NP premier-elect Mr Herens Kriel would "have to listen to Madiba (Mr Mandela) now".

There was acceptance of the democratic process among professionals and semi-professionals — but also fear among the less sophisticated who failed to understand that the implications were less than

disastrous.

Heavily pregnant computer trainer Mrs Linda Beyi said she went to bed on Sunday night "hoping the counting would improve for us".

When she awoke to newspaper and television reports showing Mr Kriel in a victorious mood, she became "terribly depressed" and suffered an early-labour "false alarm". "There are deeply disappointed

people here who don't understand and mistakenly think nothing will now change. Casting their vote was an act of liberation," she emphasised.

A greying Mr Witbooi Kwihane of Nyanga believed, people would accept the result but asked: "What happened to the coloured people

who filled those UDF rallies in 1985/6?"

"People here are not sophisticated — they think the NP will be the same as before," he warned.

His daughter Zanele added soothingly: "We have been wounded and disappointed, but Kriel has no powers without Madiba."

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Boesak vows to co-operate with NP

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Political Staff

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VANQUISHED ANC regional premier Allan Boesak has pledged his "full co-operation" with the new National Party provincial government led by Hennis Kriel

Addressing a press conference today a sombre Dr Boesak said people should rise above the rivalries and recriminations — the time of holding grudges and hard feelings was over

Instead members of the new provincial government should work together to improve the life of all.

Dr Boesak said the ANC looked forward to taking its seats in the provin-

cial government and he would soon meet Mr Kriel to discuss the matter

He emphasised that he and his party would push for the implementation of the ANC's Reconstruction Development Plan

"He (Mr Kriel) did say he wanted to co-operate with us. At this moment, we must say there's no reason to believe he would not help with the implementation"

Dr Boesak said urgent steps should be taken to eradicate the racism re-ignited by the National Party's "racism" during the election campaign

Referring to why the ANC had lost the elections in the Western Cape, Dr

Boesak said the movement had not had enough time to change the views of the people which had crystallised over 30 years of apartheid propaganda

Many people in the coloured community voted for President De Klerk, not so much for the Nats, because they thought he would run the region

The NP propaganda that black people would take over their houses and jobs or rape their daughters had struck a chord

"They ran to the person who created the problems"

Dr Boesak also congratulated Mr Kriel for winning the contest

Ikapa man denies involvement

DAVID YUTAR

Staff Reporter

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AN administrator of the Ikapa Town Council has denied being involved in any irregularities in the beleaguered council's affairs

Ikapa administrator Faan Naudé made this categorical denial to the commission of inquiry investigating corruption and maladministration in the bankrupt council which provides services to thousands of the Cape's township dwellers

Mr Naudé told the commission that, from an early stage while he was still stationed at Goodwood, he had received reports of financial and other irregularities

However, his efforts to investigate allegations and rumours had been thwarted by officials who were not prepared to go on oath

and make statements before the commission

"The result was that I was left with a lot of allegations, but without the evidence to back them up

"I had to rely on officials of various local authorities because the council's (national) infrastructure was not able to assist"

Mr Naudé also denied having trusted chief executive officer Kobus Olivier "blindly"

"If I needed any information about local authorities the obvious place to start was with the town clerk, which is what I did

"Where administrators were appointed, I went to them

"I sometimes went direct to Kobus Olivier because I trusted him as I had no reason not to"

Mr Naudé also justified his

trust in senior officials saying he had built up a relationship of trust over some time

"These were not just people I had worked with for a day or two, but I had worked with them for a considerable time"

"I believed my system of communication with them was 100 percent reliable and that I was dealing with honourable, trustworthy people"

Mr Naudé denied there was anything "strange" in his receiving answers to queries within a very short time

In most cases, there had been documentation available either to back up or disprove allegations, he said

"I gave my full support once the Marshall committee was appointed"

Boundary CT 2/5/94 suggestions 263 called for

Municipal Reporter

SUGGESTIONS as to how to draw the boundaries of future local authorities in Cape Town have now been called for by the Cape Metropolitan Negotiating Forum

Any interested party may put forward suggestions. Provisional maps have already been drawn by the ANC (two different versions), and by groups in the Southern Suburbs and in Constantia

The forum will have to formulate some principles to guide the process of determining boundaries, coordinator Mr David Schmidt said yesterday

However, this will not be on the agenda of the next meeting on May 9, he said

The three main items to be dealt with on that occasion will be. The boundaries of the forum area as a whole; a strategic management plan to ensure that municipal services are maintained in the townships, and a discussion of the powers and duties of a metropolitan council.

The Administrator has suggested a smaller boundary for the forum area than the forum itself suggested. His version leaves out Paarl, Stellenbosch and the Helderberg area

year, only 1 400 Moss gas employees remained

Surprisingly, the local economy suffered a dip rather than a crash when the workers went home. However, the neglect of tourism promotion over the previous four years was suddenly exposed. Mossel Bay seemed to have lost its primary focus as a tourist destination. Now it is seeking to restore its identity and could hardly have chosen a better time. Local government reform and renewed foreign interest in SA as a holiday option provide a platform for the town to emerge as a focal point on the Garden Route.

Mossel Bay and surrounding areas have traditionally attracted thousands of middle and lower-middle income white South African visitors in holiday seasons. The Afrikaanse Taal en Kultuurvereniging's massive holiday resort at neighbouring Hartenbos accommodates 12 000 people over the Christmas season. Until recently, only whites were admitted. Now, says resort director Timon Janssonius, anyone is welcome. The signs barring blacks from Mossel Bay's beaches and camping sites have gone and a private sector-driven marketing association has been established to take charge of promoting the town.

"Karoo-by-the-sea," a reference to the near-perfect climate, is mentioned by some in Mossel Bay with affection, but others

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believe it's time to ditch it for the sake of a more appealing image. Marketing association chairman J J Moorcroft does not want Mossel Bay to become another Knysna or Plettenberg Bay. He wants it to get a better bite of the tourism apple. Part of the problem is that the Garden Route is often a two-night stop for tourists and Mossel Bay is usually not one of them.

Knysna, for example, has successfully exploited the mystery of the forest and the elephants to attract upmarket tourists. Mossel Bay, says Moorcroft, has just as much charm but has lacked the marketing

Reform booster

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The challenge is to reposition the Garden Route as a wider tourism experience than just Knysna and George and encourage tourists to spend more time exploring it — with Mossel Bay as their base. Town clerk Willem van Heerden says Mossel Bay has always been seen as a regional growth point. Even before Moss gas, the economy was expanding as Transvaal tourists discovered the town and small secondary industries established themselves there.

What the town needs now is some lateral thinking to capitalise on factors such as Cape Town's bid for the 2004 Olympics and the extension of the activities of Wesgro, the Cape metropole's marketing authority, to the Western Cape province.

Local government reform could provide the opportunity.

Of the 60 000 residents in the greater Mossel Bay area, only 10 000 are white. A slight majority of the balance are coloured and the rest black. The white town council is nominally CP but black and white community leaders say the image of Mossel Bay as a bastion of racism is unfair. Progress towards a nonracial council has been smooth with most CP councillors accepting the need for change. Those who cannot will retire rather than resist.

By the end of November, a 44-member transitional local authority (TLA) will have replaced councils in the district. It will comprise 22 members each from statutory and nonstatutory organisations.

How the TLA tackles the promotion of regional tourism and the marketing of Mossel Bay will be crucial to the town's prospect of meeting the socio-economic demands that will be made on the region's resources over the next few years.

There is already consensus among key players that tourism must underpin Mossel Bay's economic development. Leslie Crotz, moderator of the Volkskerk van Afrika, heads the negotiating forum laying the groundwork for the TLA and is likely to be its first chairman. Like Moorcroft, he sees the salvation of Mossel Bay in an

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aggressive marketing campaign — but based on a strategy approved by all stakeholders. It won't be easy. "People expect changes, they want houses, jobs and an improved environment. The TLA won't guarantee any of this, but it offers the best chance they've ever had," says Crotz.

He regards the continuing row over the future of Moss gas as a negative issue the town could do without. While most people see the development as a positive influence on the town, there is growing concern that they are not being kept sufficiently informed by Moss gas managers about what is happening.

Moss gas public affairs manager Harry Hill believes the project plays a significant role in boosting Mossel Bay's attraction as a natural growth point and will continue to do so. He says gas feedstock for the refinery is assured until 2001, after which plans could include the exploitation of a second gas field or expanding the plant to process crude oils to create the basis for a regional petrochemical industry.

Hill sees no contradiction between the Moss gas operation and tourism promotion. The company invested R150m in measures to protect the environment and will base any future development on similar safeguards.

It's clear that all players in Mossel Bay

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are keen to see the town move forward with an agreed-on strategy. Their success could provide a valuable model for the development of medium-sized rural communities that face similar challenges.

MOSSEL BAY 14/10/94 Restoring its identity

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When the construction phase of Moss gas was completed just over two years ago, the residents of Mossel Bay braced themselves for an economic hangover.

They had become accustomed to the benefits of having up to 16 500 additional workers in town. The four-year mini-boom pushed property prices to record heights and was a bonanza for local businesses. But there was never any doubt that it would end. And by the time the onshore plant 11 km from town came on stream in January last

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How West was won — organisation and huge coloured vote

□ 'Political home for people made outcasts'

Political Staff

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THE National Party's victory in the Western Cape stands out as a striking exception in an election which has convincingly swept the ANC to power.

In the absence of a distinctive ethnic power base, how was the West won?

Finely-tuned election machinery — for which the National Party has always been renowned — played a significant role in the party's runaway success in the Western Cape

Top-notch organisation, skilful timing, carefully pitched advertising, devolved responsibility to party branches, detailed attention to canvassing and to the mechanics of election day itself were all critical in ensuring the highest possible NP turnout on the day.

But they were by no means the key.

For despite the aching wounds of apartheid — and symbols as salient and hurtful as District Six — the new National Party has successfully provided a political home for the very people it made outcasts in the past.

There appear to be various reasons for this

They include certain language, cultural and religious affinities, but the most enduring reason is undoubtedly a widely felt apprehension within the coloured community at their prospects under a black government

Even senior ANC figures in



the Western Cape acknowledged as far back as 1992 that the liberation movement could not expect much support in the coloured community because, as one put it, "their fear of the future under a black government exceeds their anger at the treatment meted out by a white racist government of the past"

While the NP denied its campaigning was racist, there is no doubt that the old *swart-gevaar* tactic of the past played a part in exploiting the apprehensions of the coloured community

The NP was also aided by a deeply religious feeling among many coloured people — particularly in the rural areas — and their antipathy towards the ANC for its association with the Communist Party, widely seen as anti-religious

NP sources also played on the relative unpopularity of ANC candidate premier Allan Boesak, whose image had been tarnished by his personal life and who, many felt, had been virtually foisted on the region

by ANC leader Nelson Mandela who was keen that the ANC in the Western Cape should be led by a coloured person

In contrast, party workers found a ready market for President De Klerk, whom they could sell as someone who had lived up to his promises and had genuinely changed the NP into a political home for all South Africans

Sources said the so-called new Nats — MPs and ministers who had crossed to the Nats from other tricameral parties — drew support through their association with housing developments and other positive initiatives launched by the House of Representatives

In contrast, the NP drew little support from the black community. There was some interest, but this was never fully exploited, largely because of the NP's lack of access to townships and the fear of intimidation.

The NP has long been confident of winning the Cape, and the combination of superb organisation, and massive support from the coloured community, ensured that

Now — clearly conscious of a potentially divisive element in Western Cape politics — Nationalist leaders have stressed that the top priority will be inculcating a spirit of reconciliation

The NP acknowledges that all constituencies must now work together to turn the Western Cape into a post-apartheid success

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NO MORE WAITING: The new South Africa is here — residents of the Boland town of Saron protest outside the provincial building in Wale Street

Picture LEON MULLER The Argus

First public protest in the new SA over town's ruling board

ROGER FRIEDMAN, Staff Reporter

THE first public demonstration in the new South Africa got underway today

About 100 members and supporters of the "democratically-elected" new Saron Board of Management arrived mid-morning for a sit-in at the Provincial Buildings in Wale Street. They are demanding immediate control of the Boland town.

As members of the police internal stability unit stood by, two representatives of the new board were allowed inside the building to speak to provincial officials. Others vowed to stay on the steps outside "for a week if necessary."

The new board was elected on January 15 under the supervision of Network of Independent Monitors and United Nations observers.

But the board, which believes the Local Government Transition Act makes provision for the recognition of the election, has been unable to take office as the old one refuses to stand down.

The old board, headed by chairman Hannes Smut, refused to take part in the January election.

Saron Civic Association spokesman Ewan Mathews said today that the sit-in would continue until "we have it in black and white that the new board is in power."

The fact that outgoing Administrator Kobus Meiring had vacated his desk yesterday, and incoming provincial prime-minister Hennus Kriel was yet to take up office, was irrelevant, Mr Mathews said.

It was up to Mr Kriel and defeated ANC premier candidate Allan Boesak to resolve their grievances.

A public meeting in the town yesterday resolved that there would be a sit-in "until we too can say — with the rest of South Africa and Dr Martin Luther King — 'free, free, free at last!'"

Mr Mathews said the political ructions in the town had left the community with no services which was a "great health risk to the populace."

NP sweeps to power in W Cape

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Political Correspondent

THE National Party has swept to power in the Western Cape with a tally of 55 percent, leaving the ANC trailing with just over 29 percent of the vote.

The Democratic Party takes third place with just over 7 percent, followed by the Freedom Front with 2,4 percent, the Inkatha Freedom Party with 1,4, the African Christian Democratic Party with 1,3, the African Muslim Party with one percent and the Pan Africanist Congress with 0,9 percent.

With 1 822 272 votes accepted so far, the NP (1 000 352) will get 24 seats in the provincial legislature, the ANC (530 002) 13 seats and the DP (131 674) three seats.

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Deadline reprieve for towns and cities

Recognition of forum areas is a crucial step

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CLIVE SAWYER
Municipal Reporter

TOWNS and cities in the former Cape Province have been given a 30-day extension to the deadline for setting up transitional councils

By yesterday, the original deadline set by the Local Government Transition Act, more than 20 applications for recognition of forum areas in the new Western Cape Province had been approved by the provincial committee on local government.

Recognition of a forum area is a crucial step towards local-level multiparty negotiations on setting up an appointed transitional council

The committee turned down all 23 applications for exemption from the Act

Among those rejected were Citrusdal, the first town in South Africa to set up a non-racial council in terms of the now-defunct Interim Measures for Local Government Act

Where applications were referred back to towns for reconsideration, in most cases this was because towns were close together and it was hoped they would form joint forums

The dispute about the boundaries of the Cape Town metropolitan area was one of four cases referred to the Demarcation Board

The others were Franschhoek, Wellington and Herbertsdale

Forum areas approved were Albertinia, Beaufort West, De Doorns, George, Grabouw, Hermanus, Laingsburg, Montagu, Oudtshoorn, Paarl (conditionally), Plettenberg Bay, Porterville, Prince Albert, Rawsonville, Riversdale, Sedgefield, Swellendam, Touws River, Tulbagh, Velddrif, Villiersdorp and Worcester

Towns to which applications were referred back were De Rust, Dysseidorp, Gansbaai, Gordon's Bay, Somerset West, Strand, Wilderness lakes area, Greyton, Hartenbos, Heidel-

berg, Slang River, Knysna, Ladismith, Malmesbury, Mossel Bay, Murraysburg, Napier, Prince Alfred Hamlet, Redelinghuys, Riebeeck-Kasteel, Riebeeck West, Rietpoort, Gouritsmond, Robertson, Stanford, Stellenbosch, Still Bay, St Helena Bay, Vanrhynsdorp, Wolseley and Zoar

Applications for exemption from the Act were rejected for Aurora, Caledon, Calitzdorp, Citrusdal, Clanwilliam, De Doorns, Eendekuil, Graafwater, Great Brak River, Hangklip, Hopefield, Klaver, Lamberts Bay, Langebaan, Lutzville, Mamre, Macgregor, Moorreesburg, Piketberg, Koringberg, Riviersonderend, Vanrhynsdorp and Vredendal

● Outgoing Cape Administrator Kobus Meiring, who chaired a joint meeting of the provincial committees for local government for the three new Cape provinces, said he was pleased with progress at local government level

Keegan to meet DP leaders over resignation

Municipal Reporter

CAPE Town City Council executive committee chairman Clive Keegan has agreed to meet Democratic Party leadership for talks following a plea to him to reconsider his decision to quit the party

No date for the meeting has been set.

Mr Keegan said today his resignation from the party resulted from an accumulation of events

"I voted for the party in the election and will continue to support it.

"But I have found it increasingly difficult to be a formal

member of a party which has a considerable clique of members hell-bent on discrediting the party and the manner in which it has run this city"

Mr Keegan said his resignation had nothing to do with the party's poor showing in the election.

"I wrote the letter of resignation last week but held it back because I did not want to embarrass the party."

Regional DP chairman Jasper Walsh confirmed Mr Keegan had sent him a letter of resignation from the party.

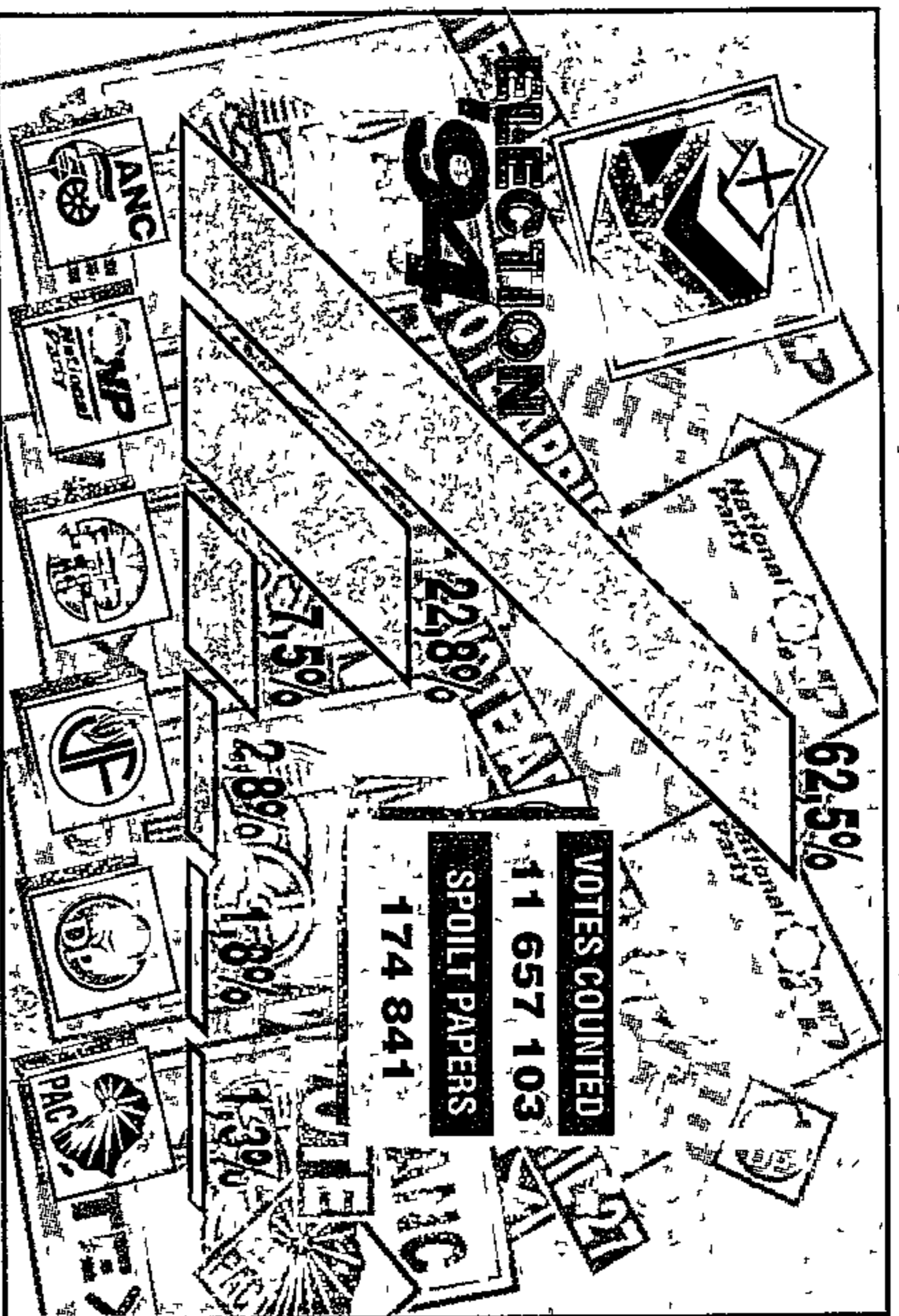
There have been months of

tension between two council factions — members of the Democratic Party caucus and DP members who are not part of the caucus

Last month Mr Keegan told colleagues he had suffered a "deep personal crisis" about whether to continue as a councillor, because of continuing attacks on the executive committee's management of council business.

Rebel councillor Arthur Wienburg was suspended temporarily from the DP after proposing a motion of censure in exco. The motion was defeated.

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NATIONAL BALLOT: How the parties stand.

Kriel 'will work with ANC'

TOS WENTZEL
and MICHAEL MORRIS

Political Staff

WESTERN Cape premier-elect Her-nus Kriel today pledged himself to reconciliation with political opponents and co-operation with the central government

Mr Kriel, who led the National Party to its only regional victory, said at a Press conference he had already had cordial discussions with ANC Western Cape leader Allan Boesak on the telephone

He was optimistic they would have a good working relationship

At a meeting this afternoon they would discuss matters such as the composition of a 10-member provincial cabinet. The NP would have six members and the ANC four

He did not foresee problems in co-operating with the ANC-dominated central government. Its rights and powers would be respected but those

of the region would be jealously guarded

The government of the Western Cape would work together with the central government in a spirit of reconciliation and co-operation

"There is no animosity from our side whatsoever"

He was aware of racial tensions as the result of the elections in the Western Cape and developing a reconciliation programme would be one of the top priorities

"We will have to work out a plan of action to tackle that problem, but it is something we have to do along with the ANC and this will be started as soon as the new cabinet meets

"We must put our political fight behind us and become task-orientated in serving the community

"We want to make the Western Cape the jewel province of the new South Africa."

He expressed appreciation for calls

by Mr. Mandela and Cosatu for acceptance of the result. He would meet community leaders soon

"I will go out of my way to meet leaders to assure them of the good intentions of the National Party"

"In the final analysis we will have to prove ourselves and we intend doing that"

Other priorities were social upliftment, economic development, peace and security. He was not averse to the ANC's reconstruction and development programme but it would have to be adapted to resources in the Western Cape. Affordability and time-frames would be factors

Mr Kriel said he would seek support of the other parties to change the name of the area to "Cape of Good Hope", but this would not be done unilaterally

● A press conference by Dr Boesak, which was due to begin at noon today, had not started by 12 30pm

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ANC will accept NP regional win

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CAPE TOWN — The ANC has appealed to supporters to accept the Western Cape election result if the region is won by the NP

Cosatu said it would accept an NP victory, "albeit with frustration"

With more than one-third of the region's results in, the ANC was trailing the NP by more than two to one

ANC Western Cape leader Allan Boesak yesterday told about 200 people at the Grand Parade in the city centre that "people have already been asking what will will happen in the event of the ANC losing"

"I would like to make it clear that the ANC will accept the outcome of the democratic process without hesitation" He said the elections were about nation-building

He rebuked ANC information director Pallo Jordan for conceding defeat in the Western Cape Jordan predicted the ANC would get no more than 28% in the province

"Pallo Jordan is in no position to concede defeat for the Western Cape"

ANC provincial candidate and Numsa regional official Tony Ruiters said Cosatu's 170 000 Western Cape members would accept an NP victory, albeit with frustration

Ruiters, 15th on the ANC provincial list, said "As organised workers we would accept an NP victory, although it will obviously make life a bit more difficult for us

"There has been a democratic election There have been problems, but we would accept a situation where the NP maintains power in the region

"With all our organised might outside official institutions, in the trade unions and civics we will be able to

exert influence regarding our reconstruction and development goals.

"We accept there will be frustration at the regional level, but we are fairly hopeful about the future (263)

Selby Tindlen, a resident of Nyanga township outside Cape Town, said: "I'm terribly disappointed, everyone is disappointed But at least I had my vote. People are angry that the ANC didn't win here; they think now that nothing will change because it will be the same party in power that has always oppressed them"

The Western Cape result showed how successful President FW de Klerk's campaign had been among the majority coloured voters of the province, who demonstrated that they were wary of a black government.

"It seems they've decided to throw their lot in with the white guys," said ANC voter Ameen Adams "What can you do? It came down to a racial issue and 'swaart gevaar' in the end."

Vincent Mphah, a political analyst at the University of the Western Cape, agreed "The Nationalists portrayed the ANC as an African organisation. They presented it as a threat to the coloureds

"They said that squatter camps would spring up around coloured areas, that jobs would go to Africans

"The Nationalists exploited their fears. Even if they were victims of apartheid, of all the oppressed groups they are the ones who benefited most under apartheid"

University of Cape Town political science lecturer David Welsh said the NP focused on job security and the belief among coloureds that the ANC would discriminate against them. — Sapa-AFP



ANC spokesman Pallo Jordan tells a news conference in Johannesburg yesterday that the ANC could gain more than 60% of the votes cast in the elections. Picture ROBERT BOTHA

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Political Staff

THE National Party has clinched an absolute majority in the Western Cape after a late rally hoped for by the ANC from its African supporters in the region failed to materialise.

The official IEC provisional result, released early this morning, indicate that 1 821 457 of a total of more than two million votes had been counted with 1 812 657 accepted, giving the NP 995 705 (54.9%) the ANC 528 193 (29.1%), the DP 129 302 (7.1%),

and the FP 43 472 (2.4%)

Last night ANC president Mr Nelson Mandela congratulated the NP on its victory in the region.

The parties had had "a great fight", but he now extended "a helping hand" so that they could work together, Mr Mandela said.

The NP should have 23 seats in the provincial legislature that will be sworn in in Cape Town on Thursday, the ANC 14, the DP three and the FP one. One seat still has to be resolved.

Political parties noted that these estimates were based on about 2 070 000 ballots cast in the region (about 85% of eligible voters) and did not include special votes cast overseas for parties in the region.

The unofficial Western Cape results for the national Parliament puts the NP at 58%, the ANC at 33% and the DP at 4%.

Final provisional results are expected to be announced by the IEC today.

Cape was seen as a major party and its support for the NP was unexpected. Party officials in the region, while the NP put the figure at 350 000, believed that African voters would have cast their ballot for the ANC.

The ANC — could number between 500 000 and a million voters in the region. The NP's success in achieving an absolute majority of the popular vote means that the party of premier designate Mr Hennis Kriel will enjoy greater latitude to exercise its authority in a government of regional unity which will include the ANC.

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Meiring clears his desk 'to make way for bigger things'

Staff Reporter

MOVING house and office may be an arduous task for many of us, but when the move is there to make way for bigger and better things, the job is made much easier

The last administrator of the Cape, Kobus Meiring, began clearing his desk in his office at the old Cape Provincial Administration building yesterday to make way for Hernus Kriel, premier-elect of the Western Cape

"It was a wonderful experience and privilege to have been the administrator, but I always knew it was a phase of my life which would come to an end

"Instead of being too nostalgic I am rather looking forward to the next stage of my life. I am on the National Party's regional list and the way the results are coming in, I'm sure I will continue to hold public office," he said.

Mr Meiring and his family will also move out of the administrator's official residence, Leeuwenhof, at the end of the month

"We will move back to our flat in the Strand, which has the most beautiful view of False Bay

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"I enjoyed my stay at Leeuwenhof, but know the move is to make way for greater things to come. What makes me really happy is the way the leaders of our country have managed the change that has taken place during the past four years

"Now that the elections are over we must continue to manage the changes necessary to normalise the situation, especially here in the Western Cape"

Mr Meiring said he would hang on to fond memories of his time in the government of the Cape. Uppermost of these was the time he was first sworn in as a member of the Cape Provincial Council

"I was the most junior member of the council and looked up at the administrator and thought, now that is a very important man. Now 20 years later I must step down from that position — of being the number one citizen in the province

"But when I reflect on what I achieved during my term in office then I can honestly say I went out of my way to try to reconcile the various people of the Western Cape

"I sincerely believe in the new dispensation and hope the new regional cabinet will continue to govern the region on the basis of reconciliation," said Mr Meiring

Other things he will always remember included his first day in office as the new administrator.

"The first thing I tackled was the scrapping of beach apartheid

"At that stage I was not very popular in certain circles, but now, when I walk along the beach, it gives me great joy watching people of all races enjoying themselves"

He was also proud of the progress made at local government level

"It is one thing to elect a new regional or national government — but it is really at local level where ordinary people come into contact with their elected officials and it is essential that it should be representative of the whole community"

He might not have wanted to be too nostalgic about moving out, but as he packed his things and walked around his office it seemed as if every frame on the wall and every flag on the desk had a story to tell.

Two administrators for small Boland town

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A PAIR of administrators have been appointed to oversee the transition of local government in the small Boland town of Saron

Members and supporters of the new, "democratically elected" Saron Management Board yesterday threatened to sit in at the Provincial Building in Wale Street until they had it "in black and white" that they could assume control of the town from the old "National Party board"

A meeting with outgoing Administrator Kobus Meiring resolved the problem, Saron Civic Association spokesman Evan Mathews said today

The meeting decided to institute a commission of inquiry to seek legal advice on the disbanding of the old board and to appoint two administrators to look after the town in the interim

The administrators will be J J Coetzee of the regional services council and civil rights lawyer Glynn Williams

Illegal occupation of homes sank ANC in W

THOUGH there are many reasons for the National Party's victory in the Western Cape, the illegal occupation by Africans of council houses intended for coloured people in Tafelsig in January was a mortal blow to the African National Congress.

Not only did the occupation indicate, as one commentator put it at the time, what might be to come under an ANC government, it also provided priceless propaganda for the NP, whose main strategy was to exploit coloured fears.

The NP swiftly capitalised on the takeover of the houses — and blamed the ANC.

Adopting the guise of a saviour, the NP promised to protect the beleaguered coloured people against an ANC government which, it said, would favour Africans.

And, as veterans of many election campaigns, the NP knew very well that the truth was not paramount in a battle for votes.

By the time the ANC's leadership from Johannesburg intervened about two weeks later to end the widely reported occupation, the

movement's image in coloured eyes was already tarnished.

Another key element of the NP campaign was its "comic book" publication warning of the dangers of a supposedly anti-coloured ANC government.

The publication suggested that, among other things, the infamous "kill the boer" slogan could be aimed at coloured people — "one coloured, one farmer" — under an ANC government.

The comic was eventually banned by the Independent Electoral Commission.

Besides building on the legacy of apartheid, why was the NP propaganda so successful?

Many believe, for instance, that the ANC would have walked it if the elections had been held in the mid-1980s heyday of the United Democratic Front.

Apart from the fact that intense repression affected blacks and coloured people across the board, the UDF as the internal arm of the then banned ANC had excellent networks in the form of branches that kept firmly in touch with the grassroots

Five days before the elections, regional African National Congress members predicted a resounding victory over the National Party in the Western Cape. But the NP romped home, thanks largely to the support of coloured people, the majority in this region. What went wrong with the populist ANC's policies? **VUYO BAVUMA** of The Argus Political Staff reports.

This loose conglomeration consisting of many structures dealt with bread and butter issues with which communities across the Western Cape could easily identify.

But after the UDF's departure from the scene in 1991, its successor, the ANC, which was unbanned in 1990, did not appear to fill the gap adequately. True, ANC branches were set up throughout the region, but they lacked central co-ordination and tended to tackle issues individually.

Much of this could be ascribed to the fact that ANC energies were directed at national politics involving long constitutional negotiations. When, too, the legal return of the ANC sparked off a scramble for positions,

among local activists (most of whom had kept the torch of the struggle burning in the UDF), the exiles and former Robben Island activists

In 1991 one of the first visible casualties of this behind-the-scenes bickering was activist Cecil Essau, who quit the regional executive amid dissatisfaction over alleged "pro-African preferential treatment" within the ANC. He has since returned.

At that time, there was even talk that coloured elements within the ANC wanted to set up a "coloured organisation", but this was hotly denied by the regional officials.

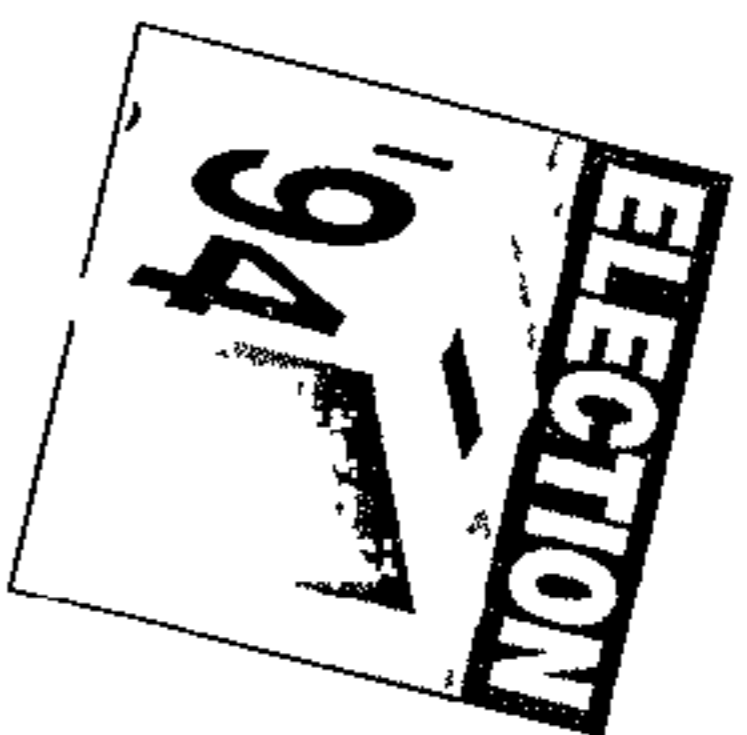
But the "coloured" issue refused to die. In 1992 Nelson Mandela underscored the issue when he told ANC delegates that

the composition of the regional executive should reflect the population of the Western Cape. Subsequently Allan Boesak was elected regional chairman.

Later rumours surfaced that there was tension between Dr Boesak and fiery Western Cape ANC man Tony Yengeni, but Mr Yengeni denied this.

The rift appeared to broaden when Dr Boesak was publicly criticised by the township-based leadership of the Congress of South African Students for opposing the pupils' campaign against higher fees.

But members of the ANC alliance quickly defused the row and threw their weight behind Dr Boesak. In January the ANC unveiled its untested election



earing machinery with Dr Boesak at the controls in spite of misgivings in some quarters — especially in the conservative platteland — that the former cleric was not the right choice because of his private life.

Unlike its main rival, the ANC concentrated on selling its reconstruction and development programme aimed at providing a better life for all.

It organised "people's forums" to canvass opinions and also spent most of its resources trying to woo the coloured people.

During its campaign in coloured areas, it often had to run the gauntlet of pro-NP supporters making derogatory remarks.

The ANC held relatively few meetings in the townships and the squatter camps.

Its team of foot soldiers visited more than 350 000 people in several residential areas. It also tele-canvassed more than 50 000 people and drew thousands of people to its rallies.

Most of those who attended the meetings, it must be said, were the converted

In March, the signs of a possible NP victory started flashing in many polls — and the NP introduced and distributed many copies of the "comic book" before it was declared undesirable. To counter the tide, the ANC organised endorsement campaigns by prominent coloured personalities, including Franklin Sonn, who took sab-batical leave from the campaign to back its policies and point out the dangers of what was being viewed as the NP's racist campaign.

In line with this, the ANC resorted to "we-warned-you" alarmist tactics that a vote for the NP government might jeopardise tourism and the Olympic Games. But its detractors rejected this view and accused the ANC of using emotional blackmail. Although the ANC stuck to its guns, warning of the dangers the liberal Cape faced if a "volksstaat" was allowed to develop, its message was not heeded.

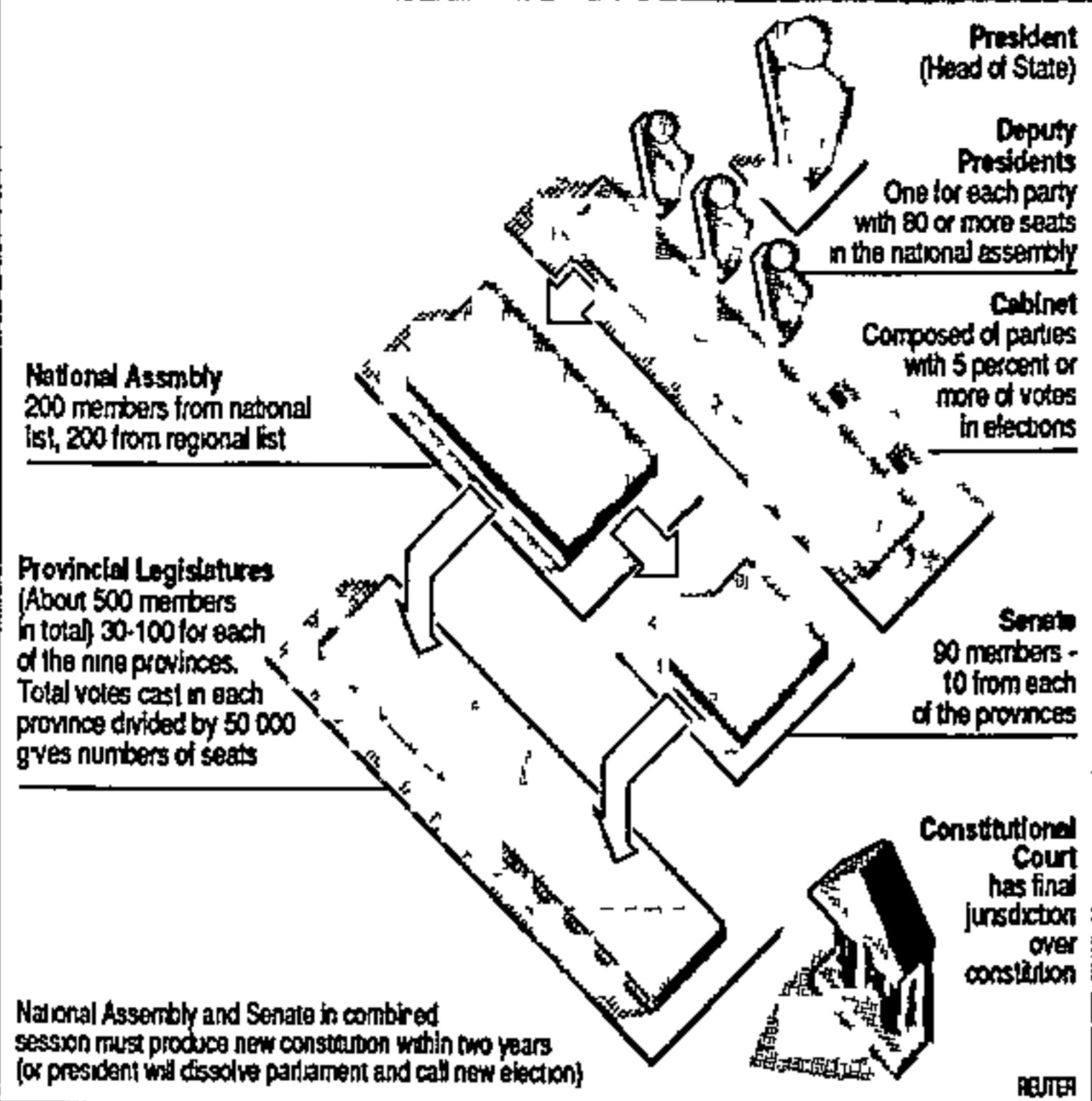
Most of the coloured people voted for the NP — and the ANC was left wondering about what might have been.

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Portfolios for W Cape cabinet to be decided

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NEW SOUTH AFRICAN GOVERNMENT STRUCTURE



Staff Reporter

WESTERN Cape premier-elect Hernus Kriel and African National Congress provincial leader Allan Boesak are to meet today to finalise portfolios for provincial cabinet members

And the contest has begun in National Party ranks for senatorial posts

Each of the nine provincial parliaments will pick 10 senators

In the Western Cape, the NP will elect six and the ANC four

Half the NP senators will be chosen by the party executive and half elected by the caucus

Reliable sources said there had been a "stream" of applications by those seeking to be elected to the senate

Names being tipped as provincial cabinet members today were outgoing Administrator Kobus Meiring, former MEC Martha Olckers, and former house of representatives minister of local government and housing Gerald Morkel

Mr Morkel could be offered the provincial ministry of local government

Willem Doman, MP for Maitland in the now-defunct tricameral parliament and a Goodwood town councillor, is another possibility for the provincial ministry of local government

Lampie Fick, Patrick McKenzie and Arnold de Jager were among others named as possible cabinet members

It was earlier speculated that Mr Meiring could be elected Speaker of the NP-dominated provincial parliament, but it is reliably understood this possibility has fallen away

Among those named as likely ANC provincial cabinet members are Dr Boesak and Lerumo Kalako

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Borough councils in metropolises

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DAVID BREIER

Weekend Argus Political Staff

CAPE Town and other major metropolitan areas are to be divided into boroughs or "counties" each with their own councils, probably elected on a ward system

And each borough will be further divided into tiny neighbourhood administrations to bring local government close to the people

This is the vision for the future of local government in South Africa disclosed to Weekend Argus by Thozamile Botha, the ANC's head of local government based at the University of the Western Cape

He said there were many people who feared the advent of metropolitan councils as domination by a "Big Daddy"

But the goal of the new deal for third-tier government was to make it even more accessible to ordinary people

For this reason each metropolitan council area would be divided into "boroughs" along the lines of those in London

A metropolis the size of Cape Town could have half a dozen boroughs, each considerably larger than most of the 69 fragmented local authorities that presently comprise the metropole

For example, the southern Peninsula could form one large borough, including the existing municipalities of Fish Hoek and Simon's Town as well as nearby Cape Town and Regional Services Council areas

Another borough could combine Pinelands, Langa, Goodwood and Athlone and another could include Mitchell's Plain and Khayelitsha

But Mr Botha said boroughs had to have some balance both in population and economics

Like any democratic system, it would be expensive — but not as expensive as the present highly fragmented system of apartheid local government bureaucracies

Mr Botha said that when local elections were held, probably early next year, for the new metropolitan councils, voting would simultaneously take place to elect borough councils, probably on a ward system

It was possible that each voter would have two ballots — one for the borough and one for the metropole, as was the case in the recent elections — although this was not finalised. It was possible that one vote would be counted twice

He said that in terms of the agreed-on formula, 40 percent of seats on the metro councils would be elected by proportional representation while the remaining 60 percent of seats would come from the boroughs

Each borough would be further divided into very much smaller neighbourhood administrations where people could pay accounts and take up problems, although there would be no elected neighbourhood councils as the National Party had proposed, Mr Botha said

He said the borough and neighbourhood administrations would not be a fourth tier of government but would be part of the third-tier metropolitan system

■ Giant metropolises like Cape Town are to be divided into borough councils and even smaller neighbourhood administrations to avoid the "Big Daddy" syndrome.



Thozamile Botha

"Metropolitan councils will be responsible for their specific functions — co-ordination, development, collecting taxes and ensuring bulk services," he said. These include property rates, electricity, water and sewerage. The metropolitan councils were being created to make use of economy of scale

But Mr Botha said the metros would be able to delegate many of these service and collection functions to the boroughs but the metros would take responsibility if anything went wrong

He said the boroughs would also have some income-generating functions in their own right — such as charging for refuse removal, lending libraries and hire of halls

Mr Botha said the boroughs could themselves be the wards on which metropolitan council elections would be based, although the boroughs would be broken down into smaller wards for the purposes of their own elections

He said each metropolis, such as Cape Town, Johannesburg and Durban, could end up having different systems suited to their area

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A case for consensus

In an important step towards healing the wounds of a divisive election campaign, western Cape Nationalist strongman Henus Kriel and ANC regional leader Allan Boesak put aside personal differences this week and pledged to work together for the good of the province.

The commitment to regional reconciliation is significant. Boesak in particular will play a leading role over the next few weeks in defusing anger in western Cape townships, where many ANC supporters are reportedly bitterly disappointed that their party was able to gain only 33% of the vote to the NP's 54%.

Kriel is equally aware of the need to develop quickly a good working relationship with Boesak and to start implementing development programmes. He aims to debunk the propaganda put out by the ANC during the campaign that a Nat victory in the province would mean a return to old-style apartheid.

His acceptance this week of the need to draw the ANC's reconstruction and development programme into the process of regional development planning is an important gesture of co-operation.

Boesak in turn accepts Kriel's commitment to a fair deal for all residents of the region and says he has no reason to believe the Nats will try to foist their own policies on the province.

The two held preliminary talks this week on the formation of a joint provincial executive committee which will comprise six Nats and four ANC members.

Kriel says he will consider following ANC leader Nelson Mandela's lead in offering executive roles to leaders of minor parties who do not qualify for automatic inclusion in terms of their voter support — but points out the difficulty of doing so with a small executive committee.

Results were not final as the *FM* went to press but it seemed that the NP would win about 24 of the 42 seats in the provincial legislature, the ANC 14 or 15, the DP three or four and the Freedom Front possibly one seat.

The 10 other parties that contested the election in the province won a total of only 7% of the vote. The PAC, which was believed to be relatively well supported in the region, attracted only 1%.

This means the real power will be firmly in the hands of a Nat-ANC coalition. With the heat of the campaign cooling rapidly, it is clear that Kriel and Boesak have remarkably similar views on the region's development priorities.

Kriel, for example, wants to tackle social and security problems, and develop the economy. Boesak concurs, but insists that the policies must be underpinned by the reconstruction and development programme which he regards as an essential foundation for regional upliftment.

However, Boesak also warns against under-estimating the danger of racial tensions that arose during the election campaign and believes they must be defused.

Kriel agrees on the need to heal wounds and has committed himself to promoting nonracialism, peace and regional development.

The relationship between the only Nat-dominated regional administration and the ANC-dominated central government will need to be clarified, particularly on issues such as the implementation of the ANC's development programme.

Cosatu western Cape regional leader Tony Ruiters warns that the union federation's 170 000 members in the province will engage



in mass action and strikes unless the programme is implemented.

In reaction, Boesak says the new regional government will need to work hard to meet the demands of the people and ensure that no-one in the region is deprived or neglected.

Kriel foresees no major problems in dealing with central government and is certainly not expecting a cold shoulder from Pretoria. He believes Mandela is a man of integrity with a sense of fair play and will honour the formal ties that bind the central administration to the provinces.

The western Cape government will in turn respect the constitutional powers of parliament and central government, while jealously guarding the powers and duties conferred by the constitution on the regions.

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Kriel says it will be possible to implement regional policy that may conflict with that of central government, but the co-operative nature of regional government means plans for the western Cape are likely to be acceptable to central government as well.

Boesak believes the relationship will depend largely on the attitude of the Nat majority in the executive committee. If Kriel and his colleagues are antagonistic, the situation could become difficult. However, the ANC will do its best to ensure that the western Cape is treated fairly. ■

W Cape cabinet chosen to represent all groups

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Weekend Argus Political Staff

THE Western Cape will be run by a two-party power-sharing cabinet that has been carefully balanced to represent all the population groups in the province.

The National Party will have six of the 10 cabinet members and African National Congress the other four.

The cabinet has been balanced to include two black members, three white members and five coloured members — roughly a reflection of the province's population.

Headed by NP premier Hernus Kriel, the cabinet consists of:

■ Gerald Morkel (NP), Minister of Housing and Leader of the House;

■ Former administrator Kobus Meiring (NP), Minister

of Finance, Expenditure and Service Commission;

■ Lampie Fick (NP), Minister of Agricultural Development;

■ Peter Marais (NP), Minister of Local Government and Development Planning,

■ Martha Oelkers (NP), Minister of Education, Training and Cultural Affairs;

■ Patrick MacKenzie (NP), Minister of Police Services;

■ ANC provincial leader Allan Boesak, Minister of Economic Affairs,

■ Leonard Ramatlakane (ANC), Minister of Roads, Transport and Public Works;

■ Ebrahim Rasool (ANC), Minister of Health and Social Services;

■ Lerumo Kalako (ANC), Minister of Environment Affairs, Nature Conservation and Tourism,

Willem Doman of the NP will be Speaker of the Western Cape parliament and Arnold de Jager of the NP his deputy.

The NP's chief whip will be Adriaan Jordaan and his assistant Petrus Meyer.

Mr Kriel announced his cabinet late last night after the final election results gave the NP a comfortable working majority of 23 members in the 42-member provincial parliament. The ANC has 14 provincial MPs, the Democratic Party three, and the Freedom Front and African Christian Democratic Party one each.

Only the NP and ANC have more than the 10 percent threshold to qualify for the cabinet.

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Cape education minister promises open door policy

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JOHN VILJOEN
Education Reporter

WESTERN Cape National Party Education and Training Minister Martha Olckers has pledged an open-door policy when dealing with crises and disputes

But, while Mrs Olckers says she will always be accessible to teachers and hear their grievances, she will come down hard on strikers

The former Grahamstown mayor and President's Council and Cape Provincial Executive Committee member says she feels humbled and challenged by her appointment to the key education hotseat

Mrs Olckers, whose Western Cape cabinet portfolio includes Cultural Affairs, will control the sixth largest education department in the country with more than 800 000 pupils and almost 2 000 schools

The region's universities and technikons are under central government control

In an interview Mrs Olckers, 52, said the National Party had no regional political agenda when it came to education

Her party and the African National Congress had few differences in this area

"We've got no problem with their 10 years free education plan — if the money is there. After all, we are building a nation."

The Western Cape is fortunate to have a head start over other regions, she argues

It has a relatively high average individual income and adult literacy rate — about 90 percent — and can draw on NP governing experience, she says

Another advantage could prove the "open door" style she intends using when dealing with the region's 35 000 teachers

The bitter battles between education authorities and the South African Democratic



Picture: Doug Pithey, The Argus

Martha Olckers, the Western Cape's new Education and Training Minister says she will be tough on strikers.

Teachers' Union (Sadtu) have been a feature of the past two years

"I wouldn't like to single them (Sadtu) out because in my view that gives them a status they don't deserve," Mrs Olckers said

But she aims to be accessible to the profession as a whole

"My policy has always been that open door communication is the only way."

Taking part in the World Trade Centre negotiations also proved to her what could be achieved through informal discussion and exchange of views

Bolting the doors and denying access to teachers with grievances is the wrong approach, she says

"That's looking for frustration, that's looking for trouble

"Obviously one is busy, so one will have to fit into

schedules and programmes and appointments, but I mean a crisis is a crisis, and you handle that. You may have to wait a while but you'll see me."

There's little to talk about when it comes to teachers striking, however

"I think it's immoral, just as it's immoral of nurses to strike. Salaries and conditions are important but they are not important enough to punish a child. I will not look kindly on it."

With the first Western Cape cabinet meeting scheduled for tomorrow, some education priorities are emerging

These include a greater emphasis on primary school education, ensuring that each Western Cape pupil achieves a matric which enables the individual to earn a living, and removing any remaining discrimination against women educators

City prepares for elections

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By PETER DENNEHY
Municipal Reporter

PREPARATIONS for the municipal elections next year have started — at least in Cape Town — despite a lack of knowledge about eventual ward boundaries.

The municipal elections will differ from the national and provincial election we have just had in that there will be voters rolls. This is necessary as the elections have to be run partly (60%) on a ward basis, with only 40% of seats being filled on the proportional representation system.

A council source said he doubted the elections would cost more than the national one, which cost about a billion rand.

It was true the ward system in-

Voters rolls updated

troduced complexities such as the compilation of voters rolls, he said, but some savings would be effected. The number of required ballot forms would be known in advance, for example.

Municipal officials who were already trained could be used to compile the rolls, although some extra staff would be needed.

Most voters now have identity

documents. The same ballot boxes would probably be used.

The council has been updating existing property-based voters rolls as the local franchise has been extended to all adults regardless of property or race.

Last month, the CPA issued a proclamation indefinitely postponing the due date for the drawing up of preliminary voters rolls.

Instead, the CPA is to wait until members of transitional councils have been appointed and boundaries decided on before announcing the date of the municipal election. The voters rolls must be ready two months before that.

● For the Cape Town metropolitan area, the deadline for transitional councillor appointments and boundary determinations is July.

W Cape boundaries will be non-racial

Staff Reporter

THE demarcations of the Cape Metropolitan Council will emphasise non-racial boundaries, Professor Fanie Cloete, chairman of the Local Government Demarcation Board, said yesterday.

The board was requested by the Administrator to investigate and make recommendations regarding demarcations of negotiating forums and the

area of jurisdiction of any local government body.

The investigation would focus on whether the current boundary of the Western Cape Regional Services Council should be the boundary of the Cape Metropolitan Council.

"This is a very complex and sensitive issue — politically, socially, financially," Professor Cloete said. He said the investigation would con-

centrate on those areas on the fringe of the RSC area where boundaries were more likely to be contested.

Prof Cloete said it was more important to look at areas such as Strand and Somerset West to determine whether they should be part of the metropolitan forum and therefore be part of local boundary discussions. Public hearings would be held in these areas, but proposals or com-

ments on any other boundaries would also be accepted, he said.

Prof Cloete said their objective was to identify coherent and functional administrative entities, to achieve a viable, non-racial population distribution and eradicate development backlogs.

He said a report would be compiled and submitted to the new regional premier.

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The combination of a sleek, disciplined party machine, coupled to a strategy that convinced the wavering, anxious coloured community, was enough to secure victory for the National Party, write Tos Wentzel and Michael Morris

How West was won against the tide

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The National Party's victory in the Western Cape stands out as a striking exception in an election which has convincingly swept the ANC to power.

In the absence of a distinctive ethnic power base, how was the West won?

Finely tuned election machinery — for which the National Party has always been renowned — played a significant role in the party's runaway success.

Top-notch organisation, skillful timing, carefully pitched advertising, devolved responsibility to party branches, detailed attention to canvassing and to the mechanics of election day itself, were all critical in ensuring the highest possible NP turnout.

But they were by no means the key.

For, despite the aching wounds of apartheid — and symbols as salient and hurtful as District Six — the new National Party has successfully provided a political home for the very people it made outcasts in the past.

There appear to be various reasons for this.

They include certain language, cultural and religious affinities, but the most enduring reason is undoubtedly a widely felt apprehension within the coloured community at their prospects under a black government.

Even senior ANC figures in Western Cape acknowledged, as far back as 1982, that the liberation movement could not expect much support in the coloured community because, as one put it, "their fear of the future under a black government exceeds their anger at the treatment meted out by a white racist government of the past".



ANC supporters celebrate outside the Carlton Centre in Johannesburg on Monday night

— PICTURE AFP

NP sources also played on the relative unpopularity of ANC candidate Premier Allan Boesak, whose image had been tarnished by his personal life and who many felt had been virtually foisted on the region by ANC leader Nelson Mandela who was keen that the ANC in the Western Cape should be led by a col-

oured person.

In contrast party workers found a ready market for President De Klerk, whom they could sell as someone who had lived up to his promises and had genuinely changed the NP into a political home for all.

Sources said that the so-called new-Nats — MPs and Ministers who had crossed to the Nats from other tricoloured parties — drew support through their association with housing developments and other positive initiatives launched by the old House of Representatives.

In contrast, the NP drew little support from the black community. There had been some inter-

est, but this was never fully exploited largely because of the NP's lack of access to townships, and the fear of intimidation.

The NP has long been confident of winning the Cape and the combination of superb organisation and massive support from the coloured community, ensured that

Now — clearly conscious of a potentially divisive element in Western Cape politics — Nationalist leaders have stressed that the top priority will be incensing a spirit of reconciliation.

The NP acknowledges all circumstances must work together to turn the Western Cape into a post-apartheid success.

Bind my wounds is Kriel's aim

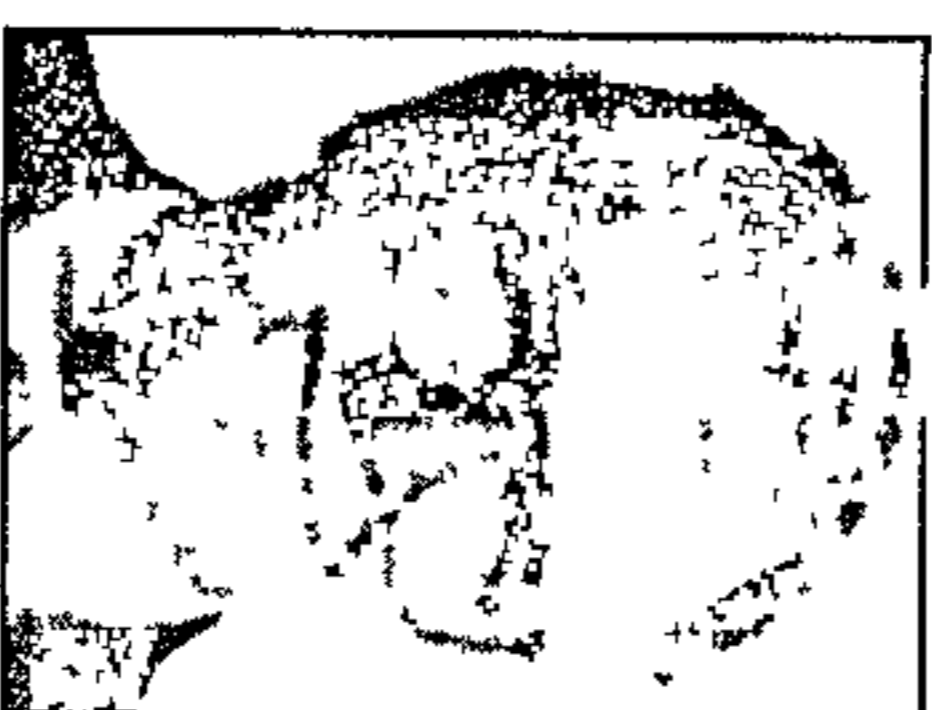
AMONG the top priorities of his administration, Hernus Kriel aims for reconciliation with ANC supporters, report Tos Wentzel and Michael Morris

Western Cape premier-elect Hernus Kriel has pledged himself to reconciliation with political opponents and co-operation with the central government.

Kriel, who led the National Party to its only regional victory, said at a Press conference he had already had cordial discussions with ANC Western Cape leader Allan Boesak on the telephone. He was optimistic they would have a good working relationship.

They planned to meet to discuss matters such as the composition of a 10-member provincial Cabinet. The NP would have six members and the ANC four.

He did not foresee problems in co-operating with the ANC-dominated central government. His rights and powers would be respected but those of the region would be jealously guarded. The government of the Western Cape would work together with the central government in a spirit of reconciliation and co-operation.



Hernus Kriel, new name for Western Cape?

plan of action to tackle that problem, but it is something we have to do along with the ANC and this will be started as soon as the new Cabinet meets. We must put our political fight behind us and become task-oriented in serving the community.

He expressed appreciation for calls by both Nelson Mandela and Cosatu for acceptance of the result. He would meet community leaders soon.

Other priorities were social upliftment, economic development, peace and security. He was not averse to the ANC's reconstruction and development programme but it would have to be adapted to resources in the Western Cape. Affordability and time-frames would be factors.

Kriel said he would seek support of the other parties to change the name of the area to 'Cape of Good Hope', but this would not be done unilaterally.

Cabinet powers on hold

■ New provincial powers could take a year or two to finalise, says Western Cape cabinet member Peter Marais.

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IT could be at least 18 months before the newly elected provincial legislatures have all the powers and functions assigned to them by the interim constitution, according to Western Cape provincial cabinet member Peter Marais.

"We will have to move as quickly as we can to get some interim arrangements in place so the work of the legislature is not delayed," he told Weekend Argus this week.

The provincial cabinet held its first planning session yesterday to divide responsibilities among its 11 members in order to get maximum devolution of powers as soon as possible.

"At present we in the Western Cape have an administration but no legislative powers," said Mr Marais, who has the local government and development planning portfolio.

"By law, we can only take over legislative powers once they have been devolved to us by the central government. Legislative powers for the provinces are not automatic, the way they would be in a federation.

"A provincial premier must motivate, in writing, reasons why the president and his cabinet should grant responsibilities listed in Schedule 6 of the constitution to that province."

The 21 legislative functions listed include provincial police, housing and agriculture. Some functions, such as police, have never before been assigned to provinces.

"This may not be as much of a problem administratively for the Western Cape as it would appear, because when the 'own affairs' structures fell away many of their responsibilities came to us," said Mr Marais, a former provincial MEC.

"The president and the cabinet must be satisfied that the province is competent to handle responsibilities given it.

"The Commission for Administration and the Commission on State Expenditure must confirm that there is a full staff complement and a full-scale treasury in place."

A hitch was that the pre-interim phase of local government in the Western Cape was not complete, he said.

"Of 88 forum areas proposed, only 25 have been approved. Because of the delay, local government elections have been postponed indefinitely."

An immediate problem facing the Western Cape was that the entire existing administrative and legislative structure for the whole of the former Cape Province had been based in Cape Town, said Mr Marais.

"This area now been split into three — the Western Cape, the Northern Cape and part of the Eastern Cape.

"Are we now going to be required to allocate part of our existing staff complement to those areas? If we don't, where will they get them? If we do, what problems will we face with staff?"



□ **SOUND BASE:** Peter Marais, in charge of local government and development planning in the Western Cape cabinet, is optimistic because "a sound governmental base has been established".

The Eastern Cape may take over staff from Transkei and Ciskei which have been incorporated, but as I see it the Northern Cape will have to start from scratch. And will it not be premature to build a staff complement for the Northern Cape when a referendum may decide that it is to be reincorporated in the Western Cape?"

Mr Marais was optimistic about the future because "a sound governmental base has now been established."

"Issues such as unilateral restructuring, extra-parliamentary forces and illegitimacy of the regime have now become non-issues. We have a central authority and provincial authorities which have been mandated by the electorate to govern," he said.

"We shall be given the authority to devolve authority to the third tier of government — that is local government — and will be able to steer and direct events

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Hopes fade for local elections next year

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LOCAL government elections have been postponed indefinitely because the process of getting new multiracial councils off the ground has bogged down

The Western Cape Demarcation Board, which recommends boundaries and areas of jurisdiction for negotiating forums and local authorities, will have public hearings about the future boundary of the Cape metropolitan council early next month — a month after the official deadline for the formation of negotiating forums

Chairman of the Western Cape Demarcation Board Fanie Cloete told Weekend Argus he was "extremely pessimistic" about the possibility of holding local elections next year

The board was investigating whether the area now covered by the Western Cape Regional Services Council should be the area of jurisdic-

tion of the Cape metropolitan council

This was a highly sensitive issue, said Professor Cloete. The board would give special attention to the fringes of the RSC area which were likely to be contested. The board would emphasise "nonracial" boundaries, he said

It has been claimed in the past that "everyone was running away from the big apple — Khayelitsha", according to Cape Town city councillor Neil Ross

The Cape Town City Council had recommended a metropolitan area stretching far into the Boland, while the fringe towns of Somerset West and Strand wanted to be kept out of it at any cost

Meanwhile, only 64 of the 88 forums proposed for the Western Cape had applied for recognition, according to Western Cape minister of local government Peter Marais

Of these, only 25 had been approved, while two had been approved conditionally and 37

had been referred back, he told Weekend Argus

Another 23 local authorities had applied for exemption on the grounds that they already had established multiracial councils, but their requests were refused and they were told to go back to the drawing board

The whole process laid down by the Local Government Transition Act is cumbersome. It set up demarcation boards which must investigate and make recommendations on the areas of jurisdiction of negotiating forums and on the sensitive issue of boundaries

These are committees of people with special technical qualifications. Western Cape chairman Professor Cloete of Stellenbosch University is a former chief director of the Department of Constitutional Planning and Development, and the African National Congress' housing expert Basil Davidson is deputy chairman. Other members have town-planning qualifications or ex-

perience in local authority administration

The demarcation board's recommendations then go to the provincial committees for local government, also set up by the Act. These are political bodies whose duty it is to see that everything is acceptable as far as the local communities are concerned.

The Western Cape provincial committee consists of ANC national MP Salie Manie, ANC provincial MP Hilda Ndude, civics association chairman John Neels, city council exco chairman Clive Keegan, Eddie Kulsen and Wynand Malan.

Only after the demarcation board and the provincial committee have agreed will recommendations be sent to the Western Cape cabinet for approval

And, once they have been approved, the real work begins locally — breaking the individual forum areas down into wards and preparing voters' rolls

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Bold plan to restore services

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□ Council proposes streamlining of local government restructuring

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CAPE Town City Council has put forward a bold plan to restore services to more than 700 000 residents of Peninsula townships — and for streamlining the complicated restructuring of local government

The plan, dubbed the "enhanced service delivery model", proposes abolishing the Western Cape Regional Services Council and "coloured" management committees

A transitional metropolitan council will be set up, but redrawing the municipal boundaries of existing city and town councils will be postponed in order to meet the

services crisis in townships as quickly as possible.

A team which compiled a confidential report on the plan said there was hope it would be supported by both statutory and non-statutory local government groups.

The report said the timetable set for reform of local government within 90 days was unrealistic

It said it was vitally important that a more legitimate form of local-government was set up to show progress in complying with transition legislation

But it warned against being over-hasty in the mammoth task of restructuring local government

Appropriate arrangements would have to be made to finance agreements for the city council to divert

resources, possibly including staff, to townships.

The report described the state of services, finance and administration in Peninsula townships and informal settlements as chaotic

There was an increasing potential risk to public health.

The report acknowledged that keeping existing councils going meant local government would continue to be divided along racial lines, but said the aim of the plan was to erode racial differences by providing more equitable service delivery.

Cape Town City Council would remain basically intact

In townships efforts would be made to promote the "culture of

payment", but there could be social assistance for people who could not afford to pay for services.

The report said the impact of the model on property rates would probably be in reasonable limits

But there could be an impact on operating expenditure by councils in the short- to medium-term, which would have a direct effect on service charges and other tariffs

Another possibility mooted for former black local authority areas was for joint commissioners to be appointed to run them, as had been done in the former "homelands".

The report, put to the council at a closed meeting, said the model was pragmatic and financially sound

RSC pledges full support

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THE Regional Services Council yesterday pledged its full support for the government's Reconstruction and Development Programme (RDP) and said it would do anything possible to help achieve the goals of the programme

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This was said in a statement following a meeting of the Execu-

tive Committee of the Association of Regional Services Councils of the Cape Province called to discuss the role of the RSC in the implementation of the RDP

The statement said the RSC had over the years implemented certain elements that the RDP was striving for

Mr James Kleyhans, chairman of the association, said that "for

the past seven years regional services councils were busy trying to improve and develop as well as provide services to the less privileged communities"

"Since the inception of RSCs in 1987 this was their primary goal. In the Cape Province all the councils were always striving towards achieving this goal within the limits of their budgets," he added

Cape will need 'new money'

Political Staff

THE Reconstruction and Development Programme (RDP) will require "new money" locally because there was "virtually no fat" built into the Western Cape's R8 billion budget, regional Finance Minister Mr Kobus Meiring warned yesterday

Speaking after yesterday's cabinet meeting, the former Cape administrator said that while his government would "love to implement" the RDP, it would be "tough going just to make ends meet"

New money would have to come in the form of additional funds from central government or from job creation (generating tax) for the RDP, he said

"Over the past five years I have been responsible for the budget (CPA) and it was always a strug-

No 'fat' on R8bn budget

gle — even when we tried to lift living standards there was very little money to do it with

"This new budget is just a conglomeration of a number of new functions again — it will be a helluva job just to balance the books in the new year," Mr Meiring warned

Anxious to allay fears that there would be "discrimination" locally because of a NP-dominated government, Mr Meiring emphasised it was a government of regional unity

"It's in nobody's interests to

discriminate against any province," he added

Of frustration local ministers felt at having to wait for central government to devolve functions, powers (and cash), Mr Meiring said "we're trying to keep the momentum going but there's not much more we can do than dig into our portfolios — all that work is piling up somewhere"

The provincial parliamentary rules committee yesterday again failed to agree on dress, secrecy and prayer protocols

● Mr Herbert Beukes was yesterday appointed director-general of the Western Cape administration

Professor Fanie Cloete, (economics) of Stellenbosch University, who yesterday briefed the cabinet's third meeting, has been appointed chairman of the municipal demarcation board for next year's elections

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Third official language for Western Cape

"Wherever practicable, a person shall have the right to use and to be addressed in his or her dealings with any public administration at the national level of government in any official South African language of his or her choice. Regional differentiation in relation to language policy and practice shall be permissible." — Language policy in the Constitution Former president F W de Klerk signed the Afrikaans text

CLIVE SAWYER
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THE Western Cape is gearing up — in some cases slowly — to run its affairs in three official languages.

Premier Hernus Kriel, reaffirming an election promise, has announced the province's official languages will be Afrikaans, English and Xhosa

But Mr Kriel's announcement does not mean immediate implementation of the new policy

Language policy must be approved by a two-thirds majority in a provincial parliament, and the Western Cape legislature is due to meet only in August

Officially, implementation cannot begin before then.

A provincial administration spokesman said investigations had begun into implementation of the policy, particularly at counters and in offices, and in the provincial legislature itself

But while official implementation may be months away, police seem ahead of the game compared to other government departments

Three linguists fluent in Xhosa have been appointed to police regional headquarters.

Spokesman Raymond Dowd said Western Cape police had begun preparing for a third official language even before the constitution changed

This did not mean every constable on the beat was a linguist.

"We may have teething problems at first, and wheth-

er for instance a Xhosa-speaker can be helped immediately may depend on which station he visits

"If we cannot help him immediately, we will contact a neighbouring station until we find someone who can

"Don't forget we are used to dealing with people who speak other languages — even tourists who speak German or Italian"

Would his public relations department be able to reply to inquiries in Xhosa?

"I have a smattering of Xhosa," Colonel Dowd said

A spokesman for the Cape Education Department said various models on how to implement the new national language policy were being discussed. But the department did not expect any major changes in schools under its jurisdiction

"Provision is already made at school level for pupils to acquire at least a communicative competency in two languages other than the medium of instruction."

About 40 percent of Cape Education Department primary schools in the Western Cape provided tuition in Xhosa from Standards 3 to 5, and at least 20 high schools offered Xhosa as a subject, the spokesman said

The Cape Town Receiver of Revenue's office is part of the Department of Finance and, as a national government department, should be able to cope with 11 languages

The Receiver was not available for comment but it is reliably understood interpreters are employed to deal with correspondence in lan-

guages other than English or Afrikaans

Cape Town City Council, as a local government body, would seem to be exempt from being able to cope with 11 official languages. The provincial policy of three languages would probably apply

Spokesman Ted Doman said capacity of council branches to communicate in three languages varied. The traffic department was most likely to be expected to deal with Xhosa-speakers

"I am not aware of any complaints," Mr Doman said.

There were Xhosa-speaking employees in the city health department and in the motor licensing section

The city council chamber has translation facilities, installed years ago, likely to be brought into use when Xhosa-speaking councillors are elected

Asked whether motorists would soon see road signs in three languages, a provincial administration spokesman said words on official signs were being phased out

"Nationally the policy on road signs is to use pictures rather than words," the spokesman said

It was hoped people would learn to plan journeys and know which route numbers to follow

The process of changing road signs started last year, before the announcement on changed language policy. Research had shown it took too long to read words when numbers and pictures were suitable substitutes

By 2000, all road signage now in use would be phased out

Council plan to pump aid into townships

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A PLAN to delay redrawing municipal boundaries while pumping aid into crisis-hit Peninsula townships is to be proposed at metropolitan talks by the Cape Town City Council

The plan, known as the "enhanced service delivery model", was adopted by 14 votes to six at a special behind-closed-doors council meeting last night

A bid by dissenting councillors to give notice of a motion to review and rescind the decision — which would effectively suspend it for a month — did not draw sufficient support

Supporters of the plan say it will enable short-term support to be given to townships where services have collapsed, while satisfying transitional local government legislation

The model proposes that existing councils be kept in place instead of new "metropolitan substructures" being set up.

A transitional metropolitan council will be established, with representatives from statutory and non-statutory groups

This council will supersede the Western Cape Regional Services Council, which along with management committees, will be abolished



By Quentin Wilson

WHILE Western Cape townships and squatter camps wait for proper roads, pavements, street signs

and road signs, the Cape Town City Council has forked out R57,8 million in maintaining roads in largely white areas

According to a source inside the council, the amount spent on road maintenance for the past year is "a frantic attempt to spend as much money as possible on white areas" before their superior resources are "shared out" to other democratically elected organs of local government. "It is a classic case of selling the family silver before it's too late," the source said.

Council splashes out on 'white' areas

"While there is no settlement yet on how local government is going to be structured, the council is doing all it can to spend its resources on white areas — before it has to on black areas as well." But the head of the council's roads department, Mr Duhcan

Short, vehemently denied the accusation. (22/03) According to Short, the roads needed maintenance. Failure to do so would have cost the city "millions more" later on. "Regardless of the political dispensation, we have a responsibility

to maintain what we have. We have to keep the engine running and to keep the road system going. "Any suggestion that we have a hidden agenda is completely malicious and unfounded," Short said. He said the amount spent this year on road maintenance was

"about the same" in real terms as in other years. While an estimated R57,8 million has been spent over the last year, Short said R49,8 million was last year's figure. The year before, he said, totalled R40,51 million for road maintenance

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RSC borders for metro

By PETER DENNEHY

THE present Regional Services Council's boundaries are to serve as the borders of the Cape Metropolitan Negotiating Forum and metro council

The forum reached this decision last night in the face of earlier objections by such "fringe towns" as Stellenbosch, Paarl, Somerset West and Gordon's Bay, which did not send representatives to the meeting

Last night's resolution on the boundaries obtained support from groups as diverse as the SACP and the relatively conservative Good Hope Alliance of ratepayer organisations

Mr Mzukisi Gaba of the Communist Party said

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the large boundary agreed upon would be the most appropriate for implementing a reconstruction and development programme.

Mr Llewellyn van Wyk, deputy mayor of Cape Town, said the interdependence of parts of the metro area would increase with time

To establish an edge of urban development, a controlling authority had to have jurisdiction over land on both sides of the edge, he said

● Delegates failed to agree last night on whether the African Christian Democratic Party should be admitted to the statutory or the non-statutory side

The matter was referred to the forum's steering committee

Council to pay R1,5m backpay

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THE 63 local management committee members are to get a R1,5-million backpay hand-out to bring their allowances since the beginning of last year into line with those received by city councillors

The total cost to the council will be R1 543 013, according to a report in the agenda of today's monthly council meeting

Funds for this purpose will be taken out of reserves in this year's almost-completed budget. This expense will therefore not show up in the figures for the forthcoming budget, to be presented on Thursday this week

Management committee members will receive different payouts, according to their positions. But they should get an average of about R23 000 each, including the amounts paid by the council into the pension fund on their behalf

The council was only informed this year, that a change to the Local Authorities Ordinance required that management committee members should now receive the same as city councillors, and that the payout should be backdated for an entire year.

The intention behind this change was to eliminate discrimination which was seen to be racially-based. Municipalities are, in general, white-run bodies and posts on management committees have tended to be filled by coloured or Indian people

The council objected to the change, and took the matter to both the former Administrator of the Cape, Mr Kobus Meiring, and the Transitional Executive Council's sub-committee on regional and local government

The council argued that the responsibilities of management committees were not the same as those of councillors

The council said that the committees had always been mere advisory bodies to councils, except in respect of some minor tasks delegated to them for actual decision-making

Councillors were informed that their objections had not been successful, and that the council was legally obliged to pay out the money

The council has now, under protest, instructed the city treasurer to pay out the R1,5m

Move on management committee allowances

□ City council in bid to block higher pay

CLIVE SAWYER
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RENEWED efforts will be made by the Cape Town City Council to block a move to pay full councillors' allowances to management committee members, a move which will drain millions of rands from municipal reserve funds

Democratic Party caucus leader John Sonnenberg said the huge pay increases for management committees were "not an apartheid reparation but an apartheid dividend"

The council voted to ask for senior counsel's opinion on the legality of the measure, and to continue to lobby higher tiers of government to axe the scheme

Earlier, council appeals to the previous provincial administration and the Transitional Executive Council to stop the scheme failed

The TEC said the provincial administration order was beyond its powers to reverse

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At yesterday's council meeting, Dick Friedlander said the scheme should be challenged afresh.

Backdated to January last year, the scheme will cost an initial R1,5 million

Dr Sonnenberg said he objected in principle to the measure being retrospective

He said it was discriminatory to give councillors' allowances to management committee members because the committees' areas of jurisdiction were far smaller and they were merely advisory bodies

Dr Sonnenberg quoted a press report in which the provincial administration claimed the move was aimed at removing racial discrimination.

"That is about the richest thing I can imagine

"This council, which consistently over the years has been opposed to the management committee system, must now expiate the conscience of the National Party provincial government which instituted the whole thing.

"It is the supreme irony," Dr Sonnenberg said

It was a "political ploy and a shabby trick"

Ruth Ortlepp, outlining the impact of the provincial administration order, cited the example of Scotsche Kloof management committee members who will be paid R69 000 each in back-pay.

She said she did not believe former Administrator Kobus Mering realised what the impact of the scheme would be

The millions of rands which would be spent on the move could have been better used on other projects, Ms Ortlepp said

Arthur Wienburg said councillors' allowances should be reduced to a bare minimum — and management committees then given pay parity

Payment could be on the basis of attending meetings, he said

Councillors attend several full council, standing committee and sub-committee meetings each month.

R650 m for new housing plans held up by wrangle

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A SUM of R650-million is enmeshed in a constitutional tangle instead of being used for housing in the Western Cape — all because the provincial legislature is still without any executive powers a month after the elections.

The provincial legislature is among the nine provincial governments in the country which are all suffering a "power vacuum" because of constitutional conditions attached to the transfer of powers to provinces.

As a result the money that has already been approved by the previous government for housing, is "lying idle" instead of being used for much-needed housing and other projects, says Mr Gerald Morkel, leader of the Western Cape Provincial Legislature.

Mr Morkel, who was yesterday chosen as one of three deputy chairmen of the NP in the Western Cape, said it would take "a long time" before the newly-elected provincial legislatures had all the powers and functions "conditionally" assigned to them by the interim constitution.

Meanwhile, provincial Cabinets were carrying on in purely administrative roles without any real executive powers, he said.

Mr Morkel, who is Minister of Housing in the Western Provincial Legislature, said Western Cape premier Henus Kriel — as well as the other eight provincial premiers — had already approached State President Mandela for the powers promised them in the constitution.

He disclosed that in a meeting with national Housing Minister Joe Slovo last week "certain provincial premiers" were unhappy about the hold-up of the devolvement of executive powers to them by the new government.

He said, however, only the Western Province, Natal/KwaZulu and the PWV Legislatures could convince Mr Slovo they had the infrastructure to

By NORMAN WEST
Political Reporter

handle provincial executive powers

He said because the six other provincial legislatures lacked the infrastructure, Mr Slovo indicated that provincial powers would be put on hold and handled by Cabinet ministers until all were ready to take over their administration.

"We in the Western Cape Legislature are unhappy about this and the matter will be discussed at the Western Cape Cabinet meeting on Wednesday as we cannot afford to be tied down because of the incapacity of other provinces to handle functions

Mr Morkel said each of the nine provinces would have to first "pass two tests" before they could claim real powers

● They must prove they are capable — and have the necessary infrastructure — to handle each of the 21 functions stipulated in the constitution;

● The Commission for Administration and the Commission for State Expenditure must certify they have the necessary treasury in place to handle their budgets — an amount of R7-billion in the case of the Western Cape

Bid to ensure essential services

PIETER MALAN
Staff Reporter

TWO administrators will take over the day-to-day running of Saron after allegations that essential services are not being delivered because of a power struggle for control of the administration board

The latest development in a struggle that has divided the 9 500-strong community for months follows a visit by the newly elected regional minister of Local Government and Development Planning Peter Marais to the town

Saron, a coloured trust area half-way between Gouda and Porterville, made headlines earlier this year when an ANC-aligned management board was elected after accusations of corruption against the previous board

A tussle between the new board and the old one evolved, with the old board refusing to hand over the keys to the administration offices, saying the election which had toppled them was illegitimate

At the same time allegations began to be made that the new board was not delivering essential services —

like rubbish and night-soil removal — to all inhabitants

This was untrue, said chairman of the new board, Dan Kotze.

“Those who complained were people not willing to pay for services”

While walking through the town yesterday in an effort to establish the truth of these rumours, Mr Marais was invited to an impromptu meeting of residents, all of whom were vociferously in favour of the “new” board

He told the gathering of about 300 people his first objective was to see services restored

He said that, according to law, a local negotiating forum had to be established before country-wide elections for local governments could be held

Previous efforts to attain the first goal by appointing two temporary administrators failed when one of the candidates, lawyer Glyn Williams — who acts on behalf of the “new” board — set certain conditions before accepting the post

The other administrator was Bree River Regional Services Council chief executive officer Hannes Coetzee

But in a surprise development after Mr Marais had already left Saron yesterday, Mr Williams provisionally accepted his appointment as co-administrator with Mr Coetzee

This would effectively mean that the “new” management board would cease to exist and all services would now be the responsibility of the two men

Mr Kotze said this would also ease the next step in the process — that of establishing the negotiating forum

He said one of the “new” board’s biggest concerns was that the chairman of the “old” board, Hannes Smit, should not be on the negotiating forum

“There is such a feeling of animosity towards Mr Smit that the community is adamant that he shouldn’t be on such a forum”

It was not clear if this demand was possible Mr Marais said yesterday that the old board would not cease to exist — it was simply that its functions would be handed over to the administrators

The old board must — as a statutory body — therefore be represented on any negotiating forum

Budget hurdle for Peninsula

By NAZEEM HOWA

LOCAL government structures may not be able to finalise their budgets for the new financial year until a new Transitional Metropolitan Council (TMC) is in place and local municipal boundaries are finalised.

This is the view of several key members of the Cape Metropolitan Negotiating Forum, who pointed out that Transitional Municipal Sub-councils (TMS) will be responsible for a substantial portion of the TMC's funding.

However, new municipal boundaries are presently under discussion and it is unlikely that any of the existing internal boundaries will stay in place once the present municipalities are converted to Transitional Municipal Sub-councils.

It is likely that several of the black townships previously administered by local councils will be merged with neighbouring municipalities to make new TMSs.

New financial years for most of the municipalities in the region begin on July 1 and negotiators are concerned that the changes to internal boundaries could substantially alter the municipal areas.

Another major stumbling block facing negotiators is the finalisation of the outer boundaries for the Cape metropolitan area. At this stage the deadline for the establishment of a TMC is July 2. However, a final ruling from the Demarcation Board on the outer boundaries for the metro area is only expected at the end of June.

Once the boundaries have been established, the debate will shift to the future of the Regional Services Council (RSC). A strong view is that the RSC should make way for the TMC. However, this is likely to be resisted by current RSC councillors.

THOUSANDS SET ASIDE *SOUTHWESTER* (SUPPL. TO SOUTH) FOR MANAGEMENT MEMBERS

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BY SABATA NGCAL

The Cape Town City Council is preparing to fork out R1,5 million of taxpayers' money to "coloured" management committee members who were elected by only a handful of people.

The results of the last management committee elections, in October 1988, show that the councillors enjoy very little support

The city council has recommended back pay for members of the nine management committees to bring their earnings into line with the white councillors

Mr Fuad Kariem of the Schotcheskloof management committee, who is due to get R69 000 in back pay, only got 91 votes in the 1988 election

However, Mr Kariem is adamant that he represents the people and attributed his results at the polls to "poor canvassing".

Mr Fred Adams, chairperson of

the Athlone management committee, will get R25 000 if the back pay recommendation is approved

City council records show Mr Adams received 2 199 votes in the municipal election. He could not be reached for comment

Cape Town City Council spokesperson Mr Ted Doman said councillors, who represent "white" ratepayers, have objected to the proposed back pay

He said the councillors felt the management committee members had acted only as advisors while decisions were made by the councillors (2/63)

Mr Doman said the objection forced the council to delay the payment and investigate the matter further

But Mr Kariem was optimistic that the management committee members would get the money

He said they have given the city council five days to pay the money, failing which they will take the matter to court.

"The money belongs to us, we have sweated for it," Mr Kariem said



SWEATED FOR IT: Fuad Kariem is getting R69 000 for 91 votes

ANC knives out over Kriel 'breach'

By CHRIS BATEMAN
and BARRY STREEK

KNIVES were drawn in the Western Cape cabinet last night when ANC members accused NP Premier Mr Herens Kriel of a "breath-taking" breach of agreed cabinet protocol by "acting unilaterally".

Environment Affairs Minister and ANC regional secretary Mr Lerumo Kalo said he and fellow ANC cabinet

members appealed last night to President Nelson Mandela not to grant Mr Kriel provincial powers until he had consulted more widely.

They had learnt informally and "with surprise" only yesterday that some provincial powers could be transferred to the Western Cape as early as tomorrow. "We recognise that in terms of the interim constitution the premier has the authority to request such powers but we cannot be party to something we have

not been consulted about," he said.

There was no deliberation at an executive council meeting or by a full sitting of the provincial legislature over the request for powers, he said.

However, a spokesman for Mr Kriel said the devolution of powers was on the agenda of the last cabinet meeting when the premier reported back to members from the Premier's Forum. Mr Kriel was unavailable for comment last night. At a news conference with Transport

Minister Mr Leonard Ramatlakane and ANC chief whip the Rev Chris Nissen, Mr Kalo said the premier's actions could have "serious implications for the functioning of this province."

"We're very worried that it's an indication that they (the NP) just want to operate in the same old way — as if no changes have taken place in the country," he said.

The ANC is calling an urgent caucus meeting this morning. (263)

ANC Western Cape leader Dr Allan Boesak returns today from a job creation drive overseas.

Mr Ramatlakane said "It was agreed protocol that the premier would come to us for joint decision-making. This is a complete breach of the protocol we have established."

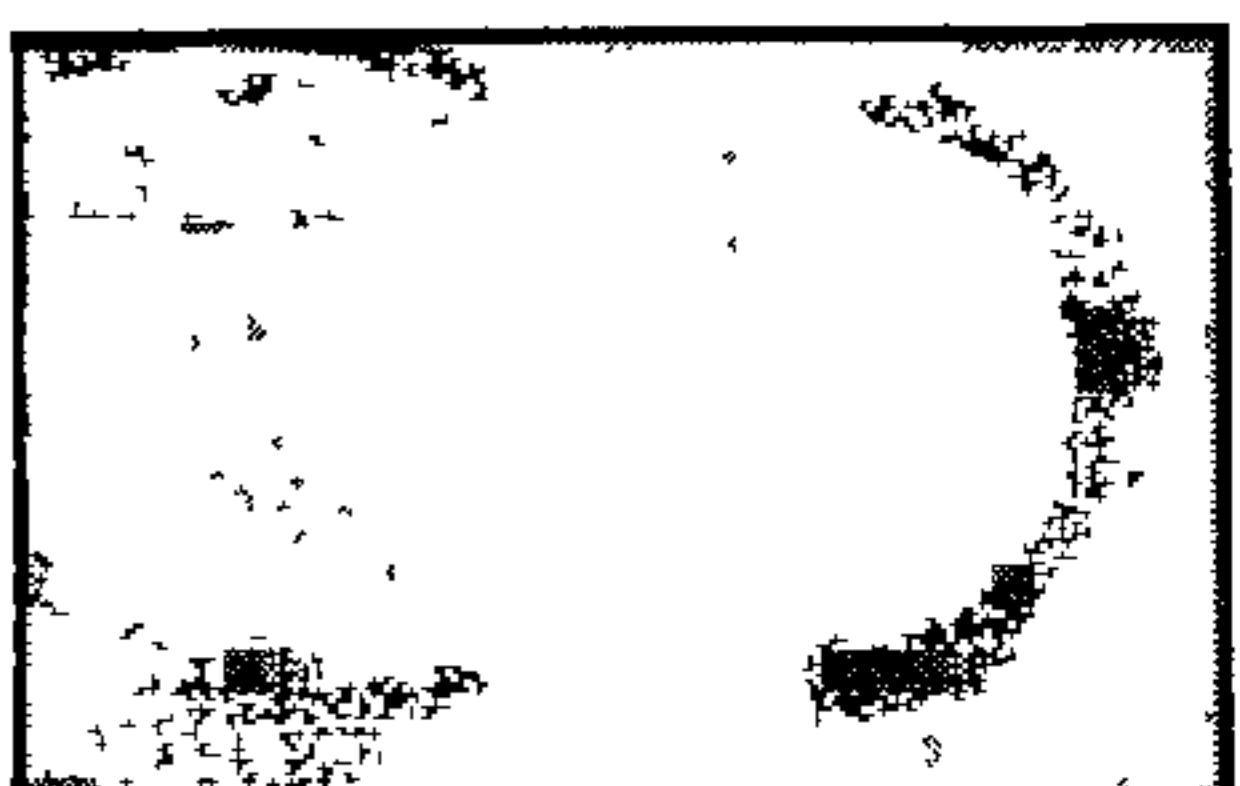
Mr Kriel was in Pretoria with his eight counterparts last night holding "confidential discussions" ahead of meetings today with government ministers.



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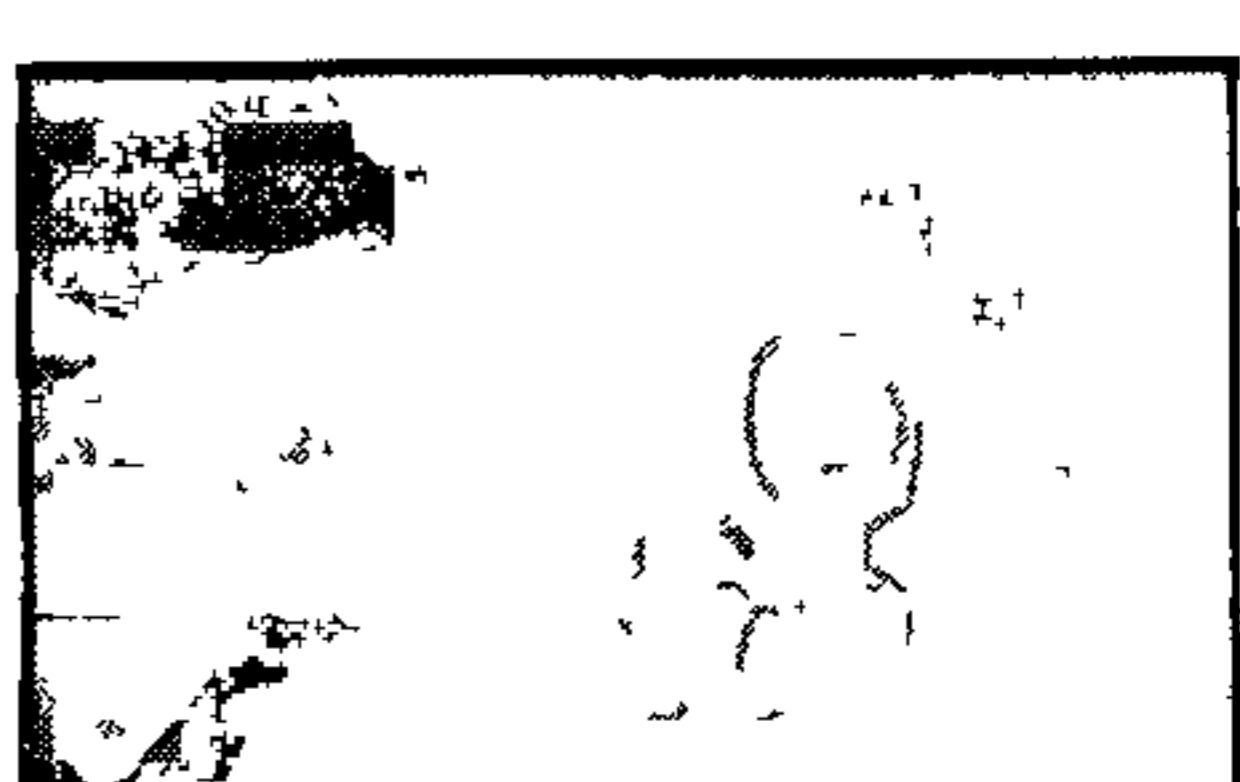
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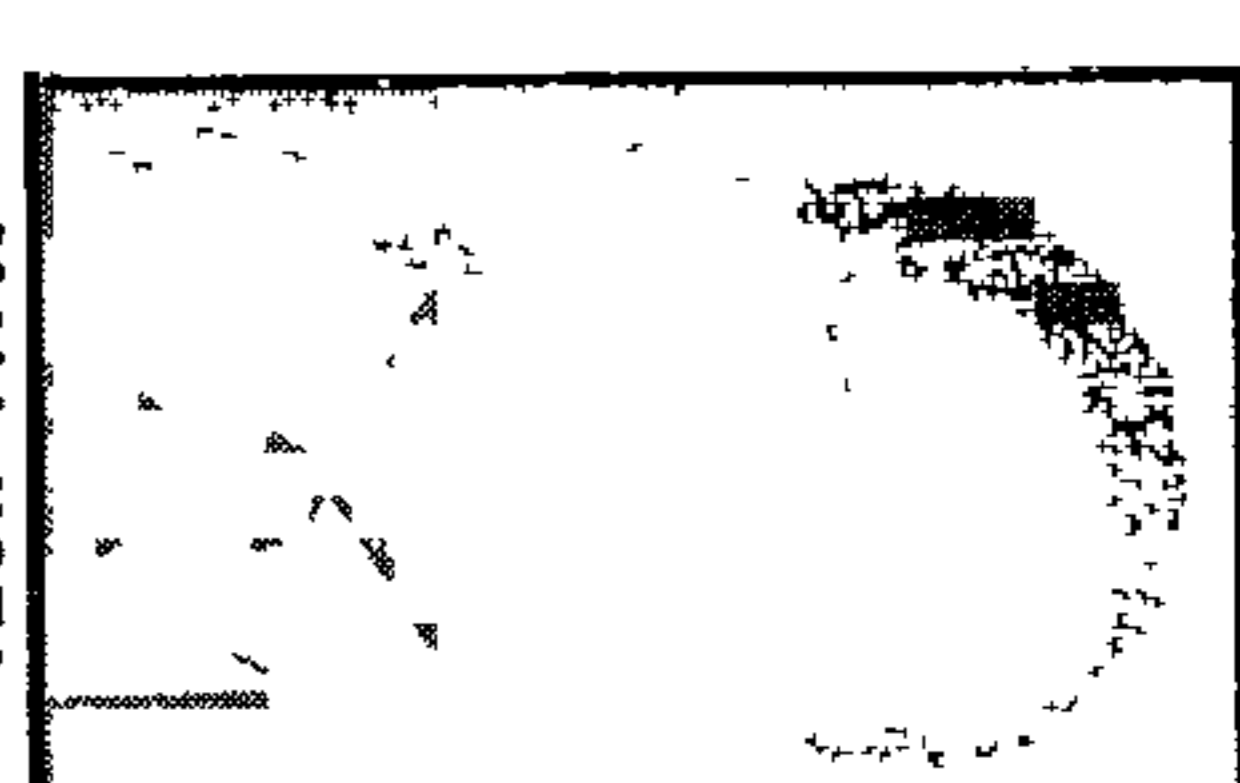
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Cape 'rumpus' spawns a winter of discontent

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ALTHOUGH the ANC steadfastly maintains "all is well" amid the verbal bickering over the National Party's alleged "unilateral and undemocratic" actions, the mistrust gap between the regional partners-in-government is as wide as a barn door.

In fact, this week's rumpus has set the tone for future clashes as the two battle to deliver "milk and honey" to the millions of Western Cape residents, especially from impoverished squatter camps as outlined in the reconstruction and development programme.

At the heart of this week's tiff is the NP's alleged unilateral decision to seek regional powers from the central government without input from the ANC which is the junior partner.

On the record, the ANC leaders uncharacteristically spoke without the bel-ligerent "struggle" tone — "we see this as a misunderstanding on the part of the NP and we hope it'll be solved soon".

Maybe President Mandela's national conciliatory gesture, even in the face of a severe provocation, had a thing or two to do with this approach.

Besides its "political objections" to the NP move, the regional ANC claims that the NP contradicted the constitution which requires that the application for powers should be supported by all parties in a province.

In its usual style of "crying foul" in the full glare of the media, the ANC fur-

■ This week's clash between the ANC and National Party members over the NP's alleged unilateral decision-taking indicates future relations in the Western Cape cabinet are set to be icy . . . protests may break out.

ther stated that the constitution stated that "competent authority" should be set up before the president could assign the powers.

But, the NP cynically dismissed the claims — provincial finance minister Kobus Meiring described the ANC objections as a "storm in a teacup" while Minister Hennis Kriel was more forthright first.

The first bickering was behind closed doors when the NP was cutting up the provincial cake in early May.

Much to the anger of the ANC, Mr Kriel — he refused to meet the five-member ANC delegation but only Allan Boesak — wanted to take up the powerful portfolios and hand minor ones over to the ANC. In terms of the elections outcome, the ANC was entitled to only four cabinet seats.

But the ANC refused the NP choices, arguing that it was useless to be a partner if it could not get posts of substance.

During the horse-trading, the ANC asked for the portfolio of the economic affairs which it said would be given to a University of the Western Cape academic, but the NP rejected the nominee on the grounds that he was a "communist".

The NP changed its mind when the ANC gave the post to Dr Boesak. The impasse was solved, but it was clear that the NP wanted to use its numerical elections advantage.

The first public clash was when the

ANC opposed the nomination of NP's Arnold de Jager as the Speaker and put up Chris Ntsebenzi as a counter. The first blood went to the NP who won the post by 25 to 17 votes.

Next huff was when, Mr Kriel, giving impression that the NP still saw people with tainted racial spectacles, asked Ebrahim Rasool to "organise a meeting with prominent local Muslim leaders".

Being adherents to non-racialism, the ANC took offence to the request and never co-operated.

Whether this week's conflict boils down to a semantic misunderstanding — the NP maintains the devolution of power was discussed by all the parties in at least three regional cabinet meetings but the ANC says the gatherings merely talked about the need to apply for the powers — or just a genuine lack of consultation, the seeds of the disputes seem to be rooted in the past.

Historically, the ANC is famous for bearing the torch of democracy, believes in extensive consultation before major decisions are taken, is set to be quick off the mark — whether correctly or not — when it is convinced that its rights are being trampled on.

This perception is reinforced by the view that the ANC, though it lost the regional elections, is determined to ensure that any remnants of the "we-know-what's-best-for-you way" of its discarded And the ANC also draws solace from

that the central government will give it a sympathetic ear for its sentiments — and is determined to fight for its supporters' happiness by safeguarding democracy.

In fact, it is a well-known secret that the ANC is entirely happy to work with the Kriel government, let alone taking instructions from him.

Much of this is based on the fact Mr Kriel is viewed as a representing the NP's old conservative order and opposed the reform process that led to the ANC officially assuming power after winning the elections.

The ANC perception was evident during the elections when the regional movement, though its campaign was focused on selling the promises in the reconstruction and development programme, claimed the region would be befallen by "doom and gloom" should the NP win.

It also claimed the region, among other things, would be hit by the removal of Parliament, the shifting of Olympic Games and the tourism's flight — because of the re-introduction of Boerestaat apartheid-style of Mr Kriel.

In response, Mr Kriel dismissed the charges as "totally devoid of truth and cheap politicking".

Yes, much of that was politicking — politics is still an Olympic sport in the Farrest Cape — but the legacy of this

negative views lingers on

And the ANC suspicion stems from this. With its clout, though in terms of the election outcome a loser the ANC plans to counter any excesses.

In fact, because of its grassroots mass-based contacts, the ANC holds a key for the smooth-running of the regional NP government. In fact is the de jure rulers.

For example, though NP's Patrick McKenzie is the de facto provincial Minister of Police, his ANC shadow counterparts, Vincent Diba and Johnny Issel, stand a better chance of persuading many township communities to alter their old-style hostile perception of the police.

Likewise, the community anger that might arise because of the controversial remarks of Minister of Education Martha Olickers, who has shown a potential of shooting herself in the foot — "striking teachers are immoral and elections costs force education cuts" — can be cooled by the ANC with its close ties with the grassroots bodies and trade unions.

Meanwhile, the ANC has pledged to work hand-in-hand with the Kriel government for the sake of the people — and unity.

But, time will tell whether it would have to take to the streets to achieve what it cannot get in the corridors of the provincial parliament that includes some of its bitter enemies, Crossroads warlords Johnson Ngxobongwana and former Khayelitsha mayor Mali Hoza.

Civics calling for poll delay

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Keegan no to 'commissars' for Cape Town

■ People in civic associations have waited 40 years for representative local elections in the Western Cape and they can wait another year, says Sanco director John Neels.

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CIVIC associations were "dead against" exco chairman Clive Keegan's proposal that local elections be held as soon as possible, said Western Cape director of the SA National Civics Organisation (Sanco) John Neels this week.

"We have waited for representative elections for 40 years and we can wait another year," he added.

The civics, with the support of the African National Congress, wanted to go through the processes laid down by the Local Government Transition Act, he said.

This involved replacing elected councillors by nominated or appointed ones until elections were held next year.

It might even mean that the Metropolitan Negotiating Forum could appoint a single administrator to run Cape Town. This already had been done in Khayelitsha and several other places, said Mr Neels.

He and other members of groups formerly excluded from local government have locked horns on the issue with Mr Keegan, chairman of the City Council's executive committee, who has proposed that local elections should be held "as quickly as possible".

Mr Keegan said that appointing "commissars" to run Cape Town would only add to political tensions.

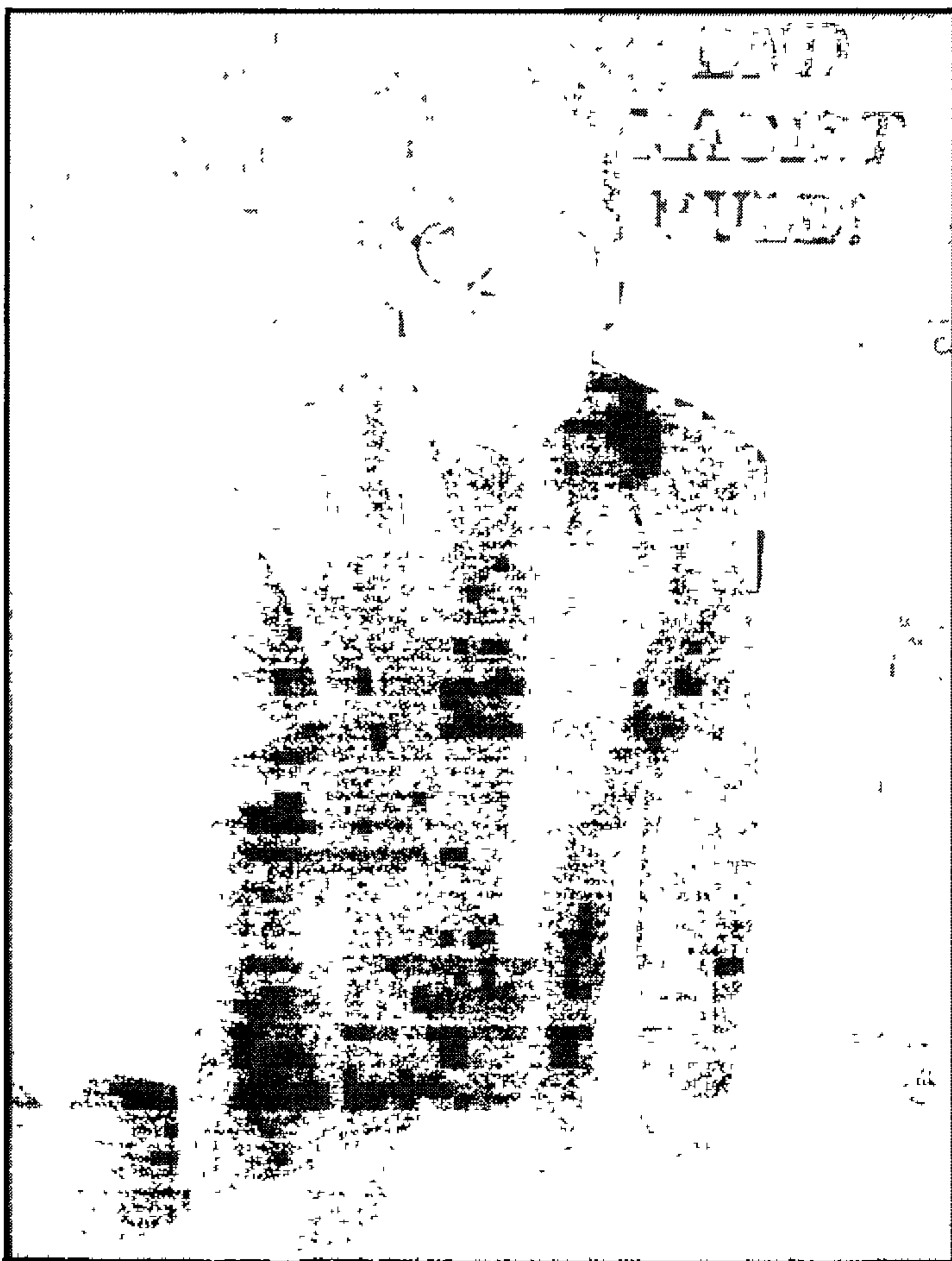
There was no need to delay while arguing over "an Act that doesn't work", he said.

Mrs Hilda Ndude of the ANC, who is a member of the provincial committee established by the Act, confirmed that the party supported going through the processes laid down.

"The real problem is that some municipalities want to bypass the Act and impose their own ideas," she said.

"The delay and the arguments have been brought about by those municipalities which are arguing about the boundaries of the metropolitan area."

Mr Neels said that the line that Mr Keegan and presumably the City Council proposed would be "disastrous" if it were followed.



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□ **WILLING TO WAIT:** Contrary to Clive Keegan, John Neels representing Sanco and with ANC support wants to abide by the Local Government Transition Act.

'10 000 new farmers' for W Cape

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MORE than 10 000 people would enter Western Cape agriculture, settling on about 200 000 hectares of state land in the next decade, regional Minister of Agricultural Development Mr Lampie Fick said yesterday

He was addressing the Cape

fruit leadership seminar at Fleurbaiz in Stellenbosch.

Mr Fick said new farmers would also settle on private land obtained through the market

He also said agriculture in 1991 provided 12% of all formal jobs in the Western Cape

A recent study had indicated

that one million jobs could be created by redistributing 30% of agricultural land to disadvantaged new entrants who would apply labour-intensive farming methods.

Mr Fick said the contribution of agriculture in the Western Cape to gross national product was 20% *CT 14/6/94*

263 He added that the Small Farmer Development Corporation, founded recently as an initiative of the Western Cape fruit industry, could be an agent for allocating government land and channelling government finance. Training, research and technology transfer were government functions.

Urgent call for laws to change local authorities

Biday 15/6/94

CAPE TOWN — Legislation governing the transformation of local authorities needed to be urgently rewritten if rapid progress was to be made towards sustainable and efficient third-tier government, Cape Town City Council executive committee chairman Clive Keegan said last night.

In his budget speech Keegan said that while central and provincial governments had been democratised and purged of ethnic traces, local governments were still relics of the past.

The cumbersome and complex processes of local government reform had caused the third tier of government to lag behind other political institutions. (263)

Keegan said he could see no reason why the election of nonracial authorities could not take place within months, so that the council could set about the "complex business of negotiating metropolitan structures and allocating powers between the metropolis and primary local authorities".

The speed at which changes had been made — such as the carving up of the Cape Town municipality — was remarkable, but understandable in view of the transitional government's wish to push through its solution within one term of office.

If government was wrong about the

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needs of metropolitan government, "as appeared likely given the speed of the decision-making process", further institutional change would be inevitable and costly and could affect development opportunities, Keegan said.

He said the 1994/5 increase in rates and general services expenditure had been estimated at R851,8m, while the housing service would require expenditure of R50,8m, a 17,9% increase.

Electricity tariffs would rise 9% from August 1. The policy of installing pre-payment meters would continue. Water tariffs would increase 5% from July 1, but no increase would be applied to the first 30kl of quarterly domestic water consumption.

Demand for the upgrading of sewers and roads implied that reserves of about R8m would be used to repay debt prematurely.

The targeted average rates increase of 9,5% had been achieved, but the increase would be dependent on any changes that might be made to the system of granting rebates to residential property owners.

Total expenditure by the council was budgeted at R2,48bn, compared with R2,18bn in the last financial year.

Unicef to formalise relations with SA

TUNIS — UN Children's Fund (Unicef) executive director James Grant travels to SA today to formalise relations between the humanitarian body and SA.

Grant said yesterday he had also been invited by President Nelson Mandela to attend celebrations in Soweto tomorrow.

Unicef had been involved in SA for the past two years but needed to formalise relations with the new government, Grant said. Biday 15/6/94

While SA had a strong economy and developed infrastructure, it lagged behind other countries such as Namibia and Zimbabwe in such respects as the level of immunisation among children.

He noted that great progress had been

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made in combating the traditional enemies of African children, namely polio, measles, iodine deficiency and illiteracy. By the end of 1995, the lives of more than 1-million of the nearly 5-million children who died each year in Africa could be saved.

He welcomed steps to iodise salt in Africa, noting that 50-million children each year suffered a loss of intelligence because of an iodine deficiency.

Whereas 1-million children a year had died from measles, this figure had been cut by half and hundreds of thousands of children had been saved from death by diarrhoea.

Province moves towards wide control

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FULLY-FLEDGED provincial government in the Western Cape took a step closer with the formal devolution of wide executive powers to the nine provincial governments

The administration of about 800 regional laws have passed to the provinces, including control over housing and health.

The end to provincial executive paralysis could bring new impetus to negotiations towards nonracial metropolitan and municipal government in the region

Full control over education has been postponed pending far-reaching changes to legislation

As the news broke of the devolution of power from central to provincial government, Western Cape premier Her-nus Kriel welcomed the long-awaited signal to begin implementing provincial policy

Devolution of powers to provincial government was at the centre of a huge row between the majority National Party in the Western Cape and the African National Congress, with regional ANC politicians claiming Mr Kriel acted unilaterally in requesting devolution of powers

Until now, provincial government has been in limbo

The decision by public service and administration minister Zola Skweyiya to devolve powers followed weeks of talks between central government ministers and provincial premiers.

Before yesterday, all executive powers were vested in the national government

Dr Skweyiya said this had been a transitional measure to ensure orderly establishment of new provincial governments and their administrations

Devolution took effect in terms of a series of proclamations by President Nelson Mandela

"With these proclamations almost all the laws of the now-defunct TBVC states and self-governing territories as well as the ordinances of the old provinces have been assigned to the new provincial governments," said Dr Skweyiya

In addition to health and housing, these governments now will have the authority to provide services for urban development, local government, nature conservation, roads and various other functions

"In respect of education, it should be mentioned that only the education laws of the former TBVC-states and self-governing territories have been assigned to the new provinces.

"The remainder of the executive powers to be executed by the new provincial governments, will be transferred to them as soon as possible," said Dr Skweyiya.

Substantial amendments to education laws were needed before transfer of power could be completed

Significant progress towards this had been made, he said

"The transfer of such major executive powers to provincial governments represents a significant step toward bringing government to the people

"This will empower provincial governments to play their part in the rebuilding of our country"

Dr Skweyiya said the devolution was a "milestone" in the orderly implementation of the new constitutional dispensation.

Kriel calls for moratorium on R300m service arrears

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CAPE TOWN — The Western Cape government had called on the region's local authorities to put a moratorium on R300m in service arrears, premier Hernus Kriel said at the Western Cape legislature's opening yesterday.

Arrears of about R234m were owed to white local authorities while about R67m was payable to black local authorities, he said. Central government had taken responsibility for debt owed to black local authorities. It was "blatant discrimination" if only one section of the community benefited from the writing off of debt.

The state would pick up the tab for service arrears until the end of January 1994. Arrears incurred after that date would be considered by transitional local councils.

Steps should be taken to lift the sentences on those convicted of being in arrears on service payments.

Kriel said the provincial government was asked to submit reconstruction and development programme (RDP) projects, to be announced by President Nelson Mandela later this week.

The Western Cape had submitted proposals which, if approved, would use 19% or R475m of the R2,5bn made available for the RDP this year.

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Of the R475m, R99m was for a serviced land project.

The R1,67bn project, started by the Cape Provincial Administration, would, after five years of development, provide accommodation and facilities for 214 000 people on the Cape Flats.

The R99m would go towards bulk infrastructure, roads and the construction of schools for the children of people who had already occupied 7 000 plots.

About R276m was requested for infrastructure and services elsewhere in the province, including sewerage and street lights for Grassy Park and water provision for Atlantis, Rietpoort and Van Wyksdorp.

The Western Cape's environment and works department would be the main recipient of the third R18,5m request for tourism promotion and environmental development activities, while R12m was wanted for multifunctional community centres.

About R20m was requested for the development of District Six, while R64,8m was wanted to upgrade and repair schools in Strand, Cape Town, Heidelberg, Hermanus and Hopefield.

Kriel said the Western Cape pro-

vincial legislature had been severely hampered by central government's "reluctance" to transfer powers in terms of the constitution.

"We cannot plan or govern without powers," he said.

He criticised Housing Minister Joe Slovo's apparent intention to control housing provision through fund allocation. Attention was being paid to drafting a provincial housing law, Kriel said.

There were no low-income group financing packages in place to provide for more than serviced sites.

The province hoped to eliminate its housing shortfall of 180 000 homes in five years. This would entail building more than 36 000 houses a year.

A provincial pension fund was being investigated.

About 230 000 children were being fed at schools in the Western Cape. A ministerial report on the release of children from detention and placement in places of safety would be released soon.

The province hoped to have a single education department in place by the end of the year.

A commission to investigate eliminating red tape on health services, trading licensing and other development disciplines would report before the end of December.

Commercial bank to hold PWV account

ONE or more commercial banks would hold the PWV exchequer account, worth billions of rands, the PWV standing committee on finance heard yesterday.

The account would have to remain in credit to avoid the debt built up by homelands which had overdraft facilities, PWV finance official Kobus Bolton said.

Explaining the 22-page Provincial Exchequer Bill, he said he had been informed that the Reserve Bank, which held the national account, did not want to be saddled with the day-to-day transactions of the provincial account.

The Bill did not stipulate whether one or more commercial banks could hold the account.

Committee member Mohammed Dan-gor (ANC) suggested that banks unsympathetic to poor communities be excluded as candidates for the account.

On keeping the account liquid, Bolton said the PWV exchequer would not be allowed an overdraft. There would be timely warning if funds were running short.

The only public submission on the Bill, by a private individual, said state accounting should be changed from the system where assets and liabilities were not balanced.

The standing committee will make amendments to the Bill before it is put to the legislature. — Sapa.

SBDC hopes to create 35 000 jobs

ABOUT 34 900 jobs were likely to be created via the Small Business Development Corporation (SBDC) in this financial year, according to a corporation reconstruction and development support initiative document released yesterday.

The SBDC said 93% of all young people were unlikely to find formal employment in the economy and the promotion of entrepreneurship was an important alternative.

The document announced a R240m yearly budget which would be used exclusively to fulfil the goals of the RDP by granting financial and infrastructural support to black business.

The budget comprised R179m from the SBDC's coffers and a further R61m from the Trade and Industry Department. SBDC MD Ben Vosloo said the fact that 75% of the total RDP support initiative

would come from the SBDC's own coffers was testimony to its commitment to the principle of sustainable development.

"The SBDC supports the objectives of the RDP to promote the economic growth potential of SA and to enable all South Africans, particularly members of disadvantaged groups, equitably to share in the benefits of that growth," Vosloo said.

SBDC GM Fred Swanapoele said despite the 90% failure rate of all small business undertakings, the SBDC enjoyed an 85% success rate on financial loans.

This year's funds would be used primarily to finance loans to small-medium entrepreneurs, including loans to small building contractors. In this way, the SBDC hoped to contribute to the supply of low-cost housing. — Sapa.

Council's elusive date with destiny

While higher organs of government are now non-racial, Cape Town still has an all-white city council. How long will it be before the council is replaced with a democratic body? **QUENTIN WILSON** reports.

FIRST it was October 1994. Then it was postponed to February 1995. Now the election date for a democratic Cape Town City Council has again shifted, this time to "somewhere around the middle of next year" — and already there is talk of a further delay.

Despite the onset of national and provincial democracy, Capetonians are still stuck with an apartheid local authority. And there are still numerous stumbling blocks before the Cape Town City Council and other local authorities are swept aside to make way for a new order.

The body responsible for building the new local authority, the Cape Town Metropolitan Negotiating Forum (CTMNF), is way behind schedule.

The beginning of July was earmarked for the appointment of a Transitional Metropolitan Council — a temporary body which is to take over the reins of local authorities until municipal elections.

This interim measure has been postponed to October and the question being asked is: Why is the whole process taking so long?

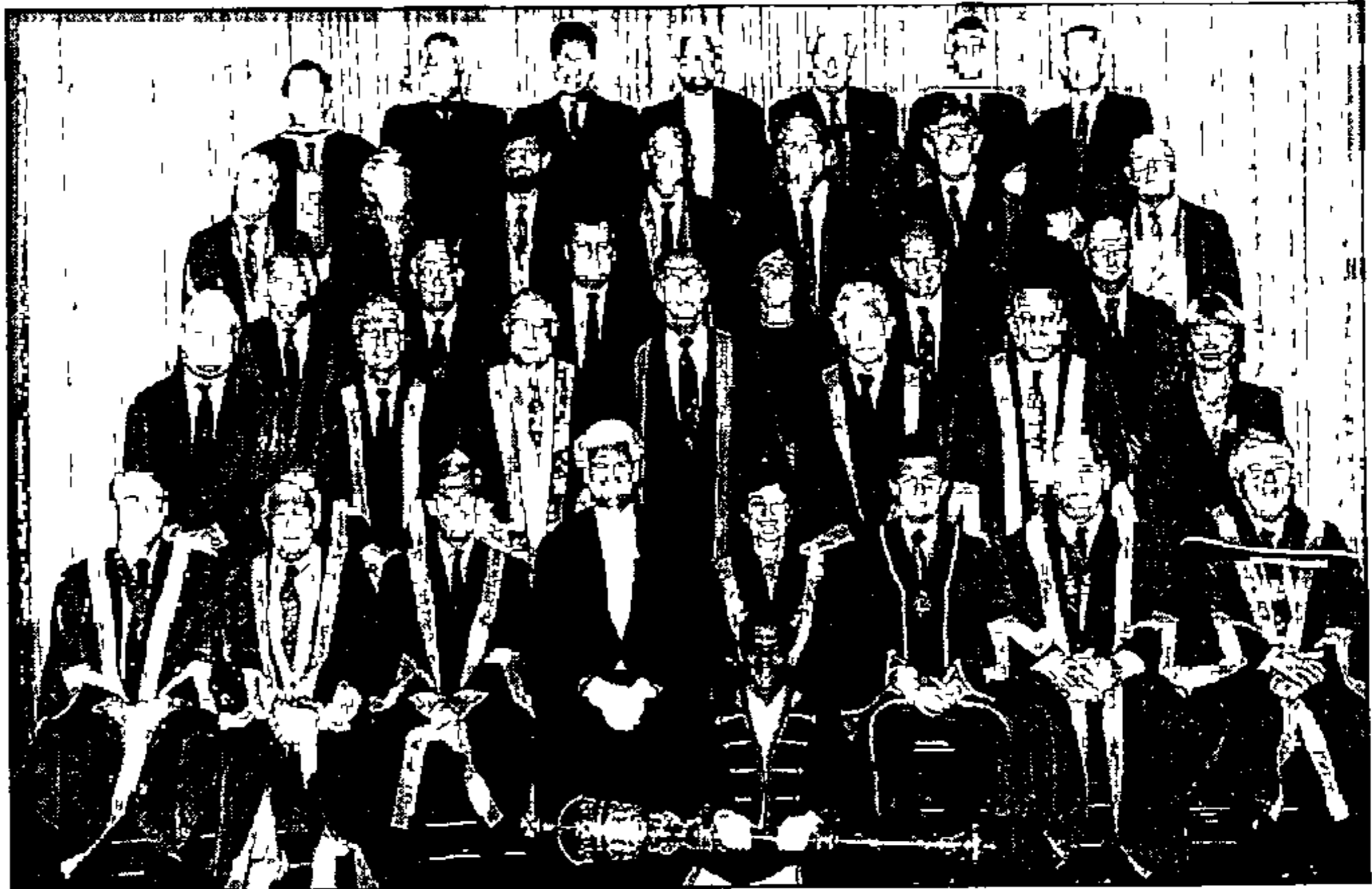
According to Ms Anthea Williams, a CTMNF spokesperson, the delays are largely due to the complicated nature of local government elections.

Said Williams, "These elections will be far more complex than the one in April. Not only do we have to redraw all the boundaries in the greater Cape Town area, we also have to organise a voter's roll with names and addresses of all prospective voters."

At present, local authorities in the Cape Metropolitan area are still all split along racial lines — white local authorities, black local authorities and management committees for traditionally coloured areas.

The intention is to break up these racial boundaries and to set up non-racial municipalities. The predominantly white suburb of Pinelands could be twinned with the Langa township to form one municipality.

There are three phases to this restructuring. First is the negotiating phase, which has been



SPOT THE BLACK PERSON: He's still on the floor in this council photograph

going on since September.

Political parties, civic associations, unions and ratepayers' associations make up the Cape Town Metropolitan Negotiating Forum and have been divided into two camps to facilitate negotiation.

All participants are slotted into either the "statutory" camp (the NP, current councils and the Freedom Front are part of this group for example), or the "non-statutory" side (which includes bodies such as the ANC, civic associations and unions).

These two sides have to agree on the establishment of a Transitional Metropolitan Council (TMC) and its sub-structures which will then take over local government until a legitimate council is elected.

But apart from the complexities of organising boundaries, agreeing on the powers and functions of the TMC and drawing up a voter's roll, there is a sense of concern that the statutory side is holding up the works by trying to cling on to their powers.

"We are concerned that the present councillors are trying to retain their jobs rather than work towards a democratic system of local government," says Mr Hanief Tiseker, the ANC's representative on the forum's steering committee.

And while the forum continues with its fiddling, Cape Town residents are experiencing the effects of a drawn out process.

"Our biggest concern is that we are in the middle of a serious service delivery crisis. In areas where black local authorities have largely collapsed, no services are being rendered," Williams said.

There have been a number of other dangers expressed with regard to the slow pace of the negotiating process.

While local authorities are still spending money on what they deem important, they are also starting to decide how the Reconstruction and Development Programme (RDP) should be implemented.

"Given their lack of credibility, these 'unilateral' moves have been viewed with caution.

According to Ms Hilda Ndude, an ANC member of the Western Cape's provincial legislature and head of the organisation's local government department, the impact of the RDP in the Cape hinges on successful local authorities.

"It is crucial therefore for broad consultation to take place for all major decisions taken by local authorities now. We are concerned that, in many instances, a 'needs analysis' programme is being drawn up for the RDP by these authorities. We urge them to consult widely throughout this process," Ndude said.

Already there have been instances where the Cape Town City Council has embarked on "spending sprees" which, according to Ndude, have not been in the interests of the broader Cape Town area.

"There is a real concern that council and other local authorities are needlessly using money and resources for projects which we do not feel are in the best interests of the community.

"We certainly don't want a situation where the new authorities take over and there is no money left in the kitty," she said.

● Two public meetings about the progress of the negotiating forum will be held on Thursday July 21 at the Westridge Civic Centre at 7:30pm and on Thursday July 28 at the Bellville South Civic Centre at 7:30pm. For details, call Anthea Williams at (021) 400-3889 or Ricky Brikkels at (021) 400-2105.

CPA officials accused of Ikapa corruption

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Staff Reporter

CAPE Provincial Administration officials altered their homes and one built a beach cottage with materials intended for township job creation projects, the Ikapa inquiry has been told.

The allegations were made yesterday in a special session of the commission investigating corruption and maladministration in Ikapa Town Council.

Former Ikapa treasurer Ian Grisdale told the commission that many companies were favoured ahead of others because their managers "looked after" senior Ikapa officials.

He alleged that officials of

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the Cape Provincial Administration used building materials meant for job creation programmes to extend their own homes, and that one had a beach cottage built

"The materials were provided under a job creation programme for the various black local authorities, but material worth R364 644 just vanished.

"Rumours spread that CPA — and some Ikapa — officials used the materials for extending their homes and paving paths, and one built a beach cottage.

"This situation was made possible because of a complete lack of control"

Mr Grisdale said certain companies enjoyed preferential treatment and, although others

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tendered at lower prices, they were constantly overlooked.

"Companies were awarded contracts on the basis of recommendations by top officials, who later would go on trips with the companies' managers

"In my view it was blatant favouritism."

Riaan Lesch, a detective who was one of the commission's investigators, gave evidence on several allegedly false tenders submitted to the council.

"People were falsifying company letterheads or changing the addresses and telephone numbers on them when they submitted tenders. Some would submit more than one tender using different company names just to get the contract"

By ALBIE SACHS

PERHAPS the best time for us Capetonians to be thinking about the future of Parliament is now that we are being lashed by storms and our beaches are covered with oil. We cannot rely simply on charm. We have to think the matter through, as South Africans who live in Cape town, and not as Capetonians who happen to live in South Africa. We need a broad and calm vision. Above all, we should avoid petulance and pettiness.

I have described myself as a CTCF — a Cape Town Chauvinist. I love the city, passionately and immoderately. For this very reason, when we argue the case for Cape Town, I wish to see it done with the dignity and serenity that the city deserves. It is not an easy question. We do not have a Divine Right to be the parliamentary city. It is clearly inconvenient to have divided capitals. We must understand that when people raise questions about having two homes while fulfilling one function, they are not being unreasonable.

National unity

Pride is one thing, petulance another. We should at all costs avoid the issue becoming a heavyweight contest between Cape Town and Pretoria, or Cape Town and Johannesburg, with the winner being the city that can land the heaviest blows on the other. These are three fine South African cities, each with its history and character and each with its strong claims. The whole of South Africa should have a say on where the capital or capitals should be. Equally important, we all need a national vision in dealing with the competing claims. What would contribute best towards the process of developing national unity and promoting reconstruction and development?

Many factors will have to be considered. One of them will be the cost of keeping Parliament in Cape Town as against the expense of transferring it elsewhere. We need figures that are arrived at in an honest and open way. We know how statistics can be juggled around to support this case or that. We need information on the practical aspects, in particular, how modern communications can be used to reduce time spent travelling and to facilitate interaction.

Argue Parliament issue with dignity

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Yet in my view, the issue is not simply or even primarily one of cost and efficiency. The key question is encouraging the sense of integrity and the holistic development of South Africa. When Union was established in 1910 the inconvenience of separate capitals gave way to the importance of union between south and north. The objective then was to unite the white section of the population only.

Majestic process

Now we wish to unite the whole nation. The dominant spirit of our time is inclusiveness. We see it in the flag — so many colours, such an incoherent design, and yet we love it. The same applies to the anthem — so many verses, so much history, so many languages, and yet it works. The same should apply, at least for the current phase, to the question of capitals. Neatness is not everything. We want everyone to feel part of the majestic process of transformation our country is undergoing.

Cape Town is an integral part of South Africa. It would be extremely damaging if it felt itself to be suddenly rejected and marginalised. There are always those who wish to separate out the Western Cape from the rest of the country, who want to emphasise its non-African character. Fragmenting the capitals is better than fragmenting the country. It has nothing to do with who wins elections in one part of the country or another, but of the sense of involvement of all parts in the whole.

New style

I find the phrase Mother City most unfortunate — ours is just one of many mother cities of our land. Yet it is not an exaggeration to say that Parliament is like an umbilical cord that binds us to the country as a whole. Take away Parliament and the Cape could drift away, worse still, become a region hostile to the rest of the country, a

centre for all those disaffected with democracy.

The damage of moving Parliament will accordingly not simply be to the local economy or even to our pride, it will be to the integrity and sense of wholeness of the nation. Having said all this, we have to listen carefully to the arguments for the removal of Parliament. These cannot simply be dismissed as trivial or based on self-interest. Parliament itself must decide and must do so with the openness and the broad spirit that characterises the new style of work.

Pros and cons

I happen to believe that the setting and the atmosphere in Cape Town are particularly propitious for wise and effective law-making. There are fewer bizarre distractions and pressures than in most other parts of the country. Yet MPs might have other ideas. They might prefer the buzz and clamour of the PWV. That is their right.

Surely what is needed is a period of settling-in, so that Parliament itself can work efficiently and the MPs can learn the pros and cons from the best "select committee", namely, their own experience. Being the Cape Town chauvinist that I am, I am sure that the delights of this city will be a strong positive influence.

At the same time, we Capetonians must do everything possible to enable Parliament to function well and for the members to have the serenity to enable them to do their important work well. Wherever parliament is, we will support the institution. Our backing for Parliament does not depend on the fact that it is in Cape Town but stems from the democracy which it symbolises and which it helps to make real for all South Africans. Long live Parliament, wherever it is! But let us hope that the nation decides it should be in Cape Town.



KEEP IN CAPE . . . The setting and the atmosphere in Cape Town are particularly propitious for wise and effective law-making, with fewer bizarre distractions and pressures than in most other parts

Unions agree to non-stop clean-up in the Peninsula

Staff Reporter

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THE clean-up after last week's floods is in full swing in Nyanga, Guguletu and Crossroads — and is likely to continue for the rest of the week

This follows a meeting between Peter Marais, Western Cape Minister of Local Government and Development Planning, the Cape Metropolitan Negotiating Forum (CMNF), the South African Association of Municipal Employees (SAAME) and the South African Municipal Workers' Union (SAMWU)

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The unions supported the clean-up and agreed to a moratorium on any action which might hamper relief work until the end of September.

Workers are draining floodwater by removing sand and rubbish blocking stormwater pipes and sewerage systems and are restoring essential services, plus providing electricity and access to roads

Mr Marais, CMNF, Samwu and Saame said in a joint statement the flooding was the result of old and inadequate drainage systems which had not been maintained

This situation, coupled with "the collapse of the financial viability of the administration of black townships", had led to a call for a Strategic Movement Plan (SMP), which was presented to a Cape Metropolitan Forum meeting earlier this year.

But, civic and other organisations at the meeting had asked for time to review the plan — which made provision for the secondment of staff, equipment and financial contributions from neighbouring councils to these areas — before allowing implementation.

Mr Marais intended to meet with community-based organisations soon to explain the SMP.

● The Bellville City Council has assisted Ikapa, the administrative body of Langa, Guguletu and Nyanga, with the repair of large cleansing vehicles and Cape Town City Council has assisted with the repair of 24 light vehicles and the acquisition of uniforms and protective clothing.

Relief to be co-ordinated

Staff Reporter

A JOINT Resources Centre is to be set up at Red Cross House to facilitate co-operation by different organisations in future relief operations.

This was decided at a meeting attended by non-governmental organisations and government representatives, including the Red Cross Society, St Johns, Shawco, Child Welfare and the Ministry of Health and Welfare.

The Joint Resources Centre, at Red Cross House, will ensure that there is no over-lapping of services and facilitate co-operation and input on community needs.

The Red Cross has already supplied blankets and food to about 19 000 in disaster areas.

'Include all in local (263) government elections'

SHARON SOROUR,
Municipal Reporter

SQUATTER areas must be incorporated into existing local authority areas to enable everyone to take part in local government elections, says Cape Metropolitan Negotiating Forum co-chairwoman Nomandla Mfeketo

She said although the transitional metropolitan council could be established with the existing boundaries in place, "non-status" areas, mostly underdeveloped squatter areas, had to be included

"We want people to participate in local government reform at an early stage. If we leave them out until the elections, they are going to be left out for a long time"

She said a transitional metropolitan council (TMC) had to be established "as a matter of urgency" to prepare for local elections next year

Ms Mfeketo, head of the non-statutory caucus of the forum which includes civic organisations and the ANC, said drawing up a voter's roll would be difficult

Councillors are to be nomi-

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nated onto the TMC, probably in October, on a 50/50 basis — half from statutory bodies, such as the Cape Town city council and the other half from non-statutory bodies

The outer boundary of the Cape metropolitan area is being considered by the Demarcation Board

Ms Mfeketo said there were "problems" establishing internal boundaries of the transitional metropolitan sub-structures — which are the primary local authorities within the metropolitan area — but it was important that they were demarcated before the elections

She said the non-statutory caucus believed if councillors were nominated to sub-structures on a 50/50 basis with existing boundaries still in place, there would not be enough statutory and non-statutory members in those areas to fill the seats.

"We are trying to prevent a position where you create an artificial non-statutory side, so we are suggesting that people can be nominated onto particular substructures even if they don't come from that area"

Kriel called in to solve bitter row

□ Bid to save Hermanus area elections

SHARON SOROUR
Municipal Reporter

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REGIONAL premier Hernus Kriel will be called on to iron out bitter differences between opposing negotiators on the Hermanus Forum to ensure local government elections in the area are not derailed.

A deadlock in negotiations could see one or more administrators being appointed to act as a local authority until general municipal elections next year.

The non-statutory group of the forum has asked the provincial committee to intervene and ask the statutory group to agree to a local transitional council in the run-up to elections.

The statutory negotiators favour a local government co-ordinating committee.

In terms of the Local Government Transition Act, metropolitan forums can institute one of the two in the pre-interim phase.

But negotiators in the non-statutory camp — comprising organisations previously excluded from local government such as the ANC — say a committee would perpetuate undemocratic local government.

The Hermanus area, with a population of 23 000, has its own metropole incorporating Fisherhaven, Hawston, Vermont, Onrus River, Sandbaai, Zwelihle, Mount Pleasant and Hermanus.

A non-statutory source said the statutory side had fallen back on the "outdated

co-ordinating committee concept which was included in the Act to accommodate ultra-right municipalities in the Transvaal"

He said a co-ordinating committee would entrench the current racially-based local authority system in the pre-interim phase as it would be powerless with no authority.

The non-statutory side was calling for a nominated council on a 50/50 basis as it enabled all communities to participate.

Defending the statutory position, spokesman John Widdowson said the committee would be a "planning and development body" which would have authority over all statutory councils from Fisherhaven to Hermanus.

It would have the task of uplifting infrastructure "where it is most needed", with its own budget and equal membership from both the statutory and non-statutory side.

"In the greater Hermanus area there are eight local authorities with at least two areas which need major infrastructural upgrading."

Dr Widdowson said the transitional council option was based on the total number of government seats, whether they were occupied or not, which was an "unsatisfactory management option" since it is undemocratic, can be dominated by inexperienced appointed members with no electoral accountability, and can therefore inhibit development and waste scarce resources.

Keegan assures workers over sale of abattoir

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SHARON SOROUR
Municipal Reporter

THE Cape Town City Council is to consider a R15 million offer for the Matland abattoir — but any decision that affects employees will be negotiated with the unions, says executive committee chairman Clive Keegan.

Mr Keegan was responding to a placard protest by unionists at last night's Cape Metropolitan Negotiating Forum plenary session, where the saga resurfaced.

Workers were protesting in the public galleries of the civic centre council chamber against selling the publicly owned slaughter house.

But Mr Keegan emphasised the "business decision" to sell the abattoir had not yet been taken.

The R15 million offer of well-known Cape shoe manufacturer Georges Issa would be considered by a team of negotiators, including councillors on the amenities and health committee and exco.

"At the same time, the unions have proposed a management plan designed to make the abattoir financially viable... and we are still discussing this proposal with them," Mr Keegan said.

But the unions were not prepared to commit themselves to staff reductions or redundancies.

Mr Keegan said the abattoir — which was the only one in the country run by a municipality — had operated at a loss for years.

Deputy city treasurer Peter Lever said that although the abattoir had reserves of R16 million, it was set to lose up to R5 million in the current financial year in present trading circumstances.

"It will not take long to wipe out the reserves," he said.

The protest by South African Municipal Workers' Union (Samwu) and the South African Association of Municipal Employees (Saame) delayed the forum meeting.

Union members held up placards bearing slogans, including "Matland abattoir does not cost ratepayers one cent", "Cape Town city council is an illegitimate body" and "Keegan looks for public support at the expense of workers".

Union representative Gerrie Beukman told the forum workers felt the abattoir was a function of metropolitan government, and the Cape Town City Council was only one of the stakeholders. If the abattoir was sold, the council would have to pay R95 million to workers in redundancy packages.

The council had had a R15 million offer for the abattoir, but its market value was about R79 million.

A union proposition to run the publicly owned slaughter house economically had been "ignored" by the council, which had reinter-

ated its decision to sell the abattoir.

But city council negotiator Neil Ross said the claims were "unfair and unsubstantiated" as the council had negotiated the abattoir question with the unions since 1990.

"It is incorrect to state that we are negotiating to sell the abattoir for R15 million because the offer was turned down. The proposition of Samwu and Saame is a valuable one but the abattoir is losing R1 million a month.

"No land of any significance is being disposed of without reference to other bodies and we are dealing with proposals. The abattoir is an open-ended matter," he said.

Negotiations on the issue had led to "enormous delays".

● The city council may decide to reduce uncompetitive tariffs at the abattoir, which have led to a sharp drop in the number of animals slaughtered there.

The council's amenities and health committee has recommended the tariffs be adjusted in a bid to attract more slaughter stock.

A report to the committee showed the number of cattle slaughtered in May was 3 996, compared with 8 716 in the same month last year. The number of sheep slaughtered during the same time dropped from 676 005 to 34 441.

Progress in local government talks

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Municipal Reporter

(263) (263A) **ESTABLISHING** transitional local government structures "as soon as possible" is among key items on the agenda at talks between the Cape Metropolitan Negotiating Forum and Western Cape local government minister Peter Marais

Setting up the transitional metropolitan council and its sub-structures — primary local authorities — is a crucial step in the democratisation of local government

At a forum plenary session last night co-chairman Willie van Schoor said a forum delegation

had "a very good meeting" with Mr Marais

"We put crucial issues on the table and will follow them up with regular meetings, the first of which is in three weeks' time," he said

"Mr Marais is determined to get the transitional metropolitan council and the sub-structures in place as soon as possible"

Mr Van Schoor said last night's meeting was the forum's "most significant thus far".

Important issues had been debated in the forum's working groups and prepared for consideration by the forum's members

The forum is the body propelling democratic local government negotiations, guided by the Local Government Transition Act.

It has a statutory component — bodies already in local government like the Cape Town and Bellville city councils and other town councils — and a non-statutory component, which includes bodies like the African National Congress and Cosatu.

Mr Van Schoor said a decision on the outer boundary of the Cape metropolitan area was a step closer and an announcement was expected within a month

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Marais slams metro negotiating forum

Row over future of RSC and its workers escalates

SHARON SOROUR
Municipal Reporter

WESTERN Cape local government minister Peter Marais has berated local government negotiators for not sticking to legal guidelines on workers' rights in the run up to democratic municipal elections in the region.

In a strongly-worded statement, Mr Marais criticised the latest proposals put forward by members of the Cape Metropolitan Negotiating Forum — the body negotiating local government reform — on the fate of staff currently working for local authorities

His statement follows a row between forum members over the future of the Western Cape Regional Services Council — and its employees — when a new transitional metropolitan council is in place

Mr Marais said he would ask the regional cabinet to set up a commission to advise it (the cabinet) on workers' rights during the transition to democratic local government

He criticised a statement from

one of the forum's working group documents which said local authority staff would not have the "automatic right" to any particular post when new local authorities were established.

The document was presented to the forum's plenary session on Monday night for discussion

He said the statement was incorrect, as was another stating the proposed transitional metropolitan council should compile a voters' roll which conformed to national guidelines.

Mr Marais advised the forum to adhere to regulations set out in the Local Government Transition Act

"Both these statements are incorrect. The Act says the duty of ensuring staff are transferred without loss of benefits rests with the provincial government, which will consider the applicable labour law."

The Act also "makes it plain" that compilation and approval of voters' rolls "is the responsibility of each local government, and this function cannot be taken from them without their consent"

He said. "If the members of the forum are truly serious about holding early local government elections, they should concentrate on meeting the few minimum requirements imposed on them by the Act."

Responding to the attack, forum co-ordinator David Schmidt said the issue of staffing was fundamental to the transition process, and was being "appropriately negotiated by the forum with a view to making recommendations to provincial authorities".

"This is perfectly in accordance with the Act," he said

Mr Schmidt said the forum preferred to respond to Mr Marais personally, rather than through the Press.

"The forum believes that the province, the forum and local government in general should cooperate closely in addressing the local government transition"

Ironically, at the forum's plenary on Monday night, co-chairman Willie van Schoor told members talks with Mr Marais on establishing local government structures as soon as possible were progressing well

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Lawyer the new head of iKapa

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Municipal Reporter

LEGAL Resources Centre lawyer Mr Wallace Mgoqi, after whom the Wallacedene squatter camp in Kraaifontein is named, has been appointed the new head of the controversial iKapa Town Council

"I wanted somebody with legitimacy in the townships and there has been general acceptance of Mr Mgoqi," said Western Cape minister Mr Peter Marais on announcing the appointment.

The Swart commission of inquiry into the administration of the council has just completed a probe into corruption allegations, including claims that nearly R5 million a year was lost through maladministration of the refuse removal service, bogus firms used to tender in cahoots with each other, and R500 000 was handed out in gifts to poor families.

iKapa, which covers the Langa, Guguletu and Nyanga areas, has been without a head since the previous administrator, Mr Faan Naudé, resigned in April.

Mr Marais said he had consulted about 30 organisations, including the civic organisation Sanco and the union Samwu, before making the appointment.

Mr Mgoqi said he was a strong believer in consulting people who would be affected by decisions.

"One has to use one's discretion, and the benefit of one's advisers," he said. He indicated he would probably appoint Ms NomaIndia Mfeketho, co-chair of the Metropolitan Forum, and Mr Arthur Jacobs of the ANC in Crossroads, as his advisers.

Meanwhile, a strategic management plan for assistance from white municipalities to black areas has been compiled by experts from Bellville, Cape Town, Goodwood, Milnerton, Parow and the RSC.

Villiersdorp, Montagu to be first with local government

□ Deadline near for transitional local councils in Western Cape

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Staff Reporter

MONTAGU and Villiersdorp will be the first two towns in the Western Cape to have transitional local councils.

The number of local government bodies in the provinces is to be reduced from 276 to 82 during the transition phase.

Premier Hennis Kriel announced this at the opening of the Western Cape parliament yesterday

He said about half the potential forums in the province had been approved

"Unfortunately some local governments are still dragging their feet to establish the so-called 50-50 forums

"This is not good enough," Mr Kriel said

The provincial government had granted a final extension of the deadline to set up fo-

runs to September 2

"I am sorry to say after that date we will have to take stringent steps to set up forums"

Mr Kriel announced the central government had agreed to write off R67 million arrears owed to black local authorities

He called on the government to do the same for the R234 million owed to white local authorities

It would be discriminatory if only one section of the community benefitted from the writing off of debts, he said

He called on councils to put a moratorium on actions against service fee defaulters

The moratorium should apply to all arrears up to and including January this year, he said

The fate of any debt after this date should be decided on by transitional councils

Mr Kriel said his administration's policy on local government was that it should be an

independent form and tier of government

Local government should be financially viable.

"A new system of local government must, just like central and regional government, provide for democratic political participation, elimination and prevention of group domination, protection of minorities, free and independent community life, elimination of discrimination, freedom of association, and negotiation as a method of change"

Hours before Mr Kriel's announcement, about 20 members of the Montagu Civic Association staged a placard demonstration outside the regional legislature in Wale Street to highlight a list of grievances about the town's "undemocratic" authority

Association spokesman Leslie Winegard said his organisation had petitioned Mr Mandela last week

"We want the undemocratic structure which does not represent or reflect the interests of all Montagu's people to be replaced by a democratic one," said Mr Winegard.

"In terms of the new local government legislation a transitional authority made up of statutory and non-statutory bodies should govern the town until local government elections are held"

Kreiner calls for creation of local forums for the people

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Municipal Reporter

LOCAL forums should be created in the Cape Town municipal area to give ordinary people a platform to express themselves, says Mayor Patricia Kreiner

Concerns have been expressed among ratepayers that the Cape Metropolitan Negotiating Forum (CMNF) — which is driving the democratisation of local government — is not inclusive

Mrs Kreiner said she was concerned that citizens of Cape Town had not had an opportunity to become involved in local government negotiations regarding the boundaries of the Cape metropole and the appointment of councillors

"I think that Cape Town should form informal forums in order to give people a platform to express themselves

"This would reinforce my endeavours to be transparent and sensitive to the views of our citizens"

Mrs Kreiner said there were people who were party to the CMNF talks who represented certain alliances, such as the

Good Hope Alliance, "but they may not represent the views of everyone"

"Informal forums will be smaller, and will be able to operate in different precincts," she said

A Transitional Metropolitan Council is expected to be in place by October.

Councillors will be nominated to serve on it by the CMNF

The CMNF comprises a statutory component — including local authorities such as the Cape Town city council — and a non-statutory component which includes bodies such as the ANC and civic organisations.

● At last month's Cape Metropolitan Negotiating Forum meeting, Good Hope Alliance chairman Gordon Merrington called for local forums to be established at grassroots level.

He said the alliance and its ratepayer organisations believed it was essential that in the absence of elections at the pre-interim stage of the transition, ratepayers and communi-

ties at local level be given an alternative, meaningful and effective participatory role in determining

● Nominations of statutory representatives for the transitional substructures (basically the primary local authorities within the TMC) falling within their local area;

● Nominations for statutory representatives on the TMC where these are proposed by existing primary local authorities and.

● Proposals at local level on the number of councillors on the substructures and the TMC

Mr Merrington said the alliance had raised the issue with the CMNF's steering committee and the statutory caucus, and although it was agreed that caucuses should examine the options, "action has been limited"

"There is still no defined role for local forums while the current target date for the establishment of transitional structures is in two months time," he said.

Four Cape provinces to share deficit

CAPE TOWN — A deficit of R818,9m for pensions and health would have to be shared between the Cape's four provinces, provincial finance, expenditure and service commission minister Kobus Meiring said yesterday **BIDAY**

He told the Western Cape provincial legislature "warning lights" were flickering because the provincial administration budget catered only for very basic needs and services. **25/8/94**

Provisional estimates disclosed a shortfall of R383,9m for hospitals and R435m for

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pensions.

"It is clear that we have very little money. Thorough, careful and good planning is necessary."

Just R5,471bn was left for division between the new administrations

He said he was still uncertain about the details for the funding of provincial responsibilities like education, policing, urban transport, tourism, agriculture and housing **(263)**

7 transitional local councils get official nod

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□ Run-up to municipal elections

ANDREA WEISS
Municipal Reporter

SEVEN transitional local councils and 57 negotiation forums in the Western Cape have been given the nod by local government in preparation for next year's municipal elections.

The transitional councils, which have been approved by local government minister Peter Marais and the provincial committee, are Villiersdorp, Montagu, Grabouw, Worcester, Porterville, Riversdale and Tulbagh.

In a statement Mr Marais expressed his deep appreciation for the communities which had adopted a reconciliatory attitude, but said he was "rapidly losing patience with those communities who do not realise that there is a new order in South Africa".

The largest forum, the Cape Metropolitan Negotiation Forum, has not achieved recognition yet because the outer boundaries have not been approved by provincial government. Reasons for the delay are unclear.

Almost all the towns in the West-

ern Cape have established or are in the process of establishing negotiation forums and appointing transitional councils, in terms of the Local Government Transition Act, according to Mr Marais.

The deadline for transitional councils is November 30.

In addition, Mr Marais has appointed a strategic management team to facilitate the transitional process. Its task will be to visit established forums to give advice and support where "ignorance and conflict situations" are delaying the process.

To date, the management team has concentrated its efforts in the non-metropolitan forum areas, but it will also be focusing on the Cape Metropole and its sub-councils as soon as a decision regarding outer boundaries is made.

The Demarcation Board, which is chaired by Professor Fanie Cloete, has determined the boundaries of certain non-metropolitan areas where consensus could not be reached, and these have been approved by the province.

Local govt elections: Debacle fears grow

CLIVE SAWYER
Political Correspondent

CONFUSION is growing about how local government elections will be run in rural areas.

Lack of municipal government and civic associations has led to fears of a debacle because of the absence of administrative infrastructure.

An African National Congress task force is touring country areas to investigate ways to ensure local government transition succeeds.

ANC senator Jackson Mthembu said it would be difficult to apply the 50-50 formula set out in legislation for transitional local government.

The task force had been asked to

establish an optimum formula for transitional local government in rural areas.

ANC chief whip Arnold Stofile said rural areas were not homogenous.

Differing formulas may have to be worked out for each area.

Deputy constitutional affairs minister Valli Moosa, constitutional committee chairman Pravin Gordhan and ANC MP Salie Manie briefed the caucus yesterday on local government transition.

Another complication in municipal elections was that each voter would have to give an address to qualify for inclusion on the voters' roll.

Many people in squatter camps and rural villages do not have formal addresses.

Call for Cape to be constituency-based

By BARRY STREEK
Political Staff

THE Western Cape should return to a constituency-based system for the regional legislature, the Democratic Party decided at the weekend

This would make members of the provincial legislature accountable to the voters and sensitive to their needs, it said in a statement adopted at its regional congress

The DP also said a constitution should be adopted for the Western Cape as this would enhance provincial identity and strengthen provincial government

"The provincial constitution cannot simply be a figleaf covering up an essentially emasculated administration. It must be a comprehensive charter for provincial government"

Provision should be made for the creation of provincial symbols, including a flag and coat of arms

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The provincial legislation should be uni-cameral, comprising no more than 42 elected representatives serving a four-year term

"To ensure that the members of the legislature are representatives of the people and not merely of the political parties, members should not be linked to their membership of a particular party"

The DP also said a third of the people elected to local government councils should be elected on a proportional basis and two-thirds of the representatives elected in wards

Proportional representation would ensure that minority opinions were represented

"The DP stresses the indivisibility of an urban community. Achieving security in the privileged areas cannot be done if the plight of the poor and homeless is ignored"

Townships face R89m deficit

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By PETER DENNEHY

DETAILED Strategic Management Plans (SMPs) for iKapa, Khayelitsha, Crossroads and Mfuleni show that the four are expected to run up a combined cash flow deficit of R89m in the present financial year

The four separate SMPs constitute the first phase of the Reconstruction and Development Programme in the Western Cape

Municipal services in the four black townships almost collapsed last year due to political, financial and management crises. SMPs were worked out to keep services going with the help of expertise from neighbouring municipalities

Based on present expenditure and income levels, the SMP financial teams reported yesterday, the shortfalls would be as follows

iKapa (comprising Langa, Guguletu and Nyanga) R55m, Khayelitsha R29m, Crossroads R2m, and Mfuleni R3m

In addition, the SMP itself needs to spend R46m in little more than a year

Some of the money is needed for training, some for new appointments, and a whole lot of it for clearing

stormwater drains. Cape Town City Council chief development engineer Mr Mike Marsden said services in the townships were in a disastrous state

Flooding on June 27 was a direct result of the neglect of infrastructure maintenance, he said. There was great deal of leakage out of water mains below roads in the iKapa area. Stormwater drains were so blocked that modern jet and vacuum equipment could not clean them, especially with the low water pressure there

Instead, the old bucket machine system had to be brought out of storage — winches drag buckets from manhole cover to manhole cover, scooping up rubbish along the way. Sixteen kilometres of stormwater drains in iKapa have to be cleaned this way

Deputy city treasurer Mr Neville Lomnitz said the Western Cape legislature had agreed to write off the R71m that the townships owed for bulk services — mostly water, and sewage treatment charges — as at the end of January

Since then, however, another R29m in bulk service debts had been run up. If this burden kept on increasing, it would be beyond the capacity of Cape Town municipalities to support it, Mr Lomnitz said

Council rethink on electricity cut-offs

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□ Users tell of disconnections after payment

ANDREA WEISS
Municipal Reporter

THE Cape Town City Council is reconsidering its controversial policy of disconnecting electricity without warning.

Recently the council's electricity department embarked on a blitz to make up a R60 million shortfall in electricity bills — but users are crying foul as they come home to dark houses even though, they believe, they are up to date with payments.

Executive committee chairman Arthur Weinburg has vowed to take the matter up with the city treasurer — particularly as people who believe they are up to date have been disconnected.

He said this did not mean that the city would cease disconnections for subscribers in arrears, but it was "unacceptable" to have paying users disconnected.

Problems apparently bedevilling the process are a computer which does not register payment for 48 hours, bank drafts which are delayed and a tardy postal service.

Most recently about 50 households in Lentegeur were disconnected after they failed to pay bills which the householders allege never arrived.

Lentegeur resident Brendon Meyer said his power had been cut although no bills had been received in July.

And in another stinging attack, Western Province Surf

Life Saving Association secretary Liz Schlimmer has written to The Argus complaining that her power was cut off even though she posted a cheque at least 11 days before the due date.

Attempts to trace the cheque failed and the Schlimmers had to pay a R22,80 penalty when they went to repay the bill. Payment on the original cheque had to be stopped.

"Does the electricity department not give their clients their democratic right to prove their innocence before finding them guilty?" she asked.

"Is one not given the opportunity to sort out the problem, especially when you know, and keep trying to explain, that you did not default on purpose?"

Fears of apartheid local poll threaten progress

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FEARS that municipal elections next year will be held along old apartheid lines are threatening to set back progress in the Cape Metropolitan Negotiating Forum by several months.

The non-statutory caucus, made up of groups unrepresented on local authorities, are worried that the National Party provincial government will refuse to commit itself to a non-racial municipal election.

Non-statutory caucus spokesman Mzukisi Gaba said there was a concern that what was happening in the Western Cape was not falling into line with the rest of the country.

"Apartheid should not be entrenched, and the disadvantaged should not be trapped in backyards of poverty. They should be integrated into the life of the city," he said.

The negotiating forum has reached a broad agreement on

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a deal which has been dubbed "the package".

Both the statutory caucus, representing existing councils and management committees, and the non-statutory caucus have supported the package, which envisages substantial revision of the inner boundaries of the metropole into new local authorities, which would cut across racial and class lines.

But the package suggested that in the "pre-interim" phase, the old boundaries would be retained for the purposes of appointing new councils consisting of representatives from both camps on a 50:50 basis.

However, indications are that although the provincial government is pushing for the new councils to be formed, it is unwilling to guarantee that new boundaries will be drawn up in time for municipal elections in October next year.

The outer metropolitan boundary is also waiting for provincial approval.

4 held in twin drug swoops

Staff Reporter

FOUR people were each granted bail of R5 000 today after being arrested for allegedly possessing Mandrax worth R300 000.

Three of the arrests followed a police search of a house in Mandalay, Mitchell's Plain where, they said, they found 11 000 tablets worth R242 000 in a steel trunk.

Theresa Doepfu, 30, Thenbika Tobi, 29, and Paul Maburga, 34, were arrested.

Police also searched a dwelling in Khayelitsha and seized 650 Mandrax pills. Lillian Lundu, 53, was arrested.

The four appeared early today in Mitchell's Plain Magistrate's Court, where they were granted bail of R5 000 each and released.

● Police seized a stolen 9mm

September 16 to September 20 1994

BY SABATA NGCAL

MORE than R100 000 in cash and cheques has been reported missing from the coffers of the Ikapa Town Council.

This comes just a few months after a commission of inquiry into financial irregularities at the council finished its investigation

The missing funds include money for salaries and revenue cheques

About R23 000 in salaries was stolen from a cash box at the council's offices in April

Two cheques of more than R96 000 went missing without

Thousands missing from Ikapa coffers

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trace, after they were supposed to be banked but were not deposited

Ikapa officials also claimed another cheque of R15 000 recently went missing without trace

All these funds disappeared in four months — from April to July

The matter was handed to the fraud branch of the police

Ikapa commissioner, Mr Wallace Mgogi, said the council would institute a disciplinary hearing "as soon as possible" to investigate the matter internally

He also confirmed the appointment of an investigating team to probe Ikapa's financial administration

He accused "certain elements within the council" who were opposed to the system of local government as responsible for the missing funds

"There are no tight controls because of the collapse of the administration and therefore they are exploiting the situation"



WALLACE MGOGI

Knysna claims first for new-look council

S. Titus [Cimetro]

AFTER more than two years of negotiations, Knysna should have a legally constituted Transitional Local Council (TLC) from October 1 — if local government officials keep to their word.

This is the view of Mr. Wiekie Smit who was unanimously re-elected as town clerk by the interim TLC this week.

Mr Smit said that while Knysna was the first municipality to seek approval for a TLC, this had been held up by red tape.

"On August 13 1992, we formed an investigation committee to plan an interim committee so that we could start talking about getting a single voter's role in Knysna," Mr Smit said.

This had been done before the actual TLC Act had been passed.

By November 1993 the interim committee had agreed to have a council of 10 members in Knysna drawn from all communities.

"By sheer luck we preempted the Transitional Local Council Act," Mr Smit said.

But then the red tape started. Four days after the Act was signed and sealed at Kempton Park on January they submitted their application for approval.

"At that time we were the first in the country," he said proudly.

However, they were told they could not get approval until they had incorporated the Noetzie, Belvedere and Buffels

By GRAHAM LIZAMORE

Bay town councils.

These councils would not agree and the matter was delayed until the Minister of Local Government, Mr Peter Marais, gave Knysna permission to continue on its own.

Approved

Last Monday the new councillors signed the agreement which combined the coloured management committee, the black development area and the white municipality into one council.

"We now believe our TLC will be approved tomorrow in Cape Town which means we can operate officially from October 1," he said.

"I think this is a very positive step in the development of Knysna.

"We want one community working together towards a single goal," he said.

By Alexandra Zavis

MONTHS of work at the Cape Municipal Negotiating Forum (CMNF) was overturned when a letter from the minister of local government cast doubt on the provincial government's commitment to drawing up non-racial, internal municipal boundaries

The forum consists of two camps a statutory group, comprising the old councils and management committees, and a non-statutory group comprising those groupings formerly excluded from local government

Together they must appoint a Transitional Metropolitan Council (TMC) and Transitional Metropolitan Sub-Structures

(TMSS) to take over from the existing municipal government and local councils in the run-up to local government elections next year. In both cases, the appointed councillors will represent the statutory and non-statutory groupings on a 50/50 basis

The intention was originally to appoint the TMSSs along new, non-racial boundaries, but the process of amalgamating the existing 69 local authorities into 6 to 10 new ones became too time consuming

The two sides therefore agreed to a "package deal" whereby the TMSSs would be appointed along current, racial boundaries, provided these boundaries were substantially redrawn in the run up to the elections

But local government minister, Mr Peter Marais' letter, of which SOUTH has a copy, suggests the province is not fully committed to redrawing these boundaries

The minister wrote "It is the view of the provincial government that only those boundary changes which are expedient should be made in the pre-interim phase so the elections can be held as soon as possible"

Because the forum only has the power to negotiate up until the appointment of the new TMC and TMSSs, it needs the province's word that it will carry on the process of instituting non-racial government

The co-ordinator of the forum, Mr David Schmidt, appealed to the minister to give an undertaking in writing that new boundaries would be drawn up before elections were held, but Marais refused

He said "This is the old trick of the opponents of the National Party to spread fear. They do not need any assurances from the minister because the guarantees against racism are in the constitution"

The non-statutory group point out, how-

ever, that the wording of the local government act is general, and it does not spell out that internal boundaries must be redrawn

Mr Mzukisi Gaba, spokesperson for the non-statutory group, said "If the minister really wants change, then he shouldn't worry if the forum wants to tighten loopholes so that the implementation of the law is in the spirit of those who wrote it in the first place"

The PWV government had already signed a binding agreement

to ensure the process remained on track after the TMC was in place

The non-statutory group are concerned that if internal boundaries are not changed soon, it will give the current, racially based structures a great deal of power over the complexion of the voter's roll

When they agreed to the package deal, the national guidelines for local elections had not been issued yet, and it was assumed the TMC would have this responsibility. Instead, the TMSSs were given the

task. Another concern is that the package deal makes no provision for the amalgamation of budgets

"The danger is that the 1995 budgets will be prepared by the incumbent local authorities, and they will do so on the basis of what they have, not on the expectation of new boundaries," Gaba explained

"The danger is then that with no unified budgets, there will be no amalgamation of municipalities"

The non-statutory group have now pulled out of the deal, which

has been the key document in the negotiating forum for the past three months, and tabled new proposals

They say that the TMC should be established soon, but TMSSs should only be set up once the new boundaries have been agreed

In the meantime, "caretaker councils" should be appointed on a 50/50 basis, to oversee plans for elections until TMSSs are in place

It is understood that the statutory caucus rejected the non-statutory group's concerns about the redrawing of municipal boundaries

They are prepared to amend the old package deal to make provision for the amalgamation of budgets but do not accept the new proposals

Negotiations continue

Boundary breakdown

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Nyanga gets R2,7-m for drainage system

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□ Stormwater problems could be over by next winter

ANDREA WEISS
Municipal Reporter

STORMWATER problems in a flood-prone section of Nyanga could be solved by next winter — and the community will have had a hand in doing so.

This is the news from the Ikapa municipality which has allocated a R2,7 million grant for the first phase of a labour-intensive drainage scheme in the township.

Work includes the construction of a stormwater conduit from Mahobe Drive along Miller Street, Owen Drive and Klipfon-

tem Road which will discharge into the Lotus River canal in the north-west corner of Nyanga.

It is the first phase of a scheme which will eventually upgrade the stormwater drainage along all of Nyanga's major roads.

Acting town engineer Francois van Niekerk said the Western Cape Regional Services Council had endorsed a request from the community for the work to be done on a labour-intensive basis.

The Nyanga scheme project has been accredited in terms of a Framework Agreement for public works projects using the la-

bour-intensive method. Aside from creating work, the agreement provides for skills training in construction skills. Workers are drawn from the community the project will serve.

A community-liaison officer will be appointed to manage the recruitment of labour from the local community.

The contract has been awarded to Asla Construction, which started work on Monday and is expected to last 40 weeks, meaning that the problems experienced in this section of Nyanga will be alleviated by next winter.

Anarchy threat in Robertson

Staff Reporter

ROBERTSON residents have threatened to make the town "ungovernable" should the provincial minister of local government fail to proclaim their transitional council by today.

This decision was taken by more than 600 people who attended a meeting in the town this week. (263)

ANC spokesman Jean-Jaques van Rooyen said people had called on the minister, Peter Marais, to install their fully representative transitional council by the weekend "or face the community's wrath".

"We have made Robertson ungovernable before and if Mr Marais does not respond favourably to the wishes of the people, we will make the town ungovernable again."

Mr Van Rooyen said negotiations between the old council and community representatives had ended in July after an agreement was reached on the formation of the transitional council. ARK 7/10/94

"If the situation is not corrected by the end of the week, the town is going to burn like it never had before," Mr Van Rooyen said.

Bid to change demarcation (263)

By CHRIS BATEMAN

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SPLITTING of farms and municipalities in the wealthy Strand and Somerset West areas by the new Metropolitan Demarcation Board led to protracted and angry negotiations between delegations and two local government ministers yesterday.

Stellenbosch Farmers' Association members deadlocked with both Agricultural Minister Mr Lampie Fick and Local Government Minister Mr Peter Marais over the controversial demarcation of a 5 500 hectare strip of farms between the N7 and Somerset West.

The area is prime farming land and the proposed Cape Metropolitan border neatly splits it in two.

Mr Marais met delegations from the municipalities of Bellville, Somerset West and the Strand.

The NP-led Western Cape legislature is faced with either changing present boundary demarcations and facing severe fall-out with their ANC partners or forging ahead with the proposals and engaging in a political damage-control exercise.

All quiet over border dispute

Political Staff

AREAS such as Namaqualand have only a month left if they want a referendum to change their current provincial status

In terms of the constitution, communities have to submit petitions by October 27

According to the Minister of Provincial Affairs and Constitutional Development, Mr Roelf Meyer, none of the communities had taken any such steps

Mr Meyer told RSA Review the constitution had named 14 boundaries over which communities had expressed dissatisfaction

"Up to now, there have been no steps in this regard by any of the communities," Mr Meyer said

During the election campaign, the ANC in the Western Cape said it would fight to have Namaqualand, which is in the Northern Cape, incorporated into the Western Cape

The Democratic Party said at its Western Cape congress at the weekend that certain magisterial districts on the West Coast should be given the option of being incorporated into the Western Cape

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Frustrated Kriel may shed gloves

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CLIVE SAWYER

Weekend Argus
Political Correspondent

A COURT battle is looming between the Western Cape and central government unless the pace of devolution of powers to provinces quickens.

Western Cape premier Herinus Kriel told Weekend Argus this week the central government was in default of the constitution in delaying transferring powers to the province.

"Legally, we can proceed against them, although we do not intend doing so at this stage. We will co-operate with them if they co-operate with us," Mr Kriel said.

He said the constitution required the president to devolve powers to provinces on request.

"There is only one point on which he can refuse us, and that is if we do not have the administrative capacity."

The Western Cape was fully geared to take over the running of all functions set out in the constitution as the responsibility of provinces.

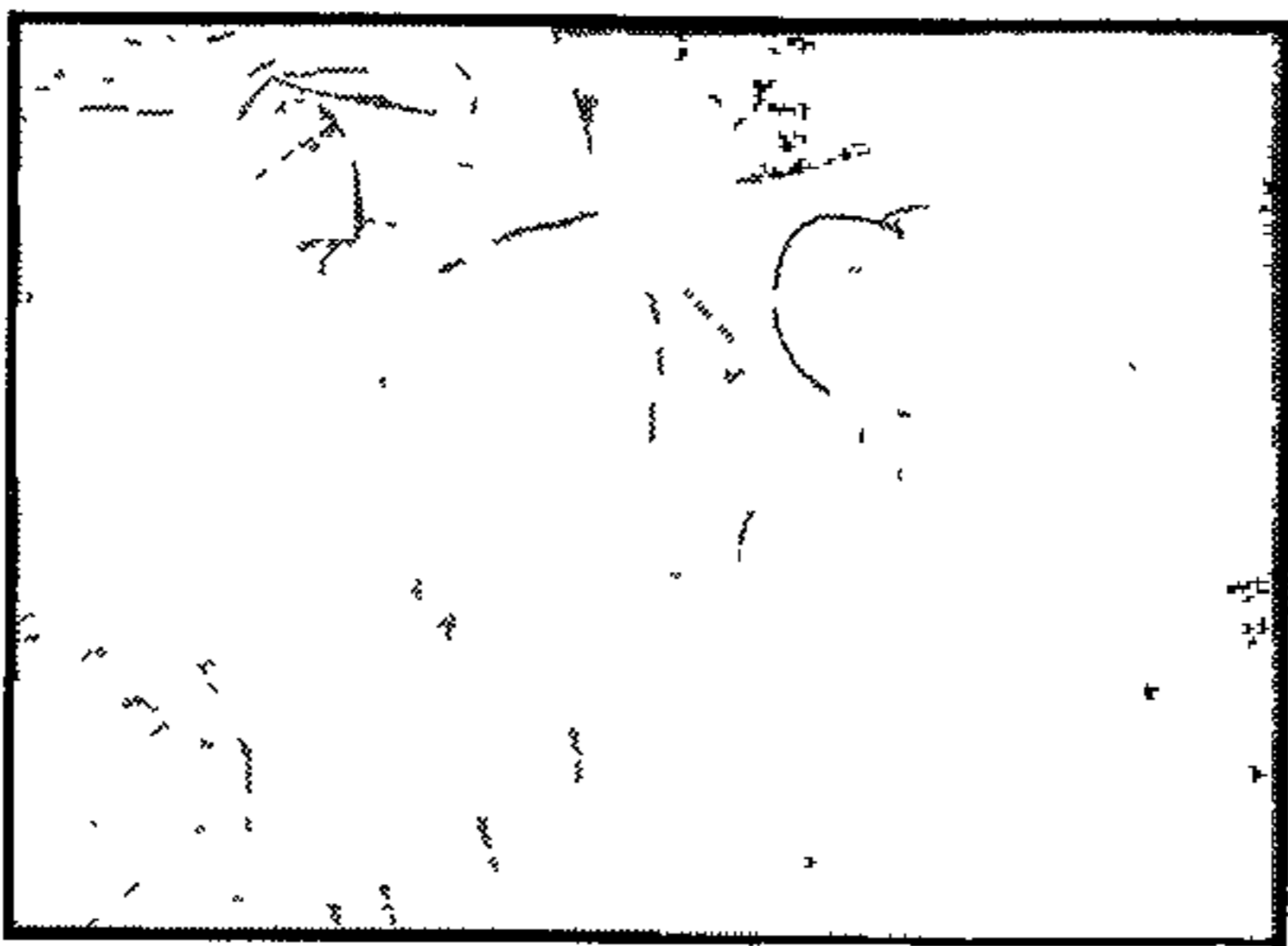
The provincial legislature had passed all necessary fiscal legislation, except for tender board legislation which is still being reviewed by the standing committee on finance.

Mr Kriel declined to say how long the province's patience would last.

But in response to speculation the process of devolution could take 18 months, he said "We are not prepared to wait that long."

It seemed certain central government ministries were reluctant to re-

■ Frustration is growing among provinces deprived of their constitutional powers — and the Western Cape is thinking of taking off the kid gloves.



are not," he said.

The delay had obvious implications for the success of reconstruction and development, of which Mr Kriel has taken personal charge in the Western Cape.

"Not one of the presidential 100-day projects has taken off, because (provinces) have not been given the powers or the funds," he said.

Success of the RDP depended on provinces being fully operational.

"There is no way in which water, for example, can be brought to the poorest of our communities by central government."

"They do not have the manpower or the know-how — it can be done only through provincial and local government."

Mr Kriel lashed out at the notion of provinces getting powers only when the least-developed had put together administrations enabling them to start functioning.

"If we have to wait for our powers at the pace of the slowest-marching soldier, it will take years."

Central government should hand over powers to provinces which were ready to operate and not try to run the whole country.

Some observers have interpreted the release by the central government of the draft White Paper on education as interference in provin-

cial powers and an ominous symptom of centralism.

Mr Kriel said national Education Minister Sibusiso Bengu had gone "way beyond his powers" in releasing the document, which had not been cleared by the national cabinet, and which dealt with matters not meant to be run by the national government.

Asked about the political implications of failure of the RDP, Mr Kriel said "If we do not deliver, it will not be the fault of this provincial government."

"Take housing we have more than 12 000 plots on which we are ready to start building houses. But we are waiting for RDP funds."

The Western Cape was also ready to take over the running of police, not previously a provincial function.

Rationalisation was easier for the Western Cape than other provinces because there were no former homeland or self-governing territory police forces to integrate.

Pressure was mounting on government at all levels to deliver on the promises of the election and the reconstruction and development programme.

Mr Kriel said the provincial White Paper on the Western Cape RDP would be finalised after central government had finalised its RDP plans.

The draft White Paper on the RDP, released by Minister without Portfolio Jay Naidoo two weeks ago, would be discussed at a provincial cabinet meeting on October 12, Mr Kriel said.

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Grabouw residents occupy offices

□ Call for town clerk to go; Mandela faxed on housing protests

JOSEPH ARANES, Staff Reporter

ABOUT 200 Grabouw residents were permitted to occupy the town's municipal offices by mayor Bert Engelbrecht after local peace monitors arranged a meeting between council and protestors.

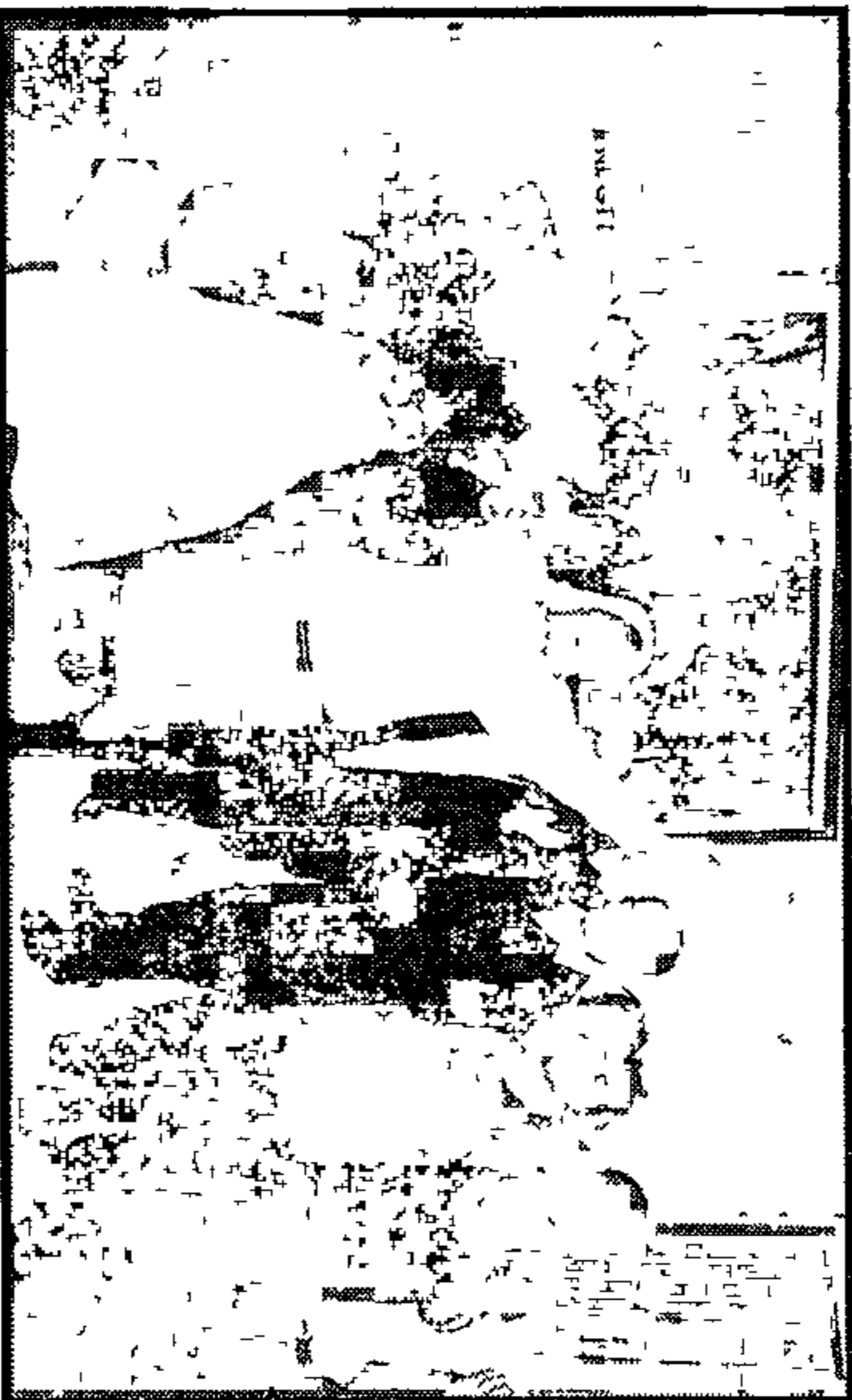
The protestors, demanding the resignation of town clerk Valdor Dudley and the head of the area's health department, Hendrick Greef, had earlier faxed President Mandela and the regional ministers of police, housing and local government outlining grievances.

Dennis Marinus, president of the Grabouw Community Organisation, said they were hoping a ministers would visit Grabouw to listen to grievances.

But, by late yesterday, there was no indication any ministers would make the trip to the Overberg.

Earlier, Mr Marinus held a meeting in the community hall as other residents occupied offices.

He alleged some municipal officials were corrupt and the munic-



OCCUPIED: Grabouw residents occupy the municipal offices demanding the resignation of the town clerk and the town's medical officer of health.

Picture HANNES THIAART, The Argus

ality still practised apartheid. "Those officials responsible for housing in Grabouw have done nothing, in fact the problem is now a crisis

"They have not made land or houses available for black families, now there are squatter camps." "The population has grown annually yet the municipality has failed

to provide accommodation. "Instead it wasted R128 000 on a useless self-help scheme

"We want to know what happened to the money and the outcome of an investigation

"We want to know why Mr Dudley is still employed if the failed scheme was his fault."

At the municipal offices, Mr Dudley watched protestors from his office window, three police patrol vans were parked nearby.

Protestors chanted slogans and prevented other residents from paying accounts

Local peace monitors Bruce Green and August Jantjies arranged a meeting between demonstrators, the mayor and councillors.

Mr Engelbrecht said protestors outlined their demands and grievances.

"We listened to them and discussed the problems and outlined our views

"I gave them my opinion which I can't share with the media, but we understand one another"

City Council told to 'democratise'

JEAN LE MAY

Weekend Argus Reporter

THE Western Cape is running out of patience with local councils, which are "dragging their feet" about democratising themselves, Local Government Minister Peter Marais warned yesterday.

"It is high noon for them — I'm giving them until October 22 to comply with the requirements of the Local Government Transition Act. If they haven't done so by then, I shall disband them and appoint councillors," he said.

The Cape Town City Council will "have to work out something on a most urgent basis", he said.

"The coloured people in the management committees are arguing that if it were not for apartheid

■ The Cape Town City Council will be disbanded and councillors will be appointed by the provincial cabinet unless it has "democratised itself" by October 22, warns Local Government Minister Peter Marais.

they would have been running the city a long time ago

"Mr Wienburg (Arthur Wienburg, chairman of Cape Town's exco) has asked me to see them to find out if they would settle for a 50/50 representation, but they say the Act entitles them to at least a two-thirds representation and this is what they want.

"This fight has been going on for a long time — about 20 years. The council did not want to recog-

nise them, saying they (the management committees) were 'illegitimate'.

"I'll leave them to sort it out for themselves, unless they ask me to arbitrate."

Now that the boundaries of the metropolitan region have been decided on, the Metropolitan Negotiating Forum could be recognised and the Demarcation Board could get on with the job of deciding

boundaries of substructures within the region, he said

Local authorities outside the metropolitan region must be demarcated by December, he added

"If the Demarcation Board has time problems with that, they'll have to divide their 16-member board into four, and get on with it

"I want the report on the boundaries of the substructures within the metropolitan region by mid-February at the latest

"We still have to determine the number of voters. When we know that we can decide on the number of wards.

"This will enable us to hold local elections in October next year. It will be a national election, with all elections held on the same day, and I am not going to have it, said that the country was delayed by the Western Cape"

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RDP gets off the ground

In the true spirit of democracy, people all over South Africa are being called upon to participate in community-driven Reconstruction and Development Programme (RDP) forums. Before the local government elections next year, these forums must have produced a plan to develop the country. VICKY STARK examines their progress:

THE Western Cape boasts 20 RDP forums and some are already affecting major changes in the development of their communities.

"Our forum is working well," said a spokesperson for the Mitchells Plain zone, Mr Shiraz Ebrahim

"Ninety three organisations in the area attended our last general meeting"

The forum has made progress in negotiations with the City Council

"They have agreed to discuss budgets and plans for the area with the RDP co-ordinating committee," Mr Ebrahim said

One of the forum's achievements is securing approval from the council for a reference library

The forum's next task will be to determine long-term plans for the Mitchells Plain town centre

Their success is being threatened by a lack of capital

"At the moment the steering committee is sustaining the operational costs of the forum. We can't do this for too much longer," Mr Ebrahim said

"I appeal to the government for assistance so that RDP forums can fulfil their role as the link between the people and the government"

A public meeting to discuss how Mitchells Plain should develop in the next five years will be held at the Woodlands People Centre on October 15

Struggling

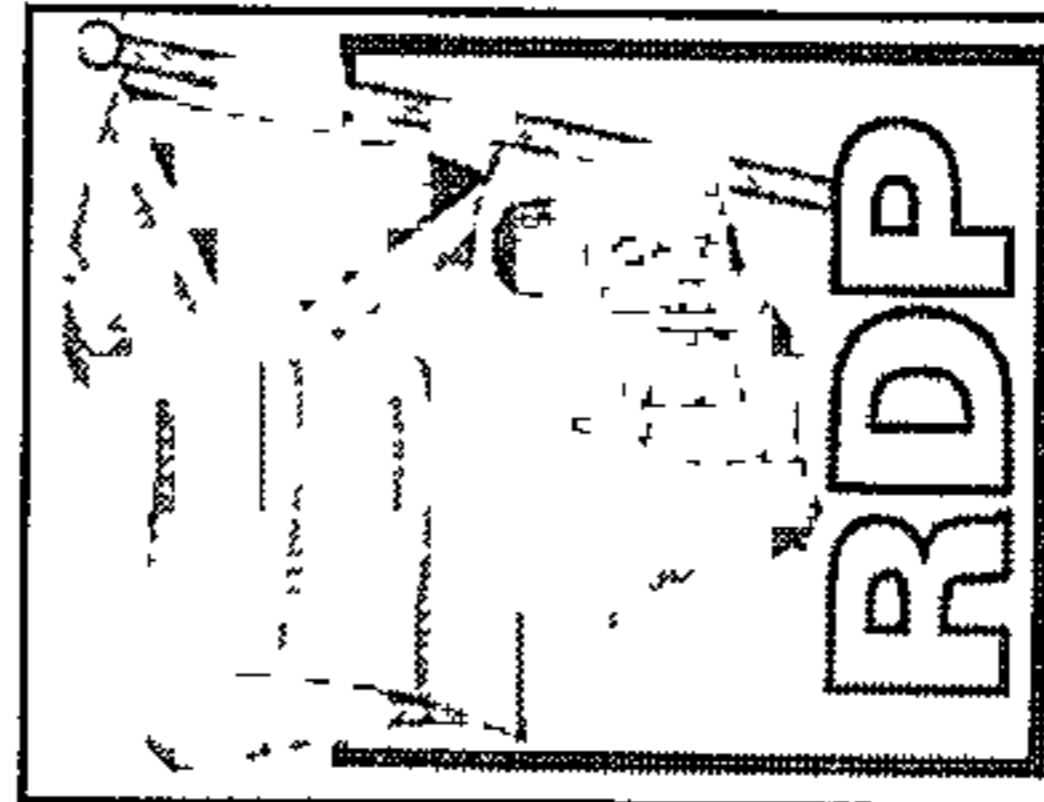
The RDP forum for Nyanga, Guguletu, Crossroads and Phillippi is struggling to convince residents of the importance of starting a forum

"There are 20 localities in our zone. We have asked them each to propose plans and budgets," RDP spokesperson, Mr Dinga Sikwebu, said

He said 11 groups are already doing needs analysis in their areas

Mr Sikwebu said the community's unfamiliarity with the RDP is one of the major stumbling blocks

He said civics had also given a "lukewarm"



response to the forum because historically handled issues the forum would be dealing with

"We are appealing to all political, cultural, religious and sport bodies to join," Mr Sikwebu said

The RDP programme will only succeed through the efforts of people at grassroots level, says Western Cape RDP co-ordinator, Mr Tony Reuters

"If your area does not improve over the next five years it is because you were lazy, not because the government failed," he told a meeting of Athlone residents keen to start a RDP forum in their area

"You have to determine what your area needs and how much it will cost

"The government is only a facilitator — you have to implement the RDP"

The RDP addresses issues of basic needs, human resource development, building a better economy

and democratising society

Mr Reuters urged residents to recruit representatives from every interest group to serve on the forum. He said funding for the development plan will come from provincial coffers.

"We will not fund the operational costs of the forum but we will pay for training people to run the forum"

"The RDP stipulates a number of criteria which will ensure development.

"Once you start building and developing, you have to employ the unemployed in your area

"Your plan must also utilise the skills of small contractors in your area, like carpenters and bricklayers

"As our president says, "The RDP is people driven" So you must make this a success"

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Overberg, Boland local government taking shape

□ But, proclamation time factor 'causing community uneasiness'

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JOSEPH ARANES
Staff Reporter

LOCAL government is finally taking root in the Overberg and Boland a year before national local government elections are to be held. But it has not always been plain sailing.

After months of negotiations, protests and pickets, the provincial committee on local government has approved and proclaimed transitional councils for Grabouw, Villiersdorp, Montagu, Worcester, Porterville, Riversdale, Tulbagh and Knysna.

Provincial Minister of Local Government Peter Marais is expected to proclaim the Robertson transitional town council on Friday and the first meeting of the new council is pencilled in for November 1.

Donald Craythorne, director of local government, said another 12 transitional town councils await proclamation.

But, community representatives and old councillors have expressed reservations about the process.

Most believe the province has been dragging its feet, in many cases leading to the affected communities embarking on protest action, in the case of Grabouw, occupying municipal offices.

Robertson town clerk Wilhelme Roux said their negotiating forum reached agreement on August 29 and submitted proposals to the local government committee.

"They approved our transitional council only a month later and have indicated it will be proclaimed on Friday and be effective from November 1.

"Although I understand they have a huge work load this is unacceptable as it leads to community uneasiness.

"Residents think the old council is trying to hold on to the power and, as in our case, threaten to make the town ungovernable."

Mr Le Roux also slated the local government committee for proclaiming the council on one date and making it effective from another.

Local ANC spokesman Jean-Jaques van Rooyen said the sooner a fully representative body sat, the sooner local problems could be addressed.

In Grabouw, where residents are still occupying local municipal offices waiting for the start of today's first meeting of the transitional council, town clerk Valdor Dudley said if the council had been proclaimed two weeks earlier none of the protests would have occurred.

"Our council was gazetted on September 30 and will meet today to swear in new councillors and elect a new mayor."

Dennis Marinus, president of the Grabouw Community Organisation, said residents occupied the offices because the old council had no authority to govern the town after the proclamation.

"The new transitional council was effective from October 1 but met only this week, which meant the town has been without a local authority for the past few days.

"This was unacceptable."



Justine sights to get on her

DI CAELERS

Weekend Argus Reporter

PARALYSED former model Justine Marais is dreaming of a future on her feet

If all goes well this month when she meets the doctor behind the new "miracle" surgery, she could be out of her wheelchair forever.

That's because the doctor, American neurosurgeon Harry Goldsmith, has declared Justine a suitable candidate for his momentum transposition operation — a revolutionary technique to repair a damaged spinal cord

Justine will meet Dr Goldsmith in Johannesburg when he visits South Africa as a guest of the SOS Foundation for spinal injuries

Dr Goldsmith, head of surgery at the University of Boston, performed the operation on 24 certified paraplegics and quadriplegics in 1992.

All of them were paralysed after breaking their necks, but they learned to walk a second time

The new technique uses abdominal tissue to supply fresh blood to the injury site

But the road ahead for Justine, who had the world at her feet when a car smash in 1989 left her paralysed from the chest down, will not be an easy one.

The new surgery may not be practised in South Africa for some time

So, if Justine is to travel to America for the operation, the drawn out legal battle to win damages from Johannesburg businessman Nick Carter, who was driving the accident car, must be resolved

However, it was a confident Justine who spoke to Weekend Argus at the Hout Bay company where she works part-time

"It's going to be very hard work all round I'm swimming strengthening my legs by

ON HER FEET: Paralysed former model Justine Marais is exercising in an-
ticipation of revolutionary surgery that could change her life

Whites still top dogs in council

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By BARRY STREEK
Political Staff

DESPITE teething problems, Cape Town had made progress with its affirmative action strategies since April, town clerk Mr Keith Nichol said yesterday.

However, a member of the South African Municipal Workers' Union (Samwu), Mr Sedick Jappie, said the top jobs in the council were dominated by white men.

A June 1994 survey had shown that 232 people in the senior nine grades in the council's service were white men, 19 white women, eight black men and five black women, he said.

There were approximately 16 000 people in the council's service and 75% of them were black but most coloured people were employed in categories below grade 9.

"We anticipate this situation is not going to be redressed in the short-term," Mr Jappie said.

Both he and Mr Nichol spoke on affirmative action within the Cape Town City Council at a con-

'Changes being made'

ference on the subject, organised by the Institute for Local Governance and Development.

Mr Nichol said the Affirmative Action Board, part of an agreement signed by the council and unions in April, was established in July and was meeting every two weeks.

The appointment of an affirmative action officer, part of the agreement, would hopefully be filled by the end of this month.

"On the recruitment and selection side we have redefined the concept of merit.

"Previously criteria used to assess the best person for the job were based on qualifications and experience. We now aim to appoint a qualified person with the minimum requirements for that

post, and not necessarily the most qualified person."

Affirmative action was being applied in the allocation of all bursaries and study allowances for staff had been extended to all levels of schooling.

The adult basic education courses, which had been instituted at one council depot, would be extended to all depots in 1995.

Mr Nichol said the successful implementation of affirmative action was a joint effort by all the stakeholders.

The council believed it would achieve more legitimacy if its staff was more representative, which would improve its capacity to deliver services.

The council's aim was to make Cape Town a great city.

"To achieve this the council is committed to goals which include attaining democratic local government, addressing past inequities, providing effective and efficient services and to make it a better place for all its people.

"Affirmative action will take us along the way to achieving these goals," Mr Nichol said.

Sanco will back ANC in local poll

THE South African National Civics Organisation (Sanco) in the Western Cape will not contest next year's local government elections.

Sanco said at the end of its three-day conference in Kuils River it would instead back the ANC in the elections.

Members of Sanco would be encouraged to support and campaign for the ANC

Publicity secretary Mr John Neels said individuals in Sanco would be encouraged to stand in the elections.

Sanco also called for a "culture of payment".

Mr Neels said they "urged the communities to take up their responsibilities to ensure that through a culture of payment for services, rent and charges, strong and viable municipalities can be established".

He said the government must restore services and called for an investigation into arrears and the formulation of affordable rent and service tariff structures. He also said Sanco should be consulted on a provincial level where RDP projects were identified. — Sapa Staff Reporter

'Apartheid alive in Citrusdal'

By Alexandra Zavis

THE Citrusdal Municipal Council is refusing to set up a negotiating forum to plan democratic local government, despite having its application for exemption rejected twice.

"The council feels nothing for our people," said Mr Julio Fransman, the local ANC chairperson. "They make decisions on their own Apartheid is still alive in Citrusdal."

Town mayor Mr Boy Burger, refused to explain to SOUTH the council's objections to setting up a negotiating forum.

"Why must I talk to you about something that does not concern you? It is a miserable few who don't work and who don't pay taxes who are creating trouble for everyone else," said Burger.

According to the Local Government Act, all communities are expected to set up forums, which are charged with appointing transitional local councils (TLCs) to oversee next year's elections.

These are established on a 50/50 basis between the statutory group, representing the old councils and management committees, and non-statutory groups, representing bodies formerly excluded from local government.

Citrusdal, however, was the first

municipality to merge its white local council with its coloured management committee under the Internu Measures Act in 1992.

This entitles them to apply for exemption, which they did in January.

The application was rejected because of objections raised by the ANC and civic associations.

Fransman explained that only people who owned houses or land were entitled to vote.

The wards were also drawn up in a way that prejudiced disadvantaged communities, he said.

"The local civic organisation, the ANC, Cosatu, all are represented in the Citrusdal community, but none are represented on the council," Fransman said.

In March the council organised a referendum in which 94 percent of the vote went against establishing a forum. But the referendum was boycotted by community organisa-

tions.

The result of the referendum was the basis for a second application for exemption in July, which was also rejected, but the council still refuses to set up a forum.

Town clerk Mr Jacq Carstens said the issue was out of his hands.

He had been informed that the executive and the provincial committees decided at a joint session to request minister of local government Mr Peter Marais to ask the town clerk to set up a forum.

But Carstens was still awaiting instructions from Marais.

Besides, Citrusdal was entitled to hear the joint session's reasons and was awaiting reply to a letter dated September 14, he said.

Mr Dieter Odendaal, a spokesperson for the provincial legislature, said the final decision rested with the minister, who was waiting for more information.

Communist to head new town council

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□ But three quit Grabouw body

JOSEPH ARANES
Staff Reporter

A MEMBER of the Communist Party has been elected chairman of the transitional town council in Grabouw.

But the first meeting of the new non-racial transitional council yesterday was not without incident — three councillors resigned.

Grabouw's council was proclaimed on September 30 but protests and the occupation of the municipal offices by residents, demanding the resignation of the town clerk and chief health inspector, led to its meeting for the first time yesterday.

The election of communist Stanely Shuma as chairman and that of dentist and former councillor Bert ten Brink as his vice-chairman was the only business on the agenda that the council concluded.

The rest of the agenda was put on hold as the meeting developed into a slanging match between angry residents in the public gallery who at first wanted the Democratic Party candidate, Dennis Marinus, to be chairman and then decided they wanted to take part in the chairman's election.

Only councillors may vote for the chairman

Karel Davids, a member of the Grabouw Community Organisation (Graco), jumped to his feet and went around the chamber pointing in the faces of former town councillors and told them they could not serve on the transitional council.

"You are all corrupt and have caused untold heartache to the black and coloured residents of Grabouw. We don't want you serving on the council."

At this point Mr Marinus, who is president of Graco, stood up and told the chairman he no longer wanted to be part of the proceedings.

"The whole process stinks

it does not matter who chairs the meeting. Members of this council have been spreading lies about me and blackened my name.

"You are trying to make this a racial issue and I don't want to be part of it. I will hand my written resignation to you later," he said before he left the meeting.

Another councillor, Fanie Booysen, representing the Water Works squatter community, said he was also resigning. He left and did not return.

After allowing a delegation from Graco to address the council and state their demands, the meeting agreed that provincial Minister of Local Government Peter Marais should address the residents about the resignation of town clerk Valdor Dudley.

Contact was made with the minister's office but the council was unable to get a fixed date for the meeting.

A motion declaring the election of Mr Shuma and Dr Brink null and void was proposed by Mr Marinus, who returned to the meeting to present the council with a document he claimed had been used to blacken his name.

"The procedure that was followed is not in question, but the election was influenced by this document, which slanders me and accuses me of causing all the trouble in the town."

After discussing the contents of the document, Mr Shuma said he could not see how the councillors were influenced by its contents if they saw the document for the first time only at the meeting.

But the residents were adamant and said they would continue their occupation of the municipal offices until Mr Marais came to the town to speak to them.

The third councillor to resign was ANC member John Michaels.

New city council a top-heavy monster

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Municipal Reporter

A PICTURE of the new transitional "sub-structure" which will take over the functions of the city council is emerging — and it is revealing itself to be a top-heavy monster on board a 98-seater gravy train.

Both sides of the Cape Metropolitan Negotiating Forum have settled on the number 98 for the new council, based on the current number of seats available to white councillors (34) and management committee members (65).

Each of the 98 members of the new sub-structure will be given the R2 000 a month allowance councillors and management committee members get.

Other implications of the enlarged structure are that each of the four standing committees, which meet monthly to decide on planning, utilities and works, housing, and health and amenities, will need a 24-person membership. At present, a committee of about five decides on matters which are put before them.

In terms of the act governing the transformation of local government, these seats will have to be divided fifty-fifty between the statutory side, representing the old order, and the non-statutory side, representing those traditionally outside local government.

The city council has taken issue with the fact that it has been awarded only 17 seats on the new sub-structure compared to the 32 given to the management committees.

The council is arguing that the management committees in the past have played an advisory role with respect to developments in their areas and had no executive powers at all.

This is compared to the R2.5 billion budget controlled by the city council.

ANC's Cape blunder

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Mondli waka Makhanya

THE ANC's sudden withdrawal from the Western Cape cabinet this week appears to have been a blunder and it may have to find a face-saving way of returning

Led by Economic Affairs Minister Allan Boesak, the ANC's four members of the regional government boycotted Wednesday's regional executive meeting and resolved to boycott all executive business in protest at what they allege was a unilateral restructuring of the cabinet by National Party provincial premier Hennis Kriel

This precipitated a local crisis, as a result of which the four are due to meet President Nelson Mandela and ANC secretary general Cyril Ramaphosa.

The ANC's action was based on the discovery of a handwritten sheet of paper entitled "Possible Allocation of Posts" which suggested splitting up certain portfolios, particularly those of ANC MECs.

Besides Boesak's portfolio, those of Environmental Affairs MEC Lerumo Kalako and Health and Social Services MEC Ebrahim Rasool were affected. The paper also suggests the number of senior officials to be appointed.

The ANC sees this as an attempt by Kriel to curb the influence of the ANC and shift reconstruction and development-related work to NP ministers and entrench the former

Cape Provincial Administration (CPA) civil service in senior positions.

ANC suspicions were backed by the fact that Kriel had already approached the ANC about a possible executive reshuffle, which was rejected.

The paper is handwritten, unsigned and bears no official stamp.

The ANC made no attempt to authenticate its origin. After obtaining the document on Tuesday, the ANC caucus met on Wednesday morning and took the decision to quit government.

Kriel maintains the paper was a "theoretical exercise" by a junior official of the former CPA.

Observers pointed out that the ANC had chosen a "weak excuse" to bring to the fore their frustrations with the NP.

Describing the "strike" as the "last nail in Boesak's coffin", Democratic Party Western Cape leader Hennie Bester blamed the decision on poor leadership by Boesak.

"The ANC has immense bargaining power... It dominates in the national government and all it has to do is exercise that power and Kriel will surely get the message," Bester said.

Even the timing of the ANC walk-out was ill-judged, coming on the heels of a bitter internal fight over Boesak's portfolio when he takes up his ambassadorial posting in Geneva shortly.

Agreement on transitional structure

Municipal Reporter

THE new Transitional Metropolitan Council (TMC) will have 140 members, the Metro Negotiating Forum has agreed.

Acting co-ordinator of the forum Mr David Phillips said that a plenary session open to the press and public should be held by next Monday, October 24.

The eight Cape Town City Council representatives on the TMC are councillors Mr Arthur Wienburg, Mr Neil Ross, Mr Llewellyn van Wyk, Ms Ruth Ortlepp, Mr Ian Iversen, Mr John Muir, Mrs Joye Gibbs and Mr Richard Friedlander.

The nine management committees within the Cape Town municipality have been allo-

cated 13 seats on the TMC, so they will outnumber the councillors during the transitional year.

Management committee members will also outnumber councillors on the restructured Cape Town council, which will be one of about six bodies under the TMC. The restructured council is known as a "transitional metropolitan sub-structure" (TMS).

Several Cape Town city councillors have expressed dismay that they are to be allocated only 17 seats on the restructured council, while management committees will have 32.

The council has put forward 17 nominees for the TMS. They are Mr Chris Joubert, Mr Arthur Wienburg, Mr Neil Ross, Mr Sol Kreiner, Mr Norman Osburn, Mr Llewellyn

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van Wyk, Ms Ruth Ortlepp, Mr Ian Iversen, Mr John Muir, Mrs Joye Gibbs, Mr Clive Bilski, Mr Kenneth Penkin, Mrs Isobel Edelstein, Mr Hugh Frost, Mr Leon Markovitz, Mr Clive Justus and Mrs Patricia Kreiner.

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Three prominent non-survivors are Mr Clive Keegan, Mr Frank van der Velde and Mr Gordon Oliver.

Roads blocked at Grabouw

By EUNICE RIDER

GRABOUW residents who have occupied the municipal offices for the past two weeks blocked roads into the town with municipal vehicles yesterday, bringing council services to a halt.

The roadblocks ended about 1pm after a meeting with police. However, residents will continue occupying the offices until their demands are met.

Mr Giulio Domingo, a spokesman for the Grabouw Civic Organisation (Graco), said over 2 000 men and women had been taking turns to live in the offices since October 3.

They blocked the roads using 11 municipal vehicles, including

Residents halt council services

ambulances, tractors, refuse removal trucks and traffic patrol vehicles.

Mr Domingo said all municipal services, except water supply, had been temporarily suspended and schools were closed.

The protesters demanded that new houses be built, that their rental arrears be scrapped, that two town councillors and the

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mayor resign, that the transitional local council introduced two weeks ago be dissolved and that local Housing Minister Mr Gerald Morkel meet them by Friday.

The blockade was aimed at getting the local Minister of Local Government and Development Planning, Mr Peter Marais, to address the protesters.

They had been asking to see him since the start of mass action two weeks ago but were told yesterday he was "overseas", said Mr Domingo.

Grabouw town councillors were apparently in a meeting and could not be reached for comment yesterday. Sapa reported last night a decision had been taken to re-open schools today.



TROUBLE IN GRABOUW . . . Grabouw residents, protesting by occupying the local municipal building, lounge around watching television in the reception area yesterday. They have vowed to stay until all their demands — especially for new houses — are met. Roads were also blockaded in the town.

Picture NIC BOTHA

Striking MPs 'no' to pay cut

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NP backs ANC boycotters on salaries

DAVID BREIER

Weekend Argus Political Staff

THE Western Cape provincial cabinet is locked in a bitter political conflict between the African National Congress and National Party. But, the divided cabinet members closed ranks on one issue this week — their own pay.

Calls by opposition provincial parliamentarians to dock the pay of boycotting ANC ministers were rejected by both parties in the coalition cabinet — the majority National Party and the ANC

Western Cape provincial ministers earn a package of R372 000 a year while ordinary members of the provincial parliament earn a total of R184 800 a year

There is strong moral pressure on the four "striking" ANC ministers to forfeit the difference for the period they refuse to attend provincial cabinet meetings.

They are Minister of Economic Affairs Allan Boesak, Minister of Environment Affairs, Nature Conservation and Tourism Lerumo Kalako, Minister of Health and Social Services Ebrahim Rasool and Minister of Roads, Transport and Public Works Leonard Ramatlakane

They have accused the Nats of planning to restructure the provincial administration unilaterally behind the back of the ANC

■ Western Cape ministers who boycotted provincial cabinet meetings have refused to take an appropriate pay cut.

Provincial Premier Henus Kriel of the NP said the boycotting ANC ministers still were working from their offices, even if they were not attending cabinet meetings. He did not back the call for a pay cut.

ANC Western Cape leader Chris Nissen rejected calls for striking ANC provincial ministers to have their pay docked for the period they were off duty.

He said the demand for "no work, no pay" was "typical of bosses" in their attitude to trade unions.

Mr Nissen said the four ANC provincial ministers were doing other public duties in the field and were liaising with ministers of other provinces.

What they were doing was "not participating in official cabinet actions", he said. This included not attending this week's cabinet meeting.

He said that if the controversial document proposing unilateral restructuring of the cabinet was only the work of a junior official, Premier Kriel had to explain how the official came to be making such proposals.

Hennie Bester, the Democratic Party Western Cape leader, demanded this week that the four striking ANC ministers forfeit their ministerial salaries for the duration of the strike.

Mr Bester said they were trying to have their cake and eat it after effectively embarking on a strike.

"In the private and public sectors, workers forfeit their salaries if they go on strike. We believe that, until the relevant members agree to resume their duties, the taxpayers should not be liable for services not rendered and they should forfeit the increment of their salaries resulting from their membership of the cabinet."

Mr Bester said the action of the four ANC ministers showed a defective understanding of the constitution, which did not provide for individual members to "go it alone."

"They should remember that the age of boycott politics is over. If you want to achieve something, you negotiate for it."

"The ANC is under no obligation to participate in the government of provincial unity. If they find the conduct of the premier and the NP unacceptable, they have the fullest right to withdraw from the cabinet on a permanent basis and move into official opposition status," said Mr Bester.

Disgruntled ANC Western Cape ministers will air their grievances with President Nelson Mandela early next week.

'City council racist' - claim

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JEAN LE MAY

Weekend Argus Reporter

CAPE TOWN City Council has been accused of racism because it is stalling requests from management committees that two of their members should be made aldermen

The stand-off is symptomatic of the bad relationship between the council and management committees, which reached a peak when councillors refused to pay management committee members' allowances equal to their own until they had obtained a legal opinion.

The requests for alderman status came from the Kensington and Rylands management committees, which asked respectively that Edward George Cleinwerck and Edward Manikkam should be made aldermen

"The council is racist and un-

■ The city council is "racist and undemocratic" because it has never awarded alderman status to members of management committees, claims Rylands chairman Edward Manikkam

democratic and I have often told them so to their faces," Mr Manikkam told Weekend Argus.

"Alderman status has been given to members of management committees in Port Elizabeth and Sandton, but here in Cape Town, which has always boasted of its democratic tradition, the council is having problems"

Jack Ridder, chairman of the Kensington management committee, said Mr Cleinwerck had devoted years of his life to working for the people of Kensington and that "the only reason he is not being rewarded by being made an alderman is that he is not white"

Cape Provincial Municipal Association guidelines for the granting of alderman status provide a formula in which points are awarded for length of service and positions held

Anyone who scores 25 points is eligible and, since Mr Cleinwerck and Mr Manikkam score 27 and 29 respectively, it might have been thought that they met the criteria

Mr Cleinwerck has been a member of the Kensington management committee for 24 years, while Mr Manikkam has 19 years' service during which he was chairman of the Rylands management committee for 10 years. Mr Manikkam was also chairman of the Association of Management Committees in the Cape Province

However the city council is tap-dancing around the situation

A letter from Gill Bolton in the town clerk's office to the Kensington management committee said that exco "adjourned consideration of the matter and requested a written report"

"It noted that CPMA guidelines, which are directory and not mandatory, have not yet been adopted by council and the implication of adopting these formally would inter alia have to be evaluated in terms of the council's current policy."

Asked what the policy was, Ms Bolton told Weekend Argus the criteria for becoming an alderman were that a councillor should have at least 20 years' service or should have been mayor

Exco was awaiting a written report from the city administrator's department

The city administrator was not available for comment

A row erupted two years ago over a council decision to spend R19 200 on four gold badges for new aldermen

Aldermen now get gold-plated silver badges costing R330 each

Routes to Grabouw township sealed off

PIETER MALAN
Staff Reporter

RESIDENTS of Grabouw's black and coloured township, Pineview, today sealed off all access routes to the township, allowing no access to or from the area and preventing hundreds of people from going to work. (263)

They demanded the immediate resignation of Grabouw's town clerk and chief health inspector. ARG 17/10/94

This follows a meeting of the local transitional council last night at which the council decided to send town clerk Valdo Dudley, who has been in the post for 32 years, on two weeks' special leave pending negotiations regarding his resignation.

Pineview residents said there was no quorum at last night's meeting.

Residents alleged gross negligence and corruption on the part of these two officials, claiming they were responsible for all their problems. They alleged some municipal officials were corrupt and the municipality still practised apartheid.

The residents demanded that Western Cape local government minister Peter Marais visit the town to address their grievances.

Grabouw community organisation (Graco) president Dennis Marinus told about 500 cheering Pineview residents that the organisation did not accept the transitional council's proposals.

Transitional council chairman Stanley Schuman earlier told the gathering that 14 out of 20 transitional council members unanimously accepted the proposal that Mr. Dudley should go on special leave.



Grabouw unrest resolved after late-night meeting with council

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□ Occupation of municipal offices threatened birth of democratic council



PIETER MALAN
Staff Reporter (263)
GRABOU residents have ended their two-week stand-off with the local transitional council by leaving the municipal offices they have been occupying

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The special meeting followed a day in which CRO supporters sealed off all access to the township by pulling municipal trucks across the

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The painful birth of a democratic local government structure was nowhere more evident than in Grabouw, the stand-off between the CRO and the council, supposed to bring democracy to the township almost wrecked that process

The council — made up of members each of statutory non-statutory bodies — manage the town until the democratic local government elections next year

A close examination of events during the past

OUT ON THE STREETS: More than 500 residents gathered in the streets of Pineview, Grabouw, to listen to speeches by community leaders. By 12 30pm yesterday, residents had removed the vehicles blocking access routes, but the occupation of the municipal offices continued.

OUR PROTEST IN PEACE



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ALL TANKED UP: Angry Pineview, Grabouw, residents block an access to the township with a municipal tanker, above left, and by moving a trailer, above, into the road. While no property was damaged during the day, emotions sometimes ran high and peace monitors, below, had their hands full trying to calm angry protesters.

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The painful birth of democratic local government structures was nowhere more evident than in Grabouw, where the stand-off between residents and the council, supposed to bring democracy to the town, almost wrecked that process

The council — made up of 10 members each of statutory and non-statutory bodies — must manage the town until the first democratic local government elections next year

A close examination of the events during the past few



days illustrates the immense problems of a semi-representative body grappling with the expectations of a community sick and tired of apartheid repression.

Graco supporters began the occupation of municipal offices two weeks ago, demanding the resignation of town clerk Valdor Dudley.

They also demanded the resignation of chief health inspector Hendrick Greeff, the scrapping of rent arrears and the transfer of ownership of sub-economic housing to the present tenants

The transitional council had tried to address these grievances at a meeting held on Sunday night, said council vice-

chairman Bert ten Brink

At this meeting it was decided to send Mr Dudley on special leave, pending negotiations of his immediate resignation

Allegations of corruption by other officials would be investigated and other problems would be addressed as a matter of urgency. The council also decided Graco members would be given until 8 pm yesterday to end the municipal office occupation

Dr Ten Brink said these decisions had been unanimously accepted by all 14 of the 20 council members present at Sunday's meeting, including two Graco representatives

But at a mass meeting later in the township's streets ad-

dressed by Graco president Dennis Marinus, Graco supporters rejected the council's proposals

A possibly violent showdown with police trying to evict residents occupying the offices was narrowly averted last night at a full meeting of the transitional council

Council chairman Stanley Shuma said afterwards Graco leaders persuaded their followers that the occupation of the offices was not in the interest of the town as the delivery of essential services had to continue

"The occupiers left the offices neat and tidy and municipal services would continue tomorrow," he said.

now, to listen to blocking access

Grabouw municipal crisis (263) is over

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By CELEAN JACOBSON

A BREAKTHROUGH was made yesterday in the municipal crisis crippling the Boland town of Grabouw

Western Cape Local Government Minister Mr Peter Marais said after a meeting it had been agreed that the sit-in would end and services be resumed

He met with the transitional local council, representatives from the Grabouw Community Organisation (Graco) and Town Clerk Mr Valdor Dudley, whose resignation had been demanded

Mr Dudley would take voluntary leave immediately while details of an early retirement package were worked out, Mr Marais said

The meeting follows the arrest of 14 people early yesterday morning after a two-week sit-in at the municipal offices and a protest which forced services to a standstill

Flawed rural TLC process

By Alexandra Zavis

TRANSITIONAL Local Councils (TLCs) in the rural areas of the Western Cape are being established in a way that prejudices the interests of historically disadvantaged communities

These structures will govern in the run-up to local government elections in October next year

They are appointed by local negotiating forums and include representatives of both statutory (the former councils and management committees) and non-statutory groups (groupings previously excluded from local government) on a 50/50 basis

But in many areas, including Tulbagh, Barrydale and Hermannus, white ratepayers' associations are claiming non-statutory status because they did not participate in the elections of the past

In Klemmond, for example, dis-

advantaged communities are represented by just two of the seven non-statutory organisations — the ANC and Black Residents of Klemmond

The Betty's Bay Social Association, the Mooitsig Community Association and the Rooi Els Ratepayers' Association all represent white communities, while the Klemmond Advisory Organisation is an advice office set up by the National Party for the coloured community

In Vredendal the National Party appears to have set up a coloured residents' association in order to gain representation on the non-statutory side

The ANC in Vredendal point out that this Vredendal-North Inwonersvereniging was established on August 11, six days after coloured NP members were told they were not eligible for non-statutory representation, and 13 days before the third forum meeting

Established non-statutory groups

were not told about the association's first meeting, which was not open to the public

Association members included at least three prominent members of the National Party

There have also been irregularities involving the appointment of councillors

According to the Local Government Transition Act, the statutory and non-statutory groups are supposed to meet separately to nominate their portion of transitional councillors

In Tulbagh, however, decisions were made in a plenary session of the forum, where the statutory group had the numerical advantage, said Mr Rashan Pillay, ANC local secretary

The ANC was only given one out of 20 non-statutory seats on the TLC. The process of drawing-up a concept agreement has also been flawed in many instances

This document is prepared by negotiating forums and provides guidelines for TLCs

Joint technical committees are supposed to be established to work out the details, but in Tulbagh the document was drafted by the town clerk. Members of the forum were then given just one or two days to study the agreement instead of the stipulated minimum of seven days

It was accepted despite the fact that it gave the town clerk executive powers over the compilation of the voter's roll, the demarcation of wards, the rationalisation of staff, the issue of service rendering and affordability and the question of the scrapping of arrears

"These are political questions which the forum was supposed to address. The town clerk is just an employee of the council," said Mr Barend Hendricks, ANC advisor on local government

The ANC in Tulbagh say the

process of accepting the concept agreement was fraudulent

Pillay said his organisation rejected the document, but it was signed on behalf of the ANC by people who were not ANC members

Such tactics destabilise the balance of power between advantaged and disadvantaged communities within TLCs, and the implications are serious, says Hendricks

TLC decisions, with the exception of financial matters which require a two-thirds majority, are taken on the basis of a simple majority

"Effectively, then, local government in the rural areas will be dominated by the same characters as before," Hendricks said

"This means they can control and take the credit for the implementation of the reconstruction and development programme, drawing up a voters' roll and overseeing local government elections next year"

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Farming dept

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THE Western Cape will have its own department of agriculture from November 1, the Western Cape Minister of Agricultural Development, Mr Lampie Fick, said at the weekend. (263)

He said a Western Cape Act for Agricultural Financing would be proposed to the provincial legislature to replace its Agricultural Credit Act.

Mr Fick told delegates at the NP's Western Cape congress at Somerset West it provided for 80% of agricultural functions to be administered by the provinces.

Town of turbulence

GRABOUW CRISIS

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JOSEPH ARANES Staff Reporter

THE provincial Minister of Local Government, Peter Marais, has visited Grabouw in an attempt to resolve the crisis which has plagued the Overberg town for the past two weeks

Angry residents who spent two weeks occupying the municipal offices had demanded to see Mr Marais

After his brief visit yesterday all the protesters and the police left the municipal offices but it seems as if the problems of the town's transitional local council (TLC) will continue

The Pan Africanist Congress decided to apply for a court interdict restraining the council from operating on the grounds that it was unconstitutional

And the Grabouw Community Organisation (Graco) will present documents to Mr Marais tomorrow stating why they also believe the council is illegitimate

This emerged after a series of meetings between Mr Marais, Graco and a PAC delegation led by Patricia de Lille in the town yesterday

Mrs De Lille said the council was not representative of all the area's organisations and although the PAC applied for membership of the negotiating forum in April, their request was never tabled nor discussed by the forum

The negotiating forum was the body made up of statutory and non-statutory organisations which negotiated a local government agreement for the town

"We told the minister of our application letter but he said we should table another letter to the TLC so they could formulate a resolution and send it to him asking for an additional member to serve on the TLC

"This is totally unacceptable because the PAC fulfilled all the requirements to qualify to have a councillor on the TLC

"He has left us with no option but to take the matter to court so they can declare the Grabouw TLC unconstitutional"

Earlier Mrs De Lille and Mr Marais had a slanging match with the minister saying he had come to the town to speak to the people of Grabouw and not to create a platform for the PAC and Mrs De Lille

"I'm here to listen to the problems of the people of Grabouw and make the arrangements to meet them I'm not here to create publicity for Mrs De Lille"

Mrs De Lille said she had spent the night in the municipal offices of Grabouw with the people while the minister was comfortably sleeping in his warm bed, not giving the residents problems a second thought.

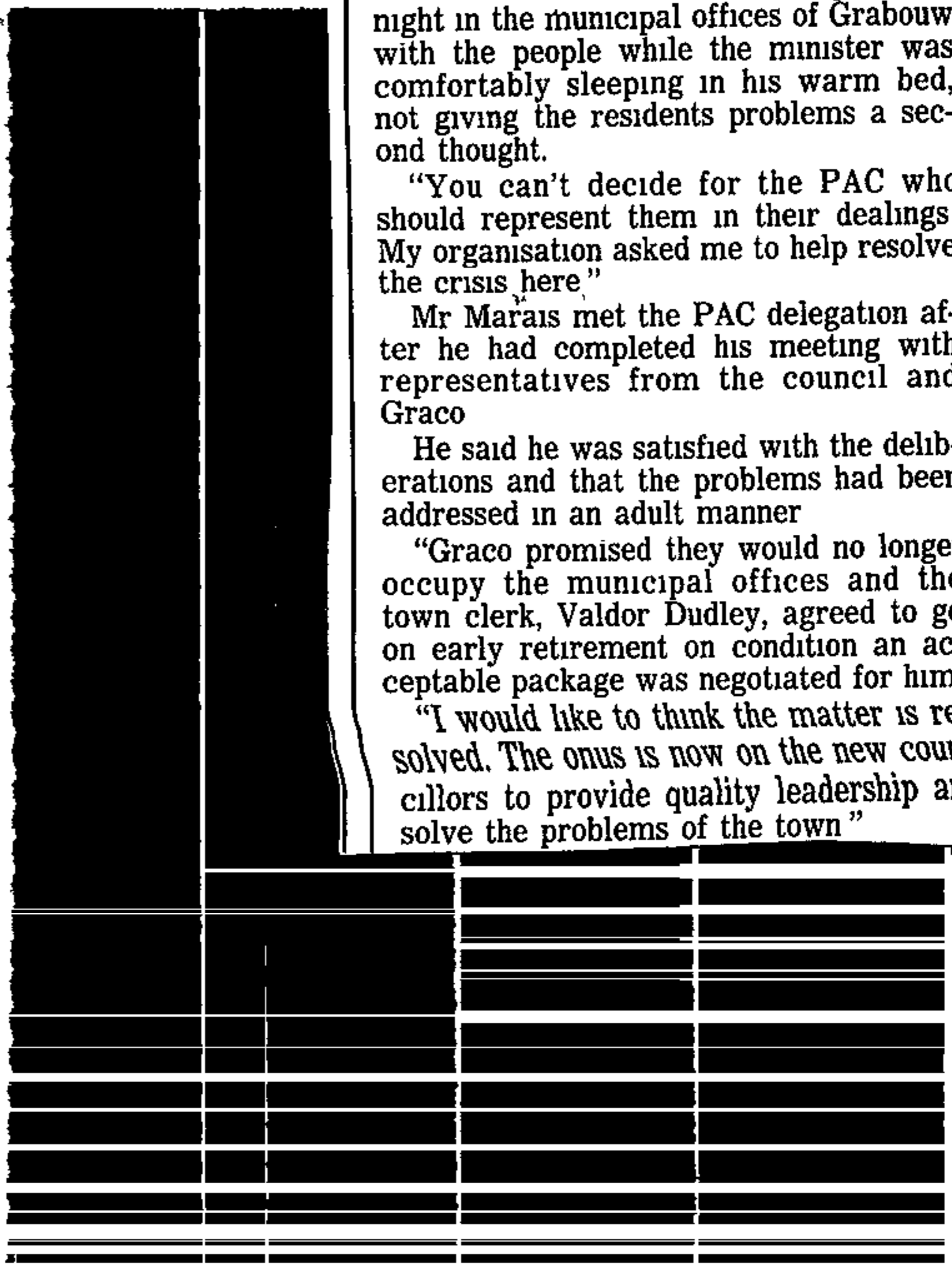
"You can't decide for the PAC who should represent them in their dealings My organisation asked me to help resolve the crisis here"

Mr Marais met the PAC delegation after he had completed his meeting with representatives from the council and Graco

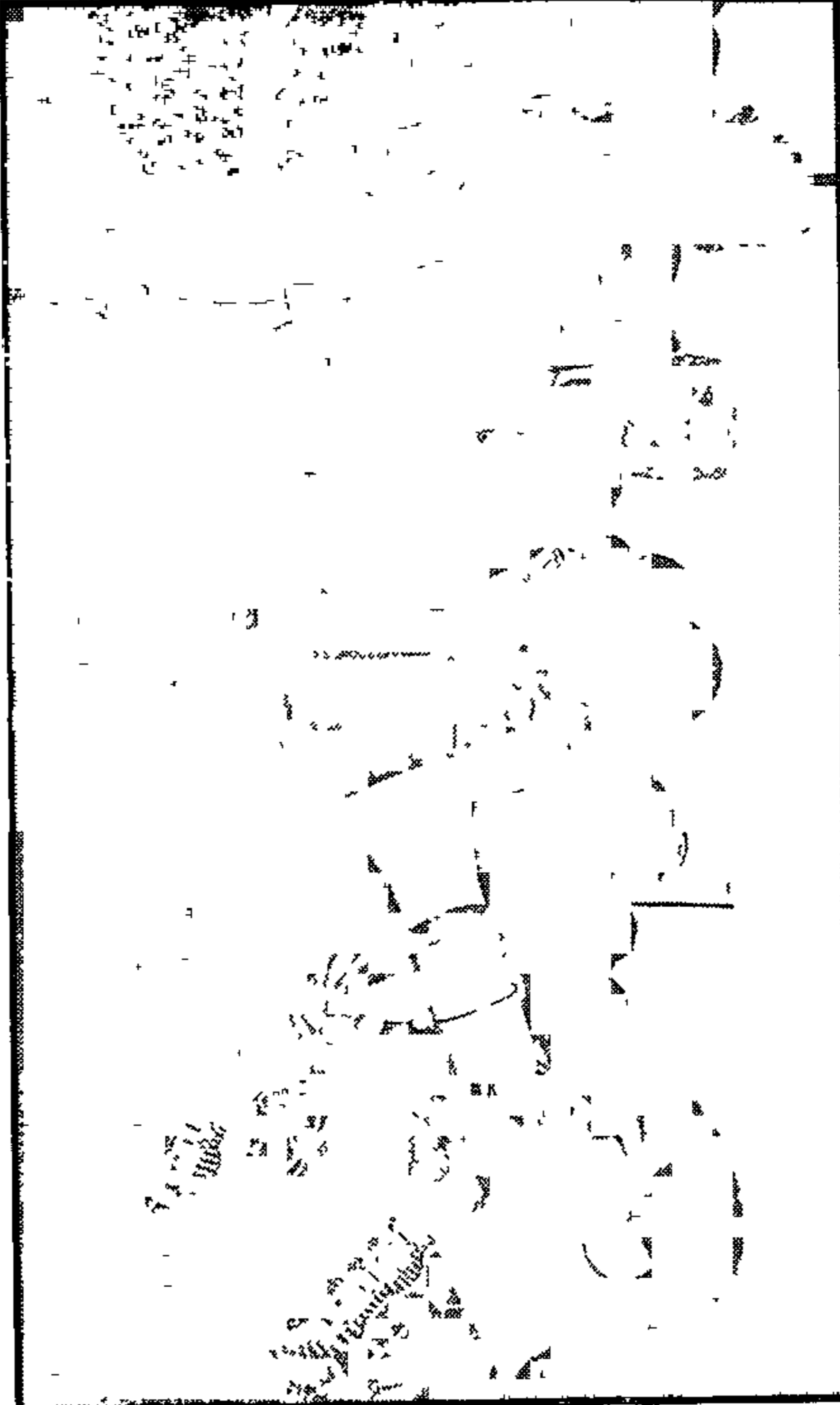
He said he was satisfied with the deliberations and that the problems had been addressed in an adult manner

"Graco promised they would no longer occupy the municipal offices and the town clerk, Valdor Dudley, agreed to go on early retirement on condition an acceptable package was negotiated for him.

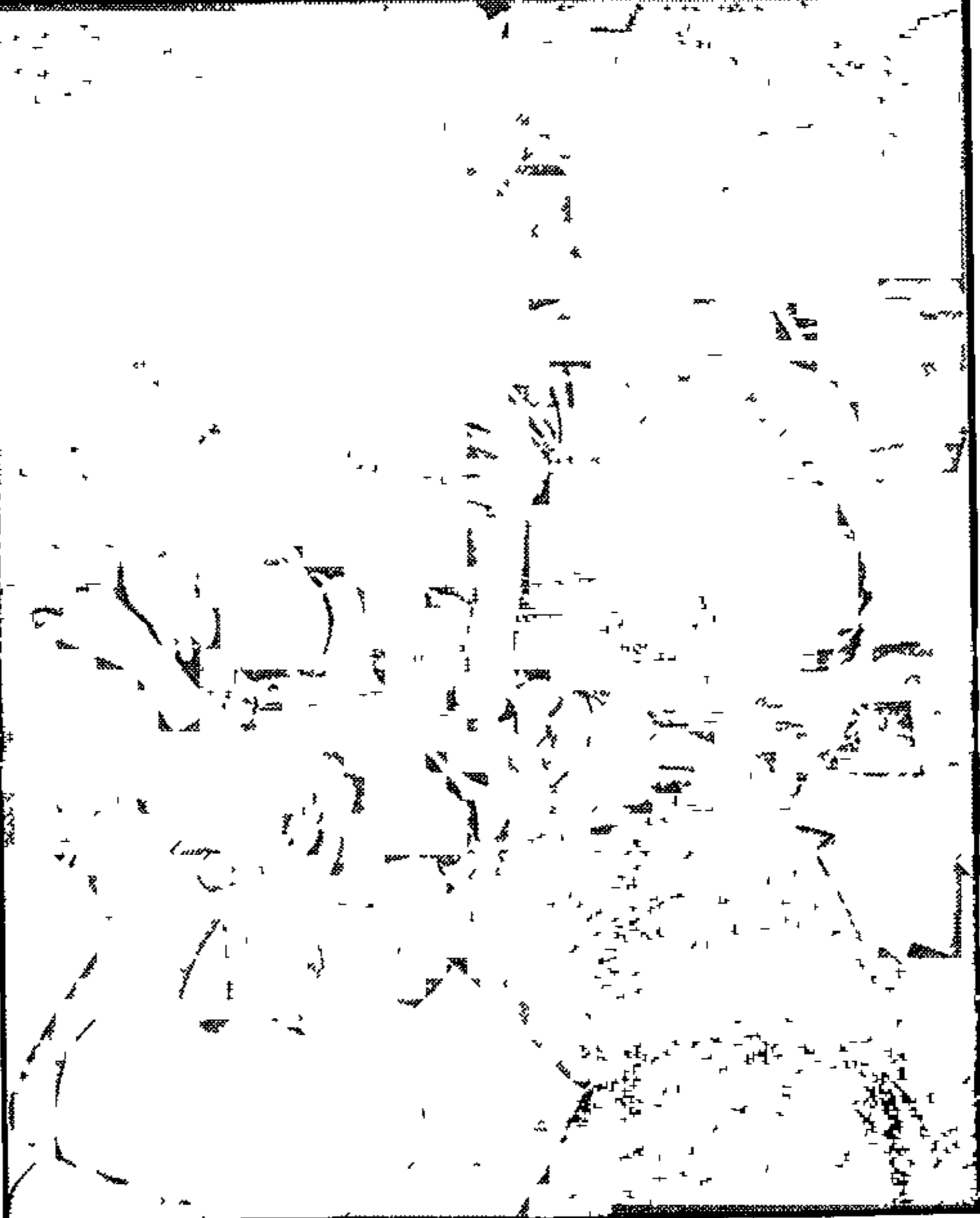
"I would like to think the matter is resolved. The onus is now on the new councillors to provide quality leadership and solve the problems of the town"



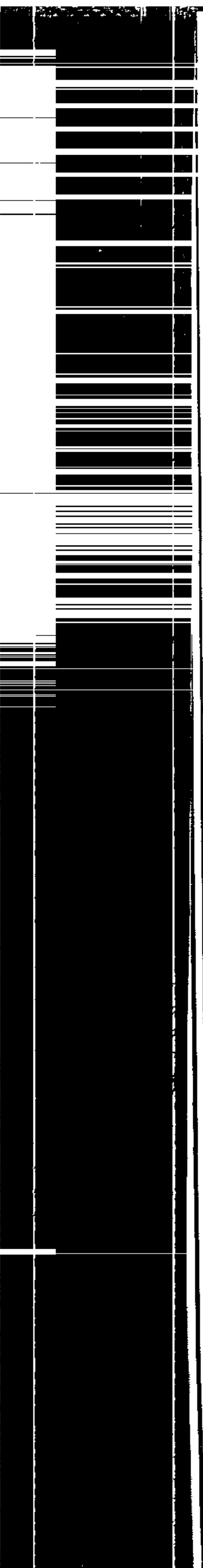
DRAWING LINES: Policemen prevent protesting residents from re-entering the Grabouw municipal offices



NOW HEAR THIS: Dennis Marinus reports back to his protesting followers about the outcome of the meeting between Graco representatives and Pieter Marais, provincial Minister of Local Government.



FIRST AID: Protesting Grabouw residents come to the aid of one of their fellow protesters who fainted after demonstrating in the sun for hours



Burgess, said he would send a document to Mr Marais outlining why the organisation felt the council was illegitimate

"My instructions from Graco are that the process followed was not correct and this made the TLC illegal. Not all the parties involved in Grabouw were represented on the forum or the council

"Community members belonging to different organisations also say they did not decide who, from their organisations, should represent them on the TLC

"We want the process to go back to the negotiation forum stage and re-negotiate the future of the TLC," Mr Burgess said

The chairman of the council, Stanley Shuma, said he hoped the new council would work together for the sake of the town and start tackling the real issues like the housing crisis

"The situation has been emotionally charged during the past two weeks but the onus is now on the leadership of Graco to sell what the minister had said to their followers

"That is that the TLC jointly must solve the problems of the Grabouw"

The TLC will meet the minister again tomorrow to discuss the problems and other local government issues



RETIRING: Grabouw town clerk Valdor Dudley, whose resignation is wanted by protesting residents, has agreed to take early retirement.

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Grabouw's war of words continues

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CIVIC organisations are engaged in a war of words in Grabouw where municipal workers have occupied transitional council offices, paralysing services.

John Neels, SA National Civic Organisation (Sanco) spokesman on local government has lashed out at the Grabouw Community Organisation (Graco) for causing havoc in the Overberg town and has criticised the Democratic Party for paying lip service to their councillor's undemocratic tactics

Mr Neels, also a member of the provincial committee on local government, said Graco

Sanco attacks local organisations and DP councillor

was acting contrary to democratic process and the wishes of millions

He was reacting to Graco's latest threat of court action against the town's transitional local council, claiming it was illegitimate

"The process followed was democratic and the outcome, the installation of the TLC, was one of the demands people put forward and struggled for through years of apartheid.

"We cannot allow an organisation such as Graco and their DP leader Dennis Marinus to derail the process
"The DP must address the

question and discipline members"

Graco sent Minister of Local Government Peter Marais an ultimatum to declare the town council illegitimate by today or they would implement planned legal action

For three weeks, members of Graco have occupied municipal offices, disrupted council meetings and demanding the community elect the chairman of the council in spite of the Local Government Act, saying only councillors may decide who chairs meetings
Mr Marinus and two other Graco councillors had re-

signed, but after a meeting with Mr Marais re-took their council seats

Mr Neels said he was afraid if problems in the town continued the minister would suspend the council and appoint an administrator.

"This would be a sad day for community organisations who need all the experience in running and managing a town

"People will also lose out on fundamental aspects of the act such as reconciliation, an opportunity to get involved in rebuilding Grabouw and discovering how a municipality works
"Mr Marinus and his clique

must forget their personal vendettas and power-mongering and ensure the democratic process is carried forward

"They must realise next year's election will determine who will lead the town They must ensure everyone is registered to vote and remember the council is a temporary arrangement to neutralise political instability," Mr Neels said.

He said the council was there to level the playing field and to ensure former whites-only town councils no longer decided what was best for the entire community.
"But, the council must begin

to perform and gain the respect of community organisations who put them there. It must begin acting like a democratic institution and protect its legitimacy it is a legal entity.

"You cannot call the council illegitimate if it has not been allowed to prove itself. Let councillors be given a brief by the community on what the town needs

"If they fail and go against the wishes of the people, then we cast the stone

Mr Neels also warned other outlying towns not to let personal issues cloud the building of a new order, but to ensure the transitional local councils performed the tasks as prescribed by the act

Union 'must be included in transition'

Political Staff

CAPE TOWN — The Cape Town City Council should ensure the SA Municipal Workers' Union was included in the restructuring process leading to a democratic local government, Minister without Portfolio Jay Naidoo said yesterday.

A clash between police and striking city council workers during a march on Monday left 57 workers and 10 policemen injured.

Naidoo said the fact that police were called in during the dispute indicated that the council needed a fundamental rethink, since labour relations had obviously broken down. *3 Day*

"Local government's role in serving the community must be in question if thousands of municipal workers are on strike. I call on the council to ensure that bona fide negotiations are continued." *26/10/94*

Local government was fundamental to the success of the reconstruction and development programme and progress in the transition to democratic local government was urgent. "Trade unions are key stakeholders in this process and should be fully involved in negotiations." *(263)*

Earlier, the parliamentary select committee on labour expressed its concern at the clash.

Committee chairman Godfrey Olifant (ANC) said although the committee should not intervene in labour disputes it could help to pre-empt violence.

Brian Bunting (ANC) proposed the committee invite evidence on the clash.

Sapa reports council executive committee chairman Arthur Wienburg said the strike employees had not seriously affected essential services. There were contingency plans if the strike continued.

'Include workers in restructuring'

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THE Cape Town City Council should ensure that the South African Municipal Workers' Union was "properly included" in the restructuring process leading to a democratic local government, Minister without Portfolio Mr Jay Naidoo said yesterday.

The minister said in a statement that the fact that police were called into the dispute indicated that a fundamental rethink was required by the council, since labour relations had obviously broken down.

"Local government's role in serving the community must be in question if thousands of municipal workers are on strike," I call on the City Council to ensure that

bona fide negotiations are continued," Mr Naidoo said.

The minister said that local government was fundamental to the success of the Reconstruction and Development Programme, adding that visible progress in the transition from apartheid structures to democratic local government was extremely urgent.

"Trade unions are key stakeholders in this process and should be fully involved in negotiations," he said.

Earlier, the parliamentary select committee on labour expressed its concern at the violent clash between police and striking municipal workers in Cape Town. Committee chairman Mr Godfrey Ollifant (ANC) said although the committee should not intervene in labour disputes, it could help to pre-empt violence.

Mr Brian Bunting (ANC) proposed that the committee invite evidence from members of the union, the council and police on the clash which left 57 workers and 10 policemen injured.

"We have to anticipate conflict between trade unions and the police to determine what lessons can be drawn from this to pre-empt such conflicts in future," he said.

The Democratic Party Youth media chairman Mr Denzil Coulson said in a statement the party "strongly condemns the disruptive actions of workers as well as the anti-Semitic and racist remarks made outside the Cape Town Civic Centre."

"While recognising the rights of workers to strike in a peaceful manner, this strike action must not violate the rights of others," he said.

Wienburg gives Manie

'the boot'

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CITY COUNCIL exec boss Mr Arthur Wienburg ordered ANC MP Mr Saïte Manie out of his office when the former municipal trade union leader tried to mediate in this week's bloody conflict outside the Civic Centre.

Mr Manie, the former secretary-general of the SA Municipal Workers' Union, was given his marching orders when he tried to establish who had asked the police to open fire on protesting workers.

Mr Manie, who formed part of an ANC parliamentary delegation that met the City Council executive yesterday and the municipal union, told a press conference in Parliament last night that the exec chief had told him on Monday: "Get out of my office immediately."

'Belligerent'

Mr Wienburg hit back last night, saying six Samwu members requested access to his office to hand over a memorandum but Mr Manie had accompanied them and he was not a council employee or union member.

"He has no locus whatsoever and after the union handed me the document Mr Manie asked me if I had called the police and I said no. He then tried further to subject me to an inquisition in his normal belligerent manner and it was then that I ordered him out of my office," Mr Wienburg said.

"After witnessing the chaos of the day which led to the violence started by union members, I am of the opinion that Mr Manie contributed nothing positive to the running of Cape Town, but has caused a great deal of incitement without offering a positive solution. It's time he worked for a living."

Wienburg slams 'violent' Samwu

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CAPE Town city council's political head Arthur Wienburg has accused the SA Municipal Workers' Union of using violence to prove its militancy because it is losing members to a rival union.

In a report to the city's amenities and health committee yesterday, Mr Wienburg said Samwu had been losing membership to the National Education, Health and Allied Workers' Union.

He said 220 municipal workers had recently joined Nehawu, and Samwu wanted to show that it was "as militant as that union is claiming to be".

Samwu had clearly been engaged in a "muscle flexing" exercise which was not backed by any reasonable demands.

The allegation that the city council had been dragging its heels in the local government reform process could not be "further from the truth".

The irony was that the non-statutory members of the negotiating forum had yet to submit their names for the new forum while the statutory side had completed this process.

Nor had the union yet provided evidence to back any of its allegations.

Mr Wienburg went on to commend the police for acting "admirably in the face of extreme pressure".

"There is no doubt the crowd wanted to inflict bodily damage," he said.

There was a difference between unions withholding labour and resorting to violence. Samwu had "struck a blow to Cape Town and South Africa" by driving away foreign capital.

On the issue of the proposed lease of Maitland abattoir, Mr Wienburg said two-thirds of the staff could be absorbed into the council.

The abattoir had been costing the city R6 million a year, and although job losses were regrettable, it was better that the money should be put towards reconstruction and development projects.

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