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Peace in the sun at beaches

Staff Reporter

BEAUTIFUL weather brought thousands of people to Cape Peninsula beaches and pools over New Year.

There were no reports of drownings, unlike in the 1984/1985 New Year period, when 19 people drowned.

Mr David Hersch, national public relations officer for South African Lifesaving, said last night that beaches had been crowded but not uncomfortable.

Peacefulness on the beaches had been "a credit to the people of Cape Town", he said.

Mr Hersch said sharks were spotted among bathers at the Strand yesterday.

The Strand Surf Lifesaving Club cleared the water about 3.30pm and after about 45 minutes people were allowed to swim again.

A law-enforcement spokesman at Strandfontein estimated there were 100 000 people from the Strandfontein tidal pool to Mnandi Beach on New Year's Day and 60 000 people yesterday, although Mr Hersch said there had not been so many.

A spokesman at the Mnandi Beach complex said there were 3 500 people there on New Year's Day and by yesterday afternoon 1 800 people had flocked to the complex.

A spokesman for the Muizenberg beach office said there were about 8 000 people on the beach between Muizenberg station and Sunrise beach yesterday and about 12 000 to 15 000 on New Year's Day.

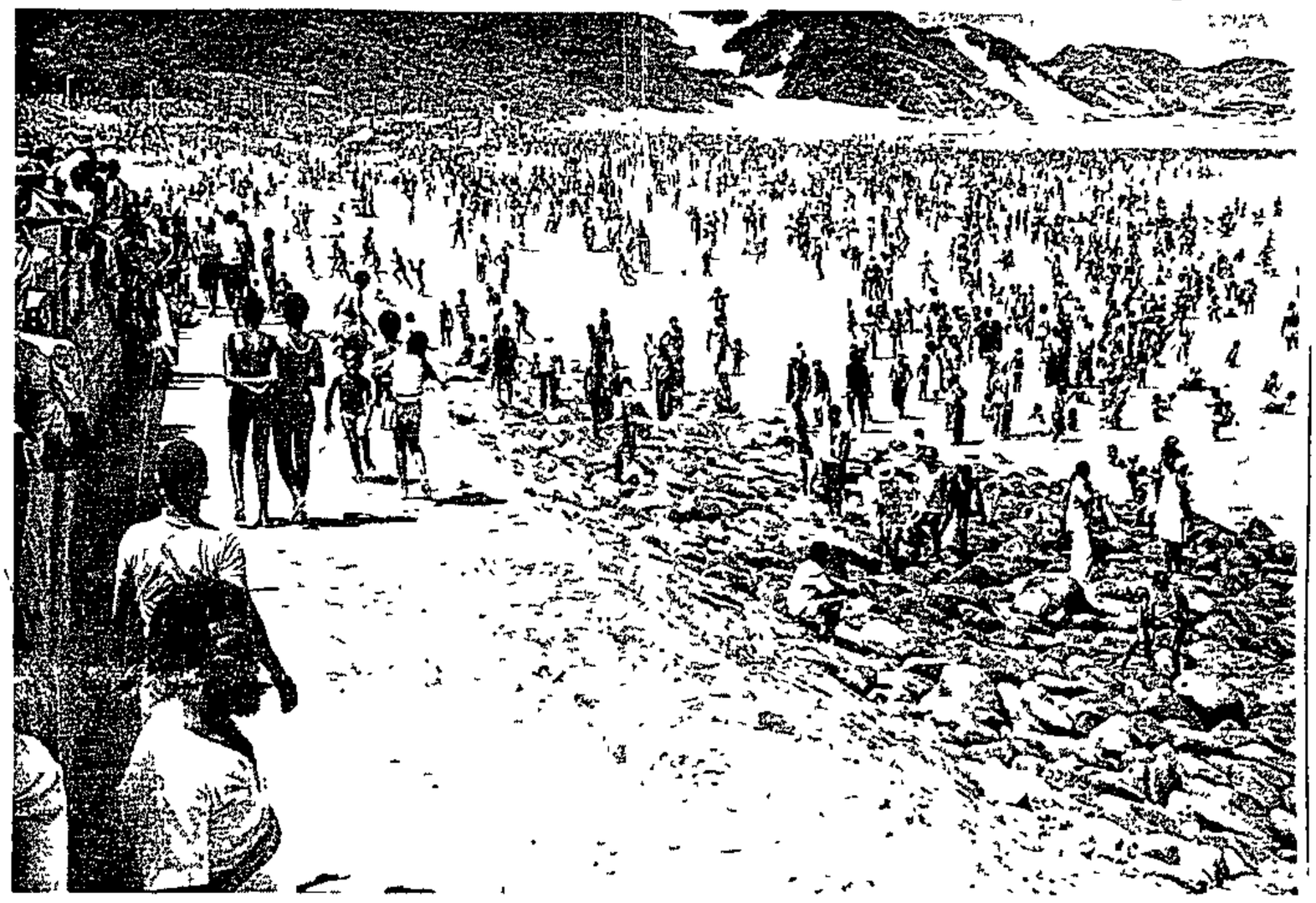
A spokesman for the D F Malan weather office said today's weather would initially be cloudy and cooler than the past two days, but that conditions should clear later.

Holidaymakers leave EL early

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Dispatch Reporter

EAST LONDON — Some holidaymakers are reported to have left East London early after an estimated 25 000 blacks crowded the Eastern Beach on New Year's Day.



Part of the crowd on the Eastern Beach on New Year's Day

The manager of a nearby caravan park Mr Charl Maré said the general feeling at the park had been that the campers safety was being threatened

Mr Maré said he had appealed to the campers to keep a low profile on the beach

But several campers who had paid for the period until mid-January had left immediately he said

"I agree that these people must also have their rights, but then they must behave themselves Then they will re[illegible]

He said there was generally a provocative attitude among the crowds parking around the campins site "They obviously aimed to make things uncomfortable for everyone else

"Many of them were undressing and relieving themselves right next to the road"

Mr Maré expected at least half of the camp to run empty by the weekend with at least 90 per cent of the campers never returning to East London

The owner of a food outlet at Marina Glen, Mr Bruce Goddard, said his business was 'chaotic" on New Year s Day

He had not expected so many customers and had been obliged to close his business three hours early

"It was the largest single black group I ve seen in my life

The group was well behaved he added with minimal unpleasantness on his premises

"However the opening of all beaches could diffuse the turn-out of such numbers at the Eastern Beach and everyone could then go to the beach of their own choice Mr Goddard said

"The city council has made a stand and it has to see it through now by providing facilities as those existing were grossly inadequate"

In an unsigned letter to the Editor of the Daily Dispatch which bears the name of Mr C van Aardt on holiday here from Krugersdorp the writer said it appeared to him that the mayor, Mr Joe Yazbek and councillor Donald Card saw "only what they want to see"

"I have some very good black friends The difference however is that they know how to behave and do not indulge in the manner of those I have seen on the Eastern Beach

"I sincerely hope that both Mr Yazbek and Mr Card visited the beach on New Year's Day If they did they would have seen a complete take over of the beach, as well as utter disregard for other beach users"

In reaction to the complaints Mr Yazbek said he could not believe that people still took an attitude depriving so many people of their privileges

The few incidents reported to have happened on the beach on New Year's Day could have happened in any crowded place

"Every time I went down there the crowds were in a good frame of mind"

He added that he could not understand how anyone could be so insensitive and insensible to the gravity of the situation

"We've reached the stage that we have to learn to live together, there is no other way"

Mr Donald Card said he had expected the large crowd at Eastern Beach as the buses had been hired months ago "That is why I made an urgent move to open the beach to all races in order to prevent conflict"

At the same time as the application for the opening of the beach had been turned down Mr Card said the administrator had warned the council to treat the situation delicately

"If the application had had a positive result we would have been able to prepare for the situation and to control it And there would have been goodwill on both sides

A city councillor Mr Eric Whitaker, said it was a tragedy that a certain section of the population had seen fit to wreck what could have been a peaceful transition to open beaches

He said he believed in the eventual sharing of amenities subject to proper controls being exercised and proper facilities being provided

"However we cannot and will not tolerate the liberal type of handover of amenities to mob rule which was witnessed on New Year's Day

Everyone who visited the Eastern Beach would be equally shocked at the behaviour of those who saw fit to rob, stab kidnap and harass innocent bathers and bystanders he said

The damage to vegetation destroyed to provide firewood to the masses and the subsequent fire damage to plant life would take years to correct Mr Whitaker said

The council must now sum up the damage done to the city's tourist trade, and take immediate action to avoid a similar occurrence"

The MPC for East London City and also a city councillor, Mrs Elsabe Kemp said she visited the beach at 2 pm on New Years Day and found the situation to be unmanageable

"In a survey done of beaches here the capacity of the Eastern Beach proved able to take a maximum of 1 500 in the water at one time while there were at least 5 000 people in the water there at one time on January 1

Mrs Kemp said she had received scores of calls from campers who approached her as MPC and as a councillor "They are obviously most unhappy and will never return to the city if the situation repeated itself"

"I am convinced the move to the beach was organised Leaches Bay has always been patronised, but there was hardly a soul there that day"

No amenity could take that sort of strain, she said and a similar situation could lead only to confrontation

Mr Whitaker and Mrs Kemp both paid tribute to the SA Police municipal police and traffic police who had shown a "level-headed approach in a sensitive situation"

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Abuse over open beach

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By KEITH ROSS

EAST LONDON — Scores of abusive and threatening phone calls have been received this week by East London city councillors who were in favour of opening Eastern Beach to all races.

The abusive calls followed the "invasion" of the beach and its surroundings by an estimated 25 000 blacks on New Year's Day.

Many calls were to the Mayor, Mr Joe Yazbek, who has been an outspoken supporter of open beaches.

Mr Yazbek said he had been amazed at the hatred expressed by some callers.

Mr Donald Card, chairman of the city's Action Committee, said he had also been bombarded with abusive telephone calls.

"I've had three days of people shouting and screaming at me," he said. "My phone has not stopped ringing."

Mr Card believed most of his detractors did not understand the circumstances of the Eastern Beach "invasion".

He told Sapa:

"The fact is that about six weeks ago I discovered that 50 buses had been hired to ferry blacks to the Eastern Beach over the Christmas period in defiance of all laws.

"I decided that the best way to sort it out was to move to have the beach opened to all races. The late hour at which the application was submitted to the Government for approval was due to this," Mr Card said.

He said he was extremely happy about the council's move to have the beach opened to all races, but added that because of the last-minute application to the Government and its subsequent delay, the issue had become confused.

Mr Card said the situation at Eastern Beach would be sorted out as soon as possible.

"Ultimately we can talk to the people causing the trouble and unpleasant incidents," he said.

Mr Card said it was a minority of the black beach users who were making the situation unpleasant for others.

He said he had always foreseen problems of overcrowding if beaches were opened to all races, and had hoped a solution would have been found to avoid it.

"The main problem at Eastern Beach now is overcrowding. From this stems the other unpleasant incidents.

"I saw a group of blacks drinking on the beach at about 7pm yesterday. That side of it is wrong and should be stopped. Lawlessness can't be allowed to take over and where a criminal offence is being committed the police should take action."

Mr Card said a statement by the SAP that the beach situation was solely the responsibility of the municipality was the wrong attitude to adopt.

"Everybody must stand up and be counted, but the police

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Open-beach councillors harassed by abusive phone calls

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are hiding behind laws which don't exist."

Mr Card said he did not believe the problems at the Eastern Beach would continue for much longer.

"The beach situation is still something new. It will settle down and sort itself out," Mr Card said.

Other city councillors called for action to ensure that the "orchestrated invasion" of Eastern Beach was not repeated.

The councillors implied that the invasion and the resulting "chaos" had been organised for political reasons.

They spoke of widespread indecency and provocative behaviour.

"There is no way we can allow this situation to arise again on Eastern Beach — or on any other beach," said Mrs Elsabe Kemp, a city councillor and MPC for East London Central. "I cannot repeat what people told me they had seen on Eastern Beach."

Mrs Kemp went to the caravan park near Eastern Beach on New Year's Day in response to calls from anxious residents.

"I then tried to organise an emergency council meeting but none of the senior councillors was available," she said.

"I had no New Year holiday. My phone never stopped ringing. Not only visitors complained. I had calls from all parts of the city. Something drastic must be done early this year to plan for the future."

Mrs Kemp wanted an urgent meeting of all officials involved at Eastern Beach on New Year's Day.

"I am worried because an amenity like Eastern Beach can take only so much strain and to crowd it like it was on New Year's Day must lead to confrontation," she said.

"And the people of East London are demanding that something be done. They are very bitter indeed. Many people are calling for a referendum on the beach issue."

Mrs Kemp had no doubt that the invasion was organised but she did not know the motive behind the move.

"But the result was that all other race groups were forced off the beach," she said.

Another city councillor, Mr Eric Whitaker, said the people of East London were prepared to share amenities.

"But we are not prepared to hand over to the kind of mob rule that existed on Eastern Beach," he said.

"I wish some of our city councillors would get their heads out of the sand long enough to see what happened there. It was a sad day for East London and South Africa."

Mr Whitaker said some people there had obviously used the occasion for political purposes.

"They were chanting political slogans and giving black power salutes."

He also spoke of criminal behaviour with whites being robbed at knifepoint.

Beach: Kemp to see administrator

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3 die in Border weekend unrest

Dispatch Reporter

EAST LONDON — Three people died in unrest in the Border at the week end

A headman Mr Albert Dlose was axed to death early yesterday morning at Bolo police reported in their unrest bulletin

The SAP are investi gating a charge of mur der the report said

At Stutterheim the bodies of two women were found on Saturday morning They had ap parently been burned to death with tyres Police are investigating a case of murder

At Dordrecht two men were arrested for public violence

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The loss of a leg doesn't deter Norman Parent of Exchange Club from photographed playing in a tournament at Turnbull Par



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Liver baby doing wel

Transvaal Bureau

JOHANNESBURG — The Vanderbijlpark liv er baby Nicole Hohowsky, is in a critical but stable condition in the University of California Hospital, Los Angeles after receiving a donor liver in a seven hour op eration

At 10 last night Mrs Doreen Hohowsky said from Los Angeles that she was delighted Nicole was making a re markable recovery

Mrs Nancy Creegan trustee of the fund which sent Nicole for a trans plant spoke to Mrs Hohowsky and said that she had been told by doctors that they were surprised at the way the transplanted liver had gone into action

'Mrs Hohowsky said that she was very tired but delighted at her daughter's progress af ter the complex opera tion Mrs Creegan said

The next week will be a critical time for Nicole according to the surgeon who performed the transplant, as her body may accept or re ject the new liver

Mrs Creegan trustee for the Nicole Hohowsky Liver Transplant Fund said yesterday that Mrs Hohowsky had been anxious about the op tion

But the 15 month b came through the op tion "remarkably w according to surgeon

The child weighs 8 and the swelling in stomach had gone d

Nicole received liver from a dono Portland, Oregon af three-month wait a hospital, during w three livers were a available but each another child was more serious cond or more suitable fo donor organ

Mordt: a promising debut

WIGAN — Springbok Ray Mordt made a prom ising debut in British rugby league here yesterday helping Wigan romp to a 42-0 win over Swinton in a first he adapted to the 13 man game and constantly sought chances to get in volved in the action

Playing on the right wing he made one parti cularly impressive run largest crowds o season at the Ce Park ground with than 12 000 fans br bitterly cold w weather

War in the townships, peace on the beaches

CAPE TOWN was a strange mixture of war and peace over Christmas and New Year as New Crossroads erupted into violence while the Peninsula's beaches — considered a potential flashpoint for aggression — remained a picture of cheerful harmony

At the same time, white East Londoners were outraged when an estimated 25 000 blacks arrived on the town's first non-racial beach on New Year's Day

One commentator dismissed complaints about the behaviour of the crowd and said the opening of all beaches in the town would "diffuse the turn-out of such numbers" as everyone could then go to the beach of their own choice

In Durban, where the three prime bathing spots are reserved for whites, violence erupted between black and Indian bathers on the over-crowded Indian beach

Police denied that the attacks were racially-inspired and attributed the violence to the lack of facilities and the overcrowding

There was no violence on the five desegregated beaches

These two instances, in towns which are still tip-toeing around the issue of open amenities, seem to indicate that the piecemeal opening of beaches, particularly when the majority of the coast is reserved for a minority of the population, is not the answer

By opening its entire coastline to all, Cape Town seems to have avoided the kind of racial tension experienced by these two cities

Complaints from a certain section of Cape Town's white population last year about "overcrowding", "anti-social behaviour" and "improper dress" seem ludicrous compared to Durban's full-scale beach war and East London's mass invasion

There is no doubt that the council's decision to provide more amenities (such as the Mnandi pool complex) reduced pressure on coastal resorts

The closure of the Sea Point Pavilion when it was considered "full" could also have contributed to the lack of friction among bathers.

The expensive and controversial pay-beaches, however, seem to have had little or no effect on the behaviour of the crowds.

For one thing, the behaviour of bathers on the pay beaches was no better or worse than that of the people on the other side of the fence, although the "free beach" was much more densely populated

The closure of the pay beach on three occasions to prevent overcrowding also appears unnecessary in the light of this, although attempts to prevent the tidal pool from becoming dangerously full can be understood

One strange feature of the holiday season was that fewer people visited the beaches on Christmas Day, Boxing Day, New Year's Day and Tweede Nuwejaar than in previous years

Councillors who undertook a whistle-stop tour of the beaches on January 2 concluded that bathers, especially whites, were reluctant to come to the beaches on these public holidays because of their experiences the previous year

The prevailing unrest and increased transport costs were also cited as possible factors

Whatever the reasons, the people present (and there were many) behaved as if they had been enjoying each other's company on open beaches all their lives.

And before everyone jumps up and concludes that fences, turnstiles and increased fees are the answer to controlling crowds, it is important to remember that even last year, when none of these controls existed, Cape Town had none of the problems experienced in Durban and East London

More and free amenities and general familiarity with the perfectly normal idea of sharing the City with all its people, will do more to facilitate easy social interaction than any number of controls

As one councillor said "People have just got used to sharing Open beaches are no longer an issue and people have become more tolerant and more considerate of each other"

One can only hope Durban and East London will reach the same conclusion and open all their beaches instead of backtracking by restoring apartheid to their few open amenities and facing an even worse problem in the years to come

CIVIC DIARY



By Hilary Venables

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Beach crisis: Card lays the blame

EAST LONDON — Councillors who had voted against the opening of Eastern Beach were responsible for the situation which had arisen, and not the eight councillors singled out by Mrs Elsabe Kemp and Mr Peet de Pontes, Councillor Donald Card said last night

"We wanted to organise the necessary precautions In fact a meeting was held by the councillors with the parks portfolio and the heads of the municipal departments to discuss the expected influx of people to the Eastern Beach

"This meeting was chaired by Councillor Robbie de Lange (jr)," Mr Card said

Mr Card was not present at the meeting held on December 27 Other councillors present were the mayor, Mr Joe Yazbek, Mr J. H. Bezuidenhout and Mr P M Rohtbart

Commenting on Mrs Kemp's planned meeting this week with the administrator, Mr Card said that too much was being done by individuals and that she should go on instruction of the city council

Reacting to the allegation that he, Mr Yazbek and Mr Errol Spring had spearheaded the council's beach decisions, Mr Card said they had made the original proposal to open the beach, but it was not passed by the council.

"A committee was established by Councillor De Lange (jr) to investigate the matter."

A public meeting was held on December 11 to gauge public opinion on the issue, which was followed by a council meeting where the vote was six against five in favour of raising the issue with the administrator

" Mr Yazbek, Mr Len Cooper, Mr De Lange (sr) and I were not even present at that meeting," Mr Card said

"I resent the comment by Mrs Kemp and Mr De Pontes who imply hypocrisy on my part "

The reason for the lateness of the motion calling for opening the beach was that information on the fact that buses had been hired for such a large transportation was received late

The council was aware of the urgency of the matter, Mr Card said.

Mr Card said he received his information about the hiring of buses from a black man who had given it to him confidentially. The chief municipal traffic officer, Mr Brian Evans, had also received the same information

"I have heard many scandals about who hired and paid for the buses, now I know Mrs Kemp and Mr De Pontes are involved with scandalmongers

"If they suspect they know who had hired and paid for these buses they must inform the police Witholding such information is a criminal offence "

Mr Yazbek said he was pleased Mrs Kemp would meet the administrator this week, and he hoped she would plead with him for the opening of the Eastern Beach to all races.

The "so-called blame" for the situation which arose at the Eastern Beach obviously rested on the majority of the city council, Mr Yazbek said, as the eight councillors singled out by Mr De Pontes and Mrs Kemp represented the majority of the council, which had 15 members at present.

Whatever took place at the beach was not in the power of the council, and "no one went ahead with anything as Mrs Kemp and Mr De Pontes said"

"No one opened the beach.

"Even their remotest insinuation that Mr Card or anyone else had anything to do with the transportation of the people to the Eastern Beach must be withdrawn forthwith And an apology must be made to all councillors they think were involved," Mr Yazbek said.

'Beach belongs to all'

ARGUS 7/4/86

Provincial Reporter

AN opposition spokesman on beaches in the Provincial Council has reacted hotly to a suggestion that the opinion of Camps Bay residents alone be sought on the future of pay-beaches.

Mr Jan van Eck, also a city councillor, was reacting to a statement by Camps Bay's city councillor, Mr Chris Joubert, who said Camps Bay residents would be asked for their views.

The results of this survey and recommendations by municipal departments would play a large role in what the Cape Town City Council decided on the future of Camps Bay beach.

Mr van Eck said: "It is preposterous of Mr Joubert to suggest that the fence on the beach at Camps Bay will be removed depending on the wishes of Camps Bay.

"This decision can be made only by the full City Council at a normal meeting and does not depend on any specific group of ratepayers in any specific suburb.

"Camps Bay beach and all the other beaches in the Peninsula belong to all the people of Cape Town, whether they live in Camps Bay, Claremont or Mitchell's Plain. Whether they may live in Camps Bay depends on whether they happen to be white."

DISPATCH 8/1/86

De Lange confirms meetings

Dispatch Reporter

EAST LONDON — The city councillor with the portfolio of Parks and Amenities, Mr Robert de Lange (jr), confirmed yesterday that he had chaired a meeting last month at which the opening of the Eastern Beach to all races was discussed

He said concern was expressed by various councillors at the lack of facilities to accommodate the sudden influx of people onto the Eastern Beach, "which could create problems and draw criticism".

Another meeting was held to discuss contingency plans to deal with the anticipated influx of people to the Eastern Beach over the Christmas holiday period. This meeting was convened by the town clerk and chaired by Mr De Lange (jr) in his capacity as chairman of the parks and amenities portfolio, he said.

The meeting was attended by various heads of the municipal departments, Mr De Lange said, and aspects of sufficient toilet facilities, back-up service for the lifesavers, control measures for the possible influx of large crowds and traffic were items of discussion.

The minutes of the meeting, which was held one week before Christmas, revealed that those present agreed that the director of parks and amenities would approach the proprietor of the roadhouse at Marina Glen with a request to provide extra litter containers for use by the roadhouse customers.

It was also agreed that, in consultation with the beach manager the services of a person fluent in Xhosa be employed to direct the crowds of people expected to use the Eastern Beach on December 26 and January 1.

The security/civil defence superintendent informed the meeting that the SAP would take action against criminal offenders only, and not where complaints arose concerning black people using so-called white beaches.

It was also agreed at the meeting that the municipal police would keep a low profile with regard to matters where confrontation between black people and white officials was imminent.

It was resolved that the heads of the various departments take note of any real problems which might occur on December 26 and New Year's Day with the anticipated crowds of beach-goers to the Eastern Beach so that these problems could be solved before an application to declare the beach non-racial was forwarded to the administrator by the city council.

'Open' beach: protest in EL

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By KEITH ROSS

EAST LONDON — A public meeting will be held in East London tomorrow to protest against the uncontrolled crowding of 25 000 blacks on to the city's Eastern Beach on New Year's Day.

The meeting is seen as part of a white backlash against the "invasion" and reports of illegal and unsavoury incidents on the beach.

The influx of crowds of blacks took place in spite of the fact that Eastern Beach was still officially "white", although the City Council had applied for it to be opened to all races before the holiday season.

The crowds on the beach and the surrounding area led to vehement protests from sections of the East London community.

The protest meeting tomorrow has been organised by a committee led by Mr Basil Niemand and Mr Nick Slabber, both local businessman.

Mr Niemand and Mr Slabber said last night that they would call for the resignation of those city councillors who were behind the application to open Eastern Beach "without adequate controls".

They particularly wanted the resignation of the Mayor, Mr Joe Yazbek, and his fellow councillor, Mr Donald Card, who they saw as the prime movers behind the unofficial opening.

Mr Niemand and Mr Slabber said they have formed an organisation to look after East Londoners' interests called the Individual Rights Association.

"It is not a party political organisation," Mr Niemand said. "It is a move away from party politics.

"After all it is party politics that has landed this country in such a mess."

Mr Niemand said the association was intended to bring unity and security to the people of the Border.

"It must be strong enough to negotiate with the city council, the Government and the black states

Mr Niemand accused some city councillors of trying to achieve fame through the Eastern Beach issue.

Mr Niemand wanted blacks to have only limited access to Eastern Beach.

"They can also have the beaches they have already been given on the West Bank.

"The rest of the city's beaches must stay white."

Mr Niemand will be the main speaker at the protest meeting, which will be held in the City Hall at 7.30pm.

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600 call on councillors to quit over beach row

From KEN VERNON, Argus Bureau

PORT ELIZABETH. — More than 600 residents have called for the immediate resignation of three East London city councillors, including the mayor, following the appearance on New Year's Day of about 20 000 blacks at a "whites-only" beach.

The call was made at a meeting in the East London city hall last night.

Meeting organiser Mr Basil Niemand alleged that the councillors, Mr Donald Card, Mr Errol Spring and the Mayor, Mr Joe Yazbek, had orchestrated the black move for party political reasons and threatened to "bring them to their knees".

He said concerned residents had formed the Independent Rights Association to force their removal from office and to prevent councillors from having party political affiliations in the future.

"Intimidated"

He said East London ratepayers and taxpayers were being made a political football by the councillors who, he claimed, were being "intimidated" into making political decisions rather than representing their constituents.

Mr Niemand said the Rights Association was not anti-black and proposed that some blacks be allowed to use Eastern Beach in a "controlled way", but said that other beaches would remain white.

After the meeting an angry Mr Peter Mopp, a Labour Party member of the House of Representatives, described the move to remove the councillors as a smokescreen to hide what he said was the real aim of the group — to keep the beaches for whites.

Dos Santos warns on US aid for Savimbi

LISBON. — Angola's President José Eduardo dos Santos today met Dr Chester Crocker, the American Assistant Secretary of State for African Affairs, and later attacked moves for a resumption of US aid to Unita rebels.

The Angolan news agency Angop said Mr dos Santos also criticised a proposed visit to Washington by the Unita leader, Dr Jonas Savimbi.

"We still cannot understand whether Savimbi's visit and the military and other aid which the United States intends to give him should be considered as a form of pressure on Angola or as declaration of war by the US," Mr dos Santos said.

In spite of this Angola had agreed to allow Dr Crocker's visit to Luanda to go ahead.

Angola says it was invaded several times last year by South African forces, which it alleges are also backing Unita.

"In the case of new attacks Angola will ask for more help from the international community and particularly from its traditional friends, the Soviet Union, Cuba and other socialist countries," Mr dos Santos said.— Sapa-Reuter.

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'Open' beach: 800 protest

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By KEITH ROSS

NEARLY 800 people attended a meeting in East London last night to protest against the "uncontrolled opening" of Eastern Beach to all races.

The meeting was called after 25 000 blacks visited Eastern Beach on New Year's Day.

The blacks flocked to the beach despite the fact that it remained officially white after a bid by the City Council to have it opened before the holiday season had failed.

The huge influx of blacks was accompanied by reports of illegal and indecent behaviour, resulting in protests from sections of the East London community.

The protest meeting last night was organised by a committee led by two local businessmen, Mr Basil Niemand and Mr Mick Slabber.

Mr Niemand said the meeting was not racist, but East Londoners were not willing to be intimidated by 25 000 people.

He called for an end to party politics in City Council affairs and accused three local councillors — the Mayor, Mr Joe Yazbek, Mr Donald Card and Mr Errol Spring — of using local issues for personal gain.

Mr Niemand also accused Mr Card of "bringing" 25 000 people on to Eastern Beach.

Mr Niemand said East Londoners knew blacks had been on the beaches in the past. "We never tried to bluntly chase them away," he said.

"But we cannot allow blacks to move in and take over as they did during the festive season."

Mr Niemand said he wanted limited access for blacks on Eastern Beach, but the Orient and Nahoon beaches "would have to stay white".

He called for the resignation of Mr Yazbek, Mr Card and Mr Spring and a petition to this effect was circulated at the meeting.

Mr Niemand said an organisation called the Individual Rights Association (IRA) had been formed by his committee to look after the interests of the people of East London and the Border.

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Poll may be called on EL beach issue

Dispatch Reporter

EAST LONDON — The city's 12 000 ratepayers face the prospect of a city council-initiated public meeting and a possible poll on the beach issue

This was decided here last night at an action committee meeting of the council which is closed to the press

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Action committee chairman Mr Donald Card confirmed last night that the issue was discussed following the controversy since 25 000 blacks flocked onto the whites-only Eastern Beach on New Year's Day

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A motion from the MPC for East London City Mrs Elsabe Kemp asked that a firm of consultants be appointed to investigate the whole beach issue

The consultants will be given all the facts and their proposals will be put to ratepayers at a public meeting to be called by the mayor Mr Joe Yazbek

If ratepayers are still not happy at the public meeting a poll can be called to decide the issue

Mr Card confirmed that the motion was supported by all councillors except the point about a poll where there was dissent

Asked about the time factor, Mr Card said everything would be done "as soon as possible"

"Time is of the essence in this matter as it is vitally affecting our city We have to work fast to solve it"

After agreement has been reached on the proposals, the Administrator will be approached with it and the necessary funds sought to implement it

SAIRR: share Border beaches

21/1/86 DISPATCH

Dispatch Reporter

EAST LONDON — The Border branch of the South African Institute of Race Relations has called for beach apartheid to be scrapped and for harmonious co-operation to transcend national borders

A statement issued by Mr Harold Winearls and Mr Jeremy Watson called on the municipality to provide ample facilities at popular beaches where large crowds gathered

The statement, which calls for harmonious relationships in the entire society in all aspects of daily life, follows the Eastern Beach incident when 25 000 blacks flocked onto the whites-only beach on New Years Day

The statement said "While not supporting apartheid, we do recognise the existence of Ciskei and Transkei The Border area is intimately linked to these two states physically, economically and it must be emphasised, also socially

"This inter-dependence between these states is permanent and must be accepted as important by all as essential to the economic viability of each area Naturally the people concerned will come to be more and more in daily contact with one another They will do so to an ever increasing extent on equal terms

"The city of East London and the town of Mdantsane are more closely linked to each other than to any others Nearly the whole adult population of Mdantsane works in East London by day and returns at night In practice, Mdantsane is a satellite dormitory town of East London, similar to Beacon Bay and Gonubie

"East Londoners should be encouraging co-operation and mutual respect with all these people, irrespective of race The government is committed to abolishing petty apartheid

"Surely sharing the Indian Ocean should be a top priority in our efforts to live together harmoniously"

The statement said that where there were large crowds gathered there would naturally be more incidents, whether they were on the beach or at sports matches

"But all people should have the right to enjoy public facilities such as beaches"

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Beach issue goes back to council in East London

28/1/86 P.E. Post (282)

By KEITH ROSS

EAST LONDON — The City Council will soon draw up guidelines for the possible opening of East London's beaches to all races, Mr Donald Card, chairman of the council's action committee, said this week.

The beach issue would be taken back to the council so that views could be aired before a full investigation was carried out.

He said this was being done at the request of the municipal departments involved in the beach issue.

"The department heads want our views in more detail before they brief consultants who will carry out a full investigation into beach facilities," he said.

"The consultants will look at the total number of people who can be accommodated on each beach, what facilities are needed and how much they will cost.

"They will also look at ways of controlling numbers on the beaches. We must never have 25 000 people on Eastern Beach again."

The crowd on New Year's Day, when 25 000 blacks went to the beach, had been "a frightening number".

"The crowd upset people but there has also been a lot of political propaganda on the issue," he said.

"People have accused me of arranging transport to take blacks to the beach and there is no way they could have sucked that idea out of their thumbs.

"I believe there has been a propaganda campaign against me and the other councillors who see the abolition of apartheid laws as the solution to our problems.

"There is no doubt the flood of blacks onto the beach was orchestrated, but so was the campaign against us that followed."

Mr Card said the beach issue had become a problem largely because of the reaction of some whites.

"Some people are prepared to see only the bad side," he said. "Can you imagine what would have happened on Eastern Beach if 25 000 white motorcyclists had gone there for a rally?"

No pay-beach for Fish Hoekers

Staff Reporter

FISH Hoek residents want their beach open to all races — but reject a pay-beach.

More than 250 people who attended a meeting of the Fish Hoek Residents' Association last night were asked to vote on the beach issue twice.

In December Fish Hoek Town Council decided to recommend to provincial authorities that Fish Hoek beach was opened to all races, but so far no reply has been received.

Last night the Mayor, Mr Howard Wood, said reports from planners and landscape architects on beachfront usage would be put before the council tomorrow.

These would be considered with a report from the Town Clerk, Mr Eric Fry, Mr Wood said.

When chairman Mr Colin Stiger asked residents to indicate whether they felt a pay system should be introduced to control numbers on the beach, about two-thirds voted against the idea.

A resident, Mr B Rice, later proposed that the council hold a referendum to establish whether residents wanted the beach opened.

Another resident amended the motion, proposing that residents endorse the council's decision to scrap beach apartheid.

The amendment was carried by 132 votes to 101.

During heated discussion many expressed anger that the council had decided to open the beach to all races without consulting residents.

Army lays township soccer fields

Defence Reporter

A CAPE TOWN-based citizen force unit this week helped with the construction of two soccer fields in the Mbekweni township near Paarl.

This followed a call by the local Community Council for help by the Army after similar projects were carried by military units in Transvaal townships late last year.

The 8th Engineering Squadron, which is attached to Western Province Command, sent road-construction machinery and operators to Mbekweni last Wednesday and completed the task of levelling and laying a better grade of soil on a piece of veld allotted for the project.

The chairman of the Community Council, Mr Benjamin Nobula, said yesterday Mbekweni had a need for additional training fields for its 30 soccer teams, but lacked the funds for the construction.

"I saw what the Army was doing in townships on the Witwatersrand and put the recommendation before my council and they gave the go-ahead to contact the Army for help.

"We will fence the area in, lay on water to the fields, before about 80 volunteers — all soccer players — plant the grass.

"We hope it will be ready by next season," he said.

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PE and EL CBDs 'open to all soon'

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Political Correspondent

CAPE TOWN — Central Business Districts (CBDs) in Port Elizabeth and East London are likely to be opened for trading by all races "within the next few months" following the opening of Johannesburg's CDB, which is due to be announced in next Friday's Government Gazette.

A source in the Department of Constitutional Development and Planning said today that procedures in other centres were likely to be much faster than they were for Johannesburg.

Surveying requirements had been met in other centres. Cape Town and Durban were in line before PE and East London, he said.

Survey shows pay beaches flopped

Municipal Reporter

THE outcome of a survey of Cape Town's coastal resorts over the holiday season has completely vindicated the City Council's stand on non-racial beaches, but has indicated that its pay-beach experiment was a flop.

A report on the survey, released yesterday, says the most notable feature amongst the crowds who visited the beaches during the festive season was "the absence of racial friction or tension".

This was particularly true of the free beaches at Muizenberg and Camps Bay where most racial mixing occurred.

According to the survey, pay beaches were universally condemned by people on the free side of the fences and even people inside the enclosures said they had been obliged to pay because they wanted their children to enjoy the safety of the children's pools.

An arch-opponent of the pay-beach system, Mr Jan van Eck, said the report proved that "open amenities are the obvious answer to peaceful co-existence on the beaches".

There was no evidence in the report to justify pay beaches.

"The sooner we accept that this wasted experiment has failed the better," he said.

Mr Van Eck was concerned about the significant drop in attendance figures at the larger swimming pools where tariffs were doubled over the holiday season.

"This indicates that the high entrance fees prevented a number of people from using these facilities."

The good behaviour of the crowds at all beaches proved that increased tariffs and pay beaches were unnecessary controls and did nothing more than produce revenue "which surely was not our intention", he said.



Mr Jan van Eck

The chairman of the council's amenities and health committee, Mr Louis Kreiner, agreed that there was no justification for continuing the pay-beach experiment.

He was, however, in favour of charging a fee for specific amenities, such as the Camps Bay tidal pool, and felt the City was entitled to income from these facilities.

He described the pay beach at Milton Pool as a "total failure and an eyesore" but felt fences could still be used at certain beaches to control numbers without charging a fee.

The report had, however, proved that the council's decision to scrap beach apartheid was the right one.

A second survey on the situation on beaches since the removal of the fences was now being conducted. His committee would consider both reports in April before deciding what control measures it should scrap before next summer.

Camps Bay councillor Mr Chris Joubert disagreed that the pay beach in his ward had been a failure.

He said the psychological effects of the fencing and increased controls had discouraged anti-social elements from visiting the beach.

"We had a higher class of people of all races on the beach this year."

Mr Joubert said the report should serve as an example to other coastal centres of how the opening of beaches could be achieved without any problems as long as control was exercised.

A referendum will be conducted among Camps Bay residents this month to establish their opinions on the future of fences on the beach.

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Verdict on open beach policy

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By JOHN YELD
Municipal Reporter

THE absence of racial tension and friction was the most notable feature of Peninsula beaches during the festive season, according to a major Cape Town City Council survey.

It found Cape Town's beachgoers were "relatively happy" with the new open policy and that in general they preferred open, free but controlled beaches with fences and turnstiles to limit crowds.

"The beach survey can be seen as an important indicator that the recent 'open beach' policy can be a positive factor in the establishement of better race relations in an otherwise tense society," the report says.

Officials of the city engineer's technical management services department conducted about 3 400 interviews with beachgoers during the peak holiday period.

Questions were designed to evaluate user-satisfaction with recently completed amenities, to assess public opinion of the council's open beach policy and to determine the effect of the "pay beach" system on user patterns.

Areas studied were Mnandi, Middelbank/Blue Waters, Strandfontein Pavilion, Sunrise Beach, Muizenberg (including Rocky Beach, Surfers' Corner, the Pavilion/Pool and East Beach), Camps Bay (both the pay and non-pay areas) and Maiden's Cove. About 400 people were interviewed at each beach

Attendance down

However, the report points out that beach attendance was lower than expected when compared with previous statistics.

On the Day of Goodwill there were about 10 000 people at Strandfontein (a non-paying beach), at Muizenberg 703 at the pay area and 11 500 at the non-pay area; at Camps Bay 3 383 at the pay area and 2 000 at the non-pay area; and at Maiden's Cove (non-pay) 4 500. The Mnandi fun pool complex was closed.

On New Year's Day there were 15 000 people at Strandfontein, 2 916 at the pay area and 10 000 in the non-pay area at Mnandi; 1 500 at the pay area and 9 300 at the non-pay area at Muizenberg; 3 342 at the pay area and 5 000 at the non-pay area at Camps Bay, and 10 000 at Maiden's Cove.

The report says the most notable feature was the absence of racial tension or friction.

"Harmonious"

"It was quite apparent . . . that users surveyed were relatively happy with the new policy of open beaches and that social interaction on the beaches was, generally speaking, harmonious."

Middelbank/Blue Waters was the only beach where a majority of users expressed dissatisfaction with facilities. Major sources of dissatisfaction were dirty toilets, scarcity of toilets, the inadequacy, and

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to suffer from hypothermia. ... the Chalkie Pass, between Sher-

Open beaches get 'vote of confidence'

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lack of showers and the lack of shade.

However, at eight of the 10 beaches a "significant" proportion of responses indicated satisfaction with existing facilities and this could be viewed as a vote of confidence, the report said.

The only people with a positive attitude to beach fencing were those using facilities within the fenced areas.

But even in the pay areas here there were "pragmatic" users since access to children's pools and facilities gave them no option.

The report said that those in favour of fences believed they introduced additional safety, particularly as far as the "rougher elements" were concerned. Users of the pay areas requested a system of pass-outs and seasonal concessions to allow multiple entry.

Users of non-pay areas — whether they were objecting in principle to pay beaches or could not afford the fees (travelling costs had to be added to the total cost) — believed that access to all facilities was desirable, the report said.

"Given the problems experienced in the rest of the country where the change from traditional usage-patterns had produced acute social tensions, it bodes well for the future of Cape Town that the transition to integrated beaches appears to have proceeded smoothly."

However, it warned that attention had to be given to beaches needing facilities and said this had to be done with the perspective that capital outlay on beaches was "sound investment for a more healthy future".

● The City Council's amenities and health committee meets today to consider the report.

Coloured MPs refused lunch in Parliament

Political Staff

Several Coloured MPs had been refused lunch in the House of Assembly canteen, Mr Horace van Rensburg (PFP, Bryanston) told Parliament yesterday.

He said the incident was disgraceful in view of the State President's assurance that apartheid was outmoded.

"What could be more damaging to what the State President is supposedly trying to achieve?" he asked.

Mr van Rensburg said those who had responded favourably to the President's speech at the opening of Parliamment had fervently prayed the Government would not once again undermine its reform efforts by hesitation, equivocation, clumsiness or bad public relations.

"Then this incident happens. It must make them think again."

PE bars get ready for all races

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By WENDY FRAENKEL

ALL bars in Port Elizabeth are ready to open their doors to all races as soon as legal restrictions are lifted, probably during the present session of Parliament.

A Government-sponsored Bill proposes the scrapping of all racially discriminatory provisions of the Liquor Act, so that liquor may be supplied to "any person upon any premises in the discretion of the licensee or authority holder".

A survey today showed that all hoteliers favoured the prospective move.

The managing director of the Summerstrand Hotel, Mr "Slim" Slinomsky, said he regretted that a change in the liquor law had not come much sooner.

He said he had recently been embarrassed when the black and coloured members of a racially mixed group staying at the hotel had been banned from drinking except in their bedrooms.

Mr Slinomsky said it would take time for people to adjust to the opening of bars, especially hardliners "who were brought up not to accept that sort of thing".

The managing director of the Red Lion Hotel, Mr Michael Zwarenstein, welcomed the new Bill, although he was concerned that certain people might not take too kindly to it.

The Walmer Gardens Hotel owner, Mr Trevor Lombard, saw the prospective change as a positive move and hoped others would follow.

He envisaged few problems, but said the main entrances of the hotels would initially be manned to enforce the right of admission and maintain standards.

Another hotel manager, Mr Keith Clarke, of the Griffin Hotel, said any change in the legislation was "a change long overdue".

He said: "As far as I'm concerned a black man's money is as good as that of a white man!"

Mr Andreas Christodoulou, who owns the Grand and the Hunters Retreat hotels, welcomed the proposed change in the Liquor Act.

"Who we admit into our hotels will be left entirely to our own discretion so I do not forsee any problems," he said.

The manager of the Humewood Hotel, Mr Harry Dressel, said they would open its bars to all, but the situation would be monitored carefully.

"As it is we have always adopted the right of admission."

The manager of the Campanile Hotel, Mr Andre Nel, said he would have to proceed cautiously because "we have a much tougher element here — we'll simply have to be more selective".

Publication of the Bill is the outcome of pressure exerted on the Government, especially by the flagging hotel industry.

Movies in PE open to all

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From today there won't be any more "white nights" at Port Elizabeth cinemas. Mr JOSEPH SCOUT, of Zwide, and Mr JULY BUSAKWE, of Motherwell, hold tickets which allowed them entry into the Kine Park complex in Rink Street for the first time. Both expressed delight with the move to open cinemas in PE to everyone. It was authorised by Mr Piet Badenhorst, Deputy Minister of Constitutional Development, late last night. Picture by Jack Cooper

Post Reporter

CINEMAS in Port Elizabeth are open to all races from today.

The Deputy Minister of Constitutional Development, Mr Piet Badenhorst, signed the authority late last night. He told the Evening Post that as far he was concerned it was immediately effective

Mr Badenhorst said all Ster-Kinekor complexes in Port Elizabeth were affected — at Greenacres, in Rink Street and in the Elizabeth Sun complex.

The Walmer Drive-In was also included.

The Port Elizabeth Drive-In in Cape Road at Linton Grange has been open to all races for some time.

Earlier the Government said it would allow cinemas in central business districts throughout the country to open their doors to all if they wished to do so.

But Port Elizabeth was excluded because none of the cinemas are in the CBD.

Commenting on the move, the regional general manager of Ster-Kinekor, Mr Jos Joubert, said today: "Although we have not been officially notified of the move yet, it will be a great relief to us.

"We welcome the news as a step in the right direction. We made applications for cinemas to be opened in November last year"

The vice-president of the UDF in the Eastern Cape, Mr Henry Fazzie, said: "I hope this will be the beginning of doing away with apartheid.

"If the small things are started with, it shows we will be able to get what we want eventually. The white community in PE is beginning to see what is needed for all people in South Africa."

The deputy chairman on the Northern Areas Management Committee, Mr Martin Jansen, said: "I sincerely hope this is a start of more to come."

The acting chairman of the Indian Management Committee, Mr Jay Kathan, said: "The Indian Management Committee welcomes the move as a positive step in the direction of reform."

● In another move Mr Badenhorst's department has reversed an earlier controversial ruling on the Three Arts Theatre in Cape Town which may now also admit all races to cinema shows and not just live shows as has been the case up to now.

Theology document a call to murder — MP

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PARLIAMENT — The Kairos document on liberation theology signed by general secretary of the South African Council of Churches (SACC) Dr Beyers Naude was a call to revolution, murder and even high treason, Mr J W Meiring (NP, Paarl) said in the No-Confidence Debate yesterday.

Mr Meiring said the document, released last year, had been compiled by "seven nameless theologians" and financed by the SACC.

It was undoubtledly the most radical document from the hands of churchmen in South Africa. The problem was that many outside the country saw it as the official view of the church here.

The document made God into a political God and talked of salvation in terms of freedom from political repression, not in terms of "what we know it as", a personal thing, he said.

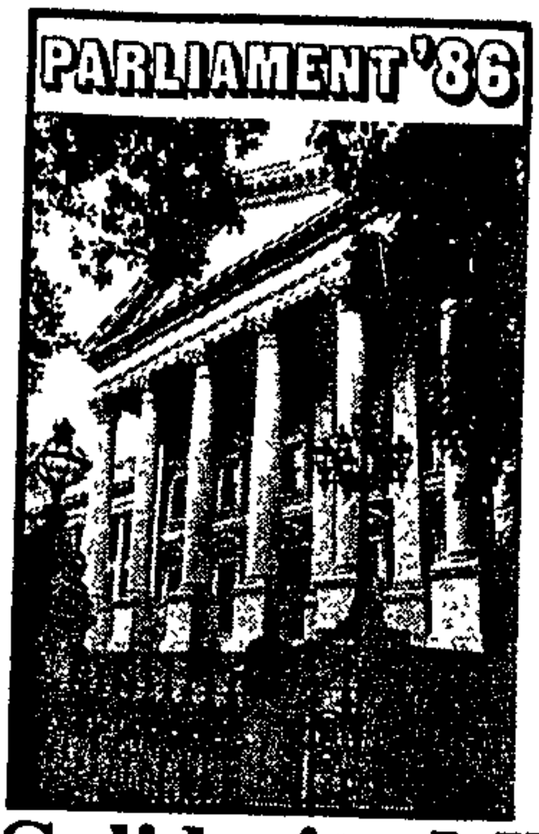
The Government's reform initiatives were not mentioned in it at all.

The harshest criticism in the Kairos document was of what it called "State theology", citing among other things the "blasphemous use of God's name in the preamble to the new Constitution".

The document, in spite of its advocacy of violence, did however have at least one advantage: it forced people to search their own consciences: "It is so easy to say we were put here in South Africa by a higher hand and given a calling, so we do not have to care about others. There must always be a quid pro quo. Every citizen must do all he can to improve relations between races." — Sapa.



Mr J W Meiring, National Party MP for Paarl.



Committee to settle dining row

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PARLIAMENT — A special joint committee of all three Houses of Parliament is to decide if the controversial segregated House of Assembly dining room should be open to MPs of all races.

The Speaker of Parliament, **Mr Johan Greeff**, convened the joint meeting to prevent the issue being "blown up into something of national and international proportions".

Mr Greeff appealed to MPs to observe the existing arrangements pending the decision of a joint meeting of the committees on Standing Rules and Orders of the three Houses.

He reiterated his claim that the refusal to serve coloured MPs had nothing to do with race or colour. It was designed to ensure privacy for Members of Parliament.

Rev Allan Hendrickse, chairman of the House of Representatives, one of the MPs refused service, rejected the Speaker's statement but added that his caucus had already decided to "stop exerting pressure for our right as Members of Parliament." They had decided to leave it up to other caucuses to decide. — Political Staff.

Solidarity MPs turn on NPP and their own leader

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Political Staff

National People's Party (NPP) leader Mr Amichand Rajbansi was scathingly attacked by one of the rebel opposition MPs in the House of Delegates yesterday.

Mr Mamoo Rajab (Solidarity, Springfield) said Mr Rajbansi's apparent inability to do anything about removing apartheid, in spite of being a Cabinet Minister, must make it difficult for him to sleep at night.

Mr Rajab is one of four Solidarity MPs who have brought an interdict against the leader of their party, Mr J N Reddy, in a bid to prevent the proposed NPP-Solidarity coalition.

Mr Rajab said Mr Rajbansi should accept vicarious responsibility for the passing of apartheid laws. He (Mr Rajbansi) sat on the most powerful body in the country with the same Ministers who pushed through apartheid legislation, "caring not who was demeaned and who was hurt".

He would be held responsible for the decisions of the Cabinet, and although this perception might be unfair, "we must remember history was never strong on fairness", Mr Rajab said.

Earlier, **Mr Gopi Munsook (Solidarity, Nominated)** went against Mr Reddy by lambasting the Federated Chamber of Industries (FCI). Mr Reddy had praised the FCI in his speech for adding its voice to the anti-apartheid lobby.

Mr Munsook denounced the FCI and Assocom as white capitalists who had never before worried about the plight of blacks.

"Suddenly everyone who never lifted a finger is on the bandwagon shouting 'change!' ", he said.

Plan to protect farm workers

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PARLIAMENT — The Labour Party is to introduce legislation this session to protect farm workers and domestic servants who have no union protection.

The party announced this after the Minister of Manpower, Mr Piet du Plessis, said that no new legislation on this matter was planned for this session.

"The Minister of Manpower must make it clear that he is speaking of behalf of the National Party, and not of Parliament in general and the Labour Party in particular," a spokesman said in a statement.

"Our farm workers have been continually overworked, underpaid and abused and the old tot system is still very much in use."

Mr Petrus Meyer (LP, Vredendal) told the House that neither farm workers nor domestics were defined as workers under the Manpower Act. — Political Staff.

Colour bar on booze will go

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PARLIAMENT — All discriminatory provisions are to be removed from the Liquor Act in terms of the Liquor Amendment Bill which was introduced to Parliament by the Minister of Trade and Industry, Dr Dawie de Villiers, yesterday.

Mr de Villiers said the Liquor Board was at present engaged in a "comprehensive review" of the Liquor Act but the Bill contained interim measures which would "remove colour as a basis for distinction" in the Liquor Act.

He said the Bill would also removed unnecessary economic restrictions which might hamper the development of healthy trade patterns.

"The supply of liquor to any person upon any licenced premises will henceforth be in the discretion of the licencee or the authority holder." — Sapa.

THIS IS YOUR LIFE

Is apartheid really dead?

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SPECIAL REPORT BY ANTHONY DOMAN

Seldom does separate mean equal . . .

APARTHEID, at least the visible kind, seems to be dying in Cape Town.

But is it really?

There's no denying that we may work and play together — but we still face separate housing, education, transport, separate birth and even separate burial.

And seldom does separate mean equal.

We may temporarily shut out the realities of apartheid by not putting up "Whites-only" signboards. We may apply for permits to get around race restrictions.

But at birth we are categorised by the Population Registration Act, and in life — as in death — we bow to the Reservation of Separate Amenities Act and the Group Areas Act.

Is apartheid really dying in Cape Town .. or is it simply taking on another form ?.



This sign is planted firmly on a beach at The Strand.

The water is fine

ALTHOUGH some local authorities have now declared beaches and facilities "open", some still separate whites and blacks.

● **The Cape Town City Council's** Manager of Beach Amenities, Mr J S Kloppers, said that Sandvlei caravan park was for whites only and Princess Vlei for non-whites only.

"But there are no signs," he said.

Mr Kloppers added that all city council civic halls, with the exception of Muizenberg, were "open".

Last year the Department of Constitutional Development and Planning agreed to drop restrictions on "mixed dancing, mixed roller or ice-skating and mixing of races on stage or at functions where liquor will be used" at most of Cape Town's halls.

Sea Point and Muizenberg were excepted at the time because, said the department, they were in "totally white areas".

However, the Lansdowne Civic Centre, in a "totally coloured area", was among the halls given the "open" go-ahead.

● **Cape Divisional Council** secretary Mr C H Mocke reported that major divisional council amenities like the Cape of Good Hope Nature Reserve and Rondevlei bird sanctuary were open to all.

things, says Town Clerk Mr C H Steyn. "It's a white area so our beach and holiday resorts are for whites only, but we are aware of the political climate," he says. Although the municipality and police are obliged to act on complaints, he said, they tried not "to make an issue of anything" if there was no misbehaviour involved.

"We are also obliged to have signboards up, but I would call them inconspicuous," he added.

● **Milnerton** is, strictly speaking, white, but nobody is barred from using its beaches.

"Not many people swim here anyway because of the strong currents," says Town Clerk Mr JH Veldsman, "but people mix freely on the beaches.

"And we have not had any incident that has caused problems."

Municipal halls in Milnerton are open to all under the same arrangement as the Cape Town City Council — no restrictions to speak of.

● **Simon's Town** is busy asking the authorities to have its "whites-only" signs removed from public amenities, says Town Clerk Mr C Chevalier.

"As far as 'mixing it' goes, things are in a state of flux," he said.

BUT JUST BE CAREFUL WHERE YOU SWIM

WHITES ONLY
NET BLANKES

This job is for Whites only

"THIS interesting and varied position in a friendly environment would suit a mature European lady . . . "

"Regret whites only"

"Large financial institution wants to employ a European lady . . "

Many employers in this supposedly enlightened part of the country still seem to find that degrees, diplomas, certificates and experience are not enough.

But don't be misled by advertisements which appear to be free of race restrictions.

Take the experience of a Cape Town man, Mr R (he asked not to be named) with a degree and some years' experience at his job.

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"Two weeks ago a fairly large concern offered two jobs — one senior, one junior," he said. "As soon as I saw their advertisement I called up about the job.

"I thought I fitted the bill for the junior position, but I was told that in fact I would fit into the senior position.

"The person at the other end of the line seemed encouraging. Then he asked me where I had gained my experience."

Mr R had previously worked at a business which dealt mainly in the coloured market.

"When I told him, he went quiet. Then — this was at 9.30 on a Monday morning after the advert had appeard for the first time — he said that he already had two days' worth of applicants lined up. He said he might be able to fit me in after that, but he couldn't promise anything."

But Miller's Point caravan park and beach are for whites only, while Soetwater and Silwerstroomstrand are for non-whites.

Prominent signboards announce who may or may not use the facilities.

Some beaches including Hout Bay (harbour end), Swartklip and other "unspecified beaches" are open to all. Those restricted to whites include Melkbos, Blouberg, Llandudno, Hout Bay (Chapman's Peak end), Noordhoek, Kommetjie and Scarborough. However, there are no signs on some of these beaches Mixing has taken place on a small scale on several of them this summer and no incidents have been reported.

● Beach areas and amenities controlled by the **Stellenbosch Divisional Council** are open, says liaison officer Mr F H Stephens.

"There are no restrictions on our facilities at Macassar and the stretch from Gordon's Bay to Steenbras," he said. "At the end of last year the first phase of a R4,5-million development at Macassar was completed and I can tell you the area was choc-a-block during the festive season.

"People came from all over — there must have been 20 000 to 25 000 over Christmas."

● However, at nearby **The Strand**, there are stretches for whites, non-whites, and "mixers". In case you are uncertain there are plenty of signs to help you make up your mind.

● Neighbour **Gordon's Bay** takes a diplomatic view of

Just one family?

ALL over South Africa, people are still being barred from restaurants, cinemas, hotels, beaches and other public amenities because they are the wrong colour.

Yet many people believe that, in Cape Town, we project the image of being one big happy non-racial family.

Although apartheid signboards may be thin on the ground, a little digging will show that aparthied practices often don't need signs at all.

But there are no such problems at Cape Town station, according to Transport Services liaison officer Mr Luther Diedericks. "The station itself used to be separated into white and non-white sections, but now that has fallen away," he said.

"Instead, one section is for first-class and second-class passengers, and the other for third-class passengers, whether black or white," he said. "We reserve the right of admission to our restaurants or coffee bar, but that is based purely on a person's behaviour."

Railway transport, though, is still clearly labelled "whites-only", "Non-whites only" — or is simply left blank for those who don't mind mixing it

And once you have climbed into your preferred coach for a train ride, you may come across some odd signs at certain stations.

For instance, at Observatory Station there's the toilet for "Third class — Men". Right next door is one for "Net nie blankes — Dames".

It probably all depends on your station in life.

But that is where the signs seem to end. Government buildings, once very particular indeed about who goes where, dumbly accept people of all sorts

Indications are that, this year, the race restrictions on public bars are to go too

I imagine I can already hear some smart politician saying "All signs of apartheid have now disappeared."

He'll be quite right, too. And also completely wrong

Beware where you park those wheels!

FOR caravanner Matthew Benjamin, apartheid, far from dying, is as healthy as ever.

"It's just being camouflaged," he says bitterly.

Two weeks ago Mr Benjamin, who is chairman of the Peninsula Caravan Club, was turned away from Sandvlei Caravan Park at Muizenberg with some of his club members. "Whites only," he was told.

The Cape Town City Council's Manager of Beach Amenities, Mr J S Kloppers, said later that the council's "hands were tied" and that it had asked the Government repeatedly for the whites-only rule to be scrapped

Mr Benjamin says: "When we telephoned about a booking nothing about whites-only was mentioned. And there are no signs

"If the council is adamant about upholding apartheid it might as well put up the signs."

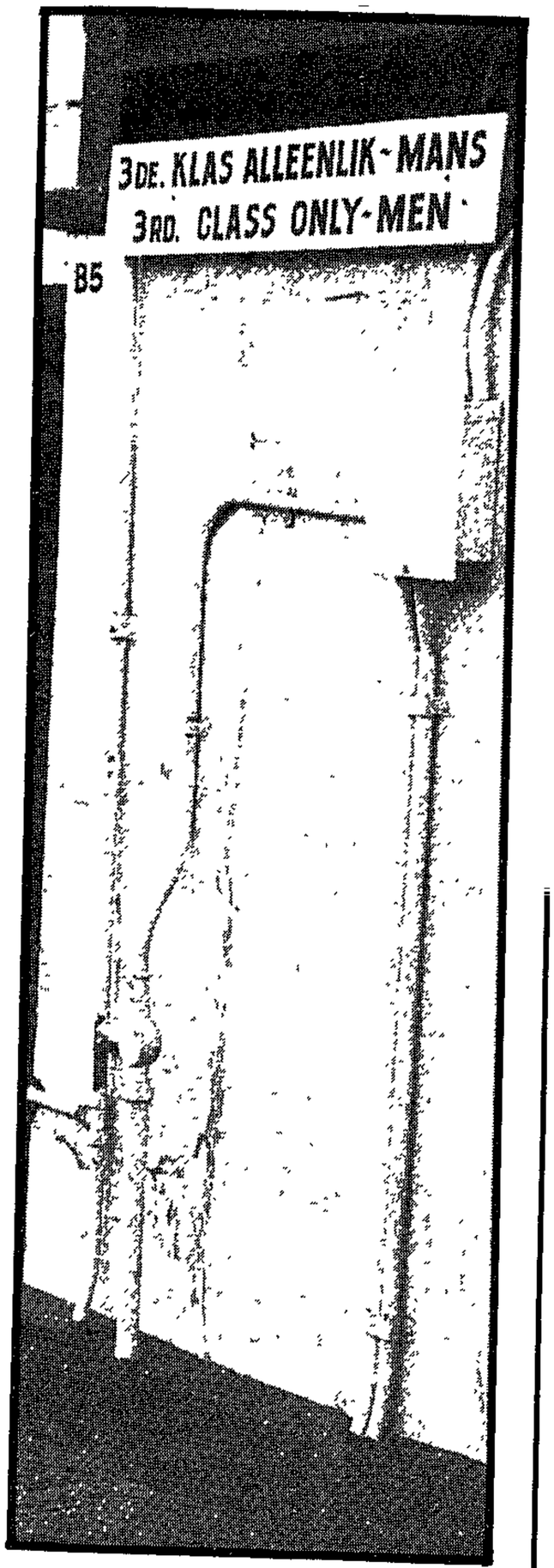
Cape Town isn't the only culprit either, he says. "Bellville has only one municipal caravan park — Hardekraaltjie — which is for whites only.

"We are ratepayers. Our funds are being used to subsidise these amenities. Yet we can't use them."

But sometimes apartheid causes unusual twists. "Once we complained about conditions at Sonesta (near Hawston), which is controlled by the Provincial Administration," says Mr Benjamin.

"The supervisor told us he couldn't inspect the place because it's for coloureds only.

"And he was white."



Pictures: PIERRE OOSTHUYSEN, The Argus

A sign that says it all — third class men only. This is on suburban Observatory station.

Beach race issue decision slammed

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By BESSIE BOUWER
Municipal Reporter

A DECISON taken by the Port Elizabeth City Council's Community Services Committee yesterday authorising municipal officials to take action against people contravening beach race laws has been widely condemned on the grounds that it is detrimental to race relations and will harm the city's image overseas.

The committee, under the new chairmanship of Mr Jacobus Nel, has come under fire by the management committees, Chamber of Commerce and the Progressive Federal Party for continually taking negative decisions.

They have called on the City Council to support the proposed motion by the city's former mayor, Mr Ivan Krige, that the decision should not be implemented.

At yesterday's meeting, the committee, consisting of only five members, decided to act on an appeal by a councillor, Mr Chris Meyer, and the Herstigte Nasionale Party to take urgent steps against people using beaches reserved for other race groups.

Mr Krige said yesterday that it was distressing that such a small committee could take a decision which affected so many people

The Director of the Chamber of Commerce, Mr Tony Gilson, said today that the chamber opposed any discrimination against South Africans on the basis of skin colour

The regional director of the PFP in the Eastern Cape, Mr Bobby Stevenson, said the decison was "deplorable".

The chairman of the Northern Areas Management Committee, Rev Sam Arends, labelled the committee's decison as "absurd".

The deputy chairman of the Indian Management Committee, Mr Jay Kathan, accused the committee of going in the opposite direction to the present day Government and of initiating disunity and problems among all sections of the community.

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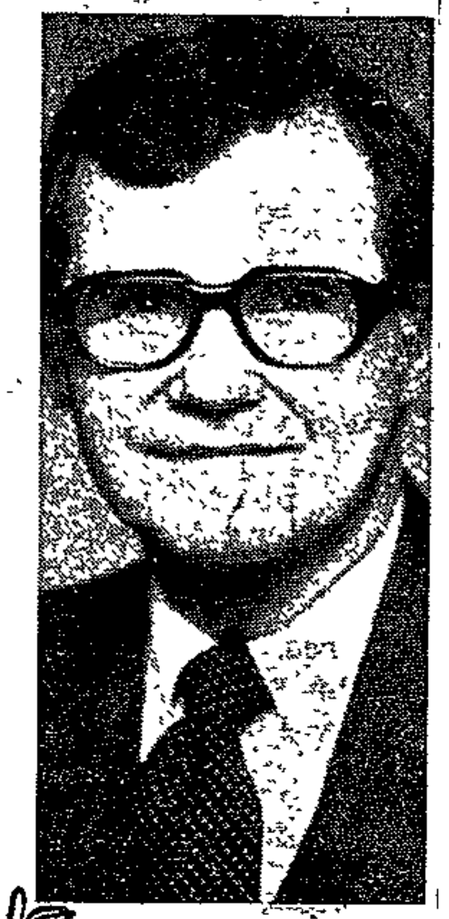
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Mr White then makes the promise of legal and financial support to any GM employees who may need it.

The PE City Council has frequently discussed the issue but recently decided against a move to open one of the southern beaches on an experimental basis.

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Mixed reaction to GM beach apartheid fight

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Post Reporters

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Mr C W Tutton, director of manufacturing for General Tyres, said he could not state a company attitude on "such a broad social issue" as the company's shareholders had "obvious relevance in such a matter".

Mr Tutton said he was not in a position to comment on their attitudes.

However, from a personal viewpoint, he said: "If at this stage in our country's history we have to make a big thing of who may or may not use whatever beaches are available our down the road circumstances must appear less than encouraging. We have an integrated workforce on our shopfloor and in our offices, so why a big thing about the beaches."

Mr Raymond Ackerman, chairman of Pick 'n Pay, could not comment as he had not seen the statement from General Motors.

However, he said he firmly stands by what he has said in the past with regard to apartheid.

"I believe people should be able to swim on any beaches, stay in any place and attend any schools they like," he said.

The manager of public affairs for Goodyear, Mr Mike London, said he was not able to comment without consulting the managing director, who was unavailable.

Mr Peter Morum, managing director of Firestone, was not available for comment today.

The National Party MP for Algoa, Mr James Kleynhans, sharply criticised the statement by GM.

Mr Kleynhans, a former mayor of PE, told the Evening Post there were other ways of solving the problem and the proposed move appeared to be encouraging "civil disobedience."

He said it had to be borne in mind "that there are certain laws in our country whether we like it or not. We must obey them until such time as changes come.

"But I don't think one can solve the thing in this way," he said.

The chairman of the House of Delegates and MP for Malabar, Mr Raman Bhana, said he was "very delighted" with GM's proposal.

"We've been fighting a lone battle for a long time on the question of racially-segregated beaches and its nice to have the support of a big international company like GM."

Mr Bhana, who is also chairman of PE's Indian Management Committee, added that he trusted people would realise that Port Elizabeth "does not belong to whites only."

Mr Willie Dietrich, Labour Party MP for Bethelsdorp commented: "Good for General Motors! They are really coming to light. The time is coming for the whole country to play its part in getting rid of the obnoxious racial laws."

The PFP MP for Walmer, Mr Andrew Savage, said: "I can only endorse the attitude of General Motors over the beaches issue. All of us have a wider constituency to which we are responsible and the interests of this constituency are more important to us than the abhorrent racial policies of this Government."

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Beach ban: GM will back staff in court

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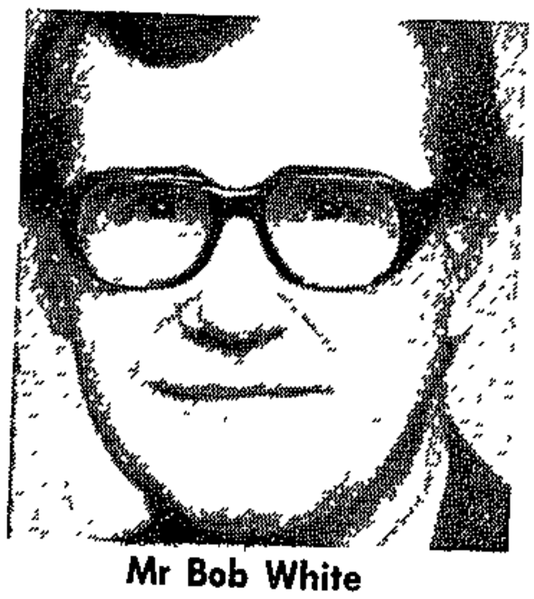
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PE car firm's MD backs employees on beach issue

Dispatch Correspondent

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Spokesman defends PW's 'tape'

Political Staff

CAPE TOWN — President Botha's taping of conversations with people who come to see him has been strongly defended by a spokesman at his office

Controversy has built up around the dislosure this week that Mr Botha had a confidential conversation with Dr F van Zyl Slabbert tape-recorded

The spokesman said Mr Botha had hundreds of interviews every year on a wide variety of subjects with a great number of foreign as well as local individuals and groups.

He said it was obvious, and a normal and accepted international practice, that there had to be a record of important conversations at times, so that the President could ascertain again later what the other parties had said.

This was also necessary to ascertain follow-up actions flowing from such conversations

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General Motors decries segregation

PE council, car company clash looms

PORT ELIZABETH — A confrontation over racially-segregated beaches looms between the giant US carmaker General Motors and the Port Elizabeth City Council.

Mayor Ben Olivier said last week he was in favour of beach apartheid and a council committee recently voted to prosecute blacks "trespassing" on white beaches

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3 500 workers

General Motors is Port Elizabeth's biggest private employer with 3 500 workers, 60 percent of whom are blacks The city is heavily dependent on its car industry. — Reuter.

Transkei President sworn in

UMTATA — Transkei's new State President, Paramount Chief Tutor Nyangilizwe Ndamase, will be sworn in at Umtata today.

Guests from South Africa, Bophuthatswana and Venda will attend the ceremony

Botswana, Lesotho and Swaziland were also invited to the ceremony but turned down invitations. No invitation was sent to Ciskei — Sapa.

Czech mine blamed

PRETORIA — Forensic tests have shown the explosive device triggered by a police Casspir near Mamelodi on Sunday was a Czech anti-tank mine.

The SAP's public relations office added "There is little doubt that the device was specifically aimed against the police."

The incident is still being investigated — Sapa.



Randburg's victorious PFP candidate Mr Dick Muller shares his celebratory champagne with his wife, Mrs Wendy Muller.

PFP wins by-election by increased margin

By Janine Simon

The Progressive Federal Party has won the Randburg Ward Six by-election by 58 votes.

The victory for candidate Mr Dick Muller (40), was hailed by supporters as a vote of confidence in the PFP and its newly-elected leader, Mr Colin Eglin.

Mr Muller defeated his National Party opponent Mr Jan Serfontein (49), by 58 votes to win the Blairgowrie South seat on the 13-member, NP-controlled town council.

It was the first time he had stood for public office.

The 40,2 percent-poll election follows the resignation last month of the leader of the PFP caucus in the council, Mrs Del Kevan, who won the Ward Six seat from Mr Serfontein by 36 votes in the 1982 general municipal election

A delighted Mr Muller said the result effectively disproved speculation that the PFP had been affected by the recent turmoil in its ranks.

He said he would focus on immediate problems of the town's annual budget and the "unacceptable error factor" of the voters roll when he attended his first council meeting next week.

The final results of the election were: Mr Muller 495; Mr Serfontein 437; Spoilt ballot papers 4. Percentage poll 40,2 percent. In 1982 the percentage poll was 51 percent.

GM attacked, praised over stand on PE beach apartheid

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Provincial Reporter

A SENIOR Nationalist politician criticised General Motors today for interfering in Government attempts to stabilise South Africa.

But in contrast a Progressive Federal Party spokesman said the corporation should be congratulated for its "courageous" confrontation with the Port Elizabeth City Council over beach apartheid.

GM's managing director, Mr Bob White, has said the company will provide legal and financial assistance to any employee taken to court for violating beach apartheid in Port Elizabeth.

A council committee has ordered that blacks defying the racial restrictions and using "white" beaches be arrested.

Mr Willem Bouwer, provincial executive member in charge of local government and education and leader of the Provincial Council, told The Argus today: "We are doing our utmost to get everything stabilised and orderly in this country, and then these people come along and take on a big stick.

"They should be more understanding of our problems. What they are doing doesn't help and doesn't solve anything."

Mr Bouwer was quoted this morning in a Nationalist-supporting newspaper as criticising GM for "encouraging disobedience".

However, Mr Jan van Eck, Opposition spokesman on beaches in the Provincial Council, said today GM should be congratulated on its "enlightened and courageous stand".

"Mr Bouwer, instead of attacking General Motors for taking a stand which will undermine the disinvestment lobby overseas, should rather thank them.

"His vitriolic attack can only be interpreted in one way and that is pandering to the wishes of a few racist bigots who won't share beaches."

● The Argus Foreign Service reports from Washington that GM's head office in Detroit described the stand as "commendable".

Majority support for beach move

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PORT ELIZABETH — A majority of city councillors will support a move by a former mayor, Mr Ivan Krige, to overturn a committee decision authorising municipal officials to lay charges against people contravening beach race laws.

And in more reaction to General Motors' promise to back any of its black employees prosecuted for using the beach of their choice, Mr Willem Bouwer, MEC for Local Government, said yesterday that it was irresponsible of the company to encourage civil disobedience.

Mr Bouwer said many beaches for people of colour had been developed and more were being developed.

"More beaches must be developed because the existing white beaches cannot accommodate everyone," he was reported as saying.

An Afrikaans paper said in an editorial article that General Motors was exerting pressure on the council to open beaches.

In the light of its circumstances, the American company's actions are understandable, but not necessarily less risky, it said.

Last week the council's community services committee acted on an appeal by the Herstigte Nasionale Party and a city councillor, Mr Chris Meyer, for urgent steps against people using beaches reserved for another race group.

The call came after a coloured MP, Mr Peter Hendrickse, swam at a "whites only" beach.

Mr Krige's motion to next week's council meeting is: "That the decision of the community services committee meeting held on February 11 to authorise municipal officials to lay charges against people contravening beach race laws not be acted upon." Yesterday the majority of councillors questioned in a poll said they would support Mr Krige.

The committee chairman, Mr Jacobus Nel, said he would defend his committee's decision while the mayor, Mr Ben Olivier, declined to comment.

Apartheid row: Army at beach

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From KEN VERNON, Weekend Argus Bureau

PORT ELIZABETH. — There was a strong police and army presence at all entrances to "white" beaches here today following threats by black General Motors workers to tempt arrest by going to beaches this weekend.

The security force presence follows an offer by General Motors to support "legally and financially", any of its 3 000 black employees prosecuted for swimming at the city's whites-only beaches.

At popular Kings Beach two army Buffels and soldiers armed with rifles along with two carloads of riot police straddled the entrance to the beach and scrutinised cars entering the parking lot.

Police and army units were also stationed at nearby Pollock Beach, while several plain-clothes policeman patrolled at the water's edge.

"Ready for anything"

The police liaison officer for the Eastern Cape, Colonel Gerrie van Rooyen, today denied that the police and army contingents were present merely to prevent black people swimming at the beaches, but said they were "ready for anything".

"We aim to prevent any confrontations developing," he said.

In spite of overcast weather thousands of whites thronged Kings Beach for the annual UPE/Technikon "anything that floats" race, and to watch a nearby surf lifesaving carnival.

The GM offer this week was made by its general manager, Mr Bob White. It has brought to a head the battle in the conservatively-led City Council to maintain the city's beaches for whites only.

Some councillors reacted vehemently to the GM offer. US-based gi-

Complaint

The police liaison officer fo the Eastern Cape, Colonel Ger rie van Rooyen, said the polic "only act on cases like this there is an official complaint There will be no patrols look ing for offenders".

He said it would be difficult to prosecute anyone if there were no warning signs.

● A General Motors spokesman in Detroit, Mr George Schreck, has said he would not characterise the action as a fostering of civil disobedience, adding that Mr White's move was "another initiative" in GM's opposition to apartheid.

He said GM in America had had no prior warning of Mr White's action but it supported his stand.

General Motors has said its offer was prompted by the decision by the City Council's Community Services Committee to authorise city employees to take action against people breaking the beach race segregation laws.

The decision was taken at the request of the Herstigte Nasionale Party which asked for "urgent steps" to prevent beaches being opened.

The chairman of the committee, Mr Jacobus Nel, said this week he saw the GM offer as "bedevilling local race relations". The company should "leave us alone to sort out our own problems".

Another conservative councillor, Mr Danie Dorfling, saw the GM offer as "deliberate fostering of a civil disobedience campaign". He would use his influence to ensure that the council did not in future buy any GM vehicles.

Former Mayor Mr Krige has come out in strong support of the GM move, saying he saw no reason why the "principle" could not be extended to fostering disobedience of laws such as the Group Areas Act.

Beach row: Army on guard

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expect to be arrested, but that is the price I have to pay."

A younger worker said he would also go to the beach this weekend "In January, P W Botha said he was going to end apartheid. Now we have the opportunity to test his word."

He said all fellow white workers he had spoken to about the offer were against the idea. But he had heard of some who supported the move.

A white foreman said he and his co-workers thought it was "wrong for the boss to mess in politics".

He and other whites thought that any money spent on "encouraging people to break the law" would be better spent on improving conditions for workers on the shop-floor.

Two 'wisemen' visit 'whites only' PE beach

By KEN VERNON
Weekend
Argus Bureau

PORT ELIZABETH. — Two members of the Commonwealth Eminent Persons Group, former Australian Prime Minister Mr Malcolm Fraser and Nigerian General Olusegun Obasanjo, took a stroll along a "whites only" beach here today, in spite of a strong police and army presence at the entrance to beaches.

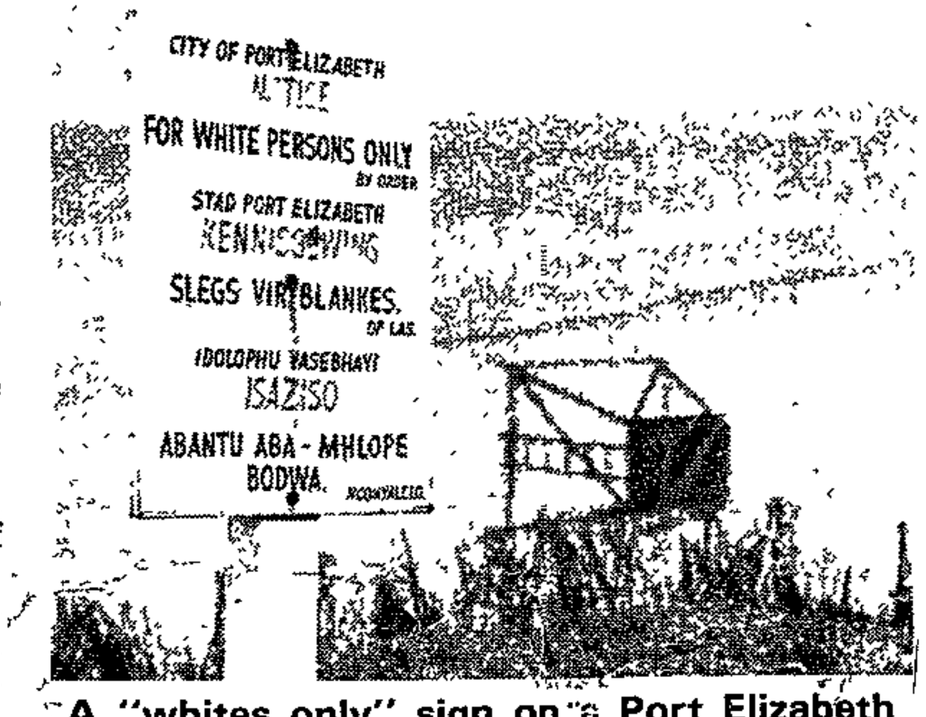
A witness said Mr Fraser took photographs of "whites only" signs on the beaches and at one point was remonstrated with by white bystanders.

However, when approached later at a beachfront hotel, Mr Fraser refused to comment on his visit.

A source at the hotel said the group had arrived this morning, but another source, who did not wish to be named, said the group had left the hotel

When I attempted to follow the group Mr Fraser asked me not to do so, saying that newspapers had agreed not to follow the group during its investigations.

He said if this was not good enough to stop me, "I will call the security police, and I assure you they will stop you."



A "whites only" sign on a Port Elizabeth beach.

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"Ready for anything."

ant to keep out of our affairs.

Several black GM workers this week said they would "test" the words of their newly-appointed boss, Mr White, by swimming at the beaches — and openly courting arrest for doing so.

Mr White has refused to comment on the storm of protest aroused by the offer.

He told Weekend Argus, speaking through his secretary: "I have had my say on the matter and will not comment further. Now it is up to the council."

Split

The offer has split the city council. Conservatives, led by the Mayor, Mr Ben Olivier, have vowed to keep the beaches white.

Liberals, led by former Mayor Mr Ivan Krige, have promised to overturn the decision of a sub-committee which empowers municipal officials to call police to remove black people from "white" beaches.

The move has also split workers on the GM shop-floor. Many white workers condemned the move, but it seems black workers have universally applauded the stand.

One black GM worker said he was initially "shocked" by the company offer.

"I did not expect our company ever to do such a thing," he said. "But I think it's a very good idea. It means that GM — and especially Mr White — is really doing something positive.

"I am definitely going to test him this weekend and go to Kings Beach. A few of my friends have said the same. I

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Nigerian general strolls on King's Beach

VIPs in PE for talks

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By KIN BENTLEY

A BLACK member of the Commonwealth Eminent Persons Group currently touring South Africa took a stroll along Port Elizabeth's "whites-only" King's Beach today.

A former Nigerian head of State, General Olusegun Obasanjo, and a former Australian premier, Mr Malcolm Fraser, walked along the beach from McArthur Bath to the bathing area, where the University of Port Elizabeth's "Anything that Floats" event was under way.

Mr Fraser also took photographs of apartheid signs near McArthur B[illegible].

Both men declined to comment.

Earlier today, Dr Allan Boesak, president of the World Alliance of Reformed Churches, was seen with the group at a beachfront hotel. The group arrived in Port Elizabeth today, after visiting the riot-torn Alexandra township, outside Johannesburg, yesterday.

The other member of the group is Dame Nita Barrow, president of the World Council of Churches.

When asked at the hotel — where they were engaged in informal discussions with about five other people — how long they expected to stay in the city and what they intended doing, Mr Fraser said they wouldn't answer any questions, "no matter how innocuous".

When Mr Fraser was pressed further, an unidentified spokesman for the group ushered reporters away from them with a curt "no comment".

A journalist who tried to follow the group when they left the hotel in three cars this afternoon, was requested by Mr Fraser not to follow them.

It is understood they visited PE's black townships, with East London suggested as the next city on their itinerary. A spokesman for the PE hotel said they had "just come to PE for the day".

The group, part of a seven-man Commonwealth team announced after the Commonwealth summit in the Bahamas in October last year, is on a "reconnaissance" mission to the country. Its aim is to "promote the case for change inside SA by discussion and not by violence".

● Four manned SA Defence Force Buffels, as well as several police vehicles, kept vigil at access points to the city's southern beaches for most of the day.

It is thought their presence was in anticipation of a possible influx of black bathers to King's Beach following the pledge by General Motors this week to pay legal expenses for any of its black employees should they be prosecuted for using "whites-only" beaches.

However, the duty officer for the SA Police in the Eastern Cape, Major Jan Dowd, described their presence near the beaches as a "normal patrol", saying there was "nothing unusual" in their being there. He said no incidents were reported from the beaches today.

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● Mr MALCOLM FRASER (left) and General OLUSEGUN OBASANJO, stroll along King's Beach.

Mayor's vote may decide beach issue

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E-POST 22/2/90

By KIN BENTLEY

PORT ELIZABETH'S City Council appears split down the middle by a decision taken by its Community Services Committee authorising municipal officials to enforce beach apartheid.

The full council will vote on the matter on Thursday and the Mayor's casting vote could decide the issue.

Today the Mayor, Mr Ben Olivier, again refused to comment on how he would vote. However, in the past he has voted against any step towards the opening of any of PE's southern beaches to all races.

On Thursday, the former Mayor, Mr Ivan Krige, will move that the council not act on the decision of the committee authorising municipal officials to lay charges with the police against black bathers using white beaches.

The possibility of an 11-all split emerged from predictions made today by Mr Krige on which councillors might support his motion.

Mr Krige said he was counting on the support of 11 councillors, with one councillor undecided.

Following the recent deaths of three councillors and the resignation of a fourth, only 22 of the 26 council seats are occupied.

Port Elizabeth's Town Clerk, Mr Paul Botha, today confirmed that should the vote be tied, Mr Olivier's casting vote would decide the matter.

Mr Krige is expected to call for a division at the meeting. This means the voting will be made public.

He said today he considered the issue "too sensitive at this stage of the proceedings, for the council to instruct its people" to take such steps.

It would also be "awful publicity" for the city, which would get overseas headlines.

The Deputy Mayor, Mr Solly Rubin, today came out in support of Mr Krige's motion, although he said the committee decision had not appreciably altered the situation. Officials had always had the right to act against people breaking the law.

He did not, however, think the council should "look for confrontation with major industries the size of GM".

This week General Motors offered financial and legal support to any of its employees who were prosecuted for swimming at whites-only beaches.

Mr Rubin said he hoped the report on beach amenities currently being prepared by municipal officials would be made available as soon as possible. The council should resolve the open beach issue within the next three months and not wait until December, "which will create chaos".

He said the city had much more important priorities, such as massive unemployment and the need to attract new industries.

The decision to authorise officials to act on beach race laws was taken last week by a depleted Community Services Council. The former chairman of the committee, Mr B A Nagle, died recently and its vice-chairman, Mr Peter Sullivan, resigned from the council. Only five members voted on the issue.

The new chairman is Mr J C Nel and the vice-chairman Mr G van Wyk.

It is understood Mr Brian Brooks was the only member of the committee to oppose the motion. His call for it to go to council was, however, defeated by the combined vote of Mr Nel, Mr Van Wyk, Mr Ed Millard and Mr Chris Meyer. It requires two committee members to call for the item to go before the full council.

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By BENITO PHILLIPS

A FORMER Herstigte Nasionale Party parliamentary candidate – jailed for setting his dogs on black men – has been refused leave to appeal against his conviction and sentence.

Beacon Bay businessman Basil Niemand is chairman of the so-called Independent Rights Association campaigning for beach apartheid on East London's Eastern Beach.

He was found guilty in the East London Regional Court in November 1983 for setting five Great Dane dogs on black men, including a 70-year-old and a 69-year-old.

He was also accused of forcing two others to walk naked off his property after setting their clothes alight.

Niemand – former HNP candidate for King William's Town – was found guilty of trying to murder Michael Dyantyi, 70, and of assaulting Bonakele Manevu, 69, Nobumba Jack and Jackson Kepe.

He was also convicted of malicious damage to property for burning Michael Gwadiso's clothes and for crimen injuria by ordering Gwadiso to undress and walk off his farm stark naked.

He was sentenced to a total of six years and eight months but Magistrate G Steyn ordered that all the sentences run concurrently so he would serve two years in jail. Eighteen months of the 42 months imposed for attempted murder was suspended for three years.

Niemand noted an appeal. When it was heard in the Supreme Court last September 20, his sentence on the attempted murder charge was altered to one of assault with intent to do grievous bodily harm and a one-year jail sentence was imposed.

The court confirmed the convictions on the other charges he had been convicted of in the Regional Court, but changed the one-year jail sentence for one of the assault charges to six months. The court ordered that the sentences run concurrently so Niemand would serve an effective one year in jail.

Niemand again noted an appeal against the Supreme Court decision but last Friday Judges NW Zietsman and JFJ van Rensburg refused him leave to appeal.

Bhana move on PE beach issue

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By DIRK VAN ZYL
Political Correspondent

CAPE TOWN — The chairman of the House of Delegates and of Port Elizabeth's Indian Management Committee (IMC), Mr Raman Bhana, is to formally propose tonight that the PE City Council be asked to reconsider its controversial stand on beach apartheid.

He released the text of the statement to the Evening Post here today.

It says the recommendation by the City Council's standing comittee to authorise municipal officials to lay charges against people contravening beach race laws must be "condemned".

It turned "every single municipal employee into a 'policeman for apartheid'.

"I trust that people realise that PE does not belong to whites only. It certainly is a sad reflection on the city and its white councillors. The five-man committee, without mentioning their political affiliations, which are well known to us, is dominated by unimaginative, ignorant bigots," the statement said.

"The beach issue has assumed international notoriety, with members of the Commonwealth's Eminent Person's Group (EPG) at the weekend witnessing troops and police manning the entrances to some of PE's main "whites only" beaches

A former Australian Prime Minister and member of the EPG, Mr Malcolm Fraser, photographed some of the apartheid signboards and these will no doubt feature in his group's report-back to the Commonwealth.

Defence Force and police spokesmen have said their men were deployed to prevent incidents if blacks reacted to General Motors' offer last week to provide legal and financial assistance for any of its employees prosecuted under the beach apartheid laws

Mr Bhana, MP for Malabar, is to present his statement to an IMC meeting in PE tonight.

He is to propose it on behalf of himself, the deputy chairman and IMC members.

"It is shocking to note that some verkramptes in our City Council's standing committee have brought politics into civic affairs by heeding a petition signed by ten HNP members," the statement continues.

The recommendation to turn every municipal employee into "a policeman for apartheid" would "definitely lead to confrontation and the council must be prepared to face the consequences".

Good relations needed to be promoted and "we cannot support anything which is likely to lead to a worsening of the situation — the committee's decision was ill-advised and could fan the flames of an already heated situation".

The statement accuses Mr Chris Meyer and Mr Jacobus Nel of being "out of touch with the realities of the day and they should resign forthwith rather than use the council platform to propagate their own political ideology"

Mr Bhana's statement concludes "My committee wishes to appeal to the more enlightened city councillors to treat the recommendation with the contempt it deserves, to reject the proposals and to work towards the age-old recommendations of both the IMC and the NAMC to open the beaches to all.

"For far too long we have been procrastinating on the beaches issue. Major coastal towns have opened their beaches to all — without any racial friction — and the waters did not turn black.

"It must always be remembered that the beaches are God's gift to mankind and that does not mean 'whites only'."



Mr RAMAN BHANA . . . speaking tonight

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Tempers flare over beach restrictions

Provincial Reporter

THE beach apartheid row in Port Elizabeth raised tempers in the Provincial Council.

The Opposition spokesman on beaches, Mr Jan van Eck (PFP Groote Schuur), said it was shocking to see "our soldiers keeping blacks off the beaches" and Mrs M E Kemp (NP East London City) accused General Motors of "fostering civil disobedience".

Mr van Eck asked: "Where are our borders now? On the beaches of Port Elizabeth?"

General Motors managing director Mr Bob White last week pledged legal and financial support for employees accused of violating the beach race bars.

"Chaotic"

Mr A Venter (NP Newton Park) said the GM "challenge" was the "most irresponsible" he had come across.

Referring to a "chaotic" situation in East London on New Year's Day when "25 000 to 30 000 blacks took over our beachfront near the Eastern Beach" Mrs Kemp said there was no doubt in her mind that "the situation that arose was engineered and then exploited by a small group of radicals for their own political gain".

She said: "This was borne out by the fact that 90 percent of vehicles at the beach were from Mdantsane in the Ciskei.

"Black people from the East London area were threatened that if they used facilities at any of the open beaches they would get a necklace."

Prosecute

The security presence at the weekend coincided with a visit to King's Beach by two members of the Commonwealth group assessing the political climate in South Africa, former Australian Prime Minister Mr Malcolm Fraser and former Nigerian head of state General Olusegun Obasanjo.

Mr van Eck called on Mr Louw to instruct or request the Port Elizabeth City Council not to prosecute blacks who went to white beaches.

Mr S Dreyer (NP False Bay) called Mr van Eck an "anarchist" for supporting GM's stand. He was ordered to withdraw his words and apologise.

Mr Eddie Trent (PFP Port Elizabeth Central) said it "saddened my heart" to see troops and police "patrolling King's Beach" when he went to a lifesaving competition on Saturday.

MPs slate PE beach patrols

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Dispatch Correspondent

PORT ELIZABETH — The presence of a large contingent of security forces at whites-only beaches here at the weekend has been slammed by two of the city's MPs who said it could not have been more badly timed.

A police spokesman described the exercise as "a normal patrol"

The presence of soldiers and police coincided with a visit to Port Elizabeth by former Australian Prime Minister, Mr Malcolm Fraser, and Nigeria's General Olysegun Obasanjo who were walking along King's Beach and taking photographs of the "whites only" signs Both are members of the Commonwealth Eminent Person's Group (EPG)

Crowds who flocked to the beach for the University of Port Elizabeth's annual Anything That Floats race and a lifesaving contest could not help noticing the security forces either

Mr John Malcomess, PFP MP for Central, said the security forces seemed to habitually "shoot themselves in the left foot"

The "latest debacle to defend segregated beaches" while the EPG was in Port Elizabeth would give the EPG "most unfortunately but nevertheless a true picture of apartheid in South Africa," he said

Security force members were evident in armoured vehicles Others were seen patrolling along the water's edge

Their presence was apparently related to the possibility of black workers from General Motors visiting the beaches

Last week General Motors offered to support "legally and financially" any of the company's 3 000 black employees prosecuted for swimming at the city's whites-only beaches.

However a police spokesman said that the patrols were normal procedure

According to Major Jan Dowd, weekend duty officer for the South African Police in the Eastern Cape, the police were not aware that the EPG delegation would be visiting the city

The beaches had not been guarded to protect them, said Major Dowd

He described the presence of the security forces as "a normal patrol We have often patrolled that specific area in the past," he said

Asked who had been responsible for the decision to patrol the beachfront on Saturday, Major Dowd said he did not know and doubted if a specific decision to patrol the beaches had been taken because patrols were normal

For months, the Port Elizabeth City Council has been waging a battle about the beaches, and the issue will be debated again at a full council meeting on Thursday

Mr Andrew Savage, the PFP member for Walmer, said yesterday the council was seriously threatening the prosperity and stability of the city.

"The council will have to make up its mind whether Port Elizabeth is going to have employment or whether it's going to have segregated beaches.

"At this time in the 20th century the international world is not prepared any more to do business with people who preserve an antiquated and vicious system of segregation which denies people the ability to use a natural amenity because of the colour of their skin."

Mr Savage said he would like to know who had asked the security forces to "defend" the whites-only beaches.

He thought it was not quite incidental that the security force presence should coincide with the EPG visit. "The sin is one of commission and not of being found out."

The managing director of General Motors, Mr Bob White, said he preferred not to comment about the presence of the security forces along the beachfront. "I doubt if any of our employees would have gone to the beaches over the weekend.",

He emphasised that GM's pledge to pay the legal expenses of any of its black employees prosecuted for using the whites-only beaches was not aimed at encouraging people to break the ordinance prohibiting blacks from using the beaches, but at encouraging the city council to change the ordinance.

GM alone in beach battle

Bus DAY ALAN RUDDOCK 25/2/86

GENERAL MOTORS is on its own in the Port Elizabeth beach dispute.

The US-based car giant has chosen to confront Port Elizabeth's city council and its apartheid laws by encouraging its black workers to use whites-only beaches by saying it will support them financially if they are prosecuted.

Other motor manufacturers declined to commit themselves to a similar stance.

Troops on beaches — query

Municipal Reporter

MR EDDIE Trent, PFP MPC for PE Central, has demanded an explanation from Minister of Defence General Magnus Malan for the presence of troops on PE beaches and on the University of PE campus last Saturday.

Mr Trent, who says he was on Kings Beach during the "operation", has rejected General Malan's claim that the armed security forces were there as spectators and marshalls for a beach marathon. "I find it strange that members of the Defence Force should require the support of Buffels and arms to watch or assist at a beach marathon," he said in an interview.

"Perhaps he can also explain why troops were also present on the UPE campus where an inter-schools athletics meeting was in progress. I fail to see how anyone can watch an athletics meeting while sitting on the back of an armoured vehicle outside the stadium," he said.

Council to decide on TV coverage

By BESSIE BOUWER
Municipal Reporter

THE first decision the Port Elizabeth City Coucil will take at its highly-publicised meeting tomorrow will be whether to allow international television crews to film the proceedings

According to the Town Clerk, Mr Paul Botha, cameramen from different international networks today applied for permission to film the debate on enforced beach apartheid

It was not common practice to allow videos to be taken of council proceedings "but in view of the particular interest taken in the beach issue, I will ask the council at the start of the meeting to grant cameramen permission to televise the proceedings," Mr Botha said today

The councillors would be asked to vote on the issue, he added

Mr Botha said there was no ordinance preventing cameramen from making films of council meetings, but it was the council's prerogative to decide whether this would be causing a disturbance

In the past only photographss of presentations had been allowed and in each case the photographer had left the chamber immediately after taking the picture

It was also not common practice to allow videos to be made of proceedings in the Provincial Council or in Parliament without special permission

Mr Botha declined to comment on the refusal of the Mayor, Mr Ben Olivier, to take part in last night's *Network* TV debate on beach apartheid in PE

However he said councillors had a responsibility to comment to the Press and thus to the public because they were the peoples elected representatives

It was a pity municipal officials had not been asked to comment on the matter said Mr Botha

World spotlight on PE beach apartheid

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By BESSIE BOUWER

INTERNATIONAL newsmen and television crews are converging on Port Elizabeth as world attention is increasingly focused on the city's segregated beaches

They are coming for tomorrow's meeting of the Port Elizabeth City Council at which the issue will come under scrutiny

At the meeting the former Mayor, Mr Ivan Krige, will introduce a motion asking the council to reject the decision by the Community Services Committee earlier this month that municipal officials be instructed to enforce beach apartheid

The committee, consisting largely of conservative councillors, decided that beach officials should call on the police to remove people from beaches which were not reserved for their population group

Overseas television journalists interviewed Mr Krige today They said they would apply for permission to film the council meeting tomorrow night

Mr Krige, who appeared on the SABC television programme, *Network*, last night, said today he had been approached for comment by newsmen from several countries, including the United States

A decision on whether the British Broadcasting Corporation, National Broadcasting Corporation of America, Associated Press and other media representatives would be allowed to film proceedings will be taken at the council meeting tomorrow, according to the Town Clerk, Mr P K Botha

Mr Botha said councillors would be allowed to address the meeting after Mr Krige had introduced his motion, but no decison could be taken on the actual opening of beaches

Councillors will only be asked to endorse or rescind the decision taken by the Community Services Committee, said Mr Botha

The investigation into all aspects of PE's beaches by top officials is still in progress

The report on it should be tabled at next month s meeting of the council's Policy and Resources Committee

Mr Krige is expected to call for a division on the vote, which means it will be made public

The beach issue took on fresh international newsworthiness dimensions on Saturday when a visit by two members of the Commonwealth Eminent Person's Group to the "whites only" King's Beach coincided with the appearance of SA Defence Force patrols and Buffels and police vehicles

Krige slams PE's beach apartheid policy on BBC, NBC television

By CATHY SCHNELL

MR IVAN KRIGE, former Mayor of Port Elizabeth, told BBC and NBC television crews today he found it "disgusting and unacceptable" that beach apartheid still existed.

He was interviewed in front of a sign at Pollok Beach prohibiting blacks from using the beach

Coloureds and Indians were ratepayers of the city, and on those grounds alone were entitled to use the beaches.

Mr Krige said museums, libraries, cinemas and hotels were open to blacks

Even the CBD would be opened in about three months' time. Yet beach apartheid still existed in PE

"The Government is making moves towards reform Yet precisely nothing has been done about this in PE.

"One councillor moved that no action be taken on the beach issue — and once again discussion was stifled," he said

"The excuse used that beaches will be overcrowded if they are opened to blacks is just not acceptable." Mr Cliff Bestall, a cameraman for the BBC, told Mr Krige the BBC regarded this whole PE beach issue as a "good story"

● Mr Krige is proposing a motion that beach apartheid should not be enforced by the municipality

Troops 'were on duty'

Own Correspondent

PORT ELIZABETH — Police reaffirmed yesterday that SADF troops and policemen were on duty at white beaches here at the weekend, in spite of the Minister of Defence, General Magnus Malan, claiming that a Press report of the soldiers' presence was "misleading".

The controversy followed the General Motors Corporation's pledge to support any employee prosecuted for defying the city's beach apartheid.

General Malan told the House of Representatives on Monday that troops had been assisting on Saturday in route management during a beachfront marathon and some Citizen Force members had been spectators at a university raft competition and a lifesaving competition.

He said a *Sunday Star* report that SADF troops had guarded "whites only" beaches in Port Elizabeth at the weekend was misleading and a letter had been sent to the newspaper.

The letter pointed out that the troops were assisting in the route management of the marathon and that Citizen Force members were also spectators at the two beach competitions.

However on Saturday, *The Star's* correspondent saw two SADF Buffels with soldiers, and two carloads of police in riot uniform, straddling the entrance to popular King's Beach. Another Buffel and a police vehicle were on Humewood Road at the entrance to the "white" beachfront.

A Buffel and police car were stationed a few kilometres south on the beachfront at Pollock Beach.

Several plain-clothed policemen were seen walking along the water's edge, including the head of the Port Elizabeth crime prevention unit, Warrant Officer N Schultz, but a police spokesman said the men were off duty.

The Eastern Cape police divisional commissioner, Brigadier E Schnetler, said yesterday police were on duty along the beachfront at the weekend to prevent a possible racial confrontation if blacks visited the whites-only beaches But he denied that police were on duty at the water's edge.

Referring to racial confrontations which occurred on beaches in East London and Durban late last year when many blacks visited white beaches, Brigadier Schnetler said those responsible for condemning the presence of security forces would probably be the first to scream for protection if a full-scale confrontation between races did break out on the beaches.

Expanding on Brigadier Schnetler's statement, the spokesman said the men had been stationed at the beachfront only to act in the case of any confrontation.

He said they were not on duty to prevent blacks going onto the beaches or to summarily arrest any that might have done so.

Last Friday he said that if anyone complained to the police about a black person being present on a whites-only beach, they were obliged to act.

An international incident was possibly avoided when no one complained to police when a member of the Commonwealth Eminent Persons Group visiting South Africa, former Nigerian leader General Olusegun Obasanjo, strolled along a "white" beach in the company of fellow member, the former Australian Prime Minister, Mr Malcolm Fraser.

(6) whether any action has been or is to be taken as a result of the (a) death of this person and (b) findings of the inquest; if so, what action;

(7) whether he will make a statement on the matter?

†The MINISTER OF MINERAL AND ENERGY AFFAIRS (for the Minister of Justice):

(1) Yes.

(a) 9 July 1985.

(b) 18 Years.

(2) Yes.

(a) Public violence.

(b) Eight (8) years imprisonment of which three (3) years were conditionally suspended for five (5) years.

(3) Yes.

(a) 16 October 1985.

(b) Stab wound in the neck, allegedly inflicted by a fellow prisoner.

(4) No.

(a) The SA Police investigation has not yet been finalised.

(b) A date will be set as soon as the investigation has been finalised.

(i) and (ii) Fall away.

(5) (a) Yes, on 17 October 1985.

(b) Falls away.

(6) (a) Yes. Apart from the investigation by the SA Police a departmental investigation was also instituted in terms of section 86(4) of the Prisons Act, Act 8 of 1959, as amended and will also receive further attention after the inquest has been concluded.

(b) Falls away.

(7) No.

Group Areas Act

*22. Mr R M BURROWS asked the Minister of Constitutional Development and Planning:

(1) Whether, with reference to his reply to Question No 6 on 7 May 1985, a decision has been reached on the application of the University of Cape Town concerning the Group Areas Act; if not, why not, if so, what was the decision;

(2) whether he will make a statement on the matter?

The DEPUTY MINISTER OF CONSTITUTIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING:

(1) No. The Minister of Education and Culture, Administration: House of Assembly, is still investigating the possibility of allowing members of other race groups to the campuses of White universities.

(2) No.

Langa/Guguletu: swimming pools

*23. Mr C W EGLIN asked the Minister of Constitutional Development and Planning:

(1) Whether, with reference to the reply of the Minister of Co-operation, Development and Education to Question No 7 on 14 May 1985, consultants have been appointed with regard to the repairs to the Langa/Guguletu swimming pools; if not, why not; if so, (a) what are the names of these consultants, (b) how were they selected and (c) when were they appointed;

(2) whether the repairs to these swimming pools have been completed; if not, (a) why not and (b) when is it anticipated that they will be completed; if so, (i) when were they completed, (ii) what repairs were carried out, (iii) when were the pools opened to the public and (iv) what was the total cost involved?

†The DEPUTY MINISTER OF CONSTITUTIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING:

(1) Yes.

(a) Messrs Vorster, Van der Westhuizen and Partners.

(b) Chosen by way of a Board resolution.

(c) 31 July 1985.

(2) No.

(a) The date of completion was determined as 15 December 1985. Due to unrest in the Black townships the tenderer was not able to come on site.

(b) Approximately end of April 1986 if work can be commenced with immediately.

(b)(i) to (iv) Fall away.

Watering of public lawns on Sundays

*24. Mr J H HOON asked the Minister of Public Works:†

(1) Whether any persons in the employ of his Department water public lawns on Sundays; if so,

(2) whether this is done by order of his Department; if so, (a) why, (b) who gave the order and (c) how many persons are involved in this; if not, by order of whom is the work done?

†The MINISTER OF PUBLIC WORKS:

(1) No. However, it is sometimes necessary to attend to a garden on a Sunday, for instance when seedlings have to be watered in dry weather conditions to prevent the plants from perishing. Strict directions are in force which forbid normal gardening activities by departmental workers on a Sunday.

(2) Falls away.

†Mr J H HOON: Mr Chairman, arising out of the reply of the hon the Minister, may I ask him whether the Coloureds who watered the settled lawns in Acacia Park regularly every Sunday—until this question was put—did it voluntarily? [Interjections.]

†The MINISTER: Mr Chairman, the hon member's question actually was whether the labourers watered public lawns on Sundays. The lawns in Acacia Park are not public lawns; they are private lawns. It is possible that there was some problem, and that they thought the lawns in Acacia Park would perish. My instruction and that of the Department, however, was that they should not work on Sundays. If the hon member wants to capitalise on such a stupid question then he must do so. [Interjections.]

†Mr J H HOON: Mr Chairman, arising further out of the reply of the hon the Minister of Public Works, does he label a question as being stupid if it asks that people should not work on Sundaya?

†The CHAIRMAN OF THE HOUSE: Order! Mr Speaker has allowed this question and this is the reply thereto, whether it is a good question or not.

Mr B W B PAGE: Mr Chairman, arising from the hon the Minister's reply, I would like to know the answer to this question. As a resident of Acacia Park who has provided a hosepipe at his own expense because he wishes to keep the lawn around his house looking good, am I allowed to turn on the hose myself on a Sunday as I have been doing? [Interjections.]

The MINISTER: Mr Chairman, I am quite sure the hon member is entitled to turn

EL suburbs to be open to all? Council mum

By MATTHEW MOONIEYA
Local Affairs Reporter

EAST LONDON — Indications that the city council has voted to open all residential areas here to all races cannot be confirmed — because the decision was taken in committee.

Yesterday the chairman of the action committee, Mr Donald Card, said he could neither confirm nor deny that the secret decision had been taken.

"I am bound by the ordinance on confidentiality of action committee decisions and I am afraid I cannot divulge anything," Mr Card said.

The motion to open the Quigney area and an area in Park Avenue, Buffalo Street and Beaconsfield Road was submitted to council by the Indian Management Committee.

It is understood that the motion was defeated in the action committee and it was brought to the monthly meeting of the council.

At the start of the meeting, Mr Errol Spring moved that the motion be discussed in open council but the motion was defeated. He was only supported by Mr Card.

Indications are that at the closed discussions, the motion was passed. Only 14 councillors were present. Both Mrs Elsabe Kemp and Mr Willem Morris were absent.

The motion was changed to include all residential areas.

Yesterday Mr Card would only concede that it was a "momentous decision" but could not divulge what it was.

"This to me is indeed a tragedy because the people have a right to know how the matter was debated and what the decision was. But we are governed by the ordinance on confidentiality."

Asked how the public would ever know the decision, Mr Card said he did not know how it would be divulged.

"I would have thought that the decision would be referred to the IMC but now that they have resigned, I suppose we will have to divulge it to whichever body steps into its place," Mr Card said.

The mayor, Mr Joe Yazbek, said he did not know how the decision would be made public and he would have to investigate the matter.

City Council decision widely welcomed

Hopes rise for opening of beaches to all races

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The international news media televise yesterday's proceedings. Councillors sitting at the horseshoe are Mr GERT VAN WYK (left), Mr FRIKKIE KOTZE and Mr LOMO DU PLESSIS (in front). Pictures by Evert Smith

By BESSIE BOUWER
Municipal Reporter

THE Port Elizabeth City Council's decision by 16 votes to five not to allow municipal officials to enforce beach apartheid has been widely welcomed.

Hopes have been expressed that the positive spirit among councillors will now lead to the speedy opening of the city's beaches to all races.

The former Mayor, Mr Ivan Krige, who proposed the motion to overrule the recent decision by the Community Services Committee, has been hailed as a champion of human rights in PE.

Mr Krige said last night. "This is not the end of it. I intend to move another motion at the earliest date possible that all the beaches be opened"

The Mayor, Mr Ben Olivier, who opposed open beaches in the past and was severly criticised for not making his views known, was last night praised for taking a positive stand on the issue

In an interview after the meeting Mr Olivier said the council's decison had been the right one and would benefit the city.

"The sooner the Government repeals this type of statutory law, the better, so that we can live in peace," he said.

This type of decison should not be left to local authorities to make.

He said he had refused to comment to the Press or to appear on the television programme, *Network*, because it was the Mayor's duty first to listen to the opinions of all the councillors and not to prejudice the issue by giving his opinion before it reached open council

The chairman of the Northern Areas Management Committee, the Rev Sam Arends, said today he hoped the council's decision would be the forerunner to the opening of all beaches

The deputy chairman of the Indian management Committee, Mr Jay Kathan, welcomed the decison and praised Mr Krige for having the courage to take the initiative in preventing confrontation

Two candidates in the municipal by-elections expressed their delight.

Mr Graham Richards (Ward 1) said it was the first step in moving PE into the 20th century and Mr Allan Shaw (Ward 3) said he was pleased sanity had prevailed

International newsmen were given permission to film the proceedings in the packed council chamber where feelings often ran high during the lengthy debate.

Mr Krige said the Community Services Committee's decision to authorise municipal officials to lay charges against people contravening race laws had raised "a storm of protest at what is regarded as a total violation of the entire purpose and spirit of reform"

It was the opposite direction of the Government's whole reform process aimed at peaceful coexistance and was a "disgraceful" decision which was detrimental to race relations

Speaking in favour of Mr Krige's motion, Mr H van Zyl Cillie said some councillors did not yet understand that South Africa was "under siege".

The decision by the Community Services Committee was an embarrassment to the Government and had "in the eyes of the outside world cast PE in the role of South Africa's polecat"

Mr Graham Young said the country was in a state of flux and common sense had to be applied.

Mr Aubrey Braude felt Mr Krige had not gone far enough with his motion

"He should have rejected the Community Services decision with the contempt it deserved"

Mr Charles Garai said councillors who spoke in favour of Mr Krige's motion were doing so because they were concerned South African citizens and not because of political affiliations

Mr Brian Brooks stressed that he was the only member of the Community Services Committee who voted against the committee decision

Speaking against the motion, Mr Lomo du Plessis said the Separate Amenities Act had not yet been scrapped

Mr Danie Dorfling accused councillors in favour of the motion of being left-wingers and of wanting a political fiasco He said the Separate Amenities Act had to be obeyed until it was scrapped

Mr Chris Meyer, who had supported to HNP's appeal to the Community Services Committee to enforce beach apartheid,



The Mayor, Mr BEN OLIVIER, raises his hand for a "Yes" vote.

said the aim of Mr Krige's motion was "to promote Prog politics"

Mr Jacobus Nel, chairman of the Community Services Committee, said the decision was taken as an administrative measure and not as a political decision

In favour of Mr Krige's motion were Prof L Simpson, Mr A Braude, Mr B Brooks, Mr G Young, Mr S Rubin, Mr C Garai, Mr R McKiever, Mr H Millard, Mr F Kotze, Mr I Krige, Mr C White, Dr H van der Merwe, Mr A Ward Able, Mr H Van Zyl Cillie, Mr J Vieira and Mr B Olivier

Against were Mr L Du Plessis, Mr G Van Wyk, Mr J Nel, Mr D Dorfling and Mr C Meyer

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An emphatic "No" vote from conservative councillors, Mr CHRIS MEYER (left), and Mr DANIE DORFLING. Former mayor Mr IVAN KRIGE looks on.

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PE about-turn on 'blacks on beaches' question

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From KEN VERNON
The Argus Bureau

PORT ELIZABETH. — Port Elizabeth City Council has reversed a controversial decision of "mind-boggling insensitivity" that demanded the prosecution of blacks defying apartheid on the city's beaches.

Organised business — which urged the reversal on individual councillors before last night's unexpected change of heart — saw the vote as "the only sane decision to take".

But Chamber of Commerce director Mr Tony Gillson cautioned that it was "a very small step forward back to where we were before".

The council's move — a reversal of previous voting trends — capped two weeks of political controversy that turned the city's beach apartheid issue into international news Troops and police were deployed at the beaches to prevent "confrontation" between whites and blacks

Charges

After an acrimonious debate the council voted 16 to five to rescind a sub-committee decision authorising municipal officials to lay charges against blacks using the city's whites-only beaches.

Several conservative councillors, including the Mayor, Mr Ben Olivier, who previously voted to keep the southern beaches for whites only, supported a motion by former mayor Mr Ivan Krige not to ratify a decision of the five-member community services committee.

Mr Krige, who criticised the committee's "mind-boggling insensitivity", said later he would soon table a motion to open the beaches to all races.

The committee's earlier decision had damaged race relations and weakened Port Elizabeth's "American-dominated" economy by providing ammunition for the foreign disinvestment lobby

Two weeks ago General Motors — the United States-based carmaker that is the city's largest employer — promised to support "legally and financially" any of its employees prosecuted for defying beach apartheid

Last night councillor Mr H van Zyl Cillie said angrily that "only the right-wing lunatic fringe" could object to open beaches, and he said Mr Olivier's refusal last week to take part in a TV discussion programme "speaks volumes" on his right to be mayor

Defending the decision of the services committee, Mr H S du Plessis said that until the Separate Amenities Act was scrapped it had to be enforced

Councillor Mr Danie Dorfling twice objected to "national political matters" being raised in the council, saying "leftists" wanted a political fiasco in the council for their own purposes

Stormed out

At one point he stormed out of the chamber, but returned to vote against the motion

Mr Gillson said the Chamber of Commerce had written to all councillors before last night's vote, restating its stand in favour of open beaches and urging them to overturn the controversial decision

The director of the Port Elizabeth Chamber of Industries, Mr Brian Matthews, said "We hope we now have a breathing space to sort out the bigger problems of opening the beaches to all races before next summer"

● The managing director of General Mortors, Mr Bob White, who announced GM's pledge of support to employees, could not be contacted for comment

Spinster's death: Police hold two

Crime Reporter

TWO teenagers have been detained for questioning in connection with the death of a 71-year-old spinster in Oudtshoorn

Colonel Eddie Snyman, police liaison officer for the South-Western Districts, said the 18-year-old youths, both from Bridgton, Oudtshoorn, were detained after investigations into the killing of Miss Jacoba Johanna Calitz

She was found dead in her St Saviour Street home about 8pm on Wednesday



Whoopee-ti-yi-ay — not

Whoa! . . . Ooh! . . . Help! Just when things looked pel, 18, of Mitchell's Plain, who took on the Bucking ty Chest Carnival at Maynardville, she went the wo but at least she had a soft landing.

'Peaceful negotiation with ANC possible'

The Argus Foreign Service

LONDON — Dr Frederik van Zyl Slabbert has had talks with senior African National Congress officials and believes progress can be made towards peaceful negotiation in South Africa

The ANC, he said, did not believe violence was inevitable

Speaking in London, where he is promoting his book, *The Last White Parliament*, Dr Slabbert said "I have met members of the ANC executive here and I believe a move away from violence can be found I will communicate this to whoever is interested"

Questioned about his "bugged" conversation with President P W Botha and the sharp response from Chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi, Dr Slabbert said "It is inevitable when a confidential conversation is bugged and made public and considered out of context that there will be misunderstandings.

"I apologise to anybody who feels they have been insulted or patronised or demeaned in any way

"The only explanation I can give is that it was a highly unsuccessful attempt by two Afrikaners of different generations to try to establish a level of communication"

Dr Slabbert said that during his discussion with ANC officials he "made it clear that I abhor violence.

Beach apartheid veto applauded

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Own Correspondent

PORT ELIZABETH — General Motors chief Mr Bob White said yesterday he was "most pleased" with the Port Elizabeth City Council's decision to veto the decision allowing its officers to lay charges against people contravening beach race laws.

But he said he was disappointed that voting had been split 16-5. "I would have hoped that on an issue of apartheid and a topic that obviously had such an important bearing on the economic future of the city, the voting would have been 21-0," he said.

He was certain his offer to support "legally and financially" GM employees prosecuted for violating apartheid at the city's beaches had had a real effect on the outcome of the council debate — "and I am pleased that this could be so".

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Mr White said he had arranged for the council's decision to be relayed to him in Johannesburg as soon as voting had finished.

He would not be drawn on whether GM planned similar action in future on apartheid edicts in the city. "The ball is still in the city council's court. I will look forward to hearing of their next decisions on the topic," he said.

"As an individual I feel obliged to speak out against apartheid, and will continue to do so, but I have no idea what orders on the topic I may receive in the future from GM.

"I just hope that this vote signifies a change of heart on the part of the city council and that we can now work together to save and create jobs here for the good of everyone."

SWEETMAKING INDUSTRY, EAST LONDON

Parties. Employer Organisation: Wilson-Rowntree (Pty) Ltd.
Trade Union: Sweet Workers' Union

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FLASHBACK

Apartheid row: Army at beach

Chicago man stirs a storm

White fights

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From KEN VERNON, Weekend Argus Bureau

PORT ELIZABETH. — Mr Bob White has come into the limelight after a cautious start as General Motors's managing director in South Africa.

His stunning offer last week to support "legally and financially" GM's black employees prosecuted for using any beach of their choice — including those reserved "Whites Only" — changed the entire beach apartheid row in the "Friendly City".

There was no indication that he would be the man to initiate the form of "affirmative action" on race issues — regarded as common for multi-national companies in the US — when he took over the GM post from Mr Lou Wilkins last July.

The Port Elizabeth City Council this week voted 16-5 to rescind a sub-committee decision authorising municipal officials to lay charges against blacks using "Whites Only" beaches

The outcome bears vindication for Mr White

Precedent

His actions could set a precedent for other US companies in South Africa

Indeed, there are indications that he was surprised at the reaction to his statement and that he was unprepared for the implications Mr White apparently saw it as a "shop" issue.

Born 55 years ago in Chicago, the grandson of an emigrant Welsh miner, Mr White is a measure of the nuggety American no one remotely expects him to back down on his word

Like his predecessor in the GM hot seat, Mr White is what Americans call a "beau counter" — an accountant — not a car salesman

His father was a foreman at an electrical fixtures factory Later he ran a small restaurant, started in turn by his father, in the small farming town of Kankakee, 100 kilometres south of Chicago

Bob White spent his youth there.

With no clear idea of what he wanted to do for a career after high school, he enrolled in a teachers training college where he could continue to play football and baseball After a year he left and joined the US Army Intelligence Corps

Hard years

After a tour in Germany he gained a commission, partly due to the advent of the Korean War, and ended up teaching gunnery at a "spartan" military establishment near Death Valley, California

It was while posted there that he met and married Georgina Wilkins in 1953. They had three children, who are now grown up

He later enrolled to do a B Sc in Accounting at the University of Illinois These were hard years for the newly-weds Georgina worked at the university as a secretary and in his second year Bob started the "Veterans Sandwich Service" with a partner on the campus

After college he took an accounting job at Delco Remy, a GM subsidiary Three years later he had qualified as a corporate public accountant and been promoted to a supervisory position

A year later he was sent on a management development course at Harvard University Graduate School, afterwards being offered the option of joining GM's overseas division Quickly he became an international "Mr Fixit", travelling between the US, South Africa, Venezuela, France, Germany and Britain among other countries, until in 1980 he ended up back in the US as director of personnel development and administration.



Mr Bob White . . . affirmative action

It was not until almost four months after he took over the Port Elizabeth post — which automatically qualified him as the city's leading businessman — that he made his first public speaking appearance

Fight disinvestment

But whatever Mr White's private nature, he has shown himself to be completely willing to act, and act decisively.

Within six months of his appointment he has wielded the broom through the GM upper management structure, with one very senior man reportedly being given just one day to clean out his desk after a long period with the company

His mission is to tighten up the company's operation and "sell ourselves out of our present position".

GM chairman Mr R Smith leads a group of top US businessmen pledged to put pressure on South Africa and to fight the disinvestment lobby in the US

It now looks as though the progress made on the outdated beach race laws in Port Elizabeth may be just the sort of ammunition Mr Smith needs to fight on both of these fronts So South Africa may not have heard the last of Mr Bob White.

Have fun with your camera

Have you entered your picture or pictures for the Weekend Argus and Ilford photographic competition *South Africa at work in 1986?*

The competition is being run in the major centres in South Africa served by the Argus Group's weekend papers — Weekend Argus, Sunday Tribune and Sunday Star

There are three regional prizes, each of R1 000, and the overall winner will get R5 000

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Business role in beach vote

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Weekend Post Reporter

THE pressure exerted on Port Elizabeth City Council by industry and commerce before Thursday's crucial vote on beach apartheid — warning of the risk of disinvestment in the city — is evident in letters released to Weekend Post today.

The Mayor, Mr Ben Olivier, who supported a motion that municipal staff should not be asked to take action against blacks on white beaches, handed over some of his mail today

And at the same time he made the same appeal that former Mayor, Mr Ivan Krige, has been making — that businessmen involve themselves more closely in civic affairs by standing for council

A forceful letter was received from Mr P H Gutsche, head of SA Bottling (Pty) Ltd, whose factory and head office are in the city

It said "Port Elizabeth is the most depressed city in the republic, both economically and socially We need to attract investors and tourists rather than drive them away

"The city needs to retain its existing foreign investors and, particularly, to make them feel confident in being located here This adverse publicity is damaging our potential to attract new investment and to retain current foreign investors Neither we nor South Africa can afford this

"The State President has clearly stated in Parliament that apartheid is dead All other major coastal cities have opened their beaches without long-term problems I believe that Port Elizabeth's CBD is also soon to be opened, yet our council is still squabbling over the beach issue

"When local investors lose confidence in their home city and are not prepared to make further investments in PE, I urge you and your councillors to take note

"I urge you to prevail upon your colleagues to fight against the prosecution of beach trespassers and, in fact, open the beaches to all"

Mr Denis Creighton, regional manager of the SA Perm, appears to have written to all councillors, saying "I am writing as a concerned citizen, ratepayer and businessman, to urge you to support Alderman Krige's proposal to rescind the committee decision to instruct council officials to take steps to remove persons other than whites from municipal beaches and to institute criminal proceedings against them

"I go further and urge council to take steps urgently for the orderly opening of all municipal beaches and other facilities to all persons.

"I was horrified to see personally the presence of Defence Force and police at King's Beach on Saturday and Sunday This was an insensitive action and I also urge council to ensure that the security forces are not used in this way in future.

"Normal police action against criminal activity is required but not to enforce an outdated apartheid municipal ruling.

"Port Elizabeth has a proud history and I am fearful that lack of forward thinking by our leaders will lead us into an era of unrest bitterness and hurt.

"Please make a stand for honesty and fair play for all people"

Mr Frank Wightman, president of the Port Elizabeth Chamber of Commerce also wrote to all councillors pointing out the chamber represented about 1 000 companies in the region and saying

"On August 26 last year, the chamber issued a manifesto reaffirming some of its long-held beliefs, among which is the chamber's view that it cannot support any

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Business role in beach vote

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legislation which discriminates between South Africans on the basis of the colour of their skins.

"The chamber believes that this applies to all legislation, whether at national or local level, and therefore believes that the City Council should commit itself publicly, and as a matter of duty to all of the citizens of PE, to opening the beaches.

"In connection with the policing of the beaches in the meantime, the chamber wishes to draw your attention to the fact that we are living in extremely troubled and sensitive times. It is the duty of every citizen to do all that he can to reduce conflict between different sections of the community."

Not everyone felt the same way. Among other letters received by the Mayor were:

A Somerset East resident, Mr Tom Retief, who owns two flats in Humewood, wrote that he "could tear his hair out of his head" because he had invested so much money in what he had believed to be the "Golden Mile" of Port Elizabeth.

This feeling was shared by most of his friends who owned flats in virtually every block in Humewood.

He said it seemed to him that the "Golden Mile" was going to change into the "brown, black mile" and he hoped that he would be proved wrong in this assumption.

Two regular writers of letters to the Press had similar reservations.

Mr A P Knight, of Fairhaven, suggested that "all discussion on the opening of our beaches to all races be postponed until all violence in our townships ceases and the inhabitants show by their behaviour that both now and in the future they intend to behave in a law abiding, responsible and civilised manner."

Mr Kurt Edwards, of Charlo, took issue with General Motors which had announced legal and financial support for any of their black workers caught breaking beach apartheid.

He said: "The erroneous course that GM intends to adopt will only encourage and induce confrontation in various forms.

"I would suggest that GM leave well alone and let us South Africans attend to our own business."

After the council meeting, one of the letters received by the Mayor was from Mr Brian Matthew, executive director of the Midland Chamber of Industries, who said "The chamber wishes to record its sincere appreciation to you, as Mayor, for setting an example by supporting Mr Krige's motion.

"The decision will enable the city to show South Africa and the rest of the world that we are sincere in our attempts to uphold the dignity of all the citizens of the city.

"The chamber would like to propose that you give consideration to inviting all interested groups and organisations to put forward to council recommendations as to how the beach issue can be solved."

Post Focus

Looking back at the history of apartheid

1/3/86 W.Post

By KIN BENTLEY

PETTY apartheid was at the centre of the stage this week when the Port Elizabeth City Council overruled a decision of its Community Services Committee authorising the enforcement of beach apartheid.

And the Government took another step away from apartheid with an announcement in Parliament that it intends scrapping the Separate Amenities Act.

Mr Piet Badenhorst, the Deputy Minister of Constitutional Development and Planning, said a new Act would provide local authorities and the private sector with the right to reserve admission to, or use of, any facilty.

Local authorities would manage beaches and coastlines under their jurisdiction.

In recent years the Government has made several such reforms, but, says veteran PE City Councillor, Mr Graham Young, the fundamentals of the apartheid system are still intact.

Describing the changes he has seen in South Africa, Mr Young, who is "as old as [illegible]" —

duced homelands and decentralisation to try to turn the tide of people flocking to the cities, including PE

In attempting to encourage growth in rural, homeland areas, however, they made the mistake of "basing it on racial separation".

Other countries encouraged industry to move where there was unemployment, for sound economic reasons — but in South Africa they "not only decentralised, but gave the areas their own governments".

With many multiracial and multi-cultural countries in the world it was a fallacy to say South Africa was "unique". But here racial and tribal identities had been "allowed to grow", rather than be played down.

Mr Young said blacks had yet to become convinced that the white Parliament was acceptable. This would remain so until the Government was prepared to bring them into it on an equal basis — and "there's no sign of that"

A fundamental division existed in the country between those (like the



January this year — the MP for Addo, Mr PETER HENDRICKSE (right) and a party of friends defy the "whites only" ruling at King's Beach, Port Elizabeth.

cate their shop — under the Group Areas Act. (Blacks will soon be allowed to trade again in these areas.)

He was one of the first people to build a home in Malabar, where Indian families from South End and other mixed areas settled.

Mr O'Brien recalled that when coloureds and Indians

The National Party, representing Afrikaner nationalism, meanwhile grew into a formidable force which finally won political power in 1948. It then put apartheid firmly on to the statute books.

With the advent of new racial laws like race classification and group areas, the ANC became more [illegible]52 it launched

similar to the black advisory boards which existed in the black areas before urban Bantu councils (1961) and then community councils (1977) were introduced

After 1971 black local affairs were largely run by the white-controlled Bantu Affairs Administration Boards.

In 1983 the Black Local Authorities Act introduced the semi-autonomous village or town council systems.

The recent township violence has been largely aimed at the black councils and the development boards

The proposed regional services councils are aimed at uniting on a racial basis the different communities at local level where the provision of services is concerned

Coloured men in the Cape were taken off the common voters roll in the mid-1950s when the National Party, by enlarging the Senate and packing it with its own members, achieved the required two-thirds majority necessary to change voting rights.

In compensation, the coloureds were given the right to vote for four white MPs At least four senators "thoroughly acquainted" with the interests of the coloured people were appointed All were Nationalists

In the 1960s, when it became apparent that the coloured voters were leaving the UP and turning to the Progressive Party (now the PFP), the Prohibition of Political Interference Act was passed This limited party membership to one race only

Although this Act was scrapped last year, the racial character of the present tricameral constitution, based on the Population Registration Act, today negates the concept of non-racial political parties.

The new constitution was introduced in 1984 after the Coloured Representative Council system — introduced in 1969 and scrapped in 1980 — had been rendered unworkable by the ruling Labour Party.



Flashback to the mid-1970s — segregated phone booths outside the old Donkin Hill Post Office in Port Elizabeth.

in 1910, at the time of Union — said industrial development after the Second World War changed the face of the country.

He said: "The major factor arising from the war was the influx of black people and, to a lesser extent, coloured people, to the urban areas.

"When I was a young man, Johannesburg (before the war) wasn't an industrial city — it was a mining town."

Describing the "overwhelming influx" after the war, he said. "All the hills around Johannesburg were filled with squatter groups."

Since then life in South Africa had been conditioned by the problem of trying to deal with the problems which this influx presented

The National Party's policy was simple: keep the races apart.

"But they could not stop the people coming to the urban areas," he said.

"The blacks were here as workers, but not as citizens. They were excluded from political participation.

"Now we're trying to deal with the political and social consequences of industrial development, enormous economic growth and prosperity"

Segregation, he said, was first introduced on the mines in about 1912, where the term "sojourner" was used for blacks who could stay in an area only "while their labour was useful".

When the National Party came to power in 1948 they immediately put into legislation separate amenities, no inter-race marriage or sex..."no equality at all".

There used to be many non-racial clubs societies and organisations in Port Elizabeth. Whites went freely into the townships. But when the NP took over, Mr Young said, all became racially separated.

He said the NP intro-

National Party) who were "wedded to the idea of a country of minorities" and the other group who said South Africa was one country, economically, politically and socially

He did not believe the Government had budged from the fundamentals of apartheid, pointing out that "own affairs" amounted to the same thing

However, he hoped it was at last starting to recognise the problems. What would replace them, remained the key issue

"Economically we are all linked in one country — bounded by the sea — and have got to share it as peaceably and fairly as possible."

Another PE man who recalls pre-apartheid days is an 82-year-old member of the Indian Management Committee, Mr Peter O'Brien, who said this week that he was "looking forward to the day when all race restrictions are gone"

"I've lived with the colour bar all my life."

He said petty apartheid was in force before the National Party came to power in 1948.

There were "Europeans only" and "Non-Europeans only" signs on many public buildings before the NP introduced apartheid legislation

"There was also beach apartheid, but we used to go to King's Beach for picnics and no one stopped us"

Mr O'Brien said he lived for 40 years in a house in Palmerston Street in PE Central. He also owned a shop in Evatt Street.

Most of his neighbours were white, with a smattering of coloured and Indian people living in between them.

"There was no friction or trouble," he said.

Seventeen years ago the family was forced to move out of their home and va-

Parliament, he used to vote for the old United Party

He also voted for the PE City Council and said there used to be coloured and Indian councillors "a long time ago".

● Just how did racial discrimination get onto the statutue books?

Segregation was not the unique creation of the National Party. In fact, it was in 1910, when blacks were excluded from the Union franchise, that discriminatory laws were first introduced

What the National Party did after 1948 was put a name — apartheid — to a situation that already existed, and enshrine it extensively in law.

Here is a brief summary of what has occurred since Union in 1910.

The homelands system had its genesis in 1913 when the Natives Land Act forced hundreds of thousands of Africans off farms they had either bought or were squatting on in the Transvaal and Free State.

In return they were given black "reserves" — the basis of the homelands.

The African National Congress (ANC) was formed after the discriminatory franchise was introduced in the Act of Union in 1910.

At first it consisted largely of intellectuals wishing to extend what political rights they had (at that stage about 15% of the electorate in the Cape was non-white, with two coloureds for every one African)

In 1936 those Africans who were on the common voters' roll were removed, and put on a separate roll. They could elect three white MPs and four senators, with a promise that more land would be added to the "reserves" — the area of which has never exceded 13% of the country

its Defiance Campaign, which in turn led to the introduction of stricter "security laws"

Thousands of black leaders were arrested and 52 ANC leaders detained.

The ANC formed a Congress Alliance with the Indian Congress and white Congress of Democrats in 1955 — based on the Freedom Charter, which remains the basis of the ANC's demands

Black political representation in Parliament — albeit through white representatives (in the Cape) — was abolished by the Promotion of Bantu Self-Government Act of 1959.

In 1960, at Sharpeville, 62 people were shot dead after what protesters said began as a peaceful demonstration against the pass laws. The ANC and PAC (an offshoot) were banned, with their military wings, Umkonto we Sizwe and Poqo, launching an "armed struggle", which continues today through sporadic guerilla bombings and sobotague

The black consciousness movement developed in the 1970s, with virtually its entire leadership being banned in 1977, the year Steve Biko died The 1976 Soweto uprsising against compulsory eduction in Afrikaans was an upshot of this movement

Many more youths fled the country to join the ANC.

More recently, particularly since the constitutional referendum in 1983, the United Democratic Front, a broadly based alliance of organisations, has dominated the black political scene, with Azapo representing black consciousness in the 1980s The UDF has been at the forefront of the current revolts.

At local level, coloureds and Indians are represented on white city councils through "management committees" which act in an advisory capacity —

HNP call to shun GM

Own Correspondent

HERSTIGTE Nasionale Party MP for Sasolburg Louis Stofberg yesterday called for a "white" boycott of General Motors' (GM) products.



● WILEY

And Minister of Environment Affairs and Tourism John Wiley has also warned the Port Elizabeth-based motor giant to keep its nose out of SA's business.

Stofberg's angry outburst during the second reading debate on the SA Tourist Corporation Amendment Bill came after a statement by GM MD Bob White that GM would give legal and financial support to its black employees if they were challenged for using a white beach.

His statement, supported by GM headquarters in the US, caused a furore in PE.

In a stinging attack in the House of Assembly, the lone HNP member described White's statement as an "absolute scandal" amounting to interference from outside countries.

Describing White's stand as an "impertinance" he said what it boiled down to was GM now adopting the stance of "what is good for General Motors is good for South Africa".

Wiley said the question of the beaches had nothing to do with GM.

Beach row: Wiley slams GM director

Political Staff

PARLIAMENT — The Minister of Environment Affairs and Tourism, Mr John Wiley, has criticised the managing director of General Motors in South Africa, Mr Bob White, for his involvement in Port Elizabeth's beach apartheid row.

Mr Wiley said in Parliament that he disapproved of the attitude of the General Motors chief.

"The sooner he realises that they should keep their noses out of South Africa's affairs, the better," Mr Wiley said.

He was replying in the House of Assembly to the second-reading debate on the South African Tourist Corporation Amendment Bill.

EMPLOYEES

Mr White recently offered to support "legally and financially" GM's black employees prosecuted for using any beach of their choice, including those reserved for "whites only".

The beach issue was raised in the Assembly yesterday during a fiery speech by **Mr Louis Stofberg (HNP, Sasolburg).**

He said the opening of beaches to people of all races was a "catastrophe". The people who were suffering as a result of this were the whites.

Whites had had enough of paying the price for racial integration, Mr Stofberg said.

Replying, Mr Wiley said some of Mr Stofberg's remarks were destructive.

He said the Government was dealing with the problem of beach facilities.

It was a problem which had arisen as a result of the actions of some local authorities in providing inadequate beach facilities.

"Where local authorities did their duty and created adequate facilities, also for people of colour, there is little friction."

Mr Wiley said he disapproved of any organised influx of people at beaches and a solution would have to be found for such incidents.

We did vote for open East London — Mayor

EAST LONDON. — The Mayor, Mr Joe Yazbek, has confirmed that the City Council voted to open residential areas to all races.

He said last night that the decision was taken last Monday, but was not announced due to the defeat of a motion to hold a public debate. The provincial ordinance prevented release of the news after the motion's defeat.

There has been speculation in the past few days about a vote to open all areas

LIFT VEIL OF SECRECY

After nearly two hours' debate last night, the council voted overwhelmingly to lift the veil of secrecy.

Mr Yazbek said the decision did not have any legal grounding.

"It will have to be sent to the provincial administration and from there to the Government," he said. — Sapa.

● **Durban Council votes for mixed-race area, Page 8.**

CP 'no' to open diningroom

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CAPE TOWN — The Conservative Party Chief Whip, Mr Johan Hoon (Kuruman), yesterday issued a statement saying he was the only MP to vote against the decision to open the House of Assembly members' diningroom to all races.

He said the Speaker's announcement of the decision had been reported by the media as if there had been general agreement by all Assembly members.

"The fact is that I, as Chief Whip of the Conservative Party, moved an amendment to the effect that the diningroom, the bar and the reading room be reserved for members of the House of Assembly only."

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Wiley hits at GM

In the first government reaction to General Motors' commitment to support black employees who may be prosecuted for using "whites-only" beaches in Port Elizabeth, Environment Affairs and Tourism Minister John Wiley this week told GM's South African MD, Bob White, to keep his nose out of SA's affairs.

Speaking in the House of Assembly, Wiley was responding to Herstigte Nasjonale Party MP Louis Stofberg's call for a boycott by whites of GM products. During a debate on the South African Tourism Corporation Amendment Bill, Stofberg said White's statement was a "scandal." In reply, Wiley said the beach issue had nothing to do with GM.

White's move last month followed a PE City Council committee order to council employees to prosecute blacks who "trespassed" on beaches reserved for whites. He said GM would give legal and financial support to any of its 3 000 black employees who may be prosecuted. Last week, the full PE City Council overturned the committee's earlier decision. ■

MINES' JOB BARS

Behind the talks

There have been major developments in the talks aimed at changing the discriminatory definition of a "scheduled person" in the Mines and Works Act. The definition bars blacks from obtaining certificates of competency to perform 13 key mining jobs.

Progress towards altering it in talks between the Chamber of Mines and registered mining unions has been blocked for several years by the delaying tactics employed by the rightwing Mineworkers' Union (MWU). But hopes were raised last year that government would exercise its authority to settle the issue when Mineral and Energy Affairs Minister Danie Steyn set December 31 as the target date for the negotiations to be concluded.

Since the passing of that date, negotiations between the chamber and the unions on deracialising the "scheduled person" definition have continued. The prerequisites for this are agreement on establishing a mining industrial council and on security of employment for white workers.

The Department of Mineral and Energy Affairs (DMEA) has recently stepped in, but its actions so far appear to have appeased only the rightwing. According to information received by the *FM*, a senior official in the DMEA has produced a draft Bill which proposes the establishment of a statutory selection board which would have complete say on which workers will be eligible to qualify for five of the 13 "scheduled person" certificates.

The catch is in the make-up of the proposed board which would comprise:

- ☐ The Government Mining Engineer as chairman;
- ☐ Two nominees from the Manpower Department;
- ☐ Two DMEA officials;
- ☐ Two representatives of mine owners;
- ☐ Five people in possession of blasting certificates who have at least ten years' blasting experience, nominated by unions; and
- ☐ Two additional union nominees with at least ten year's experience who must hold either a Winding-Engine Driver's, Locomotive-Engine Driver's, Lampman's or Onsetter's certificate of competency.

The point is that most miners with these qualifications are members of the MWU and its two allies — the SA Technical Officials' Association (SATOA) and the SA Engine Drivers', Firemen's and Operators' Association. They would therefore be likely to occupy all seven seats reserved for union representatives. MWU general secretary Arrie Paulus, observers say, is supremely confident that he would be able to control decisions made by a selection board, and thus block the advancement of black miners. SATOA general secretary Henry Mallet-Veale has, however, denied that he would use the selection board to block black job advancement.

Most mining unions were angered last month when they discovered that they had been overlooked when the DMEA sent copies of the Bill to Paulus and the chamber. DMEA Director General Louw Alberts says the Bill was sent to Paulus in his capacity as chairman of the Council of Mining Unions (CMU) on the assumption that he would distribute it.

The Bill is being opposed by the majority of the unions. Nevertheless, there is a school of thought in the mining industry which holds that it is not, in fact, a sop to the rightwing.

One source sees the Bill as a catalyst designed to lead to a speedy conclusion of the negotiations. This is, indeed, the DMEA's own explanation.

Alberts tells the *FM* that the Bill was drawn up as a basis for discussion, and that it is wrong to elevate it to "the status of a proposed final draft Bill ready for Parliament... It is an endeavour to solve an impasse which neither the employers nor employees could solve over the past four years. At no point in the discussions has the very concept of a selection board, as such, been finalised, and much less its constitution," he says.

Whatever the case, the appearance of the draft Bill has set the scene for a major clash. On one side there is the MWU and its allies. On the other are the majority of the unions and the chamber. For them it has now become urgent that they reach an agreement on an industrial council and security of employment (with, or most probably without, the support of the MWU, SATOA and the Engine Drivers', Firemen's and Operators' Association) and present it to Steyn. This would probably pre-empt any further developments on the draft Bill.

And it seems that agreement is close to being achieved. A source tells the *FM* that an industrial council will be established and that a security of employment clause will be built into its agreement. This should placate the unions, and the Minister of Manpower will be asked to extend the agreement to cover non-chamber mines. If the MWU decides against participation in the industrial council, the clause will, nevertheless, cover its members.

One outstanding issue revolves around manning and training levels. The artisan unions fear a flooding of the market with skilled black labour, while employers strongly believe that manning levels remain their prerogative.

This will be a thorny issue to resolve. At the same time, though, there is an urgent desire on both sides to finally eliminate the last remaining bastion of job reservation in SA, and to show up Paulus as the cause of the interminable delays. These strong feelings may encourage both sides to compromise.

There is a final consideration — one which has been a major factor at the back of the minds of the actors in this ongoing drama. The powerful black National Union of Mineworkers (NUM) has made dire threats about the consequences should 1986 not see the end of job reservation. No-one, apart from the extreme right, is prepared to face large-scale industrial unrest over this indefensible issue.

☐ Paulus was unavailable for comment. ■

LUNCH FOR ALL

The row over apartheid in a parliamentary dining room was resolved this week when it was opened to MPs of all races. The Speaker, Johan Greeff, announced the move after a meeting of Parliament's standing committee on rules and orders.

Last month coloured MPs protested against the "whites only" dining room. Some white MPs maintained the dining room was not racially segregated, but rather reserved for members of the House of Assembly.

The new ruling re-emphasises that the dining room can only be used by MPs. An adjacent dining room, where guests may be entertained, was opened to all MPs last year after a similar racial row.

PARLIAMENT

Another Rubicon

President P W Botha announced the lifting of the State of Emergency in a special address to Parliament this week. However, he said new measures would be introduced which in effect will provide security forces with powers similar to those which they will surrender when the emergency is lifted.

Botha also announced a date for the conditional implementation of the independence programme for Namibia in terms of UN Resolution 435, but it seems unlikely that it

BOB WHITE

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Shifting sands of apartheid

When General Motors SA (GM) MD Bob White decided to fight the Port Elizabeth City Council on the beaches, he never dreamt of the support he'd drum up both here and abroad. Largely as a result of the controversy surrounding his decision to offer legal and financial support to GM employees arrested for swimming in "white" surf, the city's beaches were effectively declared open to all last week.

White (55) made his decision independently, without consulting Detroit. It was, he says, simply an instinctive reaction, a gut response, and not part of a long-term strategy. For White is not a political animal.

Having been in SA for seven months, he grew tired of the city fathers' dragging their feet over the beach apartheid issue and became increasingly impatient with the rate of change. As a significant contributor to the city's coffers, he felt he had the right to speak out on an issue which affected 60% of his employees.

Though a Republican, his only political activity in the past had been registering Indiana voters for local and federal elections back in the Sixties. He was particularly active, he recalls, during the Nixon-Kennedy campaign. He admits to backing a loser that time.

Meanwhile, his unprecedented action marks a small but significant step for multi-nationals operating in SA. Many have been outspoken in condemning apartheid over the years, but not one has publicly attempted to buck the system. Most multi-nationals feel that operating internationally requires a politically neutral stance. But White holds that multi-nationals have the right to speak out, and should.

"In most cities, politics doesn't directly affect the economic situation. But I don't know of any other place we operate where the importance of political events has as much effect on the economy as in SA." And White sees political change as being closely tied to GM's own interests here.

Now he intends working to develop a strategy for business, government and unions to bring about change at a local level. He's also considering tying GM's educational grants to universities to the removal of restrictions on the number of black students. To be effective, however, he feels such action would have to be endorsed by all the Sullivan signatories.

White has been with GM for 30 years and spent 14 of the past 20 in Europe. He joined the company after graduating with an accountancy degree from the University of Illinois, after five years as a volunteer in the American army. A close friendship with the GM vice-president responsible for SA has meant that White's South African posting had been discussed for some years.



White ... impatient with the pace of change

When he finally hit SA's shores, his brief was simple — just make GM SA more profitable. He has a maximum of ten years to achieve this. That's until his retirement; if he's not posted elsewhere; and if GM remains in SA. Predictably, White says, he's not worried about GM pulling out.

But with estimated losses in SA's motor industry hovering around R1,5 billion for 1985, many observers wonder what's in it for the huge auto giant.

White's not disclosing the extent of GM's losses. "In 1984, we were number five in the total market," he says, "and at the end of 1985 missed being number two by 60 units. I don't think we'll get into the black at net level in 1986 though we will at the operational level. But our losses won't be as bad as 1985." GM is also notching up considerable losses in Europe where the company sells 1,7m cars each year, compared with only 34 000 in SA.

So, surely, the SA operation is more trouble than it's worth? Apparently not. GM has its headlights beamed on the future. Like Nigeria, India and China, SA has a rapid population growth rate coupled with limited car ownership. But it also has the added attraction of a well-developed existing infrastructure.

"If profit was our only reason for being anywhere, there wouldn't be auto-industries in many parts of the world," White says. "Also, if you allow competitors to dominate a particular market, it could help them become more aggressive in other markets."

Rationalisation

White does acknowledge that further rationalisation in the industry is inevitable and admits that GM wouldn't exactly be disinterested in selling off a portion of its operation if a reasonable offer of a partnership or merger came its way — particularly if it helped the company sell more units. An offer from any type of conglomerate would be acceptable.

But in these tough times, a good buyer is hard to find and White's phone isn't exactly ringing incessantly. Anyway, he's adamant that three criteria have to be met — product synergy, distribution synergy and synergy with the partner's manufacturing and assembly facilities. Right now, he says he can't even think of a player meeting these criteria.

He is adamant, though, that unless apartheid is abolished, SA has no economic future. "A 5% growth rate won't be sufficient to provide the required housing, educational facilities and job creation. Foreign investment is essential. And it's becoming increasingly difficult for US investors to remain here unless there is change ..." ■

MOLEFE TSELE

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Intensifying crisis FINMAIL

Soweto Parents' Crisis Committee (SPCC) spokesman Molefe Tsele foresees the crisis in black schools intensifying in the coming months: "We need a final onslaught on apartheid in education. This is the tenth

Now it's mixed railway eating

CAPE TOWN — Labour Party MP Mr Peter Mopp sat down to a meal in the whites-only cafeteria at Cape Town station this week, and nobody turned a hair.

Mr Mopp paid his visit to test Transport Services Minister Mr Hendrik Schoeman's assertion in a Parliamentary debate that all "whites only" signs had been removed from the station.

Until Mr Mopp had his historic meal, there had been no indication that the whites-only rule at the cafeteria had been dropped and no blacks had, until then, been seen there.

Since his visit there has been a steady trickle of blacks going in to eat — so far without any recorded incident.

Mr Mopp had lunch twice in the station cafeteria this week with friends. They were the only blacks making use of the facilities.

"The man in the street has been so mentally conditioned that he expects to be kicked out," he said. — Sapa.

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Publicity Association under fire



Bathers on King's Beach — regarded as one of the finest stretches of beach in South Africa.

By BARBARA ORPEN

PRESSURE is mounting for a vigorous campaign to boost Port Elizabeth as a tourist centre.

People in the travel and holiday business are dissatisfied with the efforts being made by the city at present

And others stress that the city's attractions as a tourist centre will have to be expanded and exploited to counter the sag in the fortunes of the motor industry

All feel that the PE Publicity Association, with its current budget, is not equipped to handle the job

According to the vice-chairman of the PE Central Business District Committee, Mr Reid Bailey, the city's Publicity Association's attempts to market the city are "laughable".

He has suggested that an independent body of consultants be appointed to look into the affairs of the Publicity Association, in view of the fact that the advertising done by the association is a "waste of time"

A move in November to appoint a marketing man as deputy director of the association was defeated at a meeting of the association's committee.

Less than a quarter (R46 000) of the association's budget of R200 000, is allocated for advertising this year, while more than R100 000 is going on salaries and pensions.

He said: "At least 50% of the association's budget is spent on salaries

"From a business point of view, the maximum amount to be spent on salaries should not exceed 20% for any business to operate efficiently.

"The amount allocated for advertising does not make for a viable proposition — we have so much to offer in this city, but in order to sell the place to tourists, a lot more has to be done about it

"If one is trying to recuperate on the tourist industry, one has to tell people about PE in a big way — not through small pamphlets and ad-hoc advertising"

Mr Brian Botten, chairman of the East Cape Branch of the Association of South African Travel Agents, agreed that the advertising budget was insufficient to advertise the city.

Of the R26 401 remaining for the six months from December to June, only R8 000 was not committed

A sum of R15 000 — one third of the advertising budget — was spent in one leaflet in the South African Airways "Take Off" *Guide to Countrywide Holiday Travel in South Africa*



Miss CYNTHIA VAN DER MESCHT

Mr Botten said "In this economic climate, the association should be bending over backwards to attract people to Port Elizabeth

"There was a complaint the other day in the newspaper that the association did not have information about deep-sea fishing facilities and motor boats for hire.

"I sympathise with Miss Cynthia van der Mescht, director of the association, that it is not the association's job to book such facilities.

"However, it is the association's job to have this information available.

"What should happen is that the association should put adverts into the paper calling for people to come forward and provide the association with information about what facilities are available.

"The association must have a marketing tool — a kit with every bit of information available that tourists would require.

"If the advertising budget is so small, why not make an appeal to the public to each make a R1 contribution to the budget and get the whole thing going."

He added, however, that in order to attract people to the city, PE should be marketable as well — and this was the work of private enterprise

"There is tremendous potential in PE for it to be a major tourist attraction. Why can't we have something like the restaurant in the Beacon Isle Hotel at Plettenberg Bay, which is set right on the sea?

"Moreover, there is that beautiful grass verge along the beachfront which is empty

"All it has on it are two roadhouses

"And why are there no boat trips up the Swartkops River? All that is needed is for one individual to offer to take people on trips up the river"

Attempts to boost the advertising division of the Publicity Association have not met with much enthusiasm

At the November committee meeting, a proposal to appoint an honorary treasurer, as well as a director with professional advertising skills, was turned down

Miss Van der Mescht, said: "Our organisation is too small to appoint a deputy director

"We are waiting to see what happens with the Regional Services Council and only until such time as the organisation becomes bigger, will we appoint any one in such a capacity.

"The whole problem lies with our budget at the moment

"If commerce is criticising us, they should put their money where their mouth is and provide us with more assistance than they do.

"We can only promote PE as much as our budget allows us to and in that we do our best. The smaller the organisation, the less it has available for advertising."

● City councillor M Lomo du Plessis intends submitting a proposal for financial assistance to bring in an advertising company to promote the city

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(1) Whether Mr Bob White of Port Elizabeth, particulars of whom have been furnished to the Minister's Department for the purposes of his reply, is a South African citizen; if not, what is the nature of his residential rights in South Africa;

(2) whether his Department intends taking any action in respect of this person's residential rights in South Africa; if not, why not; if so, what action?

The MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS:

(1) No. Mr White is in possession of a temporary work permit.

(2) No. Mr White's temporary work permit is valid until 10 November 1986. If at any time before this expiry date any information should come to my knowledge which necessitates the review of his term of residence, the necessary steps in terms of the Aliens Act, 1937, will be taken immediately.

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Mr D J N MALCOMESS: Mr Speaker, further arising out of the hon the Minister's reply, is he aware that Mr White and his company employ thousands of South Africans in Port Elizabeth and that in doing so they do that particular area specifically and South Africa a tremendous amount of good? Is the hon the Minister also aware that if this company were, in fact, to disinvest in South Africa, many members of the CP in Port Elizabeth would presumably be out of a job? [Interjections.]

†The MINISTER: Mr Speaker, I suggest that the hon member who has just sat down, talk to the hon member who put the previous questions to me. [Interjections.]

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†The MINISTER: Mr Speaker, I believe my answer is complete as far as the present situation is concerned.

Mr G B D McINTOSCH: Mr Speaker, further arising out of the hon the Minister's reply, is he perhaps considering giving Mr White, in view of the latter's recent patriotic action, honorary citizenship of South Africa? [Interjections.]

†The MINISTER: Mr Speaker, the hon member seems to be prejudiced and consequently I cannot take note of his remark.

Port Elizabeth: police action on beaches

*32. Mr J H VAN DER MERWE asked the Minister of Law and Order:†

(1) Whether the South African Police took any action on beaches in Port Elizabeth on or about 22 February 1986; if so, (a) what action, (b) why and (c) how many members of the South African Police were involved in this action;

(2) whether the South African Police have reacted to statements recently made by a person who is attached to a motor-car company in Port Elizabeth and whose name and particulars have been furnished to the South African Police for the purposes of the Minister's reply; if not, why not; if so, what is the (a) name of this (i) person and (ii) motor-car company and (b) nature of the above-mentioned statements;

(3) whether any action is contemplated in respect of the (a) person and (b) motor-car company concerned; if not, why not; if so, what action in each case;

(4) whether he will make a statement on the matter?

†The MINISTER OF LAW AND ORDER:

(1) No, not on the beaches itself. Since information indicated that various events which could disturb the law and order, would take place on the beaches of Port Elizabeth, police patrols, assisted by members of the South African Defence Force, had been deployed in the area.

(a) to (c) Fall away.

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Mr D J N MALCOMESS: That is not true!

†Mnr J H VAN DER MERWE: The hon member for Port Elizabeth Central is not speaking now. I ask the hon the Minister whether a police investigation cannot be held into the matter.

†The MINISTER: Mr Speaker, I am not prepared to react to the impressions of the hon member.

The LEADER OF THE OFFICIAL OPPOSITION: Mr Speaker, arising further out of the hon the Minister's reply, may I ask whether or not it is Government policy or the policy of his department to apply beach apartheid in instances where beaches have been allocated in accordance with Government policy?

†The MINISTER: Mr Speaker, that has nothing at all to do with the question before the House. If the hon member requires further particulars, he should please put his question on the Question Paper. [Interjections.]. I repeat: If the hon member wants a complete answer he must put the question on the Question Paper, and I shall then furnish him with a reply.

Mamelodi: funerals

*33. Mr P G SOAL asked the Minister of Law and Order:

(1) Whether any restrictions were imposed on funerals at Mamelodi over the weekend of 22 and 23 February 1986; if so, (a) what restrictions, (b) why, (c) on whose instructions and (d) for what period were these restrictions imposed;

(2) (a) how many funerals took place

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†Mr F J LE ROUX: Mr Speaker, arising further from the reply of the hon the Minister, does he not deem it his duty to enquire about the correctness or otherwise of these reports?

†The MINISTER: Mr Speaker, several departments are involved in this investigation and the allegations. Hon members should wait patiently to see what happens.

Mr D J N MALCOMESS: Mr Speaker, further arising out of the hon the Minister's reply, is he aware that Mr White and his company employ thousands of South Africans in Port Elizabeth and that in doing so they do that particular area specifically and South Africa a tremendous amount of good? Is the hon the Minister also aware that if this company were, in fact, to disinvest in South Africa, many members of the CP in Port Elizabeth would presumably be out of a job? [Interjections.]

†The MINISTER: Mr Speaker, I suggest that the hon member who has just sat down, talk to the hon member who put the previous questions to me. [Interjections.]

†Mr F J LE ROUX: Mr Speaker, arising further from the reply of the hon the Minister, I just want to tell him that he did not answer my question. I asked whether his Department had investigated the correctness of the reports in the Press.

†The MINISTER: Mr Speaker, I believe my answer is complete as far as the present situation is concerned.

Mr G B D McINTOSCH: Mr Speaker, further arising out of the hon the Minister's reply, is he perhaps considering giving Mr White, in view of the latter's recent patriotic action, honorary citizenship of South Africa? [Interjections.]

†The MINISTER: Mr Speaker, the hon member seems to be prejudiced and consequently I cannot take note of his remark.

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Port Elizabeth: police action on beaches

*32. Mr J H VAN DER MERWE asked the Minister of Law and Order:†

(1) Whether the South African Police took any action on beaches in Port Elizabeth on or about 22 February 1986; if so, (a) what action, (b) why and (c) how many members of the South African Police were involved in this action;

(2) whether the South African Police have reacted to statements recently made by a person who is attached to a motor-car company in Port Elizabeth and whose name and particulars have been furnished to the South African Police for the purposes of the Minister's reply; if not, why not; if so, what is the (a) name of this (i) person and (ii) motor-car company and (b) nature of the above-mentioned statements;

(3) whether any action is contemplated in respect of the (a) person and (b) motor-car company concerned; if not, why not; if so, what action in each case,

(4) whether he will make a statement on the matter?

†The MINISTER OF LAW AND ORDER:

(1) No, not on the beaches itself. Since information indicated that various events which could disturb the law and order, would take place on the beaches of Port Elizabeth, police patrols, assisted by members of the South African Defence Force, had been deployed in the area.

(a) to (c) Fall away.

(2) No.

(a) and (b) Fall away.

(3) (a) to (b) No.

(4) No.

†Mr J H VAN DER MERWE: Mr Speaker, arising from the reply of the hon the Minister, I want to tell him that we gained the impression from the press reports that Mr Bob White encouraged his employees to violate the laws of the country by swimming where they are not allowed to swim.

Mr D J N MALCOMESS: That is not true!

†Mnr J H VAN DER MERWE: The hon member for Port Elizabeth Central is not speaking now. I ask the hon the Minister whether a police investigation cannot be held into the matter.

†The MINISTER: Mr Speaker, I am not prepared to react to the impressions of the hon member.

The LEADER OF THE OFFICIAL OPPOSITION: Mr Speaker, arising further out of the hon the Minister's reply, may I ask whether or not it is Government policy or the policy of his department to apply beach apartheid in instances where beaches have been allocated in accordance with Government policy?

†The MINISTER: Mr Speaker, that has nothing at all to do with the question before the House. If the hon member requires further particulars, he should please put his question on the Question Paper. [Interjections.]. I repeat: If the hon member wants a complete answer he must put the question on the Question Paper, and I shall then furnish him with a reply.

Mamelodi: funerals

*33. Mr P G SOAL asked the Minister of Law and Order:

(1) Whether any restrictions were imposed on funerals at Mamelodi over the weekend of 22 and 23 February 1986; if so, (a) what restrictions, (b) why, (c) on whose instructions and (d) for what period were these restrictions imposed;

(2) (a) how many funerals took place

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ties which took place on that day in Port Elizabeth and its vicinity.

The troops on the beach, in uniform and in civilian clothes, armed and unarmed were there for recreation. The Officer Commanding the Command had given an order that troops who were not on duty were to carry their arms with them for self protection. Because of the risks to which unarmed troops in uniform can be exposed in certain unrest areas it may be necessary for them to be armed also during their leisure time in public.

At 15h04 Questions on General Affairs interrupted in accordance with Rule No 59.

Control/administration of towns/townships transferred

*35. Mr K M ANDREW asked the Minister of Constitutional Development and Planning:

(1) Whether any Black towns or townships were removed from the (a) control and (b) administration of community councils and/or Development Boards during the past year; if so,

(2) whether these towns or townships have since then been placed under the control or administration of any White local authority or any official of any White local authority; if so, (a) which towns and townships, (b) under whose control and management have they been placed, (c) in terms of what statutory provisions, (d) since when, (e) what financial arrangements have been made and (f) why where these steps taken;

(3) whether this transfer is for an indefinite period; if so, why; if not,

(4) whether these towns or townships are due to be transferred back to community councils or Developments Boards; if so, when;

(5) whether the agreement of the local Black population to this transfer was obtained in each case; if not, why not; if so, in what manner;

(6) what is the current status in respect of the management and control of (a) Lingelihle, Cradock, and (b) Bongolethu, Oudtshoorn;

(7) whether the control or administration of (a) Lingelihle and (b) Bongolethu changed during the past year; if so, (i) in what manner, (ii) when and (iii) why were these changes made;

(8) whether the Black residents of these two townships were in agreement with the changes?

The MINISTER OF CONSTITUTIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING:

(1) Yes.

(2) Yes.

(a) Bongolethu

(b) Municipality of Oudtshoorn.

(c) Section 3(3) read with section 27 of the Black Communities Development Act, 1984 (Act 4 of 1984).

(d) 1 November 1985.

(e) The existing financial arrangements applied by the East Cape Development Board are continued with by the Municipality of Oudtshoorn in respect of running expenditure. In the same way capital projects are financed with funds from the National Housing Fund.

(f) As a result of the remote distance of the Development Board in comparison with the Oudtshoorn Municipality to Bongolethu as well as their facilities, the upgrading could be speeded up locally. The Municipality acts primarily therefore in a development capacity.

(3) No.

(4) No. The area will be transferred to a local authority as soon as it is established.

(5) Yes. Prior to the transfer discussions were held with community leaders which included representatives from the Bongolethu Parents Association, the Bongolethu Youth Organisation, the various churches, students, teachers and the remaining councillors.

(6) (a) Village Council, established in terms of section 2 of the Black Local Authorities Act, 1982 (Act 102 of 1982).

(b) Community Council, established in terms of section 2 of the Community Councils Act, 1977 (Act 125 of 1977).

(7) (a) Yes.

(i) The Village Council resigned and pending the re-election of a council an administrator was appointed.

(ii) 27 September 1985.

(iii) In view of the resignation of the Council a by-election could not be held as a result of the unstable situation and as the functions of the Council had to be continued, the appointment of an administrator was necessary.

(b) Yes.

(i) Five out of seven councillors resigned with the result that a quorum could not be formed.

(ii) 1 November 1985.

(iii) In view of the necessity for the continuation of the functions of the council the remaining councillors and the Town Clerk of Oudtshoorn were appointed.

(8) (a) Lingelihle—Due to the unstable situation in the Town it was not possible to consult the residents but in view of the standing of the local Town Clerk and his general acceptance by the community, he was appointed.

(b) Bongolethu—Yes. In terms of section 5(5) of the Community Council, 1977 Act (Act 125 of 1977) the Minister may take such steps as he may deem necessary to ensure continuation of the function of the Community Council of Bongolethu.

Khayelitsha: serviced sites

*36. Mr K M ANDREW asked the Minister of Constitutional Development and Planning:

(1) What are the requirements for a (a) competent and (b) qualifying person to (i) buy and (ii) rent (aa) houses and (bb) serviced sites in Khayelitsha;

(2) whether, with reference to his reply to Question No 42 on 25 February 1986, the Government has decided on the other persons who will be eligible to buy and rent serviced sites in Khayelitsha; if so, (a) what category of persons are they, (b) when was the decision taken and (c) (i) how many of them have been allowed to move to Khayelitsha and (ii) since what date;

(3) whether any changes in policy as to the categories of persons allowed to live in Khayelitsha took place in (a) 1984, (b) 1985 and (c) 1986; if so, what changes in each case?

The MINISTER OF CONSTITUTIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING:

(1) (a) (i), (ii)(aa) and (bb) The re-

during this period and (b) how did each person die whose funeral was affected by these restrictions?

The MINISTER OF LAW AND ORDER:

(1) Yes, in respect of two deceased.

(a) (i) That during the funeral services and burial services only the near relatives of the deceased not exceeding fifty people in respect of each deceased shall be present.

(ii) That the hearse shall follow the shortest route from the premises of the undertakers to the church/house and from there to the cemetry.

(iii) That the near relatives be transported solely in mechanically driven vehicles and that no procession on foot shall be allowed.

(iv) That no outlining of the streets on the routes to the church and cemetry shall be allowed.

(v) That no gathering or congregation of other persons during the funeral services and burial or thereafter shall be allowed.

(vi) That the night vigils shall take place only inside the house of the deceased and in no other structure erected or to be erected at the abovementioned premises. The number of people at the night vigils shall not exceed fifty in total in respect of each deceased.

(b) There was reason to believe that the funerals would be dominated by radical elements.

(c) By the Magistrate, Wonderboompoort.

(d) From 18h00 on 21 February 1986 until 18h00 on 23 February 1986.

(2) (a) Twelve.

(b) (i) Buri Thomas Sapato was fatally injured when he and about 50 other Blacks attacked the house of a member of the police force with petrol bombs.

(ii) Zodwa Mbowane a late member of the Council of South African Students (COSAS), died of natural causes after a lengthy sickbed.

King's Beach, Port Elizabeth: troops

*34. Mr D J N MALCOMESS asked the Minister of Defence:

(1) Whether South African Defence Force troops were stationed on or near King's Beach, Port Elizabeth, on or about 22 February 1986; if so, (a) why and (b) for how long were they stationed there;

(2) whether they were armed; if so, in what manner;

(3) whether they were supported by armoured vehicles; if so, (a) what type of vehicles and (b) how many such vehicles were involved;

(4) whether troops were stationed at this beach in similar circumstances in the past five years; if so, (a) in which years and (b) why;

(5) whether he will make a statement on the matter?

†The MINISTER OF DEFENCE:

(1) Yes, near King's Beach.

(a) In support of the SA Police. In my statement following hereafter, I also refer to other troops that were present there.

(b) 9½ hours.

(2) Yes, with their personal weapons as issued. The hon member is referred to my reply to Question Number 37 of the hon member for Constantia on 25 February 1986.

(3) No. They were in Buffel vehicles, which are used for the transport and protection of troops in all unrest areas.

(4) No.

(5) Yes. When I replied to a question on the matter during the discussion on the Defence Vote during the Additional Appropriation in the House of Representatives, I read a communiqué to Sunday newspapers issued by the Director of Public Relations of the SA Defence Force. The question in that House was whether troops of the SA Defence Force were employed or had received an order to prevent Black persons from setting foot on a White beach. I denied it and for the record I am repeating the communiqué in this House:

"The lead story on page one of the *Sunday Star* of 23 February 1986 headlined 'Troops guard white beach' refers.

The Defence Force would like to bring to your attention that this report creates the impression that the presence of troops in the Port Elizabeth Beach areas on Saturday 22 February 1986 was to prevent Blacks from using the beaches. This is not the case and the SA Defence Force categorically rejects any such insinuation.

The facts of the matter are:

Firstly, troops rendered assistance at the marathon which started in the King's Beach car park at the request of the marathon organisers. This assistance took the form of traffic controllers, directing runners and assisting at the finish. A number of troops actually took part in the event.

Secondly, there was a large number of off-duty Citizen Force members on the beach where the University of Port Elizabeth was holding their annual 'Anything that Floats' event. These troops were merely spectators.

Thirdly, the East Cape Surf Lifesaving Championships were being held in the same area and a number of off-duty troops were watching.

To imply anything other than the above is a misrepresentation of reality.

A correction of this impression at your earliest convenience will be appreciated."

As certain information concerning the deployment of troops in support of the SA Police on the particular day subsequently came to my notice, I had the whole matter investigated. From this it appears that the Director Public Relations's communiqué was correct with regard to the cardinal point of troops not being employed to keep Black persons away from the beaches, but that he at the time of the communiqué was not in possession of all the facts with regard to troop deployments in the vicinity.

From the investigation it appears that three sections were deployed in support of the SA Police in the vicinity of King's Beach in Buffels, as follows: a section each at the train bridge over Humewood Road, the Put-put course and at the Summer Strand Hotel area. In addition a section was also deployed at the UPE Sport Stadium. It was merely a contingency plan to render assistance at the request of the SA Police, if it were to become necessary in any eventuality during any of the activi-

Results of beach poll 'a victory'

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By RENEE MOODIE

THE results of a survey in which Camps Bay residents voted against "pay" controls on their beach were yesterday described as a "victory for reason" by Mr Jan van Eck, city councillor and provincial opposition spokesman on beaches.

Mr Mel Richter, chairman of the Camps Bay and District Civic Association, said yesterday the association had sent out about 2 000 referendum cards about a month ago.

Residents could choose between four options. Of the 790 replies:

- 62 percent did not want fences, entry charges or entry controls.
- 18 percent wanted a temporary fence around the tidal pool only.
- 14 percent supported the control measures implemented last season, with about a third of the beach demarcated a "pay" area.

Next council meeting

- Six percent favoured a temporary fence along the full length of of the beach with controlled entry but no charges.

Mr Richter said the wishes of the residents would be taken to the next council meeting by ward councillors Mr Jack Frost and Mr Chris Joubert.

Mr Van Eck said: "The findings of the survey prove that those of us who opposed the pay beaches initially are more in touch than those who instituted the pay system.

"The people of Camps Bay do not want artificial barriers. They want open beaches. The poll result is a victory for reason," he said, adding that it was a pity the poll had not been taken before the controls were instituted.

He said the fact that nearly 50 percent of the people polled had responded was "superb".

Mr Joubert said he would take the results of the poll to the next council meeting in April as he was committed to carrying out the wishes of his voters.

'Bitterly disappointed'

"But I am bitterly disappointed that so few people responded and bitterly disappointed in the result itself as I believe the future of this country's amenities will be based on control measures," he said.

Mr Frost also said he would support the ratepayers' view when the issue came before council.

Mr Louis Kreiner, chairman of the council's amenities and health committee, said the Camps Bay poll was only one factor to be taken into account when considering the situation on all Peninsula beaches.

He said Camps Bay residents did not have exclusive use of the beach and that the poll would be considered together with an in-depth report on beaches by Mr Jack Kloppers, director of bathing amenities, due to be submitted to council soon.

He added that he personally felt the past season had shown the controls, which were instituted as an experiment, to be unnecessary.

Malan sheds new light on PE beach controversy

PARLIAMENT — The Minister of Defence, General Magnus Malan, reiterated yesterday that the Defence Force had not been used to keep blacks away from beaches in Port Elizabeth on February 22 but he added that an investigation had revealed new information.

Replying to a question from Mr John Malcomess (PFP, Port Elizabeth Central), General Malan said it appeared from the investigation that the cardinal point of the communique issued by the SADF's Director of Public Relations — that troops were not employed to keep blacks away from the beaches — was correct.

But, when the communique was issued, the Director "was not in possession of all the facts with regard to troop deployments in the vicinity".

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It appeared that three sections were deployed near King's Beach and another was deployed at the University of Port Elizabeth sport stadium.

"It was merely a contingency plan to render assistance at the request of the police, if it were to become necessary in any eventuality during any of the activities which took place on that day in PE and its vicinity," General Malan said.

SPECTATORS

Earlier, the Minister repeated details from the original communique — that troops had assisted at a marathon at King's Beach, that a large number of off-duty Citizen Force members were spectators on the beach where UPE was holding its annual "Anything-that-floats" competition and that a number of off-duty troops were watching surf lifesaving championships in the area.

"The troops on the beach, in uniform and in civilian clothes, armed and unarmed, were there for recreation," General Malan said.

The commanding officer had ordered that troops who were off-duty were to carry their arms with them for self-protection.

Replying to another question on the same issue from Mr Koos van der Merwe (CP, Jeppe) the Minister of Law and Order, Mr Louis le Grange, said police did not take any action on the beaches. — Sapa.

PE beaches under fresh spotlight

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By BESSIE BOUWER

PORT ELIZABETH'S beach facilities come under the spotlight on Tuesday when a report on what is available to each population group will be discussed at a meeting of the Policy and Resources Committee.

The findings of the report could have far-reaching effects on the controversial open beach issue.

The report was compiled by municipal officials asked to investigate the technical, financial and legal aspects of the current beach allocation.

In November last year the Administrator, Mr Gene Louw, said the council must satisfy itself that existing beach allocations met the needs of the various population groups and whether adjustments were warranted.

Since then there have been calls from members of the public, civic leaders and businessmen to do away with all beach apartheid.

Many are now asking not whether, but how the beaches should be opened to all.

Mr Ivan Krige, former Mayor of Port Elizabeth, and outspoken advocate of open beaches, said they should all be opened in mid-winter.

"People will then be used to the idea by the time summer comes around and there won't be much overcrowding," he said.

He believes the council should press ahead in getting improved facilities on all the beaches, rejects "pay" beaches and favours beach constables.

He recommended an entrance fee for the McArthur Baths.

A Ward 3 councillor, Mr Aubrey Braude, said a decision should be taken on what control measures were necessary to prevent friction.

Mr H Van Zyl Cillie, chairman of the Policy and Resources Committee, said a start should be made with the opening of one controlled pay beach, which should be fenced.

This would limit the number of people using the beach and ensure adequate parking facilities.

All candidates in the municipal by-elections were in favour of some form of planning.

Mr Bruce Mann (Ward 3) said rapid and thorough planning was essential before beaches were opened.

The City Council should make funds available now and get the best team of consultants to build amenities and safety devices which would protect the people and the ecology.

There had to be clear guidelines so that the beaches could be places of fun for everyone and not potential death traps, he added.

Mr Allan Shaw (Ward 3) felt that all the beaches should be opened this winter. Although he was not in favour of "pay beaches" he felt there should be some form of crowd control, especially at the more popular beaches.

More beach officials should be employed and the establishment of adequate toilet facilities should be given priority.

In Ward 5, candidate, Mr Harold Davidson, said representatives of all communities should discuss how overcrowding could be prevented and what control should be applied at the beaches.

More facilities were needed and it was time for them to be made available.

It was imperative that the City Council should start planning immediately so that there would be adequate facilities when the beaches were opened.

Mr Dirkie Meyer, (Ward 5), also favours adequate control measures and better facilities at all the beaches. He emphasised that the Government, city council and representatives of other race groups should discuss the opening of beaches so confrontation could be prevented.

Report by Bessie Bouwer, 19 Baakens St, Port Elizabeth

	Lwandle	Mfuleni	Worcester
	R	R	R
(a) (i) Schools	—	—	—
(ii) Houses	—	—	—
(b) The Building/maintenance of Roads and Drains	—	10 000	—
(c) Electricity/Streetlights	43 477	1 470	7 930
(d) Other amenities and services	—	66 939	37 883
Total	R43 477	R78 409	R45 813

Bongweni/Brentville/ Mvana: improvements

215. Mr R W HARDINGHAM asked the Minister of Constitutional Development and Planning:

Whether any improvements were carried out in the Black townships of (a) Bongweni (Kokstad), (b) Brentville and (c) Mvana (Howick) in the latest specified period of 12 months for which figures are available; if so, (i) what was the nature of these improvements and (ii) what amount was expended in each case?

The MINISTER OF CONSTITUTIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING:

(a) and (b) Yes, projects for the upgrading of Bongweni (Kokstad) and Brentville (Mooi River) are at present under way.

(a) *Bongweni*

(i) Project	(ii) Amount
Renovation of hostel	R26 800
Installation of stoves (Hostel)	R30 200
Fencing of reservoir and Community hall	R20 000

(b) *Brentville*

Servicing of 100 sites	R350 000
Upgrading of soccer field and new tennis court	R 26 000
Stormwaterdrainage	R 20 000

(c) No upgrading in respect of Kwa Mevana (Howick) has as yet been commenced with as the retention of this urban Black township is still under consideration.

Decentralisation incentive benefits

238. Mr A SAVAGE asked the Minister of Trade and Industry:

Whether any industries that have been awarded decentralisation incentive benefits (a) have had these incentive benefits (i) removed and (ii) reduced, (b) were place-bound industries and (c) have since ceased to operate; if so, how many in each case?

The MINISTER OF TRADE AND INDUSTRY:

(a) (i) A total number of 92 firms have been notified that the incentives which they presently enjoy will be phased out over a period of two years ending on 31 August 1987 and, in the case of one company, on 30 June 1987. In the case of a number of firms falling under the sawmilling industry the incentives will be withdrawn only in respect of part of their production, namely wet sawmilling which does not qualify for incentives while certain secondary stages of processing do qualify.

(ii) A total of 122 firms have been notified that certain components of the incentives package granted to them will be phased out. In the case of producers of certain cement products and tombstone manufacturers the transport rebates will be withdrawn on 31 August 1987 and in the case of industries established at Coloured and Indian preference employment points the long term incentives will be withdrawn on 29 February 1988.

(b) The withdrawal of the incentives of the 92 firms mentioned in (a)(i) above and of 38 of the firms mentioned in (a)(ii) above, ie a total of 130 firms, is being effected in terms of multilateral guidelines on the consideration of applications for incentives by raw material orientated and locality-bound industries as well as on the basis of a decision by the Government in 1984 to phase out the incentives of existing industries falling in the two categories.

(c) The Decentralisation Board is not aware of any firm closing down its operations as a direct result of having to forfeit part or all of its decentralisation incentives.

Natalia Development Board

244. Mr R W HARDINGHAM asked the Minister of Constitutional Development and Planning:

Whether the Natalia Development Board paid any subsidies to community councils of Black townships in the 1984-85 financial year; if so, (a) what are the names of the townships concerned, (b) what was the total amount paid in respect of each such township and (c) for what specified purposes were these subsidies paid in respect of each such township?

The MINISTER OF CONSTITUTIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING:

Yes.

(a)	(b) R
Colenso	84 680
Dundee	376 360
Glencoe	262 292
Greytown	431 413
Hambanati	919 960
Kokstad	291 927
Ladysmith	457 891
Matatiele	39 934
Mooi River	230 886
Ningizimu	6 507 721
Sobantu	1 093 389
Vryheid	316 257

(c) To compensate community councils for deficits on their general accounts.

Trespass

254. Mrs H SUZMAN asked the Minister of Justice:

How many (a) Whites, (b) Coloured, (c) Indians and (d) Blacks were convicted of trespass in 1984 and 1985, respectively, in (i) each of the main urban centres and (ii) the Republic?

The MINISTER OF JUSTICE:

The information is not readily available.

Squatters

261. Mr K M ANDREW asked the Minister of Constitutional Development and Planning:

Whether officials of his Department or any Development Board took any steps in respect of shelters of squatters in 1985; if so, (a) what steps, (b) how many shelters in respect of each specified Development Board area were effected by these steps and (c) where were these shelters situated in each case?

The MINISTER OF CONSTITUTIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING:

Yes, officials of the development boards listed in items (b) and (c) hereunder.

(a) Certain squatters were warned to remove their shelters or were given written notice to do so within 21 days and to obtain accommodation where their residence would not be illegal.

Vital meeting over beach issue today

E. Post 18/3/86.

By BESSIE BOUWER

PORT ELIZABETH'S thorny open beach issue will be discussed by the Policy and Resources Committee today, when it considers a recommendation by former mayor, Mr Ivan Krige, that — with the consent of the Administrator — beaches be opened to all race groups from July.

In a letter Mr Krige says that beaches should be opened "irrespective of the contents of the report to be submitted by the City Engineer"

The report, compiled by the City Engineer, Director of Parks, City Treasurer and Legal Officer, comes before the committee today.

Mr Krige also suggests that "every effort be made, at the earliest possible date, to ensure that the facilities, for use by the public, are adequate on all the affected beaches".

In today's report, the City Engineer, Mr Arthur Clayton, refers to a Policy and Resources meeting in 1980 when the same issue was considered and a report on the allocation of beaches was called for.

Preparation then involved a considerable amount of work and was only finalised 14 months later, says Mr Clayton's report.

"We have now come virtually full circle back to the point where we started in early 1980," he says.

The 1981 report on the re-allocation of beaches will be available to the committee today. According to this report, the white population group has access to a wider variety of coastal characteristics than any other population group.

Coloureds, Indians and Africans do not enjoy the same choice of coastal recreational activity as whites. Furthermore the coastal allocation for the various population groups is unsatisfactory.

Mr Clayton says in today's report that although certain development has taken place since 1981, there have been no significant changes, except for an increase in population figures.

In November 1982, the council resolved that the Policy and Resources Committee discuss with the coloured and Indian management committees the practical implications of open beaches and the provision of adequate facilities at the beaches in PE, not abutting existing residential areas.

These discussions have apparently not taken place, says Mr Clayton

Mr Clayton says it is extremely difficult to establish the need for beaches by Africans. At present they make little use of the beaches allocated to them — due to the location, difficulty of access and the facilities on the beaches.

If they were permitted access to better, safer beaches, they would make better use of them. Political considerations also affect the extent to which the beaches are used by blacks, says Mr Clayton.

Coloureds do not seem to be affected to the same extent by political considerations.

"All that can be said with any degree of certainty regarding the needs of the various race groups is that, except for possibly two or three days during the Christmas/New year period, all the white beach users could be accommodated on King's Beach."

Pressure on council from other groups to be given right of access to one or more "whites only" beaches is "purely a political issue", says Mr Clayton

He suggests certain options including opening all beaches without charge; allowing certain free open beaches; opening certain "pay" beaches; re-allocating certain white beaches to different groups with free access; or re-allocation on a controlled pay basis

Mr Clayton's report says it is impossible to estimate the cost of controlling access to a pay beach or to work out any details until council decides which beach it is prepared to desegregate. Additional facilities will be necessary and this will involve capital expenditure of about R1 million.

No provison has been made on the capital programme for this expenditure, says Mr Clayton.

The cost of beach constables to supervise an open beach is estimated at about R160 000 a year

The Director of Parks, Mr Peter Gibbs, points out that there are no beaches allocated to African, coloured and Indian population groups on a racially separated basis.

There are only beaches set aside for the exclusive use of whites or undeclared beaches which are open to all population groups, he says.

The legal officer reports that the Separate Amenities ordinance "empowers the Administrator to direct a local authority which has control of any beaches, to set them apart for use by any particular race group".

He says that the matter cannot be taken any further until the council decides on one of the options available and identifies a beach or beaches to be desegregated.

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Beach apartheid may be reversed

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Municipal Reporter

PRESSURE from management committees, white ratepayers' associations and local areas liaison committees may pressure the Divisional Council into scrapping apartheid on all its beaches.

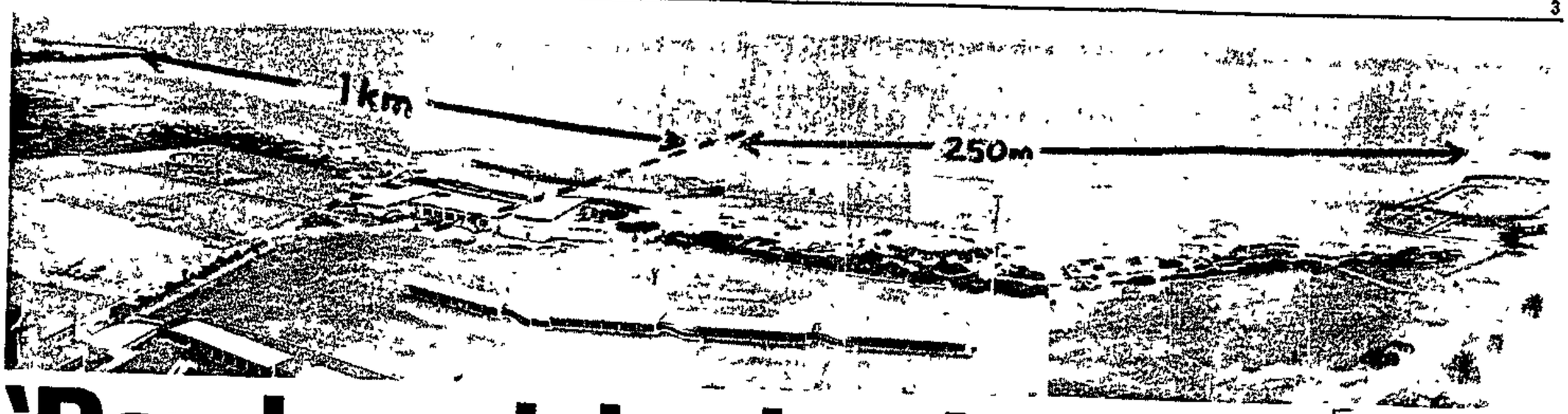
The council canvassed these organizations for their opinions on open beaches last year and the response has been an almost unanimous "no" to beach segregation.

After considering the replies yesterday, the council's works committee has recommended in principle that beaches be opened, but that the question of additional controls on the beaches be investigated before any further steps are taken.

The council will consider the matter at the end of this month, but is unlikely to go against the wishes of the management committees — which it insists are the true representatives of the coloured community — or white ratepayers' associations.

The scrapping of beach apartheid will be a victory for the liberal faction on the Divisional Council which has failed in previous attempts to revise the council's apartheid policies.

It will be a particular victory for PFP National Organizer Mr Neil Ross, who first suggested that the management committees be consulted.



'Pay beach invitation to conflict'

THE introduction of only one desegregated "pay beach" on a portion of Port Elizabeth's King's Beach is a delaying tactic by the City Council's Policy and Resources Committee and an invitation to racial confrontation, according to former Mayor, Mr Ivan Krige

Mr Krige said today he would introduce a motion at next week's City Council meeting that all the beaches be opened to all races from July 1

"And if I don't succeed this month, I'll keep trying until the City Council accepts the inevitable."

At yesterday's meeting, the committee rejected a similar motion by Mr Krige, but accepted in principle that a portion of King's Beach, known as the S-bend, be opened to all races by July 1.

The acting chairman, Mr Alan Ward Able, said the pay beach would stretch from the harbour wall to the area opposite the miniature railway

The rest of King's Beach to the McArthur Bath would remain a non-pay "whites only" beach

Mr Arthur Clayton, the city engineer said today the dividing line had not been precisely defined

Mr Krige said today it was ridiculous that blacks would have to pay for a certain strip of the beach while whites could use the other portion free

Blacks in the city were desperate and this type of situation would lead to further frustration which could only end in violence and bloodshed, he said

Mr Krige said the city engineer had yesterday reported that Cape Town's experiments with mixed, pay beaches were not a success It seemed odd that the Policy and Resources committee had now decided this experiment should be applied to a portion of King's Beach

Mr Ward Able said yesterday it was impossible for the committee to estimate the cost of controlling access to a pay beach The city engineer had been asked to report on the costs which included some form of fencing and gate control point

Additional facilities would include toilets and change rooms

All these costs would have to be worked out and placed before council, he said

No provision had yet been made on the capital programme for this expenditure, said Mr Ward Able.

He said a motion by Mr Krige that all beaches be declared open from July 1 had been discussed at great length before the committee decided to accept the option of a pay beach

The report from the City Engineer would come before the committee next month, and the recommendation would then be discussed at open council

It was hoped that the pay beach would be opened by July 1, said Mr Ward Able

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This is how King's Beach will be divided if a pay-beach system is introduced. The pay-beach will be on the left of the dotted line running from in front of the lifesavers' tower to the breakwater and the all-white beach to the right, taking in the amenities of the McArthur Bath complex. The super-tube will be for all races, while the little train remains for whites only.

UDF hits at pay beaches

Post Reporter

THE United Democratic Front in the East Cape has dismissed the "pay beach" recommendation as opportunistic and ludicrous.

Mr Edgar Ngoyi, the regional president of the UDF, said the pay beach system was aimed at averting international embarrassment.

He said a pay system would exclude the unprivileged masses and was a clear indication that the council was not interested in dismantling apartheid.

"Some of the beaches will be reserved exclusively for white use," he said.

Mr Ngoyi said the City Council decided to spend more than R1 million on the upgrading of beaches while ignoring a basic responsibility to solve the endemic housing crisis

Pay-beach idea rejected in Durban

Post Reporter

THE idea of pay-beaches for Durban during the last holiday season was scrapped soon after it was suggested, the acting chairman of Durban's management committee, Mr Neil MacLennan, said in an interview today

"No way would we have been able to patrol the fences Anyway, it's worked out quite well for us the way things are now

"There were no racial incidents at any of our mixed beaches last season. We had cases where people were not properly clothed. Bare bosoms are okay in the Mediterranean but not in keeping with our standards.

"Gently and politely these people were asked please to dress properly," Mr MacLennan said

Durban's beachfront, where most of the hotels catering for holiday-makers are found, are open to all races. Addington Beach, North Beach and South Beach are reserved for whites.

The coloured people, the Indians and black people have one beach reserved each.

The chairman of Durban's amenities committee, Mrs Ros Sarkin, said

"Pay-beaches are not in keeping with our outlook. Early on we decided against the idea

"Speaking in my personal capacity, I think the idea is most offensive to non-whites"

Pay-beaches were introduced in Cape Town last season "to reduce over-crowding" at Camps Bay Beach, Milton Beach and Mnandi Beach, but were scrapped "after a month or two", the acting Town Clerk in Cape Town, Mr Gys Hofmeyr, said in an interview

Pressure to open beaches

CAPE TOWN — Pressure from management committees, white ratepayers's associations and local areas liaison committees may force the Divisional Council into scrapping apartheid on all its beaches

The council canvassed these organisations for their opinions on open beaches last year and the response has been an almost unanimous "no" to beach segregation

After considering the replies this week, the council's works committee has recommended in principle that beaches be opened, but that the question of additional controls on the beaches be investigated

The council will consider the matter at the end of this month, but is unlikely to go against the wishes of the management committees or ratepayers's associations — Sapa

More vote for open Peninsula beaches

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By GAYE DAVIS, Staff Reporter

THE Cape Divisional Council has been given an overwhelming mandate by its ratepayers and residents to open its beaches — and will tomorrow consider desegregating all its coastal facilities.

Beach apartheid could soon be a thing of the past on all Peninsula beaches except Simon's Town.

Before the council will be recommendations from its works committee proposing that:

● It agree in principle to open all beaches within its jurisdiction to all races;

● That it approach municipalities for their comments on the proposed opening of the beaches;

Controls

● That heads of departments consider and report on adequate controls and the provision of extra facilities to cope with increased numbers using the beaches;

● That the Cape Provincial Administration be approached for financial aid in providing extra facilities and controls;

● That a sum for this be provided for in the 1986/87 budget estimates; and

● That the Administrator, Mr Gene Louw, be asked for his approval.

If accepted, every beach on the Peninsula bar Simon's Town will be desegregated.

Cape Town City Council has already opened its beaches and Fish Hoek municipality recently followed suit. Simon's Town's municipality has taken no decision.

Management committees, ratepayers' and civic associations were asked to comment on a motion by divisional councillor Mr Neil Ross in November last year that beaches within the Divisional Council's boundaries be opened.

No opposition

Replies included the Elsies River, Cravenby, Ocean View, Grassy Park management committees, the Kommetjie, Bloubergstrand, Hout Bay and Llandudno ratepayers' associations, the Zeekoevlei Civic and Tokai Residents' associations and local area representatives of Constantia and Ottery-East.

Not one opposed the move and several said they had appealed for beaches to be opened to all "for many years".

The Bloubergstrand Ratepayers' Association said it would abide by the council's decision but added that its beach facilities were already inadequate and urged measures "to control visitors effectively".

Mr Ross said today the response indicated that politicians were "lagging behind the public" in their attitude to the removal of beach apartheid.

"Given the present climate I am optimistic that the recommendations will be accepted by the council," he said.

City told to open beaches

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Dispatch Correspondent

PORT ELIZABETH — The Midland Chamber of Industries (MCI) has come out in strong support for the opening of Port Elizabeth's beaches to all races from July 1.

The MCI's executive committee said, in a statement released at the weekend, that to open the beaches to all races was one way of retaining the viability of industry in the city and the livelihood of citizens.

It called on all councillors to support the motion of a former mayor, Mr Ivan Krige, who suggested at the council's policy and resources committee meeting last week that all beaches should be opened to all races as from July 1

However, when the motion was put to the vote, the committee opted for a "pay beach system" which will desegregate a large part of King's Beach

Mr Brian Matthew, MCI director, said last night that the council should realise that it was all these "silly issues which keep us in the limelight overseas and are distorting the issues for the multinationals operating in Port Elizabeth All these small issues are responsible for the pressure from parent companies overseas to withdraw from South Africa"

The executive committee of the MCI warned the city council that it cannot continue to practice apartheid and retain the support of major foreign and South African companies

They warned the council of the "grave results flowing out of its inability to recognise what it has to do to ensure that multi-national companies can continue to operate in this city"

The statement continued "The chamber recognises that political issues are extremely sensitive and generate emotions, but the hard facts of reality are that Port Elizabeth cannot hope to retain the support of foreign and large South African company investment in the city — and practise apartheid.

"Port Elizabeth has positively faced up to today's realities in many areas, such as opening the CBD to all race groups There is also no longer discrimination in factories and cinemas are open to all

"Against this background, it is difficult to understand the lack of courage by certain councillors to vote for the opening of the beaches under its jurisdiction

"To ensure the viability of industry, and the livelihood of its citizens, the executive committee appeals to all city councillors to support Mr Ivan Krige's motion that all beaches be opened to all races as from July 1."

Indian plane lost in snow

NEW DELHI — Search parties have found no trace of an Indian Air Force AN-32 transport plane which went missing on Saturday

Rescuers were struggling through snow-bound mountainous terrain in southern Jammu and Kashmir State in search of the aircraft, carrying a crew of three and about 20 passengers — Sapa-RNS

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Le Grange: bannings will be examined

Dispatch Correspondent

PORT ELIZABETH — The Minister of Law and Order, Mr Louis le Grange, has said the validity of all cases like the banning of Mr Mkhuseli Jack will have to be re-examined and "put right if necessary".

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He said this in a telexed affidavit submitted to the PE Supreme Court on Saturday, when the ban on Mr Jack was declared invalid However, Mr Le Grange said he would consider new banning orders

Saturday's court ruling followed a decision by the Appeal Court in Bloemfontein on Thursday which annulled detention orders on 16 anti-apartheid activists because Mr Le Grange had failed to give reasons for the detentions

As a result of this ruling, the minister said, he did not contest the appeal made on the same point of law by Mr Jack

The minister said in his affidavit he gave cognisance to the ruling which stated the banning notices served on the 16 activists were invalid because the orders did not comply with Section 28 (3)(b) of the Internal Security Act.

In the banning order against Mr Jack, the minister stated he was satisfied Mr Jack was promoting activities which endangered the state, but did not furnish the reasons which led him to this conclusion Two five-year orders were served on Mr Jack on March 11 one prohibiting him from attending gatherings and the other confining him to his home, except between 6 am and 7 pm on working week days

About 14 people in South Africa including Mrs Winnie Mandela, the wife of the jailed African National Congress leader, Mr Nelson Mandela, are affected by banning orders An application for Mrs Mandela's recently amended banning order to be declared invalid is to be

Zola makes it a double

From IAN HOBBS

LONDON — Zola Budd raced to the greatest barefooted victory of her life yesterday as she captured the women's world cross country title for the second year in succession in wet and windy Neuchatel, Switzerland

The 19-year-old Bloemfontein girl ignored sleet, rain, buffeting winds and a treacherous surface to typically dominate the classic 4 650 metres event from start to finish in 14 mins 49.6 secs

The fragile looking little teenager, who is to be presented to Prince Philip and possibly also the Queen at Buckingham Palace on Wednesday, finished 18,2 seconds and nearly 300 metres ahead of the field

The second placed runner, Lynn Jennings of America, had her spirit crushed at the half way stage

Annette Sergent of France trailed home

PE Council sits tonight on 'open beaches' call

Argus Bureau

PORT ELIZABETH. — Port Elizabeth City Council was to sit tonight to consider opening the city's beaches to all races, under pressure from big business to vote "for or against apartheid".

Business and industry have told councillors they cannot continue with apartheid and retain the support of major foreign and domestic corporations.

Former mayor Mr Ivan Krige has proposed the move in the wake of controversy that peaked when troops were stationed at a beach entrance during a visit by Commonwealth dignitaries last month.

He wants the beaches opened from July 1, with the approval of the Administrator, Mr Gene Louw.

Police and troops guarded beaches after a council subcommittee ordered prosecution of blacks defying beach apartheid and motor giant General Motors pledged to support any employee prosecuted.

But the committee's decision was later overturned by the full council.

Mr Krige said today that councillors had received letters from the city's chambers of commerce and industries, and from GM managing director Mr Bob White urging them to open the beaches.

Mr White has bluntly told councillors: "Essentially the question you must decide is whether the council is for or against apartheid continuing in this community."

The Midland Chamber of Industries says in its letters that councillors have to realise that the council cannot practise apartheid and still retain the support of major foreign and South African firms.

Mr Tony Gilson, director of the Port Elizabeth Chamber of Commerce, said the chamber had urged councillors to support the motion of opening the beaches.

Divco keeps beach race restrictions — by one vote

Staff Reporter

THE Divisional Council today decided by one vote not to open its beaches to all races at this stage.

Instead, after a lengthy debate, the council accepted a motion from Mr A L J Powell to refer the matter back to the works committee for further consideration and recommendations on crowd control and to canvass other municipalities for their views.

Council will vote again on the issue after these steps have been taken.

At today's monthly meeting chairman Mr L J Rothman was one of seven councillors who supported Mr Powell's motion. The deputy chairman, Mr J J Walsh, was among the six who voted against it.

Mr Neil Ross, who introduced the motion to open beaches, said 11 civic associations favoured the idea.

"It is an illustration that councillors are behind public opinion instead of leading public opinion," he said.

His advice to people not in favour of crowded beaches was to "stay away from them".

Supporting Mr Ross, Mr Walsh said: "We are talking about depriving people of a God-given amenity. We are trying to redress a situation which is based only on racial grounds."

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Intentions on beach issue apparent tonight

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By BESSIE BOUWER

INTENTIONS regarding the desegregation of Port Elizabeth's beaches will be made clear at a City Council meeting today when the former Mayor, Mr Ivan Krige, moves a motion that all the city's beaches be opened to all races from July 1.

This is the second time this month that Mr Krige has moved this motion. It was overturned at last week's Policy and Resources Committee meeting when it was accepted in principle that a portion of King's Beach, known as S Bend, should be opened to all races as a pay beach.

The rest of King's Beach to the McArthur Bath was recommended as a free beach for whites.

The decision has been widely criticised as encouraging blatant apartheid and discrimination.

The management committees have condemned the move and both the Midland Chamber of Industries and the PE Chamber of Commerce have warned council about practising apartheid.

They have called on councillors to support Mr Krige's motion tonight.

The outgoing president of the PE Chamber of Commerce, Mr Frank Wightman, last night warned that if the city's beaches were not opened to all it would result in "confrontation" and have a "detrimental effect on the economy of Port Elizabeth".

Addressing more than 100 delegates and guests — including the Mayor and city councillors — at the annual meeting of the chamber in the City Hall, Mr Wightman emphasised the chamber's view that it could not support any legislation that discriminated between South Africans on the basis of the colour of their skins.

"The chamber believes that this applies to all legislation, whether at national or local level, and therefore believes the City Council should commit itself publicly, as a matter of duty to all citizens of Port Elizabeth, to open the city's beaches.

"If not, I can foresee confrontation and a detrimental effect on the economy of Port Elizabeth," said Mr Wightman.

The managing director of General Motors, Mr Bob White, has also sent letters to all city councillors urging them to end apartheid on the beaches

He criticised the decision by the Policy and Resources Committee as discriminatory and a "sham"

At last week's committee meeting, facts relating to the investigation into the allocation of the city's beaches were also made available. The City Engineer, Mr Arthur Clayton, made it clear that "we have now come virtually full circle back to the point where we started in early 1980".

Mr Krige has warned that if the majority of councillors reject his motion at today's meeting, he will "keep trying" until the beaches are open to all races.

"The City Council can't keep nibbling at the problem — sooner or later the beaches will have to be opened and it should be done peacefully."

A pay beach next to a free white beach would aggravate frustration and lead to violence and bloodshed, said Mr Krige.

In today's motion, Mr Krige also requests that "every effort be made, at the earliest possible date to ensure that the facilities for use by the public are adequate on all the affected beaches".

Motor chief urges PE to decide on beaches

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Dispatch Correspondent

PORT ELIZABETH — The managing director of General Motors, Mr Bob White, has sent letters to city councillors here on the eve of tonight's council debate on the beach issue in which he urges them to decide "whether the city council is for or against apartheid contining in this community."

Mr White, who earlier this year stated he intended giving support to any GM employee confronted for using the beach of their choice, said in the letter the council in debating the issue "must address the broader issue of apartheid in every aspect of Port Elizabeth's existence."

Mr White could not be reached for comment on the letter last night, but a company employee confirmed the letter had been sent to all Port Elizabeth City Councillors.

In the letter Mr White said. "Essentially the question you must decide is whether the city council is for or against apartheid continuing in this community.

"Gradualism of any kind is no longer an acceptable alternative. I believe the citizens you represent as well as the business community have a right to know in which direction the city council intends leading us on this issue

"Without a clear statement of intent it will be difficult for moderate people to join with you in creating a renaissance for Port Elizabeth."

He added that should any doubt exist in councillors' minds as to the direction the majority of people in Port Elizabeth wished to be led, "I suggest action on the recommendation be delayed until consultation occurs."

"It would be regrettable if the mayor's notable efforts to instill pride in Port Elizabeth became "shame on Port Elizabeth" because of indecisiveness on the part of the city council," he said.

Criticising a recommendation by the policy and resources committee that part of Kings Beach be made a pay beach, Mr White said that "by any measurable criteria" the recommendation was discrimination and reflected "a throw them a crumb approach" toward ending apartheid on the beaches

"It will be seen as a sham by reasonable people of any colour and does discredit to the committee members who supported it," he said.

The contents of the letter were disclosed by a councillor, Mr Danie Dorfling, who said he was opposed to Kings Beach and Humewood Beach being opened to all races.

Mr Dorfling said he intended introducing an urgent motion at the council meeting that a referendum be held in Summerstrand and Humewood to see if ratepayers, who would be directly affected by these beaches being opened to all races, wanted them open.

He said he took strong exception to the contents of Mr White's letter, which he had received at the weekend and feared the councillors might bow to pressure from the business community and decide at the meeting to open the beaches.

If Mr Ivan Krige decided to continue with his motion that all beaches be opened, Mr Dorfling said he would personally propose a vote of no-confidence in Mr Krige and any councillor who supported it — even the mayor.

Asked to comment on Mr Dorfling's comments last night, Mr Krige said although he had always had high regard for Mr Dorfling, "I don't take very much notice of declarations of intent from the lunatic right fringe."

Cape council votes not to open beaches

Own Correspondent

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Motivating his motion to open the beaches, Mr Neil Ross said 11 civic associations supported the idea.

"It is an illustration that councillors are behind public opinion instead of leading public opinion," Mr Ross said.

He advised council to deal with the matter speedily and to implement measures to control people using its beaches.

"There are two types of control measures: physical and educational. We should not take the easy option of creating pay beaches. I am not in favour of fences or pay beaches."

He said the council's beaches would probably be overcrowded at Christmas and New Year.

His advice to people not in favour of crowded beaches was to "stay away from them".

Supporting Mr Ross, Mr Walsh said: "We are talking about depriving people of a God-given amenity — public open spaces. Beaches are public. We are trying to redress a situation which is based on no other grounds than racial grounds."

Mr Powell said he his objection concerning the opening of beaches was that the council had not consulted other municipalities.

He also wanted proper control measures like the creation of a strong force of beach constables, he said.

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PE council votes for open beaches

The Argus Bureau

PORT ELIZABETH. — Port Elizabeth City Council has voted heavily in favour of opening the city's beaches to all races from July 1.

Under strong pressure from businessmen and industrialists, the generally conservative council voted 14-7 last night to ask the Administrator, Mr Gene Louw, to allow the city to scrap beach apartheid.

But right-wing councillors said after an acrimonious debate harshly lit by the lights of foreign TV cameras that they would try to have the vote overturned.

"SANITY PREVAILS"

"Sanity has at last prevailed," former Mayor Mr Ivan Krige, sponsor of the open-beaches motion, said after the meeting.

The vote topped months of controversy which led to police and troops guarding the entrance to a whites-only beach on one occasion and prompted the head of General Motors, the city's largest employer, to promise support for any employee prosecuted for violating beach apartheid.

Right-wing councillor Mr Danie Dorfling of Algoa Park said he would try to organise a referendum on the subject by all Port Elizabeth voters. "That is, all Port Elizabeth white voters," he added.

Introducing the motion last night, Mr Krige said beach apartheid had occupied the council for too long, to the detriment of the city's other serious problems.

IMPERTINENT, ARROGANT

"It is impertinent and arrogant that because of the colour of their skin people are denied the use of a God-given facility," he said.

The city was "sitting on a volcano" and if the beaches were not opened "violence, confrontation and possibly bloodshed might result".

Conservative councillors argued that opening beaches to all races would harm tourism, that there was no money to provide extra facilities needed to accommodate an influx of blacks, and that the motion was a "left-wing tactic" to foment racial tension.

After the vote, Mayor Mr Ben Olivier said he had supported the motion after canvassing the business community's opinions.

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Council likely to drop pay beaches

Municipal Reporter

THE City Council is expected to abandon its pay beach experiment following a recommendation from its amenities and health committee yesterday that the system be scrapped.

This is a reversal of the position taken by the committee last year when it called for the fencing off of certain beaches and the charging of an entrance fee to control "overcrowding" and anti-social behaviour.

Yesterday's recommendation is also contrary to the advice of the City Council's director of bathing amenities, Mr J S Kloppers, who recommended that the system be retained with modifications.

But the committee has called on the council to scrap beach tariffs and to charge only for the use of the tidal pools at Camps Bay and Milton Pool in summer.

The charge of R1 for adults and 40 cents for children will be retained only within a fenced area around the pools.

Mr Kloppers said that since the removal of the fence at Camps Bay, incidents of theft, drunkenness, "undressing in public", children running uncontrolled across the main road and "dogs fouling the area" had been reported.

● The committee also recommended that the higher entrance fees at swimming pools over the holiday season be retained, but that they be charged only in December and January and not in February as they were this year.

Hotels, bars now open to all races

JOHANNESBURG—All race restrictions in hotels, restaurants and accommodation establishments have been scrapped in a move hailed as 'a vital breakthrough' by the hard-pressed hotel industry.

The necessary legislation amending the Liquor Act of 1977 was promulgated in the Government Gazette of April 2.

The director of operations at Fedhasa (the Federated Hotel, Liquor and Catering Association), Mr Fred Thermann, confirmed that amendments in the new legislation, the Liquor Amendment Bill of 1986, mean any person of any race can dance, eat, drink, swim or make use of accommodation in liquor-licenced establishments subject only to the normal right of admission.

The Liquor Amendment Bill is part of a general overhaul of the Liquor Act now under way, he said.

The critical wording of the Amendment Act is: 'Liquor may be supplied to any person, on any premises at the discretion of the licencee or authority holder.' 'Authority holder' refers to the Liquor Act.

'In other words, segregation in hotels on the basis of race is completely scrapped,' says Mr Thermann.

The breakthrough is the result of a decade of representations by Fedhasa and a year of detailed investigation and submissions, in consultation with the Liquor Board, the police, Government, liquor suppliers and other bodies

Taverns and pubs

Mr Thermann believes the changes will be positive for South Africa's image abroad. 'Hopefully it will also pave the way for a return of international tourism.'

Other major changes for the hotel industry are still in the pipeline

The Hotel Act is being amended and will revolutionise the industry, widening choice, introducing the 'garni' bed-and-breakfast type establishment and the tavern or pub, such as those found in Europe, said Fedhasa.

Meanwhile, a massive multi-million-rand promotional blitz aimed at stirring up the potentially lucrative internal tourism market will be launched in June when 400 000 South African homes receive a free, full-colour, glossy 'Get up and go' holiday guide from the South African Tourism Board.

The guide is being billed as the hardest sell yet produced by the board. The hotel industry, organised commerce, SAA and various other bodies are being encouraged by the board to create special packages for inclusion in the guide.

The upshot, says Fedhasa, is likely to be an excellent choice of inexpensive hotel packages which should go a long way towards encouragement of local tourism. 'The consumer can only benefit,' said Mr Thermann.

The all-out effort to encourage local tourism comes against the background of a severe fall off of international tourism. — (Sapa)

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Camps Bay beach fence may not be replaced

Municipal Reporter

FENCING at Camps Bay and Milton Road beaches will not be replaced if the Cape Town City Council approves a recommendation by its amenities and health committee.

However, the committee has recommended that the area surrounding the tidal pools remain fenced during December and January and that a fee — R1 for adults and 40c for children — be charged during those months.

The committee considered a report by the director of bathing amenities, Mr Jack Kloppers, and a report by the city engineer's department.

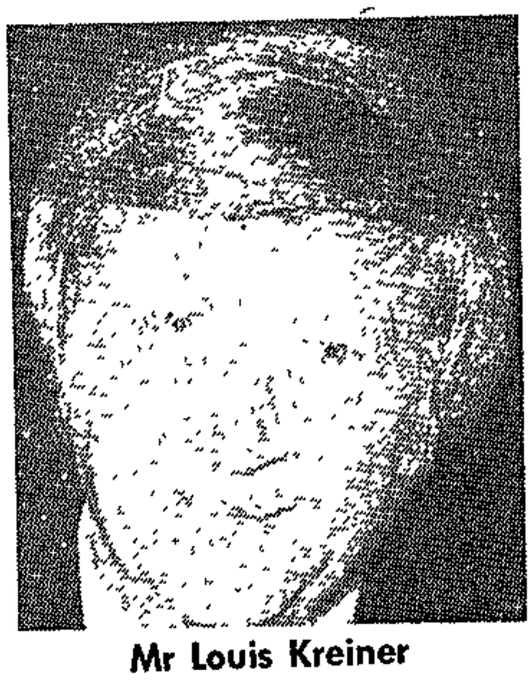
Unrest

Committee chairman Mr Louis Kreiner said that, subject to the council's approval there would be no beach charges, although controls would remain where it was possible to limit numbers.

Mr Kloppers said there had been no serious problems during the holiday season but beaches and pools were poorly attended.

He thought the main reasons were the economic situation and the unrest.

He said "mass overcrowding" would occur again if the next season were normal, so controls should remain. The Camps Bay pay-beach had been closed twice when the maximum of 3 250 people was reached. Ninety-five percent of the bathers were coloured.



Mr Louis Kreiner

The bathers said they knew they would be protected against undesirables, that their children would be safe and that facilities were there.

Low return

Mr Kloppers believed "not too much significance" could be attached to the Camps Bay and District Ratepayers Association's referendum in February (in which 62 percent opposed any controls). Many voters had not been canvassed, there had been a low return of cards (39,5 percent). Many people using the pay-beach were not ratepayers.

After the fence was removed there had been anti-social behaviour.

"This type of behaviour will undoubtedly increase to alarming proportions again in the holiday season if no fencing is provided," Mr Kloppers said.

Other recommendations approved were that:

- The pay-beach at Mnandi be abandoned.
- Control measures be re-applied at Saunders, Queens, Sunset and Rocklands beaches.
- The fence at St James be removed.
- The provision of toilets be investigated and the four braais be removed from Mouille Point beach.
- The seasonal tariff (R2 for adults) at pools be retained but only from December to mid-January.
- The special monthly card be retained at pools.

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Formal complaint over apartheid signs

By FRANS ESTERHUYSE
Parliamentary Staff

THE Labour Party today submitted a formal request to the Director of Publications to have all train and beach apartheid notices in South Africa banned as undesirable in terms of the Publications Act.

The application was submitted on behalf of the party in a letter signed by Mr Ismail Richards, MP for Toekomsrus and leader of the House of Representatives.

OFFENSIVE

The party says the apartheid notices are undesirable, in terms of provisions of the Publications Act, because:

- They are offensive to coloured people.
- They bring coloured people into ridicule or contempt.
- They are harmful to relations between coloured people and other race groups.
- They are, in the present political climate, prejudicial to the safety of the State, the general welfare or peace and good order.

RAILWAY NOTICES

The Labour Party's complaint to the Director of Publications refers specifically to the provisions of Section 47 (2) of the Publications Act of 1974.

The apartheid notices which the party regards as undesirable are:

- Notice boards demarcating railway coaches for the use of either whites or non-whites.
- Beach notice boards stating that the amenities have been reserved for whites or for coloured people.

The Labour Party's move is based on arguments put forward by Mr Willie Meyer, MP for Robertson, in a call for the banning of all apartheid notices.

Mr Meyer argued that there was a strong case to have such notices declared undesirable in terms of the Publications Act.

His campaign was based on the argument that apartheid notices were a violation of the dignity of groups and individuals and were harmful to race relations.

Mr Meyer said that with the necessary backing he was prepared to take the matter to the Publications Board, and if that failed, he said he was prepared to go to the Supreme Court.

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CITY/INTER

Sacos in row over 'ethnic' facilities

The Argus Corresponent

EAST LONDON. — Key aspects of policy came under fire at the South African Council on Sport (Sacos) general meeting here.

During an intense and sometimes bitter debate at the weekend, several delegates called for changes to policies on facilities opened by Government permit and those at universities built for particular ethnic groups, such as the University of the Western Cape.

Standing policy forbids members using such facilities.

CONCESSIONS

Strong ideological differences emerged but no decisions were taken.

Instead, it was decided to convene a special conference in August for a major review of policy.

Most attention was focused on concessions.

Delegates agreed that the Government's opening of facilities was a concession, but differed in their response.

Vice president Mr Joe Ebrahim said concessions never led to fundamental change.

"Nowhere in history has political freedom been won through acceptance of concessions," he said.

If one accepted the use of the facilities, there was nothing to stop the acceptance of the tricameral Parliament, he said.

"ULTIMATE GOAL"

Mrs I Joseph of the Western Province Council on Sport, said Sacos policy had been to ask people to sacrifice "for the ultimate goal".

Sacos discipline had been important in the past and should not be sacrificed now.

Arguing for change, Mr Mluleki George of the South African Rugby Union said concessions had been won through pressure by the people "and we cannot tell them their energies were wasted in their hour of victory".

Mr Gert Bam, president of the South African Senior Schools Sports Association, said it was time to change as pupils were clamouring to use facilities on the UWC campus.

In one instance pupils had told their teachers they would use the fields with or without their teachers' consent.

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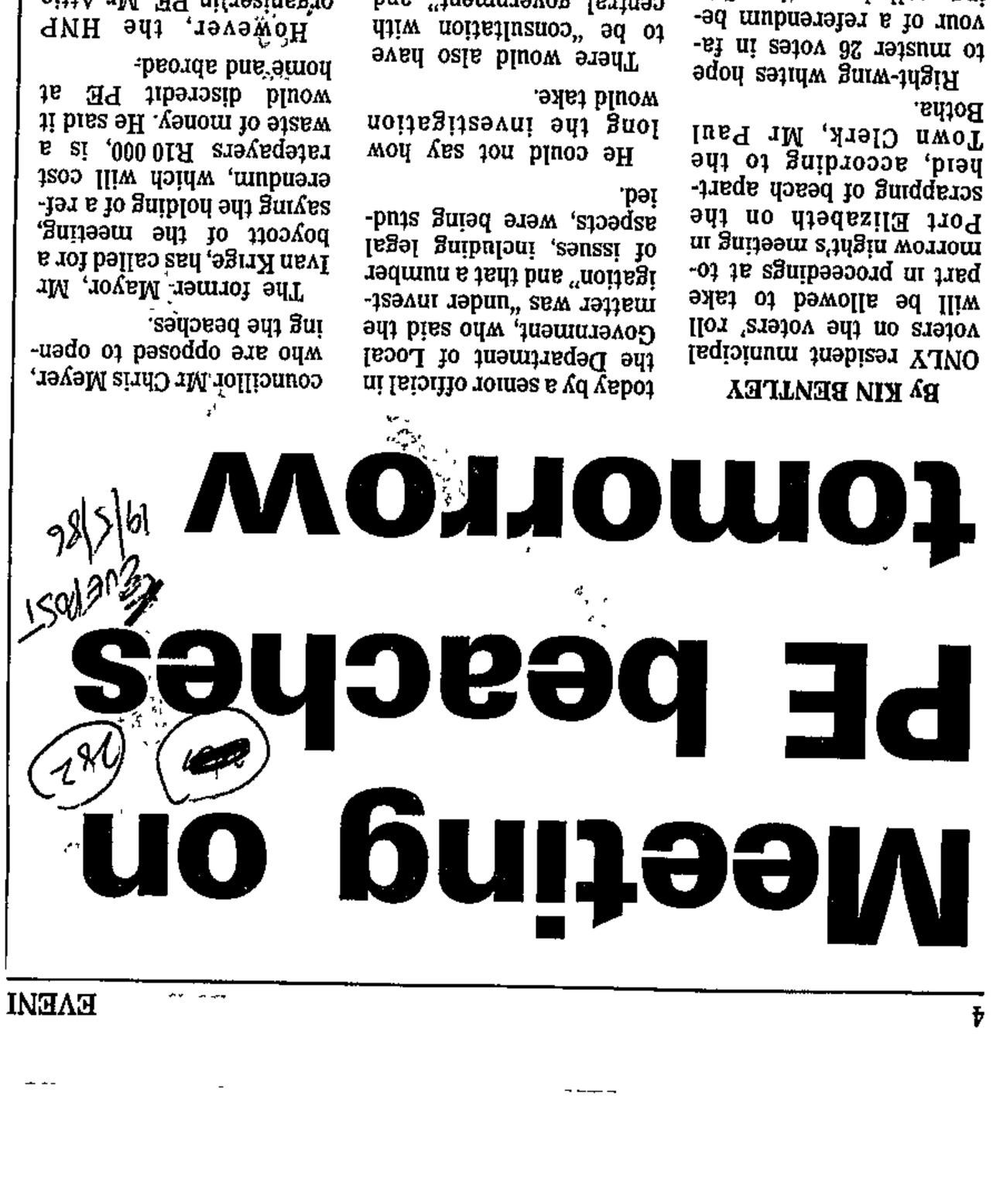
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AREA D: In all other areas.



Meeting on PE beaches tomorrow

By KIN BENTLEY

ONLY resident municipal voters on the voters' roll will be allowed to take part in proceedings at tomorrow night's meeting in Port Elizabeth on the scrapping of beach apartheid, according to the Town Clerk, Mr Paul Botha.

Right-wing whites hope to muster 26 votes in favour of a referendum being called on the City Council's 14-7 vote in March that the city's beaches be opened to all races from July 1.

Only 26 votes, equal to the number of councillors, are required to force a referendum — even if the majority of people at the meeting vote against the motion.

No final decision has been taken on the council's decision by the Administrator, Mr Gene Louw, who has the final say on the matter.

This was confirmed today by a senior official in the Department of Local Government, who said the matter was "under investigation" and that a number of issues, including legal aspects, were being studied.

He could not say how long the investigation would take.

There would also have to be "consultation with central government" and the Administrator's decision could only be taken when the matter came before the Executive Committee.

Mr Botha today spelt out the mechanics for tomorrow's meeting, which will be chaired by the Mayor, Mr Ben Olivier.

Only the Baakens Street entrance to the hall will be used. It will be open from 6pm, to enable people to have their names checked against the roll. The meeting will start at 7.30pm.

Each municipal voter councillor Mr Chris Meyer, who are opposed to opening the beaches.

The former Mayor, Mr Ivan Krige, has called for a boycott of the meeting, saying the holding of a referendum, which will cost ratepayers R10 000, is a waste of money. He said it would discredit PE at home and abroad.

However, the HNP organiser in PE, Mr Attie Loock, believes the money would be well spent.

No repetition of arguments will be allowed

Mr Botha said while non-voters would be allowed into the hall, should it be filled and more voters want to get in, non-voters would have to make way.

The meeting is a result of petitions by the Hergstige Nasionale Party and will get a document identifying him and only those with such documents can address the meeting and vote

412 - SECURITY SERVICES, CERTAIN AREAS.

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AREA D: Klip River and Newcastle.

Footnotes

1. Additional allowance - Bicycle allowance

2. Annual Leave - 'Staff' are [illegible] 18 days annual leave per y

PE beach meeting: Progs to protest

Post Reporter

THE Progressive Federal Party has been granted permission to hold a poster-demonstration outside the Feather Market Hall in Port Elizabeth tonight.

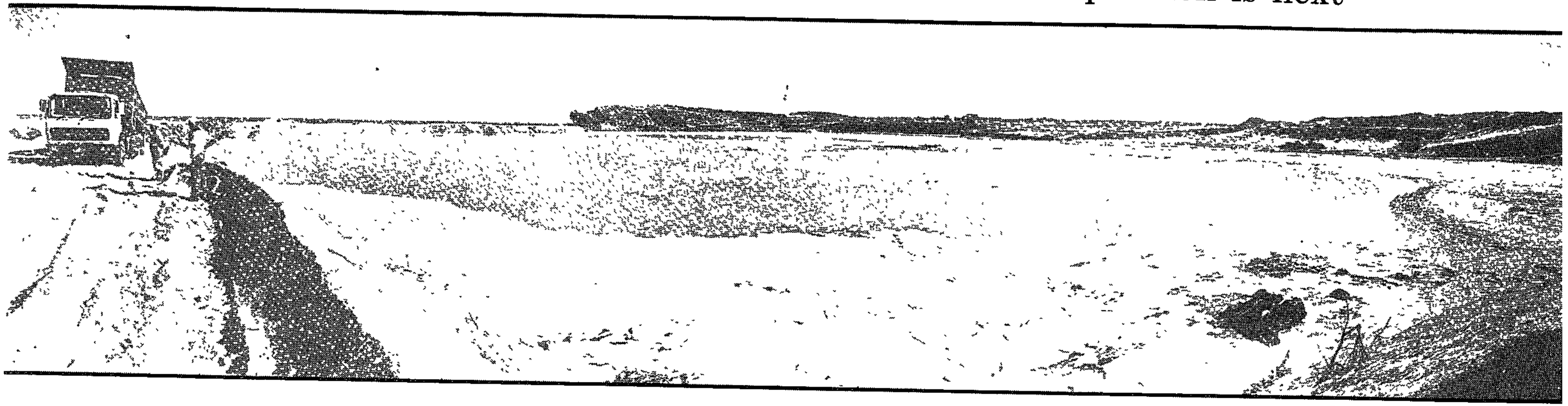
It is to protest at the holding of a meeting there from 7.30pm, at which right-wing whites, under the leadership of the HNP, will call for a referendum on the City Council's recent decision to open all the beaches to all races.

Explaining why the PFP would not attend the meeting, the chairman of the party in the Eastern Cape, Mr Ronnie Kaplan, said today that "the beach debate is over. There are far more important issues to address".

One of those to hold a poster will be the Vice-chairman of the party's regional council and a PE city councillor, Mr Rick McKiever. The poster is likely to read: "Beach apartheid is dead — forward South Africa."

Mr Kaplan said the PFP's demonstration was intended to "re-inforce the point that the decision (on open beaches) has already been taken, but that the PFP is not abdicating its responsibility."

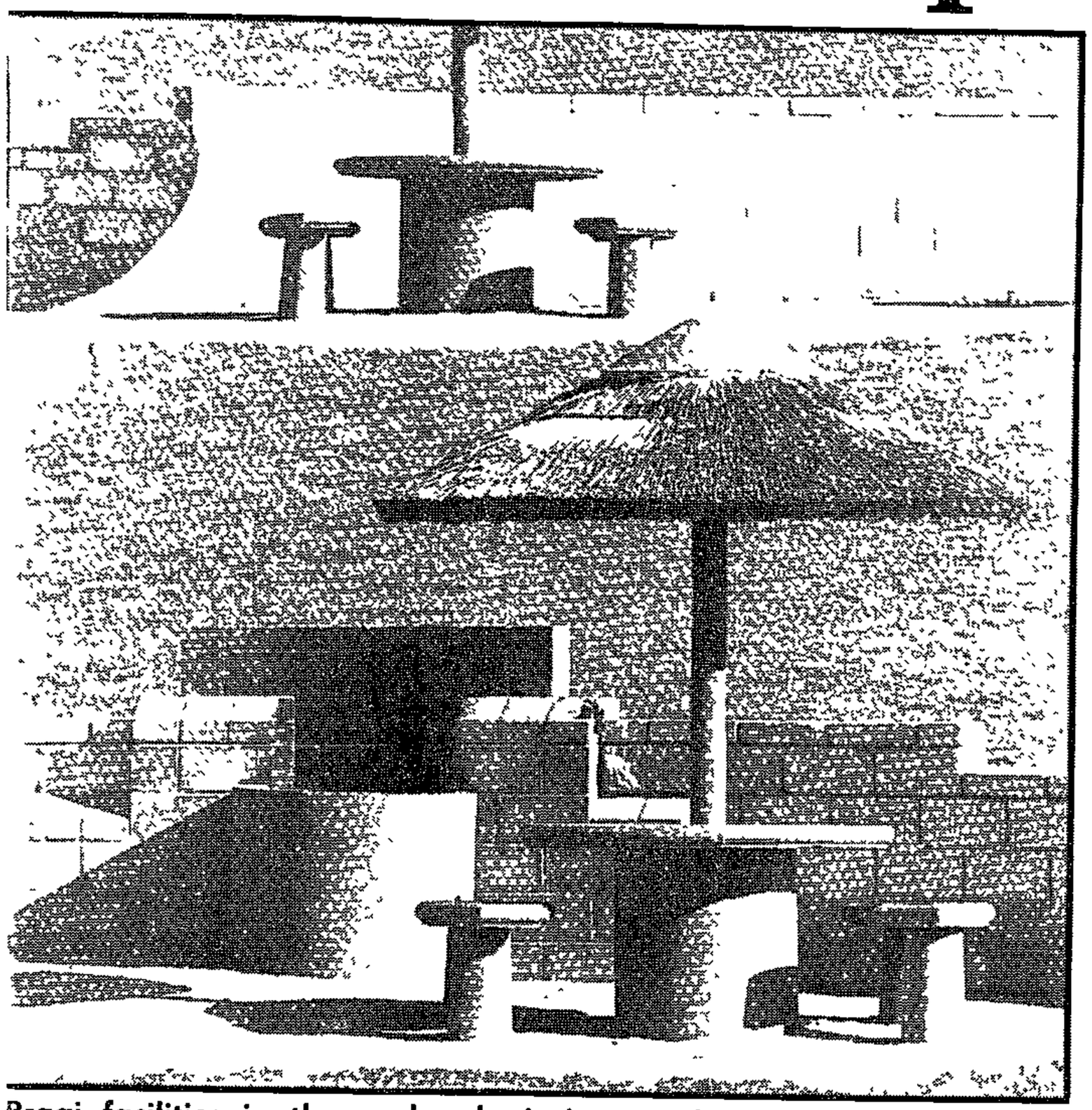
Taking shape along the False Bay coast — and a pavilion is next



Pictures: HANNES THIART, The Argus

A lorry load of sand is unloaded on to rocks at the tidal pool entrance.

R3.6 m tidal pool for Place of Comfort



Braai facilities in the enclosed picnic area have tables with fixed thatched umbrellas to shade picnickers.

By SHARKEY ISAACS
Staff Reporter

MONWABISI, a landscaped picnic site near Khayelitsha and Swartklip beach on the False Bay coast, is rapidly taking shape.

The multi-million rand project is being co-ordinated by the Divisional Council of the Cape and the Western Cape Development Board.

It is being built in three stages.

The first, consisting of a picnic site with braaivleis and picnic facilities, is nearly finished and two paddling fun pools for children costing R87 950 are being built.

Monwabisi, which means a place of comfort, will also have a R3,6-million tidal pool on which work is five months ahead of schedule. It is expected to be complete by the end of the year.

The pool has an evenly graded, sandy bottom for safe bathing, and the structural design, by marine consulting engineers, facilitates a continual flow of water to prevent stagnation

The picnic area was opened last November.

AFTER passing through the entrance gates, visitors enter an area of sloping lawns and indigenous vegetation.

Braaivleis and picnic facilities have been erected behind an earth windbreak.

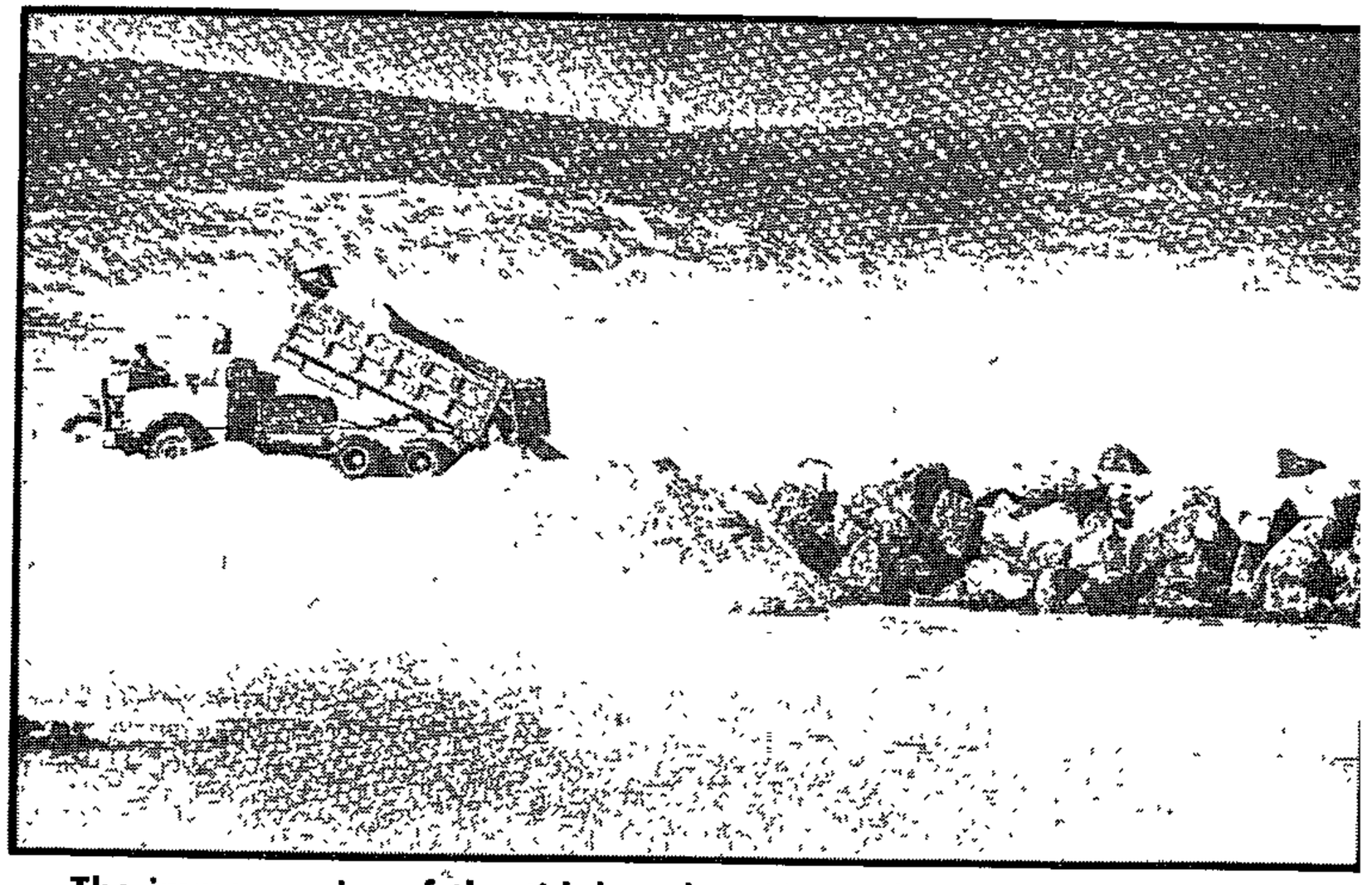
Parking bays, toilets, concrete tables and chairs have been provided and thatched umbrellas shade most of the area.

A caretaker's cottage with administrative offices, a tuckshop, toilets and changing rooms are situated near the entrance.

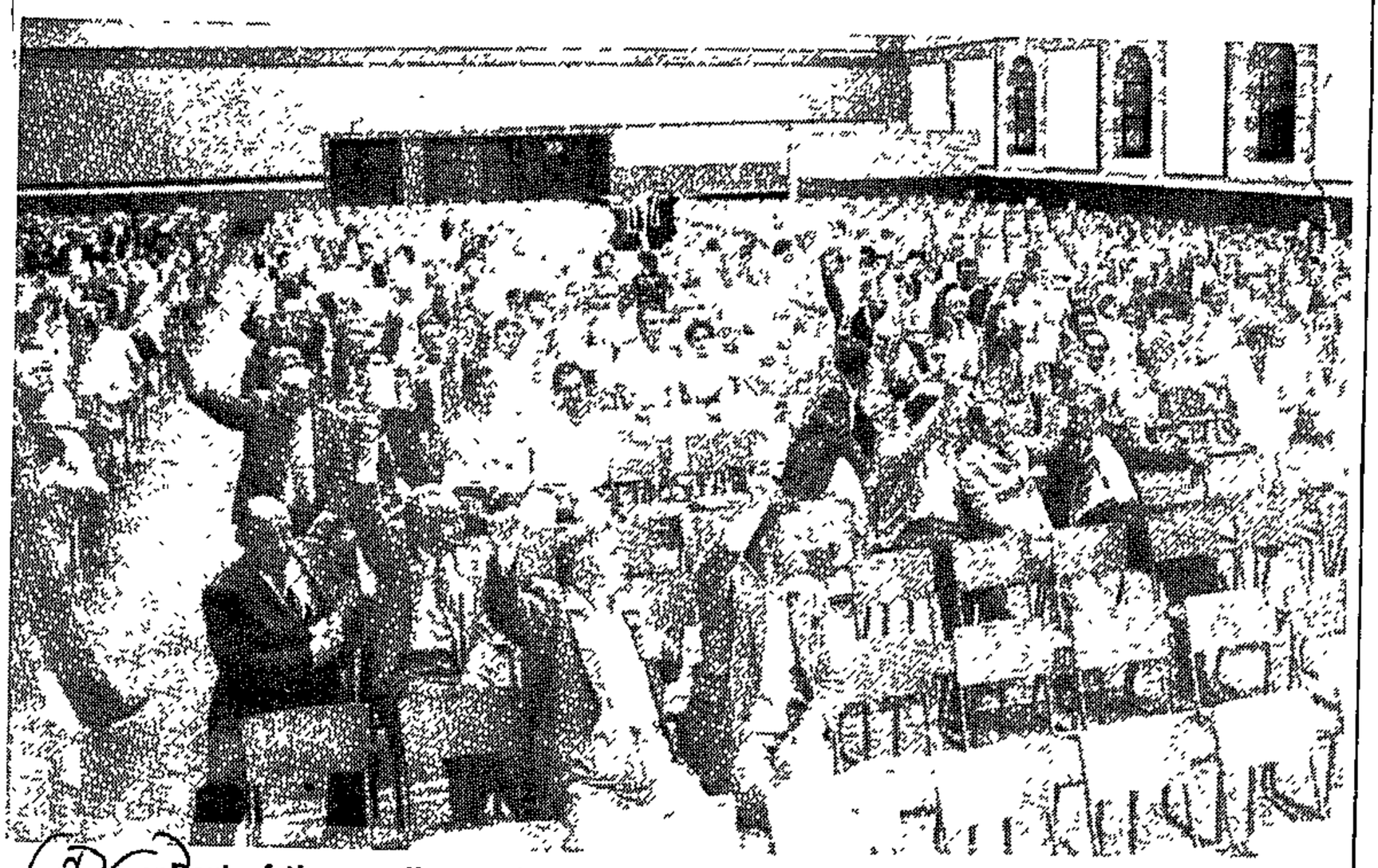
Mr Sampie Steenkamp, liaison officer for the Western Cape Development Board, said the board was looking foward to having "a place of comfort" by the end of next year

The second phase will include a pavilion and the last stage, a caravan park, camping site, more parking and the re-routing of the windin coastal road, is still on the drawing boards.

The Divisional Council is waiting for further funds before undertaking the final phase



The immense size of the tidal pool at Monwabisi is clearly illustrated as a tip-lorry unloads tons of sand on the outer wall.



Part of the small crowd which voted last night for a referendum.

Town Clerk reviews need for ballot boxes in every PE ward

Post Reporter

THERE will probably be only five ballot boxes in Port Elizabeth when ratepayers vote on June 20 for or against the opening of the city's beaches to all races.

The decision on the number of ballot boxes lies with the Town Clerk, Mr P K Botha, following the meeting last night in the Feather Market Hall at which 99 ratepayers voted for a referendum.

Mr Botha said today he had expected a packed hall last night.

A total of 160 people attended last night's meeting, but only 100 of them were ratepayers who voted.

"The original intention," Mr Botha said, "was to have ballot boxes in each of the 13 wards.

"I am reviewing the situation. Because so few people attended the meeting I expect there won't be a sufficient demand for polling stations in all the wards.

"Today I will look at the possibility of evenly spreading ballot boxes in the city — five boxes conveniently situated."

In March a majority of city councillors voted that the city's beaches be opened to all races.

Two petitions calling for a referendum to be held on the issue were then sent to the council.

An HNP petition carried 44 signatures and a petition submitted by councillor Chris Meyer had 144 signatures.

Last night 99 ratepayers voted for and one voted against the referendum. Twenty-six votes were needed to make the vote effective.

Nats, Progs may vote on same side

EVE POST 21/5/86

THE National Party might find itself supporting the Progressive Federal Party when the campaign gets under way for next month's referendum on whether to open PE beaches to all races.

In the 1983 constitution referendum, the PFP found itself calling for a "No" vote alongside the Conservative Party.

However, on this occasion the right-wing Herstigte Nasionale Party, which forced the referendum, looks set to stand isolated against the NP and PFP.

The regional chairman of the PFP, Mr Ronnie Kaplan, confirmed today that his party was "going to get involved" in the referendum on June 20.

Municipal voters will vote on the recent PE City Council decision to open all the city's beaches to all races on July 1.

While the local office of the National Party could not confirm by late today whether the NP would openly campaign for or against open beaches, indications are that the NP in PE supports open beaches.

When the City Council voted 14-7 in favour of desegratation, several well-known NP figures on the council supported the move, including the Mayor, Mr Ben Olivier.

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CREDIT TERMS AVAIL

'Court order could halt beach poll'

Post Reporter

SHOULD the Administrator of the Cape, Mr Gene Louw, decide before June 18 to accede to a request by the Port Elizabeth City Council to open the city's beaches to all races, a court application could be made to have the scheduled referendum on that day called off.

This is the view of the PE Town Clerk, Mr Paul Botha.

He said, however, that this was simply a possibility and would not be done in terms of the municipal ordinance, under which the referendum is being called.

The poll could become a futile exercise as the Administrator has the final say on the open beaches issue.

However, it could be argued that the referendum would be valuable in that the Administrator would have to take note of majority opinion on the issue.

CAPE Times 24/5/46

Open-beach requests 'under consideration'

Staff Reporter

PROVINCIAL COUNCIL. — The MEC for Local Government, Mr Willem Bouwer, yesterday released details here concerning requests from local authorities for permission to open public amenities, including beaches, under their control to all races.

Mr Bouwer was replying to questions by the leader of the Opposition in the Council, Mr Herbie Hirsch (Sea Point), and Mr Eddie Trent (PE Central).

In particular Mr Trent asked Mr Bouwer if his department had received such an application from the Municipality of Port Elizabeth, posted more than six weeks ago, and, if so, when a decision could be expected on the issue.

While Mr Bouwer replied that several applications had been received, only one — by the Divisional Council of the Cape in respect of the Cape of Good Hope Nature Reserve — has been approved by the Executive Committee.

All other applications were still under consideration, he said.

The local authorities who had applied, with details of their applications in brackets, were:

The Divisional Council of Dias (all beaches), Divisional Council of the Cape (Hout Bay beach and the Cape of Good Hope Nature Reserve), East London Municipality (Eastern Beach), Fish Hoek Municipality (all beaches), Port Elizabeth Municipality (all beaches) and Simon's Town Municipality (all beaches).

Replying to Mr Trent, and the PE Municipality — who intend declaring their beaches open on July 1 — Mr Bouwer said: "The entire matter is currently under investigation, and the municipality will hence have to wait for the outcome thereof before any further action is taken."

Mothers 2 to a bed while wards stand empty

WE Post 24/5/86

By BARBARA ORPEN

WHITE hospital wards are standing empty in Port Elizabeth while black maternity patients are having to sleep two to a bed.

This week the Opposition spokesman for health in the Provincial Council, Dr John Sonnenberg (PFP Green Point), said health facilities in the city needed to be reallocated.

He was approached for comment after the superintendent of Livingstone Hospital, Dr R E J Clarke, said he saw no immediate solution to his problem. A young mother described how she felt "devastated" at having to share a bed after queuing for an hour in the corridor just after her baby was born.

Dr Sonnenberg, said the real solution to the "drastic" problem of overcrowding in Livingstone Hospital was the opening of PE's white provincial hospital to all races.

"The great problem is that Livingstone is totally strapped for cash and Dora Nginza (a new hospital at Zwide) is limping along, and nobody knows when money will come in from the health services.

"The health resources in the town should be re-allocated. It is ridiculous that the city's biggest hospital, reserved for whites only, has had to close down wards in the past and Livingstone is bursting at its seams, with not enough beds."

Dr Sonnenberg said he had visited the Livingstone several times and had witnessed for himself the "shocking overburdening" of the hospital — and the problem had not improved in the last five years

He added that the Groote Schuur Hospital in Cape Town had been opened to all races and "doctors, nurses and patients of all races worked together in the wards — and the sky has not fallen down yet," he said.

"We simply cannot afford the luxury of separate hospitals any longer — let us utilise the resources we have and learn how to share."

A woman, who did not want to be named, told Weekend Post this week how she had been "devastated" to learn she had had to share a bed with another women in the maternity ward.

Describing her experience, the woman said "I actually had to wait in a queue for an hour in the passage for a bed — shortly after I had given birth to my baby.

"And then I discovered to my horror that I had to share the bed with another woman This after I had been admitted as a private patient and had paid my fee of R25 a day.

Dr Clarke said the desperate plight of women having to share in beds in the maternity ward is not likely to improve in the near future.

"I wish I had the answer to the problem, but I don't," he told Weekend Post

The accommodation crisis — caused by a shortage of beds — was a "fairly constant problem," he said

"The situation will only improve — but I can't say it will be solved — once the Dora Nginza Hospital is functioning properly and the renovations to our wards have been completed."

Dr Clarke said the situation had been aggravated by the fact that the main wards in the hospital were being renovated.

He anticipated renovations would be completed by the end of August, but stressed this would by no means solve the problem.

Asked how often women had to share beds, he said "It depends entirely on how people are admitted and the availablity of beds. I don't have the figures available. As much as I would like to have the answers, I don't have them."

Meanwhile, Weekend Post established from the superintendent of the Dora Nginza Hospital, Dr P Malherbe, that building operations for the completion of the hospital would start only in 1988.

"The real problem is that we do not have a proper hospital," he said. "We have only Phase 1 completed and have a fully-functioning casualty department

"But we are using all the available space we have for beds — due to the enormous demand. There are 220 beds, of which 76 are used for maternity patients"

Dr Malherbe said space was reserved for 46 overflow maternity patients from Livingstone Hospital, but as yet, there had not been a need for these patients to share beds.

The general manager of the Poli Clinic Greenacres Hospital, Mr S Blakey-Milner, said a maternity division, with 35 beds, would be completed in the hospital, which is non-racial, by the middle of next year.

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Racial notice opposed

Post Reporter

A PETITION circulated by the Thornhill Farmers' Association, opposing an apartheid sign and the erection of a gate at the Gamtoos River Mouth camping grounds, has been handed to the Dias Divisional Council.

Confirming this yesterday, the council's secretary, Mr Niegel Anderson, said the petition called for free access to the beach for all, and the removal of a "whites only" sign.

The sign was erected "at the request of certain people in the vicinity".

It is believed there are almost 600 names on the petition.

For generations, people of all races have enjoyed facilities at the Gamtoos River Mouth camping area.

The petition calls for decisions on the area to the discussed with the association, or with the councillor for the area, Mr Jack Engelbrecht, of Hankey.

Dias Council votes for 15% rates increase

By KIN BENTLEY

THE Dias Divisional Council approved a 15% rates increase, from July 1, at a meeting held in Port Elizabeth today.

The increase was approved by 13 votes to one. The only Port Elizabeth representative, Mr J P Alberts, opposed the motion. He got no seconder for his proposal of a 10% increase.

Mr Alberts said due to the city's economic conditions — "10 to 15 businesses are closing every month" — its residents could not afford this additional burden.

The chairman of the council's Finance and General Purposes Committee, Mr D Saks, said the average rates increase over the past few years was still well below the inflation rate.

He said the total estimated operating expenditure for the 1986/7 financial year was R22,9 million, of which 59% was derived from subsidies, 28% from rates and 13% from tariffs. The total capital expenditure was put at R5,7 million.

Mr Saks reported that the Cape Provincial Administration had increased the council's nature conservation subsidy. For example, the subsidy for the Van Stadens Flora Reserve this year would be 49%.

He said it had also been decided not to increase tariffs at any of the council's resorts this year.

Mr Saks said that due to a lack of funds, "considerable problems" with the roadworks programme would be faced by the council this year. An action committee, which held its first meeting on May 13, had been formed, as a result.

'No duty to apply beach laws'

EVE POST 27/5/86

By KIN BENTLEY

THE Port Elizabeth Municipality is not obliged to implement beach apartheid, if what happened in Cape Town is anything to go by.

Cape Town simply refused to erect apartheid signs, so apartheid fell by the wayside, says a top municipal official there.

The PE City Council has voted by 14-7 in favour of opening the beaches from July 1, but two months after that decision the Administrator, Mr Gene Louw, has still not endorsed it.

Meanwhile, a white municipal referendum will be held on June 18.

Cape Town's director of civic amenities, Mr J S Kloppers, said yesterday that for years the City Council's policy had been simply "never to enforce apartheid".

He believed that because the PE City Council erected apartheid notices "they presumably have to enforce it ... on behalf of the State".

Mr Kloppers said that as he saw it, PE did not have to wait for the Administrator to give the go-ahead to desegregate beaches. "They could just remove the signs and say they are not going to implement apartheid."

The council had decided to put up the signs and could just as easily remove them.

Explaining the situation in Cape Town, he said at Camps Bay and Clifton, which like PE's "white" beaches fall in a white group area, in terms of the law the council had to erect apartheid noticeboards so the police could take action if necessary.

But it refused to do this, so the police could not enforce the racial provisions.

"Another thing Cape Town did was establish a law enforcement division specifically for beaches — to prevent anti-social behaviour."

He said this permanent force of some 120 people enforced the council's by-laws, but not racial laws. "The fact that we had the division made the transition easier."

On the False Bay coast, apartheid noticeboards were erected by the Provincial Administration, after the council refused a request from them to erect boards.

However, although the police had implemented the segregation laws in False Bay "from time to time", the situation there had become "relaxed" in recent years, and the notices were being systematically removed

Asked if Cape Town had applied to open beaches to all, he said the council had "never recognised apartheid and never approached anybody, but just did it (desgregated) on its own".

The PFP MPC for Rondebosch and a Cape Town city councillor, Mr Jan van Eck, said: "In the past few years there has not been a beach prosecution."

Even where there were apartheid signs, these were insufficient to enforce beach apartheid.

He said the Attorney General for the Western Cape seemed to have accepted that beach apartheid could not be enforced. Charges against a number of people had been dropped. This was primarily because the signs "do not demarcate the area" and are not readily visible to every beach user.

When a 'Yes' may not be what you want

A "YES" in the beaches referendum in Port Elizabeth next month means voters support the motion that "all beaches within the municipal boundaries zoned for exclusive use of whites and which border on white suburbs NOT be open to use of people of other races".

A "No" vote is for open beaches.

As the ordinance controlling polls disallows identification, there are now fears that voting might be done in the names of "dead voters" and others who have left the city.

A spokesman for the Town Clerk's Department warned, however, warned that anyone posing or voting twice would be prosecuted.

Polling stations are.

Davies Stadium (Wards 1 and 2); Hellenic Hall, Parsons Hill (Wards 3, 4 and 5); NG Kerk Hall, Haupt Street, Sidwell (Wards 6 and 11), Newton Park Methodist Church Hall (Ward 7), Linton Grange Library hall, (Wards 8 and 9); Pieter Rademeyer Hall, Algoa Park (Ward 10), St Agnes Church, Grahamstown Road, (Ward 11); and the Italian Club, Charlo (Wards 12 and 13)

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One vote a person in PE beach poll

By KIN BENTLEY

VOTERS in next month's municipal referendum on open beaches in Port Elizabeth will have one vote each.

This differs from municipal elections, where voters who own or occupy more than one property, often have several votes.

The Town Clerk, Mr Paul Botha, said today this provision was contained in the municipal ordinance relating to such polls.

Meanwhile, both the PFP and HNP are concerned that their supporters might mistakingly vote the wrong way during the poll on June 18 — due to confusion over the question to be asked.

Mr Botha said today that municipal officials were trying to phrase the question in such a way that it met the requirements of the ordinance and at the same time did not confuse the voters.

Failure to comply with the requirements of the ordinance could invalidate the referendum result, he said.

The chairman of the PFP's referendum committee, Mr Wayne Mitchell, said the question would probably be phrased in such a way that people would know they were voting specifically on whether or not they supported the HNP-CP proposal — and not for or against open beaches.

The proposalis that "all beaches in the PE municipal area which in terms of the law are currently zoned for the exclusive use of white people and which are adjacent to established white areas, should not be opened for the use of people of other races".

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AREA C: George, Highveld Ridge, Klip River, Kroonstad and Potchefstroom, and the municipal areas of Bethal, Bethlehem, Newcastle,Pietersburg, Piet Retief, Standerton and Volksrust.

AREA D: Lichtenburg, Mossel Bay and Oudtshoorn and Municipal areas of Bothaville, De Aar, Kuruman, Queenstown, Upington and Vryburg.

PE seeks quick open beaches decision from administrator

Post Reporter

THE Port Elizabeth City Council last night decided to appeal to the Administrator of the Cape, Mr Gene Louw, to expedite his decision on opening the city's beaches to all races.

If the appeal is successful, it could mean that the referendum on the issue on June 18 could be cancelled.

Once Mr Louw takes a decision on the City Council's March 25 resolution to open all the beaches to all races, anyone could apply for a Supreme Court interdict halting the referendum.

The decision to appeal to Mr Louw was taken after it was raised as a matter of urgency at the end of the monthly council meeting by Mr Aubrey Braude.

Mr Braude argued that Mr Louw, who has the final say on the allocation of beaches, would have been told of the council's decision within a few days of March 23.

By the time Mr Braude raised his motion at the end of the meeting the two city councillors who had proposed and seconded the motion against the opening of the beaches at the public meeting, Mr Chris Meyer and Mr Danie Dorfling, had left the council meeting.



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Question in beach poll clearer

Weekend Post Reporter

"ARE you for or against the opening of all beaches within the Port Elizabeth municipal area which are at present zoned for the exclusive use of whites and which border on white residential areas, for the use of other population groups?"

This is the official question to be asked in next month's referendum, the Port Elizabeth Town Clerk, Mr Paul Botha, confirmed yesterday.

Mr Botha said this meant that instead of people voting either "yes" or "no" for the HNP proposal against open beaches during the referendum on July 18, they would simply vote "for" or "against" open beaches.

Some confusion had arisen, he said, because "we had to adhere as closely as possible to the proposal before the public meeting".

The best way had been to formulate it in the form of a question.

Mr Wayne Mitchell, the chairman of the PFP's referendum strategy committee, said he was "very pleased" that the question had been phrased as simply as possible.

Calls for Nats to vote for open beaches in PE

EVE POST 9/6/86 282

Post Reporter

SUPPORTERS of the National Party have been called on to join Progressive Federal Party supporters in voting in favour of open beaches at next Wednesday's referendum on the issue in Port Elizabeth.

And, in another development, the former Mayor of PE, Mr Ivan Krige, who motivated the pro-open beaches resolution which was adopted by council two months ago, has been challenged to attend tomorrow night's HNP meeting in Algoa Park

Urging all people, including those who in recent municipal by-elections backed candidates in favour of open beaches, to use their vote next Thursday, Mr Wayne Mitchell, chairman of the PFP's referendum strategy committee, said today that PE should "annihilate the right-wing element in the city" during the referendum

He said NP supporters should prove their sincerity about reform by voting for open beaches, thereby showing that there "is no place for the right wing, which is just damaging race relations, in PE".

Mr Attie Loock, the regional organiser for the HNP, today challenged Mr Krige to attend a meeting to be addressed by the HNP's sole MP, Mr Louis Stofberg, in the Pieter Rademeyer Hall tomorrow night

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Mlungisi to be upgraded

Dispatch Reporter

QUEENSTOWN — A multi-million rands three-phase project is underway for the upgrading of services to Mlungisi, the Chief Director of the East Cape Development Board, Mr Louis Koch, has confirmed.

The town clerk, Mr Peter Gerber, said high-mast lighting and high tension installations would be provided at a cost in the region of R1 018 264.

Mr Koch said the first phase comprised the servicing of 1 255 new sites. Work had commenced during March and the first 313 sites would be serviced by the end of September this year.

He said the balance of the project would be handed over in phases with the completion date set for June 1987.

"It may be mentioned that the high density sites, with the exception of 100 sites, will be serviced by the end of January 1987."

PE council unaware of Humewood plans

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By KIN BENTLEY

THE Port Elizabeth Municipality is unaware of plans announced by local National Party MPs yesterday to upgrade Humewood to the tune of R100 000 as a multi-racial beach.

This was stated today by the acting Town Clerk, Mr I S Terblanche, who was commenting on a statement issued in Cape Town yesterday by the three PE National Party MPs, on the eve of next Wednesday's referendum on open beaches.

The MPs, inter alia, stated that "one of us (the MPs) has already spoken to the city council (about the development of Humewood)" and that they had "already arranged a meeting with the city council to draw up motivation to the Government for more money for the 1987 financial year" for the further development of Humewood Beach.

They also announced that R100 000 additional revenue had been made "available immediately" by the Administrator for "urgent development" of Humewood beach, which they recommended should be the only beach south of the harbour opened to all races.

Mr Terblanche said today that to his knowledge "no formal meeting has been arranged to discuss upgrading Humewood Beach" as a multi-racial beach.

● Humewood Beach is not top of the City Council's plans for upgrading the city's beaches.

In a statement issued last month, the City Engineer's Department called for ideas from the public for the development of Kings Beach, in terms of a City Council structure plan for the beachfront areas from the breakwater to Cape Recife.

"The first area on which the council decided to focus more detailed planning is the King's Beach area," the statement said.

● A city councillor for the municipal ward adjacent to PE's white-zoned beaches, Mr Graham Richards, today condemned the NP's decision that only Humewood Beach be opened to all races.

Beach grant 'available immediately'

EVE POST 12/6/86

By KIN BENTLEY

THE MP for Algoa, Mr James Kleynhans, said today the R100 000 which he announced on Tuesday had been secured from the Administrator for the development of facilities at Port Elizabeth's Humewood Beach would become "available immediately".

This, he said, emerged after further discussions this week with the Administrator of the Cape, Mr Gene Louw.

He also disclosed that he intended making a concerted effort to secure funds next year from the Government to assist in major beach development schemes in the city over the next two years.

In a statement on Tuesday, the three PE National Party MPs said they believed Humewood Beach should be the only southern beach opened to people of all races.

Mr Kleynhans said today he would seek a meeting with the City Council next week to discuss urgent plans for building facilities, including additional changing rooms, at Humewood Beach, to cope with the increased number of people expected to use the beach should it be opened to all.

He said he also wanted to "get in early" to try to secure funds from the Government to help finance the construction of a groyne or extended headland at Humewood, which has been accepted in principle by the council.

According to a beach improvement report approved by council, the first of three headlands is planned to be constructed at Humewood at a cost of R1,1 million.

Reiterating his commitment to providing equal facilities for different groups, Mr Kleynhans said he would also try to secure about R750 000 for the extension of facilities at Brighton Beach.

Asked about this apparent rejection of the City Council's open beaches call, Mr Kleynhans said that at the moment there were inadequate facilities at the other white beaches to cope at peak periods should they be opened to all races overnight.

The Director of Parks and Recreation in PE, Mr Peter Gibbs, said today he had "seen no documentation" on the NP plans, but added that he was sure the money could be "put to good use" at Humewood.

Province statement on PE beaches expected

Post Reporter

THE MEC in charge of local government in the Cape Provincial Administration, Mr Willem Bouwer, is expected to release a statement tomorrow on the beach issue in Port Elizabeth.

This was confirmed by his secretary after Press inquiries into whether the Administrator of the Cape, Mr Gene Louw, would respond to the PE City Council's request —that all the city's beaches be opened to all races — prior to Wednesday's referendum on the issue.

The council voted on March 25 that all the beaches be opened to all races from July 1.

The Progressive Federal Party MPC for PE Central, Mr Eddie Trent, has speculated that no decision will be taken on the issue until the President's Council has completed a study of separate amenities legislation.

Business supports 'for' vote on beaches

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Post Reporter

ORGANISED commerce and industry in Port Elizabeth have come out unequivocably in favour of a "for" vote in Wednesday's referendum on whether the city's beaches should be opened to people of all races.

Mr Bill Oddy, president of the Midland Chamber of Industries, in a Press statement released today, said voters in PE should vote in favour of open beaches for two reasons:

● If moderate Africans, coloureds and Indians receive a message from PE's whites that they are "not prepared to share and do not want to take the path of reconciliation", they will "have no alternative but to join with the radicals".

● A "for" vote will "greatly assist those executives in foreign companies that have investments in PE", which they will be able to use as a "positive indication that their companies should stay in PE and, indeed, even make a further investment in this city".

Mr Oddy said the referendum was more than just a decision about sharing a recreation facility. It would be seen by blacks as a public expression of whether the white residents of PE wished to seek reconcilation with the other race groups.

Mr Tony Gilson director of the PE Chamber of Commerce, said today that, while on the surface the referendum might appear unimportant, the chamber nevertheless believed it was extremely important from a symbolic point of view.

He said the result would be "a symbol of the city's readiness to share its facilities with all residents".

"The chamber's view is clear. We support no legislation that discriminates among South Africans. This applies as much to beaches as other facilities and the broader issues as well.

"We don't believe a man should be denied access to the beaches solely because his skin is the 'wrong colour'."

● The chairman of the Students' Representative Council at the University of Port Elizabeth, Mr Leon Potgieter, has stalled in responding to a challenge by the chairman of the PFP Youth in the Eastern Cape, Mr David Walker, on where the SRC stands on the beach issue.

He said a statement by the SRC might be made on Monday.

Mr Walker said today that "because the campus is located next to the sea and there are black students at UPE, it is incumbent on the SRC to speak out on the issue".

Beach poll? What's that?

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"WHAT referendum?"

This was one reply in an Evening Post survey asking Port Elizabeth ratepayers if they intended voting in the beach referendum on Wednesday.

Another ratepayer asked: "Am I eligible to vote?"

And a third: "Do we have to vote in Walmer, too?"

A traffic officer, Mr N W van Antwerp, of Forest Hill, will "undoubtedly" go to the polls, as he believes it is "extremely important" to do so.

Mrs Joan Farren, of Central, who will be at the ballot box, said. "It's my civic duty."

A Walmer resident, Mr Andre Hanekom, will exercise his vote — now that he knows what the referendum is all about.

"What referendum is this?" he asked. When told, he expressed surprise.

"I thought the City Council had decided on open beaches. Will the result of the referendum change that decision?"

Mrs Diana du Toit, of Newton Park, thought she had "better go" to the polls.

Mrs Mary McGahey, of Walmer, replied: "I'm quite neutral about the whole issue. It's fine by me if they open the beaches and it's fine if they don't."

Mr Theo Maree, who lives in Fernglen, will definitely vote. "This is something that affects all of us and we should have our say."

A Rowallan Park resident, who declined to give his name because "now you're getting personal", will vote, but a Main Street businessman, who also refused to give his name, will not.

"It would serve no purpose and it won't worry me because I don't go to the beach," he said.

Case for and against open beaches in PE

By KIN BENTLEY

TOTALLY divergent calls relating to tomorrow's municipal referendum on open beaches in Port Elizabeth were expressed today by leading advocates of "for" and "against" points of view.

Mr Ivan Krige, a former mayor of PE, has called on white voters to send a positive message of reform to the Government, while another councillor, Mr Chris Meyer, said open beaches could lead to racial confrontation.

Tomorrow, between 8am and 7pm, municipal voters will respond to the following:

"Are you FOR or AGAINST the opening of all beaches within the PE municipal area which at present are zoned for the exclusive use of whites and which border white residential areas for use by members of other population groups?"

Mr Krige, who proposed the open beach motion approved by the City Council, said: "The Government states almost daily that it is totally committed to reform. I therefore find it incomprehensible that it should take up its present negative stand on a comparatively minor issue like open beaches.

"It is obvious that sooner or later our beaches will be open and if we open them now, as approved by the council but not yet by the Administrator, the change will come about peacefully and quietly. If not, the change will still occur, but only after open defiance resulting in unrest."

Mr Krige said he was convinced that, as with the city's libraries, if the beaches were opened to all races, the pattern of beach usage would not, in the long run, change significantly from what it was at present.

"I therefore urge all Port Elizabethans to vote positively, and for the Friendly City to set the Government an example in reform which it will find difficult to ignore."

Mr Chris Meyer, the councillor who moved the motion opposing open beaches that led to tomorrow's referendum, said the ratepayers of PE should prove tomorrow that the council's 14-7 vote in favour of open beaches was not representative of the city.

Mr Meyer, a supporter of the Conservative Party, said he did not think the opening of facilities, especially beaches, was the solution to South Africa's problems.

He believed opening the beaches could be "the spark in the powder keg" which could lead to confrontation.

Mr Meyer said he was opposed to the opening of Humewood Beach only, as advocated last week by the three PE National Party MPs, saying because it lay between other beaches he wondered "what fence will keep the black people out".

The regional director of the PFP, Mr Bobby Stevenson, today urged voters to support a "for" vote. He said the party would man all eight polling stations and would have an information centre at 17 Clyde Street. The office number is ☎ 521770.

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Good turnout in poll on beaches

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A long queue of municipal voters seeking information from voluntary Progressive Federal Party workers at the Hellenic Hall in Parsons Hill, Port Elizabeth, today. There was an unusually enthusiastic turnout for today's poll on the issue of open beaches in PE

By KIN BENTLEY

A STEADY stream of voters turned out for today's municipal poll in Port Elizabeth — nearly two a minute at some polling stations — to vote on whether or not the city's beaches should be open to all races.

Though the City Council recently voted 14-7 in favour of opening the beaches, the final decision rests with the Administrator However, the right-wing HNP and Conservative Party have forced a referendum on the issue in terms of a municipal ordinance.

Many polling stations reported a "steady flow" of voters, but the returning officer and Town Clerk of PE, Mr Paul Botha, said the final percentage poll should be about the same as for a municipal election

He said the result would be announced around 9.30pm on the steps of the City Hall

By lunchtime about 570 people — 5% of the voters in Wards 12 and 13 — had voted at the Italian Club in Charlo

By early this afternoon, 550 had voted at the Hellenic Hall in Parsons Hill and at the Davies Stadium in Humewood the figure was 520

By lunch 330 people had voted at the Pieter Rademeyer Hall in Algoa Park while at the Linton Grange Library the figure was 340

Voting was slower at the Methodist Church in Newton Park, where by mid-morning only about 130 people had voted, and at St Agnes Church Hall, Swartkops, where after two hours' polling, only 55 people had voted.

These are the polling stations.

Wards 1 and 2 (Humewood, Summerstrand, South End and Central, up to Western Road): Davies Stadium, Humewood.

Wards 3,4 and 5 (Mill Park, Linkside, Glen Hurd, Mount Croix and Central, from Western Road): Hellenic Hall, Conyngham Road.

Wards 6 and 11 (North End, Sydenham, Bluewater Bay and Swarkops): Dutch Reformed Church Hall, Sidwell.

Ward 7 (Fernglen, Sunridge Park, Newton Park): Methodist Church Hall, Newton Park.

Ward 8 and 9 (Linton Grange, Westering, Framesby, Kabega): Linton Grange Library Hall

Ward 10 (Algoa Park): Pieter Rademeyer Hall, Algoa Park.

Ward 11 (Swartkops and Bluewater Bay): St Agnes Church Hall, Swartkops.

Wards 12 and 13 (Walmer, Charlo and Lorraine): Italian Club, Charlo

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Poll on beaches is NP blamed

By KIN BENTLEY

THE blame for the "poor result" of the poll on the beach issue should be laid at the door of the National Party for calling for a boycott of the voting, a former Mayor of Port Elizabeth, Mr Ivan Krige, said today.

He was reacting to the 6 104 to 4 957 vote by PE's white municipal voters against opening the beaches to all races. There was a low 16,6% poll.

Mr Krige said the Government's "outrageous lack of guts in not giving a clear lead to its followers" had been largely instrumental in the victory for segregation.

"It will help materially to harden the views of the overseas protaganists of sanctions and disinvestment."

He said he was heartened by the fact that a majority of voters living near the beaches, in Humewood and Summerstrand, had voted in favour of opening them.

Happy with the result was the councillor for Algoa Park, Mr Chris Meyer, who said the result proved the council's 14-7 vote in favour of open beaches was not representative of the people of PE.

Mr Meyer said the fact that beachfront residents voted in favour of open beaches was not significant, as most of the Forest Hill voters would have opposed the move had they been able to get to the polls.

Mr Jay Kathan, acting chairman of the PE Indian Management Committee, and Mr Martin Jansen, chairman of the Northern Areas Management Committee, said the poll would have gone in favour of open beaches if Indian and coloured ratepayers had been afforded their democtratic right to vote.

Mr Kathan said he was delighted that residents of the suburbs nearest the beaches had voted 959 to 646 in favour of opening them.

Mr Kathan, local chairman of the National People's Party, ruling party in the House of Delegates, said the NPP would urge the Administrator to go ahead with opening the beaches. Mr Jansen said the NAMC would make similar representations.

A spokesman for the PE Town Clerk's Department said a special meeting of the council would be convened within 30 days of the poll. Whatever resolution the council took on the matter would then be conveyed to the Administrator, who is currently considering the

Beach issue: varied reaction from politicians

By DIRK VAN ZYL, Political Correspondent

CAPE TOWN — Today's reaction of MPs at Parliament to last night's referendum result on the Port Elizabeth beach issue referendum result ranged from profound disappointment, to outright elation.

The Progressive Federal Party MP for Walmer, Mr Andrew Savage, strongly criticised the National Party for having failed to give its followers a clear lead.

"History has proved that it has no place for fence-sitters," Mr Savage warned.

An elated Mr Louis Stofberg, the HNP's lone MP, said the result showed that "the masses of whites are not prepared to accept social integration".

He said it was a "stunning" sign of a swing to the right — "and in Port Elizabeth, not a city like Pretoria where one may have expected it more".

The NP MP for Algoa, Mr James Kleynhans, commented: "What has it now actually proved?"

The Administrator of the Cape, Mr Gene Louw, was not available for comment at the time of going to Press.

Mr Savage said the State President, Mr P W Botha, had 10 months ago in Port Elizabeth said that if apartheid meant racial discrimination, he was against apartheid. "This so-called reform Government has failed to give its followers a clear lead in PE. History has proved that it has no place for fence-sitters," Mr Savage said.

Many could not vote

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A NUMBER of ratepayers were upset and suspicious when they discovered they were not eligible to vote in the referendum on the open beaches issue.

Their names were not listed on the municipal voters' roll.

The anti-voters suspected "a PFP plot" and the pro-element pointed towards the right.

One right-winger calling the Evening Post said: "It was all rigged — sheer crookery.

"We've lived in our house 14 years, now they've never heard of us."

A doctor's wife with leftist leanings rang in high dudgeon 20 minutes after polling opened.

"My husband has been to vote at the Italian Club and he's the third person there already to be told he's not on the roll. We've been paying rates on this house for eight years."

Who was to blame?

Neither the right or the left. But the ratepayers.

They had not checked the municipal roll or registered themselves when the roll was open for inspection. Their names are not entered automatically when the city collects the rates.

Non-South African citizens can't vote anyway — unless they were on the roll before 1971.

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'Beaches are only for whites' say PE voters

PORT ELIZABETH. — White voters here have overturned the City Council's decision to open beaches to all races.

In a referendum yesterday, they voted 6 104 to 4 957 against opening Port Elizabeth's beaches. There were 22 spoilt papers and the percentage poll was 16,6 percent.

Port Elizabeth mayor Mr Ben Olivier, who voted for open beaches when the Council took its decision three months ago, declined to comment on the result.

The Eastern Cape regional chairman of the Progressive Federal Party, Mr Ronnie Kaplan, said the outcome was a sign that Port Elizabeth voters were not prepared to participate in reform.

Disappointed

Director of personnel at General Motors Mr George Stegmann said the company was "naturally disappointed".

Asked whether GM's offer of legal support for black people using beaches of their choice still stood, Mr Stegmann said the offer related particularly to a decision by a sub-committee of the Port Elizabeth City Council to prosecute blacks who used "white" beaches.

The company would wait for the final decision on the beach issue, to be taken by the Administrator of the Cape, before responding further.

● The Port Elizabeth referendum decision to maintain whites only beaches was a "disaster", Mr John Malcomess MP (PFP Port Elizabeth Central) said today.

Mr Frederick Erasmus, the Labour Party MP for the Port Elizabeth constituency of Gelvandale, said he was particularly angry that only white rate payers were consulted in the referedum.

"This means that less than one percent of the population is making a decision for the rest."

National Party MP for for Port Elizabeth North, Mr Gert van der Linde, who claimed the low poll reflected the NP call for a stayaway, said he hoped that there would be no adverse affect on race relations.

The result however confirmed polls that whites wanted separate beaches, he said.
— Argus Bureau, Political Staff.

Further delays on beach issue



Mr BOUWER
. awaiting report.

By MARLENE BURGER

BEACHES in Port Elizabeth will not be opened to all races on July 1.

In fact, it could take several months before a final decision on this hotly-debated question is reached.

The man who will act as arbitrator in the tussle between the City Council and municipal voters is Mr Willem Bouwer, Director of Local Government in the Cape Provincial Administration.

He was unable today to put a date on his decision, but indicated that it could be influenced by an investigation being conducted by the President's Council into public amenities.

"I don't know when their report will be available, or what recommendations it will contain.

"Meanwhile, we are awaiting the Port Elizabeth City Council's comments on the outcome of Wednesday's referendum.

"These are expected by the end of June, and we will consider all the options before making a decision," Mr Bouwer said.

These options are:

● To open all beaches to all population groups, as approved by a 14-7 vote in the City Council on March 25.

● To only open Humewood, as suggested by a group of National Party MPs before the referendum.

● To keep all the beaches closed, in line with the result of Wednesday's referendum.

However, any decision made by the Administration could still be reversed if sufficient pressure is exerted by the council, on the one hand, and ratepayers on the other.

Mr Bouwer quoted the precedent set in Knysna, where residents objected to the construction of a bypass through their town.

"That issue was only resolved when the Minister of Transport announced the road would not be built as originally planned."

Mr Bouwer said applications from the Cape Town and East London city councils to open beaches under their jurisdiction "are still under consideration".

"Nothing has yet been finalised.

"In fact, the only application that has been dealt with was one to open the nature reserve at Cape Point to all races.

"It could take months before beach applications reach the same stage."

● It is reported from Cape Town that Mr Sakkie Louw, the Nationalist Party MP for Newton Park, came out in full support of open beaches in Port Elizabeth by voting "yes" in Wednesday's referendum.

"I think it would be a tragedy if we allow a small group of biased people — about 60% of a 16% poll — to prescribe to us how other citizens of our country should be treated," he said.

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Uitenhage may open its Town Hall to all races

THE Uitenhage Town Council is considering opening the Town Hall for multiracial use.

This was confirmed today by the Town Clerk, Mr Robin Williams. He said he could not, however, give details of the relaxation of restrictions on the use of the 101-year old hall without the council's permission.

It appears that the council is considering relaxing the "whites only" restriction on the use of the town hall to allow multiracial gatherings, but that multiracial discos and political meetings will not be allowed.

Mr Williams confirmed that the council had for some years allowed Indian people to hold weddings in the hall.

When asked about new rules for the hall, the Mayor, Mr Joseph Kitching, said there had been no formal council decision on the matter but that a directive had been given to officials on the issue. He was not in a position to give details about the directive, he said.

Last month Youth for Christ, a non-racial ministry, was refused permission by a Uitenhage council committee to stage a multiracial gospel music evening in the Town Hall.

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New talks on PE beaches

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Own Correspondent

PORT ELIZABETH. — The City Council here will discuss the result of this week's beach desegregation referendum at a special meeting to be held next Thursday.

On Wednesday the city's white municipal voters rejected opening the city's beaches to all races in a referendum which drew a 16,66 percent poll.

Earlier this year the council voted 14-7 to open the beaches to all races subject to the Administrator's approval.

Nat MP says he voted for open beaches

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Political Staff

THE National Party MP for Newton Park, Mr Sakkie Louw, has come out in full support of open beaches in Port Elizabeth, stating that he voted "yes" in Wednesday's beach referendum.

Mr Louw's stand is in direct conflict with current NP policy. A statement last week by NP MPs in PE stated that government policy was to provide separate but equal facilities wherever possible.

Mr Louw, who indicated on Monday he would vote in the referendum despite an earlier call by NP MPs for their members to abstain, said yesterday he had exercised his democratic right as a PE voter.

He added that he had "cast my vote and supported the City Council's stand" — that all beaches should be opened to people of all races immediately.

Mr Louw said that the whole question of separate amenities was currently being investigated by the President's Council, whose proposals would be put to the government and would determine policy.

'Small biased group'

"As a Member of Parliament and a concerned South African, I feel that it will be a tragedy if we are going to allow a small group of biased people — about 60 percent of a 16 percent poll — to prescribe to us how other citizens of our country should be treated," he said.

In other developments yesterday:

● Mr Louis Stofberg (HNP Sasolburg) taunted NP MPs in the House of Assembly over the result, saying the right-wing had drawn its support from seats held by the NP and had achieved a majority at five of the eight polling stations.

● Mr Andrew Savage (PFP Walmer) warned that the vote against open beaches would encourage disinvestment and create unemployment.

He said one had the feeling as one watched white industrial workers come to vote against open beaches "with enthusiasm and a kind of excitement" that if the ANC were watching they would be pleased — because these people were working for "the same state of affairs locally as the ANC is trying to achieve through disinvestment".

Security hazards stall repairs

Dispatch Reporter

EAST LONDON — Road repairs in the C. C Lloyd township were not possible at present because of security hazards, the chief city engineer, Mr Graham Keppie, said yesterday.

He was replying to complaints by residents about conditions in the township.

He said that because of the security situation in Duncan Village, which adjoins C. C. Lloyd, the municipality had only been able to clear a sewer blockage.

"Regrettably it is not possible to undertake road repairs involving staff and heavy plant over a longer period of time."

Residents in various parts of the township have expressed disgust at their poor living conditions and say they are angry and frustrated about the situation.

Some roads could only be used in dry conditions, the residents said, while the stench of sewage which had spilled over into the streets could not go unnoticed.

A resident, Mrs L. Jonathan, said she was worried about her children playing in the water and picking up diseases.

The acting head of the city health department, Mr Jack Claase, said no inspectors had been in the area since the riots last August.

Nat MP votes to open beaches

By MAX DU PREEZ and JEREMY MCCABE

A NATIONAL Party backbencher has rebelled against party colleagues and come out publicly in favour of open beaches in Port Elizabeth.

Mr Sakkie Louw, National Party MP for Newton Park, told the Sunday Times he had voted in favour of opening the city's beaches to all race groups in a referendum sponsored by the town council.

Mr Louw's senior colleagues had branded the referendum "senseless".

But the majority of PE taxpayers who took part in the beach vote last week wanted the beaches to remain segregated.

"As a member of Parliament and a concerned South African, I feel that it will be a tragedy if we are going to allow a small group of biased people — about 60 percent of a 16 percent poll — to prescribe to us how other citizens of our country should be treated," Mr Louw said.

Senseless

Earlier in the week the MP for Algoa, Mr J W Kleynhans, issued a statement on behalf of the three PE MPs of the NP saying the referendum was "senseless" and that Government policy was to provide separate but equal facilities where possible.

The statement proposed that only one beach, Humewood, be opened to all races.

The unexpected "No" vote in the referendum was in direct conflict with an earlier decision by the Port Elizabeth City Council that beach apartheid should be ended.

That council decision prompted the rightwing parties to demand the referendum.

One rightwing city councillor, Mr Chris Meyer, even predicted a flood of tourists would come to struggling Port Elizabeth because of the referendum.

The matter is now to be discussed at a special meeting of the council next Thursday.

New PE vote on beaches

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By MARLENE BURGER

OPEN beaches by this time next week — that is the firm resolve of the man who led the Port Elizabeth City Council to take its stand for the abolition of beach apartheid three months ago.

Former Mayor Mr Ivan Krige, who piloted the campaign, is determined to press for a second vote at a special meeting tomorrow when he is confident the majority will be even bigger than the 14-7 which adopted the open beaches proposal

Furthermore, he will insist the result be telexed to the Administrator of the Cape, Mr Gene Louw, urging him to announce his decision on the application to open beaches by next Tuesday.

Mr Louw will also have before him the result of last week's referendum taken in the city when 4 957 people voted for opening the beaches and 6 107 against.

Mr Krige is sure that tomorrow more councillors will back him than before.

"Since March, three new councillors have been elected and I'm almost certain that two, if not all of them, will add their voices to the 'yes' vote."

"The final decision rests with the Administrator, but I can see no reason why he should not be able to give us an answer before next Tuesday."

He said he would oppose an alternative proposal by a group of National Party MPs to open only Humewood Beach to all races.

"Maintaining the status quo would be preferable to opening only a little beach like Humewood

Mr Krige said the target date of July 1 was "ideal" because by summer open beaches would no longer be a novelty.

● The survey of whites to establish whether the beach referendum accurately reflected voters' attitudes has been completed but the results will not be made public by the researchers, two University of Port Elizabeth sociologists.

Mr Deon Pretorius, lecturer in sociology, said the random survey of 350 whites had been completed and the results analysed.

The report would be handed to the City Council which would decide whether to make public the results.

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Council rejects beach fences

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Municipal Reporter

FENCES would not be erected again at Camps Bay or Milton Road tidal pools, the City Council resolved yesterday after hours of lively debate and two dramatic 13-all ties in the voting.

Mr Jack Frost moved a surprise amendment proposing that Camps Bay tidal pool should be left unfenced. He cited a Camps Bay ratepayers' "referendum" in which 60 percent of respondents said they wanted no fence at all.

Mr Chris Joubert felt bound to support the Camps Bay "no fence" proposal, despite a "deep concern and heavy heart". He had personally preferred the council's previous policy of user charges where amenities were provided.

The amendment did not go far enough, Mr Arthur Wienburg said. "We should not have any pay beaches, they look like concentration camps."

He objected to references to race in a report from the director of bathing amenities, Mr Jack Kloppers.

Dr John Sonnenberg, who confessed he had once voted for the Camps Bay fence, said it left him feeling he was "corralling people, herding or shepherding them into different compartments".



Mr Jack Frost

The fence represented a symbol of division between the haves and have-nots, he said.

"As leaders of the most liberal city in South Africa, we should set an example. Other cities are hesitantly following in the trail we set a year or two ago."

Abolition of the Camps Bay fence was passed by 18 votes to 8, and the Milton Pool fence was dropped too.

Mr Dick Friedlander wanted the issue of control at these beaches to be reconsidered in committee, but this fell away after a 13-13 vote.

Mr Louis Kreiner then proposed that the pools be placed in the same category as the Saunders, Queens, Sunset and Rocklands non-pay beaches, controlled by turnstiles or guards. This, too, fell away after a 13-all vote.

More PE councillors vote in favour of all-race beaches

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PORT ELIZABETH. — The City Council has again voted to open the city's beaches to all races — this time by a larger margin.

Reaffirming its commitment to end beach apartheid, the council voted 18 to seven in favour of open beaches yesterday.

The vote was 14 to seven in the first vote three months ago.

ADMINISTRATOR TO DECIDE

In a subsequent referendum municipal voters voted against the opening the beaches by 6 104 to 4 957.

The results of the referendum and the first council vote have been sent to the Administrator, whose word is final.

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Council divided over beach control, fences

ALTHOUGH most Cape Town city councillors agree that some form of beach control is necessary, there are deep divisions over how it should be exercised.

This was clear during yesterday's lengthy debate which resulted in a decision not to fence off the Camps Bay and Milton Road tidal pools and charge entrance fees during December and January



Dr Sonnenberg



Mr Muir

Motions to have the beach issue re-examined at committee level and to keep the fence around the Milton Road tidal pool were defeated after the council was split 13-13 on both occasions

Mr Emil Riese said he had no objection to the removal of the fences but wanted an assurance that the council's law enforcement agency would be expanded He asked for the 13 vacant beach constable posts to be unfrozen

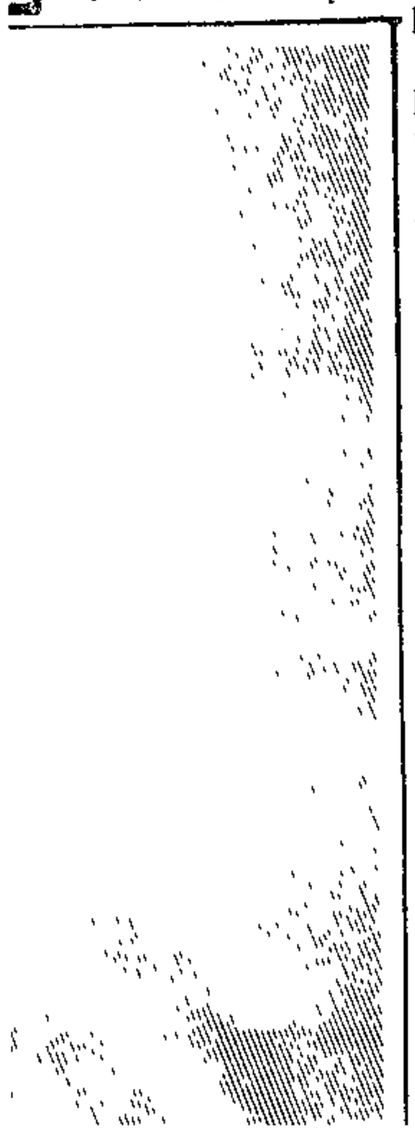
Executive committee chairman Mr John Muir made it clear that because of budget constraints this would not be possible

The council was continually changing its mind on beach policy which was costing considerable time and money, an obviously irritated Mr Muir added

It's about time we stayed with the decision we made," he said

Chairman of the amenities and health committee Mr Louis Kreiner said the control of anti-social behaviour and charging for amenities at the tidal pools were separate issues

In this economic climate the time has arrived for the council to consider very seriously whether to charge for these facilities," he said



Dr John Sonnenberg said he believed there had been a "dispersion" of the beach population

"We may be laying ourselves open to the situation that existed two years ago but I don't think it's a certainty," he said

"I'll lay you odds," interjected Mr Chris Joubert

"It's perfectly true we'll have to take the consequences if things go wrong," Dr Sonnenberg continued

"I'm prepared to do that, but quite honestly it's becoming peripheral — the issues in South Africa are much bigger," he said.

Later Mr Joubert said he was disappointed by the decision.

"Council is overthrowing all its good work of the past year I think it's a disgrace and I hope the higher authorities take note of it."

Reports by JOHN YELD
Municipal Reporter

Officials to sniff out sewerage problems

COUNCIL officials are to re-examine the Mouille Point sewerage outfall for possible malfunction and the executive committee is to consider a rates rebate for residents of flats in the vicinity.

This follows a motion by Mr Sam Gross at yesterday's council meeting.

Mr Gross said the council had spent "millions" on the contract but a large number of people in the area had to live with polluted air and a nuisance which "destroyed the quality of life".

"Now the time has come to make amends," he said, suggesting a rates rebate as allowed by the municipal ordinance

MALFUNCTION

Chairman of the utilities and works committee Mr Dick Friedlander was happy to have the outfall checked for any malfunction but was opposed to a rates rebate.

He said there was no evidence that the outfall was so inconvenient or obnoxious that residents had been forced out of the area

Mr Neil Ross said there had been "frequent and copious" complaints. Only after R40 000 was spent on a deodoriser and more than a year after the plant became operational did the problem "appear" to have been solved Residents had not been properly informed of problems.

"The biggest problem of all was the problem of communication," Mr Ross said.

He asked for "compensation" in the form of priority landscaping of the area, decent pavements on Sonnenberg Drive and a concrete "splash" barrier built on the promenade.

Mr Frank van der Velde, who reminded the council that he had been opposed to the construction of the outfall, said there were "engineering rumours" that the pipeline might break up in an "excessive" storm

Mr Gross's motion was approved 12-11 after a division.

LIBRARY OPENS TO ALL

By NKOPANE MAKOBANE

THE Roodepoort City Council has decided to open its libraries to members of all races.

The decision that all Roodepoort residents, irrespective of race, can now become members of the eight municipal libraries was taken at a council meeting on June 20.

In an interview with the *Sowetan*, Mr W J Zybrands, the council's town clerk, said one of the reasons for this decision was to go in line with the Government's policy of reform.

"Although the 20-member council is largely dominated by National Party supporters, I consider it to be realistically enlightened. What is pleasing, is that the decision was unanimous," he said.

He also said his council had always moved with the desire for change. To support his statement, he said, the council opened its theatre and museum to all races about five years ago.



Mr W J ZYBRANDS . . . Roodepoort City Council's Town Clerk.

As for other facilities such as the swimming pools, Mr Zybrands said they still operated on racial lines. However, he did not rule out the possibility of the situation changing, "because everything is changing".

Fees

A yearly library membership fee for Roodepoort residents is R4 (adults) and R2 (children). Non-residents are required to pay R50 a year.

Mr Zybrands said in the past, libraries used to be a free service. His council, he said, was one of the first local authorities to have a membership fee. The reason was that those who use the facility most, had to pay more. This "user charge system", he said, will now be used more and more in South Africa.

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Control measures for Camps Bay, Milton Road ?

Municipal Reporter



SOME form of control to prevent overcrowding and "anti-social behaviour" at Camps Bay and Milton Road tidal pools is possible following a request to the City Council's amenities and health committee by Dr John Sonnenberg.

At its last meeting the full council decided not to introduce fenced "pay" areas at the pools after a protracted debate.

But Dr Sonnenberg, who supported scrapping pay beaches, has now asked the committee to investigate control measures similar to those at Saunders Rocks, Queens, Sunset and Rocklands beaches.

TURNSTILES

These areas are clearly demarcated — partly by fencing — and numbers are conrolled by turnstiles.

The committee decided yesterday to ask the director of civic amenities, Mr Jack Kloppers, for a report.

● The committee also agreed to approach South African Transport Services to make the toilets on Clovelly station available to the public. The council is willing to take over maintenance and servicing.

This follows a letter to a newspaper by Kalk Bay artist Mr Eduard Ladan complaining about the "total lack" of toilet facilities at nearby Wooley's pool. Mr Ladan said he no longer swam in the pool because it was used as 'an alternative receptacle".

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NUN FREED BY COURT

Her detention was not legal

A JUDGE has ordered the release of Dominican nun Sister Clare Harkin after finding her arrest and detention after a funeral in Guguletu on June 23 was illegal.

In the Cape Town Supreme Court on Wednesday Mr Justice Marais said riot policeman Captain Jacob Johannes Oosthuizen who ordered her arrest "did not apply his mind" to a crucial fact — why a conventional arrest and prosecution would not have ended the threat to public order.

He was finding on an application by Miss Angela Dempsey, known as Sister Therese, the acting regional superior of the Dominican order, for an order declaring Sister Clare's arrest illegal.

The judge said if Captain Oosthuizen had considered this fact he would have realised that it would have ended Sister Clare's participation in the day's events as effectively as her detention.

Whites only resort mars rally

CAPE TOWN — At least one prominent rally driver has withdrawn from a motor rally due to be held at Ceres on July 26 because coloured and white drivers and mechanics would not have been able to stay together at one of the Boland town's municipal holiday resorts.

Mr Nick Mauerberger, former Western Province saloon car racing champion, has told the clerk of the course for the event of his protest action.

He will instead compete in an event in Kimberley.

Mr Mauerberger told how he had bumped into racial discrimination in the famous apple town.

"I reserved accommodation at the Pine Forest Lodge for my team, but one of the stipulations in a letter from the resort was that it was for whites only.

"The two coloured members of my service crew have been all around the country with me without coming across this type of problem.

"If this is how we are to be treated, I'm pulling out on principle."

Mr Mauerberger said that his withdrawal was no reflection on the organisers of the event, the Somerset West Motor Club.

The assistant manager of the Pine Forest Lodge, Mr Andre Bosman, confirmed that his was a "whites only" venue, adding that there was a similar municipal site in Ceres for the coloured group, called The Island.

He said that "unfortunately" racial segregation was still enforced.

"But if people feel that the two are too far away, there is an international hotel quite close to us," he added. — Sapa

Khayelitsha to get R12m beach complex

By PETER DENNEHY
Municipal Reporter

TWO phases of a R12-million beach complex — which will include the largest tidal pool in the southern hemisphere — will be completed at Swartklip, just south of Khayelitsha, by the end of the year.

Mr Brian Louw, the Cape Provincial Administration's chief city and regional planner, said the tidal pool would be 300m by 200m in extent.

At least 4 000 people would be able to swim at the same time. A shore-linked island with a life-saver's stand on it was under construction in the middle of the pool, which would be at most 1,5m deep.

Mr Louw said R100 000 had initially been spent on research to ensure that enough of the pool would be under water enough of the time, and that the water would not stagnate.

The area had been reclaimed from the sea by constructing a temporary wall of boulders, and the tidal pool wall was being built behind this shelter.

The community council would decide whether an entrance fee to the complex or any part of it would be charged, and whether it would be open to people of all races, he said. Entrance to the tidal pool would probably be free.

The complex, called "Monwabisi" (place of comfort), was 3km from the developed section of Khayelitsha, but the township was scheduled eventually to expand until it was alongside the resort.

The first phase, which was completed but not yet open to the public, comprised an expansive grassed area for picnicking and braais. This which could accommodate about 3 000 people. An entrance fee was likely here.

The tidal pool, which was part of the second phase, would have three pavilions and an open-air amphitheatre around it, connected by promenades protected from the wind by walls.

Parts of phase two will be completed only in 1988.

A water slide had originally been planned at the pool, but later this was left to private enterprise.

'Diverted'

Further phases had also been planned east of the pool, Mr Louw said, but details of these could not yet be released.

Baden Powell Drive, behind the complex, would be diverted further inland at a cost of R1,6-million. Its present course beside the complex would be retained as an internal road.

Apart from the "beaches" in the pool area itself, the first two phases of the complex do not offer access to the open sea. Mr Louw said this was because the sea was particularly treacherous at Swartklip.

Onlookers try to halt eviction of young blacks from beach

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ONLOOKERS intervened when two white men, who had been drinking, tried to evict two young black children from King's Beach, Port Elizabeth, yesterday.

They told the two men the children were doing no harm and suggested they mind their own business.

A beach official refused to take action on the men's behalf.

When the two men were leaving to telephone the police, one of the other whites unearthed a bottle of brandy the men had buried in the sand and suggested they take that, too. The men did.

Later police arrived and the two children, aged about 10, were ordered off. Their names, and the names of the complainants, were taken.

The SA Police liaison officer for the Eastern Cape, Major Eddie Everson, today confirmed that police had acted in terms of the complaint.

The PE City Council recently endorsed by 18 votes to seven an earlier decision to open all the city's beaches from July 1. However, the final go-ahead from the Administrator of the Cape, Mr Gene Louw, is still being awaited.

A witness to yesterday's incident, Miss Michel Muller, said she saw two young white men approach the children — aged about 10 — and ask them to leave. Several other whites on the beach intervened, asking the complainants not to interfere.

The children were not accompanied by any adults.

Miss Muller said both men had been drinking. A friend of hers requested them to remove an empty half bottle of brandy, a two-litre bottle of cold drink and two cups, which they had buried in the sand. This they did.

They then left the beach to lodge their complaint about the presence of the children.

Major Everson said no complaint about drinking on the beach had been received

The men first asked beach officials to act, but they declined.

The Director of Parks, Mr Peter Gibbs, said today he had not yet received a report on the matter, but confirmed that beach officials did not take action in such circumstances, in accordance with a recent council decision.

Detained King lawyers: judgment is reserved

Dispatch Correspondent

PORT ELIZABETH — Judgment was yesterday reserved by the Grahamstown Supreme Court in an application to secure the release of two King William's Town attorneys, of the firm Smith, Tabata and Van Heerden, from detention.

The presiding judge, Mr Justice Zietsman, also reserved judgment in an application brought earlier yesterday by Mr Denis Kuny, SC, on behalf of the applicants, which requested that the matter be deferred for oral evidence.

The two attorneys, Mr John Smith and Mr Dudley van Heerden, both 27, were said in court to have been detained on June 14.

The application was brought by their wives, Mrs Naomi Smith and Mrs Ingrid van Heerden.

The respondents are the Minister of Law and Order, the Commissioner of Police, the head of the Security Branch, South African Police, in King William's Town, the Minister of Justice and the Commissioner of Prisons.

Mr Kuny argued that in the papers before the court there were "conflicts so deep-rooted" that it would be impossible for the court to solve unless the matter was deferred for oral evidence.

On the applicants' papers, he said, there was a history of hostility and antagonism on the part of the security police towards the two detainees.

The respondents denied this allegation.

Mr Kuny said a large question mark hung over the issue of whether, at the time of the arrest and detention, the necessary grounds for the detainees' arrest existed; and whether the arresting officer had allowed the "feud" to colour his outlook.

This could not be argued on papers before the court because the arresting officer denied that the feud existed, he added.

The second ground for his application to have the matter deferred to oral evidence was the basis of the arrest, Mr Kuny said.

He added there was doubt whether the detainees had been arrested under Section 50 of the Internal Security Act or under the state of emergency regulations.

Mr J J Nepgen SC, for the respondents, argued there was no basis for the submission that the detainees might have been detained under Section 50 It was clearly stated by the respondents, he said, that the two attorneys had been arrested and detained under the emergency regulations.

Indeed, their detention period had been extended by the minister in terms of the emergency regulations, he said.

Mr Nepgen submitted that if the application was deferred for oral evidence the evidence would of necessity be of a hearsay nature and would therefore be inadmissible.

In replying to this submission, Mr Kuny argued that the court could order that the detainees be allowed to give direct evidence.

Mr Nepgen in turn said the court was not empowered to order that the detainees be allowed to give evidence

Mr Justice Zietsman reserved his judgment in this application

During his argument in the main application, Mr Kuny submitted that the arresting officer's powers of detention were not unfettered

The powers of the police, despite the state of emergency, were still subject, to some extent, to judicial review, he added

Mr Kuny argued the initial arrest and detention was unlawful because the arresting officer could not have properly held the opinion that the detention of the two attorneys was necessary for the maintenance of public safety; and that, consequently, the extension of their detention was illegal.

Mr Nepgen said the deciding factor was not whether the arresting officer was justified in holding the opinion that the detention of the two attorneys was necessary, but whether he held such an opinion.

He submitted that the arresting officer had held such an opinion, and that the court's power was therefore precluded.

Mr Kuny was assisted by Mr John Suttner of Johannesburg and instructed by Mr Dumisani Tabata, of King William's Town and Mr Bonisile Sandi of Grahamstown Mr Nepgen was assisted by Mr Johan Froneman and instructed by Whitesides

Final decision soon on PE open beaches

Post Reporter

A FINAL decision on open beaches for Port Elizabeth could be received soon.

Speaking from Cape Town today, Mr F van Zyl, private secretary to the Administrator of the Cape, Mr Gene Louw, said the matter would be discussed by the Executive Committee shortly.

"The committee meets weekly and, although I cannot say which agenda will include the beach question, it will be within weeks rather than months," he said.

He emphasised that a decision would not necessarily be taken "the first time the matter is discussed", as the Executive Committee could require further information, which could cause a delay.

However, Mr Louw would not have to wait for the report from the President's Council on separate amenities.

Beaches: 3-way split at Bushman's River

Dispatch Correspondent

PORT ELIZABETH — A beach reserved for the use of domestic workers and labourers can be found at Bushman's River Mouth, but, according to the municipality, the classification includes teachers and policemen.

Close by is another beach reserved for ratepayers, holiday-makers and their guests, while even further along the same stretch of beach is a proclamation "Open. This beach unproclaimed".

According to councillors there are no racial connotations attached to the restrictions.

It was explained that anyone known to the councillors and the municipal staff, including teachers and policemen, would be allowed on the first beach in question.

The town clerk, Mr Bill Deacon, the mayor, Mr G. A. van Niekerk, and one of the councillors, Mr H A. du Preez, were present at a special meeting on the issue

Mr Van Niekerk said the erection of the signs had not been discussed at council level.

The decision to demarcate the beach, he said, was taken by the local ratepayers' association last year.

Mr Deacon said one of the visitors to the area during the in-season had complained of having to walk past the black beach in order to get to the beach reserved for holiday-makers

He added that when he had pointed out that if the beach presently demarcated for local domestic workers and labourers was altered to accommodate holiday makers, blacks would have to walk over that beach, the visitor had "blanched in horror".

The purpose behind the signs being erected was to obviate congestion on the beaches, specifically on Christmas Day and New Year's Day, Mr Van Niekerk said. He said a sports day has been held on the beaches since the turn of the century.

Action would only be taken against offenders if complaints were lodged by ratepayers or holiday-makers with the police, he said.

Mr Deacon said he envisaged that, eventually, all beaches at Bushman's River Mouth would be multi-racial.

Meanwhile, the Progressive Federal Party MP for Albany, Mr Errol Moorcroft, said that, as far as he was concerned, beaches were "God-given facilities which should be open to all regardless of the colour of their skins or the nature of their professions".

To restrict facilities to people of a particular class of occupation was "ridiculous".

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'Louw must act on beaches'

By KIN BENTLEY

THE Administrator of the Cape, Mr Gene Louw, must act now to stop blacks having to be ordered off Port Elizabeth's beaches, people holding opposite political opinions said today.

Mr Ivan Krige, the city councillor championing open beaches, said a prompt decision by Mr Louw was the only way to stop incidents similar to the one at King's Beach on Sunday when police ordered two black children off the beach after two whites had complained.

"Until the Administrator tells us what is going to happen, there is little we can do about such incidents. It is still illegal for black people to swim there," he said

Mr Attie Loock, regional organiser of the Herstigte Nasionale Party, said he also hoped the Administrator would make up his mind.

The HNP supported the action of those who complained about the presence of the black children. Such situations would arise "as long as the Government does not take a standpoint", he said.

Mr Krige said the council first asked in March for the beaches to be opened from July 1. At that stage the vote was 14-7 in favour.

A month ago, following white ratepayers' vote against open beaches in a referendum in the city (in a 16% poll), the council reiterated its support for open beaches by an increased majority of 18-7.

But the Administrator had still not acted.

"Beach apartheid is an affront to human dignity," Mr Krige said.

"We are told the Government is set on reform, yet this is only a small reform — it is not a giant step."

Mr Krige said he was aware the Government was reviewing the Separate Amenities Act; but did not see this as a reason for the delay.

However, he foresaw difficulties if the council tried to follow the lead taken by Cape Town, which refused to put up beach apartheid signs.

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15 resorts want to open doors to all

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By HENRI DU PLESSIS
Weekend Argus Reporter

THE owners of 15 holiday resorts in the Southern Cape decided during a conference at Plettenberg Bay to open them to all races — but, says a spokesman, some have already run into trouble with a municipality in the area.

The conference leader, Mr Dennis Pietersen of Piesang River Holiday Park, said the decision to open the resorts was strongly supported by all delegates at the conference on July 19.

However, the Sedgefield Municipality had blocked the move, he said.

The Town Clerk of Sedgefield, Mr R Basson, denied that his council had intervened.

He had simply advised a resort owner to apply for permits from the Government, otherwise some people might complain and involve the police.

"I even doubt whether my council would have any objections, because there is already a resort in a white group area which makes provisions for visitors of other races under permit.

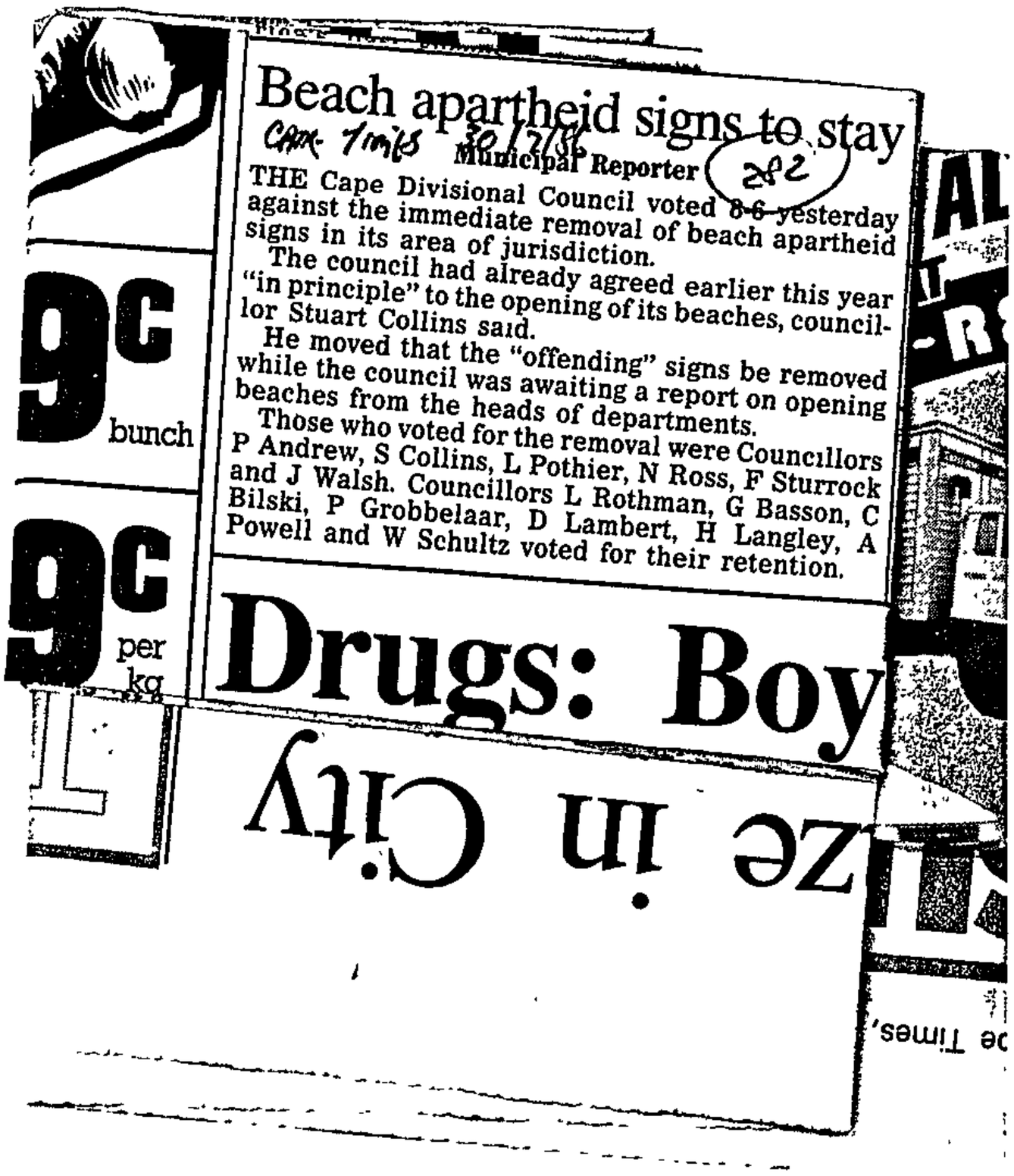
"The fact remains that the Group Areas Act still exists and those laws were not made by my council. The council does not even have a say."

The resorts involved are on the coastline from Mossel Bay to Plettenberg Bay and include a holiday farm at Oudtshoorn.

One has already been declared non-racial and three others have been accepting visitors of other races for the past five years, Mr Pietersen said.

"We made the decision in the belief that the Government was waiting for private enterprise to take the initiative.

"Sedgefield Municipality was the first to intervene after the conference, but we hope to sort out that problem as quickly as possible. We will be approaching Mr Hennie Smit, the MP for George, to make representations to the Government on our behalf," Mr Pietersen said.



Beach apartheid signs to stay

Municipal Reporter

THE Cape Divisional Council voted 8-6 yesterday against the immediate removal of beach apartheid signs in its area of jurisdiction.

The council had already agreed earlier this year "in principle" to the opening of its beaches, councillor Stuart Collins said.

He moved that the "offending" signs be removed while the council was awaiting a report on opening beaches from the heads of departments.

Those who voted for the removal were Councillors P Andrew, S Collins, L Pothier, N Ross, F Sturrock and J Walsh. Councillors L Rothman, G Basson, C Bilski, P Grobbelaar, D Lambert, H Langley, A Powell and W Schultz voted for their retention.

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THE Government and the judiciary may be heading for their most serious constitutional confrontation since coloureds were deprived of the vote in the 1950's, experts warned this week.

The Law versus the executive

SOWETAN Correspondent

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Their warning came as the Government, in the wake of recent court decisions in favour of individual liberties, took steps to curb further the power of the judiciary.

Legal experts were shocked and amazed that it had gone as far as it had in hamstringing the judiciary.

They said that human rights lawyers, who had been encouraged by recent court decisions to curb the arbitrary powers of the executive, would not stop now. By continuing to challenge the Government in court, they could precipitate the confrontation.

In the latest inroad into the power of the courts, President P W Botha, in an Extraordinary Government Gazette last week, empowered the police to seize publications without the obligation of listening to objections.

Lawyers say that in effect, a policeman now can walk into a newspaper building and seize all papers, ignoring any appeals by the staff.

With the stroke of a pen, Mr Botha has eliminated the common law right of any person to be heard by the authorities in the case of publications whose contents, in the opinion of the Minister of Law and Order, include subversive material.

Lawyers who have studied the latest amendments to the emergency regulations are appalled at their terms which give police *carte blanche* to do as they wish with any publication.

There has been widespread condemnation of Mr Botha's action in overriding court decisions and in making the new regulations retrospective. Most of his critics say this action runs counter to all civilised legal standards.

Professor John Dugard, of the University of the Witwatersrand Centre for Applied Legal Studies, said that making the measures retrospective was contrary to "civilised principles of justice".

Professor Dennis Davis of the University of Cape Town said the amended regulations were "a cynical attempt to plug the gaps opened up by the courts".

"Clearly there is tension between the courts and the executive at present," he said.

Professor Dugard agreed. "The executive is trying to govern by administrative decree and the Supreme Court is seeking to restrict that authority according to general principles of law and legal tradition.

"The courts have emerged very well out of the events of the past few months and have done all in their power to curb the arbitrary powers of the executive and in so doing they have restored faith and confidence in the courts".

Opposition spokesmen were equally critical of Mr Botha's "authoritarian" tampering with the rules.

The Progressive Federal Party's leader in Natal, Ray Swart, said South Africa was perilously close to being a police state.

"The Government through the years has been extremely angry when South Africa has been described as a police state," he said.

The country had escaped this condition only through its legal system, which had tried to curb the excesses of the State and safeguard human rights. Now even this buffer was under threat, he said.

"It is an intolerable situation which indicates the contempt the State has for legal situation in South Africa."

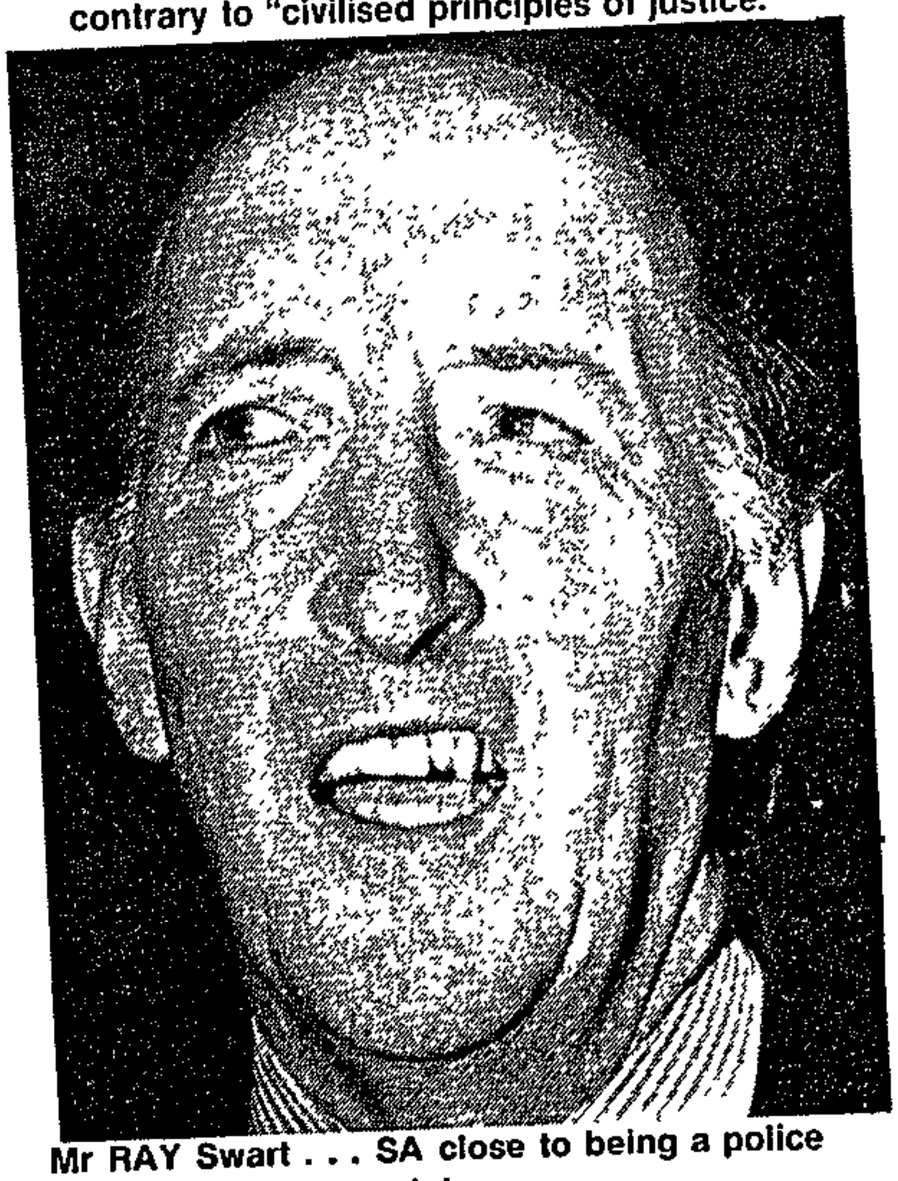
Mr Swart accused Mr Botha of "running scared". The State President's actions were the panic reaction of an authoritarian Head of State who refused to allow his powers to be questioned.

The PFP's spokesman on law and order, Mrs Helen Suzman, said it was disgraceful that the Government changed the rules to suit itself.

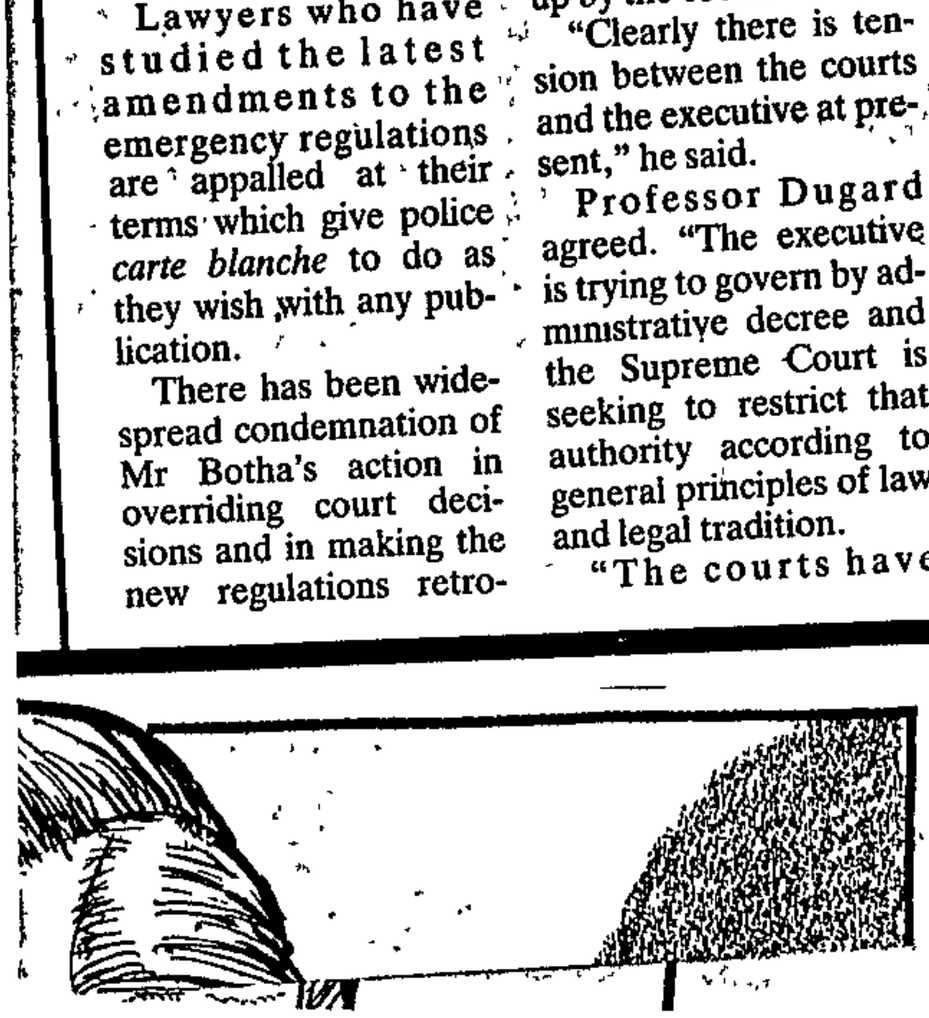
The amendments could be the last straw that led to sanctions, she said.



PROFESSOR John Dugard . . . new measures contrary to "civilised principles of justice."



Mr RAY Swart . . . SA close to being a police state.



LET US PRAY

THIS prayer by Archbishop-elect Desmond Tutu, is especially for those families who are without their loved ones in these trou-

The Media Council

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R12 m resort idea called racist

PAARL — The proposed establishment of a R12-million picnic, camping and holiday resort for the coloured community in the heart of the Du Toit's Kloof pass has received unfavourable comment.

The project has been criticised as yet another form of apartheid and it is felt that a project of this magnitude should be for all races.

Environmentalists and ecologists are up in arms against the scheme which will include, among others, 200 Swiss-type chalets. Critics say the natural beauty of the pass will be ruined.

One of the strongest critics is Afrikaans writer and playwright, Mr W. A. de Klerk, who farms at the foot of the Drakenstein mountains and is a life long lover of mountains.

The project is being tackled by the Paarl Divisional Council and will accommodate 12 000 people. It will take four years to build. — Sapa

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Farmers bitter over Du Toit's resort plan

Dispatch Correspondent

CAPE TOWN — More than 100 angry farmers gathered at the Rawsonville church hall near Worcester yesterday to form an action committee to protest against a proposed R12 million holiday resort at Du Toit's Kloof Pass.

A memorandum was drafted to be presented to the Adminstrator of the Cape, Mr Gene Louw, by the newly-formed committee.

Farmers in the Rawsonville, Goudini and Worcester areas are bitterly opposed to the resort, which will cater for about 12 000 people.

The meeting was called by the Goudini Farmers' Association. The association's chairman, Mr Bernardi du Plessis, the secretary, Mr Stanley Louw, and the MP for Worcester, Mr Hans Rabie, conducted the meeting.

The proposed resort, designated for coloured people, will be developed by the Paarl Divisional Council on its own land with the aid of state funds.

However, farmers in Rawsonville and the surrounding areas believe their water supply, and therefore their land, will be affected by the possible influx of 12 000 people, many of whom would camp at the site or holiday in the proposed chalets.

Objections in the memorandum to be sent to Mr Louw include:

● That neither the weather nor the siting of the proposed holiday resort was appropriate. It had a great deal of rain and very little sunshine except for about three months in summer

● That the population and permit-holding hikers in the Du Toit's Kloof Mountains were already at capacity No control of hikers would be possible if 12 000 people were catered for at the site.

● That the water supply in the area would be affected and the Molenaars River polluted.

● Traffic, already heavy in the pass at weekends, would increase drastically as would the number of accidents.

● That no proper flood test or environmental impact study had been done on the area. Mr Du Plessis reminded the meeting that the site was on either side of the river and that the tragedy of Laingsburg could be repeated if floods like those in 1983 were repeated at the pass.

He added that where people were picnicking and braaing, there would be alcohol.

"If only one per cent of 12 000 people has too much to drink, the accidents on what is already a difficult pass would make it impossible."

Mr Rabie pledged his support to the meeting and said he would do anything as MP for the area to prevent the ruin of "this lovely spot".

The action committee will consist of Mr du Plessis, Mr Hennie Botha of the Water Board, a member of the Rawson Municipality, and a farmer.

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Open beaches: report awaited

Post Reporter

THE President Council's report on the Separate Amenities Act will probably be decisive in the open beach issue in Port Elizabeth.

Today Mr F van Zyl, secretary to the Administrator, Mr Gene Louw, said no decision had been made on PE's request that beaches be opened to all.

The PC's report is expected to recommend that a system of local option apply.

This would pave the way for the opening of PE's beaches to all races.

In March the council voted 14-7 in favour of opening the beaches and by 18-7 in June.

● A R550 000 council scheme to develop New Beach, which is largely pastronised by blacks should ease overcrowding on southern beaches if they are opened to all.

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U'hage opens facilities to all

Dispatch Correspondent

PORT ELIZABETH — The Uitenhage Town Council has opened three halls and the High Street swimming bath to all races — under certain conditions.

The matter was considered confidentially by the council last night and a proposal by the mayor, Mr Joseph Kitching, that the decision be made public, received the council's approval.

According to the motion, provision has now been made for the use of the Town Hall, the Library Hall and the Toy Heunis Hall at the Springs Resort by all races on condition the person in whose name the hall is hired is white.

Mr Kitching said no political meetings could be held in the halls.

The motion also emphasised discotheques were not allowed in the City Hall.

A second part to the motion opened the High Street swimming pool to all races, but only for galas at school, provincial and national level.

Mr Kitching said after the meeting: "I want this to lead to further change."

Under the new policy decisions would no longer be taken on an ad hoc basis but under delegated authority by officials, he said.

54,2% favour 'open' beaches - survey

Municipal Reporter

OF the 371 people interviewed by sociologists by the University of Port Elizabeth on the proposed desegregation of three beaches in the city, 54,2% were in favour.

The results of a telephone survey conducted by UPE were tabled at the City Council's Policy and Resources Committee meeting yesterday.

In the three days following the June 18 municipal poll on the open-beach issue, 201 people interviewed said they were in favour of beaches in Port Elizabeth being opened to members of all population groups.

In contrast, 151 people supported the present "whites only" policy, 12 were uncertain and seven people did not respond.

The municipality will pay UPE R350 for the survey report.

● Dog tax in Port Elizabeth is expected to increase from January 1.

Subject to the Administrator's approval, the committee accepted a recommendation that the tax for male dogs and spayed bitches should go up from R5 to R7. The tax for a single unspayed bitch will rise from R15 to R21, and owners of two or more unspayed bitches will pay R42 each.

● Although the City Engineer is opposed to senior municipal officials addressing meetings of ratepayers' associations, city councillors are being encouraged to do so.

The chairman of the committee, Mr H van Zyl Cillié, said it would not be compulsory for officials to address meetings, but councillors were being encouraged to do so.

Fury over plan for fence, fees at Fish Hoek beach

By ROBERT HOUWING
Staff Reporter

FISH HOEK residents, furious about plans to fence their beach and charge an entrance fee, have accused the Town Council of "racism" and acting without a mandate

In interviews yesterday, several residents said the decision was clearly linked to a proposal to open the beach to all races and condemned the barbed wire fence as an eyesore.

The Mayor of Fish Hoek, Mr Howard Wood, said in a statement today the council had resolved that "control measures were needed to prevent overcrowding"

"The beach area needs to be enclosed to prevent people from gaining access in uncontrollable numbers and without paying.

"Residents' rights will be protected by these measures — they will be given identification at a nominal charge of R1, allowing them free access to the beach all year."

He said the council was prepared to consider objections up to September 12. This would give residents "ample opportunity" to voice their opinion and lodge complaints.

Mr Wood said the three posts already in position were "for experimental purposes."

The director of a restaurant on the beach said the fence would "kill" his business and "ruin" Fish Hoek as a tourist attraction. He would fight the scheme "tooth and nail".

Town Clerk Mr Eric Fry confirmed yesterday that the beach was to be fenced with barbed wire and that council had applied to the Administrator, Mr Gene Louw, for permission to create a pay beach.

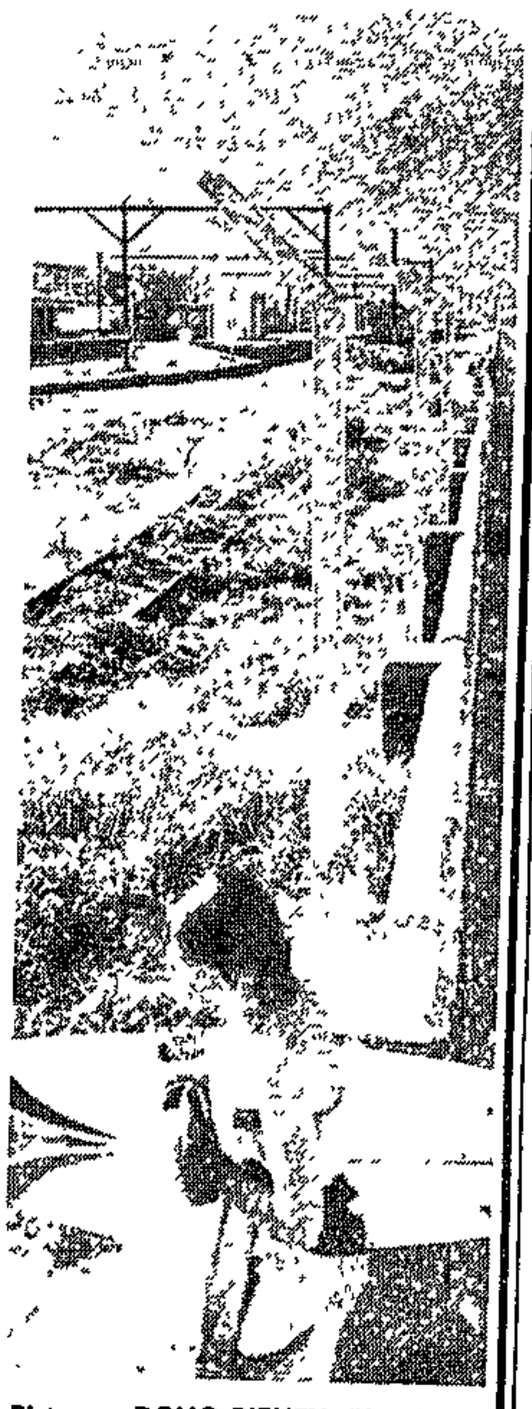
Although the closing date for objections is September 12, the council has already put up three poles for the fence which will stretch from Sunny Cove to the Silvermine River.

It is proposed that non-residents of Fish Hoek pay daily fees and residents obtain annual season tickets costing about R1 each.

The chairman of the Fish Hoek Residents' Association, Mr Andy Cunningham, said he expected "a fight" over the issue.

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Above: A view of Fish Hoek beach. The black broken line shows the proposed barbed-wire fence. Below: Three fence posts already in position.



Pictures: DOUG PITHEY, The Argus

Anger over plan to fence beach

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Residents voted overwhelmingly at a packed meeting in January not to support a pay beach system, favouring better policing as an alternative.

They also endorsed the council decision to recommend opening Fish Hoek beach to all races.

The Argus interviewed 15 beachgoers at Fish Hoek, 14 of whom opposed the scheme.

They were almost unanimous in linking the pay scheme to the "open beach" issue and supported Mr Cunningham's suggestion of a petition or referendum.

Mr Mark Single, a Free State visitor who intends settling in Cape Town soon, said he would "not be prepared to pay R2 every day" and felt the fence would "spoil" the beach.

Fish Hoek resident, Mr Brian Tjasink, 22, said paddleskiers would resent paying R2 to get onto the beach. The cost of the fencing and employing pay attendants would be "ridiculous"

"It is obvious the fence is going up because of the race issue."

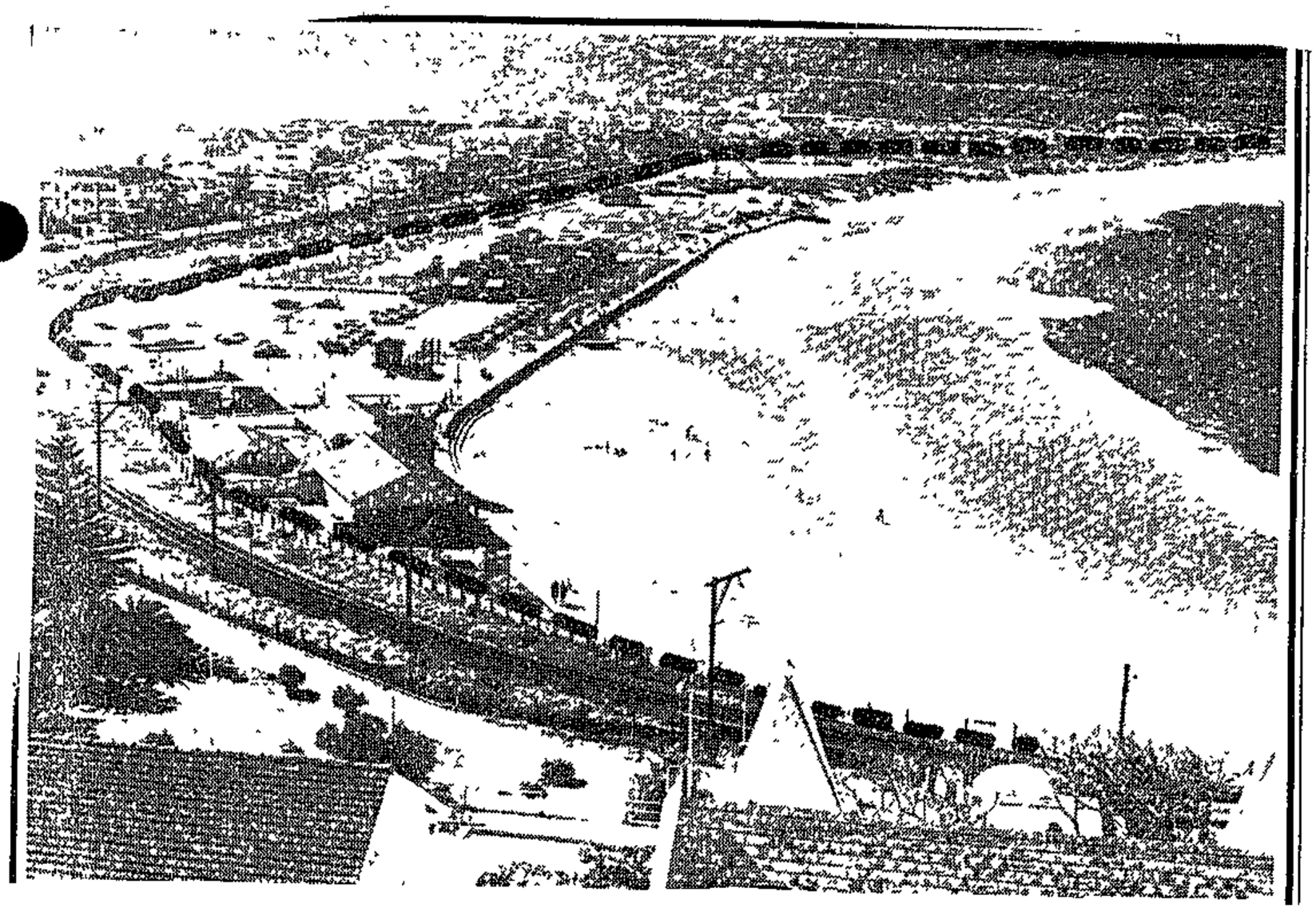
"Residents don't want this scheme — the council just goes ahead and does things"

The only resident interviewed who favoured the scheme — he also wished to remain anonymous — said: "I would like the beach to stay white"

Mr Robin Edwards of Fish Hoek Galley restaurant on the beach said he would "not take this farcical action lying down Our survival is at stake"

Fish Hoek would be "ruined" as a tourist attraction, he said

Picture at the Back



'No legal right' to fence Fish Hoek beach

Weekend Argus Reporters

FISH Hoek Town Council has no legal right to fence off the town's beach with barbed wire or to charge an entrance fee, says a local resident.

Mr Jimmy Cairns, treasurer of the Fish Hoek Beach Sailing Club, said the original title deeds of the township stipulate that there must be free access to the beach for all.

His claim follows widespread indignation from residents and visitors, a petition calling for the resignation of the town council and a threat of legal action against the council.

Mr Cairns described the proposed fencing of the beach as a crowd control measure as "ludicrous". He said it would be "just another nail in the coffin of the sailing club".

Petitions

Meanwhile, apart from many residents, the Town Council's proposal to fence the beach has been condemned by residents of Clovelly, Sun Valley and Kalk Bay who say they, too, have the right to enjoy the beach and the Bay unfettered by fences.

Support is also being canvassed for petitions to the local member of Parliament, Mr John Wiley, Minister of Environment and Tourism, demanding the immediate halt to fence-building and the resignation of the town council.

One of the petitions states:

"We the undersigned object strongly to the Fish Hoek Town Council's proposal to fence our beach. We call on Mr John Wiley to put an immediate stop to fence-building on the grounds that this encroaches on our basic rights as residents of Fish Hoek, Clovelly, Kalk Bay and Sun Valley, and imposes a concentration clamp on our sense of freedom

"Fish Hoek beach is the only public recreational facility in the area and we submit that the town council has no right to destroy the aesthetic beauty of the bay or to deny us free access.

"We also call for the immediate resignation of the mayor and his council."

One petitioner, 90-year-old Mr A P Jones, canvassed for signatures in the Main Road.

Dr Brian Phipps of Kalk Bay says he sees the proposed fence as an encroachment on his personal liberty and also objects in principle because the fences would be a "form of disguised racism"

Fish Hoek beach restaurateur Mr Robin Edwards says he will take legal action if necessary to try to stop the proposed scheme to fence the beach.

Fish Hoek Town Clerk Mr Eric Fry has confirmed that it was planned to fence the beach with barbed wire and that council had applied to the Administrator, Mr Gene Louw, for permission to create a pay beach

Vast beach, constable for open beaches

By ANTHONY DOMAN, Staff Reporter

THE Cape Divisional Council is to debate spending up to R800 000 on beaches and a constabulary in preparation for dropping beach apartheid.

One proposal rejects pay beaches in favour of a 33-man task force at an estimated cost of R651 000.

The council has agreed in principle to open beaches.

At its monthly meeting tomorrow it will consider a works committee's recommendation for a R136 750 upgrade for "immediate needs".

Among the suggested improvements are extra showers, changerooms, toilets and landscaping at beaches including Melkbosstrand, Eerste Steen, Bloubergstrand, Hout Bay, Noordhoek and Kommetjie.

Future needs will be based on development plans which are being prepared.

The beach constabulary question will first go to the finance committee. The proposals are·

- A full-time force of 33 beach constables;
- A smaller force augmented by volunteer council officials on overtime pay;
- Private security contractors helped by council security staff at peak seasons.

The works committee has also proposed asking provincial-level government for an annual grant to help offset the costs.

A council report on the findings of heads of departments, says that the existing facilities at resorts are able to cater for bigger crowds this summer.

"Beaches elsewhere in the metropolitan area could be opened for the first time this 1986/87 season . . .spreading the increased number of potential users over many more beaches," the report said.

Warning

Beach control is dealt with at length, with pay beaches being rejected in favour of beach constables.

"Conflicting reports" on the effectiveness of control at City Council open beaches led to a warning against "willy nilly" solutions.

"Physical control measures such as fences, turnstiles and pay beaches would, with the possible exception of Llandudno, be impractical "because of the many access routes to beaches".

Sparse

The Divisional Council oversees 116km of coastline, much of it sparsely populated, compared with the City Council's 35km.

To patrol the 20 most popular beaches effectively would normally take 50 men. If the beach constabulary formed part of the council's security section, only 33 would be needed.

The beaches to be patrolled are Scarborough, Soetwater, Kommetjie, Noordhoek, Hout Bay, Sandy Bay, Llandudno, Oudekraal, Bloubergstrand, Big Bay, Eerste and Tweede Steen, Hol Bay, Haakgat, Kreefte Bay, Melkbosstrand, Van Riebeeckstrand, Springfontein, Silwerstroomstrand, Cape of Good Hope Nature Reserve and Miller's Point.

Councillor Mr Neil Ross, among the main proponents of open beaches, said he hoped the beaches would be ready for the coming season.

"The finance committee will meet next month to discuss the beach constable issue," he said.

"But money has already been put on the estimates for upgrading and the works committee has recommended an immediate start." ● See Page 6

Fish Hoek fence decision delayed

Staff Reporter

THE controversial plan to fence Fish Hoek beach and charge an entrance fee may be abandoned by the town council — but a decision will not be made until September 12.

According to town clerk Mr Eric Fry, the Mayor, Mr Howard Wood, promised at a council meeting last night that if residents did not want the "control measures" they would not have them.

The executive of the residents' association meets tonight to consider calling a public meeting to gauge opinion on the proposal.

Mr Fry said Mr Wood opened last night's meeting by telling a larger-than-usual audience that the eight-member council was waiting for responses to an advertisement calling for objections.

COMMENTS

Mr Fry said: "There are normally between six and 10 members of the public at our fortnightly meetings but last night there were about 20."

The closing date for objections is Friday, September 12. The first council meeting after that is on Monday, September 22.

According to Mr Fry, Mr Wood promised that the council would consider all comments, objections and criticism at that meeting.

The town clerk said: "When the council took the unanimous decision to introduce the fence as a control measure, it was felt it was necessary.

"Mr Wood said last night that the council was merely following correct procedure in waiting for the final date for objections.

"He said words to the effect

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Fish Hoek fence decision

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that if the public didn't want the control measures they wouldn't have them."

One of Fish Hoek's oldest residents, 90-year-old Mr A P Jones, has collected about 1 300 signatures for a petition against a pay beach. Mr Jones, founder of a clothing store in the town, set up a table outside the shop on Friday.

He said the response was "overwhelming". He collected about 600 signatures and people volunteered to help him continue the petition on Saturday and again this week.

"I have about 1 300 signatures at the moment and the figure will rise," Mr Jones said today.

"I knew the response would be favourable from the moment the fence plan was announced — but not that it would be this encouraging."

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Mr Jones said he felt "very strongly" about the fence scheme which he said was not in the town's best interests.

Residents' association chairman Mr Andy Cunningham said: "There are umpteen petitions against the fence scheme but a meeting would be the best way of hearing both sides."

The directors of the Fish Hoek Galley beachfront restaurant are preparing a written objection. They say the scheme would affect tourism and kill their business.

Restaurant spokesman Mr Wynne Edwards said the objection would include notice that they would apply for an interdict against the council plan if it went ahead

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ry and wait Mrs Steer said yesterday she problem at present without shelter.



Mr Norman Nottle and his wife Jean sign the petition against the Fish Hoek beach fence. Mr Aubrey Mace accepted their signatures. Picture: Richard Bell

1 300 sign against Fish Hoek fence

By CHRIS ERASMUS

MORE THAN 1 300 people had signed a petition against the fencing of Fish Hoek's beach by late yesterday.

Long-time Fish Hoek resident and owner of a local clothing store, Mr A P Jones, said he had launched the petition on Friday in protest against the town council's plans to build barbed-wire fences around beaches under its control.

"I think the town councillors want their heads read for this scheme. I have been in Fish Hoek since 1922.

"We have never had any trouble on our beaches yet, why should we suddenly have some this year?"

Mr Aubrey Mace, who is assisting Mr Jones, said he had lived in Fish Hoek all his life.

"I fought in World War II, lost an eye and three of my family to keep out concentration camps — I'm certainly not going to let these people put up one around us here in Fish Hoek," he said.

Feelings among others queuing yesterday to sign the petition were equally strong.

Mr David Chicken, a former Fish Hoek resident who is thinking about moving back, said he thought the whole notion was "extremely foolish. What does the town council hope to gain?"

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Beaches open, but not this summer

NO THE Divisional Council yesterday decided by 10 votes to three to upgrade facilities so that all beaches on its 116-km of Peninsula coastline could simultaneously be opened to all races.

No date has yet been set for the opening, which is not likely to be before or during this summer season, the chairman of the Divisional Council, Mr Louwtjie Rothman, said.

In the debate on the beaches issue, Mr Neil Ross, who proposed last year that beaches be opened, said: "With this decision, the Divisional Council will, hallelujah, join the 20th century."

"I am also delighted that we are not going to turn our beaches into concentration camps with barbed wire," he said.

The council also resolved that a beach constabulary should be established. It could consist of up to 33 full-time constables at a cost of R651 000 a year, but this depends on a forthcoming finance committee report.

Councillor A L J Powell was worried that beach constables

By PETER DENNEHY
Municipal Reporter

"could not control crowds, only behaviour". He claimed that "even the coloureds" had supported the Camps Bay pay beach.

His suggestion that the matter be referred back to ratepayers associations and management committees was defeated by eight votes to five.

Law enforcement

Mr Rothman said it was unlikely that the beaches would be opened by this summer as too many steps had to be taken first.

The finance committee would report to Divco in a month, he said, and another month would probably pass before the administrator, Mr Gene Louw, approved the expenditure.

He could impose some additional recommendations or provisos, Mr Rothman said, so the matter would come back to the works committee for implementation.

Then, staff would have to be recruited and trained in law enforcement. All this would have to be done before beaches were opened to all, he said.

According to the report, "proper training in law enforcement entails the passing of prescribed examinations".

Divco's security section experimentally appointed a single beach constable last season to patrol in Hout Bay and Llandudno. Ratepayers and visitors were pleased with his performance, the report said.

The constable had worked 10 hours a day, on average, and in just over a month acted against 189 dog owners, prosecuted 33 people for driving on the beach, and arrested nine men for being drunk or fighting.

The report from the heads of departments adopted yesterday recommended that R136 750 of the budgeted R250 000 be spent on upgrading various beaches this year.

The funds will be spent on toilets, change-rooms, showers, picnic facilities and parking.

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Beachgoers still risk prosecution

Municipal Reporter

ALTHOUGH the Divisional Council is taking the City Council's lead and moving towards desegregating beaches, beachgoers still risk prosecution unless they confine themselves to beaches in their own "group areas".

This risk will remain as long as the Group Areas Act, proclamations made under it, and provincial ordinances concerning separate amenities remain in force, according to various local officials.

No one can be prosecuted under the Separate Amenities Act (No 49 of 1953) for being on a beach once it has been opened to all by the recognized local authority in charge of it.

Local authorities are also not breaking the Separate Amenities Act or any law at all by opening amenities to everyone, according to Dr Stanley Evans, town clerk of Cape Town.

Yet beachgoers could still fall foul of other apartheid regulations.

Dr Evans said so-called "disqualified persons" at beaches or pools still ran the risk of prosecution under Group Areas Act Proclamation R228 of 1973.

This proclaims that sections of the Group Areas Act apply to "any person on any land in a group area for a substantial period".

Other prosecution possibilities are provided by the Reservation of Separate Amenities by Local Authorities ordinance (No 20 of 1955).



Dr Stanley Evans

Samantha Crosby holds a Beatle guitar. ... the auction f...

Town clerk advised against a beach fee

Staff Reporter

THE FISH Hoek Town Council's decision to fence the beach and charge an entrance fee was made in the face of a strong contrary recommendation by town clerk and treasurer Mr Eric Fry.

Previously confidential minutes of the council's beach sub-committee and Mr Fry's report have now been tabled in open council.

In January Mr Fry recommended control measures to prevent overcrowding and anti-social behaviour which specifically excluded admission charges.

Enforcement

However, on June 6 the council's management committee decided in principle to charge an entrance fee and instructed him to report on law enforcement measures to implement this decision.

In his report Mr Fry said three additional law enforcement officers and seven temporary gatekeepers (six for six months, one for seven months) would be necessary.

The estimated annual cost of administering a "pay beach" was R62 300 and the capital cost of setting up the system R36 800.

Mr Fry estimated that 40 000 daily tickets and 5 000 season tickets would be sold annually, giving an income of R37 000.

He said from a practical point of view, charging an entrance fee would not prevent overcrowding nor assist in controlling behaviour, and such a charge could not be justified on grounds of "economic viability".

Mr Fry's conclusions were:

- There was no evidence to show that a pay system would reduce overcrowding or improve conduct.
- In fact the opposite had been proved on other beaches, including malicious damage to municipal property.
- A pay system could not be justified on financial grounds;
- Local residents' interests would not be enhanced by a pay system;
- There were serious practical problems in implementing such a system; and
- There was "no justification whatsoever" for a pay system.

However, if the council maintained its support in principle for a pay system, Mr Fry recommended that an initial season without any actual admission charges should be allowed to determine the effect of such a system.

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False Bay's first barbed wire fence

By VIVIEN HORLER
Weekend Argus Reporter

THE threat of a fence around Fish Hoek beach has triggered old memories of the last time a False Bay beach was cordoned off with barbed wire to hold prisoners

Several hundred Boer prisoners-of-war were imprisoned on what is now the Simon's Town golf course during the South African War, and they were allowed a daily bathe behind barbed wire at Windmill Beach

Plans to fence Fish Hoek Beach have infuriated many local residents, including 90-year-old A P Jones of the department store of the same name, who has collected more than 1 500 signatures in a petition against the fence

Co-petitioner Aubrey Mace has likened the proposed fence to the concentration camps he fought against during World War 2

But, according to pictures taken by two photographers during the South African War, conditions at the prison camp at Simon's Town were not of concentration camp standards On the road side of the camp, between Boulders Beach and Froggy Pond, there was no more than an ordinary five-strand barbed wire fence, common on any farm

On the sea side there was, in addition to a similar fence, a 2m-wide palisade of random strands of barbed wire On the south and north boundaries there was a 2,2m corrugated iron screen, intended more as a windbreak than a fence.

And at each corner of the camp was a raised platform with a sentry box



Liz Biggs, curator of the Simon's Town museum

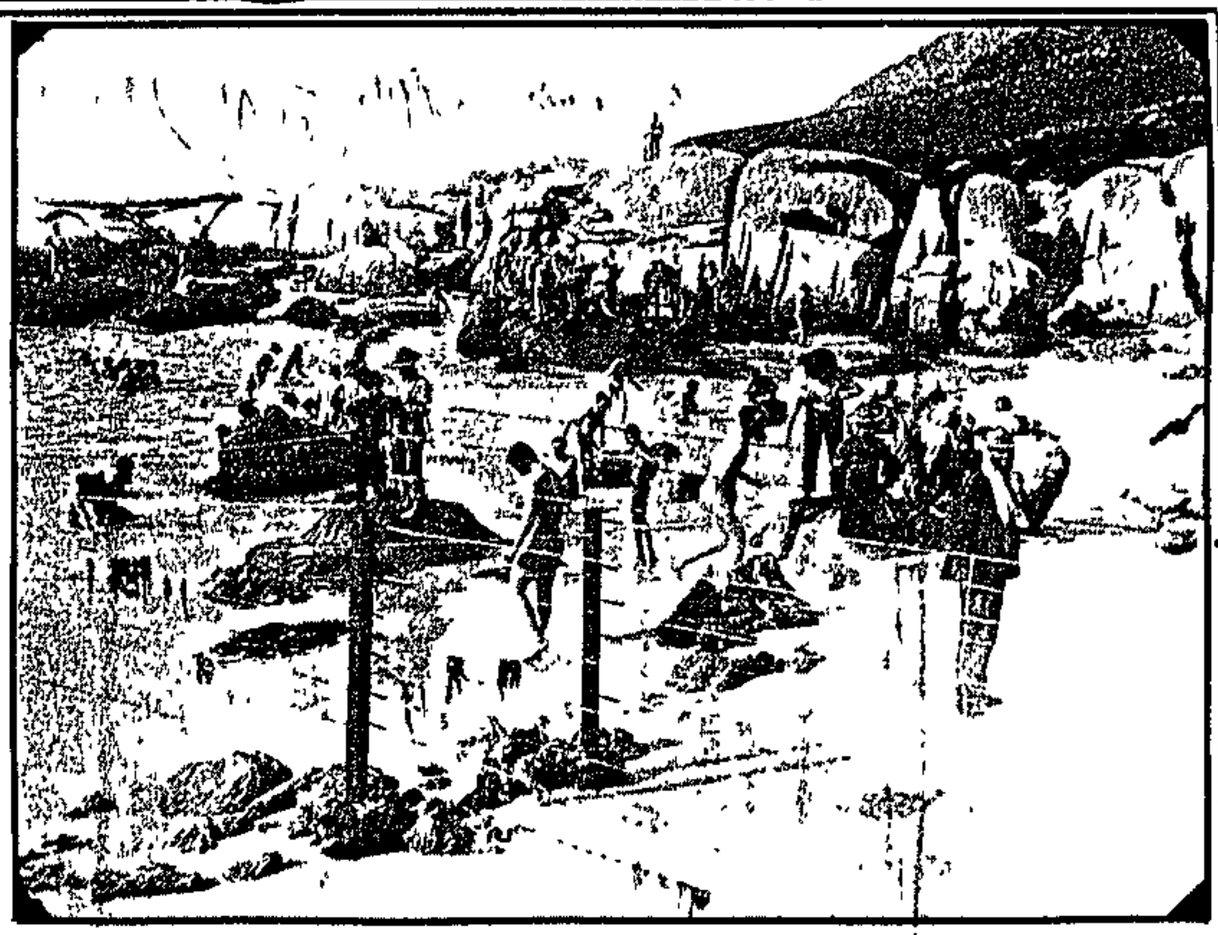
On the beach the barbed wire fence ran down into the sea

The photographers were A M C Miller, whose whole-plate glass negatives are on permanent loan to the Simon's Town Museum, and J M "Colie" Martins, who was captured together with thousands of Boers at Paardeberg in Febrary 1900

At first Boer prisoners were kept on HMS Penelope, a corvette anchored in the bay, and later in a temporary camp on shore After Paardeberg, when thousands of PoWs had to be accommodated, a bigger, permanent camp was built near Boulders Beach

The time at Simon's Town was the first experience of the sea for many of the prisoners, who came mostly from the Transvaal or the Free State During one of the early visits to the beach an English-speaking Free Stater, John Henry Chandler, of Ladybrand, 29, was attacked by a shark and died on the beach from loss of blood

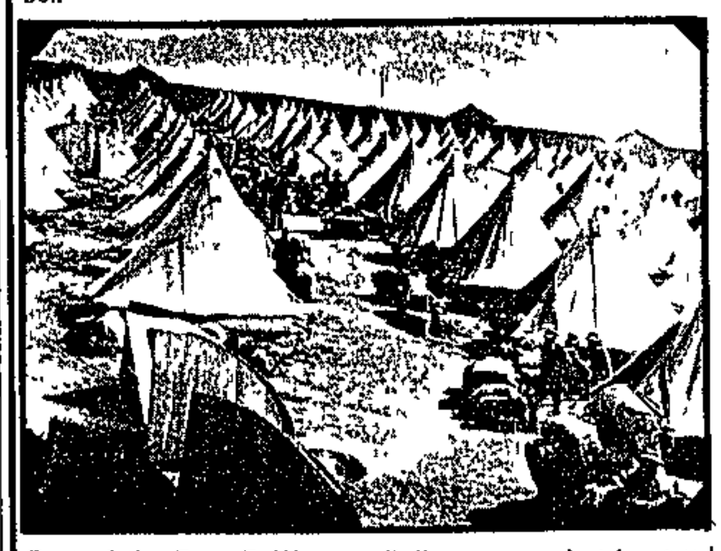
Prisoners attended occasional church services, and played jukskei and quoits One old photograph shows a quoits match in progress between the Transvalers and the Free Staters



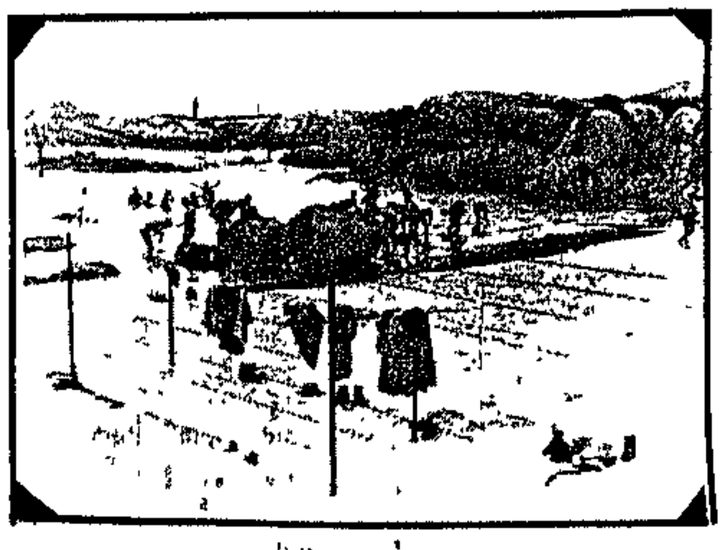


Watched by an armed guard high on a boulder, Boer prisoners-of-war bathe at Windmill Beach, near Simon's Town, behind a barbed wire fence.

Right: Boer prisoners-of-war view the spot where a shark attacked Free Stater John Henry Chandler. He later died of loss of blood



Part of the Boer PoW camp Bellevue, on what is now the Simon's Town golf course



PoWs swim at Windmill Beach behind a double barbed wire fence



General Cronje (arrowed) and his wife arrive at Simon's Town station after the battle of Paardeberg

ca, if not, why not; if so, (a) what steps and (b) when?

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE:

Yes. It should be borne in mind that rationalisation is an on-going and time-consuming process that is multi-dimensional in character and needs to be supported by adequate research. It cannot therefore be effectively concluded within a short period of time. The Department is at present investigating the rationalisation of all types of schools, technical colleges and colleges of education. I shall therefore be in a position to provide you with a more conclusive reply as the research unfolds;

(a) and (b) fall away.

Written replies to questions set down for oral reply on Tuesday, 16 September 1986:

General Affairs:

Cape Town railway station: restaurants

*3. Mr S S VAN DER MERWE asked the Minister of Transport Affairs:

(1) Whether the restaurants on the Cape Town railway station are open to members of all race groups; if not, (a) why not, (b) who takes the decisions on these matters and (c) what dining facilities are available to each race group at this station, if so, when was the decision taken to open these restaurants to all race groups;

(2) whether any persons who are not White were refused admission to and/or service in these restaurants on the evening of 26 August 1986; if so, (a) how many persons, (b) why and (c) who took this decision;

(3) whether this matter has been investigated; if not, why not; if so, (a) by whom, (b) what were the findings and (c) what action has been taken as a result;

(4) whether he will make a statement on the matter?

The MINISTER OF TRANSPORT AFFAIRS:

(1) Yes.

(a) Falls away.

(b) The decision is in accordance with Government policy.

(c) Cafeteria facilities are available for all race groups with effect from September 1985.

(2) No. (a), (b) and (c) Fall away.

(3) (a), (b) and (c) Fall away.

(4) No.

Alexandria

*9. Mr E K MOORCROFT asked the Minister of Communications:

Whether the Alexandria telephone exchange is due to be automatised; if so, when?

The MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS:

Yes, the Department's provisional planning provides for the equipment for an automatic telephone exchange at Alexandria to be ordered for delivery during the 1990/91 financial year At this early stage it is not possible to indicate when the exchange will be ready for service.

For written reply:

General Affairs:

Unrest-related incidents

115. Mr R R HULLEY asked the Minister of Law and Order:

How many persons were killed in unrest-related incidents in each month from July 1985 up to and including July 1986?

The MINISTER OF LAW AND ORDER:

July	1985	—	58
August	1985	—	126
September	1985	—	70
October	1985	—	82
November	1985	—	58
December	1985	—	62
January	1986	—	64
February	1986	—	81
March	1986	—	107
April	1986	—	87
May	1986	—	137
June	1986	—	110
July	1986	—	71
Total			1 113

Average recorded atmospheric level

1188 Mr K M ANDREW asked the Minister of National Health and Population Development:

What was the average recorded atmospheric (a) lead level, (b) sulphuric acid level and (c) level of other specified significant pollutants measured at the monitoring points in the Cape Town area in winter and summer, respectively, over the latest specified 12-month period for which figures are available?

The MINISTER OF NATIONAL HEALTH AND POPULATION DEVELOPMENT:

The following averages for (a) lead (b) sulphur dioxide—a precursor to the formation of sulphuric acid—and (c) particulates in air, are all expressed in micrograms per cubic metre.

Winter: March 1985 to August 1985:

	Lead	Sulphur dioxide	Particulates
(i) Cape Town City Hall	1,1	11,8	30,5
(ii) Foreshore	1,7	14,3	31,5
(iii) Epping Market	0,9	9,2	34,0
(iv) Paardeneiland	1,3	4,7	27,0
(v) Salt River	0,9	12	18,5
(vi) Greenpoint City Hospital	0,7	9	19,0
(vii) Bellville South	0,6	7,7	30,0
(viii) Elsiesrivier	0,6	9	33,5
(ix) Tamboerskloof	0,4	8	9,5
(x) Cape Peninsula	0,6	9	20,5
(xi) Goodwood	0,8	8	28,5
(xii) Parow	0,6	10	15
(xiii) Pinelands	0,6	7	17
(xiv) Edgemead	0,5	9,8	13,5

Summer: September 1985 to February 1986:

	Lead	Sulphur dioxide	Particulates
(i) Cape Town City Hall	0,5	9,0	18
(ii) Foreshore	0,8	12,3	18
(iii) Epping Market	0,6	7,3	19,5
(iv) Paardeneiland	0,7	5,8	17,5
(v) Salt River	0,4	10 7	12,5
(vi) Greenpoint City Hospital	0,4	9,5	10
(vii) Bellville South	0,2	12,7	15
(viii) Elsiesrivier	0,2	9	17
(ix) Tamboerskloof	0,2	4	7
(x) Cape Peninsula	0,2	14	11,5

Public meeting refused

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Municipal Reporter

A REQUEST for a public meeting to discuss council concessions for opening facilities to all races, has been turned down by the Mayor of Uitenhage, Mr Vivian Strydom.

Recently the Town Council opened three halls and the High Street swimming bath to all races but only under certain conditions.

The Town Hall, the Library Hall and the Toy Heunis Hall at the Springs Resort could be used by all races but on condition that the person in whose name the hall was hired was white.

The pool was opened to all races but only for galas at school, provincial and national level.

A petition was handed in opposing the opening of white facilities to all races, a report to the council's monthly meeting last night said.

A second petition addressed to the Mayor had been received, the report said.

During the council meeting, Mr Strydom proposed that the council take note of the first petition which made no specific request and this was approved.

The second petition asked for a public meeting but he would not grant this request, Mr Strydom said.

The council unanimously supported his actions when the matter was put to the vote.

Earlier this year, after the Port Elizabeth City Council voted to open beaches to all races a similar request was granted by the Mayor, Mr Ben Olivier, which eventually led to a poll of municipal voters.

● The council agreed last night to the establishment of a committee to provide advice on the aesthetic, functional and historic cultural aspects of existing and proposed buildings, structures and areas.

● It was also agreed there should be a 7,5% reduction in electricity tariffs from October 15 because the tariff charged by Port Elizabeth to the town dropped from July 1 and a discount was being allowed by the city.

Minimum wages 'could reduce safety measures'

Mercury Reporter

MINIMUM wage regulations in the security industry would lead to a deterioration in security measures in public places, the vice-chairman of the South African National Security Employers' Association, Mr Jeremy Thorpe, warned yesterday.

'We cannot believe that the legislature intended to give the go-ahead for increases ranging between 60% and 80%,' he said.

Mr Thorpe said the security industry was experiencing difficulty in interpreting the legislation, passed in June, which set down minimum wages for industry workers.

'The situation is being exploited by union officials.

'We have contacted the Minister of Manpower asking that some provisions be reconsidered and struck out of the legislation. We are currently waiting for a response,' said Mr Thorpe.

He said the consequences of the legislation were 'quite phenomenal'.

'Sansea informed the Wage Board at the hearing stage that the industry would not be able to sustain increases above 30%, but those representations seem to have gone unnoticed.'

He said commerce and industry would have to reconsider its position regarding security.

'Many firms will not be able to absorb the cost increases and the public could consequently be at risk,' warned Mr Thorpe.

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Farm soccer 'plan' upsets residents

By PETER DENNEHY
Municipal Reporter

TOKAI residents complained yesterday about what they believe to be a plan to allow Constantia farm workers to play soccer regularly on an unused field on Steenberg Farm, off Zwaanswyk Road.

An objector, who declined to be named, said she had noticed fencing going up around the field recently, and she had heard of a plan to provide soccer and other recreation facilities for Constantia workers.

"They have not applied for permission from the Divisional Council," she said. A Divco spokesman said he had heard of the controversy, and complaints had been received. An inspection had been held in response to the complaints, but no sign of soccer facilities had been found, he said.

The objector said she lived in a rural area without crime or vagrants, and she felt that farmworkers' soccer, with its inevitable spectators and toilets and changerooms, did not fit into the area.

Mr André Badenhorst, manager of Buitenverwagting Wine Farm and chairman of the Constantia Association for Community Development, said the six major farms in the area had formed the association to uplift the quality of life of their 90 families of workers, partly through providing sports facilities.

"Steenberg Farm is owned by the Louw family, who are members of our association. We have made no arrangement to use the farm, but if we do so we will go through the right channels," Mr Badenhorst said.

"There are no neighbours in the immediate vicinity of this field. People who do live in the area have the advantage of looking out over these beautiful farms, but they must realize that there are people living and working on them."

Council told: take stand on beaches

Dispatch Reporter

EAST LONDON — The MP for the Border in the House of Representatives, Mr Peter Mopp, said yesterday he was concerned by information reaching him from Cape Town that the city would get only R600 000 next year to develop its beaches.

Mr Mopp said East London "has a problem" concerning the provision of facilities and the opening of its beaches to all races.

"We are sitting on a hot potato, and the buck seems to be passed all the time to Cape Town.

"Last year we had 25 000 people on 300 m of sand at Eastern Beach. We face problems of an even greater maginitude this time round and nothing seems to be done about it.

"I know that the city council is meeting on Monday to inform us what was said at the meeting in Cape Town, but that is not good enough If they want to contribute to the solution to this problem, they must make a categorical statement on where they stand on the beach issue. Are the beaches open to all or not?

"They must say so either way, because, as far as black people are concerned, the beaches are open to all and I reiterate that I will not respect any racial signboards which try to dictate my life"

Urging the council to make a stand, Mr Mopp said it was "no use procrastinating" about the matter on the grounds that the President's Council was looking into the Separate Amenities Act.



MR MOPP

"That act is going to go and councillors who think they are going to continue to hide behind that archaic act should think again Be bold and honest The time is now," Mr Mopp said.

Meanwhile, the chairman of the Conservative Party here, Mr Calvyn Steyn, said "apathy among whites" to his party's call for whites-only beaches "will get whites what they deserve because they are not willing to stand up and be counted to protect whites-only facilities"

He said the money being given to the council could be used to develop facilities for blacks elsewhere and the beaches proclaimed for whites should be kept as such.

EL UDF rejects boycott rumours

Dispatch Reporter

EAST LONDON — The United Democratic Front has disassociated itself from any suggestions that a consumer boycott is to be resumed here

The chairman of the UDF's East London unit, Mr Joe Mati, said in a statement released on behalf of the unit that anyone making such suggestions was without "organisational discipline"

The statement said

"The East London unit of the United Democratic Front wishes to disassociate itself from the widespread rumour of a consumer boycott As far as we are concerned there is nothing like that but those people who are spreading the rumour are people without any organisational discipline at all.

"We think it is very important to clarify this because we cannot afford to see any conflict with our own people at this point in time

"We also believe that if there is any campaign which people are going to take up, necessary consultations and discussions are going to take place, and that is the only thing that can maintain the maximum unity among our people"

Attack on youths baffles police

Dispatch Correspondent

PORT ELIZABETH — Police have opened a murder docket after the discovery yesterday of a dead youth and six critically wounded and mutilated youths on the road and in bush beside the road between Grahamstown and Port Alfred

The police liaison officer for the Eastern Cape, Major Eddie Everson, said it appeared the youths, aged between 11 and 15 years, had been stoned

The grizzly discovery was made yesterday morning when a man, whose name was being withheld, saw four youths lying on the side of the road about 3 km from the Joza township, Grahamstown

The man reported the matter to the police, and a patrol vehicle was sent to the scene

On their arrival, police found one of the youths dead and three others critically injured

"The dead youth had several head wounds while the three injured ones had been mutilated," Major Everson said

While police were investigating the incident, three more youths, all very seriously injured, crawled onto the surface of the road from where they had been hiding in surrounding bush Major Everson said the injured youths were taken to the Settlers Hospital, Grahamstown

Police are baffled by the incident, but, judging from the wounds to their heads and bodies, believe the youths had been stoned

Gold slips on markets

LONDON — Gold prices fell below $400 an ounce for the first time in two months and the dollar soared in world markets yesterday on news of a surprise accord between Japan and the United States on handling the global economy.

Gold's traditional haven of investors wary of the dollar fell below $400 an ounce for the first time since September 3. It was quoted in Europe at $397,50, before closing at $401,00 yesterday — Sapa-RNS

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Beach issue: govt to decide

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By MATTHEW MOONIEYA
Local Affairs Reporter

EAST LONDON — The opening of beaches to all races will be decided by the central government after it receives a report from the President's Council on separate amenities.

Until then, nothing can be done about the city's beaches despite calls for official beach apartheid to be ditched.

This emerged in an interview last night with the mayor, Mrs Elsabe Kemp, who reported to the action committee on her trip to Cape Town where she discussed the matter with the MEC in charge of local government, Mr Pieter Schoeman.

Mrs Kemp said three important things emerged from the Cape Town talks to which she was accompanied by two other councillors, Mr Patrick Kay and Mr Eric Whitaker:

● Provincial authorities, and subsequently local authorities, had been told not do anything about the beaches until the central government decided on the matter.

● The provincial authorities would undertake their own study on the beaches and would discuss their findings with the council in conjunction with the council's own commissioned report.

● The city council would be given the money to upgrade the facilities at the beaches and had been given the go-ahead to use some of the money set aside for Leaches Bay development on other beaches.

"We explained all our problems and province was very sympathetic but explained its hands were also tied in the matter until the report from the President's Council was discussed by the central government and a decision was taken on separate amenities.

"I asked when the report would be tabled before the cabinet and was told it could be any day now," Mrs Kemp said.

The mayor said the province was undertaking its own study of the beaches.

"They have done Cape Town and are busy with Port Elizabeth now. They will be here in January and once they have carried out their own indepedent study, they will discuss it with us in conjunction with the study which we commissioned."

Mrs Kemp confirmed that her delegation had asked for R5 million — a million every year for the next five years — and said the money did not seem to be a problem.

Earlier in the action committee meeting, attempts to discuss the beach issue in open council failed and details of the council's stand on open beaches could not be determined.

Nevertheless, an earlier debate on the matter — the minutes on pink paper have now become public because seven days have lapsed — indicates the council's stand on the beaches.

A motion was brought by Mr Donald Card to rescind a council decision that the council maintain a low profile on the use of the beaches in the light of no arrests having been made or action taken against "prohibited persons using the beach".

In his motion Mr Card asked for the recision because he argued that the council's decision to keep a low profile was illegal as it could not condone the breaking of the law.

He argued that it was time the council acted in the interests of East London and that councillors stood up and be counted.

"Should the council insist on not opening the beaches to all races then legally we are bound to replace the racialistic signs.

"We are asking for goodwill among all people yet we all pull the wool over the whites' and the blacks' eyes," he said.

"That very important council vote was taken by a casting vote. This decision is for the council to ask the administrator to open all beaches to all races and then prove it with our goodwill campaign and the redevelopment of the beach facilities over the next five years with financial assistance. This casting vote has put us back in the dark ages," Mr Card said in his motion.

Bid to unseat Rohtbart fails

Dispatch Reporter

EAST LONDON — The mayor, Mrs Elsabe Kemp, ruled at last night's council meeting that the council had no authority to ask a councillor convicted of a criminal offence to resign.

Her ruling closed a lively debate on an unelected attempt to unseat Mr Phillip Rohtbart in the light of his conviction for fraud.

● A move by Mr Donald Card to reinstitute disparity of allowances between city councillors and management committee members was rejected. — DDR

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R1 m for open PE beach

PORT ELIZABETH — The Cape Provincial Administration will budget for an extra R1-million for the development of the new open beach at Port Elizabeth.

This was announced by the MP for Algoa, Mr James Kleynhans. He said this was in line with the administration's policy to develop open beaches.

His announcement came after a decision by the city council on Thursday to advance a further R400 000 to build a swimming pool at the beach. — Sapa

R1m set aside for open beaches

Weekend Post Reporter

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His announcement came after a decision by the City Council on Thursday to advance a further R400 000 to build a swimming pool at New Beach. The R1 million is in addition to the R210 000 previously set aside by the adminstration for the project.

Mr Kleynhans said ratepayers would now not have to pay for it.

He said the money could be used in phases for new facilities such as the swimming pool as well as securing the beach against erosion.

The Town Clerk of Port Elizabeth, Mr P K Botha, said he had received a telephone call from Mr Kleynhans yesterday yesterday telling him about the new allocation of the funds.

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Tourism will suffer if PE opens beaches to all, warns HNP man

Post Reporter

TOURISM would suffer a major blow if Port Elizabeth's beaches were opened to all, the organiser of the Herstigte Nasionale Party in the Eastern Cape, Mr Attie Loock, warned today.

Attacking Mr Ivan Krige, who wants all beaches opened, he said ratepayers in Mr Krige's ward should note "that he chooses to ignore the result of the municipal referendum on the open-beach issue, which showed that the majority of whites in PE want separate amenities".

If the Administrator approved the council's application for open beaches, the HNP would insist on a second referendum.

"I guarantee that even more people would vote 'No', " Mr Loock said.

PE would find itself in the same position as Durban and East London if the beaches were opened.

"The Transvalers and Free Staters are no longer going to Natal for their annual holidays because of open beaches. The same will happen here and it's time people asked themselves if Port Elizabeth can afford to sacrifice tourism in favour of politics," Mr Loock said.

● Mr Krige has questioned the CPA's motives in budgeting an extra R1 million to develop New Beach. He wants all beaches open before money is spent on a beach that "isn't really open".

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A humiliating, emasculating law that defies decency. But a law that affects millions of South Africans every day of their lives. This is what their REAL today is like ....

Apartheid's cornerstone,

TO the Nationalists who put the Reservation of Separate Amenities Act on the statute book 33 years ago, the law was just another measure to protect white privileges and identity.

THE President's Council report on the Group Areas Act, and its close cousin the Reservation of Separate Amenities Act, has been delayed — to the bitter disappointment of millions of South Africans who face the daily reality of living with apartheid legislation. Staff Reporter DENNIS CRUYWAGEN discusses the effects of a law which forces people to "go around the back door".

QUOTE

'BECAUSE of the suffering and humiliation I am harbouring a form of resentment against whites — even liberals who have always had it better. They do not know what it feels like to watch boards all their lives. They cannot share my experiences with me because they have never been inside my skin. This kind of thing is terrible to live with."

But to the hundreds of people who have been publicly humiliated by it, this law is a cornerstone of the hated apartheid system a pillar which emasculates and affronts human dignity

It also became a trap Guided by what the Government embodied in law, some whites made up their own rules, spreading petty apartheid far beyond even what the legislators intended — into offices, shops, churches, homes

Once humbled in front of this legislation — or its spawn — the pain, anger and frustration is always present — "following you like a shadow" in the words of Mr John Saunders, a former member of the Elsies River Management Committee and of the Labour Party.

FIVE years ago he went to the Parow offices of a national insurance company to pay his monthly premium on a policy he took out 15 years previously

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"I looked around and saw a white woman and her child emerging from a toilet," Mr Saunders said

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Adam Small



Dennis de la Cruz

Kerk minister, the Rev G Boshoff, asked him to write his exam in the church kitchen

Tracked down this week an emotional Mr Joors said "I do not want to talk about it I do not want to go back to the past nor am I prepared to express my feelings on it"

PHILOSOPHER, poet, playwright and academic Adam Small said he would not feel elated if the Separate Amenities Act was purged from the statute books

"Ordinary human decency demands that discrimanatory laws should never have been there It is simply a kind of universal expression which makes me say they should have disappeared a hell of a long time ago," he said

His family has suffered under the Separate Amenities Act

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The tentacles of the Separate Amenities Act are long and merciless and touch all blacks, even those who are part of the system

Mr Dennis de la Cruz, Leader of the Opposition in the House of Representatives, "suffered as an MP the humiliation and indignity of being turned away from a hotel" near Plettenberg Bay last year

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To this day Mr Saunders keeps on recalling the incident. So does Hilton.

He has read speculation that the President's Council will recommend the Act be scrapped.

"What good would that do? The damage has been done. It will take years to undo the harm and ill-feeling it caused. The youth of today will not be satisfied with the scrapping of one law. All discriminatory legislation must go," Mr Saunders said.

WHILE Mr Saunders could talk about his experience, an Athlone woman, still embarrassed by being charged with being on a beach reserved for whites, spoke to me on condition I did not identify her.

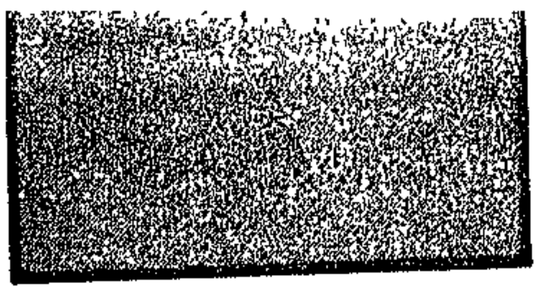
"Talking about it brings back unpleasant and ugly memories," she said.

Passionately fond of the sea, she spent every day of her life near it, walking along the beach, unware that she was contravening the law.

Until one day.

She had been lying in the sun on a white beach and decided it was time to go home.

"As I was crossing the beach to my car I heard



Adam Small



Dennis de la Cruz

somebody shouting and a policeman grabbed my arm. He was rude and said 'Get off the beach.'

"I was angry and said: 'Who the hell are you?'

"He threatened to arrest me. A crowd of people gathered. Not one came to my assistance. I was humiliated, angry and emotional"

She was taken to a police station and told she could pay a R30 fine.

She went to court to contest it but — "I realised during the case that my whole effort was futile because the courts were there to implement their laws, nomatter how unjust they may be," she said.

TIME, they say, is the perfect anaesthetic.

This is not always true.

Ask Mr Johannes Joors, principal of a farm school at Wupperthal

In 1982, Mr Joors was principal of a school near Clanwilliam. A member of the older generation of teachers, he had no university qualification and was studying through the University of South Africa to improve his education.

In November 1982 he sat for a Unisa exam with white candidates at the Clanwilliam Ned Geref Kerk.

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That incident brought home sharply the problem many parents face at one stage or another — trying to explain apartheid to their children.

"This question had been bothering me for years. How do you explain the mechanics of apartheid to a three-year-old boy?"

A DECADE later, he faced the vexing question. The family was passing Sunrise beach and his four-year-old daughter who could not read the *Whites only* signs, wanted him to stop so that she could romp in the playpark.

A year later she could read and there was no escaping the hard realities of living under apartheid because she asked him to explain what the words meant.

"These are the insidious things that parents have to cope with every single day under apartheid. I do not believe in the so-called reform people are talking about. The Population Registration Act, the hub of apartheid, is still there. They may have made cosmetic changes to some of their laws but nothing has really changed. Apartheid is still there. Reform is out.

He said people who suffered under laws like the Separate Amenities Act developed a deep-rooted resentment "of places, people and even yourself".

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Safety fence' for cove

Staff Reporter

MAIDEN'S COVE is to get a 700-metre fence "to control anti-social behaviour" and prevent trespassing at Glen Country Club.

A motion to this effect was passed by the City Council yesterday after vigorous debate with 18 councillors voting for and 13 against the erection of the fence.

Councillors supporting the fence spoke of the safety of people at the resort and listed several crime-related incidents, including a recent murder.

A new fence would cost R105 000 but 250 metres of fence previously used at Camps Bay would lower costs to about R67 500.

Mr Frank van der Velde warned that the fence would have racial connotations.

Dr J Sonneberg said complaints of trespassing at Glen Country Club were justified.

The club, which had complained, should share costs as ratepayers should not bear the full burden, he said.

Law enforcement in the area was poor as other municipalities siphoned off law-enforcement officials with higher salaries, he said.

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Schoolboy rampage on Durban beachfront

Own Correspondent

DURBAN. — A group of about 30 schoolboys went on the rampage on northern beaches here yesterday, allegedly stealing ice creams and cash from vendors as well as stoning passing cars.

Four young children were seen being taken from the scene in a police van along with one of three vendors whose money was stolen.

Police said last night that a complaint had been received of a disturbance at Blue Lagoon beach where a vendor was attacked by between six and 10 boys aged between 12 and 15 and robbed of R20.

The vendor chased and caught up with the boys at the Clover Leaf Restaurant, but was unable to arrest them.

Police arrived and rounded up a number of children who could not be identified as the suspects by the vendor, police said.

The children were released and a case of robbery was been opened.

A witness said a group of children, on the first day of their holidays, swelled in numbers as they moved southwards along the northern beaches and then went up towards Umgeni Road along the closed section of Walter Gilbert Road.

He said some of the children had tried to break into a restaurant storeroom on the beach, while another witness said about 30 boys converged on an ice cream vendor, overturned the wagon and helped themselves to money and ice creams.

No place to play causes townships talent drain

By MIKE MABUSELA

POOR recreational facilities in Port Elizabeth's black townships are causing an exodus of talented people.

Many residents also attribute the problems of juvenile delinquency to the lack of proper recreational centres for youngsters.

"With no facilities at their disposal, our children could easily become criminals," said mother-of-two Mrs Gloria Nobelungu, of Kwazakele.

A New Brighton music composer, Mr Welcome Duru, said many talented people had left Port Elizabeth because they had no facilities.

"Township bands have also fallen away as there is no recording studio at their disposal," Mr Duru said.

Soccer officials want more stadiums built for the sport, as they have to organise many matches on open pieces of veld which they have cleared themselves.

They complain of a lack of security at the New Brighton Oval and the Zwide Stadiums — the most used grounds.

"The New Brighton Oval is wide open, with walls falling down, while the Zwide Stadium has many gates through which people come in, dodging the turnstiles at the main entrance," said the secretary of the New Brighton Soccer Association, Mr Shepherd Hadi.

"It is strange that so few recreations facilities have been provided in Port Elizabeth's townships," said leading sports personality Mr George Molutsi.



Mr GEORGE MOLUTSI
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Beach apartheid causes blindness

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Municipal Reporter

FISH HOEK, Milnerton and Simon's Town municipalities are turning a blind eye to multi-race use of their officially "whites-only" beaches, as Peninsula beach apartheid takes another, slow step back.

Mr Mervyn Marshall, assistant town clerk of Fish Hoek, said this summer season was the first in which Fish Hoek law enforcement officials had been instructed not to enforce racial restrictions on the beaches.

"Legally it is still whites only, but we are simply not enforcing it," he said

"Council resolved months ago that it should be open, and we asked the Administrator, Mr Gene Louw, who has control over us. It seems he has not made up his mind yet."

Beach constables

Mr Louw could not be reached for comment yesterday

Mr Jan Veldsman, town clerk of Milnerton, said yesterday that although the beaches in his area were legally "for the white group", his municipality "did not really have a problem".

Beach constables looked out for "other things", he said, and people of all races did come and were not chased off

"In terms of the act there is one situation, but de facto there is another," he said.

Simon's Town had not enforced beach apartheid even last season, town clerk Mr Charles Chevalier said yesterday. It was from a Simon's Town beach that a Cape Town advocate, Mr Seraj Desai, and six others were ejected three years ago.

Open to all

They were also charged with contravening the Separate Amenities Act, but charges were withdrawn on instructions from the Attorney-General.

Experiments in numbers control by charging entrance had been tried and dropped at Simon's Town, he said. Not much parking was available, and ticketing illegal parking discouraged overcrowding.

Cape Town municipality's director of bathing amenities, Mr Jack Kloppers, confirmed yesterday that beaches in the City Council area were open to all.

These beaches extend from Granger Bay (adjoining the harbour) to Bakoven; and from Clovelly Beach to Mnandi Beach.

The Divisional Council decided this year in principle to open all its beaches as soon as this could be done "in an orderly fashion".

Mr Louwtjie Rothman, the chairman, said it could not be achieved this season. Beach constables had to be first recruited and trained, and certain amenities added.

Mr C H Mocke, Divisional Council secretary, declined to comment yesterday when asked whether Divco officials had been instructed not to bar people from beaches on racial grounds alone.

He said the matter would be raised at the next Divisional Council monthly meeting.

'Open' beaches again on the boil at resorts

By JEREMY McCABE and SYBRAND MOSTERT

BEACH apartheid — or what is left of it — is on the boil again as the summer holidays begin.

In Port Elizabeth a young coloured parliamentarian has vowed to continue his beach battle against apartheid — even if it means Christmas in jail

And in Cape Town the once "whites only" beaches are falling one by one despite objections from local white residents. This summer only one Peninsula stretch of beach will be reserved

The symbolic focus of the anti-beach apartheid campaign, however, will be in Port Elizabeth where Mr Peter Hendrickse will again defy the law when he and a group of young coloured friends make an "assault" on Port Elizabeth's premier "whites-only" beach

"I'll swim there again whenever I like," said the son of Cabinet Minister, the Reverend Allan Hendrickse.

Bitterness

He also challenged local National Party MPs to join him in a romp in the waves along the "Friendly City's" Golden Mile.

Mr Hendrickse was especially keen that Mr Sakkie Louw, MP for Newton Park, who earlier voted in favour of desegregated beaches, should join him.

"As long as the Separate Amenities Act is still in existence I have no alternative but to break the law.

"I am quite happy to spend Christmas in jail if that is what Mr P W Botha thinks is in the interests of this country," Mr Hendrickse said.

Port Elizabeth's "hallowed" racially-segregated beaches have caused much bitterness and dispute in the community.

The city council has voted both against and for open beaches in the last year, and at present the council stand is that the beaches should be opened to all race groups.

This prompted indignant rightwingers to demand a referendum on the sensitive issue.

And, during the referendum earlier this year, the city unexpectedly voted against opening its beaches. At the time, Mr Louw shocked his fellow Nationalists when he admitted having voted in favour of open beaches.

Meanwhile, in Cape Town, a three kilometre-long strip of sand will be the last beach reserved for whites this summer.

In the last preserve of "whites-only" beaches in the Western Cape, residents of Bloubergstrand and Melkbosstrand areas have stalled a Divisional Council plan to open all beaches under their jurisdiction by saying they do not want to share facilities with other races.

A total of 641 residents told the council in a petition that they do not want "open beaches".

Stalling

Bloubergsstrand and Melkbosstrand, about 20km west of Cape Town, are two of the Cape's most picturesque pleasure spots, with spectacular views over the Atlantic to Table Mountain.

While people of all races have mixed freely for the last three years on Sea Point, Clifton, Camps Bay and other beaches which fall under the jurisdiction of the Cape Town City Council, critics have in the past accused the Divisional Council of stalling on the issue.

The Cape Town City Council controls the most sought after swimming and tanning spots around the city centre, while the Divisional Council controls a 116km-stretch of coastline — broken only by the area under the control of the Cape Town municipality.

Although the Divisional Council accepted "in principle" to open all beaches in March 1986, the body first referred the question to municipalities who came under their jurisdiction.

They then proposed not to open beaches this holiday season in order to first "upgrade facilities".

More Peninsula beaches open to all

ARGUS 9/12/86 (282)

By KAREN STANDER
Staff Reporter

IT is official — from today beaches along the whole Peninsula coastline with the exception of Bloubergstrand and Melkbosstrand are open to all.

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Progress

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Mr Rothman said application was made to Mr Louw on July 11 after council resolutions of March 25 and June 24

No written response had been received but they had heard verbally that the matter was submitted to the executive committee, which deferred further consideration until the President's Council reported on legislation relative to the reservation of separate amenities.

"Having only taken a decision in principle, expectations must surely have been aroused and I wish to recommend that the council decides to open the beaches for the season," he said

Constables

Mr Rothman said a written approach had been made to the Provincial Administration about assistance to finance control measures

A reply was received that no funds would be forthcoming this financial year

Three beach constables had been appointed and they were undertaking patrol duties in collaboration with the council's security section

Although not all facilities agreed to by the council earlier would be completed, most would be completed by Friday

● The President's Council report on the Group Areas Act and the Reservation of Separate Amenities Act, which was due to to be published last month, has been delayed until next year



Picture: DOUG PITHEY, The Argus

MUST GO: Tenants who have to vacate Woodstock's partly collapsed Victoria Buildings by this afternoon.

Cricket fans should make special plans to get home

Staff Reporter

BE prepared to make your own way back from Newlands cricket ground after the third day/night international between the Springboks and the Australians tomorrow

If the match goes the full 45 overs it may end about 11pm when most trains and buses have stopped running

But unlike those who hope to use public transport, the Western Province Cricket Union is leaving nothing to chance in dealing with over-enthusiastic fans

The union's director of administration, Mr Kevin Commins, said 50 extra security guards would be on duty to stop fans running on to the field during play

Offenders could expect to be dealt with harshly

"We will need the co-operation of the spectators to stop this sort of behaviour," he said

He would not go as far as confirming that people would be prosecuted, but said they would "definitely be put out of the ground"

Trains stop through Newlands on the suburban line before 10pm

"It would be nice to lay on special trains but we don't know for sure when the match will end," said Sats public relations officer Mr Luther Diedericks

If the game ended about 9pm the service "will be more than adequate" If the game ends later, fans are unlikely to get home by train

"Laying on just one train from Newlands to Cape Town would make no sense We would have to have connecting trains to other lines The cost would be astronomical"

As for buses, your last hope leaves Cape Town for Diep River at 11pm It passes along Main Road, Newlands, about 15 minutes later If you are headed the other way you will have to leave earlier — the last bus from Diep River leaves at 10pm

Whatever the travel arrangements, the ground will be crowded with all 6 000 seating tickets sold There are still standing-room tickets available.

Tickets are available at Computicket today and at the ground tomorrow The game starts at 2.20pm and not at 1.15pm as some tickets show.

● Richardson to open for Boks? — Page 24

Grandmother sees her grandson hit by car, killed

By SHARKEY ISAACS
Staff Reporter

A weeping grandmother described today how she watched in horror as a car mounted the pavement and killed her three-year-old grandson and injured two other grandchildren outside her Bonteheuwel home.

Abubabakar "Boobie" Davids of Bontheheuwel died in the accident at the front gate of Mrs Lettie Davids's home in Avocado Road about 6pm yesterday.

His cousins, Chantal Davids, 10, and Alan Davids, 6, also of Bonteheuwel, were injured

Mrs Davids said the accident happened after she went to call "Boobie" and her other grandchildren inside for supper.

"Boobie, Allan, and Chantal were sitting on a mound on the pavement," she said

MOUNTED PAVEMENT

Semi-collapsed flats: Tenants told to leave

Municipal Reporter

TENANTS of the partly collapsed Woodstock building in which a man died last week have to leave the dangerous premises by this afternoon

Yesterday they received letters from the owner's attorneys ordering them to leave within 24 hours

A few have found alternative accommodation but many were still crowded into undamaged rooms today and said they were uncertain about their future

WILL TAKE "ANYTHING"

"I don't know where to go," said Mr Andrew Thomas, nursing a foot hurt when a first-floor flat in the dilapidated building collapsed

"I haven't got any people here and I've got my wife and two kids to see to He (the owner) wants to put us out with sick people and all"

They would "take anything", said his wife, Yvonne, who cares for 13 children and grandchildren

Mrs Priscilla Thomas, mother of three, said she would consult city council housing officials today

CONTINGENCY PLAN

Some tenants believed the council would provide

Schoolgirl denies Jermaine drug link

Staff Reporter

A 17-year-old schoolgirl today denied seeing slain Jermaine Abrahams, 16, smoking dagga and Mandrax with the man now accused of murdering her.

In the Supreme Court, Cape Town, the girl, a friend of Jermaine's, also denied having an affair with and being in love with accused 19-year-old Mr Yassiem Harris

Yesterday Mr Harris told the court he and Jermaine had smoked dagga and Mandrax at Jermaine's home in the presence of the schoolgirl

Mr Harris and his mistress Mrs Sandra Smith, 22, are accused of robbing and murdering Jermaine at her home in Chad Close, Portlands, Mitchell's Plain in September

The girl told the court today that she did not smoke dagga. She said Jermaine and Mr Har-

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Open beaches: Divco 'took law into own hands'

Staff Reporter

THE Divisional Council of the Cape had taken "the law into its own hands" by deciding unilaterally to open most of the beaches under its control to all people, the Administrator, Mr Gene Louw, said today.

The council had taken upon itself the responsibility of ensuring that all those who used the beaches would do so in a peaceful manner, and would "simply have to appoint enough officials and beach patrolmen to maintain peace and order".

"A local authority cannot escape from this responsibility by pleading a lack of funds or alleging that it was unable to employ enough supervisory officials, or advancing other excuses," Mr Louw said.

"ORDERLY USE A RIGHT"

The Province was not empowered to institute proceeding against organisations and bodies which contravened the laws of the country. This was solely the domain of the police, he said.

"During frank discussions held in the past, the police assured me they would at all times do everything possible not to disturb racial harmony."

Orderly use was the one right on which the public could insist and the council had to expect to come under close scrutiny.

"Should beaches be opened without the assurance that discipline will be maintained, it would attest to extremely irresponsible action on the part of the local authority."

Mr Louw said the executive committee of the

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Louw critical

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Cape Province was not afraid to investigate any application for the rezoning of beaches in the Western or Eastern Cape and to come out with a clear yes or no.

However, the executive commitee was tied because the principle of beach use, including the opening or non-opening, formed part of national policy.

The Government had specifically referred the Reservation of Separate Amenities Act to the President's Council for an investigation and recommendation.

"WHITES-ONLY" SIGNS

The executive committee, for the sake of the divisional council, could not anticipate the recommendation of the President's Council and subsequent Government decisions. There was nothing for it but to await the results of the investigation and the divisional council had been informed accordingly.

He said it was the task of the Provincial Administration to effect zonings for one reason only, to ensure that beaches were used in an orderly way.

● The divisional council has taken no decision yet whether the "whites only" signs on the beaches will be removed.

Go on, take the plunge — Hendrickse



Mr P HENDRICKSE

By KIN BENTLEY

THE "swimming" Labour Party MP for Addo, Mr Peter Hendrickse, today challenged the Port Elizabeth City Council to take the plunge and open PE beaches to all races.

He wants them to follow the lead set by the Cape Divisional Council (CDC) yesterday in declaring Peninsula beaches open without the consent of the Administrator, Mr Gene Louw.

The CDC had been waiting since July 11 for a decision.

Mr Louw's approval is still being awaited by the PE City Council which in March and then again in June this year requested his permission to open the city's beaches.

The delay has been ascribed to the fact that the Administrator is awaiting the Government's response to a President's Council report on the Group Areas and Separate Amenities Act The report, expected last month, was shelved.

In a statement today, Mr Hendrickse said.

"I want to congratulate the Cape Divisional Council for their correct decision not to await the Administrator's intentionally delayed decision, but instead to act in the best interests of the people.

"I challenge the PE City Council to do the same.

"We do not have the luxury of waiting for the National Party Government to finish playing their delaying games."

He said the council should "be bold and do what they believe to be correct and implement their decision to open the beaches immediately".

Mr Paul Botha, the PE Town Clerk, said yesterday that, technically, councillors acting in contempt of the Administrator could be sacked.

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Defiant Divco move on beaches

By HILARY VENABLES

ONLY a handful of apartheid beaches remain on the Peninsula's coastline after a defiant decision by the Divisional Council yesterday to immediately desegregate all but two of its beaches — with or without the blessing of the Administrator, Mr Gene Louw.

Mr Louw has failed to reply to two requests from the Divisional Council for permission to open all but Bloubergstrand and Melkbos beaches.

He could not be contacted last night and the Provincial executive member in charge of local government, Mr PJ Schoeman, declined to comment.

The new open beaches include Llandudno, Sandy Bay, Hout Bay, Noordhoek, Kommetjie and Scarborough.

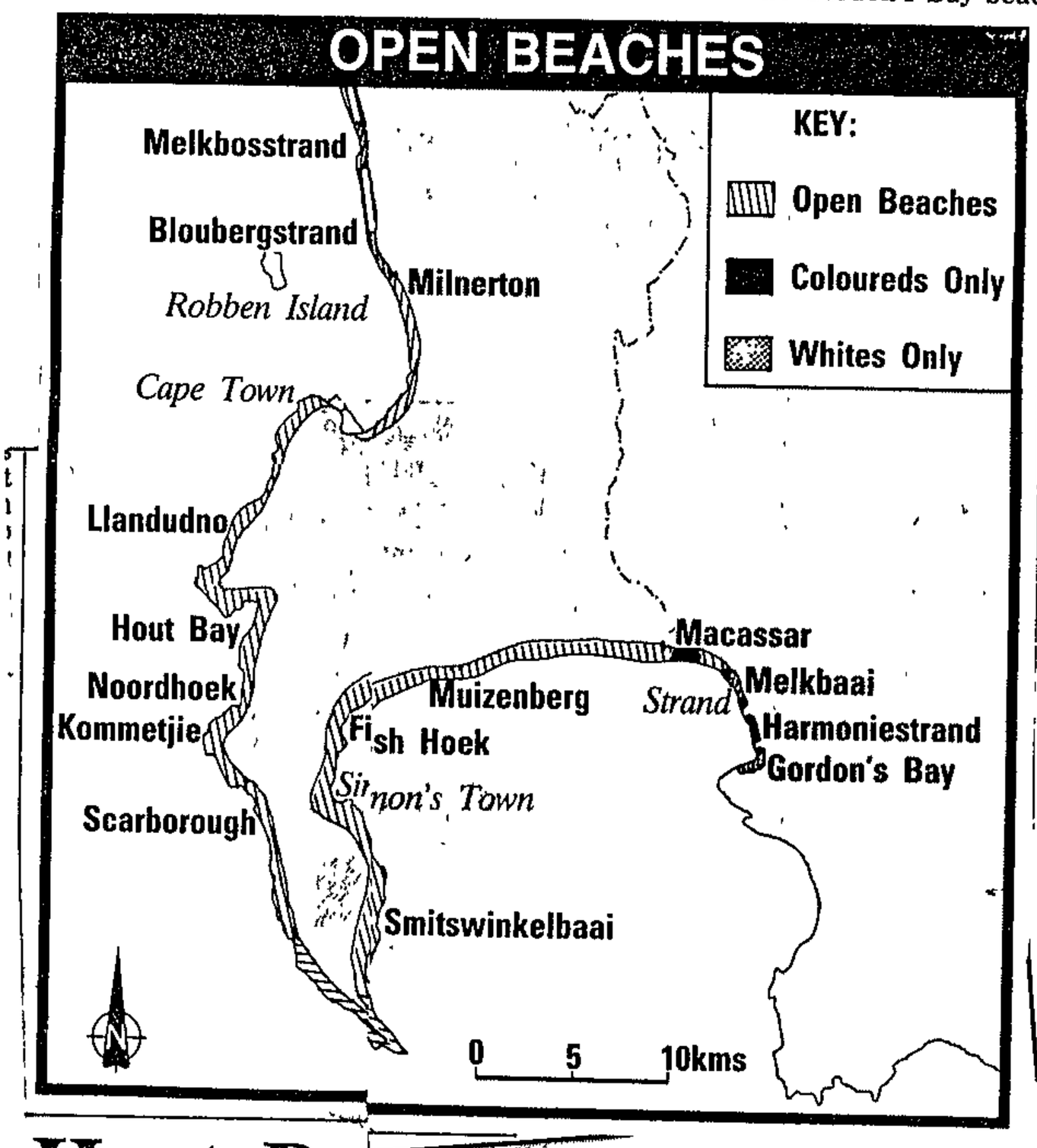
The council will desegregate Melkbos and Blouberg beaches once their facilities have been upgraded.

Yesterday's decision followed a series of questions from Divisional Council member Mr Neil Ross, who asked about progress made since council's August decision in principle to open its beaches to all.

The Divisional Council decision, which could be reversed after the holiday season if the council is unhappy with the results, means all beaches from Milnerton up to Macassar are now open to all races.

Further east, the Strand municipality still retains a "whites only" beach at Melk Baai and a "coloureds only" beach at Harmonie Park. The two are separated by a desegregated rocky stretch of coastline

The Gordon's Bay beach is reserved for whites.



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Peninsula's STAR beaches open to everyone

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Own Correspondent

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No written response had been received, but they had heard verbally that the matter was submitted to the executive committee.

CAPE OPENS BEACHES

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ALL except two beaches in the Cape Peninsula have been declared open to all races.

The exceptions are Bloubergstrand and Melkbosstrand.

The Divisional Council of the Cape decided at its meeting on Tuesday to ignore the administrator, Mr Gene Louw — he has failed to reply to two requests for permission to open beaches — and to open its beaches for the summer.

Divco beaches which are not open include Llandudno, Hout Bay, Kommetjie, Noordhoek and Scarborough. Cape Point Nature Reserve beaches have been open for some time.

The council has also agreed in principle to desegregate Melkbosstrand and Blouberstrand beaches, but will delay their opening until facilities have been upgraded.

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Mr Rothman was replying to questions by Mr Neil Ross, who asked when the council had applied to the administrator to open the beaches under their jurisdiction. — Sapa.

Louw passes buck to SAP on SA's beaches

Post Reporter

THE Administrator of the Cape, Mr Gene Louw, has placed the responsibility for enforcing beach apartheid squarely with the South African Police.

In a statement released in Cape Town today, he commented extensively on the decision by the Cape Divisional Council to open beaches — except two beaches under its control — to all races.

He said the province was not empowered to institute proceedings against organisations and bodies which contravened the laws of the country.

"This is solely the domain of the police."

In an interview, the police liaison officer for the Eastern Cape, Major Eddie Everson, said the police had in the past acted only on complaints from the public.

He said the police patrolled the beaches as they patrolled any public area of the city. If a law was broken in the presence of the police or if someone lodged a complaint, the police had no alternative but to act.

Meanwhile, the Town Clerk of Port Elizabeth, Mr P K Botha, explained in an interview that the City Council would not be in a position to act unilaterally on the beach issue.

In terms of the municipal ordinance, once a referendum was held, as was done on the beach issue, the council could not act until the Administrator had made his ruling on the issue, he said.

In his statement, Mr Louw said that during frank discussions held in the past, the police assured him they would at all times do everything not to disturb racial harmony.

He said the Executive Committee was not afraid to investigate any application for the rezoning of beaches — whether in the Eastern or the Western Cape — and to come out with a clear yes or no.

"However, at the moment the Executive Committee is tied down by the fact that the principle of beach use, which includes the opening or non-opening of beaches, forms part of the national policy."

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'Don't dine with blacks,' E Cape hotel tells farmer

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Own Correspondent

PORT ELIZABETH. — Management at a Gamtoos River hotel yesterday asked a St Albans farmer who lunched there with his black foreman last month not to invite blacks to eat with him at the hotel again.

They said his action had caused the hotel to lose trade.

The farmer, Mr Jurg Bangerter, claimed yesterday the assistant manager of the Gamtoos Ferry Hotel, Mr Arthur Eacher, told him not to bring "your k. . .s" to the hotel.

However, while conceding that he had made the no-blacks request, Mr Eacher denied he had been racially abusive.

A "very disappointed" Mr Bangerter said that three weeks ago he and his wife had taken his foreman, Mr Jackson Tutu, and his wife Joyce to lunch at the hotel in appreciation for their work at the farm.

Yesterday he and a couple of white friends were having lunch at the same hotel when Mr Eacher called him aside and allegedly made abusive racial references to the previous incident, adding that the hotel had received "a lot of complaints".

Mr Eacher, while denying he had been abusive, defended his no-blacks request, saying that a party of whites booked to dine at the hotel that day decided not to do so when they saw Mr Bangerter with his black friends.

Explaining what happened yesterday, Mr Eacher said. "I asked him please not to bring them again because we'd had complaints."

Cape Times 16/12/86

Apartheid signs stay on 'open' beaches

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By EBRAHIM MOOSA
Political Reporter

APARTHEID signs will remain on the Peninsula's "open" multiracial beaches until another Divisional Council meeting decides to remove them.

This was disclosed to the Cape Times yesterday by the Divco secretary, Mr C H Mocke. He explained that "non-whites only" signs at Soetwater, near Kommetjie, and other beaches would not be removed.

Last week Divco defied the Administrator, Mr Gene Louw, and declared all beaches open to people of all races — except Melkbosstrand and Bloubergstrand.

The decision did not imply removing "apartheid" signs, Mr Mocke said.

"Council has not taken a decision on signboards yet. Reservation, as such, is still there.

"Beaches are open," he said, "but not caravan parks."

Mr Mocke said the recent Divco decision to open beaches to all races did not mean the apartheid signs would also be removed automatically.

"I do not know what the position is in the field. Sometimes people in the local offices remove boards without a direction," said Mr Mocke.

Commenting on Divco's explanation, Mr Frank van der Velde, city councillor for Ward 16, said: "Officials have no right to go against a Divco decision. Talking about another resolution is splitting hairs.

"I think Divco wants to be verlig but, in reality, is applying apartheid."

Cape Times 17/12/86.

Black children in pool furore

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Own Correspondent

PORT ELIZABETH. — All went well at a children's tea party here this week, until a little black girl dangled her feet in the swimming pool.

Mrs Arline Savage, of Newton Park, Port Elizabeth, said Mrs Alfie Adendorff, of the Wyndomayne Tea Gardens, Greenbushes, "screamed" and said she would not allow blacks in her pool

The youngsters had been celebrating the birthday of Mrs Savage's son, aged three, at the tea garden on Monday. The party included her domestic worker's two grandchildren, aged two and four

All had eaten and played together and the white children were already splashing in the pool. But when the four-year-old black girl dipped her feet in the water, Mrs Adendorff drew the line.

"It spoiled the whole party," said Mrs Savage. "We decided after that to pack up and leave"

Mrs Adendorff said yesterday: "She (Mrs Savage) has a democratic right to choose her friends, I have a democratic right to choose mine."

She said the pool was private and after Monday's incident she was going to fence it off and put up a notice saying swimming was only by permission.

Mrs Savage said: "I had told them the black children were coming. I would never have gone there at all if I had known they couldn't all use the pool

"She was shouting so loudly they could all hear her outside.

"I don't believe in discrimination I have brought the children up to make no distinctions and they could hear everything she said."

Mrs Adendorff said· "The pool is my private pool. It does not belong to the tea garden but I let the people swim in it. We give people the privilege to swim."

CAT Times 18/12/86

More than strange

ALLAN DRURY described South Africa in the 1970s as a very strange society. More than half-way through the 80s South Africa, if somewhat changed, is no less strange.

For example, beach apartheid has now been abolished on almost every beach in the Peninsula. The Cape Divisional Council, one of the last local authorities in Cape Town to open beach facilities to all races — commendably in the face of opposition from the Administrator — is happy to make no distinction on the basis of colour.

But it insists on retaining some of the apartheid notices, at least until it has another meeting and formally decides to remove them. The secretary, Mr C H Mocke, said the recent decision to admit all races to the beaches did not mean the apartheid signs would also be removed automatically!

What illogicality! What absurdity! If all races are being admitted, why retain the notices that give such offence? It is like agreeing the earth is round but insisting that geography books still be allowed to claim it is flat.

Are the signs supposed to intimidate people into thinking they are prohibited from admission when they are not? Or does the council believe the relaxation of the discriminatory restrictions to be so temporary that the removal of the signs is not warranted?

Apartheid signs are the meat and drink of South Africa's critics. Photographed, they tell the story more graphically than many thousands of words. Yet when we have a genuine reason for consigning them to the flames they are kept up, perpetuating a lie. With such a propensity for masochism, who needs sadists?

'Now I'll fence it off,' says angry owner

Storm in a tearoom pool ove black gi

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MAKING A SPLASH: Mrs Arlene Savage and son Paul, 3, with Mrs Nosisi Jacobs and her granddaughter "Pinky" Jacobs, 4.

PORT ELIZABETH. A tearoom owner here is going to fence her swimming pool after a little black girl splashed her feet in it, causing a row which led to the cancellation of a children's birthday party.

Four-year-old Lindelwa Jacobs, nicknamed "Pinky", still does not know why she was taken away from the pool at the Wyndomayne Tea Room where she and her little white friends were having fun at the birthday party of three-year-old Paul Savage.

It was the first time "Pinky" had ever been at a swimming pool in her life, and she was so afraid of the water that she did not even swim, she just sat at the edge of the pool splashing her feet and watching her friends frolick in the water.

However, the sight of Lindelwa's feet in the water was enough to incense the owner of the tea garden, Mrs Alfie Adendorff.

From KEN VERNON
Weekend Argus Bureau

According to Paul's mother Mrs Arline Savage, Mrs Adendorff screamed that she "do not want blacks in my pool".

Mrs Savage said: "Everything had gone so well. All the kids, including "Pinky" and her little brother, Pumsile, had eaten sweets and things together at the tea garden and had ridden on a pony when they decided to swim because it was so hot."

Shouted

Mrs Savage said the children had not been in the pool for long when she noticed someone peeking at them from the tea garden owner's house in the grounds Shortly afterwards Mrs Adendorff called her to the kitchen door

"She screamed at me that she would not allow blacks in her pool so loudly that my dad, who was 50m away, heard her" Mrs Savage said she was so shocked that she could not answer immediately.

"Pinky's grandmother, my maid, also heard and took "Pinky" away from the water, but the whole party was spoiled and we just packed up and left."

Mrs Adendorff said she objected to the black girl's presence in the pool, but denies shouting at Mrs Savage.

She claimed the pool was her own private one and did not belong to the tea garden. People could swim there only with her permission, but she said she did not stop the white children from swimming.

Asked why she did not allow blacks in her pool, Mrs Adendorff said that if one black was allowed to swim, soon all the blacks on her property would want to swim.

"We had a nasty incident earlier this year when we found out that while we were away in town the gardener swam in the pool Of course, we sacked him on the spot

"Now, if we let this girl in the pool maybe the present staff would also want to swim This is my pool and if I don't want blacks in it then it is my business," she said.

She said that if Mrs Savage allowed blacks in her own pool "well bully for her".

Mrs Adendorff has now said such an incident will never happen again.

She said she intended to build a fence around the pool with a sign saying the pool was private, "then swimming will be a privilege and not a right here".

Lushness from dust

By ROBERT HOUWING
Staff Reporter

LUSH playing fields at poorly-equipped township schools in the Western Cape were no more than a pipe-dream in May last year.

Now, almost 20 months later, 17 grassed and poled fields and 28 combi-courts have risen from the dust, thanks to contributors to The Argus TEACH Playing Fields Fund

Six more fields are under construction and an athletics track is at an advanced stage

Mr John Passmore, the driving force behind the scheme, is delighted at the progress — but points out that the fields project is "Phase 1" in his broader dream of properly-organised school sport in the townships

Winter launch

The Playing Fields Fund was launched in early winter last year when Mr Passmore told The Argus of the dearth of sports facilities at black schools — not one of the 43 had a field.

The fund raised R210 000 — much more than anticipated — in its drive to help the Western Province Black Sportsfield Foundation to establish multi-purpose fields at black schools in the Peninsula and Boland

The Argus provided the first injection (R5 000) and the initial target of R175 000 was reached a mere four months later, eventually stopping R35 000 beyond that mark

Khayelitsha has seen the busiest activity so far Ten fields and 15 combi-courts (for tennis, netball and volleyball) have been completed

The higher-primary schools benefiting are Lahlaza, Lwendle, Emithini, Injongo, Impendulo, Eluxolweni, Vuselelo, Homba and Masithandane.

A running track is in progress around the perimeter of Lahlaza Higher Primary School

In Guguletu, fields and courts have been established at Bonga, Intshinga, Lwazi, I D Mkhize and Fezeka schools, while in neighbouring Nyanga township, Sizamile school has been equipped with sports facilities

Langa High School also boasts a field and two courts and another field is under construction in this township, which was particularly lacking in recreational facilities

"In the light of the Playing Fields Fund the authorities have been persuaded that, as a matter of policy, all new township schools must be built with suitable space for sportsfields," Mr Passmore said

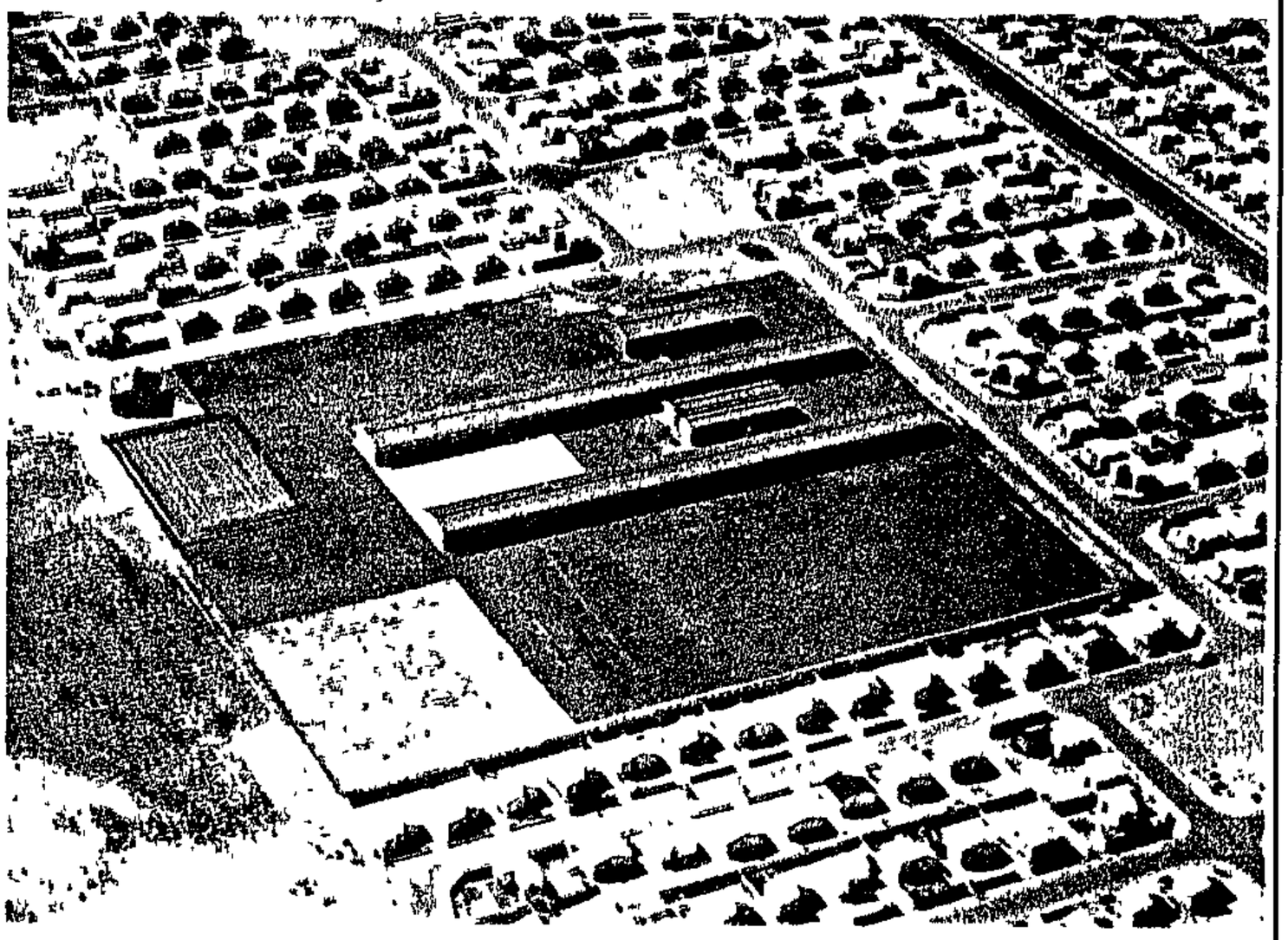
The fields have been grassed against enormous geographical odds — soil in parts of the barren, windy Cape Flats is considered among the worst for natural growth anywhere

Contractors battled grimly to halt the damaging effects of sand encroachment, particularly at Khayelitsha, which is bordered on every side by sand dunes

"We decided to put down a firm clay-soil base to combat the sand — something for the roots to grip on," Mr Passmore, said

"Another obstacle has been fencing Some of the fields are not enclosed, which has meant that they have been used as thoroughfares by residents.

"Our main task is maintenance — and we have funds available for two years."

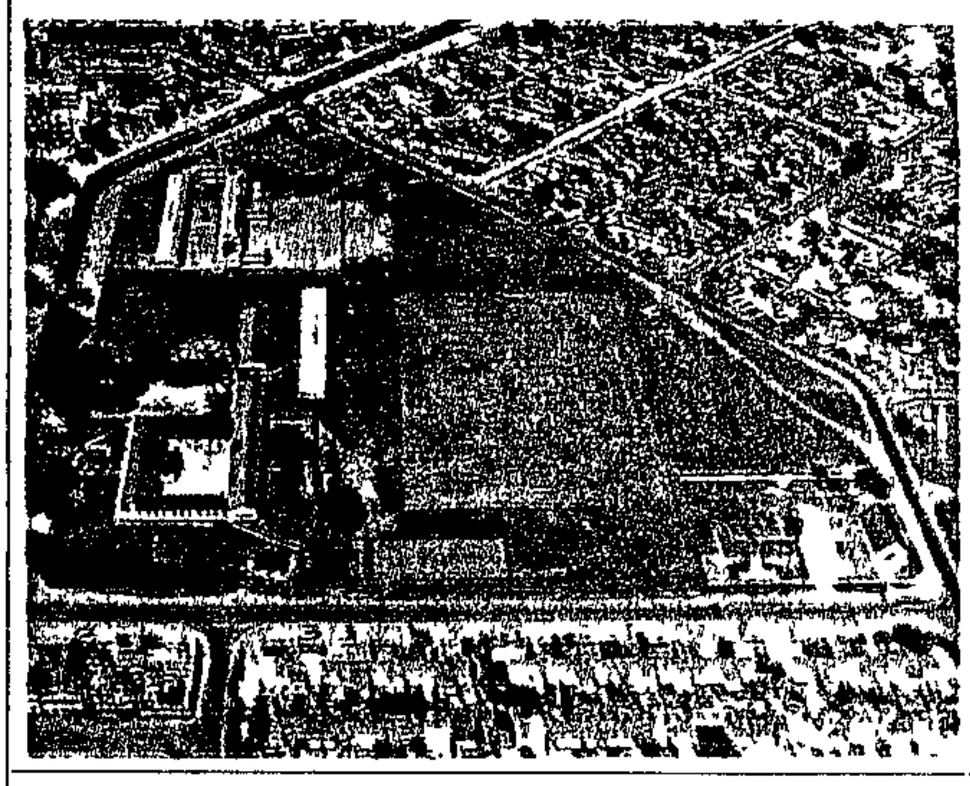


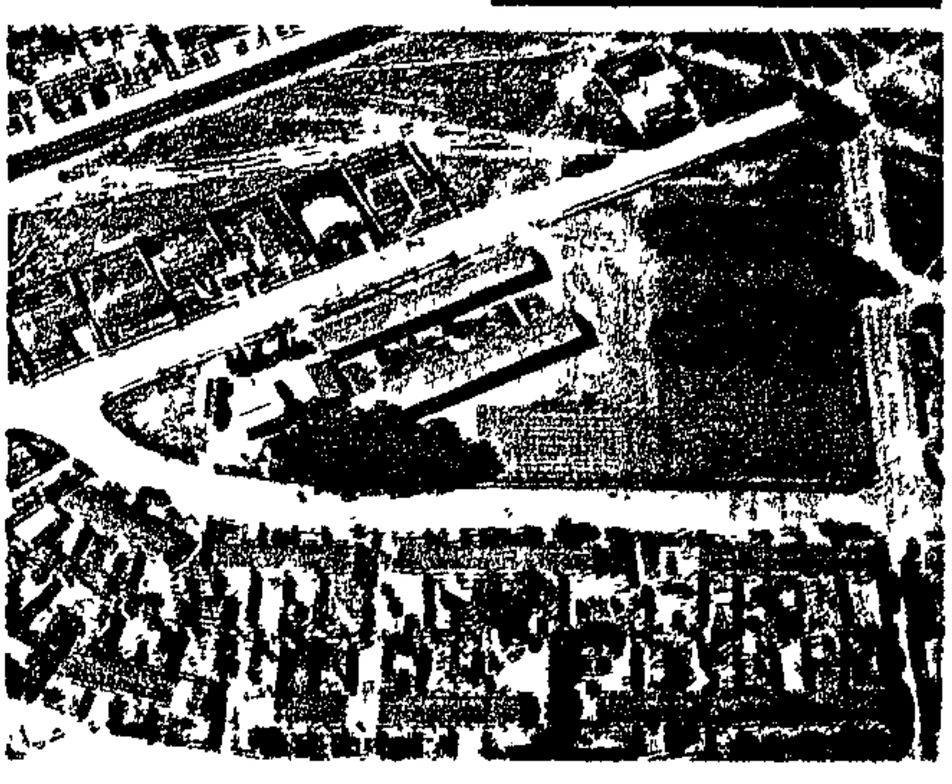
OUT OF THE DUST: Emithini Higher Primary School in sandy Khayelitsha resembles a mini-oasis — thanks to the lush field and combi-court, left, provided by The Argus TEACH Playing Fields Fund.

SPORTING ASSET: An aerial view of Langa High School, left, and its desperately-needed playing field and two combi-courts (middle and above left).

BATTLE AGAINST SAND: The problem of sand encroachment is reflected in this view of Bonga Higher Primary School, Guguletu, below, which nevertheless has a sparkling field and combi-court.

TEACH Playing Fields Fund





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Family to cut short holiday after race snub

Weekend Argus Correspondent

PORT ELIZABETH. — A black family ordered to leave a "whites only" Port Elizabeth beach are cutting their holiday short and going home tomorrow following their "humiliation".

Taxi-owner Mr Timothy Mashele, his wife, Julia, and their children, Samuel, 12, Donald, 10, Jabu, 5, and a family friend, Ibraham Amin, 12, are staying at a beachfront hotel.

They walked across to swim at the beach opposite the hotel yesterday — but were ordered to leave by a man, whom they believe was a policeman.

They arrived on Tuesday and planned to remain until next week.

But they wanted to leave for their Pretoria home immediately after yesterday's incident.

"We wanted to fly back home immediately after being ordered off the beach. But there were no flights available, and now we will leave by car tomorrow.

"I have never felt so humiliated."

The duty officer in the Eastern Province, Captain P Grobler, said he was trying to establish if it was a policeman who told the family to leave.

'Administrator has to decide'

Weekend Post Reporter

TWO Port Elizabeth ratepayers have demanded that the Administrator of the Cape, Mr Eugene Louw, take a decision on the open beach issue within a month, or face legal action.

The deadline of January 25 is given in a letter to M Louw written by an attorney on behalf of Mr Bobby Stevenson, regional director of the Progressive Federal Party, and a city councillor, Mr Graham Richards, who both support open beaches.

They claim the Administrator is legally obliged to act and that he is not justified in delaying a decision because of the impending report of the President's Council on the Separate Amenities Act.

The new turn in the segregated beaches controversy which resulted in a black family being ordered off a Port Elizabeth beach yesterday, coincides with a flare-up of racial violence on open beaches in Natal.

In their letter, Mr Stevenson and Mr Richards demand that the Administrator act on the result of the June beach referendum to maintain beach segregation or overrrul the poll, so opening the beaches.

They say the Administrator's "refusal or failure" t exercise his discretion on opening the beaches is "unlawful".

They state in their four-page letter, dated December 23 that if the Administrator fails to make a decision by January 25 they will seek a court interdict compelling him to take action.

The men are acting as municipal voters, who voted in favour of opening the beaches in the referendum.

The poll, which grabbed international headlines, was held as the result of a public meeting which challenged the City Council's 14-7 vote in March to open the beaches from July 1.

The result of the 16,6% poll on June 18 was a 6 104 to 4 957 vote by PE's white ratepayers against opening the beaches to all races.

But, eight days later, the council decided by 19 votes to six to reject the result of the referendum and then voted 18-7 to press ahead with opening the beaches to all races.

The results of the referendum and the council vote were referred to the Administrator for his decision.

It is his failure to act, one way or another, that forms the basis of the letter to Mr Louw.

Quoting a 1974 Cape municipal ordinance, attorney Mr Patrick Bracher writes on behalf of the two men that "you (the Administrator) are required to confirm the decision at the poll as taken or in such amended form as you may deem fit, or to set such decision aside".

The letter says that "despite the fact that almost six months has passed and summer is half gone", the Administrator has failed to act

Referring to statements by a representative of the Administrator that

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no action can be taken until recommendations by the President's Council on separate amenities have been framed, the letter maintains this is not the case.

"On the contrary, you are obliged, as Administrator ... to take a decision in regard to the matter . . .

"You were also obliged to take this decision within a reasonable time."

It calls on Mr Louw "as the public authority vested with the discretion under the 1974 ordinance" either to exercise his powers and to confirm the referendum decision or to set it aside.

It adds that Mr Louw can also "confirm such decision in such amended form as you may deem fit or set it aside".

"On behalf of our clients we accordingly hereby demand that you make a decision within one month of the date of this letter.

"In the event of no decision having been made on or before January 25 we intend to take instructions from our clients regarding the making of an application for a mandatory interdict to compel you to perform the statutory duty placed upon you," concludes the letter.

● City councillor Mr Graham Richards said today that events at Amanzimtoti and at Durban's northern beaches added impetus to his argument that Port Elizabeht's beaches should be open to all.

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Few PE beach problems

PORT ELIZABETH — Blacks mingled freely with record holiday crowds on Port Elizabeth's "whites' only" beaches over the Christmas weekend with only two incidents of racial friction occurring.

The only official complaint received by the police was from Mr Attie Loock, regional organisor of the Herstigte Nasionale Party who, accompanied by two party members, yesterday used binoculars to "monitor" the beachfront for "illegal" black swimmers.

And, on Christmas Day, a policeman ordered a black family — who have since Returned home to Pretoria — off Pollock Beach, while coloureds and Indians swam at Kings Beach without problems.

● Four people have been charged with public violence and two youths charged for assault after the race riots on Amanzimtoti's and Durban's northern beaches on Friday.

No incidents were reported at East London's beaches over the Christmas period. — DDC

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Wide praise for peaceful Peninsula beaches

Staff Reporter

TOLERANCE on Peninsula beaches has won the day with trouble-free mixing of races and only isolated cases of anti-social behaviour.

A city councillor, Mr Chris Joubert, added to this yesterday that he was "pleasantly surprised and delighted" to find that after a transitional period of a few years there were now no problems with open beaches.

The Peninsula's experience is in sharp contrast with recent racial violence on Natal beaches — at Amanzimtoti on Christmas Day and Boxing Day when six people were badly injured, and on Friday at Durban's Blue Lagoon and Battery beaches.

Mr Joubert said he had undertaken a tour of beaches with the Director of Bathing Amenities, Mr Jack Kloppers, and had spoken to many people who all voiced their approval of racial mixing on beaches.

A Cape Times tour of the beaches from Granger Bay to Camps Bay showed that people mixed freely and there were no incidents of racial conflict.

Senior officials at the Sea Point pavilion described the behaviour of a racially mixed crowd as "normal and perfect".

A Sea Point resident and frequent pavilion visitor, Mr L J Carelse, thought the racial mixing was "the greatest thing that ever happened".

"We had no problems here, it is a wonderful thing." Mr Cameron McKenzie, who had been out of South Africa for three years, welcomed the opening of beaches.

"There is no tension and people seem to integrate well. There is a lesson in this for whites. Cape Town could be an example for the rest of the country," he said.

A Johannesburg visitor, Mr Hemant Naran, said it seemed to him that whites were changing their attitude and the time had come for the government to do the same.

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Joining fun in the sun on a PE beach



Humewood Beach, Port Elizabeth, was a place in the sun for all yesterday as blacks joined in the fun in the sea in fine weather. Although the PE beaches have not yet been declared "open", there was only one complaint about black bathers who used them.

'Make it legal' plea on mixed beaches

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an "embarrassing problem".

The SA Police will investigate all complaints received about "non-whites" on "white" beaches, and take action "depending on the merits of the case", the SAP Divisional Criminal Investigation Officer, Brigadier B Henn, said today.

Explaining what he meant by the "merits" of the case, Brig Henn said Mr Loock's complaint had not merited action being taken, which was why blacks had not been ordered to leave

Mr Malcomess said the reason for the Government stalling in scrapping the Separate Amenities and Group Areas Acts was for fear of losing support to the right wing.

The National Party was trying to carry out its reforms "quietly" so as not to upset rightist supporters, but when people complained about "non-whites" on "white" beaches they were within their rights.

He said the Administrator had the power to open the beaches to comply with the PE City Council's request but seemed "frightened of upsetting someone".

Mr Malcomess said it was nonsense that the police had to turn a blind eye This was indicative of cowardice on behalf of the Government.

Councillor Mr Graham Richards, who has written a legal letter to the Administrator demanding a decision on the beach issue by January 25, said events in Natal, where there has been racial violence on open beaches, added impetus to his argument that PE beaches should be open to all.

"It is obvious that events in Natal have been caused by a small, right-wing element with a heads-in-the-sand attitude.

"Once the beach question is removed from the realms of the controversial, incidents like those in Natal will become things of the past."

'Make it legal' plea on beaches

Post Reporter

THE Administrator, Mr Gene Louw, must recognise that blacks were accepted on the beaches, as they had been over Christmas, and legalise the situation.

This was said today by the former Mayor of Port Elizabeth and champion of open beaches, councillor Mr Ivan Krige.

He said blacks on PE beaches must now be seen as a *fait accompli*.

During the current heatwave, some blacks have joined whites on the city's main beaches.

A visiting black family from Pretoria was ordered off Pollok Beach on Friday, but yesterday police refused to act on an HNP complaint at the presence of black bathers at Humewood.

The municipality is refusing to accept complaints, which it refers to the police.

Mr Krige said: "Seeing there has been no unpleasantness, I cannot understand why the Administrator does not regard this thing as a *fait accompli* and make it legal. "As it is, it leaves people open to insult and embarrassment and it just needs someone with an AWB mentality to wreck a pleasant holiday for everyone.

"I feel the Government realises these things are happening and it would like events to develop along these lines — without them having to give the OK to it. This would save face with the right wing.

"I am pleased with the outcome of the last few days and hope blacks will continue to be made to feel welcome.

"The HNP is ridiculous when it says white tourists will go elsewhere if we open the beaches. Elsewhere the beaches are already open."

Mr John Malcomess, PFP MP for PE Central, today called on the Government to scrap beach apartheid rather than place the police in a situation where they had to turn a blind eye to people breaking the law.

He was commenting on the decision by the police not to act on a complaint that 20 blacks were on the Humewood beach.

The complaint was lodged by Mr Attie Loock, regional organiser of the HNP.

An SAP spokesman, Captain Peet Grobler, said they had decided it was not necessary to intervene, thereby avoiding

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Four charged after fight

Post Correspondent

DURBAN — Four people have been charged with public violence and two youths charged for assault in connection with the fighting on Amanzimtoti's and Durban's northern beaches last week.

In Amanzimtoti police arrested one black man after a white holidaymaker laid a charge of assault.

Five men were arrested in connection with the violence on the Country Club beaches on Friday afternoon.

Open beaches are now a 'fact'

PORT ELIZABETH—The Administrator of the Cape, Mr Gene Louw, had to recognise that blacks were accepted on the beaches — as they had been over Christmas — and legalise the situation.

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He said blacks on Port Elizabeth beaches must now be seen as an established fact.

Throughout the current heatwave, blacks have mingled freely on the city's 'white only' beaches.

Police refused to act on an HNP complaint and the municipality was refusing to accept complaints, referring them to the police.

It is still illegal for blacks to visit the white beaches — though they have done so with impunity this year.

Mr Krige said: 'Seeing there has been no unpleasantness I cannot understand why the Administrator does not make it legal.

'As it is, it leaves decent people open to insult and embarrassment. It just needs a man with an AWB (Afrikaner Weerstandsbeweging) mentality to wreck a pleasant holiday for everyone.

'I feel the Government realises these things are happening and it would like events to develop along these lines — without them having to give the OK to it. This would save face with the Right Wing.

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Mr John Malcomess, PFP MP for Port Elizabeth Central, called on the Government to scrap beach apartheid rather than place the police in a situation where they had to turn a blind eye to law breaking.

He was commenting on the decision by the police not to act on a complaint lodged by Mr Attie Loock, regional organiser of the HNP in the Eastern Cape, that 20 blacks were on the Humewood beach.

The S A P duty officer over the weekend, Captain Peet Grobler, said they had decided it was not necessary to intervene, thereby avoiding an 'embarrassing problem'.

Mr Loock said yesterday he reserved comment on the failure of the police to act on his complaint.

The S A P Divisional Criminal Investigation Officer, Brig B Henn, said yesterday that the police would investigate all complaints received about 'non-whites' on 'white' beaches, and take action 'depending on the merits of the case'.

Explaining what he meant by the 'merits' of the case, Brig Henn said, for instance, that Mr Loock's complaint had not merited action being taken. — (Sapa)



Supertube operator Mr DENZYL KENNEDY: "We've no objection to blacks..."

Slide ride — kids facing charges

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the Evening Post: "They use the Super Tube with the permission of Mr Barenbrug. There has never been any kind of trouble in the past.

"One thing they don't do is go on the sand.

"Two policemen came and told my sister the children were to be charged."

Mr Denzyl Kennedy, the restaurant owner's son who also operates the Super Tube, said today: "The children came down the tube and after they had finished they were walking across the grass and two policemen started talking to them.

"We get a few blacks every week — often Woodridge children with their white friends. The black children are always well behaved.

"I think what has happened is pathetic."

"I am a surf lifesaver. I have no objection to helping coloured children."

Mr Barenbrug made it clear today he has always run his beachfront businesses on a multiracial basis.

"We have never turned anybody away from the Super Tube. We regard the grass verge on the edge of the sand as the line between the white beaches and the multiracial facilities.

"The putting course has been multiracial since 1975.

"I heard about this incident last night from Mr White, the attorney.

"I was taken aback, but I can't comment yet because I don't know the details.

"My businesses has always been multiracial and always will be unless someone in authority tells me otherwise."

● Major Eddie Everson, police liaison officer, said today: "Nobody has been charged — and nobody has been removed from the beaches. Every complaint is investigated."

'Whites Only' sign to go, says mayor

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By CHRIS BATEMAN and RIAAN SMIT

THE "Whites Only" sign at Bikini Beach in Gordon's Bay is coming down — on the instructions of the mayor, Mr Danie Miller.

The sign was put up on Monday.

Mr Miller called the Cape Times yesterday to say the sign had been put up in direct conflict with a month-old council resolution not to erect more beach apartheid signs.

"The first I knew about it was when I saw the Cape Times. I immediately contacted several councillors and the town clerk and it was agreed the sign was to come down immediately. I regret that it was put up at all and I'm sure my fellow councillors will agree," Mr Miller said.

While conceding that beach apartheid signs existed on other Gordon's Bay beaches, Mr Miller said his council's policy was "not to chase people who behave themselves off the beaches".

"We will have a fresh look at the whole issue of Whites Only beaches in the new year and we hope to let things develop normally," he said.

On Sunday, Bikini Beach saw heated exchanges between a group of coloureds and white residents, and an Indian family was asked to leave.

The next day, the Whites Only sign was added to a pole carrying notices banning dogs and fires.



The Gordon's Bay apartheid sign

However, apartheid is still going strong in the area and on Sunday a coloured Stellenbosch clergyman and his four-year-old daughter were ordered to leave the Whites Only beach at the Strand by a coloured policeman.

The Reverend Simon Adams said that during the period November to mid-December "children and adults of all races were mixing freely and sharing facilities at the Strand without any friction or incident".

"The smaller children were playing together without any sign of colour consciousness and this renewed my hope for a peaceful future as I am inclined to be sceptical about the snail's pace of the government's reform initiatives," he said.

He was now saddled with a four-year-old to whom "the words 'policeman' and 'whites' " had become repugnant, he said.

"In this country we have one of two choices: We can either foster and encourage togetherness and voluntary mixing so that people, and especially children, can get to know and understand one another; or we can drive the existing separation among people in the direction of polarization and inevitable confrontation," he said.

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PE children charged after using water slide

PORT ELIZABETH — Two coloured children, aged 10 and 13, are facing charges under the Separate Amenities Act after using a water slide on King's Beach, Port Elizabeth.

According to Mr Michael White, a lawyer appointed by the children's parents, a complaint was lodged with the police by Mr Barend de Lange, a visitor from Klerksdorp

Mr White said he had been told by a police captain that the children had been charged, but the police liaison officer for the Eastern Cape, Major Eddie Everson, said yesterday nobody had been charged but that all complaints were being investigated.

This summer for the first time, blacks have mingled with whites on the city's whites only beaches.

The water slide has always been multi-racial, and its owner said he intended to keep it that way.

The children, from Schauderville, Port Elizabeth, were confronted by policemen as they left the water slide to return to a beachfront restaurant where their mothers work

One of the mothers — who said the children rode ponies, paddled in the nearby pool and used other amenities — said she had been told by the investigating officer, a Constable Schnetler, to report with the children to regional police headquarters at Louis le Grange Square at 8 30 am yesterday

Mr White contacted Captain Van Rooyen, one of the policemen who confronted the children, instead

He said Captain Van Rooyen told him the children faced charges under the Separate Amenities Act and a docket had been opened.

The mother said: "They use the slide with the permission of the owner, Mr Paul Barenbrug. There has never been any kind of trouble in the past." — Sapa

Crowd of 20 000 on beach as cops watch

By KEITH ROSS

EAST LONDON — Police kept a low profile as huge crowds of blacks descended on Eastern Beach here yesterday to celebrate New Year's Day in the open, massing on the beach and surrounding area.

"It is safe to say there were more than 20 000 blacks in the Eastern Beach area," a spokesman for the Department of Environmental and Cultural Affairs, Mr Robin Horn, said today.

Eastern Beach is still officially "white", although the East London City Council removed signs to this effect some time ago.

Mr Horn visited the area yesterday and also viewed the crowds from a rubber duck at sea.

"As far as I can make out, they were exceptionally well behaved for a crowd of that size, but I believe we have a big litter problem down there."

The crowd started gathering at 6am and grew steadily with people descending on the beach by car, bus and on foot.

The crowd reached its peak at 3pm.

They were watched by police, who kept a low profile but were forced to act on a number of occasions.

The police liaison officer for Border, Captain Christo Louw, said shots were fired when a black man was attacked. A man was wounded in the leg, and another in the hand.

Capt Louw believed there was another incident involving a white man — "but it was not reported to us."

Police were forced to act when revellers broke into the tunnel housing the miniature train in Marina Glen. They started the train and hundreds of people climbed on to it.

Police arrested the two men driving the train and are investigating possible damage.

● A police spokesman in Johannesburg said seven people were injured when police used birdshot to disperse a crowd on a Durban beach yesterday in an incident regarded as criminal behavior and not unrest-related.

According to the spokesman, a mob had repeatedly robbed an ice-cream kiosk on the beach.

Police used tearsmoke to disperse the mob, which responded by throwing stones. Police retaliated with birdshot.

Three people were admitted to hospital.

● At Winkelspruit, south of Durban, commuters stoned the train they were travelling on when it was delayed at a signal.

The crowd then rampaged through a campsite, where an Indian youth was stabbed to death.

● The beach was quiet yesterday at Gordon's Bay in the Cape, the scene of a racial incident last week.

It rained all morning and no incidents were reported in the afternoon.

The "Whites only" sign that went up at Bikini Beach next to Gordon's Bay's picturesque harbour was removed yesterday.

No complaints from white bathers

By KIN BENTLEY

DESPITE the presence of many blacks on Port Elizabeth beaches during the recent holidays, Mr Johan Crafford, the beach manager, said today he had not received any complaints from bathers.

The only complaints came from a handful of men who scanned the beach with binoculars.

Yesterday the names of 200 black bathers at Humewood Beach were taken by the SA Police — acting on complaints made to them.

However, nobody was asked to leave.

A police spokesman said today dockets had been opened and would be submitted to the Chief Prosecutor.

Tribute was paid to the police for the sensitive way they handled the situation yesterday.

One of those whose names was taken — Mrs Barbara Williams, of Gelvan Park, PE, — said: "The police were not rude and said they were only doing their job."

She said that, while their names were being taken, some whites left because they said they "felt cross".

She believed they were embarrassed.

Humewood Beach and Happy Valley were mainly occupied by blacks yesterday.

Mrs Williams said: "A person can go out with a white man and marry him — but can't go to the beach with him.'

King's Beach facilities like the little train and the bumper jumper, previously for whites only, were now also used by blacks.

● During the recent referendum on the beaches, the National Party MPs in PE released a statement saying Humewood Beach should be opened to all.

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Open beaches: man to sue Cape Administrato

By Jo-Anne Richards

A Port Elizabeth man is to bring a court action against the Administrator of the Cape, Mr Gene Louw, unless he makes a decision on whether to open the city's beaches to all races by January 24.

Attorneys for Mr Graham Richards, in his capacity as a ratepayer and municipal voter, have sent a letter to Mr Louw, demanding that he make a decision on the open beaches issue by January 24.

Failing this, the letter warned Mr Louw that an action would be brought against him for a mandatory interdict, ordering him to make a decision.

Mr Richards, an attorney and city councillor, said an official with discretion to make a final decision had to do so independently within a "reasonable" time. He could not allow an outside influence to make up his mind for him.

Mr Louw's failure to take a decision in six months was unlawful, he submitted. And Mr Louw was not entitled to wait for a Government body to take a decision first.

Mr Louw had stated publicly that he would not make a decision before the President's Council reported on the Reservation of Separate Amenities Act.

"In almost six months, and with the summer almost gone, you have failed to act," the letter stated.

The issue is in the hands of the Administrator since the City Council voted overwhelmingly at the start of 1986 for the beaches to be open. But a small number of residents — under 20 percent — narrowly voted for their remaining closed in a public poll.

After reaffirming its decision, the council sent the matter to Mr Louw for his decision — as required by the Cape Ordinance. It called on him to ignore the public poll as unrepresentative.

In terms of the ordinance, a number of ratepayers equal to the number of councillors called for the poll to be held.

In the meantime, Port Elizabeth police have stated publicly that they will not take action against black bathers unless there is specific cause. There have been a number of black people swimming, and very few incidents, Mr Richards said.

This week, municipal workers removed all discriminatory signs from beaches.

Regional organiser of the Herstigte Nasionale Party, Mr Attie Loock, made a specific complaint, but a police spokesman told the Press he had "not found it necessary to intervene".

According to newspaper reports, Mr Loock has a number of helpers stationed on the beaches with binoculars, to lodge complaints.

World to see 'illegal' PE swim

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Weekend Post Reporters

THE international spotlight will be on Port Elizabeth's "whites-only" beaches tomorrow when the Rev Allan Hendrickse, a Cabinet Minister and Leader of the Labour Party in the House of Representatives, plans to take the plunge in the sea with a group of his supporters.

An international TV crew is set to film the swim and the footage will be beamed around the globe to a potential audience of 1,5 billion people.

But also watching the situation will be an organised group of Herstigte Nasionale Party (HNP) supporters, whose leader today pledged to call the police if Mr Hendrickse or any of his supporters tried to swim at a PE beach.

In another development, the Progressive Federal Party MP for Walmer, Mr Andrew Savage, said the "scandalous" situation of police action being taking against people — including children — on the PE beaches would be raised as a matter of the "utmost priority" when Parliament reopened later this month.

Mr Hendrickse last night told more than 2 500 people attending the opening of the Labour Party's 21st annual congress in PE that he believed people had the right to swim wherever they wanted to.

He invited others to join his swim tomorrow morning.

Reacting to the Labour Party leader's announcement, Mr Savage said today he would raise the beach issue with the Minister of Consititutional Development, Mr Chris Heunis, and the Minister of Law and Order, Mr Adriaan Vlok, immediately the new Parliamentary session began in three weeks' time.

In the meantime, the local branch of the PFP would maintain a detailed dossier on what was happening in PE.

"It is scandalous, after the Government has repeatedly stated that apartheid is dead, and that official Government policy is non-discriminatory, that legal action is taken against people for simply using natural amenities," said Mr Savage.

"This action is doing immense international harm to South Africa and damages human relationships almost irrevocably.

"No one can have any respect for a Government that, while protesting at the injustices of international action against us and claiming that apartheid is dead, can sanction actions like this"

Mr Savage said the questions would be among the first on the order paper.

He said the fact that action was being taken was not the fault of the police as they had to implement existing laws.

"The Cabinet must take full responsibility for the situation."

Mr Attie Loock, regional organiser of the HNP, said that a group of 25 party members, including himself, would be patrolling St George's Strand, King's Beach, Humewood, Pollok and Beachview over the weekend and would call the police if they saw anyone breaking the law.

"And that includes Allan Hendrickse, his son, Peter, or any of their supporters," said Mr Loock.

He said that many people had been in contact with him to complain about blacks on PE's beaches.

Yesterday 18 African bathers who swam at Humewood beach were arrested and charged under the Separate Amenities Act.

Three paid admission of guilt fines of R100 each.

Police took the names of some of 200 African and coloured bathers at Humewood beach on New Year's Day, but no one was asked to leave. Dockets were opened by the police.

The names of two coloured children who used a supertube on the beachfront were taken by police on Wednesday. A lawyer acting for the children said he believed they were to be charged, but the police have denied this.

HNP complains about Labour's surf frolic

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By KIN BENTLEY

TWO complaints have been made to the police about yesterday's swim at Port Elizabeth's King's Beach by the Labour Party leader, the Rev Allan Hendrickse, and fellow MPs.

The Eastern Cape liaison officer for the SAP, Major Eddie Everson, said today five telephone calls were made concerning the incident.

He said the callers were requested to make detailed statements at Louis le Grange Square. Two people did so.

Major Everson would not divulge whether Mr Hendrickse, who is a Cabinet Minister, was mentioned specifically in these statements, but said the complaints would be fully investigated.

It would then be up to the Senior Public Prosecutor to decide whether to press charges.

Yesterday Mr Hendrickse and a large contingent of fellow delegates to the LP's 21st annual congress shrugged off apartheid and cold weather to swim at King's Beach while a large number of local and foreign journalists recorded the event.

Mr Attie Loock, HNP organiser in the Eastern Cape, today confirmed that two HNP members, Mrs A Truter, of Central, and Mrs A Gerber, of Newton Park, had made statements to the police.

He had personally lodged a complaint with the police today about the King's Beach swim, specifically mentioning Mr Hendrickse; a member of the Northern Areas Management Committee, Mr Dudley Beis; Mr Hendrickse's son, Mr Peter Hendrickse, MP for Addo; the Rev Andrew Julies, Minister of the Budget in the House of Representatives; and Mr Chris April,



The leader of the Labour Party, the Rev ALLAN HENDRICKSE, faced a strong media contingent on King's Beach yesterday.



Mr Allan Hendrickse (left) wades into the sea at the whites-only King's Beach. With him is his bodyguard, Mr Dudley Beis.

Hendrickse makes waves on a whites-only beach

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Own Correspondent

PORT ELIZABETH — Cabinet minister and leader of the Labour Party the Rev Allan Hendrickse yesterday donned bathing trunks along with a group of 150 Labour delegates and supporters and took to the waves off a "whites only" beach

The swim followed a statement at the weekend by Mr Hendrickse at the LP's 21st annual congress in which he said people had a right to swim wherever they chose.

It also followed the arrest of 18 blacks at the city's "whites only" Humewood beach on Friday

No incidents marred yesterday's early-morning swim in protest against beach apartheid And by last night no complaints had been lodged with the authorities

Police, although in evidence on the beach, kept a low profile They recorded the swim on video.

Herstigte Nationale Party supporters, who pledged to call police if Mr Hendrickse or any of his supporters tried to swim on a Port Elizabeth beach, were identified at the scene.

After about 20 minutes in icy water, Mr Hendrickse was carried to shore on the shoulders of LP supporters chanting party slogans and singing "We shall overcome"

People on the beach said they were not disturbed by Mr Hendrickse's presence and that "change had to come"

One man, however, who asked not to be named, said: "It's quite obvious they cannot behave themselves on the beach."

□ In addition to the arrests at Humewood on Friday, Sapa reports that police took the names of some of the 200 black bathers at Humewood Beach on New Year's Day, but no one was asked to leave Dockets were opened by the police

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Police probe complaints against Hendrickse, MPs

Own Correspondent

PORT ELIZABETH. — Police are investigating complaints against the Labour Party leader, the Rev Allan Hendrickse, and fellow MPs for swimming at Port Elizabeth's "whites-only" King's Beach on Sunday.

One complaint was lodged by Mr Attie Loock, an organizer of the HNP.

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'AWB member' fined for assault

Own Correspondent

PORT ELIZABETH. — A fine of R150 (or 50 days) was imposed on an alleged member of the Afrikaner Weerstandsbeweging (AWB) who was found guilty in the Magistrate's Court here yesterday of assaulting an Indian man in the "whites-only" public toilets at King's Beach on September 6 last year.

Robert Richard Cowley, 30, of Frans Avenue, Uitenhage, was found guilty of assaulting Mr Nathan Chetty. He had pleaded not guilty.

Mr Chetty, an employee of Irving and Johnson, told the court he was on promotional duty at the beach on September 6, 1986.

He entered the public toilet to urinate and while doing so he was grabbed by his neck from behind. His attacker was Cowley.

Mr Chetty said Cowley claimed to be a member of the AWB and asked him whether he knew he was not supposed to be in the whites-only toilets because it was against the law

He said Cowley then throttled and slapped him on the ear. The blow to his ear caused him to fall and he later reported the matter to the police.

Cowley told the court that he entered the public toilets and found Mr Chetty inside. He said he asked whether Mr Chetty was aware that he was contravening the law by using whites-only toilets.

Cowley said Mr Chetty turned and took a karate stance before advancing on him threateningly. He said he pushed Mr Chetty away and then gave way so that Mr Chetty could leave the toilets.

He said he went and drank water "as the result of Mr Chetty's aggressive reaction", which had shocked him.

He said that when he left the toilets he was threatened by a group of about six Indian men and he ran away.

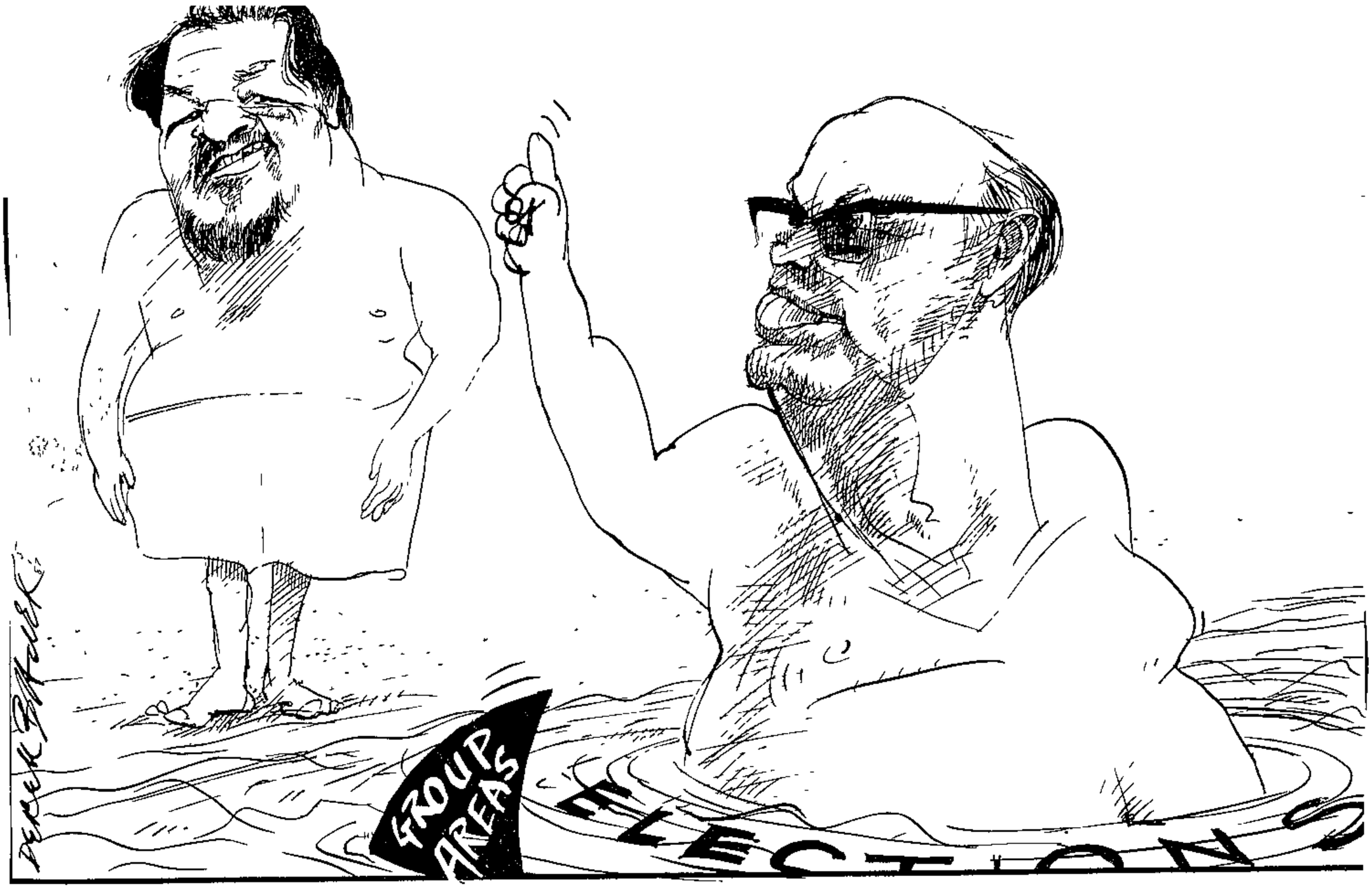
Asked whether Mr Chetty was among the group of six, Cowley replied that it was a "bad thing to say, but to me they looked the same".

In his verdict, Mr C E Schutte said the court had heard evidence by two single witnesses to the incident. Cowley's version could not be found to be reasonably, possibly true as he had been a contradictory witness.

Mr Schutte said Mr Chetty stuck to his version and withstood Cowley's cross-examination. He accepted Mr Chetty's evidence and rejected Cowley's version as untrue.

Sentencing Cowley, Mr Schutte said that while it was accepted that there were people who did not agree with the direction the country had taken, it was not Cowley's duty to confront Mr Chetty for using the toilets, even if he did not approve of what Mr Chetty had done.

He said Cowley had taken the law into his own hands and the courts would not allow members of the public to do so. Cowley should have reported Mr Chetty to the authorities.



–"If one group of people are allowed to swim off what was meant to be a whites-only beach there is no justification to charge or fine another group on a previous occasion or any other group on a subsequent occasion," says Mr Peter Soal. DAVID BRAUN of the Political Staff reports.

Beach apartheid has come to an end, says the PFP

BEACH apartheid in South Africa came to an end with the weekend plunge into a white section of the ocean by Labour Party leader and Cabinet Minister the Rev Allan Hendrickse and his supporters, the Progressive Federal Party says.

Mr Peter Soal, Information spokesman for the PFP, said. "This is an end to beach apartheid. Whether the Administrator of the Cape allows Port Elizabeth beaches to be used by all races is irrelevant, as indeed it would be along the entire South African coastline."

Mr Soal said that if one group of people were allowed to swim off what was meant to be a whites-only beach then there was no justification to charge or fine another group on a previous occasion or any other group on a subsequent occasion.

PFP spokesman on Law and Order Mrs Helen Suzman said the fact that Mr Hendrickse and his supporters were allowed to swim at a whites-only beach highlighted the selectivity of the Government's victims.

She called for the immediate refunding of fines paid by blacks for swimming at Port Elizabeth's white beaches last week and for the destruction of any official records of these offences.

"The State President has himself said the Separate Amenities Act must go He should not now hold back because of the election, but have the guts to do what is right and get rid of this law," Mrs Suzman said.

A spokesman for the Cape Administration, which is responsible for administering segregated beaches in the province in terms of the Separate Amenities Act, said today that the Act was still officially in force

"If people felt aggrieved at the terms of the Act being flouted, it was for them to go to the Police and ask them to take action. It was up to the Police to decide whether anything should be done.

"As far as we are concerned Mr Hendrickse's use of the white beach in Port Elizabeth has not changed the application of the Act," he said

The spokesman pointed out that it was well known that the President's Council was investigating the provisions of the Separate Amenities Act, but until such time that an official decision was taken to amend or repeal the law it still applied



Cabinet Minister the Rev Allan Hendrickse, right, and his son, Mr Peter Hendrickse, take the plunge in the "whites-only" King's beach in Port Elizabeth at the weekend.

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Council taken to task over beaches

Dispatch Reporter

EAST LONDON — Although beach apartheid was indefensible, urgent measures still had to be taken to prevent overcrowding on the city's beaches, the National Party MP for East London City, Mr Peet de Pontes, said yesterday.

He was commenting on the situation at the Eastern Beach on New Year's Day when an estimated 30 000 to 35 000 people flocked to the beach.

Yesterday Mr De Pontes took the city council to task for not preparing for the New Year overcrowding, despite the large crowds that turned up last year.

"There was enough time for the council to have taken adequate steps."

Mr De Pontes said he believed a system had to be devised whereby everybody could enjoy the beaches without any one group forcing out others by sheer weight of numbers.

"The overcrowding was to a certain extent politically motivated and I know of instances where people were transported from other beaches to Eastern Beach. In some cases large-scale intimidation took place to force blacks off beaches in their own areas."

Mr De Pontes said he wanted to stress, however, that it was "wrong" to allocate beaches on a racial basis.

"In fact, I believe it is indefensible."

He mooted a system whereby hotels and residents with a direct interest in the beaches could help to provide facilities on restricted beaches.

Entrance would not be based on race but according to the number of people that could be accommodated.

"This would avoid friction and bad conduct and rigorous hygiene and safety standards could be maintained.

"But the beaches should never be used as a political tool," he said.

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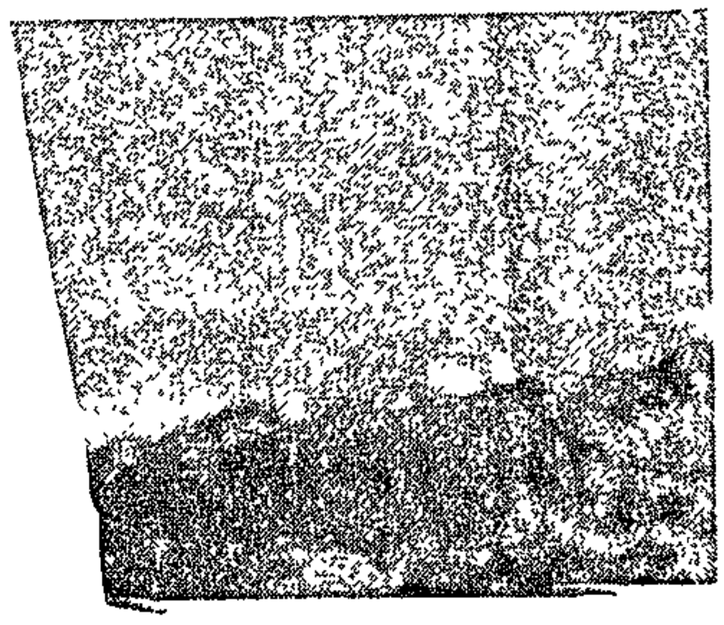
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'Swimming' probe continues

Own Correspondent

POLICE said yesterday they were continuing investigation of complaints after Labour Party leader Allan Hendrickse and fellow MPs swam at a "whites only" Port Elizabeth beach on Sunday.

The swim, which took place about 8.30am in rough surf, was in direct defiance of beach apartheid in the city. Prior to his swim, Hendrickse appealed to President Botha to repeal the Separate Amenities Act.

One of the complainants, the regional organiser of the Herstigte Nasionale Party, Attie Loock, said the gist of his complaint was that the group had swum in contravention of this Act. He requested a police investigation.

HNP members warned they would complain if blacks visited "whites-only" beaches.

SAP liaison officer for the Eastern Cape Major Eddie Everson said: "Since the beach issue came to light the SAP has kept a low profile in a responsible manner under the personal guidance of Brigadier Ernest Schnetler."

He said he had been inundated by telephone calls from people throughout SA condemning the early morning swimming party.

"Each complaint will be treated on individual merit," he said.

But he was not prepared to divulge details of the complaints.

Loock, however, said he specifically mentioned Hendrickse; Northern Areas management committee member Dudley Beis; the MP for Addo, Hendrickse's son, Peter; Budget Minister in the House of Representatives Andrew Julies; and Health and Welfare Services Minister Chris April.

Loock's complaint was also against all others who took part in the swim.

The senior public prosecutor would decide whether or not charges would be laid, he said.

Loock said he would continue to keep a close watch on blacks using "whites only" beaches.

Loock said his feedback from a number of up-country visitors was that they would not return to the city next year if integration continued on the beaches.

Beach criticism: council hits back

By MATTHEW MOONIEYA
Local Affairs Reporter

EAST LONDON — City councillors here yesterday hit back at the MP for East London City, Mr Peet de Pontes, who had criticised their handling of the situation at Eastern Beach on New Year's Day.

Mr De Pontes accused the council of not preparing for the expected influx after an estimated 25 000 people crowded the beach on the same day last year It was estimated that between 30 000 and 35 000 people squeezed onto the beach this year.

In his statement this week, Mr De Pontes said beach apartheid was indefensible but urgent measures should have been taken to prevent overcrowding.

He said the council had had enough time to prepare for the expected influx.

A senior councillor and former mayor, Mr Robbie de Lange, said yesterday he agreed with Mr De Pontes.

However, the MP's statement drew sharp reaction from other councillors. Mr Donald Card said Mr De Pontes had "a cheek" to pick on the council and Mr Eric Whitaker said his statement was "typical of National Party doublespeak".

Mr Card said that, as an MP, Mr De Pontes should have helped the council and taken a leading role in trying to overcome the problem.

"In conjunction with the mayor, Mrs Linah Kemp, he suggested we call for consultants to advise us, knowing full well that the consultants' report would only be available by August.

"Council consistently asked the authorities to open the beaches. If Mr De Pontes was so concerned he would have tried to help us.

"Moreover, it was members of his party who blocked our attempts to put pressure on the authorities They must take full blame for it," Mr Card said.

Mr Whitaker said it was obvious from Mr De Pontes's statement that "we are in the silly season of an election".

"If, as he says, he believes beach apartheid is indefensible, then he obviously believes the same of the Group Areas Act"

Mr Whitaker said the council had made numerous attempts to open the beaches and had been blocked every time by the Administrator, Mr Gene Louw.

"If he takes council to task surely he should take his NP members, who control council, to task," Mr Whitaker said.

Mr De Pontes should not forget that the problem on the beaches had been created by the National Party although it was "refreshing to learn" that he now realised — even though it was late — that beaches, like the air, were for use by all people, he said.

"It is a pity that all of us should be called on to correct National Party policy and then arrogantly be blamed for not preparing adequately to correct problems it created."

Mr Ivan Zulman said he found it "fascinating" that Mr De Pontes could take those who now controlled the council to task.

He said Mr De Pontes was well aware that the council had tried its best to normalise the situation but that, being a third tier of government, it could not prepare itself well in advance until the central government gave the lead.

Mr De Lange laid the blame on "people who were in control of the council before the September elections", referring to before the National Party took control of the council.

"They indulged in petty bickering about minor matters without tackling the real issues.

"Let's accept that nobody begrudges anybody the use of facilities but we must also respect other people's sentiments. What happened on Eastern Beach on New Year's Day was shocking. Some behaved so badly and the majority had to suffer.

Mrs Kemp said the council had done whatever it could in the short time at its disposal.

"The ad hoc beach committee will meet next week to try to tackle the problem for the next season."

The deputy mayor, Mr Robert de Lange (jnr), said he could not comment as he had not read Mr De Pontes' statement. Mr Phillip Rohtbart also said he had not seen the report.

The chairman of the action committee, Mr Neville Randall, echoed Mrs Kemp's sentiments and said the council had done all in its power to see that everything went off well.

"It was a fantastic idea to close off the road at Eastern Beach and I think people enjoyed themselves. The council feels that the State President or the President's Council must file a yea [illegible] on the beach issue and [illegible] abide by that," he said.

Mr Vossie Bezuidenhout said he would comment later but the rest of the councillors were not availble for comment

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From KEN VERNON
The Argus Bureau

PORT ELIZABETH. — A senior Nationalist has joined Herstigte Nasionale Party members in formally complaining to police about Labour Party leader Mr Allan Hendrickse's swim at a "whites only" beach.

Mr A S van Ginkel Venter, chairman of the National Party district council in the Newton Park constituency and a former MPC, termed the swim at King's Beach last week "unfortunate and irresponsible".

Until now only HNP members have laid complaints with police against Mr Hendrickse and other members of the Labour Party.

The police liaison officer for the Eastern Cape, Major Eddie Everson, confirmed the move.

"DEMOCRATIC"

Mr van Ginkel Venter said: "It was unfortunate and irreponsible of Mr Hendrickse, as a Cabinet Minister, to take part in a demonstration that is against the law — especially in a democratic country like South Africa."

He was "unhappy" with Mr Hendrickse's behaviour and suggested he had swum to "slander" South Africa abroad and to promote his image among his followers.

However, Mr van Ginkel Venter said he saw open beaches as "inevitable". But this could happen only once there were "separate and equal" facilities at all beaches.

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US crew visits PE beach for story

By DAWN BARKHUIZEN

THE issue of beach apartheid was raised once more when an international television news team visited Port Elizabeth at the weekend to question locals about their attitude to having blacks on the beaches.

Mr Richard Sergay, ABC news producer, confirmed in a telephone interview from Johannesburg that an ABC crew was on King's Beach yesterday.

They had been filming various other issues in the area as well, he said.

Between 16 and 20 million viewers across the United States would watch the film if it were screened on the evening news, according to Mr Sergay.

It was not certain when the item would be screened and if it would be used alone or as part of a larger story.

Mr Sergay was unable to comment on the response of people on the beach as he had not yet seen the film clip.

Following a swim by Labour Party leader, Reverend Allan Hendrickse on King's Beach last weekend, the apartheid issue has hit international headlines.

It had received a great deal of media coverage and was a newsworthy topic, Mr Sergay said.

Ex-MPC complains about LP swim

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Post Reporter

SENIOR Nationalist and former MPC for Newton Park, Mr A S van Ginkel Venter, has filed a complaint with the police about the swim at King's Beach by Labour Party leader Mr Allan Hendrickse.

He says he sees open beaches as "inevitable" but regards last week's dip as "unfortunate and irresponsible" — an attempt by the Labour leader to stain South Africa's image overseas and win support for his party.

Until now only members of the right wing HNP have laid complaints with police against Mr Hendrickse and other members of the Labour Party following their illegal dip.

The police liaison officer for the Eastern Cape, Major Eddie Everson, confirmed that Mr Venter had made a statement to the police.

The Nationalist Party MP for Newton Park, Mr Sakkie Louw, has come out in favour of opening the city's beaches to all races.

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Race bar sours family's visit to East London

Dispatch Reporter

EAST LONDON — An Indian businessnman from Adelaide was asked to leave a caravan park here during the December holidays after other holidaymakers in the camp objected.

Mr Noor Gangat said he made a booking at Cocabana Caravan park near Marina Glen after he had established that it was multiracial.

"I arranged for the key to be left with the night watchman as we expected to arrive late at night," Mr Gangat said. He and his family had arrived at about 11 pm, moved into the caravan and gone to sleep.

"At approximately 12.30 am I was woken and summoned to the manager's office, where I was informed that the park was not multiracial, and that we would have to leave the following morning," he said.

"We were offered a site at the Nahoon caravan park, but this was unsatisfactory as the beaches are not multiracial. After much deliberation, we were eventually accommodated at a chalet at another resort.

"The incident caused my family acute embarrassment, cost me half a day's business and got our holiday off to a bad start.

"My wife and family were so upset that they wanted to pack up and return home immediately.

"We certainly won't consider returning to East London on holiday for some considerable time," he added.

The manager of the caravan park, Mr Peter du Plessis, said the incident had arisen as a result of a misunderstanding.

"The mistake occurred when Mr Gangat telephoned a branch of our company, where a receptionist gave him incorrect information to the effect that the park was multiracial. She referred him to Cocabana to make a booking, which he did without repeating that he was Asiatic.

"We are in fact not multiracial, but since Mr Gangat arrived late at night, he was admitted to the park in error. Holidaymakers complained to management, and we were forced to ask the Gangat family to leave to avoid trouble with other holidaymakers.

"We did our best to make amends, and parted on friendly terms. We regret any embarrassment suffered by the family, but had no option but to take the action we did," he said.

Beach delay linked to coming election

Post Reporters

PORT ELIZABETH city councillor Mr Graham Richards today accused the Administrator of the Cape, Mr Gene Louw, of delaying a decision on opening the city's beaches because of the pending general election.

Mr Richards, who has demanded that Mr Louw take a decision on the beach issue or face legal action, said today that Mr Louw was an appointee of the Nationalist Government.

"I don't think they want to take a decision that will place them on either side of the political spectrum until after the election."

In response to a decision yesterday by the Durban City Council's Amenities Committee in principle to open all the city's beaches, Mr Richards said it was "high time" that all the beaches in the country were opened to all people.

"It simply must be done," he said.

Whites-only beaches in Durban that stand to go non-racial should the council endorse the decision are South, North and Addington. There are also three beaches zoned for coloureds, Indians and blacks, which would be opened to all.

In December a letter was written to Mr Louw by an attorney acting on behalf of Mr Richards and another ratepayer, Mr Bobby Stevenson, demanding that he take a decision on the referendum on open beaches held in June.

Cinemas: who must decide?

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CAPE TOWN — The Government has not decided yet whether cinema owners — and not municipalities — should determine whether cinemas be opened to all races, Mr Piet Badenhorst, Deputy Minister of Constitutional Development and Planning, said in Cape Town yesterday.

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These areas, all in the Transvaal, contain conservative constituencies and the government is therefore not expected to enter the fray until after the general election. — Sapa

P W, Hendrickse to hold further talks

By TOS WENTZEL
Political Correspondent

TALKS between Mr Allan Hendrickse, leader of the Labour Party, and President P W Botha and provincial leaders of the National Party are to continue this week, possibly tomorrow.

The first round of talks, described as "frank", took place at Tuynhuys yesterday.

They were aimed at resolving tension between the National Party and its Labour Party partner in government following clashes between Mr Botha and Mr Hendrickse this month.

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They differed on the Group Areas Act and the media restrictions.

While Mr Hendrickse reiterated that his party wanted the Group Areas Act to be scrapped, Mr Botha stated that the principle of racially separated residential areas and schools would remain.

Mr Botha said Mr Hendrickse had not objected to media restrictions but Mr Hendrickse said he had not attended a Cabinet meeting at which a decision had been taken to impose them.

When Mr Hendrickse arrived at Tuynhuys in Cape Town yesterday he was met by the President and the top hierarchy of the National Party — Mr F W de Klerk, Transvaal leader of the National Party, Mr Chris Heunis (Cape), Mr Kobie Coetsee (Free State) and Mr Stoffel Botha (Natal).

Mr Hendrickse, who sits in the Cabinet as chairman of the Ministers' Council of the House of Representatives, confirmed today that the talks would continue soon.

A further statement would be issued after the talks had been concluded.

Discussions had been about "group areas, beach apartheid, etc."

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Hendrickse-PW: Group Areas Act talks to continue

By BARRY STREEK
Political Staff

THE conflict between the leader of the Labour Party, the Rev Allan Hendrickse, and the State President, Mr P W Botha, over the Group Areas Act and beach apartheid has been stalemated.

The two leaders yesterday met in Cape Town for the first time since Mr Hendrickse and senior members of his party defied beach apartheid regulations by swimming at a whites-only Port Elizabeth beach on January 3 this year.

In a statement afterwards, Mr Hendrickse said yesterday's "discussions on the Group Areas Act, beach apartheid, etc, were frank. It was agreed that the discussions be continued at a later stage. A further statement will then be issued".

Mr Botha declined to comment on yesterday's discussions but a statement issued by his office said his discussions with party leaders and members of the cabinet were "confidential" and for this reason there would be no comment on the meeting.

Mr Hendrickse said the leaders of the four provincial National parties were at the meeting.

They were Mr Chris Heunis, the Cape leader and Minister of Constitutional Development; Mr F W de Klerk, the Transvaal leader and Minister of National Education; Mr Stoffel Botha, the Natal leader and Minister of Home Affairs, and Mr Kobie Coetsee, the Free State leader and Minister of Justice.

The presence of the four NP leaders could indicate that an attempt was made to cool down the Labour Party's opposition to the Group Areas Act and other apartheid measures during the election campaign.

Earlier yesterday, a spokesman for Mr Botha's office described the meeting as "routine" and one of many regular meetings between the president and members of his cabinet.

Before the meeting, Mr Hendrickse said he had no idea why the meeting had been called. "I have no agenda and I really don't know what is going to be discussed," he said.

Mr Hendrickse said that should the content of his congress comments on the Group Areas Act be raised, "the viewpoint of my party will be clearly put".

Meanwhile, in Durban yesterday, the chairman of the Ministers' Council in the House of Delegates, Mr Amichand Rajbansi, said joint caucus meetings between his National People's Party (NPP) and the Labour Party were expected to combine the strength of Indian and coloured people in Parliament to ensure political direction towards the inclusion of all race groups in Parliament

Mr Rajbansi, who addressed about 1 000 people at the NPP's south regional congress, said the state of emergency and the press curbs would be discussed later this month at a joint caucus meeting.

He said his party and the Labour Party would "try to adjust their stand" regarding the emergency regulations. He did not elaborate on what steps they would take

Mr Rajbansi said that this year things would be different for the House of Delegates.

"We've overcome our teething troubles and personality clashes are a thing of the past"

He also said the NPP would campaign actively for the implementation of the KwaZulu/Natal Indaba's proposal for joint rule.

Crisis over Hendrickse swim

By TOS WENTZEL,
Political Correspondent

THE Government faced a crisis today which could lead to the resignation of its coloured and Indian Cabinet Ministers.

It is also possible that the coloured and Indian Houses of Parliament might be dissolved.

This follows a confrontation between President P W Botha and the leader of the Labour Party, the Rev Allan Hendrickse, over Mr Hendrickse's swim with some of his supporters at the whites-only King's Beach in Port Elizabeth at the beginning of the year.

The chairman of the Ministers' Council in the House of Delegates, Mr Amichand Rajbansi, who also sits in the central Cabinet, has been drawn into the row.

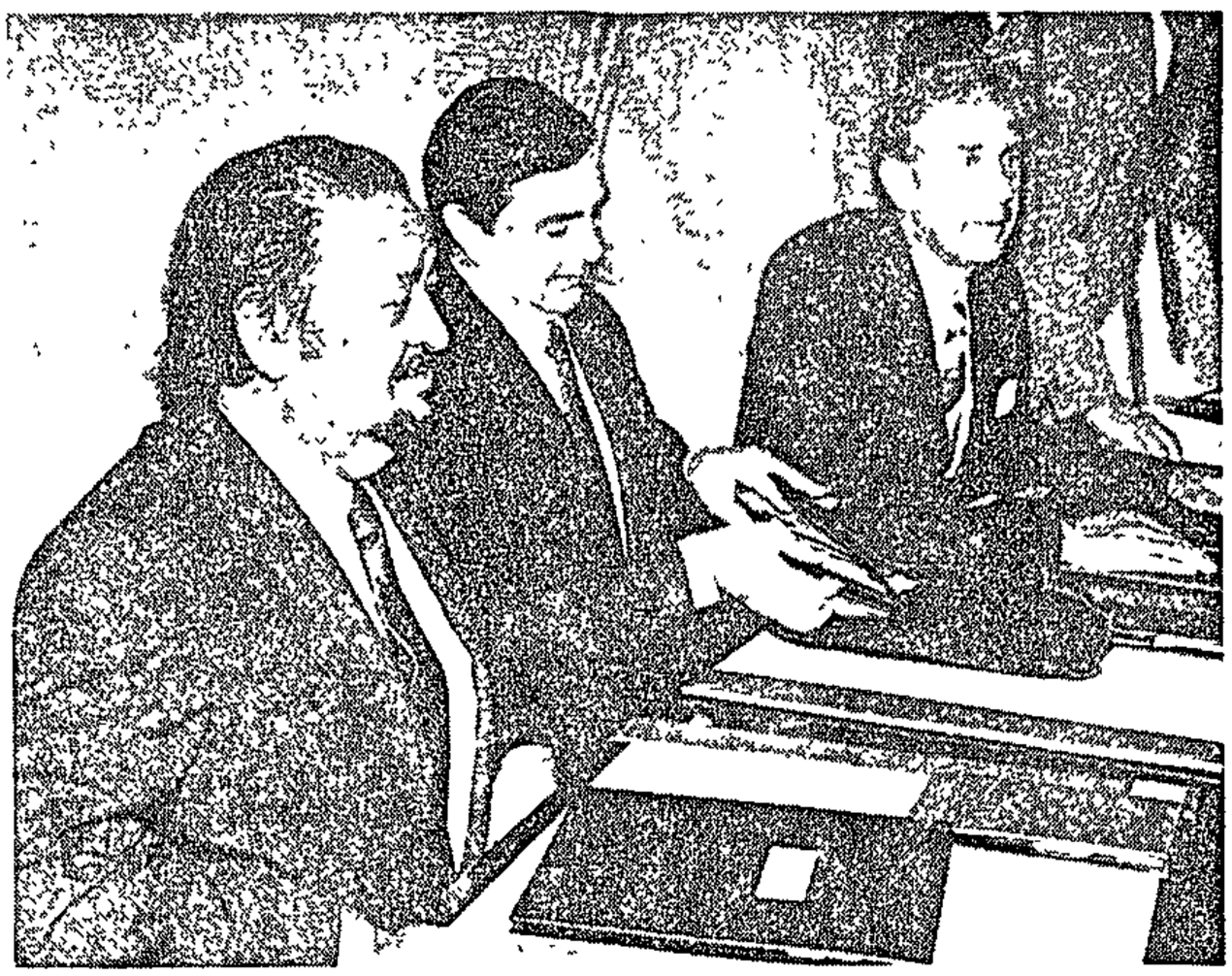
Mr Hendrickse met Mr Rajbansi yesterday after his confrontation with Mr Botha and the possibility has been suggested that if the Labour Party leader was forced out of the Cabinet Mr Rajbansi would follow.

In jovial mood

The issue could be brought to a head at today's first Cabinet meeting of the year.

Mr Hendrickse and Mr Rajbansi were present when the meeting began at Tuynhuys.

President Botha and the Ministers appeared to be in jovial mood. The meeting is expected to last several days.



Picture: DANA le ROUX, The Argus

CABINET MEETING: The Rev Allan Hendrickse, left, takes his seat at today's Cabinet meeting. With him are, centre, Home Affairs Minister Mr Stoffel Botha and Finance Minister Mr Barend du Plessis.

Late yesterday afternoon a hurriedly called parliamentary caucus meeting of the Labour Party discussed the crisis.

It is being speculated that Mr Botha is threatening to dissolve the House of Representatives and possibly the House of Delegates and to have an election for them. The election for the white House of Assembly election has already been announced.

Mr Botha and Mr Hendrickse met twice earlier this week. Mr Botha has put three options to Mr Hendrickse:

- That he and his MPs involved in the Port Elizabeth incident publicly apologise for deliberately breaking the law by swimming on a white beach.
- That Mr Hendrickse resign from the Cabinet.
- That an election for the House of Representatives be held this year.

Mr Hendrickse was not available for comment today and Labour MPs declined to give details of yesterday's caucus discussions.

It is understood, however, that it was decided that it was impossible for Mr Hendrickse to apologise in view of the party's strong stand against the Group Areas Act.

It was further decided to leave a decision on the options to the President, which means he will be forced to sack Mr Hendrickse from the Cabinet or to decide to have an election for the House of Representatives without this House having asked for it.

Labour Party MPs appear reluctant to have an early election and some of them said today they did not think Mr Botha would be so "untactful" as to call one on his own.

A joint caucus meeting of the Labour Party and the National People's Party will be held in Cape Town on Tuesday to discuss strategy.



Tippy-toeing into trouble ... the Rev Allan Hendrickse (and friends) test the political waters at King's Beach, Port Elizabeth on January 3. —Picture by JACK COOPER.

The big swim: Apologise or face voters P W tells Labour leader



A beach apartheid ultimatum from the State President, Mr P W Botha

Showdown!

CAPE TOWN — A defiant Labour Party caucus has resolved that there will be no apologies by its leader, the Rev Allan Hendrickse, for swimming at a whites-only beach and that he will not resign from the Cabinet.

Yesterday, the Labour Party leader was summoned by the State President, Mr P W Botha, and bluntly told to make a public apology for swimming at King's Beach, Port Elizabeth, on January 3, thus wilfully breaking the law.

Mr Hendrickse was told that if he would not apologise — the other members of the Labour Party were also told to apologise — he had to resign from the Cabinet or face a general election.



Man in the middle ... Labour Party leader the Rev Allan Hendrickse

By PATRICK CULL in Cape Town and KIN BENTLEY in Port Elizabeth

The Labour Party's rejection of the State President's demand suggests there will now be an election for all three houses later this year.

The Labour Party caucus, however, was unanimous in its opinion today that there would be no apology and that Mr Hendrickse would not resign from the Cabinet, thus throwing the ball firmly back to Mr Botha.

The leader of the National People's Party and Chairman of the Ministers' Council in the House of Delegates, Mr Armichand Rajbansi, has indicated that he will resign if Mr Hendrickse is forced out of the Cabinet.

The crisis was precipitated on January 3 when Mr Hendrickes and more than 150 members of the Labour Party defiantly swam at King's Beach. The swim was filmed by three overseas television crews and made worldwide headlines

It also caused considerable embarrassment to Mr Botha and the National Party on the eve of a general election, when they are facing a severe threat from the right wing

The current crisis began drawing to a head on Monday when Mr Hendrickse was summoned to Tuynhuis for a meeting with Mr Botha and the four provincial leaders of the National Party. In a brief statement issued after the meeting, Mr Hendrickse said that the discussions on beach apartheid and the Group Areas Act had been "frank" and that it had been agreed to hold further discussions later

The State President declined to comment, stating that it was not policy to comment on the contents of meetings of members of the Cabinet.

At a second meeting yesterday, however, Mr Hendrickse was given the blunt ultimatum — apologise, resign or hold an election — an ultimatum which the caucus of the party rejected when it met in secret session.

In terms of the constitution, Mr Botha can call an election for one house of the tricameral parliament only if he is requested to do so by the Ministers' Council of that house — something the Labour Party is obviously not going to do

And that would seem to indicate that to force the coloureds to go to the polls he would have to call a general election for all three houses.

The two leaders are also at loggerheads over the Group Areas Act with the State President reportedly angry over what he sees as an attempt to embarrass the National Party on the eve of a general election.

Opening the Labour Party congress in PE at the beginning of the year, Mr Hendrickse called for the Act to be scrapped immediately — a call which brought the sharp retort from Mr Botha that the principle of separate residential areas would not be sacrificed.

Mr Hendrickse could not be reached today — he was attending a Cabinet meeting.

Meanwhile, the Progressive Federal Party MP for Albany, Mr Errol Moorcroft, today described as "ludicrous", because he would "hang on for the money's sake".

Mr Loock said whatever happened, he hoped Mr Hendrickse would still be prosecuted for contravening the Separate Amenities Act. Mr Loock was one of several HNP members who laid complaints with the police about Mr Hendrickse's swim.

Mr Tony Stephens, Eastern Cape regional chairman of the PFP, said:

"I am very concerned that at a time when SA is beset by so many economic problems and problems of relationships among its peoples, the leadership of the country should be sidetracked by an event in which so-called coloured peole swim at a beach."

No apologies, says LP caucus

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the State President's ultimatum to Mr Hendrickse.

He said by reacting to such a "trifling issue" as a swim, Mr Botha showed he was "incapable of shifting his stance on apartheid".

Mr Moorcroft added: "It is no wonder the more forward-thinking MPs like Wynand Malan (Randburg) find their position untenable in the National Party." (Mr Malan announced today that due to recent actions by the NP he would not stand for re-election.)

Mr Moorcroft said Mr Botha's action "must surely convince even the most optimistic that any talk of voting for the Government in order to vote for reform is futile".

Commenting earlier today, the former Mayor of Port Elizabeth and campaigner for open beaches, Mr Ivan Krige, recommended that Mr Hendrickse should not only resign from the Cabinet, but should lead his party out of the tri-cameral Parliament.

Mr Krige said he had never believed the issue of opening beaches was important, given the numerous other pressing problems facing South Africa.

"But if his swim leads to the breakdown of the tricameral system, it will have been a good thing.

"I have never believed in the tricameral Parliament. It is an absolute abortion, doomed to failure.

"I would like to see them all (the coloured MPs) resign from Parliament If they get out it will mean the end of the tricameral government," he said.

The regional organiser for the HNP, Mr Attie Loock, said today that while it would be a "good thing" if Mr Hendrickse resigned from the Cabinet, he thought it unlikely

Hendrickse backs down

THE leader of the labour party, the Reverend Allan Hendrickse, yesterday offered an apology to the State President, Mr P W Botha, on behalf of himself and colleagues who had defied prohibitions to swim at the "whites only" King's Beach at Port Elizabeth.

In a related development, the leader of the National Peoples' Party, Mr Amichand Rajbansi, provided Mr Botha with a copy of a letter denying a local newspaper report which claimed that he was ready to resign from the cabinet in support of Mr Hendrickse.

In his apology, Mr Hendrickse said that the swimming event, which coincided with his party's past congress, was not intended by his colleagues or himself as an act of civil disobedience and he regretted any conclusion to that effect.

"Furthermore, in nothing that my colleagues and I have done have we ever intended an affront to you in your personal capacity or in your capacity as State President, or challenged your authority as State President.

"In as much as any impression may have been created to that effect, I offer on behalf of my colleagues and myself our apologies to you."

Voters for House of Delegates 'gave false names'

Three State witnesses, one a former secretary of the Progressive Independant Party, gave evidence before a Johannesburg magistrate yesterday against a member of the House of Delegates concerning irregularities in the 1985 by-elections.

Progressive Independent Party member Mr Faiz Mohamed Kahn (58), of 12 Saffier Street, Extension 5, Lenasia, pleaded not guilty to three counts of fraud relating to the voters' roll during the Lenasia by-elections in June 1985, at a previous hearing on Tuesday.

Mr G A Ebrahim and Mr M H Chotia gave evidence to support State allegations that Mr Kahn had influenced unregistered voters to impersonate registered voters and vote for him as a candidate for the Lenasia Management Committee.

An affidavit — signed by Mr Kaisavel Kistasamy and submitted before Mr I J J Luther — stated that on the day of the elections Mr Kistasamy had been approached by a man with a piece of paper on which was written the name of Dedat Suleman Ismail, an identity number and an address.

Mr Kistasamy was unable to find the name Ismail on the voters' roll. Later the man returned with Mr Shabir Kahn and said he was voting under the name of Dedat.

CONVICTED

"I again queried his identity. He has subsequently been convicted under the name of Sayed Iqbal Hoosen."

A former secretary of the Progressive Independent Party, Mr Randolph Moonian, said he had not realised Mr Kahn was implicated until he had phoned him after having being detained in connection with the matter.

A transcript of the telephone conversation between Mr Kahn and Mr Moonian was read. The defence, arguing "a background of conspiracy", said the accuracy of the transcript should be proved before the court heard it.

The hearing continues today.

Mr L van Vuuren appeared for the state; Mr M Hodes SC and Mr S Joseph for the defence.

ARGUS 22/1/87

'He must go to court over swim'

Argus Bureau

PORT ELIZABETH. — National Party and Herstigte Nasionale Party members here who laid complaints with the police over the Rev Allan Hendrickse's swim have reacted differently to his apology to President P W Botha.

Mr Attie Loock, regional organiser of the HNP and leader of the campaign to keep the city's beaches white, said Mr Botha bringing Mr Hendrickse to book was "pure National Party propaganda".

Mr Loock insists that Hendrickse must still be prosecuted.

Mr A S van Ginkle Venter, prominent NP member who also laid a complaint, said Mr Botha had handled the affair "very thoroughly".

"VERY WELL"

He refused to comment directly on the incident, saying he did not want to "create any more ill feeling" but said Mr Botha had done "very well".

However, Mr Loock said: "Just because he is a Cabinet Minister does not mean he is above the law.

"There is something funny going on. We have so many problems but Mr Botha spends 20 minutes on television talking to the nation about a man going swimming."

He said he felt the whole affair had been turned into NP election propaganda because Mr Botha was afraid of the electorate.

IRONY

"If Mr Hendrickse had been allowed to get away with this, the National Party would have lost tremendous support at the polls.

"The ironical thing is that Hendrickse is right and Botha is wrong: the Group Areas Act will be scrapped — after the election."

Mr Loock said he was not prepared to let the matter rest and would see that Mr Hendrickse was prosecuted.

"He must go to court just like the blacks who were caught on the beach on New Year's Day. He is not above the law."

The police liaison officer for the Eastern Cape, Major Eddie Everson, said the police docket on the swimming incident was sent to the Attorney-General today for a decision.

Hendrickse's letter

"WITH reference to the unfortunate incident that had caused you to react against certain actions of mine, I wish to record that I have carefully considered my own position and your reaction and attitude.

"I write this letter to you in a spirit of resolving the dispute in the best interest of the country I ask that you accept that whatever I have done, I have done in accordance with the dictates of my consciene and the policy of the Labour Party of which I am the leader. For this I believe no apology is needed.

"Members of my community and I have suffered indignities over a long period in regard to many issues but especially the issues of Group Areas and beach apartheid. On the very eve of our congress in Port Elizabeth we again suffered humiliation on the latter issue. This situation is and will remain unacceptable to my party and community as long as institutional measures such as this kind remain.

"Our presence and participation in Parliament and Executive was and still is that we are in a transitional period leading to the repeal of those laws. At the same time I accept your right to hold a different view. I am gratified that I have been reassured by yourself Mr President, that our right to differ and to promote change within the system was according to prescribed procedures at ministerial and other levels is not questioned.

"The swimming event was not intended by my colleagues or myself as an act of civil disobedience and we regret any conclusion to that effect.

"Furthermore, in nothing that I and my colleages have done have we ever intended an affront to your person in your personal capacity as State President nor did we intend to challenge your authority as State President.

"In as much as any impression might have been created to that effect I offer on behalf my colleagues and myself our apologies to you.

"As regard my statement on the media I intended to say that I regret the necessity for the regulations of this nature to be promulgated. In the context of my speech it is clear that I accepted that steps in this regard had to be taken. I then called upon the press to act, under circumstances, responsibly.

"Mr President, I would like to reiterate my commitment to peaceful negotiations. I trust that the above will be acceptable to you. Yours sincerely, H J Hendrickse."

I'm sorry: Hendrickse

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By EBRAHIM MOOSA

IN a dramatic backdown from his confrontation with President P W Botha, Labour Party leader the Rev Allan Hendrickse yesterday apologized for swimming at a whites-only beach in Port Elizabeth in January.

At a press conference at Tuynhuys yesterday afternoon, a confident Mr Botha censured Mr Hendrickse's recent public statements and actions and demanded an apology from him for "violating cabinet procedures" in publicizing his differences without consulting him

Mr Botha also quoted from a letter by the Indian cabinet minister, Mr Amichand Rajbansi, to the Afrikaans Nationalist newspaper the Burger denying a report that he had supported Mr Hendrickse's stand-off with Mr Botha

The acting editor of the Burger, Mr Ebbe Dommisse, said last night that the newspaper had received the original copy of Mr Rajbansi's letter

"At the moment we don't know what he wants an apology for — the letter does not specify," he said, adding that the Burger was trying to get hold of Mr Rajbansi to clarify matters

Mr Hendrickse defied beach apartheid laws last December and swam at the white King's Beach in Port Elizabeth with several of his Labour Party colleagues

Mr Botha said he started yesterday morning's cabinet meeting by saying: "A situation has arisen in this cabinet which I cannot accept."

He said he tolerated legitimate political differences between cabinet members. "But when he (Mr Hendrickse) and his colleagues start marching in their bathing costumes and embarrassed me and breaking the rules and procedures of cabinet, I told them I expect an apology from him and his colleagues.

"If he does not apologize I said then I will only have one choice — that is to ask him to leave the cabinet both as cabinet minister and member of the Ministers' Council because I appointed them I also told him (Mr Hendrickse) if he does not do so I will have no choice but to dissolve Parliament"

The LP leader's climbdown has left sections of the party shocked and confused

Mr Charles Redcliffe, LP Schauderville, said he was "shocked" by what he saw on television Mr Hendrickse went against Tuesday's caucus decision which counselled him not to apologize, he said Even conservative MPs urged him not to apologize as it would be interpreted as a "humiliation for all people of colour"

LP deputy leader Mr Ismail Richards said he had "no comment" to make on Mr Hendrickse's statement, adding that he still supported the LP.

Mr Peter Mopp (LP Border) last night said "I'll swim wherever and whenever I want to, and no one will tell me where and when I can't swim

"I'll never apologize for something like that."

Mr Hendrickse last night claimed his statement should not be viewed as a "backdown" He did not regret what he had done because the "swimming incident has achieved its objective in focusing attention nationally and internationally"

Mr Botha allowed me "to exercise the dictates of my conscience".

Full text of letter, page 2



Mr Botha leaves yesterday's press conference at Tuynhuys where he announced Mr Hendrickse's dramatic political climbdown In his hand is Mr Hendrickse's apology and other cabinet documents Dr J P Roux, secretary-general in the office of the State President, can be seen in the background **Picture Alan Taylor**

Swim row: apology from Hendrickse

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Children among 12 killed by gunmen

Dispatch Correspondent

DURBAN — Five children were among the 12 people shot dead in an attack by gunmen on a home in KwaMakhutha near Amanzimtoti early yesterday morning

A man thought to be the target of the attack has been in hiding for more than a month and the 12 people who died in the hail of semi-automatic gunfire have been described by friends as being "totally apolitical".

Gunmen opened fire on the home of Mr Willie Ntuli in the early hours of yesterday morning

Mr Victor Ntuli, who had lived at the house, is a member of the United Democratic Front-affiliated KwaMakhutha Youth League.

Members of the league were fleeing the township yesterday, saying they feared further attacks They said Mr Victor Ntuli, a leading member of the organisation, had been in hiding and thus escaped the pre-dawn attack.

The unknown assailants, using Russian-made AK-47 rifles, opened fire on the inside of the house and another out building

KwaMakhutha has been a centre of continued political violence between the members of the UDF and Inkatha Early this year, a councillor and a member of Inkatha, Mr M B Dlamini, died in hospital after a petrol bomb attack on his home

A member of the Ntuli family who was not at home during attack, Mr Mthunzi Ntuli, said he had been told that a mini-bus pulled up outside the family home at 2 30 am, "A group of people then started shooting They fired at anything that moved."

Police have not yet established a motive for the killings

Those who died were Mr Willie Ntuli, 50, Mrs Phumula Ndlovu, 22, Mrs Jabu Ndlovu, 17, Mrs Mbuso Ndwalane, 50, Nunu Ntuli, 7, Mavoko Thusini, 5, Bhasi Thusini 3, Savile Thusini, 4, Mrs Isobel Kubheka , 50, and Phumzile Thusini, 7.

The identities of two other victims have not yet been established.

The two injured are Mrs Anita Khumalo, 34, and a 10-year old girl, Nomshado Thusini

All the injured were admitted to the Prince Mshiyeni Hospital at Umlazi.

A 10-year-old boy, Ernest Thusini, whose four brothers and sisters were killed, escaped unharmed

The Bureau for Information said AK-47 shells were found outside the house The bureau said police had not ruled out the possibility that terrorists were responsible for the killings

No arrests have yet been made

Sapa reports that the Chief Minister of KwaZulu and president of Inkatha, Chief Mangosothu Buthelezi, said he was "shocked" by the dimensions which violence between the "ANC-/UDF" alliance and Inkatha was assuming

In a statement issued in Ulundi yesterday, Chief Buthelezi said he was saying this on the assumption that yesterday's reported tragedy in KwaMakhuta was probably a continuation of the internecine clashes that have been going on for quite some time in Kwamakhuta

A Durban UDF official, Mr Joseph Gumbi, claimed there was no doubt that the attack was launched by Inkatha — Sapa-AP



MR WADDELL

Waddell resigns, may quit SA

JOHANNESBURG — Mr Gordon Waddell announced his resignation as executive chairman of Johannesburg Consolidated Investments yesterday, indicating he may leave the country

"To be chairman of JCI spoils you for any other job in South Africa

"Frankly, I have no idea what I will do and I have not sought a job overseas," he said

The surprise announcement was made in the JCI interim report published yesterday

He will be replaced by Mr Murray Hofmeyr, member of the Anglo board's executive committee

Mr Waddell will also give up the 17 directorships he currently holds as JCI chairman He indicated that no financial settlement had yet been finalised and he will leave his office on June 30

At a press conference Mr Waddell said he had resigned for "personal reasons and a number of other factors" There had been no pressure from within the group

He will not be taking up another position with the Anglo American Corporation

Mr Waddell, a former Progressive Federal Party MP, ruled out the possibility of a political career

Son for Myrtle

JOHANNESBURG — The Springbok athlete and All-Africa 400m hurdles and 400m record-holder, Myrtle Bothma, gave birth to her first baby — a boy — this week

Both mother and baby are fine and the Hoërskool Grens educated athlete expects to be training again within a month — Sapa

CAPE TOWN — The leader of the Labour Party, the Reverend Allan Hendrickse, yesterday apologised to the State President on behalf of himself and colleagues who swam at a "whites only" beach in Port Elizabeth.

In a related development, the leader of the National People s Party, Mr Amichand Rajbansi, provided Mr Botha with a copy of a letter denying a local newspaper report which claimed that he was ready to resign from the cabinet in support of Mr Hendrickse

Mr Hendrickse and Mr Rajbansi — leaders of the majority parties in the coloured House of Representatives and the Indian House of Delegates respectively — are non-portfolio members of Mr Botha's cabinet

The State President said at a news conference last night he had accepted the apology and Mr Rajbansi's assurance and that an "intolerable position for the cabinet" was resolved

In his apology, Mr Hendrickse said that the swimming event, which coincided with his party's past congress, was not intended by his colleagues or himself as an act of civil disobedience and he regretted any conclusion to that effect

"Futhermore, in nothing that my colleagues and I have done have we ever intended an affront to you in your personal capacity or in your capacity as State President, or challanged your authority

"Inasmuch as any impression may have been created to that effect, I offer on behalf of my colleagues and myself our apologies to you"

Mr Hendrickse said he had written the letter in a spirit of resolving the dispute and in the interests of the country

He said that members of his community had suffered indignities over a long period in regard to many issues, but especially the Group Areas Act and "beach apartheid"

This happened again on the eve of the Labour Party congress in Port Elizabeth, and the situation remained unacceptable to his party and community as long as institutionalised measures of this kind remained

Before revealing the contents of the letter, Mr Botha read a three page statement which he said he had read to the cabinet when its first meeting of the year started yesterday morning

In the statement he pointed out that it was not a coalition government situation, but a co operation in terms of a new dispensation of which the members' first responsibility was to uphold the constitution

The chairmen of the three Ministers' Councils were in the cabinet at his invitation From the start it was accepted that there would be a difference of views on matters of national affairs and clearly a difference in principle on different residential areas for the various communities

His party was committed to uphold the principle, but not the Group Areas Act itself and for this reason it was referred to the Strydom Commission and then to the President's Council

"Until investigations are completed we cannot deal with it," he said

Even ministers of his own party could disagree, but he did not allow them to go public unless it was first discussed with him beforehand

"If we have discussed it and cannot find a solution or some way out, such a member must leave my cabinet," Mr Botha told the cabinet.

A report had appeared in Die Burger — official mouthpiece of the Cape National Party — which had distressed him, Mr Botha said

It dealt with matters still under discussion between him and Mr Hendrickse (outlining a three-point ultimatum put to Mr Hendrickse by the State President and claiming support for the Labour Party leader from Mr Rajbansi over the swimming issue)

He had pointed out to Mr Hendrickse that in the oath he had taken, he had declared to hold his position with honour and dignity and uphold the country's constitution and all other laws

"This means he must act as minister with dignity his conduct not at his congress where he was entitled to express criticism — but when he marched in a bathing costume with other ministers, broke that undertaking, embarrassed me and broke the cabinet rules"

He had told Mr Hendrickse he expected an apology from him and his colleagues who went with him

He also told Mr Hendrickse that if he was not going to apologise his only choice was to leave the cabinet and the Ministers' Council, failing which he would give the State President no other choice but to dissolve parliament for a general election for all three Houses

The national chairman of the PFP, Mr Peter Gastrow, said in a statement issued last night "It was a demolition job with such humiliation for Mr Hendrickse that he is unlikely to recover from it" — Sapa

Group areas: MP may quit NP

JOHANNESBURG — The National Party MP for Randburg, Mr Wynand Malan, has decided to leave the party because of the government's decision not to scrap the Group Areas Act and its unwillingness to move towards a negotiated settlement, close friends and associates said last night

His move shook the NP on the eve of a white election campaign and was discussed at several confidential meetings of his colleagues and fellow verligtes yesterday

Mr Malan told the State President, Mr P W Botha, on Tuesday that he differed too much from the NP to offer himself as a candidate in the election

Mr Botha said yesterday "We had a long conversation I gave him a lot of my time, about an hour and a half

"When he left, he burst into tears and assured me that he was praying for God's blessing on me He undertook to talk again with

Inflation

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The Central Statistical ... in a news release in Pr... day that this brought ... flation rate for 1986 to 18

As recently as 1984 ... was "only" 11,7 per cent



Kevin Barrett checks his paddleski at Nahoon yesterday.

Ski back after photo

Dispatch Reporter

EAST LONDON — Kevin Barret, 16, got his stolen paddleski back, just han... an hour after recogni... sing it in a ... in yesterday's Daily Dis... patch

Kevin, a Std 9 pupil ... Hudson Park ... School, had his pad... dleski stolen from ... shack at Nahoon Reef along with three others on Wednesday week

His father, Mr B... Barrett, reported ... missing ski to the ... on Thursday after ... and his son under... an extensive search

Kevin feared that ... had seen the last of ... R400 paddleski until ... spotted it in the Dis... patch

He said he ... thrilled to get it back be... cause without it he ... not have been able ... take part in the ... waveski trials ... take place on Sunday

"It has been ... and scratched quite ... bit, but nothing too ... rious," Kevin said ... worst damage done is large crack near the ... straps but I've cover... that with a sticker"

A skeg and most of ... stickers were remov... from his board by ... thieves

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Feelings aired on open beaches

Mercury Reporter

EVEN in South Africa, segregated beaches were starting to stick out like sore thumbs, Durban city councillor Peter Mansfield said yesterday.

He was taking part in a Durban radio discussion on open beaches.

People who were trying to reserve beach facilities for one group only were 'swimming against the tide', he said.

Mr Laurie Kaplan, who represents Point on the council, said his heart told him that the Durban beaches should be opened to all races. But his head said: 'Not yet.'

He and his wife had conducted a survey of 100 people last year on the beach area south of Bell Street. Of these 100 interviewed, only one person — a visitor from inland — had objected to the fact that the beach was non-racial.

Mr Arthur Morris, chairman of the Civic Action League, said he would like to see the council developing beaches along ethnic lines.

Mopp: I would not apologise for swim

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Dispatch Reporter

EAST LONDON — The Border Labour Party MP in the House of Representatives, Mr Peter Mopp, last night criticised his party leader's apology to the State President, Mr P. W. Botha, over the controversial swim at King's Beach in Port Elizabeth.

"If I was in Allan Hendrickse's shoes I would never have apologised," he said. "How can you apologise for contravening an unjust stupid law. The law which bars me from beaches is wrong and the State President should scrap those laws instead of trying to bully us.

"More than 20 000 black people in East London sent out a message loud and clear on New Year's Day that the law is an ass."

Asked about his future in the party, Mr Mopp said he would be asking questions at the caucus meeting in Cape Town on Tuesday.

"I was unable to attend the caucus meeting called to discuss the response to Mr P. W. Botha's stand as it had been called at short notice while I was out of town. I want to ask questions about that response and I will assess my position within the party after I receive those replies.

"My stand on the swim remains as before. I will swim wherever and when I like and my life will not be dictated by whites-only signs. I stand by that and I will never apologise."

He conceded that the party's image had been severely dented because of the apology and said he did not know how the party would ever recover.

Mr Mopp also criticised the State President and said he was acting as if he were a despot, which did not augur well for the road of reform. "The State President is acting like a petty National Party politician instead of a statesman and this will never get us out of the logjam of South African politics.

"A woman phoned me today and said she could not believe that the State President could spend so much time on a trivial matter such as a coloured swimming on a whites-only beach.

"I could not agree with her more. This is fiddling while Rome burns. Surely there are much more important matters to see to than a frolic in the surf."

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HENDRICKSE MPs BACK

SOWETAN, Friday, January, 23, 1987

LOYAL Labour Party MPs rallied around their leader the Rev Allan Hendrickse yesterday, insisting that he did not apologise to President P W Botha for swimming at a white beach, but only for any embarassment this might have caused.

The brave face they are putting on the row contrasts strongly with the reaction of other party members who are reported to be angry about Mr Hendrickse's apparent buckling under pressure.

Most members reiterated their right to swim wherever they liked and condemned President Botha's "over-reaction to a trivial incident".

"Mr Hendrickse has shown that he is a greater statesman. He has put the interests of reform and the country before his own interests," said Mr Abie Williams, MP for Mamre, who was one of the party members who frolicked with his leader in the surf at Port Elizabeth's King's Beach.

"I still have the greatest respect for him. He has shown the courage of a great leader whereas the President put the interests of the National Party before the interests of the country."

Right

"We had the right to swim at that beach and we will still execute our right to swim anywhere we want to."

Mr Jac Rabie, deputy national chairman of the party and Transvaal leader said he also understood that Mr Hendrickse had not apologised for swimming but only for any offence this might have caused the President.

"I don't think the party will have suffered damage. Mr Hendrickse said he would always oppose the Separate Amenities Act, so I'm not worried.

"I think the whole thing was blown up unnecessarily by the State President."

Mr Desmond Lockey, nominated MP and son-in-law of Mr Hendrickse, said that in his letter to President Botha, Mr Hendrickse had stated that he did not feel sorry about the swim, only the offence it might have caused.

"All of us had said he should not apologise. But someone let us down by going to the Press with the story when it was still under discussion in the Cabinet."

Mr Lockey said he thought the President's actrons had been "mean" and "vindictive".

The Progressive Federal Party yesterday said the apology was a "demolition job".

PFP national chairman Mr Peter Gastrow said: "It was a demolition job with such humiliation for Rev Hendrickse that he is unlikely to recover from it."

Hendrickse: I might flout race laws again

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DEFIANT Labour Party Leader Rev Allan Hendrickse said yesterday he would consider flouting apartheid laws again.

He told a Press conference in Cape Town he had not apologised to President P W Botha for swimming at a whites-only beach in Port Elizabeth but because it had been interpreted as a deliberate challenge to Botha's authority.

Hendrickse said he had settled his dispute with Botha to avoid a dissolution of

Own Correspondent

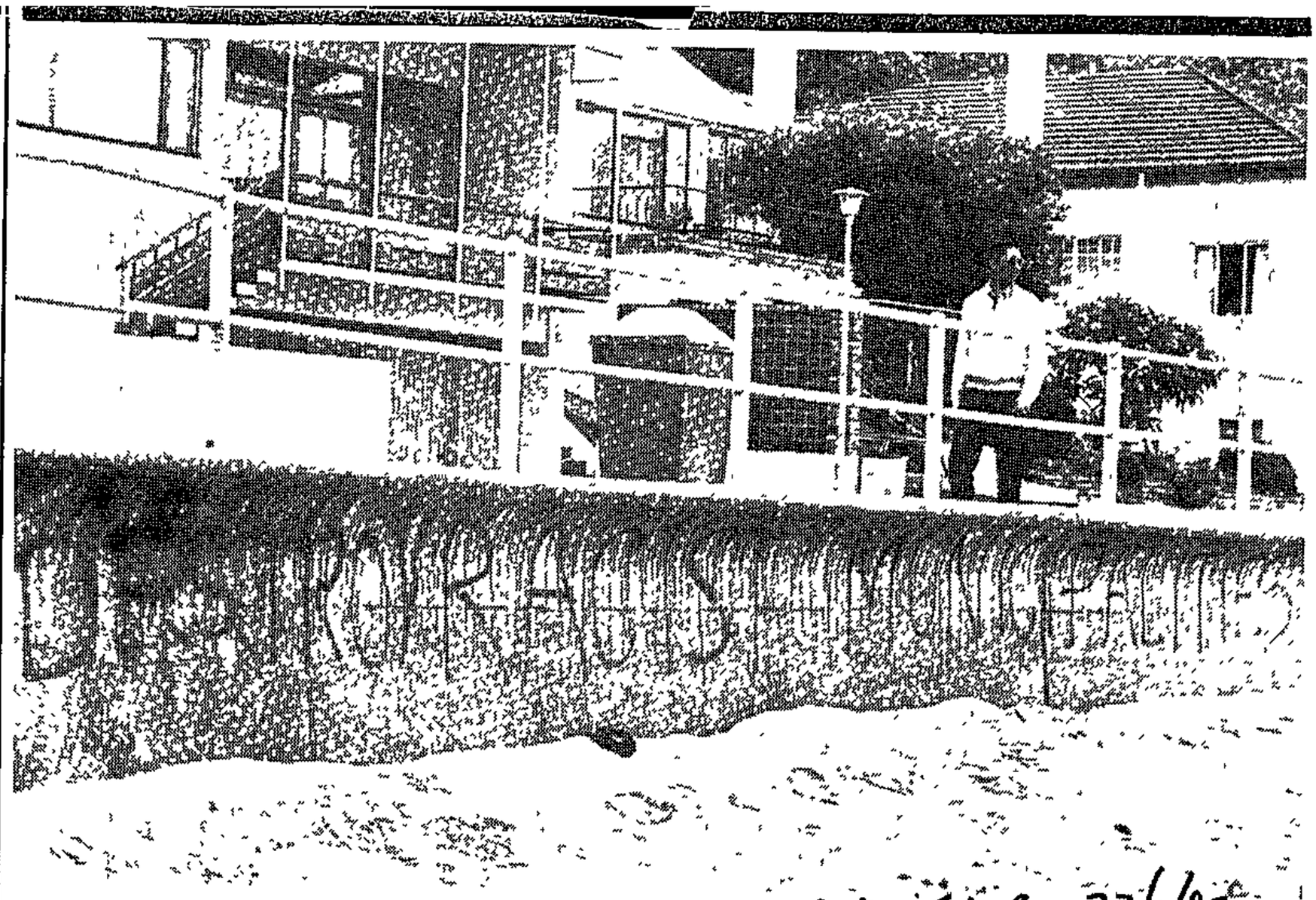
Parliament and the consequent atmosphere of hostility which could be created by elections.

Referring to the swimming incident, Hendrickse said he had told Botha he had done to focus attention on a matter which had caused concern for many years.

Hendrickse said the swim was not at any stage intended as a personal affront to Botha. "If it was interpreted as such I am big enough to apologise."

Asked if he would do it again, Hendrickse replied: "It depends on when and where I choose." If he were prosecuted he was prepared to accept that.

He denied the LP was afraid to have an election and said a recent poll had shown at least 48% of the coloured community would participate in an election.



The writing on the wall at Bikini Beach, Gordon's Bay.
Picture: ANNE LAING

Whites-only signs on beach blotted out

By PETER DENNEHY
Municipal Reporter

SPRAY-PAINTERS blotted out the words whites only on Gordon's Bay bathing signs this week, as public feeling against beach apartheid rose.

They also wrote, in half-metre high letters on the Bikini Beach wall, a militant slogan on what should be done with "racist municipalities".

The Gordon's Bay, Strand, Blouberg and Melkbos beaches are the only ones in the greater Peninsula where segregation remains in force.

Mr Charles Steyn, the town clerk of Gordon's Bay, said yesterday it was unlikely that restoration work would be done on the damaged signs.

Instead of repainting the signs, "I think we will take it easy in the meantime, and see what happens. My council has decided to conduct a thorough investigation into various aspects of beach control.

"We would like to move with the times, but with the very limited beach space Gordon's Bay has, we have problems. It's less than half a kilometre.

"We are hoping to accommodate everyone, without any confrontation or unhappiness."



Mr Joseph Moses, from Mitchells Plain, with the censored sign.
Picture: ANNE LAING



DETERMINED: Members of the HNP who want to prosecute the Rev Allan Hendrickse stand arm-in-arm on the beach. From left, Mrs Anna Venter, Mr Attie Loock, Mrs Anita Gerber and Mrs Anna Truter.

Fight for white — especially beaches — goes on, says HNP

From KEN VERNON
Weekend Argus Bureau

PORT ELIZABETH. — Members of the Herstigte Nasionale Party in Port Elizabeth have vowed to continue the fight to keep the city's beaches white and to ensure that Labour Party leader the Rev Allan Hendrickse is prosecuted for his controversial dip.

"Just because Mr Hendrickse is a Cabinet Minister does not mean that he is above the law," says the man behind the campaign, Mr Attie Loock, HNP regional organiser for the Cape.

He said the HNP were still monitoring the "Friendly City's" beaches in case any blacks belatedly decide to follow Mr Hendrickse's example

"A tan"

"I've got such a tan monitoring the beaches that I'm browner than Mr Hendrickse," he laughed.

Mr Loock is adamant that the actions of the State President in humiliating Mr Hendrickse over his illegal dip are nothing but "National Party propaganda" and he is convinced that after the coming election both the Group Areas Act and the Separate Amenities Act will be scrapped.

"P W doesn't dare do that now because he knows he will lose too many votes."

I asked him: If he is certain the beaches will be opened to all races after the election why were he and other HNP member creating such a fuss now?

"To embarrass the Government and try to force it to declare its true position," he replied. "But there is much more to it than that."

Mrs Anna Truter, another HNP member who complained to police about Mr Hendrickse's swim, said: "We're fighting for what we believe in and to try to protect our children's future."

"Too good"

She said blacks had paid nothing to develop the beaches and whites "owe the blacks nothing"

"On the contary, we have been too good to the blacks in this country and now they are acting like spoilt children and need to be disciplined.

"The only solution for South Africa is a right-wing government that will once again impose set rules and principles."

Mrs Truter said that one of the main reasons for the sad state of affairs in the country was the fact that non-Christians were now in Parliament.

"God thinks that he has been made a fool of and until we can take over and fix things the country will continue to fall to pieces."

LP branch raps swim apology

Mercury Correspondent

QUEENSTOWN—The local branch of the Labour Party yesterday publicly rebuked the party's leader, the Rev Allan Hendrickse, for having apologised to President Botha for his New Year's Day swim in Port Elizabeth.

A statement issued by the party's local chairman, Mr Winston Jasson, and secretary, Mr Joseph Smiles, said the apology was an embarrassment to the party.

'The Queenstown branch of the Labour Party fully supports the MP for Border, Mr Peter Hopp, for opposing the apology,' it said.

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'Whites-only' laws: PE councillor uncovers 'legal oversight'

Beach apartheid 'loophole'

From KEN VERNON
The Argus Bureau

PORT ELIZABETH. — A city councillor who is demanding that the Administrator of the Cape open the city's beaches to all has discovered that his decision may be irrelevant — the beaches may not have been legally reserved for whites in the first place.

Mr Graham Richards demanded that Mr Gene Louw decide by today whether to open the beaches or face legal action.

But the councillor's lawyer received a telex from Mr Louw asking for the deadline to be extended for a month.

Mr Richards said he came across the apparent legal oversight while researching for the defence of several people arrested on January 3 for swimming at a "whites only" beach.

"My research indicates that Port Elizabeth's beaches were never properly reserved for whites in terms of the Reservation of Separate Amenities Act," Mr Richards said today.

"If I am correct all that is required is for someone who has locus standi to approach the Supreme Court for a declaratory order and the situation will be clarified, making any decision by Mr Louw irrelevant."

It only remained to determine who had a legal right to approach the court, Mr Richards added.

"Perhaps as the councillor representing the beach area I could do it, or perhaps a black or coloured person who felt his or her rights were being infringed."

"Too urgent"

He said he was still looking into the matter and could not say when an order might be sought

He said he had not seen Mr Louw's telex himself and did not know if it implied that he would open the beaches in a month's time — or merely make his decision then.

"But I feel this matter is too urgent to wait another month. People's rights are involved — people are being arrested and punished for swimming at Port Elizabeth's beaches.

"This is embarrassing the City Council, which has voted to open the beaches, and it is embarrassing all the people of Port Elizabeth," Mr Richards said.

Opponent slams Hendrickse's apology

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Dispatch Correspondent

PORT ELIZABETH — Mr Abdul-Wahab Tiry, the chairman of the Democratic Workers' Party —the official opposition in the House of Representatives — has slammed the Labour Party leader, the Reverend Allan Hendrickse, for apologising to the State President over his "protest swim" at a white beach.

He should never have protested if he could not face the consequences and no "good leader" would have apologised against his principles, Mr Tiry said.

The protest swim had proved itself to be a sick joke after it had struck world headlines.

"I was right when I predicted that it was a cheap political stunt to boost the credibility of the Labour Party," Mr Tiry said.

As a minister of the system, Mr Hendrickse had made an oath to abide by the apartheid constitution and had insulted the State President, the coloured community of South Africa and the process of negotiated reform by breaking this oath.

Mr Tiry said that while the Democratic Workers' Party "obviously opposes segregated beaches", this was not the time for protest politics.

The Labour Party had fallen into a trap of their own making. "They seem quite happy to sit in separate parliaments, but kick up a fuss about silly things like separate coffee shops," Mr Tiry said, referring to an incident last year when Labour Party members were asked to leave the parliament cafeteria by the leader of the Conservative Party, Dr Andries Treurnicht.

A Sunday newspaper reported yesterday that Mr Hendrickse was on the verge of resigning from the cabinet after the State President's ultimatum, but recanted on advice from white colleagues and decided to offer a "letter of explanation" instead.

All-race resort due for Aliwal North

Dispatch Reporter

ALIWAL NORTH — A multiracial holiday resort will be developed in Aliwal North in the near future, according to information received from the Town Clerk, Mr M. Joubert.

Members of the local town council, the Hilton Coloured Management Board and the Dukathole Black Township Committee gathered in the Library Hall on January 20 to discuss the matter.

The senior town and regional planner of the Cape Provincial Administration, Mr Chris Moller, who also attended the meeting, said that Aliwal North had already received R50 000 for the starting phase. He said the initial capital expenditure funds would be provided in phases and working and maintenance expenses would have to be generated by the resort itself.

Mr Moller said the Provincial Administration promoted recreational resorts on a regional level and recreational facilities and sport were the responsibility of the community.

He said the financing of such resorts would be done with funds obtained from the Department of Community Development and Planning.

Work will begin as soon as a site has been decided upon.

Cinema sit-in at Krugersdorp

KRUGERSDORP — Thirty blacks staged a sit-in at Krugersdorp's whites-only cinema complex yesterday while town councillors haggled but failed to decide whether to open the cinemas to all races.

In a heated debate, in which the pressure to open the cinemas was labelled "part of the Communist onslaught against our country", the council voted to refer the matter to the Department of Constitutional Development.

Mr Anthony Salisbury, MD of Satbel, the holding company of Ster-Kinekor, said last night discussions with the council would continue, and that the January 31 deadline could be extended.

"The whole object is to get these cinemas open, not to force a confrontation," Mr Salisbury said

Ster-Kinekor is being pressured by international film distributors to open cinemas to all races. — DDC

—Indian MP and his family asked to leave 'white' restaurant

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Picture: WILLIE de KLERK, The Argus.

REFUSED SERVICE: From left, Mrs Naomi Manikkam, the Rev Edward Manikkam and his daughter, Mrs Priscilla Premji. In front is his grandchild, Premesh Premji, 7.

By LAURA CLOETE, Staff Reporter

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They saw a board advertising a rest-stop and followed it to the Patio Restaurant.

Mr Manikkam said that when they were seated, Mr Lindeque told them he was "not allowed" to serve them, but they could "buy tea from the take-away counter".

Mr Manikkam said he told Mr Lindeque there was no law stopping them from having tea at the restaurant, but Mr Lindeque "insisted" they could not remain at his tables. The family then left.

Mr Manikkam said: "It was terribly embarrassing, especially when my grandchildren asked: 'But why whites only?' "

He said he was also upset to see Mr Lindeque employed coloured waitresses, yet would not

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serve people of colour.

Mr Lindeque said he refused to serve Mr Manikkam and his family because he would "lose my white clients who come to the whites-only beach".

"If you serve one you have to serve them all. I don't discriminate against coloureds, I just don't want to lose business," he said.

"The white people who come to Melkbosstrand beach want to be on their own and the coloureds must respect that."

Mr Lindeque said Melkbosstrand could not be compared with Muizenberg or Sea Point beaches and restaurants with their "international hotels along the beach".

"Melkbosstrand has no international hotels and no coloured residential or business areas nearby. My restaurant caters only for whites who use the beach."

He also said he would employ staff of any race who applied and had one coloured waitress and three whites on his staff.

He said the white waiters and waitresses worked the cash register and took orders, and the coloured waitress cleared and laid the tables.

Mr Manikkam said he took his family to a restaurant in Milnerton where there was a "very pleasant atmosphere".

Pat Rogers picture

IN later editions yesterday The Argus inadvertently used a picture of Mr Pat Rogers, the television personality, instead of the Cape leader of the NRP, who has the same name.

Angry reaction to turnabout on Swans

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Mercury Correspondent

CAPE TOWN—There was angry reaction yesterday to the cancellation of the multiracial induction of the Navy's new Swans

Twenty-two members of the Swans intake have been returned to their home bases amid allegations that it was the Government's sensitivity over the forthcoming election that caused the change of policy.

The Progressive Federal Party said that the Government appeared intent on putting its electoral interests ahead of those of the country, while the Labour Party called on the Navy to "reconsider its decision"

Mr Brian Goodall, PFP spokesman on defence, said the move was regrettable

'It is essential that the SADF should not be used for party political gain ahead of an election since appeasing the Right now can have long-term damaging consequences for the national interest.'

The sudden turnabout, only one week into their six-week basic training course, has left almost all the Swans crying 'when the Indian girls had to leave', according to a Swan

The move followed an 'informal visit' last week by the Chief of the Navy, Vice-Adml Glen Syndercombe, to SAS Simonsberg where the Swans were training.

A spokesman for Gen Magnus Malan, the Minister of Defence, denied that the change was made on his instructions.

The End ahead for Pretoria's 'closed' cinemas

PRETORIA — Four Pretoria whites-only cinemas seem destined to close down after Pretoria's Mayor, Mr Steyn van der Spuy, barred the City Council from discussing the issue yesterday.

Turning down a request for an urgent debate on the matter by PFP councillor Mr Tertius Spies, he said he could not allow the motion because of "technical errors" relating to it.

CIC have said they will close the cinemas if they are not opened to all races by February 5.

Meanwhile, the fate of two cinemas in Krugersdorp is in the balance, with the council still divided on opening them to all races.

The matter will now be decided by the Department of Constitutional Development and Planning.

And the CP says threats to close cinemas that refuse to integrate is another unacceptable form of foreign-inspired blackmail.

The CP would follow Australia's example and assist in developing a local film industry to support local film makers and "lessen our dependence on rubbish fed to us by the likes of Ster Kinekor and their American cohorts", a CP statement says.

The CP has already contacted film companies in Europe, Australia and the US to obtain films.

"We will then be in a position to boycott the trash we are forced to accept." — Sapa

Beach charges dropped by State

Evening Post 2/1/83

By DEBBIE BOOYSEN and KIN BENTLEY

TWELVE blacks, charged under the Separate Amenities Act for swimming at Humewood at New Year, walked free from the Port Elizabeth Magistrate's Court today when the case against them was withdrawn.

They were Mr Michael Nosilela, 32, and Mr Mzimazi Mvane, 32, both of Kwamagxaki, Mr Thomas Vusani, 30, and Mrs Mavis Vusani, 25, of Motherwell, Mrs Margaret Davids, 27, and Mrs Sonya Busakwe, 27, of Kwanobuhle, Miss Gladys Mboya, 30, Mr Newman Loli, 32, and Mrs Hazel Loli, 30, two girls aged 10 and one of 11, all of Motherwell.

When they appeared before Mr S van der Watt on January 5, the case was postponed for further investigation. No specific charge had been formulated and they had not pleaded when the case was withdrawn by the State today.

No reasons for the charges being dropped were given.

In related developments today:

● Port Elizabeth city councillor Mr Graham Richards said today the withdrawal of the charges "lends weight to my opinion that the beaches were never properly reserved for the use of any race group".

Mr Ivan Krige, the former mayor who has been lobbying for open beaches, today welcomed the court move which, he said, was "another indication that the Government realises open beaches are an inevitable development".

● The regional chairman of the PFP, Mr Tony Stephens, questioned whether those who had paid admission of guilt fines for swimming at Humewood would be re-imbursed.

● It has not been established whether Labour Party leader the Rev Allan Hendrickse will be prosecuted for swimming at a whites-only beach.

The Attorney-General, Dr J A Van Schoor d'Oliveira, said today that "no other beach apartheid case is with me.

"I have received no other case".

● The person who lodged complaints with the police about blacks at Humewood, HNP organiser Mr Attie Loock, is to write to the Attorney-General about the matter.

Cinema closed

ASTRA Theatre, Pietersburg's only cinema, was closed down yesterday following the refusal by the local town council to grant the cinema a "full multiracial certificate".

The manager, Mr Sydney Segal, said yesterday the cinema will remain closed until the council changes its earlier decision.

Yesterday's move followed a letter from the council dated January 21 in which it was stated that "in the light of the fact that my council has already taken a resolution in this regard, it was felt that it would serve no purpose to pursue the matter any further. My council's recommendation was forwarded to the Minister of Constitutional Development and Planning for his decision".

The closure of Astra and three other cinemas in Pretoria, followed a decision by UIP Warner and Ster-Kinekor not to supply films to cinemas with segregated audiences.

This decision threw the local entertainment industry into confusion as Right-wing controlled town councils throughout the country refused cinemas permission to desegregate.

Mr Segal, in an attempt to save the 40-year-old business, drew up a petition which was signed by white patrons and sent to the town

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council asking them to reverse their decision.

The request was turned down. He also wrote to the film distributors explaining his predicament and requested exemption — but this was also turned down.

Meanwhile, the Get-Ahead Foundation led by Dr Nthato Motlana yesterday organised an incident-free sit-in at the Krugersdorp Ster-Kinekor Cinema, writes NKOPANE MAKOBANE.

No tea for MP at cafe

28/1/87

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SOWETAN Correspondent

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Labour row over apology

Dispatch Correspondent

CAPE TOWN — A major row erupted in the Labour Party caucus yesterday over an apology made by the leader of the Labour Party, the Reverend Allan Hendrickse, to the State President, Mr P W. Botha, in the wake of his controversial swim off Kings Beach on January 3.

A statement by the caucus chairman, Mr Jac Rabie, that the caucus was "united in support of the leader" has been dismissed as incorrect as opposition was expressed and no vote of confidence in the leader was taken.

Labour Party members were tight-lipped after the caucus meeting and a terse statement issued afterwards stated only that the caucus "stands united in support of the leader, the Reverend Allan Hendrickse".

No reference was made to the apology issued by Mr Hendrickse and the party's press liaison officer, Mr Peter Hendrickse, refused to disclose what had been discussed.

It is understood, however, that the apology was thoroughly discussed and is likely to come up again when the caucus meets tomorrow.

A second statement issued later after a joint caucus meeting between the Labour Party and the National People's Party yesterday afternoon stated that it had been agreed to meet when the need arises and in the interest of both parties and Houses.

One issue which was apparently discussed was the strategy to be adopted at the election of the Speaker of Parliament, scheduled to take place today.

'MP or not, I still would've refused service'

Political Reporter

THE Melkbos restaurant owner who expelled a House of Delegates MP and his family at the weekend said yesterday that knowledge of the man's position would not have affected his decision.

And yesterday the Solidarity MP for Rylands, the Rev Edward Manikkam, who was refused service and ordered to leave "The Patio" restaurant in Melkbosstrand on Sunday, said the owner, Mr S P Lindeque, was a "naked racist".

He said South Africa's coloured and Indian ambassadors to Holland and the EEC, Dr Frank Quint and Professor Badra Ranchod, would have to explain how these incidents could still take place in South Africa during an era of reform.

Yesterday Mr Manikkam said the country needed anti-race discrimination laws to protect people against racial discrimination.

Mr Manikkam criticized the authorities for erecting roadsigns directing the public to "racist restaurants".

He said the incident was "scandalous and a shame to the reputation of this country.

"I would like to know how the government would respond to this incident. What if it happened to the black US consul-general, Mr John Burrows, or the US Ambassador, Mr Ed Perkins?" he asked.

Asked to respond to the allegations, Mr Lindeque said: "It is not a racist move. We had a decent conversation and the matter had no political connotation to it He (Mr Manikkam) was refused service for business considerations only. If I served him I would run the risk of losing my white clients. Most of my waiters are white and the coloured staff get paid the wages as stipulated by the Department of Manpower.

"Even if he told me he was an MP I would have still refused him service," Mr Lindeque said.

Mr Lindeque explained that he was in favour of "open" restaurants in places like Sea Point, but he said segregation was in line with the "whites-only" character of Melbosstrand beaches.

Mr Louwtjie Rothman, chairman of the Divisional Council which administers the Melkbosstrand beach, said: "It is an unfortunate situation but has nothing to do with us."

Pmb votes to open pools

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Dispatch Correspondent

PIETERMARITZBURG — The Pietermaritzburg City Council voted almost unanimously yesterday in favour of opening all municipal swimming pools in the city to all races.

The council approved by 13 votes to two a recommendation by the finance committee to apply to the Natal Executive Committee to repeal the bylaw restricting the city's six municipal baths to different races.

Two petitions — containing more than 1 000 signatures — in favour of the repeal of bylaw 13 were received by the town clerk earlier this month.

The recommendation to open the pools was approved without debate.

Allegations of racism in EL fire brigade

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MR MOPP

Dispatch Reporter

EAST LONDON — Allegations of racism towards members of the municipal fire brigade here who are not white have been made by the MP for Border in the House of Representatives, Mr Peter Mopp.

However, the chief brigade officer, Captain Bill Kenny, said yesterday all his men got on well with each other.

Captain Kenny said the allegations came as a surprise to him.

"The fire brigade is fully integrated and all my men get on well with each other. They play sport together and live together and I am very surprised to hear of any problems between them," Captain Kenny said.

Mr Mopp said he had met some of the 18 coloureds in the fire brigade and they had told him that "things were not right". He did not name the men.

Mr Mopp said this had been "particularly painful" to him because he was aware of the uphill battle it had taken to get the municipality to be a truly equal opportunity employer.

"But now that we have achieved that on paper, I get the impression from the complaints we received that certain whites who oppose a truly non-racial South Africa are making it difficult for these candidates who are not white.

"This seems to be done in the hope that these candidates will leave and we can revert to a lily-white fire brigade like we had in the old days.

"The methods seems to be to make the candidates of colour uncomfortable This does not rule out the use of utterly racist names and discrimination in examination results. Of the 18 candidates, I understand only nine passed and then they were told they would only be allowed to rewrite in June.

"I have been told that the white candidates who failed were allowed to rewrite in January.

"This is discrimination, if it is true, and I don't intend to leave the matter there," Mr Mopp said. He added he had also received complaints about the living conditions of the men and again there had been allegations of discrimination.

Captain Kenny agreed that all the firemen's living conditions could be improved and said an attempt would be made to rectify this in the new budget

He did not accept the criticism about the exam results because there were also white candidates who had failed.

"The last batch did well in their basic six-month training and, after the 12-month training period, only nine passed. I can state categorically that exams were marked without reference to race. There was definitely no discrimination in marking In fact the nine who passed were mostly coloured."

Captain Kenny said he was surprised to hear complaints had been taken up with Mr Mopp.

"All of the fire brigade members have strict instructions that if they have complaints and their immediate superior officer does not entertain the complaints, they can go to the next senior officer and finally to me personally.

"That instruction still stands," Captain Kenny said

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PE councillor to take beach issue to court

Dispatch Correspondent

PORT ELIZABETH — A Port Elizabeth city councillor, Mr Graham Richards, is to apply to the Port Elizabeth Supreme Court for a declaratory order that the city's beaches were not properly proclaimed and are accordingly open to all races.

Mr Richards, who represents the ward incorporating the contested "whites only" beaches, said yesterday that the application would be brought "as a matter of urgency" — possibly next week.

He said the contention that the beaches were never legally racially demarcated rested on the fact that under the Reservation of Separate Amenities Act, the only person who had the right to reserve an area was the person in control of such area.

At the time the council was purported to have reserved the beaches, he alleged, they had been in the control of the Minister of Transport.

Another issue rested on the definition of "harbour area", and on whether the council's reservation was sufficiently clear.

"I believe this is an important issue that is affecting the rights of all the people of Port Elizabeth. The Administrator (Mr Gene Louw), by dragging his heels (on deciding whether or not to desegregate the beaches) has forced us to take this drastic action," he said

He added that he considered the application a substitute for a legal letter he and the PFP regional director, Mr Bobby Stevenson, sent to Mr Louw demanding he take a decision on the opening of the beaches or face legal action

Mr Louw was given until January 25 to make a decision, but last weekend telexed their attorney asking for a month's extension.

The attorney wrote back asking for Mr Louw's reasons in seeking a further delay which Mr Richards said, by late yesterday, he had not received. He said the Supreme Court application was "a quicker and easier way of getting finality in the matter.

"Port Elizabeth as a city is being made a laughing stock throughout the world, because the beach issue is an international media event," he said.

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Tea without segregation

By RONNIE MORRIS

MELKBOSSTRAND may not serve tea to an Indian MP and segregated Pretoria cinemas face shut-down, but two black Cape Times staffers were courteously welcomed at "white" restaurants, coffee shops and other public amenities.

Your correspondents, who posed as visitors, may have other grievances but they could not fault the hospitality accorded them.

Controversy still rages over the refusal by Melkbosstrand restaurant owner Mr S P Lindeque to serve the Rev Edward Manikkam, MP for Rylands, and his family on Sunday because the restaurant served only whites.

But in a spot check yesterday, this reporter and photographer Obed Zilwa visited various establishments in Parow, Bellville, Kuils River, Eerste River and Gordon's Bay and the Strand — and were pleasantly surprised.

At Gordon's Bay, where "whites only" signs were still visible on the beach, the Cape Times team was served at the Oh-La-La coffee shop without incident or questions.

In the bar at the Van Riebeeck Hotel a few metres away, the barman chatted to us while we sipped our drinks.

At two places in the Strand, where "whites only" signs were still seen on the beachfront, the news team were cautioned that they would be evicted. But no such action took place.

A hotel owner, after being asked if the team could eat at the restaurant, said "There's no problem". At no time did we give any indication that we were employed by the Cape Times.

At other stops along the way the Cape Times team entered either restaurants or coffee shops and were served. They were never told that "slegs blankes" were allowed.

□ In a recent Sunday Times investigation, Cape Town and Durban were found to be the most "open" cities while Pretoria, Bloemfontein and Springs were found to be heavily segregated.

Beach row MP in stayaway protest

CAPE TOWN — The Labour Party MP for Addo, Mr Peter Hendrickse, did not attend today's official opening of Parliament in protest against the President's handling of the Port Elizabeth "whites only" beach incident involving LP members.

In a statement Mr Hendrickse referred to Mr Botha's television appearance last week after the LP leader, the Rev Allan Hendrickse, apologised for affronting the dignity of the president.

Mr Peter Hendrickse, son of Mr Allan Hendrickse, said Mr Botha's actions had convinced him that the President was "impetuous, petty and parochial and that he puts the interests of the NP before those of SA".

These characteristics precluded him from being "the statesman that South Africa so desperately needs at this time".

Mr Hendrickse said he had not expected Mr Botha to make any major reform announcements in his speech opening Parliament. He also did not expect anything to come of announcements that Mr Botha might make in future.

The LP Member said he would attend future sittings of the House of Representatives.

Mr Allan Hendrickse said it was the democratic right of members to to criticise and stay away from the opening of Parliament by the President. — Sapa

MP vows to take another dip

CAPE TOWN — The Labour Party MP for Addo, Mr Peter Hendrickse, has vowed to swim once again off Kings Beach in Port Elizabeth if the Separate Amenities Act is not scrapped.

Mr Hendrickse said he would be "exercising my democratic right to swim where and when I want to".

Mr Hendrickse's statement comes in the wake of a clash between his father and leader of the Labour Party, the Reverend Allan Hendrickse, and the State President, Mr P. W. Botha, after Mr Allan Hendrickse's controversial swim off Kings Beach on January 3.

The swim in which the Labour Party leader was joined by his son and about 150 supporters was filmed by three international television crews and earned world wide publicity.

Mr Allan Hendrickse was told by the State President to apologise, resign from the Cabinet or face an election.

He subsequently apologised to Mr Botha if the January 3 swim had been interpreted as an affront to his personal dignity or the authority of the State President. — Sapa

Backdown proof laws are 'illegal'

FATHER-of-three Newman Loli had barely set foot on PE's whites only Humewood Beach when three policemen arrested him – and every other black person on the beach

On Tuesday, in a sequel to the arrests under the Racial Separate Amenities Act, the State withdrew charges against 12 black bathers Five others had paid admission of guilt fines immediately after their arrest.

Meanwhile, Graham Richards, a city councillor and attorney for the law firm which represented the 12 bathers, has claimed that the backdown is proof that the beachfront has never been reserved for the use of whites by law

Richards said in 1966 the city council resolved to segregate the beaches when they had no authority to do so "The only person with the authority to reserve a beach area for a race group at that time was the Minister of Transport "

The Loli family told how an afternoon jaunt ended with a night in a police cell for all of them

While Loli's wife, Hazel, paddled at the water's edge, her three daughters – Nobomvu, 12, Sidiswa, 10, and Siphokazi, 7 – swam in an area which had been pointed out to them by PE municipality officials on the beach.

But within minutes they were confronted by three policemen and a total of 18 people were taken away to Louis le Grange Square.

Loli said they came under intense police pressure to pay admission of guilt fines. "We realised then there was something strange about the case. They didn't seem to want us to go to court "

As they had refused to admit guilt, they each had to appear in court separately where the charges were immediatley withdrawn. – *East Cape News Agency.*



The nine adults whose charges under the Separate Amenities Act were withdrawn this week. Three children were also charged.

Beaches: council and planner meet today

3/2/87 DD.

Dispatch Reporter

EAST LONDON — The senior town planner with the provincial administration, Mr C. Moller, will meet the city council here this afternoon for crucial talks on the beach issue.

The city council has been in a dilemma over the issue since a commissioned report from a firm of town planners suggested that the beaches should be opened to all races and spelt out how the facilities should be upgraded to benefit all.

The report suggested that planning would have to be done on the premise that all beaches were open to all races but the city council has not taken any stand on the beach issue.

The discussion today will be the first between the council and the province about the issue which has been the subject of controversy since more than 20 000 blacks went onto the whites-only Eastern Beach on New Year's Day last year.

The city council decided to take a low profile on the issue and this will be the first opportunity the collective council has of putting its case to the provincial authorities.

Council set to tackle beaches

Dispatch Reporter

EAST LONDON — The preliminary groundwork had been laid to tackle the controversial beach problem, the mayor, Mrs Elsabe Kemp, said yesterday.

She was commenting after a meeting here yesterday between the council and the senior provincial town planner, Mr C. Moller.

Mr Moller met the heads of departments in the morning and the city council in the afternoon, to tackle the problem of facilities on the beaches as recommended by a firm of private consultants.

The consultants, Revel Fox, were commissioned by the council after more than 20 000 blacks flocked onto the whites-only Eastern Beach.

The study said that planning should be done without racial considerations of beach allocation.

Mrs Kemp said: "It was a good meeting and I think it is tremendous of province to have responded so quickly on this matter."

She said the discussion was concerned the study and province had now given the local authority the homework for establishing priorities and costs of the beach developments.

"This was really a fact-finding preliminary meeting. After we have established our priorities and costs, we will have talks with other local authorities and then we will present province with the needs of the area," she said.

The province will then approach the treasury for the money.

Mrs Kemp said the discussion could also extend beyond other local authorities, to people in places such as Mdantsane.

BEACHES IN THE COURTS

By NORMAN WEST
Political Reporter

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THE Administrator of the Cape, Mr Gene Louw, will face court action this week in a test case aimed at forcing him to open Port Elizabeth's controversial segregated beaches to all races.

Port Elizabeth attorney and city councillor Mr Graham Richards is to apply this week to the Supreme Court in Port Elizabeth for an order declaring all the city's beaches open

Mr Richards is being financially backed by the Institute for Democratic Alternatives in South Africa (IDASA), set up by former PFP leader Dr Frederik van Zyl Slabbert and Dr Alex Boraine, the former PFP member for Pinelands.

Recently the Port Elizabeth City Council resolved that it was up to the Administrator to desegregate the beaches if he wished

The intention now is to force the Administrator's hand.

The Port Elizabeth beaches were a recent centre of controversy when the Rev Allan Hendrickse, chairman of the coloured Ministers Council, defied the law to bathe at a whites-only beach.

HNP quarters in Port Elizabeth have, meanwhile, vowed to institute private prosecutions against people who defy the law

Mysterious 'open beach' posters appear on PE bins, shelters



An "open beach" poster which appeared on a refuse bin at St George's Park.

Post Reporter

POSTERS which appeared mysteriously on refuse bins and bus shelters in various parts of the city today proclaimed that Port Elizabeth's beaches were open to all races.

However, it is not clear whether the message is the result of wishful thinking or a prank

What *is* clear is that officially, it is still illegal for blacks to swim at the city's beaches.

The hand-made posters appeared overnight at bus shelters, on litter bins and buildings in Walmer, St George's Park and King's Beach. By lunchtime today, municipal staff had already removed the posters, which proclaimed "PE's beaches are open to all races".

Approached for comment, Mr P K Botha, Town Clerk, said "What next" — before adding he would immediately investigate the matter.

It was an offence to erect posters on municipal property except during a general election, when strict controls were maintained, Mr Botha said.

The Director of Parks, Mr Peter Gibbs, said one of the signs was removed from a building at King's Beach today.

"We have no idea who was responsible for putting it up. However, it is normal practice to remove all posters put up on municipal property without proper authority."

Mr Ivan Krige, city councillor and staunch protagnonist for open beaches, was also baffled.

"I know nothing about it. I'm sure it's got nothing to do with any political party. Perhaps it's wishful thinking on someone's part, or a prank."



Mr George

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City man thrown off white beach: 'It's awful — I feel bad'

By REHANA ROSSOUW
Staff Reporter

A CAPE Town accountant felt like "bad fruit thrown out of the barrel" when he was asked to leave a whites-only beach at Saldanha.

Mr Sedick George was asked to leave the beach on Sunday when he and his family and friends stopped for a dip.

"We spent the weekend at a holiday resort for coloureds, but the beach was so crowded that we decided to go to the white beach instead," he said.

"We went for a swim on Sunday and an hour after we arrived the police came and told us we had 10 minutes to leave.

"None of the white bathers had complained about our presence. I don't know why they had to kick us off.

"It's really awful. I felt very bad. It was almost as though we were bad fruit thrown out of the barrel.

"I had to stop some of my friends from confronting the police. I felt we had to leave quietly and maintain as much dignity as possible."

Mr George said a white couple on the beach, also from Cape Town, told him afterwards that they hoped the situation would change.

The Town Clerk of Saldanha, Mr J Potgieter, said a vast part of the beach was opened to all races in December.

"The area where Mr George was swimming must have been adjacent to the European residential area. We can't have people of other race groups swimming there. The European houses face the beach."

Mr Potgieter said there had been a few complaints from residents about the open beach.

"We've had no alternative but to ignore them. It was a Town Council decision to open the beaches."

The deputy-Minister of Agricultural, Economic and Water Affairs and MP for Malmesbury, Mr J G Kotze, said he was surprised to hear about the incident.

"My impression of Saldanha is that people are usually very tolerant towards one another.

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Open-beach controversy to go to court in PE

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The Argus Bureau

PORT ELIZABETH. — Whites-only beaches are to come under a two-pronged attack in the courts soon with the Administrator of the Cape, Mr Gene Louw, in the firing line.

In the first case, lawyers acting for the regional director of the Progressive Federal Party, Mr Bobby Stevenson, have begun preparing papers to submit to the Port Elizabeth Supreme Court to try to force Mr Louw to make a decision on opening the beaches.

This follows two decisions by the city council to open beaches. The decisions were referred to Mr Louw for ratification.

He has had the requests for more than six months without making a decision, something which Mr Stevenson says he is required by law to do.

In the second case, a city councillor, Mr Graham Richards, is to file papers in the Supreme Court within two weeks asking for an order that the city's beaches were never properly proclaimed for the use of whites only and are therefore open to all.

Mr Richards said this came to light while he was doing research on behalf of several black clients charged with swimming at city beaches on New Year's Day. Charges against these people were dropped when the Attorney-General, Mr Ian D'Oliveira, declined to prosecute.

Goodall: racism rearing its ugly head in SA military

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Dispatch Correspondent

CAPE TOWN — In a reaction to the decision by the navy forbidding coloured instructors to train white recruits at the Saldanha Bay navy base, the PFP spokesman on defence, Mr Brian Goodall, has stated that it is regrettable that racism is rearing its ugly head in the South African military establishment.

Naval sources had stated that seven coloured instructors at the base had been transferred after being told by an SAS Saldanha officer that "black instructors could unfortunately not train white recruits".

They also disclosed that five Asian instructors would be withdrawn from white citizen force squads as soon as their basic training starts on February 16.

"Either the navy has been forced to pander to white racial prejudice because of the forthcoming elections or the government is reversing its previous policy of trying to create a non-racial navy," Mr Goodall said.

"The public of South Africa would like to know exactly what the government's policy is towards people of colour in the defence force. If actions like these are not repudiated by the government the public must assume that it condones this.

"If we want to develop a broad South African patriotism, then we must accept that all South Africans should be allowed to do the jobs that by training and experience they are qualified to do. This includes allowing qualified coloured, Indian and African instructors to train all recruits, even if they happen to be white," he said.

"I cannot accept a situation where you say to a person that you are good enough to die for your country, but you are not good enough to train recruits who happen to be white.

"I cannot accept a situation where you say to a person that you are good enough to fight besides whites, but you are not good enough to share their quarters with them.

"If this trend continues, the defence establishment will find that it will become totally estranged from South Africa's black population. Since we are in a war for the hearts and minds of the people of South Africa, this would be a disastrous step."

Sources also disclosed that black permanent force recruits were required to sleep in different quarters to the white permanent force recruits — althought they were in one squad.

The Labour Party spokesman on defence, Mr Abe Williams, also reacted to the latest developments, saying: "If the case is as stated that black training officers are being transferred so as not to train white recruits, then the LP of South Africa condemns it in the strongest terms possible.

"If our soldiers and sailors are good enough to die together in the defence of the country, then certainly they are good enough to train together.

"Now is the time we should be moving towards a greater South Africanism.

"The government should not let the rightwing threat undermine the stability, goodwill and defence of the country.

Louw blow on beaches

Richards slams lack of action on touchy issue

By MICHEL DESMIDT

NO decision on the opening of Port Elizabeth's "whites-only" beaches will be taken until the President's Council has completed its investigation into the Separate Amenities Act and other race-related laws.

This was reiterated today by the Administrator of the Cape, Mr Gene Louw, who has come under intense pressure to ratify a PE City Council decision to open the city's beaches.

The council voted twice last year — in March and July — to open beaches, despite a municipal referendum which went against multi-racial beaches.

Notice is expected to be served early next week on the City Council and Mr Louw concerning an application to the Port Elizabeth Supreme Court for a declaratory order that the city's beaches were never properly proclaimed and are open to all races.

Mr Graham Richards, a Port Elizabeth city councillor, and Mr Mia Loonat, a member of the Northern Areas Management Committee, made the joint application.

In a second legal action, documents will be served on Mr Louw next week concerning an application to the same court by Mr Bobby Stevenson, the PFP regional director in PE, for an order compelling him to decide on last year's beach poll, which he is required to do in terms of the relevant municipal Ordinance.

The attorney acting for Mr Stevenson said today he would have to consult with his client before deciding whether to proceed with the action. He said he had not received a copy of Mr Louw's statement.

The Administrator's continued reticence was criticised by Mr Richards, who said this was "nothing new, since he had indicated all along he did not intend to exercise his discretion independently".

"My contention is that he has to make a decision within a reasonable period, which is now past.

"It's just another example of the Administrator dragging his heels.

The issue has become a political hot potato for the NP and its officials and it is clear they want to keep their options open and not take a position prior to the election."

● In a telex message to the Evening Post today, Mr Louw said the present beach allocation would remain unchanged until the recommendations of the President's Council and relevant decisions or comment by the Government were available.

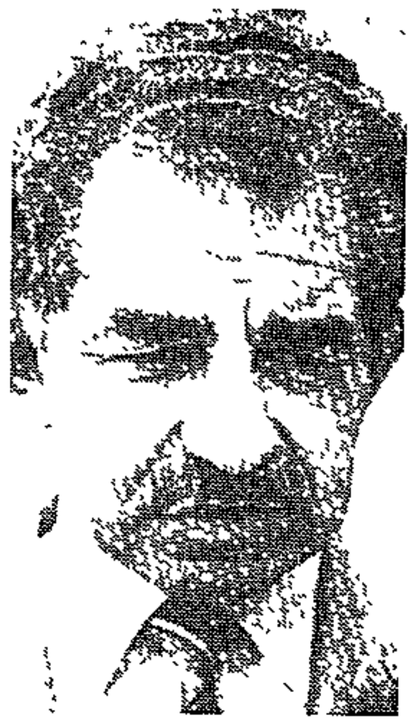
These should be forthcoming "within the foreseeable future", after which the executive committee would review beach segregation "with a view to a fair and just allocation for the population groups".

Answering criticism that he was dragging his heels over the issue, Mr Louw said the executive committee had investigated existing beach zonings for the past year, but had decided in August to shelve the matter pending the President's Council long-awaited report on certain Acts, including the Separate Amenities Act

"The committee did not carry out its investigation with a view to an unqualified opening of beaches, as this would have been contrary to the laws of the country, but to effect a more just beach allocation where this was necessary"

Given that swimming habits and needs had changed, the committee realised the present allocation was not fair "in all respects" and that changes were necessary.

However, the committee's hands were tied until the President's Council released its report and the Government commented.



Mr GENE LOUW

Whites-only signs off trains for 'test'

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CAPE TOWN — The Minister of Transport Affairs, Mr Eli Louw, yesterday told members of the House of Representatives that he would take "whites-only" signs off railway carriages as a "test".

"Then we'll see if people still use them," he said.

Mr Louw was reacting, in his reply to the second reading debate on the transport mini-budget, to repeated interjections from members wanting to know what he intended doing about the "little boards".

The rest of his words on the "test" were lost in a wave of interjections and laughter.

Earlier he was repeatedly interrupted by interjections when he discussed a demand by Mr Peter Mopp (LP, Border) for the removal of discriminatory measures in SATS.

Mr Louw also told the House he was giving attention to the question of pirate taxis. — Sapa

Preuyt slates Menlo attitude

By HERB MARTIN

EAST LONDON — The management committee of the Menlo Park High School seemed to have adopted a bravado attitude, saying "we are the bosses", the president of the Southern African Schools Sports Union, Mr Jan Preuyt, said here yesterday.

Mr Preuyt, commenting on the latest incident concerning Menlo Park, where the school management committee had banned the use of their squash courts to two black players, said the complete condemnation of the previous issue — the refusal to let a Natal black school athlete compete in an inter-schools meeting at the school — appeared to have spurred the Menlo Park school management committee to go even further.

"This attitude absolutely undermines and breaks down the good work we have done and are trying to expand in inter-school sport," he said.

"We are trying to get schools sport throughout the country without discrimination of victimisation of anyone.

"We feel the child — who after all is in the middle — is the most important factor.

"I wonder if those people at Menlo Park think of the implications or the repercussions inside our own country, let alone outside our borders?"

Mr Preuyt added: "It is hard for me to understand such attitudes or such actions."

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open to all. It was indefensible on these".

Storm over pull out

A STORM is brewing over a decision by a Uitenhage School to pull out of a junior cricket tournament because of participation by coloured players.

Staff and members of the committee of the Handhaaf Laerskool will not comment publicly on decision, but privately some are furious.

An anonymous parent tipped off Port Elizabeth newspapers and said the withdrawal was believed to have been forced by a single dissenter on the school committee.

This is the first time that the tournament, part of the National Bakers mini-cricket sponsorship, is to be played in Uitenhage and organiser Mr Ivan Strydom said Handhaaf Laerskool's decision to pull out came as a complete shock.

He said the school was very keen to take part initially and was on the fixture list.

Five white schools and three coloured schools were to take part.

National marketing manager for Bakers Mr Barry Fowle said a condition of the sponsorship was that the tournament be non-racial. This had been the case since its inception six years ago.

"If any school cannot abide by that rule we are sorry, but it's their decision," he said.

Black bather's mother weeps, pleads in court

PORT ELIZABETH — During testimony by a member of the Herstigte Nasionale Party, the mother of one of seven black girls charged with indecent exposure at a "whites only" beach, rose, burst into tears and asked the magistrate to forgive them because they were children

The woman was called upon to cross-examine HNP member Mrs Anna Venter on behalf of her 17-year-old daughter who appeared yesterday in the magistrate's court here.

The magistrate, Mr C E Schutte, assured the woman the court would make the final decision on the matter at a later stage.

The accused — four girls aged 12, one aged 13 and two aged 17 — are charged with exposing their breasts and swimming at Humewood Beach on New Year's Day.

Earlier, Mr Attie Loock, regional HNP organiser, said he went to the beach on January 1 and observed about 150 black bathers.

He saw three "women" with their breasts exposed, and contacted the police, who arrested the three bathers.

While he was waiting for the police, said Mr Loock, 30 whites approached him to complain about the blacks on the beach, but when the police arrived, none was prepared to make a statement.

He said there were two notice boards at Humewood prohibiting blacks from swimming. The notice was in Afrikaans, English and Xhosa.

Mrs Venter said she also went to the beach that day and saw three females with exposed breasts. There were a few whites on the beach but no white bathers. She complained to the police.

A parent of one of the girls put it to her that the seven had gone to the beach as children who did not know they were not supposed to be there.

Mrs Venter replied: "They are pupils. They read newspapers and watch television. They should have known better."

The case was postponed to April 9. — Sapa.

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U'hage school will now take part in non-racial cricket tourney

'We're ready to play'

By MICHEL DESMIDT

A UITENHAGE primary school which pulled out of a non-racial cricket tournament which starts on Monday has reversed its decision and will now take part.

And today the chief executive director of the Department of Education and Culture in the House of Assembly, Mr J D V Terblanche, gave the go-ahead for schools to reach decisions on mixed sport without a consensus.

"According to present policy, school committees and management councils are advised to reach decisions on mixed sport by consensus and should only do so by vote if consensus cannot be reached," he said

The head of the department's information section, Dr Chris Pretorius, said the directive was effective immediately

According to the principal of Uitenhage's Handhaaf Primary School, Dr J H Roux, the decision would prevent a recurrence of the controversy which erupted at the Menlo Park High School in Pretoria

There a black Natal athlete Nkululeko Skweyiya was banned from competing with a provincial contingent

Dr Roux said that after talks with the department, a special meeting of Handhaaf's committee was held this morning and most voted in favour of participation in the cricket tournament which starts on Monday.

The organiser of the tournament, Mr Ivan Strydom, confirmed that Handhaaf had informed him they would now be taking part

Dr Roux emphasised that the school's withdrawal had been the result of the fact that the Handhaaf committee could not reach consensus and were running out of time to discuss the matter again.

It is believed that a lone voice of dissent was responsible for this failure.

There have been several racial incidents at schools in the Transvaal leading to speculation of a concerted drive by conservatives to force the National Party to make a stand on policy on the eve on the election.



A slinky swimsuit to beat the heat . . . model ALGRIA displays a metallic lycra swimsuit — due to make a splash on the beaches next summer — for fashion photographer Neil Hermann. The swimsuit is part of a collection by Cape Town designer Susan Brent.

Grobler gets 20-year effective sentence for killing wife, kids

By CHRIS RENNIE

MR JUSTICE MYNHARDT today sentenced Petrus Johannes Lodewikus Grobler to 60 years' imprisonment — 20 years each for the murder of his wife and two children

The sentences will run concurrently.

Grobler, a 29-year-old builder from Jeffreys Bay, was yesterday convicted in the Supreme Court in Uitenhage of murdering his wife, Mrs Maria Magdalena Grobler, his seven-year-old son, Pieter, and his four-year-old son, Johan, at their home in Kwagga Street, Jeffreys Bay, on June 17 last year

The court found that there had been extenuating circumstances in that Grobler had been driven into such an emotionmal state by his wife's swearing and abuse that there had been diminished responsibility for his actions

Arguing on the question of sentence today, Mr A D Osler, for the defence, said that he was in a difficult position Grobler had several times expressed the wish for the death sentence and these were still his instructions

However, as the court had found extenuating circumstances, Mr Osler submitted the death penalty should not be imposed As Grobler was a first offender who did not require rehabilitation, he submitted that a long term of imprisonment would also not be suit-

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Racing in PE on March 21

Racing Editor

HORSERACING in Port Elizabeth will resume on March 21 and not March 28 as previously decided

This change of date was decided on at a meeting at Arlington today to reassess the situation following the outbreak of horse flu.

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When you gotta go, you gotta go . . .

Post Correspondent

LONDON — A British Airways flight had to abandon its approach into Heathrow airport yesterday because a Frenchman could not ignore a call of nature

Alarmed air traffic controllers were stunned when the pilot of a flight from Paris requested permission to abandon his landing and go round again.

The captain told the control tower, "We can't land — someone's stuck in the toilet."

Airport officials found it hard to contain themselves — a problem the French gentleman had himself encountered as the Boeing 757 aircraft neared the end of its journey to London.

With the "fasten seat belts" sign on, Monsieur was suddenly taken short and gripped with an overwhelming urge to visit the little boys room.



Cinema open to all races

PIETERSBURG — The cinema here is to open its doors to all races, according to the Director of Local Government, Mr Piet Van Heerden.

On February 29, the Town Council reaffirmed an earlier decision that it be opened.

The move brings to an end the controversy surrounding the cinema's closure last month. — Sapa

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Council plans to build several new civic halls

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Municipal Reporter

CIVIC halls and community centres costing nearly R2½-million will probably be included on the Cape Town City Council's budget in the next three years.

This follows the adoption of a city planner's report by the amenities and health committee this week.

The report, *Plan and Programme for Civic halls, Comunity Halls and Community Centres,* was circulated for comment to ratepayers, civic associations, management committees and others before being considered by the committee.

Major recommendations of the report include·

- A civic hall for Manenberg, with R1-million being put on the 1989/90 capital estimates;
- Community halls for Vanguard and Belthorn (both near Athlone), with respective amounts of R400 000 and R435 000 on the 1987/88 and 1988/89 estimates,
- Community centres for Eastridge and Tafelsig West (both Mitchell's Plain), with amounts of R300 000 and R330 000 on the 1987/88 and 1988/89 estimates; and
- Reserving sites for a second community hall in Strandfontein and a regional hall near the Mitchell's Plain town centre.

Indoor recreation

The report said halls and centres should be integrated with other facilities such as clinics, swimming baths and post offices. This would result in savings and create a "strong community focus".

Civic halls with a seating capacity ranging between 200 and more than 1 000 should be provided for every 85 000 people, but with proportionately fewer halls in higher-income areas and where there were alternative facilities, the report said.

The halls should be in home-ownership areas and be within walking distance of public transport.

Community centres with a seating capacity of 300 were needed for every 10 000 people, while 300-seater community halls should be provided for every 20 000 people. These centres needed to be accessible by foot.

Civic halls should make available the council's indoor recreation and play-group programmes, and storage facilities, minor halls and clubrooms should be provided if they were not available.

- All new centres should provide special toilets and hand basins for children and the handicapped.

The report will now go to the Executive Committee and the full council.

Treason, says HNP as cinemas row simmers

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PRETORIA — At a stormy City Council meeting last night on the issue of opening cinemas to all races, the Management Committee was accused by the Herstigte Nasionale Party of being guilty of treason.

The HNP, however, failed in a bid to unseat the Management Committee for its handling of the issue.

A motion of no confidence stating the council could have no faith in a committee which had broken election promises on separate amenties was defeated.

Three HNP councillors followed Mr Eben Geldenhuys from the chamber after Mr Geldenhuys had been ordered out for stating that the members of the Management Committee had betrayed their election promises.

This happened immediately after Mr Geldenhuys had withdrawn his statement that the Management Committee had been guilty of treason.

In Pietersburg, the other Transvaal open-cinema hotspot, the National Party election candidate, Mr Tjol Lategan, today dismissed brick-throwing attacks on his offices and the newly desegregated cinema complex as "the dying agonies of a beast".

A mob of Afrikaans-speaking whites struck at the two premises early today, pelting them with bricks.

Apart from a cracked glass door at the Astra cinema complex, little damage was caused.

Mr Lategan, a member of the President's Council, said a minibus load of whites struck at the NP's offices at 2am, but were driven off.

They proceeded to the Astra cinema complex, but were surprised by police.

Astra cinema owner Mr Sidney Segal said Mr Lategan had played a major role in having the cinema opened.

Meeting to discuss black resort plan

Post 10/3/87

Political Correspondent

A MEETING of Bluewater Bay and Amsterdamhoek ratepayers and residents was to be held on March 23 to discuss the proposed siting of a resort for blacks from St George's Strand to near Bluewater Bay, the convener, Mr Sakkie du Preez, said today.

The aim of the meeting, he said, was to gauge the feelings of the area's residents and to elect a delegation to travel to Cape Town to make representations to the provincial executive and Government.

The decision to hold the meeting follows disclosures by the Conservative Party candidate for Port Elizabeth North, Mr Danie Dorfling, of a "green paper" decision by the Port Elizabeth City Council to expropriate 33,42 hectares of land in the area.

Last night, some ratepayers at a Conservative Party meeting said they had been betrayed

(News by Patrick Cull, 19 Baakens Street, Port Elizabeth)

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Sponsor in row over 'white' beach

The Argus Bureau

PORT ELIZABETH. — Coca Cola has entered the fray over the desegregation of Port Elizabeth's whites-only beach by refusing to continue to sponsor an annual volleyball tournament on the city's main beach unless it is zoned non-racial.

The organisers of the tournament, Eastern Province Volleyball Association, have approached the city council to allow the "multiracial" event to take place on the popular Kings Beach.

Deputy town clerk Mr I Terblanche said that while Kings Beach was zoned for the use of whites only, the council did have the power to open the beach to all races for any single event.

However, the mayor of Port Elizabeth, Mr Ben Olivier, said he had recommended to the organisers that the event be held at nearby Jooste Park, an "open" beach.

Coca Cola has also refused to sponsor the event if it is held on the grass verge in front of Kings Beach, an area that is also classified as "open" to all races.

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Gordon's Bay mum on beach apartheid

By PETER DENNEHY
Municipal Reporter

GORDON'S BAY municipality, which Dr Denis Worrall complimented this week for its "decision to phase out beach apartheid", refused yesterday to confirm that it had done so.

Gordon's Bay, Strand, Melkbosstrand and Bloubergstrand are the only beaches in the greater Peninsula area where officials have not yet said they will ignore beach apartheid regulations.

Mr Charles Steyn, the town clerk of Gordon's Bay, said yesterday he had not attended Dr Worrall's election campaign meeting in Gordon's Bay on Monday evening. He said he would therefore not comment directly on "hearsay".

Gordon's Bay decided late last year not to erect any more beach apartheid signs. A sign which caused offence when it was moved to a more prominent place, was taken down.

Even when existing signs were vandalized in January, the Gordon's Bay council decided not to restore them.

"The mayor (Mr Danie Miller) has formed a committee to look at overall beach control," Mr Steyn said. "We have had two meetings, and since then the mayor and I have liaised with Fish Hoek and other municipalities.

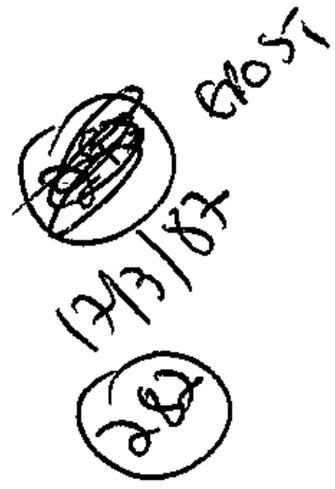
"We are expecting a report about June. Eventually we will have to go to the people of Gordon's Bay, tell them what is being done elsewhere, and ask how they want their beaches administered."

At his election campaign meeting, Dr Worrall said he respected Gordon's Bay for its decision "in contrast to our neighbour along the coast".

This was widely interpreted as referring to Strand. The mayor of Strand, Mr Chris Hattingh, refused yesterday, via his secretary, Mrs Z Duys, to comment on what Dr Worrall had said, or to make any comment at all.

It is reliably understood that Strand still practices beach apartheid.

All-race sport plan fails



Post Reporter

PLANS to open membership of the Eastern Province Primary Schools' Cross Country Association to all races foundered by two votes last week.

But the man who proposed the move, Mr Ivan Strydom, of Muir College Primary School in Uitenhage, said today the matter would be discussed again at a general meeting of the association later this year.

He pointed out that racially-mixed schools such as Woodridge and Summerwood were members of the association.

His motion, which would remove all reference to race in the association's constitution, would make it possible for African, coloured and Indian schools to join the association and compete in its meetings.

The chairman of the association, Mr Alex Wait, of Innes Primary School, Uitenhage, said the matter would probably be put to a general meeting later this year.

Asked about reports that many of the people at the meeting were not affiliated, but joined the association when this motion was discussed, Mr Wait said that at the annual meeting certain schools had paid their annual dues before the start of the meeting, while others intended paying afterwards.

When the matter was raised those who had not paid were allowed to do so to enable them to vote.

A two-thirds majority is needed to change the association's constitution.

Mr Wait said white schools in the Eastern Province were eligible for membership.

The proposed change to the constitution had nothing to do with the "Squeegee" affair at Menlo Park.

There was a general trend to mixed sport at primary school level, he said.

PE beach event gets official OK

By DENISE BOUTALL

THE Acting Town Clerk of Port Elizabeth Mr Terry Terblanche, today granted permission for the beach volleyball tournament to be held at King's Beach on April 5.

He said that with the concurrence of the Town Clerk Mr P K Botha, he had granted permission for the tournament on April 5, subject to the standard conditions for sporting events on the beach.

SA Bottling has withdrawn its sponsorship of the .April 5 event which was expected to attract about 200 players to whites-only King's Beach.

The company has previously sponsored the event and last year entered multiracial teams. Multiracial teams were expected to enter again this year but the majority of players were expected to be whites.

This year, however, SA Bottling insisted that the tournament be non-racial, that it be held on King's Beach with the written approval of the PE City Council who would also have to give written guarantee that there would be no racial incidents.

The secretary of the Eastern Province Volleyball Association, Mrs Linda Mee, said it was unreasonable to expect the council to give written approval and that they guaranteed freedom from racial incidents.

She said she respected the fact that SA Bottling might not want to break the law by holding the tournament without council permission.

She added that members of the Beach Volleyball Committee, which she chaired, were not "trouble-makers" but just wanted to play sport.

The branch manager of SA Bottling in PE, Mr Colin Walton, declined to comment.

Political Correspondent Patrick Cull reports that the Herstigte Nasionale Party candidate in PE North, Mr Piet Wagener, has warned the Town Clerk, Mr Botha, that he would have to accept responsibility if racial incidents occurred during the tournament.

Mr Wagener was commenting on a statement by Mr Botha that he had no objection to the tournament being held at King's Beach if it involved multiracial teams.

Mr Wagener said a referendum had been held on the issue of open beaches in which the ratepayers had requested in a democratic way that the beaches remain white.

This, he said, was being "ignored" by Mr Botha.

(The council voted on two occasions to ask the Administrator to open the beaches to all races.)

(News by D Boutall, P Cull, both of 19 Baakens Street, PE)

Beach issue: extension of time wanted

By KIN BENTLEY

THE Port Elizabeth Supreme Court will be asked tomorrow to grant an extension of time to file affidavits opposing an application for a declaratory order that the city's beaches were never properly demarcated for different race groups.

The application is being brought by the State Attorney, acting on behalf of the Cape Administrator, Mr Gene Louw, and the Minister of Constitutional Development and Planning, Mr Chris Heunis.

The attorney acting on behalf of PE city councillor Mr Graham Richards, who brought the earlier application with Mr Mia Loonat, a member of the Northern Areas Management Committee, said today an affidavit handed into the court by the State-Attorney yesterday sought a postponement until the end of May.

Mr Louw gave notice last week that he and Mr Heunis, on whom papers were served last month, would oppose the application.

The current deadline for opposing affidavits to be filed is April 3.

Thereafter, Mr Richards and Mr Loonat will have a futher seven working days to file replying affidavits

Court action on beaches postponed to May 1

By CHRIS RENNIE

BY agreement, the Supreme Court action brought by city councillor Mr John Graham Richards and Mr Mahomed Loonat about the opening of PE's beaches to all races, has been postponed to May 1.

An urgent application was brought today by two of the respondents, the Administrator of the Cape Province, Mr Gene Louw, and the Minister of Constitutional Development and Planning, Mr Chris Heunis, for an extension of time to allow them to file opposing affidavits.

Mr J H Coetzee, of the office of the State Attorney, said he had been instructed by the Administrator and the Minister to act on their behalf.

It was a complex matter that required senior counsel, considerable research and the tracing of records and persons concerned in the first agreement between the Port Elizabeth Municipality and the SATS signed in May, 1957.

It was on this agreement that the applicants relied and the case would hinge against its interpretation, but difficulties were being experienced tracing the records and people concerned.

Today's application was originally opposed by Mr Richards and Mr Loonat on the basis that the respondents had had adequate notice.

They pointed out that no one was prepared to say what the legal position was. The summer season was almost over and it was in the public interest that the issue be decided soon.

Meanwhile, the controversy had resulted in sponsors initially withdrawing from the National Beach Volleyball Championships because of uncertainty about the status of beaches.

On the other hand, the Defence Force was reported to have formed a non-racial surf lifesaving association to do duty on the Humewood Beach.

Mr L S Melunsky, SC, who appeared for the applicants, said agreement had been reached on the postponement to May 1, but this did not mean that the applicants conceded the respondents had *locus standii*.

Mr Justice de Klerk was on the Bench. Mr Melunsky was instructed by Pagden, Christian, Hanley and Parkin.

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'Pig' barred me, says black soccer chief

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Menlo Park out of all-race tourney

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The Argus Correspondent

PRETORIA. — Controversial Menlo Park Hoerskool has withdrawn its teams from a multiracial tennis tournament, giving a busy sports schedule as its reason.

This was confirmed today by the organiser of the Hyperama's nationwide tournament, Mr Robin Binks. Menlo Park headmaster Dr C J van der Merwe declined to comment.

Although Dr van der Merwe told Mr Binks the teams were withdrawn after they had entered the tournament because the school would not be able to field its strongest side due to league pressure, it is known that the school's management committee does not allow black children to play on the schoolgrounds.

BARRED ATHLETE

The school recently made headlines when a black Natal athlete was barred from a school sports meeting.

In terms of the competition, preliminary matches are played on the school's own courts, and the school undertakes to play whichever team is drawn against it. About 150 schools catering for all races have entered, including some from Pretoria's black and coloured townships.

Earlier this week it became known that Waterkloof Hoerskool had declined to enter because the tournament was not a Transvaal Education Department fixture. The tournament, however, already has the department's approval and is classified as a junior sporting event by the department.

MANY COMPETITIONS

A spokesman for the South African Tennis Union said today there were so many competitions in the Northern Transvaal at the moment that several schools felt they could not fit the Hyperama tournament into their schedules.

The winning boys' and girls' teams in the tournament will be sent overseas to compete against international schools teams.

Staff Reporter

THE PIG 'n Whistle pub in Rondebosch is embroiled in another controversy after an alleged racial incident.

Mr Thembi Mtokwana, 32, president of the Western Province Soccer Association and vice-president of the South African Soccer Association, said he and friends were not allowed into the multiracial pub last Saturday night.

A man "who appeared to be the manager" looked at them and pointed to the door, Mr Mtokwana said

"He did not even speak — just pointed to the door," Mr Mtokwana said.

"I asked him what was going on and he said we had to get out When I asked him why, he said he did not have to give reasons.

"He was adamant that we had to leave and was quite rude.

"Humiliation"

"At first I thought I should forget about the incident, but then I decided to pursue it because other people might also have to face that kind of humiliation if they go there.

"How is it that a pub in that area, frequented by students, would not allow all races to enter?"

The manager of the pub, Mr Ronnie Peggs, declined to comment other than to say his pub was open to all races and that Mr Mtokwana's story was "cock and bull".

Spy charges

WASHINGTON. — A second Marine has been arrested on suspicion of espionage at the US embassy in Moscow. He is Corporal Arnold Bracy, 21, of New York. — Sapa-Reuter.

PE beach row: case postponed

PORT ELIZABETH — By agreement, the Supreme Court action brought by city councillor Mr John Graham Richards and Mr Mahomed Loonat about the opening of Port Elizabeth's beaches to all races, has been postponed to May 1.

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Mr J H Coetzee, of the office of the State Attorney, said it was an extremely complex matter.

Meanwhile, the controversy had resulted in sponsors withdrawing from the National Beach Volleyball Championships because of uncertainty about the status of the beaches. — Sapa

class. — Sapa.

Shower, yes — swim, no

PORT ELIZABETH — A part of King's Beach in Port Elizabeth will be cordoned off for a non-racial volleyball tournament next month.

Town Clerk Mr Paul Botha confirmed players would be allowed to use the showers and toilets for the duration of the event, but he said permission to swim could not be given as this would contravene the law. — Sapa.

Apartheid at water's edge!

Woman pal of Elton's wife slams sex claim



By JEREMY BROOKS, London

CLAIMS that Elton John's wife Renate was having a lesbian relationship with a blonde pop star erupted late this week.

Singer Sylvia Griffin has furiously denied the claims as both Elton and Renate announced their marriage was over.

"Renate and I are just friends. It is absolutely disgusting to suggest anything else.

"People are just being evil by capitalising on an unhappy situation," she said.

Inseparable

Renate, a record producer, is helping Sylvia with her new single, Lonely Heart, which Elton wrote.

The two women have been inseparable for the past six months

Both went into hiding at a secret address as details of the separation agreement between Elton and Renate were made public.

Elton is to pay Renate R6 000 a week and has also offered to buy her a new home following the decision to split up after three years of marriage.

Concerned

Elton, whose personal fortune is estimated at R60-million, is said to be friendly with his wife and concerned for

WHITE and black will pit their volleyball skills against one another at King's Beach, Port Elizabeth, next month — but only whites will be able to cool off in the surf.

This is the outcome of a protracted row between the Eastern Province Volleyball Association, the tournament sponsors, and the Port Elizabeth municipality

Blacks told: You can join mixed game on the beach, but you can't go for swim

Sunday Times Reporter

"It's farcical," said PE city councillor Mr Ivan Krige. The former mayor, a champion of open beaches, added. "If I were black and came to the end of a game I, too, would want to go for a swim

"It's asking a helluva lot from anyone to go to a beach and not swim. It makes me angry just thinking about it.

"We have asked twice for the beaches to be opened to all precisely to put an end to this kind of embarrassment. But the Administrator (Mr Gene Louw) keeps hiding behind the skirts of the President's Council "

Volleyball competitors have been given permission by the Town Clerk, Mr P K Botha, to play on the beach together, eat together, shower together (if they so choose) and even use the loos without looking over their shoulder for the beach cop

But that's as far as he can go without running foul of the Separate Amenities Act

As a result, paddling in the sea at the spot where Labour Party leader Allan Hendrickse took an illegal New Year dip will be restricted to those classified as white.

The row developed when SA Bottling, manufacturers of Coca-Cola, and for five years sponsors of the tournament, threatened to pull out unless three assurances were given by the municipality These were that.

- The event be nonracial.
- It be held at King's Beach
- The municipality guarantee that no racial incidents occur

They rejected a suggestion by Mayor Ben Olivier that it be staged at Joorst Park, an "open" beach 20km from the city

Yesterday the secretary of the EP Volleyball Association, Mrs Linda Mee, said at least three black teams had withdrawn and others were also under pressure

Threats

Threats had also been received "from HNP types" A number of people have warned us to expect trouble from vigilantes. I hope they will be so outnumbered that they will stay away"

She expected a final entry of more than 30 teams.

"We opened to all races a few years ago and last year, when it was low profile and low key, there was no trouble.

"I have coloured friends, and this insulting row has shown me what it's like to live on the other side of the fence."

AND SOME BETTER NEWS YESTERDAY FROM THE SPORTING WORLD

Doc aims for African rugby breakthrough

By TED PARTRIDGE

DR DANIE CRAVEN plans a rugby crusade to black Africa — particularly Zimbabwe, Kenya and Malawi, where the sport is reasonably strong — in a bid to re-establish sporting contacts with these countries.

And Craven is confident that his plan will succeed because of a "New Era Mixed Rugby Plan" he will launch in South Africa this season, he said in an exclusive interview this week

— regardless of race or background — a chance to get to the top of the rugby tree.

One of the most important provisos of the "New Era" plan is that each of the sides in the new competition must include at least eight blacks.

Spin-off

South African XV

The players for the "New Era" competition will be drawn mainly from the Gold Cup "country districts" sub union teams.

The IRB accepted the plan as the final bona fide that South African rugby was mixed at all levels. It was also received with enthusiasm from South African unions and the country district unions particularly

The nuts and bolts of the scheme will be finalised this weekend, said Dr Craven. It will be discussed in detail at the South African Rugby Board's annual meeting at Newlands next Friday

Craven's plan means that each South African union and sub union will virtually have a second, what he calls "prestige, totally mixed team" — obviously not picked on merit, "but it will be a represen-

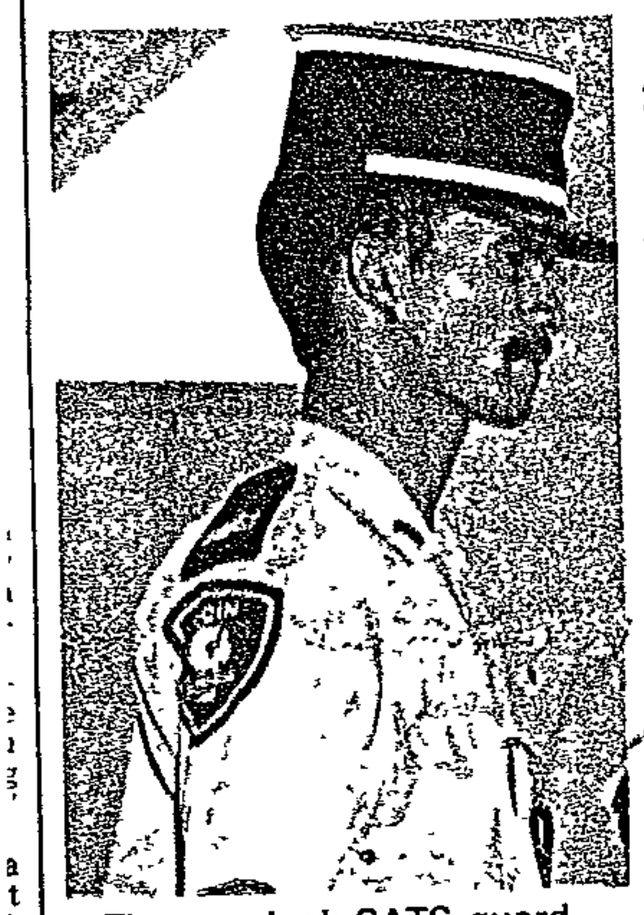
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Changing the guard

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SATS pays R2m for security contract



The new-look SATS guard

By PETER DENNEHY

A PRIVATE security company has been awarded an 18-month renewable contract of more than R2 million, in terms of which it will take over the Western Cape tasks of the former SA Railway Police.

Mr David Plane, managing director of the company, Coin Security (Cape) (Pty) Ltd — which has a heavy military image, said yesterday's particular contract applied only to the Western Cape, but "the same exercise" was taking place all over the country.

Mr Plane said his company had landed the contract after SATS had put the service out to tender, but he could not comment on whether his tender had been the lowest.

"We are a wholly-owned South African company, and most of our directors and owners have served in the security forces," he said. "That, along with the millions we spend on training, may have counted for something"

Mr Plane said his security guards had powers of arrest only where they guarded National Key Points, while they could effect only citizen's arrests elsewhere.

He did not envisage a problem here, he said, as his men would liaise closely with the South African Police

"The style of our company is very military, in many of our uniforms, the colour of our vehicles, and our holding of parades," he said.

The company was founded by an infantry officer, Major John Bishop, eight years ago, and Coin Cape was formed out of a City Tramways security company two years ago, said Mr Plane.

His men would carry 9mm pistols and would be equipped with pump-action shotguns at National Key Points. They also had rifles, though these would not be used on SATS property.

Security men stationed at points where they would be in direct contact with the public wore a smart, continental-type uniform complete with the French "kepi", or peaked cap, instead of battle fatigues.

Mr Bertie Heckroodt, Western Cape regional manager of SATS, said the South African Police had long wanted to increase the size of its force, and it had done so without training expenses by simply "taking over" the SA Railways Police.

"I don't think you can really justify SATS having its own police force," he said. "Privatization is the key word nowadays This is not really privatization, as we are not handing over a service we have to the private sector.

"But it's a nice example of a parastatal working hand-in-hand with the private sector to the benefit of both parties and of the Western Cape, which will benefit by the creation of a number of jobs"

Mr Heckroodt said the manpower involved countrywide in this initiative was between 7 000 and 9 000, which was "a lessening of manpower from our side" which would definitely lead to savings.

During the transition, the old Railways Police which now fell under the control of the police, would still undertake some of the more specialized legal work such as dealing with railway theft and train deaths, he said.

Mr Heckroodt said his staff had done pioneering work in drawing up the tender document and the contract.

Though the contract was worth R1,5m a year, Coin staff would collect and transport an average of R1,5m a day, and this "sizeable responsibility" was a small part of their total duties

'White beach' tourney pullout

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Sunday Times Reporter

A TOTAL of 10 teams have pulled out of a beach volleyball tournament to be held today at Port Elizabeth's whites-only Kings Beach.

And a number of white participants have vowed not to swim in the surf as a gesture of solidarity with black players who are banned from the water.

Despite the withdrawals, the tournament will still be the largest ever held on a South African beach, with 30 teams taking part, according to organiser Mr David Mee.

Police

Seven of the sides who will not be there are from Grahamstown — four of them from the police and defence force.

"There are no hard feelings here," said Mr Mee. "When it came to confirming their entry they said it would be inappropriate for them as law enforcement officers to take part."

The other six were mixed teams whose members pulled out in protest or under pressure from the militant SA Council on Sport.

and stock theft, was shot and killed instantly after producing a gun when confronted by police in Winterveld.

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Kleinmond library for all

THE whites only library in Kleinmond is to be replaced by a R393 000 library for all races. Approval of the plans for the new library has been given by the Cape Provincial Library Service which is to give an 80% subsidy of R314 000 towards the cost of the new building. It is expected the new library will be completed by the end of next year.

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Indaba plan to desegregate Natal schools

By Bruce Cameron,
Political Staff

The Natal/KwaZulu Indaba has recommended major changes to education in the region which would make schools multiracial and controlled by a single education department.

However, entrance woule be restricted on a geographical basis and exceptions made for cultural and language differences.

The Indaba proposals for equal education contradict National Party claims that standards would be reduced.

Major recommendation of the report are:

- The scrapping of the six departments that control education in Natal and KwaZulu to bring it under a single controlling body.
- Race no longer a criterian for admission.
- Schools serve specific geographic areas.
- Committees help decide language medium, curriculum and staff appointments.
- A system which would satisfy language, religious and philosophical needs of all.

Indaba director Professor Dawid van Wyk said: "These documents show clearly it is false to suggest that the Indaba proposals require an equalising of education in one year."

(Report by B Cameron, 85 Field Street, Durban.)

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Illegal camping fines overturned

Own Correspondent

PORT ELIZABETH. — Admission-of-guilt fines imposed on four Oude Loft restaurant workers for "illegally camping" in front of the Horse Memorial in February were overturned by the Grahamstown Supreme Court last month.

Mr Justice Jones and Mr Justice De Klerk ordered that the convictions and sentences of all the accused be set aside and that the R30 paid by each of the accused as an admission of guilt be repaid to them.

A spokesman for the Legal Resources Centre said it was now up to the State Prosecutor to decide whether to charge the accused in the ordinary courts.

The women — Miss Letta Zazini, Miss Cynthia Dekeza, Miss Ethal Lucas and Miss Patricia Dekeza — said in affidavits submitted to the court that they were arrested while resting in front of the Horse Memorial during their lunch break on February 19.

A police van took them to Louis le Grange police station where their fingerprints were taken.

"I was shocked and dreadfully humiliated and could not believe I was being treated as a common criminal for merely resting on the grass," one woman had said.

POLITICAL comment in this issue by A H Heard, G Q Kling, G E Shaw, A Johnson and B Streek Posters, headlines and sub-editing by D Moyle (All of 122 St George's Street, Cape Town)

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Move on beach issue due today

By KIN BENTLEY

AN application for a Supreme Court order declaring that the beaches in the Port Elizabeth municipal area were never legally racially demarcated is expected to be opposed by the Administrator of the Cape today.

The application, which also asks that a 1966 PE City Council resolution demarcating the shore into separate areas be declared invalid, was originally brought in February by Mr Graham Richards, a city councillor, and Mr Mia Loonat, a member of the Northern Areas Management Committee.

In the PE Supreme court on March 11, two of the respondents, the Administrator, Mr Gene Louw, and the Minister of Constitutional Development and Planning, Mr Chris Heunis, reached an agreement with the applicants to postpone the matter to May 1.

Mr Patrick Bracher, the attorney for the applicants, said today that because May 1 had subsequently been declared a public holiday the respondents had to file their affidavits today.

If the application was opposed, he hoped to have the hearing date set for before mid-June, the end of the present session of the Supreme Court.

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Beach control worked well — council report

Municipal Reporter

CAPE TOWN'S beaches have become less crowded as facilities in other areas have been developed and opened to all races, according to the City Council's civic amenities branch.

Although there was still overcrowding, this was limited to a few days a year and only at beaches where no control was possible, director Mr Jack Kloppers said in his annual beach report.

Complaints about anti-social behaviour were minimal and there were no serious problems during the holiday season.

Mr Kloppers said control measures introduced in 1984/85 worked well and should be permanent.

"The 1986/87 holiday season was, from a usage point of view, a long and busy season."

19 vacancies

Mr Kloppers said he was concerned that there were 19 vacancies for beach constables out of a complement of 98.

If anti-social behaviour at beaches and recreational areas was to be combated, serious consideration had to be given to filling vacant posts, he said.

There were substantially more arrests and spot fines by law enforcement officers on beaches this year than previously.

There were no drownings at tidal pools this season, but there was an "alarming number" of eight drownings at beaches which were not being patrolled at the time, Mr Kloppers reported.

There had been complaints of anti-social behaviour such as drunkenness, dagga smoking, theft and unauthorised fires at the Camps Bay tidal pool since the fence was removed. However, there had been a "marked improvement" at Maiden's Cove.

Recommendations by Mr Kloppers which were approved by the amenities and health committee this week included:

- Control measures at Saunders Rocks, Sunset and Rocklands beaches be applied only from December 15 to January 15;
- Dogs be banned at Sunrise beach from the western end of the parking area to 100 metres east of the lifesavers' clubhouse;
- The siting and construction of controlled braai and picnic areas at Strandfontein Point and Mnandi beach be investigated;
- The council mount an anti-drowning awareness campaign;
- Glass containers, firearms and dogs be prohibited at Maiden's Cove;
- Ball games be allowed at only one of Clifton's beaches.

The committee will refer a recommendation that dogs be banned from the entire Camps Bay beach and tidal pool area to ratepayers for comment.

Park 'debacle' avoidable — independents

By Shirley Woodgate

The row over the arrest of a black couple in a "whites-only" park in Germiston has fuelled a side-issue which has been simmering in the Germiston City Coucil for at least two years.

Potgieter Park — where Mrs Elka Mnculwana and her husband, Robert, were fined R100 each for sitting chatting in the sun last Sunday — falls in management committee member Mr Fanie Coetzee's ward.

A running battle has been waged between Mr Coetzee, member of the ruling National Party management committee, and the six independents who have repeatedly called for his resignation because they allege they have firm proof that his permanent home is in Bedfordview, not Germiston.

This is in contravention of the Electoral Act, says Mrs Winnie Haveloh, who recalls that she successfully unseated councillor Lew Leppan two years ago in similar circumstances.

AVOIDED

Calling again for Mr Coetzee's resignation, she said the debacle in the park could have been foreseen. It could have been avoided if the sitting councillor lived in the area and knew his ward.

Millions of rands of goodwill which Germiston gained during its centenary celebrations last year had been wiped out by one man's neglect, said Mrs Haveloh. A man who was supposed to be working for the benefit of the city had in fact brought Germiston into disrepute

"We don't want him messing up our city. Why doesn't he offer his services to the Bedfordview town council?" she asked.

While Mr Coetzee claims that lives in Germiston, Mrs Haveloh insists that his home address is 46 Harcus Street, Bedfordview, where he lives with his wife and three children.

She said Mr Coetzee's Germiston address is a one-bedroomed flat in a block which he owns

Mr Coetzee dismissed Mrs Haveloh's allegations and said "I live in Germiston and Bedfordview and I also have a house in Margate. She is my opposition in the council and therefore has to find some stone to throw."

He said he did not know Mrs Mnculwana's employers, but plans to get in touch with them.

As far as he is concerned the couple was wrongly fined as the ordinance and not the sign made the matter illegal.

The matter will be raised with the management committee at its next meeting, he said.

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Gordon's Bay apartheid to go?

Municipal Reporter

A PLANNED development of Gordon's Bay beachfront and provision of amenities could presage the official scrapping of apartheid there, the town clerk, Mr Charles Steyn, said yesterday.

"I dare say the development of the beachfront will have to be taken into consideration when the committee for overall beach control meets," Mr Steyn said.

"The committee is also awaiting the result of President's Council discussions on the Separate Amenities Act."

Gordon's Bay beach is one of the few in the Western Cape where beach apartheid has not yet officially been scrapped.

At Melkbosstrand, which is also still segregated, residents have cited the present lack of beach amenities as one "reason", among others, for the beach to remain reserved for whites only.

During the recent election campaign, Dr Denis Worrall congratulated Gordon's Bay for its "decision to phase out beach apartheid". No official confirmation of this decision was forthcoming.

Mr Steyn yesterday confirmed details of the beachfront development as set out in a ratepayers' association newsletter. The development is to be accomplished in phases as money becomes available from the State.

A low-profile sea-retaining wall and paved promenade will be built along the main beach from the southernmost point to the beginning of the caravan park, according to the ratepayers' newsletter.

Beachfront amenities will be provided, and a parking area for about 280 cars will be paved.

Provincial authorities were unable to say yesterday how much the project would cost. Mr Steyn said some fund allocations should be made in Pretoria "before the end of this month", about the same time as the first engineering and planning report on the project would be tabled before the Gordon's Bay town council.

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Montagu springs: 'It's not apartheid'

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Staff Reporter

THE general manager of the Avalon Springs Hotel, Montagu, has denied a claim by an Athlone schoolteacher that the hotel discriminated against coloured visitors to the mineral spa by asking them to leave the premises earlier than whites.

A teacher, Mr Raymond Elixer, said he left the spa on Sunday, May 30 after being told to leave by 6pm.

Mr W D Sowade said that since the opening of the hot mineral baths to all races in October 1986 "we have had our fair share of people who simply do not want to understand reason and who scream 'racism' at every opportunity".

The pools were open to all races between 7am and 11pm daily. However, the pools did not have an unlimited capacity with the result that, on certain weekends, their use had been limited to people staying in Montagu. Day visitors were limited to 7am to 6pm.

These times, as well as the admission fee, were displayed at the entrance to the pools.

Mr Sowade said that on various occasions, because of an excess of visitors, the hotel was forced to turn away people from the spa altogether, in particular large bus/touring groups.

He said excessive numbers could obviously not be anticipated in advance and hotel staff were instructed to advise visitors of the rules when applicable, without any references to colour or creed.

Nats back call to scrap some apartheid

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Cape Times 17/6/87

By BARRY STREEK
Political Staff

HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY — A parliamentary committee has, with the support of National Party MPs, called for the scrapping of apartheid in provincial libraries and museums in the Cape and accepted that the law on beach apartheid is "not functional".

It has also approved the handling of applications in the province under the Group Areas Act on a "humane basis" and said that the provision of funds for amenities and essential services in black townships in the Cape was "most inadequate".

But the majority of white representatives from the House of Assembly on the standing select committee of provincial affairs for the Cape rejected a call for all teaching hospitals, including Groote Schuur, to be open on an entirely non-discriminatory basis and for all facilities and amenities to open to all staff.

The leader of the Progressive Federal Party in the Cape, Mr Roger Hulley, who is a member of the committee, said yesterday that the PFP and the MPs from the House of Representatives and the House of Delegates reached consensus on this issue but the National Party and the Conservative Party had held out for segregation in the hospitals "albeit on an 'equal treatment' basis".

Mr Hulley also said there was consensus among the PFP, the House of Representatives and the House of Delegates representatives that "all public libraries throughout the Cape Province should be open.

"The NP amendment limited the openness to a few provincial libraries only.

"Their amendment avoids the issue of all the local authority libraries throughout the Cape Province which remain closed.

The committee said it took the view that "in principle provincial libraries and museums throughout the province should be open to all members of the public regardless of race".

The House of Representatives, the House of Delegates and PFP MPs, however, supported a call for all libraries and museums in the Cape to be open to all.

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Apartheid

The committee also noted with approval that it had received the assurance that all the nature reserves in the Cape were open to all

While the majority of the House of Assembly MPs accepted that the fact that the use of beaches and other public amenities had been referred to the President's Council was "proof" that the Separate Amenities Act was "not functional", the PFP, the House of Representatives and House of Delegates MPs said no beaches should be reserved on a racial basis and urged, as a matter of urgency, that steps be taken to achieve this objective

The PFP, House of Representatives and House of Delegates MPs said no racial discrimination should be practised in any of the Cape Provincial Administration services, but the majority of House of Assembly MPs merely reiterated its approval for the government's policy "to remove all racial discrimination and notes with approval the progress made in this regard in the services rendered by the Provincial Administration".

The majority of all MPs on the committee "notes with approval that the administration has approved the majority of the applications handled by it under the Group Areas Act on the basis of humane considerations".

They also said they considered "the funds allocated for the provision of amenities and essential services in black townships is most inadequate and requests that urgent attention be given to this matter by the central government and the private sector".

In his comments, Mr Hulley condemned the "totally unsatisfactory nature of the new method of dealing with provincial budgets".

In the past they had been debated in public in the old provincial councils, but they were now considered behind closed doors for a maximum of seven days after the budget speech.

"This procedure represents a massive step backwards in representative, accountable, democratic government in South Africa," Mr Hulley said.

Gordon's Bay beaches 'white' — and staying so

By ANTHONY DOMAN
Staff Reporter

BEACH apartheid will remain in Gordon's Bay in spite of plans to revamp the beachfront's inadequate amenities which have been cited as a reason for not declaring the beaches "open".

Proposed development includes a low sea-retaining wall, a paved promenade and improved parking and beachfront amenities.

Opening the beaches to all races under present circumstances would cause "havoc", said Town Clerk Mr Charles Steyn.

He added that Government policy and the wishes of local people had to be respected.

ABIDE BY LAWS

The Gordon's Bay Ratepayers Association had "very little say" in beach apartheid, said chairman Dr Johan Rousseau.

"We abide by the laws and the rules of the authorities. We are basically just a ratepayers' association."

Apartheid has been scrapped at most Western Cape beaches. Whites-only Gordon's Bay and The Strand are tucked between the "open" beaches of Macassar and Kogelbaai.

Mixing has taken place on Gordon's Bay beaches, but Mr Steyn said the municipality and police were obliged to act on complaints.

Last year the town was aware of "the political climate" and tried "not to make an issue of anything" if no misbehaviour was involved.

Local government was expected to "honour and execute" Government policy. In addition, the State had a greater say in the use of beaches through its recent policy of funding beach facilities.

PRESSURE

The people of Gordon's Bay also had a right to determine who used the facilities for which they had paid, he said. The town's popularity as a resort led to severe pressure on its swimming areas and limited amenities.

"If, under these circumstances, they are thrown open, in my opinion it will create havoc because of the inadequate parking, swimming and ablution facilities."

The council's beach control committee would be able to reassess the issue after the planned developments and once the President's Council had made recommendations on the Separate Amenities Act, Mr Steyn added.

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Melkbos, Blouberg beaches stay 'closed'

Municipal Reporter

BEACH apartheid at Melkbosstrand and Bloubergstrand is temporarily intact after the Divisional Council of the Cape today declined to support a motion calling for the two beaches to be opened to all races "forthwith".

The council, meeting for the last time before being dissolved, was divided 7—7 on a motion by Mr Neil Ross calling for an end to apartheid at the last two beaches along its 116km coastline

The chairman, Mr Louwtjie Rothman, declined to exercise his casting vote.

Mr Stuart Collins called for a division, but when Mr Hilary Langley indicated that he would then change his vote and that the motion would be lost, Mr Collins withdrew and the motion fell away.

However, several councillors indicated that the beach issue was certain to be raised by the new Western Cape Regional Services Council (RSC) and that the Divisional Council's decision was likely to be overturned.

Against opening

The Melkbosstrand Civic Association said in a letter that the general feeling of the local community was "expressly" against the opening of the beach, while the Bloubergstrand Ratepayers Association repeated its standpoint that it would accept open beaches if this became Government policy.

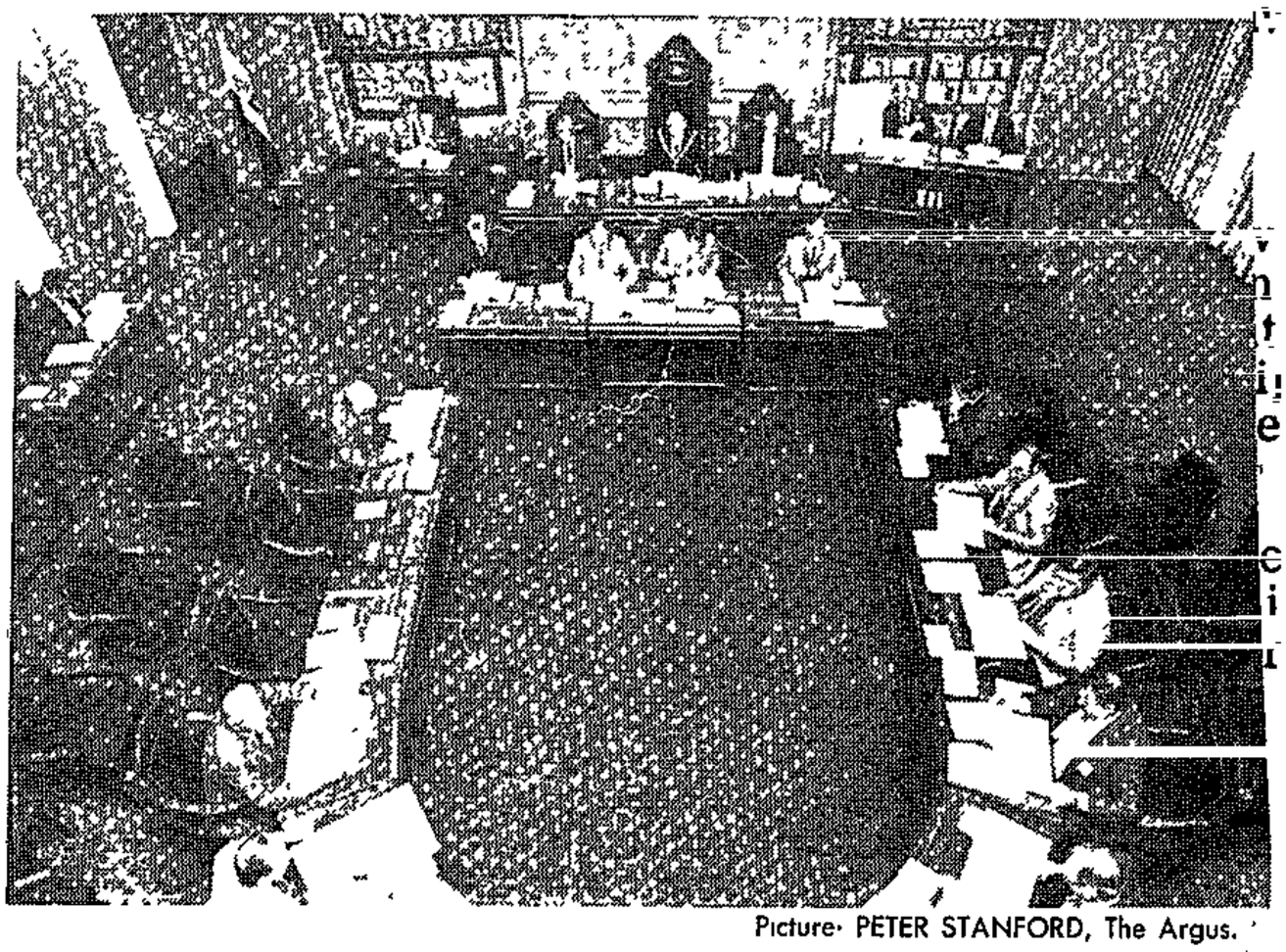
Mr Ross described the beach situation at Melkbosstrand and Bloubergstrand as "an anachronism".

"It is completely unacceptable to believe that in 1987 we can have this last vestige of apartheid on two beaches in the Peninsula where we can discriminate against people of colour.

"We owe it to ourselves as a last courageous act to open these beaches," he said.

Mr Collins said the "ownership and title" of the beaches did not vest in the local residents.

"Everyone in this division has the right to use them," he argued.



Picture: PETER STANFORD, The Argus.

END OF THE LINE: The Divisional Council of the Cape held the last working meeting of its 132-year existence in the council chambers in Wale Street today. This photograph shows chairman Mr Louwtjie Rothman, flanked by deputy-chairman Mr G M Basson, left, and secretary Mr C H Mocke. In front of them are, from left, director of housing Mr D Manefeldt, engineer Mr J Clark, treasurer Mr A H Kleynhans, and Medical Officer of Health Dr L R Tibbit.

Plea for honesty

Mr Langley said the council's resolutions would "come under the searchlight" at the RSC's meetings and that any support for beach apartheid would "probably be rescinded".

Mr Yusuf Chothia of the Ocean View Management Committee appealed for the council to be "honest".

"God created the beaches and the council must take a bold move here today — the beaches must be open, end of story."

But Mr M J Aggenbach said the council had an obligation to ratepayers and could not avoid taking note of their attitudes.

"What is our function? To look at the ratepayers' problems or to discuss politics?" he asked.

Mr Tony Powell said the issue had been discussed at length at the council's previous meeting, where it had been decided unanimously to canvass ratepayers' opinions.

Race bar causes culture drought in Karoo

By BILL KRIGE

VERKRAMPTE Oudtshoorn, renowned for its head-in-sand attitude to apartheid, has done it again.

The town council has reaffirmed that the Civic Theatre is out of bounds to blacks, and as a result the ostrich capital is being starved of some top-level entertainment.

The Cape Performing Arts Council (Capab) has confirmed that it will not perform at any segregated venue, which could be the swan song for ballet, opera and theatre buffs in the Little Karoo.

Oudtshoorn's mayor, Mr Arnold de Jager, could not be reached for comment. He has taken a week off to relax at Sun City, where race barriers have never existed.

Recession

This week an Oudtshoorn professional man, Mr A Barrow, released copies of letters exchanged with Capab's director, singer Gé Korsten, and between Mr Barrow and the municipality.

To Mr Korsten he wrote that he and many others wondered why Capab so seldom visited country areas and speculated that perhaps it was the recession which kept it away.

The tenor of Mr Korsten's reply was that previous Capab performances in Oudtshoorn had been poorly attended. He added that "for some time it has been Capab's policy to perform only at centres which are open to all races and, as far as is known, that is not yet the case at the Civic Centre".

As a result Capab's last performance there, in 1985, was at the Teachers College.

Mr Barrow took Capab's objection to the town clerk, Mr N Schultz, with the request that the case for the centre opening to all races for cultural matters be reviewed by the council as soon as possible.

This week he received his reply. Meeting in committee to discuss the idea, the council decided that the status quo at the civic centre would be maintained.

Hendrickse: next dip in December

PORT ELIZABETH — After being told yesterday that he was not to be prosecuted for his swim at King's Beach in January, the Reverend Allan Hendrickse said he hoped the law would be changed before he swam there again in December.

Mr Hendrickse said he hoped the Separate Amenities Act would soon be repealed "so that all people can enjoy all the facilities of their own choice".

A Port Elizabeth city councillor, Mr Graham Richards, said the decision did not surprise him as the Attorney General has consistently declined to prosecute such charges. — DDC

Hendrickse wants to repeat swim

Own Correspondent

PORT ELIZABETH. — Labour Party leader the Rev Allan Hendrickse says he will swim again — "on King's Beach or anywhere where that I'm not supposed to swim" — in defiance of the Separate Amenities Act.

It was high-time the question of his "apology" to Mr P W Botha for swimming on Port Elizabeth's whites-only beach was clarified, he said

And this time he is quite prepared to take the consequences — whatever they might be

"There has been a great deal of misrepresentation, and in many cases, conscious misrepresentation, over the issue," he said. "The impression can only be rectified by a demonstration."

His statement follows a decision by the Attorney General not to prosecute the cabinet minister for taking an early-morning dip with other Labour Party supporters in disregard of the Separate Amenities Act.

The swim on January 4, publicized world-wide, raised a storm and earned Mr Hendrickse a 20-minute public dressing down by the State President on national TV.

In an interview with this correspondent last night, Mr Hendrickse denied that Mr Botha had threatened to force him to resign from the cabinet as a result.

His decision to swim again was not new — but a repetition of a statement following the dressing down.

Although he had apologized to Mr Botha for "any impression that we challenged your authority" or "might have caused affront", Mr Hendrickse maintains he never apologized for his actions

"I never expected to be charged because I felt I had done nothing wrong and was only exercising a right."

"I haven't changed my attitude in this case — I don't know what the outcome will be but am prepared to take any consequences whatsoever.

"And I also maintain that the Separate Amenities Act must be scrapped as soon as possible," he said.

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Whites-only beaches to go in W Cape?

Municipal Reporter

BY the time summer arrives, some of the last whites-only beaches in the Western Cape may be open to all races.

At its final meeting last month the Divisional Council came within one vote of abolishing apartheid on its last two segregated beaches — Bloubergstrand and Melkbosstrand.

Mr Hilary Langley argued that Divco might as well open those beaches, as its successor, the Regional Services Council, would surely open them anyway at one of its first few meetings. The RSC has several "coloured" and black delegates.

At the first RSC meeting, Mrs Eulalie Stott balked for a while when she was asked to vote to accept all existing Divco decisions and regulations.

Eventually she did vote for this, but only as



Mrs Eulalie Stott

an interim measure for the sake of continuity, after she had been told she could later propose changes to any existing Divco decision.

Mrs Stott would not say yesterday whether or not she had proposed a motion to abolish beach apartheid for the RSC monthly meeting scheduled for Wednesday, July 29.

"Clive Keegan (also a city councillor and member of the RSC) and I have raised a couple of matters that we think should be taken up, but I don't know whether they have made this month's meeting, so I won't say what they are," she said.

City Council members could also raise items at the RSC via the City Council's executive committee, she added

□ Beaches at The Strand and Gordon's Bay are also still officially for whites only. However, their position is different from that of Blouberg and Melkbos beaches, which fall directly under RSC jurisdiction.

Strand and Gordon's Bay are municipalities, and it seems unlikely that the RSC will force them to open their beaches.

NATIONAL

Resort turns away family over colour

By TYRONE SEALE, Staff Reporter

A CAPE TOWN family was asked to leave a holiday resort at Montagu because they are not white.

Mrs Ragiema Hay of Cravenby Estate, her husband Ebrahim and their three children were asked to leave the Schus Plettenberg Holiday Homes resort last Saturday, a few hours after they had settled down for the weekend

The resort consists of 90 cottages, 70 of which are owned by individuals. Schus Leisure Homes sells the units and leases them on owners' behalf

"We suffered terrible indignity and we were extremely embarrassed It spoilt our whole weekend," said Mrs Hay

After visiting the Montagu hot springs and other amenities which formed part of a larger complex surrounding the holiday homes, an employee asked her husband what his nationality was

She said the employee told the family they could not stay overnight as there had been objections to their presence

"The man told us not to take offence and that the matter had nothing to do with the Schus company," said Mrs Hay.

Payment refunded

"He said the owners of the cottages had formed an association and had decided among themselves that the resort would be for the sole use of whites."

The employee tried to arrange alternative accommodation for the family at a hotel and other venues in Montagu, but they chose to go to Ceres instead, Mr Hay said. Their payment of R175 was refunded.

Mr Ben Barber, general manager of Schus Leisure Homes, said the incident was unfortunate, but it had resulted from a misunderstanding.

"When people call to book, we normally read out the rules of the resort to them. One rule is that the homes are for whites only," said Mr Barber.

"There must have been a misunderstanding with this family. Normally people don't come after we tell them that it is for whites only."

Asked why the Hays had been admitted in the first place, Mr Barber said: "You know, it is difficult asking people if they are white or not white when they book in."

Owners have final say

He confirmed that the owners of the cottages had formed an organisation and decided to keep the resort for whites only.

Mr Barber said that while his company would sell units to people of all races, the wishes of the owners had to be considered.

If a black person wanted to buy a cottage, he would consult the owners' organisation first and if they turned the buyer down he would accept the decision.

Mr Barber conceded this was an unacceptable situation.

"I know this is strange, but there's nothing we can do about it at the moment," he said.

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Milnerton Council satisfied about soccer field

From J H VELDSTMAN, Town Clerk of Milnerton:

THIS council strongly objects to the blatant, erroneous statements and misinformation in the report concerning a soccer field in Milnerton. (Cape Times, August 1).

I quote: "The trouble with soccer is its popularity with blacks — or so they say in Milnerton. That is why Milnerton Town Council has refused to allow the Table View Football Club to use a playing field for junior practice sessions."

This statement deliberately casts suspicion on the integrity of this council. That the allegation is without foundation was not investigated.

That your readers may form their own opinion on this matter I wish to put the following facts before them:

● This council as long ago as February 1987 gave permission for this open space (park) to be used as a training pitch for juniors as a temporary arrangement until a permanent facility was established for the soccer club It was also the council that levelled and grassed the area for this purpose

● In not one of the reports before council was the question of the use of the field by any particular race group mentioned.

● The petition handed to this council by residents close to the field as well as that by Mr Branquinho only referred to the introduction of a sport facility into a residential area and also did not refer to any race group.

May we please know why Milnerton and its people are being unjustly accused of not wanting people from any particular race group to make use of its sport facilities?

The council is very much aware of the needs of the soccer club. It is for this reason the council grassed the present area in Study Street at a cost of R12 000 and it will spend another R45 000 to construct two proper soccer fields at the Table View sport area. At the same time the council has a responsibility to its residents. It was with a view to overcoming their problems with a sporting activity in a residential neighbourhood that council on August 11 1987 reaffirmed its resolution of February 1987 to allow the Study Street park to continue to be used as a temporary training field for juniors only.

The council further resolved to as soon as possible proceed with the construction of two new soccer fields at Table View sports area which could be used in 1988.

The council accordingly consented to the soccer club erecting floodlights at the temporary field in Study Street. These will, however, be moved and the use of the temporary field in Study Street terminated once the new fields are playable.

The council is satisfied that it has done everything in its power to accommodate the wishes of residents and the club.

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Hot springs open to all — hotel manager

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Staff Reporter

"RACIAL problems" at the Montagu hot springs have been in the news lately, and the manager of the Avalon Springs Hotel has written to the Cape Times to clear up any confusion.

Mr W D Sowade, general manager of Avalon Hotels, said the non-racial three-star Avalon Springs Hotel owned and maintained the hot springs area which was open to people of all races.

In addition to the outdoor spring pools, he said, the hotel operated two indoor pools which were open only to hotel guests, regardless of colour.

The capacity of the pools and braai areas was not limitless, so when signs of overcrowding occurred, guests were "limited", just as would happen at the Sea Point baths.

By contrast, the 60 to 70 mobile home cottages nearby were privately owned and not all the owners lived there permanently, Mr Sowade said.

Unoccupied cottages were rented out on behalf of the owners "through the Schus site office", but the Group Areas Act prohibited "persons other than those classified as white" from staying in the cottages.

"At the last annual general meeting the owners also voted against colour mixing in the Schus Holiday Cottage Area," he said. This has been confirmed by Mr B Barber, a director of Schus Leisure Homes.

A whites-only tango

By CHRIS GUTUZA

YOU can't mix your tangos at two Cape Town dance studios of Arthur Murray.

While colour is of no consequence at its Claremont studio, only whites can dance at its studios in Sea Point and Parow.

The owner of the Claremont and Sea Point studios, Mr Pat Marshall, said he had been refused a licence on several occasions to teach blacks in Sea Point.

"I was, however, granted permission to have classes only for "coloureds" in Sea Point on Saturdays," he said.

He was allowed to admit people of all races to his Claremont studio which was opened a year later, he said.

The owner of the Parow franchise, a Mr Swart, said it had never occurred to him to apply to have his studio opened

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Blacks can't tango

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to all races.

He said he had visited Marshall's Claremont studio and had been impressed to see people of all races getting on so well.

"It was as if they had known each other for years," he said.

A SOUTH reporter who telephoned the Sea Point and Parow branches of the Arthur Murray Dance Studio was told he could not be accommodated because he was not white.

At the Sea Point branch a Mrs Carr asked the reporter where he lived.

Mitchells Plain people, she said, had to try the Claremont branch because Sea Point was not "multi-racial".

PE beaches may soon be open to all

Argus Bureau Argus 10/9/87 (282)

PORT ELIZABETH. — Beaches here could be open to all by summer, says city councillor Mr Graham Richards.

Mr Richards and Mr Mia Loonat, deputy chairman of the Northern Areas Management Committee and new MP for Gelvandale, have applied to the Supreme Court for an order declaring that Port Elizabeth's beaches were never properly proclaimed for whites only and are therefore open to all.

Respondents are the Administrator of the Cape, Mr Gene Louw, and the Minister of Constitutional Development and Planning, Mr Chris Heunis.

Mr Richards said he hoped the case would come to court before the end of October.

"It almost looks as if we will be beaten to the draw by the Government.

"I think they will repeal the Separate Amenities Act as a sop to the Labour Party."

He said there was speculation the President's Council's Group Areas Act report, due to be tabled next week, would recommend the repeal of the Separate Amenities Act, which controlled beach apartheid.

Coloured families invited — then barred

By HENRY LUDSKI

SEVERAL coloured families have mistakenly been invited to spend a day at a West Coast time-sharing resort reserved for whites.

This week, a spokesman for the company that sent out the invitations apologised, blaming "a slip of the computer finger" for the error.

One of those invited to the Port Owen Cabanas, Mr B D Lesch, criticised the letter as "insensitive"

"I am invited, but because of the colour of my skin and the laws of the land I am not welcome," he said.

"The invitation points out that, to comply with the law, the offer is made to whites only"

Mr Gideon Langart, advertising manager of Owen Wiggins Trust, said the company had sent Mr Lesch a letter apologising for the invitation.

Pointless

"The fact is Mr Lesch should never have got the invitation in the first place," he said.

"It is obviously pointless sending a man an invitation to something in which he cannot take part."

Mr Langart blamed the company's mailing department for sending invitations to a few coloured families.

"The computer mailing list has a category of people whose race is 'undecided'.

"Several of the people on this undecided list — we don't know how many — got on our mailing list. And that is how some coloured families received invitations. It's very unfortunate.

"We are governed by the Group Areas Act and therefore the invitation is qualified in terms of race."

Letters

Riding school has harmed SA image

From ANNABEL YOUNG (Hout Bay):

THE riding establishment that refused to admit a visiting American on racial grounds shows a short-sightedness that is not only distasteful but repugnant to any reasonable person.

South Africa is constantly criticized for racial prejudice. It is people with similar attitudes to the owner of this establishment that not only reinforce this criticism, but show there are clear grounds for it.

While Mrs Lewis has every right to choose who rides her horses, to make the so-called "correct" skin colour a prerequisite surely shows a very distorted mode of thinking.

I co-owned a riding school for eight years. The only prerequisite we demanded for entry was a love of horses and a genuine interest in wanting to learn to ride. Our students came from all areas in Cape town, and the concept of racial segregation never arose.

I have always thought that the riding fraternity held themselves apart from such petty, unproductive and hurtful racial attitudes.

Cape Town as beautiful as its people

From M DAULAT RAI (Sea Point):

I HAVE been overwhelmed by the positive reaction and support that Capetonians have showed me after my unfortunate incident at the Sunbird Riding School.

Your telephone calls and the media reaction were heartening and I am overjoyed by the fact that so many of you do not subscribe to the views of Mrs Lewis. With this kind of attitude I believe that South Africa has a good chance of working towards a full democratic future.

If all the people who responded could speak as one voice this country would change overnight. It is heart-warming that you stood behind a foreigner, but it does not have to stop here. This voice of outrage against injustice should be noted by the authorities as a valuable barometer for quicker reform.

I would like to add that Abraham Lincoln passed the Emancipation Proclamation in the 1860s, but slaves were not freed immediately, because freedom and equality are governed by people's attitudes and not by mere laws.

Finally, I have travelled all over the world and never have I come across a more beautiful city than Cape Town. This incident has taught me that its people are just as beautiful.

... morality should others not object too?

Not helping

From Ms A PATERSON (Noordhoek):

ONE can only be saddened by the immaturity of the Cape Times (leading article of October 23) in its attitude to the owner of stables at Noordhoek.

There is no forced integration in South Africa and the lady concerned is perfectly entitled to run her business, how and for whom, she pleases without lecturing by the Cape Times.

Does the Cape Times really think it helps anybody, least of all South Africa by its bullying and holier than thou attitude?

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Planners 'aware of communities' needs'

M'Plain may get more halls, libraries

Mitchell's Plain Bureau

THE city planner's department is investigating the possibility of providing small halls and libraries in the Mitchell's Plain suburbs which do not have them.

A spokesman for the department said it was aware of the communities' needs and tried to work closely with them.

She was responding to the criticism of the proposed R1,2-million extensions to the Mitchell's Plain Town Centre by the co-ordinating civic body in the area.

The Mitchell's Plain co-ordinating committee said the most pressing need in the community was decentralised amenities, like libraries and halls, in areas which had no such facilities.

Valid grounds

The department's spokesman agreed that the grounds for objection were valid.

"Funds were set aside some time ago for a central hall and library as part of the Town Centre complex," she said.

"We are investigating the possibility of using those funds for smaller halls and libraries in the eastern suburbs of Mitchell's Plain, which we know are under-supplied.

"However, they are Government funds and we are relying on its approval for the expenditure.

"The city council does not build or run shopping centres, it merely provides the infrastructure."

The proposed extensions to the Town Centre — rezoning of the land was approved last week — include a shopping mall, market square and provisions for commercial expansion.

The proposals go before the city council's housing and utilities committee next week and work on Phase I, which includes parking, roads and drainage should begin early next year.

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Seaforth and Boulders to be pay beaches

Municipal Reporter

THE Simon's Town Municipality is to charge entrance fees at two of its most popular beaches and to declare them "coastal parks".

Entry to the area between Seaforth and Boulders will cost R1 for adults and 50c for children and the beaches will be closed when they become "uncomfortably full".

The entrance fee applies to residents of Simon's Town and season tickets costing R5 for adults and R2 for children will be on sale at the municipal offices.

Entrance to other beaches along the town's 10km coastline remains free — including popular Long Beach and Glencairn. These beaches may also be closed if officials believe they are becoming too crowded.

The Mayor of Simon's Town, Mrs Nicki Holderness, said the move was an attempt to limit numbers and had been agreed on several years ago.

Maintenance

"Maintenance, cleansing and so on takes up a large proportion of rates and some years ago the council accepted in principle that people using beach amenities would be charged," she said.

"These charges are designed to alleviate the maintenance costs, which at present are borne solely by the ratepayers. Last year we certainly seemed to have a greater number of tourists just coming in for the day and there was tremendous pressure on certain beaches."

Only Glencairn and Long Beach could cope with large numbers, Mrs Holderness said.

"Beach full" signs were put up at the top of access roads last year and this practice would continue, as would attempts to limit numbers by controlling parking.

The coast between Boulders and Seaforth was environmentally sensitive and needed protection, Mrs Holderness said.

The town's beaches were attractive to family groups and the council was trying to control anti-social behaviour.

"We have these tranquil beaches and we would like to share them, and those who use them must be assured that we are making an attempt to control unpleasant behaviour," she said.

The Town Clerk, Mr Charles Chevalier, said the target date for implementing the new system was November 28.

The season would last until after Easter in April, although this was only an initial trial period.

The council believed that Seaforth could hold about 800 people but law enforcement officers would use their discretion and would close the beach when overcrowding became "too uncomfortable".

Threat to beach event

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Daily Dispatch Correspondent

PORT ELIZABETH — Port Elizabeth's King's Beach could be excluded as a venue for a national multi-racial beach tournament because of the beach apartheid laws.

Entry forms containing the different venues for the Ambre Solaire Beach Tournament have already been printed, but the event at King's beach may now have to be cancelled unless the administrator or another relevant authority gives consent for the tournament.

The City Council's Community Services Committee was yesterday unable to give the go-ahead for the multi-racial event despite an assurance from the chairman, Mr Jacobus Nel, that the committee had no objections to it.

He said the onus was on the applicant — the King's Beach Surf Life Saving Club — to apply to the administrator or other relevant authorities for permission to hold a multi-racial beach tournament in Port Elizabeth.

In a letter, the liaison officer of the club, Mr Terry Kew, asked that the proposed tournaments be allowed to take place on certain Sundays from December to February.

The activities would take place in front of the King's Beach Surf Life Saving Club House.

The Director of Parks, Mr Peter Gibbs, reported the major events in the tournament — a beauty contest, touch rugby, tug of war and beach relay competitions — did not qualify as "sports" in terms of current state policy and council officials were therefore not able to give the "assurance" asked for by the club.

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Simon's Town pay beaches: Yea, nay

by ROBERT HOUWING
Weekend Argus Reporter

SIMON'S TOWN residents and the ratepayers' association, welcoming the adoption of a pay-beach system at popular Boulders and Seaforth, hope it was not racially motivated.

Most residents in the vicinity of the two beaches feel that "some sort of control" is necessary to combat overcrowding at the relatively cramped facilities.

They hope it will help to keep unruly elements away, without discouraging anyone who wants to enjoy a relaxing day out.

But some locals are upset that they will have to pay at all, pointing to their already costly rates. They had hoped for free admission tickets.

Coastal parks

Simon's Town Municipality announced this week that it would charge R1 for adults and 50c for children for entry to the beaches, which have been declared "coastal parks".

Season tickets at R5 for adults and R2 for children are available to all at the municipal offices.

The system is scheduled to come into operation on Friday.

Town Clerk Mr Charles Chevalier says the municipality was "fully aware" of problems experienced with the introduction of earlier pay-beaches at places like Camps Bay.

There was a barrage of protest from Atlantic seaboard residents and a fence running down the middle of the beach was vandalised and later dismantled.

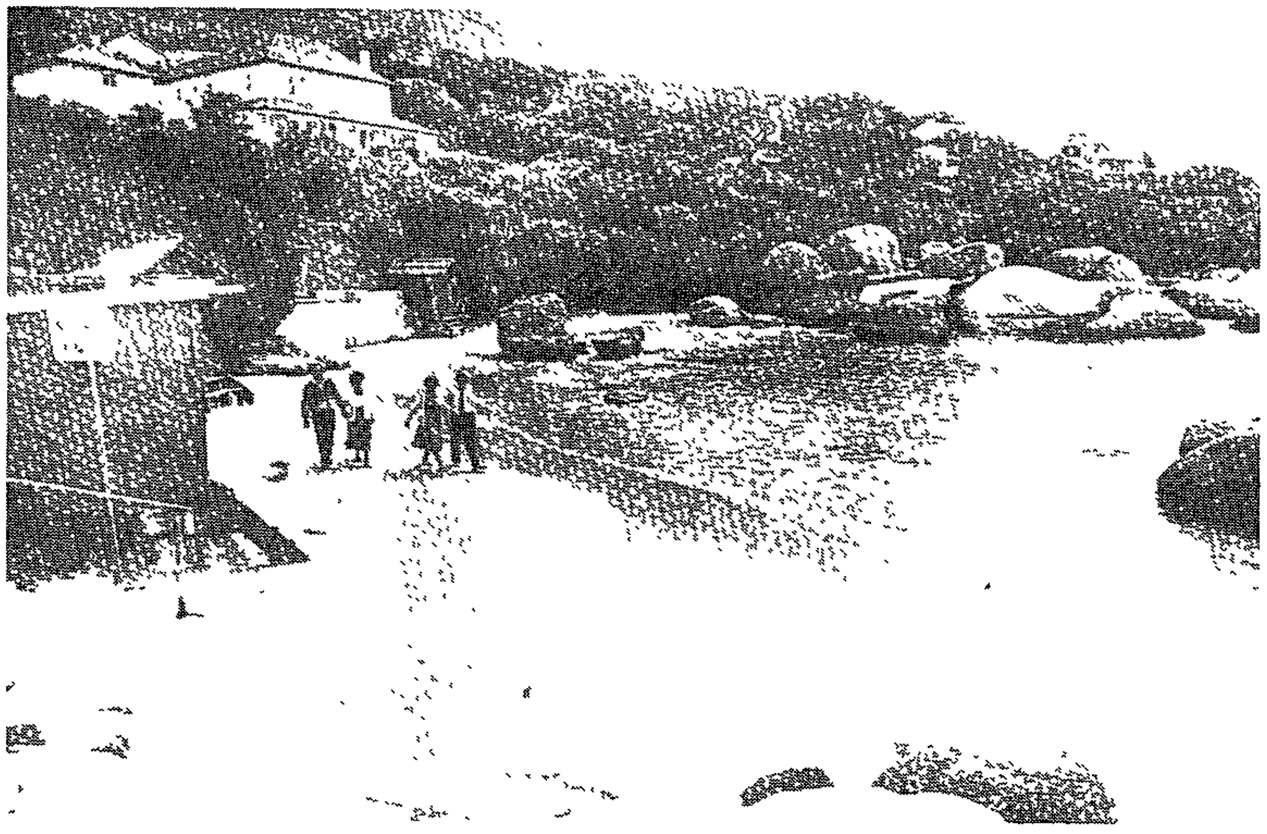
"I don't think we have quite the same situation here," Mr Chevalier said this week.

"Firstly, the racial issue does not come in at all — our beaches have been open for years and there has never been any trouble.

"Secondly, the scenic quality of the beaches will not be affected. The control points at Boulders and Seaforth will be set well back from the beaches themselves, which are natural enclosures.

"And money generated by the scheme will be ploughed back into maintenance of the facilities, which is already costly."

Mr Chevalier believes the system will help to curb beachgoers who smuggle liquor onto the sand.



Pictures DOUG PITHEY, Weekend Argus

Scenic but uncomfortably small Boulders beach. It is even more cramped when the tide is in.



Town Clerk Mr Charles Chevalier at Seaforth . . . "It gets very cramped when you have more than 1 000 people."



Mr John Craig, a Boulders resident for 26 years . . . "We already pay high rates."



Mrs Jean Louw . . . "Wait and see how it goes."

Mr Peter Dodd, chairman of the Simon's Town Ratepayers' Association, said they were consulted before the pay-beach proposal was even tabled.

"We felt that residents should not have to bear the cost of beach maintenance for the thousands who stream in during the summer.

"We gave our blessing with the proviso that the system be implemented strictly on non-racial lines."

Mr John Craig, who has lived near Boulders for 26 years, says he will "rather reluctantly" buy a season ticket.

"I agree with the idea in principle. It is difficult to get on one's local beach in the Christmas season and this may keep numbers down.

"But I do feel that residents should be allowed free — we already pay very high rates

"I am not fussy about who comes as long as they behave themselves."

Another long-time Boulders resident, Mrs Jean Louw, said beaches in the vicinity were "really very small" and something had to be done to protect residents.

"I suppose we will have to wait and see whether paying is the answer, although I will be sorry for people who come a long way to find that they have to fork out money."

SOFTER LINE ON MIXED BATHING

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By PETER DICKSON, Crime Reporter

NO action would be taken against blacks on Port Elizabeth's white beaches this summer unless complainants were prepared to lay formal charges and appear in court, police said today.

That also goes for topless swimming

The same goes for people bathing topless.

This procedure is dramatically different from the one used in the past where complainants could remain anonymous while the general public and blacks ordered to leave the beach never knew who had objected.

A local leader of the Herstigte Nasionale Party, which monitored beaches last year, was shocked by the news today but said his members would maintain their vigilance.

From now on, people objecting to the presence of black bathers will have to have to lodge a formal complaint, either with policemen patrolling the beachfront or at a police station

They will have to appear in court to testify if they want a case to be made

Duty

The SA police liaison officer for the Eastern Cape, Capt Peet Grobler, said. "If people complain about blacks swimming in the sea over the holiday season, we are not going to go and haul anyone off the beach.

"A formal complaint will have to be lodged and the complainant must agree to attend court Only then will we go and ask the bathers, politely, to leave the area

"The complainant must be willing to go to court. We are going to maintain a very low profile this summer," he said

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Capt Grobler said police would take no notice of complaints forwarded to the HNP

"It is no good the HNP trying to lay a charge on someone else's behalf Mr Loock cannot lay a charge if he was not on the beach The complainant himself must make a sworn statement to the police.

"And then he must be prepared to appear in court if he makes the statement."



Six of the many jubilant pupils at Grey High School in Port Elizabeth who got their results today were (back, from the left) GARY RICHARDS, WILLIAM NEWTON and ANTHONY AUBIN and (front) DAVID STANBOROUGH, WADE BODLEY and GREG THOMPSON. Picture by Evert Smith

Matric pupils say goodbye to schooldays

Post Reporter

SCHOOL days were over today for thousands of teenagers when matric results were displayed at high schools in Port Elizabeth today.

The results for the Eastern Cape arrived at the HF Verwoerd Airport, PE, at 9am today. Principals collected them and they were displayed at the different schools.

Parents and children streamed through the schools throughout the morning, checking the notice boards.

The Cape Provincial Administration is not releasing results for publication in the Press until tomorrow.

Sapa reports D F Malan High School in Bellville scooped up most A class passes — 24 — in the Department of Education senior certificate exam this year. It was followed by Tygerberg High, Parow (19), and Paul Roos Gymnasium, Stellenbosh (16)

Some 533 teenagers obtained A class passes, 33 more than last year.

The pass rate was 92,7%, slightly higher than last year's 92%. This means 15 185 of the 16 201 pupils who wrote the exams passed.

Matric exemption was obtained by 40,4% — slightly better than last year's 39,8%.

Matric results for Department of Education and Culture examinations of the House of Representatives were posted today.

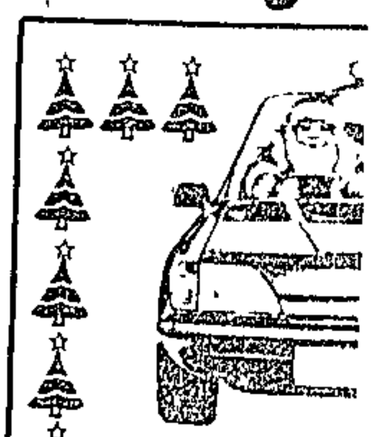
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A SPECIAL Christmas edition of Weekend Post will be published this week.

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Apartheid on beach: police are very firm

PORT ELIZABETH — No action will be taken against blacks on Port Elizabeth's white beaches this year unless complainants are prepared to lay formal charges and appear in court, police said today.

The same goes for people bathing topless.

The procedure is dramatically different from that in the past when complainants could remain anonymous and blacks ordered to leave the beach did not know who had objected.

A local leader of the HNP said members would maintain their vigilance.

Captain Peet Grobler, police liaison officer for the Eastern Cape, said: "If people complain about blacks swimming in the sea over the holiday season, we are not going to go and haul anyone off the beach.

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"The Supreme Court will clarify the matter once and for all in February," he said. — Sapa.

Race row rocks concert

Daily Dispatch Reporter

EAST LONDON — The fate of one of East London's biggest planned rock concerts hangs in the balance after several leading bands pulled out of the show when they learned it was not open to all races.

The concert is scheduled to take place at the Border Aquatic Clubhouse at the Bridle Drift Dam this weekend.

At least two East London bands have refused to take part in the two-day concert after a coloured member of the group, Not Even The TV, was told he could not perform with his band.

A member of Not Even The TV, Dave Masters, said he was told by the organisers of the concert that it was for whites-only, including the audience and the bands.

"We were asked to play without Reed Trigaardt, who is coloured.

"We couldn't accept that, so we told the organisers we would not be appearing," Masters said

Masters said that despite the fact they had made it clear that they would not be performing, it had been publicised that they would be taking part in the concert.

"We are being used to draw people to the concert and people will come to see us — but we won't be there."

Another band that has pulled out of the concert is the three-piece group, Otis D and the Three Masons.

A member of the band, guitarist Themi Cooras, said it was unacceptable that a coloured musician would not be allowed to play.

Cooras said he had heard that several other bands had pulled out of the concert for the same reason, including two Grahamstown groups.

One of the concert organisers, Peter Blackwell, who is also the leader of the band The Moonlight Rockers, said the reason why the concert was not multi-racial was because the venue could only take 3 000 people.

"If we made it multi-racial we could get up to 20 000 people."

He added that if 20 000 people arrived at the concert they would not be able to control the crowd and there would not be parking facilities for everyone.

He said the decision to make the concert a whites-only affair was not made by himself, but was a mutual decision made by the organising committee.

"I had already organised multi-racial bands, but after the decision was made I had to go and apologise to the multi-racial bands and tell them that they could not play," Blackwell said.

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Objection to Chief George's presence

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PORT ELIZABETH — The former Prime Minister of Transkei, Chief George Matanzima, said holidaymakers at St Francis Bay were objecting to his presence there as a black man.

It was reported yesterday that holidaymakers had objected to the presence of heavily armed guards outside his house, and rich home owners moving in for the Christmas season did not want them around while they tried to relax.

Chief Matanzima said residents did not like his presence there because of the colour of his skin, and were not in fact protesting about his armed guards.

His bodyguards had to be armed, he said.

Chief Matanzima, who is troubled by high blood pressure, said he was feeling better but had not yet been released by his doctor.

He expected to be back home in the Transkei before Christmas.

A Uitenhage resident who owns a house at St Francis Bay said the guards were a potential time bomb. Holidaymakers who were to rent his house had cancelled their stay because of this.

He also wanted to know why Chief Matanzima was being guarded by Transkei bodyguards and not South African Police.

He did not wish to see St Francis Bay being turned into "another Hillbrow". — DDC

HNP pursuing race beach bar

By KIN BENTLEY

AS long as Port Elizabeth's southern beaches remain legally for whites only, the Herstigte Nasionale Party will lay complaints against black people using them.

But if the beaches are legally opened, the HNP will be forced to suspend its monitoring of the beaches.

This was stated today by Mr Attie Loock, the regional organiser of the HNP, who last summer headed a group which monitored the beaches and laid compaints with the police.

Asked today whether the HNP would continue keeping an eye on the city's whites-only beaches this summer, Mr Loock said: "Oh yes, definitely. I think there will be a big scene this Christmas."

But he added: "If Mr Gene Louw (the Administrator of the Cape) says they are open, then we have got to obey the law. We can't do anything about it."

Mr Loock said he and his colleagues did not go to the beach specifically to check on the presence of blacks, but when they were there they did so. They also reacted to complaints, mainly from visitors from the Free State and Transvaal.

He said: "We know the Goverment's is going to scrap the Separate Amenities Act and Group Areas Act. It is a matter of time." However, he said, while the laws existed, "we will do our job".

Asked about the failure of any of the HNP's compaints last year to secure a prosecution of a black person for being on a "white" beach, Mr Loock said they would "lay complaints again and see the results. It is all we can do."

● An application for an order that the city's beaches were never legally racially zoned is to come before the PE Supreme Court on December 2. It is being brought by PE City Councillor, Mr Graham Richards, and the MP for Gelvandale, Mr Mia Loonat.

SAP aware George has armed guards

PORT ELIZABETH — The police were aware that Chief George Matanzima was in St Francis Bay with armed bodyguards, a spokesman for the Minister of Law and Order said yesterday.

Brigadier Leon Mellet, the liaison officer for the minister, Mr Adriaan Vlok, said police knew the former Transkeian Prime Minister was being guarded by armed Transkeians. He said the matter was receiving urgent attention from Pretoria.

Brig Mellet was approached for comment after holidaymakers complained about the presence of heavily-armed men outside the house Chief George is renting in the popular resort.

As a result of the inquiries, Brig Mellet sent a senior officer from Port Elizabeth to St Francis Bay to investigate the matter.

Home-owners in the area have also objected to the presence of the guards, saying they do not want the guards around while they are trying to relax.

Brig Mellet declined to comment when asked why the SAP were not guarding Chief George instead of armed citizens from a foreign state.

It appears, however, as if South African authorities are facing a dilemma since Chief George resigned as prime minister while he was in South Africa.

He and his guards entered South Africa quite legally, but the situation has changed since his resignation and it appears it is this aspect which is receiving urgent attention. — DDC



Israel no longer working on jets says minister

JERUSALEM — The Defense Minister, Mr Yitzhak Rabin, reassured legislators that Israel was not continuing development of the defunct Lavi jet fighter in co-operation with South Africa, a spokesman said yesterday.

Mr Rabin also told parliament that although Israel did not approve of Israeli aircraft workers who were laid off from the Lavi project taking jobs in South Africa, it had no power to stop them, according to a Defense Ministry spokesman, Mr Eitan Haber.

The Israeli Government, acting under American pressure, voted in August to scrap the over-budget Lavi. The project, which was largely funded by US dollars, was designed to produce Israel's first home-made jet fighter.

Mr Haber said that Mr Rabin told legislators on Tuesday there was "no truth whatsoever" in recent news reports that Israel was continuing to develop the Lavi plane in co-operation with South Africa.

Earlier, the daily Jerusalem Post reported that South Africa had launched a campaign to attract hundreds of former engineers from the Lavi as well as key project officers.

Some 3 000 IAI workers lost their jobs when the Lavi was terminated. — Sapa-AP



Called off: The All-white music

By STEVE GORDON, Cape Town

A CONCERT scheduled to take place in East London last weekend had to be called off when it became clear that only white musicians would be allowed to play on the show — and only a white audience would be admitted to watch it. Several multi-racial groups had agreed to play before the racial restrictions were revealed.

The concert promotor, Peter Blackwell, has denied allegations of racism, and claims that the problems were purely "logistical":

"If you let one black in, then you have to let in the other 10 000. The venue was right near Mdantsane location, and we would have been outnumbered", he explained.

Members of the band Not Even The TV were angered when they learned that the concert at the Bridal Drift Dam was to be restricted to white people only: "We refused to participate," they said.

The controversy took a further bizarre turn when, as the band put it, Blackwell telephoned and asked them to play minus their black guitarist, Reed Triegaardt. Blackwell denies this. "I'm not a racialist at all. I never said they must play without their guitarist."

But for Not Even The TV, a racially segregated audience was bad enough. They withdrew from the show.

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Lack of jobs is top concern — survey

By LINDA GALLOWAY,
Mitchell's Plain Bureau

A SURVEY among residents of Beacon Valley in Mitchell's Plain has shown that the issues which concern them the most are unemployment, crime and lack of recreation facilities.

Mr Norman Jantjes, a social worker in Nicro's office in Mitchell's Plain, said the survey was designed primarily to assess residents' reaction to the community centre that Nicro was building in Beacon Valley, but had included questions on lifestyles, needs, likes and dislikes.

Unemployment had proved to be a dilemma for welfare agency staff.

"Do we just continue handing out food parcels so that families are fed for another week, or do we pressure the Government into doing something?" Mr Jantjes asked.

"Food parcels and soup kitchens are not constructive. People quickly become dependent on aid when it is easily obtainable.

"Nutrition kitchen"

"Rather, we should be exposing the Government to criticism for allowing people to starve."

An alternative to food parcels and soup kitchens was a "nutrition kitchen" where cheap, nutritious food was sold. One of these had been planned for the new Nicro centre.

According to the survey, the average number of people living in council houses in Beacon Valley was 12.

Other problems pinpointed by the survey were the lack of recreation facilities for children and a lack of community cohesion.

"Crime is a definite cause for concern in an area like Mitchell's Plain and unemployment is one of the biggest causes of crime," he said.

Keep to themselves

"Very few people belong to any organisation or civic body. Most don't know their neighbours and keep very much to themselves."

Mr Jantjes said that response to the Nicro centre had been positive, with a number of people keen to get involved.

A committee of residents would run the centre, co-ordinating programmes and facilities.

Mr Jantjes wants to initiate a residents' association in Beacon Valley

A public meeting is planned for the end of January to discuss the viability of such an association.

SERVICES + AMENITIES FOR BLACKS — CAPE

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Speaking out for the first time today, Mr Louw expressed dismay and disappointment at the apartheid row which has led to a threatened boycott of the festival.

Reacting to a call by the leader of the Labour Party, the Rev Allan Hendrickse, for a countrywide boycott, Mr Louw said: "It is regrettable that because of political confrontation an innocent matter such as the Dias Festival should be dragged in."

The festival was entirely non-political and had nothing to do with apartheid, Mr Louw said.

He gave an assurance that he would do everything possible to ensure participation by all and that he would go out of his way to hold talks to settle the dispute.

Very welcome

"All persons of all population groups are very welcome to participate unconditionally in all facets of the festival proceedings and its 20-odd subcommittees," Mr Louw said.

He emphasised that the aim of the Dias Festival was to commemorate "one of the most important events in the history of South Africa and one of the greatest shipping and exploration achievements in world history."

Portugal regarded Dias's "almost incredible navigation milestone" as so important that the Portuguese government had set up a special Dias commemoration committee.

"It would be a blot on South Africa's name if this achievement of 500 years ago were not to be suitably commemorated."

"Open beaches"

Commenting on the beach apartheid row which had apparently sparked off Mr Hendrickse's boycott call, Mr Louw said that the Cape provincial government had over the years concentrated on the development of "open" beaches — a fact which confirmed the Cape Province's "positive attitude towards the coloured community".

"If the boycott is really about open beaches, then I can only point out that the Government has undertaken to take a stand during the coming session of Parliament on the President's Council's report on the Separate Amenities Act."

Other points emphasised by Mr Louw included:

- The Dias Festival Committee was "totally outside politics" and apartheid was not an issue in its affairs. The festival was open to all and was not a political festival.

- He "deplores most strongly" the move for a boycott and the use of politics to mar an event which was of great significance to South Africa's large Portuguese community.

Mr Louw said the Dias Festival Committee had from the start of its activities three years ago gone out of its way to obtain the largest possible unconditional participation of coloured people by involving them in the central committee and in group participation.

Unfortunately, from the outset there had been a few coloured community and education leaders who had tried to draw the festival into politics and to prevent coloured participation, Mr Louw said.

"Positive-minded"

"Positive-minded" coloured people had personally complained to him about the "negative action" by some people against the festival.

Mr Berthold Alheit, chairman of the local festival organising committee and Mossel Bay's Deputy Mayor, today responded to coloured boycott threats by saying: "We are not having a swimming gala during the festival."

He said the only part of the festival that would take place on the beaches was the landing of the replica of the 15th century Bartolomeu Dias caravel. This happened to be on a "white" beach.

And he charged that the whole boycott row was being whipped up by people "trying to get political mileage out of it.

"This boycott talk has just been picked from a branch. We tried a long time ago to get the coloured schools involved and they never reported back to us," he said.

Absolutely nil

"Their co-operation up to this point has been absolutely nil, so I am not upset about this talk of a boycott."

Historian Professor Eric Axelson, an expert on Portuguese maritime activities in Southern Africa and author of a book commemorating the fifth centenary of the Dias voyage, could not be reached for comment on the threat to the festival.

But Dr Ronald Shuttleworth, another historian with controversial alternative views to Professor Axelson on the Dias voyage, said it was a pity that political wrangling should interfere with a "momentous" event.

Whites attack black bathers in Durban

DURBAN — A group of whites punched and kicked black holidaymakers who tried to walk across a whites-only beach on New Year's Day, according to eyewitnesses.

The witnesses said there were at least four racial incidents on South Beach, one of two Durban beaches where swimming is still reserved for whites, although blacks are allowed to use the beach itself.

Durban police spokesman Lieutenant Bala Naidoo said police had no reports of trouble over the New Year Police patrols were stepped up at beaches over the holiday.

The eyewitnesses said a group of about 15 to 20 white men set upon a black couple and their children who crossed the beach.

They ducked a black man in the water, chased away two black women and kicked a group of children aged between about seven and 11.

A white man was punched when he tried to intervene. Lifeguards failed to intervene and there were no police in sight at the time, the witnesses said.

Most Durban beaches were recently opened to all races in a relaxation of apartheid race segregation laws.

The New Year has been relatively quiet compared with last year.

In Cape Town, beach-going crowds were described as being "more co-operative than ever before".

Mr Eddy Cassar, public relations officer for the Western Province Surf Lifesaving Association, said there had been only four stabbings, none of them fatal, at Strandfontein beach on Friday — when there had been an estimated 35 000 people on the beach.

He ascribed the low level of violence to the fact that people seemed to have left their alcohol at home. — Sapa-Reuter

Blacks on beaches: police criticised

Daily Dispatch Correspondent

PORT ELIZABETH — The police created the impression that they gave political protection to the Minister of Law and Order, Mr Adriaan Vlok, at the cost of white holidaymakers, the East Cape organiser of the Herstige Nasionale Party, Mr Attie Loock, said yesterday.

Mr Loock criticised the Port Elizabeth police for their decision not to act against blacks who swam on the city's whites-only beaches unless someone was prepared to make a formal complaint and appear in court.

He said this decision should be taken by the Commissioner of Police, instructed by Mr Vlok.

Mr Loock said the HNP believed there should be uniform action throughout the country on blacks swimming at white beaches.

On New Year's Day, Mr Loock made a written complaint against the presence of blacks on Humewood Beach.

He said that when he asked four plainclothes policemen why they had not asked blacks on the beach their names and addresses, they told him there was no point in doing so because the blacks often gave false names and addresses.

"We blame the minister and the government for this situation, not the police," Mr Loock said.

An HNP member from Algoa Park, Mrs Anna Venter, said she had also laid a formal complaint with the police about the blacks on Humewood Beach on January 1.

She added that a reported comment by Port Elizabeth's beach manager, Mr Johan Crafford, that there were no racial incidents and no official complaints on New Year's Day was not true.

Mayor says beaches will not be opened permanently

Hendrickse joins Dias snub

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By ADA STUIJT, Staff Reporter

LABOUR party leader the Rev Allan Hendrickse today joined the boycott of the Dias Festival in protest against beach apartheid at Mossel Bay and called on coloured communities not to attend festival activities anywhere.

But the Mayor of Mossel Bay, Mr Rudie Barnard, said the town's beaches would definitely not be opened to all races and described beach apartheid as "an irrelevancy".

Reacting to the decision by 12 Mossel Bay school principals and President's Council member the Rev Pieter Klink to boycott the festival unless the Town Council opened the beaches permanently, Mr Hendrickse, chairman of the Minister's Council in the House of Representatives, said he would boycott all Dias Festival activities across the country.

The festival, commemorating the 500th anniversary of Bartolomeu Dias's landing at Mossel Bay, starts on January 29.

Mr Hendrickse said he and his colleagues in Parliament wholeheartedly supported Mr Klink and the principals.

"It is absolutely absurd to open up beach facilities to all races only for the festival and then return to apartheid," Mr Hendrickse said

"I ask that not only the principals and the schools withhold their support of the festival but that all the coloured communities in the country do the same.

"We, the coloured community, have nothing to celebrate with the arrival of Dias in any case as it opened the way to the East and to our oppression.

"Our forefathers, the indigenous Khoi, were dispossessed of their land and rights as a result."

He said the absurdity of apartheid had been shown up by Mr Klink, a respected member of the community, being thrown off a Mossel Bay beach at the weekend."

"Lot of trouble"

Mr Barnard said. "People are creating a lot of trouble over nothing."

He said he had no intention of calling a special council meeting to discuss whether beach apartheid should be scrapped.

"The people of Mossel Bay are happy over the arrangements. There are separate beaches for the coloured community which, in fact, have better facilities and are more beautiful than those for the whites."

Mr Barnard said the entire Dias Festival was "open to everyone".

"Every community, white, coloured and black, has been invited to attend the festival and all the activities.

"If the coloured community wants to boycott it because of an irrelevancy like beach apartheid in Mossel Bay, it's regrettable but their business"

Meanwhile, at least one of the two coloured members on the festival committee, businessman Mr Jeffrey Hons, will attend the celebrations.

The other, management committee chairman Mr E S Gelderbloem, refused to say if he would join the boycott. "I am a member of the Dias Festival committee, not a coloured member, he said.

Mr Hons said he was sorry about the boycott decision.

The row had placed him in an "embarrassing position as I maintain excellent business relations with the entire community of Mossel Bay".

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School heads to boycott festival

Twelve Mossel Bay school principals have supported the call for a boycott of the Dias 300 festival unless apartheid is scrapped permanently on the town's beaches.

A spokesman for the principals, Mr Edgar Domingo, said they were unanimously opposed to their 7 000 pupils taking part in the festival.

He said he and his colleagues supported the Reverend Pieter Klink of Bellville, a President's Council member, who is boycotting the festival after being ordered off the whites-only De Bakke beach last weekend.

Mr Domingo said the beach where Dias was said to have landed and where the celebrations were to take place, would normally be closed to the coloured community.

"Now, as window dressing, the council has decided to open that beach for the duration of the festival celebration."

On Saturday Mr Klink and three members of his family were swimming and playing at De Bakke beach, near the home of his in-laws in Bakke Road when complaints were made and a policeman told them to leave.

"When the children and I were removed from the beach by the police, who were very courteous by the way, the little ones asked me why they couldn't play in the water any more. I told them they were removed by this evil thing, apartheid," said Mr Klink.

"If coloured people aren't good enough to be on certain Mossel Bay beaches, they should also not be attending the town's Dias festival celebrations."

One of the men involved in the incident, Sats employee Mr Nic Lodewyks of 21st Avenue, Mossel Bay, confirmed that he and a friend, a Mr Jacobs, had talked to Mr Klink on the beach.

"If you were to come to Mossel Bay I could show you the sign so that you would know what it was all about," he said. "They have their own beach to go to."

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Card: goodwill to solve beach issue

EAST LONDON — The beach situation here was a difficult one which needed "goodwill among people to be able to sit down and talk about how we will handle the issue," a city councillor, Mr Donald Card, said.

"White people have to realise, though, that if they want to go and swim at the beach they will one day have to swim with members of other races — the opening of the beaches is going to happen everywhere," he said yesterday.

Mr Card said there were still many misconceptions about the opening of the city's beaches to blacks.

None of the beaches which fell under the East London municipality — the Eastern, Orient and Nahoon — were open to all races

"Neither for that matter is Gulu, where a lot of Indian people are going to avoid the crowds.

The "whites only" signs on the beaches had been removed when the former town clerk, Mr Jurie Human, in whose name they had been issued, retired. The council had simply never replaced them.

The issue of opening the beaches was no longer in the hands of the city council, nor was it the responsiblity of one or two councillors such as himself and Mr Joe Yazbek, who seemed to be bearing the brunt of accusations about the issue.

A few years ago the council had asked the administrator of the Cape, Mr Gene Louw, to open the beaches to all races and the decision lay entirely in his hands

Mr Card said it was wrong to blame all blacks for the damage to the Marina Glen tea garden and the litter on Eastern beach.

In all crowds, no matter what their race, there were a few who left litter and caused damage.

He believed blacks went to the Eastern beach in such large numbers, in defiance of the law, to "show their muscle".

He agreed the size of the crowd needed to be limited but it could not be done on a racial basis.

He suggested the situation would be improved if better facilities were provided at other beaches, if the load could be spread among a number of beaches and if going to the beach was not a tempting forbidden fruit. — DDR

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Dias festival snub: Mossel Bay mayor 'disappointed'

WHILE the Labour Party leader, the Rev Allan Hendrickse, yesterday joined Mossel Bay school principals in snubbing the Dias festivities, Mossel Bay mayor Mr Rudie Barnard said he would be "disappointed" if coloured communities did not attend.

Mr Barnard was reacting to a report that Mr Hendrickse had called for coloured communities not to attend the Dias Festival activities.

Mr Hendrickse was reported as saying that the coloured community had "nothing to celebrate with the arrival of Dias", because it opened the way to oppression of the community.

Mr Hendrickse's reaction follows a decision by 12 Mossel Bay schools not to participate in the festival and to pledge support for President's Council member the Rev Pieter Klink, who was recently asked to leave a Mossel Bay "whites only" beach.

A spokesman for the principals, Mr Edgar Domingo, said the schools would not be participating because of beach apartheid and discrimination in general.

He said it was "disgraceful" that 500 years after the landing of Dias "the white town dwellers are still not prepared to share".

The director of the National Dias Festival, Mr Edwin Tyler, said yesterday that the local school principals "have never given us any co-operation from the word go".

Mr Tyler said that although he could "see their (the principals') point", he had "no jurisdiction on the laws of the land".

Mossel Bay deputy town clerk Mr Daan Swart said that if people did not want to attend the festivities "that is their right".

DWP opposes Dias boycott

Staff Reporter

THE call from Labour Party leader the Rev Allan Hendrickse for a countrywide boycott of the Dias Festival has evoked strong criticism from the Democratic Worker's Party.

The party's chairman, Mr Abdul Tiery, yesterday attacked Mr Hendrickse's motives for threatening a boycott action on the festivities because of the Mossel Bay beach apartheid issue.

"While I am opposed to beach apartheid, I will not support a boycott," Mr Tiery said.

"Why doesn't he (Mr Hendrickse) try to address the priorities, like the unemployment situation, the housing problem and the educutional problems. The beaches do not divide the country, but the constitution does."

Mr Tiery said he had committed himself to "reform through the democratic process" by agreeing to serve in the President's Council and as such felt he could not support the boycott call.

He attacked Mr Hendrickse's boycott call as a "cheap political stunt".

"Judging by Mr Hendrickse's political track record, he should by now have obtained a master's degree in inconsistency," he added.

● The Administrator of the Cape and chairman of the national Dias Festival Committee, Mr Gene Louw, on Friday expressed his dismay and disappointment over the threatened boycott actions.

"It is regrettable that because of political confrontation an innocent matter such as the Dias Festival should be dragged in," Mr Louw said.

● The furore in the coloured community started when President's Council member the Rev Pieter Klink of Bellville was told by police to leave a whites-only beach at Mossel Bay over Christmas.

The police had received a complaint about Mr Klink's presence from a local SATS clerk.



Mr Gene Louw



Mr Hendrickse

Louw lashes Hendrickse over Dias Festival boycott

Tygerberg Bureau

THE Administrator, Mr Gene Louw, has written to the Labour Party leader, the Rev Allan Hendrickse, criticising him for joining the Dias Festival boycott.

"I totally disagree with Mr Hendrickse about his boycott action," Mr Louw said today.

"If this boycott continues, it will do irreparable damage to South Africa's Portuguese community."

Mr Louw said the text of his letter to Mr Hendrickse would be released today.

Mr Hendrickse has called on coloured communities countrywide to join the boycott in protest against beach apartheid in Mossel Bay.

The Rev Pieter Klink of Bellville South, a member of the President's Council, and 12 Mossel Bay school principals said they would boycott the festival after Mr Klink was asked to leave "whites-only" De Bakke beach in Mossel Bay.

Some festivities take place at a whites-only beach, which will be "open" for the festival.

Mr Louw stepped into the row in his capacity as chairman of the Dias Festival committee.

He has called on coloured leaders to reconsider their action "and participate with all other peoples (volke) in a memorable festive occasion".

He said the committee had from the outset gone "out of its way" to assure participation by all communities.

Members of the coloured community who were keen to take part had complained to him personally about "the negative reaction to the festival by some leaders who have been trying to stop active participation by coloured people".

Mr Louw said:"The festival and its committee are completely outside politics. Apartheid is not an issue here. This is an open festival and I want to state clearly that all people from all population groups are welcome."

Seven families asked to leave beach at Gordon's Bay 'after complaints'

Tygerberg Bureau

SEVEN families were asked by police to leave the "whites-only" beach at Gordon's Bay at the weekend after complaints from the public.

Captain Gys Boonzaaier, Boland police liaison officer, said police had to act after formal complaints.

The Mayor of Gordon's Bay, Mr Danie Muller, said there was "a large split" of opinion among the community and it was a sensitive issue "about which we prefer to keep a low profile".

"The Administrator of the Cape has taken control of this aspect of the beaches and the council would prefer this to develop in a normal manner," he said.

WON'T SETTLE

"The primary problem isn't colour, really, but the community's fear that the beaches, which are small in Gordon's Bay, would be overrun by masses of people and cause friction and strain our limited facilities."

Mr Muller confirmed that he had had discussions with Mr Alan Paine, an Elgin apple farmer who has decided against settling in Gordon's Bay because of the beach apartheid incidents.

Mr Paine, who recently rented a house in Gordon's Bay intending to buy or build there, said he was disgusted by the incidents.

"One could weep for those people ... their loss of dignity. How can anybody say it is a crime to merely sit on a beach?" he asked.

PREJUDICES

Dr Denis Worrall, unsuccessful independent candidate for Helderberg in last year's general election, blamed the beach apartheid incidents at Gordon's Bay on "the absence of a clear lead from the Government and the local MP, Mr Chris Heunis".

The Worrall family has had property in Gordon's Bay for 50 years.

Dr Worrall said Gordon's Bay had a "forward-looking, sensible and humane mayor and town council, but they had little latitude as long as the law remained.

"In the absence of a clear lead from the Government and Mr Heunis, there will be a minority of residents and some visitors who will take advantage and enforce their own prejudices," he said.

"That's the reality, as deplorable as it is, and it creates an unenviable position for the Mayor."

The Administrator, Mr Gene Louw, said the central Government made the laws and his department had to carry them out at local level.

He was awaiting the Government's decision on the Seperate Amenities Act, which is expected to be announced during the next session of Parliament.

"However, we act with great circumspection while applying the law and take into strong consideration the wishes of the local authorities," he said.

"As far as Gordon's Bay is concerned, neither I personally nor my office has had any kind of petition from the Gordon's Bay Town Council to end beach apartheid. This has not been dealt with by my executive committee."

Mr Louw said that in the past eight years the executive committee had spent about 90 percent of its funds on the development of "non-apartheid beaches" in the Cape.

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Families told to leave white beach

Cape Times 11/1/88

By PETER DENNEHY

A GORDON'S BAY resident whose family twice witnessed police ejecting "non-whites" from Bikini Beach on the grounds of colour last week is so disgusted that he no longer wants to live there.

Mr Alan Paine, who farmed in Elgin for 20 years before recently selling up and hiring a house close to Bikini Beach, said the first incident occurred on Monday or Tuesday.

Police had told a family enjoying themselves on the rocks to "clear off", he said.

A similar incident had occurred yesterday.

"My wife Chris was on the beach when she saw police approach some people. She asked them afterwards if police had sent them off. The woman said 'yes'. When my wife asked why, she just looked at her.

"My wife said: 'We share your feelings and we are never going to use this beach again'."

Written complaints

Mr Paine said he had intended to buy property in Gordon's Bay and live there because it was such a wonderful place, "but there is no way I will do that now".

He had taken up the issue with the mayor, who told him he had no jurisdiction over the police; and with the police, who had told him they had to act on written complaints.

Colonel C F Cronje, a liaison officer for the Boland police, confirmed that about 5pm yesterday "as a result of formal complaints (beëdigde klagte), a group of people on the Gordon's Bay beach were asked to leave the area".

"They left without incident," he said, but declined to answer any further questions.

However, it is understood that five written complaints, and eight telephone calls, relating to the presence of "non-whites" on Bikini Beach were made to police yesterday.

Hendrickse rejects Dias rethink plea

By ADA STUIJT and PETER FABRICIUS
Staff Reporters

LABOUR Party leader the Rev Allan Hendrickse has rejected a strongly worded letter from the Administrator, Mr Gene Louw, urging him to reconsider his boycott of the Dias Festival.

Mr Hendrickse has joined other coloured leaders in refusing to take part in the festival unless Mr Louw declares Mossel Bay beaches open.

Some of the festival activities will take place on a beach normally reserved for whites.

Mr Hendrickse, who is in Uitenhage, said today the fact that Mr Louw had taken the trouble to write seemed to indicate he was worried about the boycott.

In the letter Mr Louw appealed to Mr Hendrickse "not to drag politics" into the Dias Festival. Mr Louw asked him to call on the coloured community to co-operate with the organisers in the interests of the cultural, historical, national and international meaning of the festival.

"OUT OF TOUCH"

Mr Hendrickse said it was naive of Mr Louw to believe that no politics were involved. He said Mr Louw had the power to end beach apartheid but after 18 months of procrastination, Port Elizabeth still had whites-only beaches.

"He is out of touch with the feeling of the coloured people, who reject the Dias Festival as a reminder that the majority are still without citizenship rights and privileges after all these years."

Referring to Mr Louw's warning that the boycott could harm South Africa's relations with Portugal, Mr Hendrickse said: "The Administrator is worried about relations between South Africa and Portugal without being aware that internal relations between South Africans ought to have the highest priority.

"Without offending the Portuguese, it is still a reality that they enjoy privileges in this country that our people don't."

Chairman of the Portuguese Association in Cape Town Mr Jose Gouveia said the boycott was "nonsense as 500 years ago when Dias landed here, apartheid did not exist and Dias had nothing to do it".

However, he doubted whether relations between Portugal and South Africa would be damaged.

Mr Gouveia said that as a guest in South Africa he did not feel it was his right to comment on apartheid.

"The Government can't run my business and I can't run their business."

MORE VOICES IN FESTIVAL PROTEST

We'll fight apartheid on the beaches . . .

W/c ARGUS 16/11/88

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by FRANS ESTERHUYSE
Political Staff

BEACHES now appear to have become the spearhead of the battle against apartheid.

In what increasingly looks like a concerted action, more and more leading figures in the "coloured" community are adding their voices to protests against remaining discriminatory laws.

The "campaign" comes on the eve of a Parliamentary session in which the Government needs to make major decisions on the Group Areas and the Separate Amenities Act.

Pressure

For the Government it spells tough times ahead. Already facing strong pressures from the white rightwing against changes to the race laws, aggravated by by-election battles in the Transvaal and prospects of a general election, it now also has to contend with political pressures from its partners in the tricameral system.

Already the beach apartheid row is threatening to blow the Dias Festival apart following the boycott call from Labour Party leader the Rev Allan Hendrickse.

This week the festival became the focal point for further demands for the scrapping of beach apartheid — this in spite of assurances from the Administrator of the Cape and chairman of the national Dias Festival committee, Mr Gene Louw, that the festival was non-political and open to people of all races.

Latest to enter the controversy is Mr Jac Rabie, national leader of the United Democratic Party and MP for Reigerpark in the House of Representatives.

In a letter to Mr Louw he asked that not only Mossel Bay beaches but all beaches affected by beach apartheid be declared open. This was "the only correct thing to do at this critical time".

Mr Rabie wrote that beach apartheid should not be allowed to mar the festival.

"You must realise it is an extreme insult when a section of participants is allowed to use the beach only for the duration of the Dias Festival, and afterwards it is again taboo. This does not make sense and only harms relationships and mutual trust and respect.

"It does not help this country if we worry only about foreign relations while fouling our own nest," Mr Rabie said.

Earlier this week the Deputy Minister of Population Development, and MP for Mitchell's Plain, Mr Llewellyn Landers, called on the Boardsailing Association of South Africa not to hold South African championships on segregated beaches such as Blouberg.

Mr Landers called on the association's chairman, Mr Tony Blackhurst, to endorse publicly the principle of open beaches and to do all in his power to persuade local authorities and provincial administrations to open Blouberg, Strand, Plettenberg Bay and other beaches.

In another development this week the Cape Professional Teachers' Union supported in principle a decision by a group of Mossel Bay school principals to boycott the Dias Festival.

The union's chairman, Mr Franklin Sonn, said the viewpoint of the teachers' organisation was that it and its members should not take part in largely white festivals in an apartheid society.

He made it clear that his organisation's stand had no connection with the Rev Allan Hendrickse's call for a boycott of the festival.

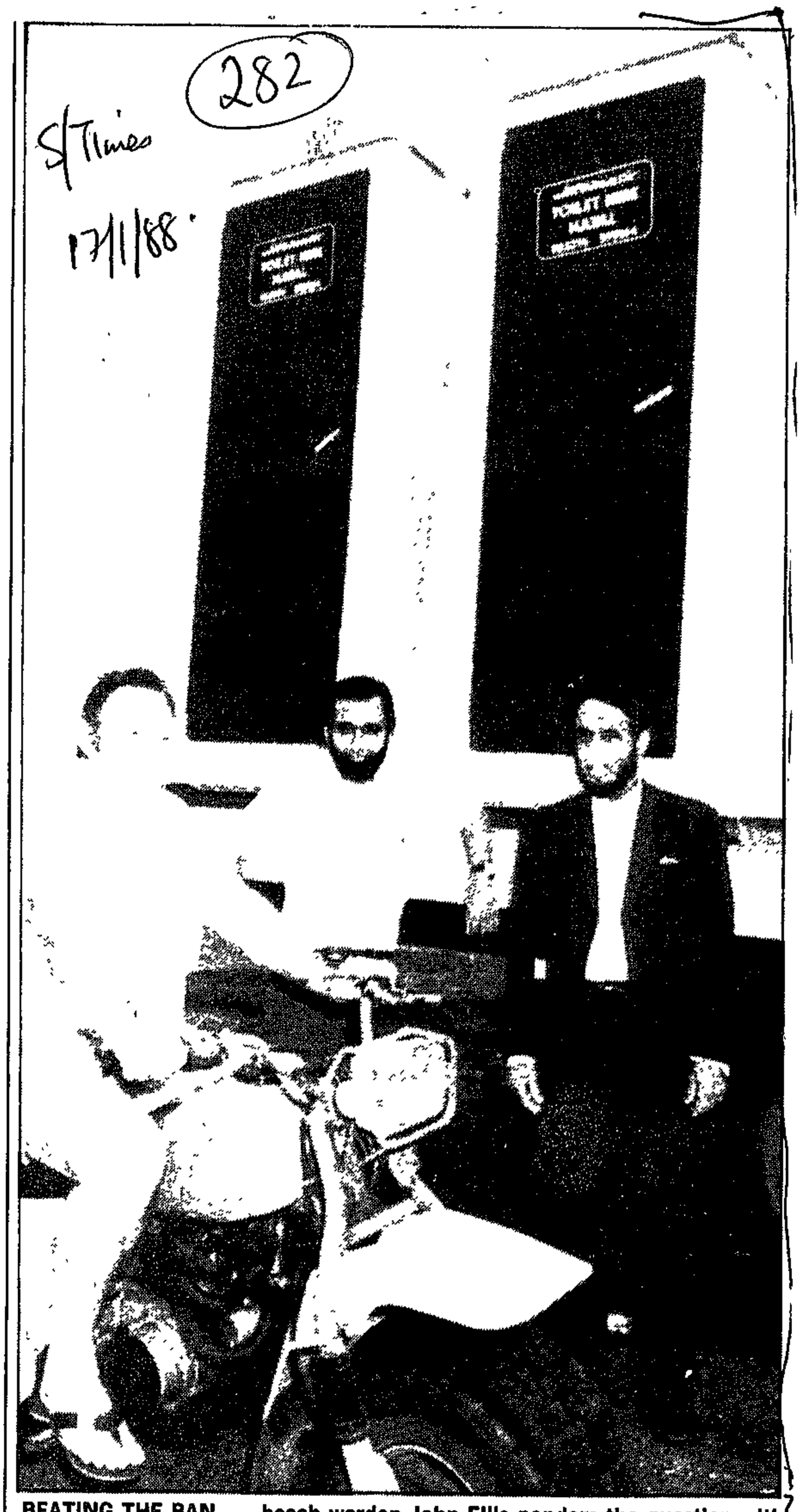
Mr Hendrickse, whose controversial swim in defiance of beach apartheid at King's Beach, Port Elizabeth, early last year led to a clash with President P W Botha, issued his boycott call after a recent apartheid incident at Mossel Bay when a member of the President's Council, the Rev Pieter Klink, was turned away from a beach on racial grounds.

Mr Louw has invited Mr Hendrickse for talks in Cape Town on Monday about the boycott move.

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BEATING THE BAN ... beach warden John Ellis ponders the question with local businessmen Samad Bux and Dawood Khan Picture: M S ROY

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Cape of no Hope for coloureds ...

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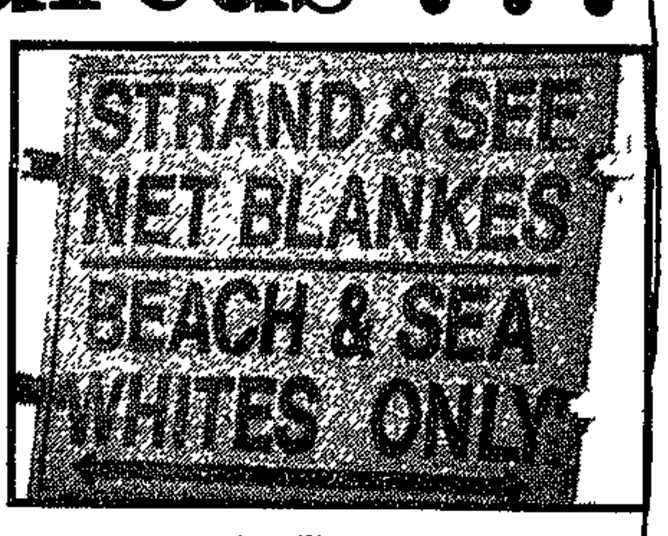
By HENRY LUDSKI: Cape Town

CAPE busybodies have a new sport — lying in wait for people of the "wrong colour" using "whites only" beaches.

And they have been so successful that seven such unfortunate families have been asked to leave the small 100m strip of False Bay beach by police reacting to complaints from residents and white visitors.

Police said the complaints came from residents of Bikini Beach in Gordon's Bay.

However, not all residents agree with the beach apartheid and such incidents seem set to plunge the tiny False Bay community into an apartheid crisis



Mr Alan Paine, chairman of the multiracial Elgin and Grabouw Country Club, who is holidaying in the town, said: "It was the most disgusting thing I have ever seen."

Since Mr Paine and his wife, Chris, publicly condemned the incidents they have been harassed by right-wing phone-callers.

Expected

Mr Paine said: "I suppose it was to be expected.

"I'm just glad that we have brought the issue out into the open so there can be some debate about opening the town's beaches to all races.

"Some of these people are using binoculars to watch for people of other races using the beach."

Mr and Mrs Paine have just spent seven weeks on holiday at a cottage facing on to the small strip of the whites-only beach.

Mr Paine said: "We recently sold our farming interests in Elgin and were looking for a new place to settle. Gordon's Bay looked like the ideal place."



ALAN PAINE ... 'most disgusting thing I've seen'

However, since seeing the coloured families being told by police to leave the beach, the Paines have had a change of heart.

Mr Paine said: "I would never be able to live in a place where families who, for no reason other than their skin colour, are being turned away from a beach right on my doorstep."

Gordon's Bay and nearby Strand, where beach apartheid signs are displayed at 100m intervals, are the last beaches on the False Bay coast where beach apartheid is still being enforced.

Gordon's Bay mayor Danie Muller said: "It's embarrassing for me when a person who is doing nothing wrong by just sitting on the beach is asked to leave because of the colour of his skin."

Mr Muller said the town had taken a decision not renew any existing racial signs which fell into disrepair.

However, the town is not expected to take any decision about opening its beaches to all races until the President's Council report on the Separate Amenities Act is debated in Parliament this year and some finality is reached on the matter.

● While beach apartheid squirms under the spotlight, Sats is steaming ahead with its segregated trains bearing "whites only" signs.

And, Sats liaison officer Leon Els said it had no intention at this stage of removing the last remaining apartheid signs on trains. Sats, however, was considering replacing "racial signs" with "economic signs" which would divide commuters into "economic classes" rather than being based on race.

PFP backs LP's call for Dias boycott

By BARRY STREEK

THE Progressive Federal Party yesterday backed the call by the leader of the Labour Party, Mr Allan Hendrickse, for a boycott of the Dias Festival unless all beach apartheid was lifted.

The PFP's Cape leader, Mr Roger Hulley, said the Administrator of the Cape, Mr Gene Louw, had the power to resolve the present confrontation by simply declaring the whole Cape Province coastline open

"That's the only morally correct policy to adopt," he said.

"If his long-standing foot-dragging on open beaches (particularly in the case of Port Elizabeth) is a guide to his personal views, however, it seems that Mr Louw is personally a believer in beach apartheid.

"In that case he deserves all the opposition he is now receiving to his pet project, the Dias Festival, and I wish Mr Hendrickse strength to his elbow in the stand he has taken"

Mr Hendrickse was "quite right to insist that all beach apartheid be lifted, permanently and not temporarily, as a precondition for any participation by the coloured community in the Dias Festival

"It is naive nonsense for Mr Louw to suggest that the Dias Festival is a purely cultural event," Mr Hulley said.

It has also been reported that the chairman of the Cape Regional Dias Festival Committee, Professor Richard van der Ross, said he supported the Cape Festival because there was not the "slightest hint" of apartheid

Gardens restoration proposals

Municipal Reporter

MRS Gwen Fagan, a well-known architectural and botanical researcher, should be appointed to study the history of the Company Gardens, the town planning committee recommended on Monday.

The research project, for which Mrs Fagan would be paid R12 500, would be the precursor to the drawing up of proposals for the restoration and improvement of the Gardens.

The city planner's department also recommended that Mr John Rorke of the Kirstenbosch Herbarium should be engaged to assist Mrs Fagan in drawing up an inventory of all plants in the Gardens, along with their ages and life expectancies.

Terrorism prevents peace in SA — PW

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Louw: 'I don't have power to open beaches'

Political Staff

THE Administrator, Mr Gene Louw, today rejected suggestions he has the power to scrap beach apartheid in the Cape "with the stroke of a pen".

He was reacting to a statement by Mr Roger Hulley, Cape leader of the Progressive Federal Party, backing Labour Party leader the Rev Allan Hendrickse in his boycott of the Dias Festival.

The issue had never been that if Mossel Bay's beaches were declared open Mr Hendrickse would withdraw his boycott action, said Mr Louw.



Mr Gene Louw

"Mr Hendrickse has made it clear that not only the Dias Festival but present and future festivals would be boycotted until all apartheid laws have been repealed, which falls outside the ambit of jurisdiction of provincial government," Mr Louw said.

"Mr Hulley is not correct in saying the Administrator can, simply with the stroke of a pen, declare the entire Cape coastline open. Legal opinion has made it clear that the provisions of the Separate Amenities Act must be applied in each case.

"The Government has announced it will make its views known during the coming session of Parliament on the President's Council's recommendations that the Separate Amenities Act be repealed in its entirety.

"For this reason all applications for beach zoning or rezoning have been postponed until the Government has announced its viewpoint.

"The same applies to Port Elizabeth beaches, where no foot-dragging has taken place but where a pending Supreme Court case has made the matter sub judice."

Dias would never have believed it!

By ALAN DUGGAN

THOUSANDS of visitors will converge on the little port of Mossel Bay this week for a spectacular nine-day festival commemorating the landing of Portuguese explorer Bartolomeu Dias 500 years ago.

Despite boycott threats and an ongoing row over beach apartheid (the authorities lifted race restrictions for the duration of the festival), the atmosphere was cheerful this week as organisers worked around the clock to prepare the town for the biggest event in its history.

Processions, folk dancing, musical extravaganzas, yacht races and a large variety of other events will keep visitors entertained during the festival, which begins on January 29 and runs until February 6.

Crew

But the highlight will be the arrival of the replica caravel Bartolomeu Dias, built in Portugal with money provided by South Africa's Portuguese community as well as by various cultural organisations.

The ungainly, lateen-rigged vessel — manned by a mixed South African-Portuguese crew — is due in Mossel Bay on February 3, 500 years to the day after Dias first landed on the south coast of Africa.

The caravel is now sailing slowly towards Cape Point.

Dias Festival row grows

Apartheid sparks off boycott

CAPE TOWN — Labour Party leader the Rev Allan Hendrickse yesterday joined the boycott of the Dias Festival in protest against beach apartheid at Mossel Bay And he called on coloured communities not to attend any festival activities.

In another development the Mayor of Mossel Bay, Mr Rudie Barnard, said the town's beaches would definitely not be opened to all races and described beach apartheid as "an irrelevancy"

Reacting to the decision by 12 Mossel Bay school principals and by a member of the President's Council, the Rev Pieter Klink, to boycott the festival unless the town council opened the beaches permanently, Mr Hendrickse, Chairman of the Minister's Council in the House of Representatives said he would boycott all Dias Festival activities across the country

The festival commemorating the 500th anniversary of Bartolomeu Dias s landing at Mossel Bay, starts on January 29

Mr Hendrickse said he and his colleagues in Parliament wholeheartedly supported Mr Klink and the principals.

"It is absolutely absurd to open up beach facilities to all races only for the festival and then return to apartheid," Mr Hendricks said.

"I ask that not only the principals and the schools withhold their support of the festival but that all the coloured communities in the country do the same.

"We, the coloured community, have nothing to celebrate with the arrival of Dias in any case as it opened the way to the East and to our oppression.

SATURDAY STAR CORRESPONDENT

"Our forefathers, the indigenous Khoi, were dispossessed of their land and rights as a result."

He said the absurdity of apartheid had been shown up once again by Mr Klink, a respected member of the community, being thrown off a Mossel Bay beach at the weekend.

"This is particularly absurd if you think how much money whites spend getting a darker colour at that very beach."

Mr Barnard said "People are creating a lot of trouble over nothing"

He said he had no intention of calling a special council meeting to discuss whether beach apartheid should be scrapped.

"The people of Mossel Bay are happy about the arrangements There are seperate beaches for the coloured community which, in fact, have better facilities and are more beautiful than those for the whites."

Mr Barnard said the entire Dias Festival was "open to everyone"

"Every community, white, coloured and black, has been invited to attend the festival and all the activities.

"I don t see what beach apartheid at Mossel Bay has to do with it.

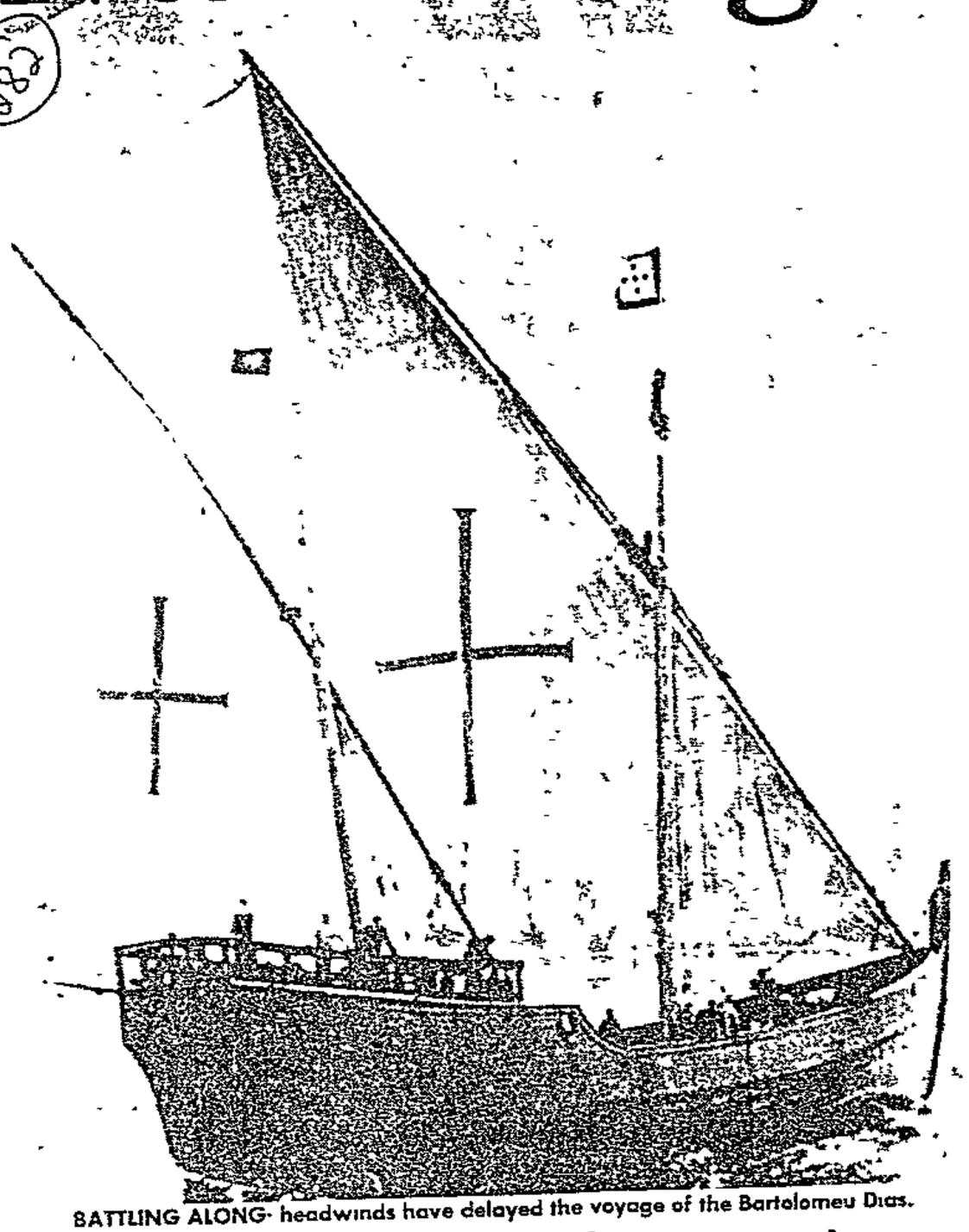
"This is a national festival which was organised by the Department of Education.

"In Mossel Bay, most of the activities will take place around the Post Office Tree complex and I repeat that everything will be open to all races.

"If the coloured community wants to boycott it because of an irrelevancy like beach apartheid in Mossel Bay it's regrettable, but it's their business."

But at least one of the two coloured members on the festival committee — top businessman Mr Jeffrey Hons — has decided to attend the celebrations.

He said he would attend the festival even although he was told by teachers and principals that they weren t interested in participating after he invited them.



BATTLING ALONG- headwinds have delayed the voyage of the Bartolomeu Dias.

Dias hopes to arrive on time

SATURDAY STAR CORRESPONDENT

CAPE TOWN — The caravel Bartolomeu Dias is battling along at 4,5 knots against south-east headwinds, still hoping to cover the more than 3 000 km to Mossel Bay in time for the Dias Festival, says its master

"We are trying everything within our means to keep to schedule," the vessel's master, Captain Emilio de Sousa, said by radio yesterday

The R1-million ship is a replica of the craft used by 15th century Portuguese explorer Dias.

Its voyage commemorates his voyage of discovery and festival organisers planned its arrival as the high point of the celebrations on February 3, 500 years to the day after his landing.

But unfavourable winds and design problems have slowed progress to a crawl. The motor has had to be used often, meaning two unplanned stops for fuel at Ascension and St Helena islands.

Captain de Sousa has already turned down the offer of a tow, but a vessel has been standing by on the West Coast as part of contingency plans in case the caravel drops too far behind schedule.

The caravel's position at 8 am yesterday morning was about 2 800 km from Cape Town. Its average speed was up on the three knots it had been doing, but south-east winds of up to 25 knots were hampering progress.



REV ALLAN HENDRICKSE knows a lot about beach apartheid

Racism ruins man's hope of returning to SA

SATURDAY STAR CORRESPONDENT

DURBAN — Durban-born Professor Brian Blankenberg was thinking of returning home from Canada to the Natal South Coast with his New Zealand wife and two daughters — until they were barred from swimming at Mtwalume's beach on New Years Day

Professor Blankenberg, who is coloured, left apartheid and his small home town of Mtwalume 32 years ago to settle in Canada. For the past 18 months he s been on a teaching contract at a Harare medical school.

This Christmas, he brought his wife and two teenage daughters to show them the country where he was born, especially since he had read and heard so much about changes in South Africa.

We drove down from Harare to Cape Town via Kimberley and then up the coast to Durban. It is such a beautiful country that I kept thinking about coming back to live here.

"Then at the beach, I found the very reason why I left — this nonsense of racial discrimination ' said Professor Blankenberg

He was turned away by a black security guard. A local and provincial investigation will now be held because the beach, like most on the Natal coast, has no race restrictions.

He said that while he had found certain changes in South Africa, racial discrimination at a number of levels still remained.

His wife Suzanne, said, "This just about wraps up any hopes we have had about coming here to live no matter how much we want to"

Their daughters Nyree (16) and Andrea (14), said this was the first time they had been subjected to racial discrimination.

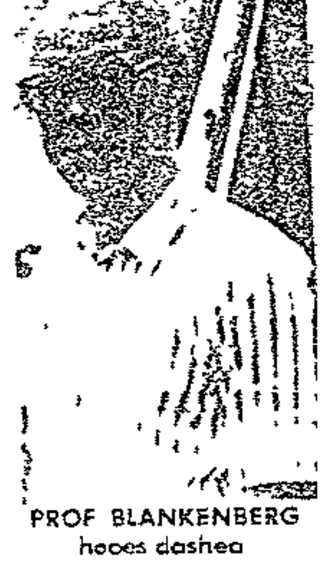
"It's weird," said Nyree. "Nothing like this has ever happened to us in Canada or Zimbabwe."

A spokesman for the Development and Services Board which administers the beaches said there was no segregation and it did not employ a security guard to enforce apartheid there.

The MEC for local government and community services, Mr Peter Miller has apologised to Professor Blankenberg.

Mr Miller said the "security guard" was in fact a cleaner employed by the Development and Services Board. He said the man had no authority to bar anyone from using the beach

"He has since been informed that he does not have the authority to turn anyone away from the beach," said Mr Miller



PROF BLANKENBERG hopes dashed

V d Ross quits Mossel Bay fest

Cape Times 26/11/88 p2

Staff Reporter

PROFESSOR Richard van der Ross, charman of the Cape Town Dias Festival Committee, has withdrawn from the festivities in Mossel Bay because he "did not want to become involved in someone else's problems."

Professor Van der Ross confirmed yesterday that he had withdrawn from the festival in which he was to take part in a tribute to the late author and poet S V Petersen.

"It has become clear that a number of issues resolve around the Mossel Bay festival. The basic problem is or could be apartheid which led to some incidents.

"I just don't want to be involved in someone else's problems. I'm not afraid of anything. I do not want to be held responsible or have to explain matters over which I have no control."

Professor Van der Ross said he had been chairman of the Cape Town Dias Festival Committee for the past four years and could be held responsible for arrangements here. The festival would run in conjunction with the Cape Town Festival.

"There is no apartheid in the Cape Town arrangements and if it turns out there is a problem here I will have to reconsider my position.

"In all fairness to Mossel Bay when I visited the mayor a week ago he assured me there would be no apartheid in the Mossel Bay festivities. He also told me there would no be festivities on the beaches."

Dias festival rejected

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SIX Mossel Bay priests have pledged "not to mention" the Dias Festival in their churches, following widespread calls to boycott the festival.

Controversy has surrounded the festival after it became known that Mossel Bay's beaches would only be open to all races during the festival, to be held between February 29 and March 3.

While the white residents of Mossel Bay are eagerly preparing for the celebrations, the priests of the D'Almeide and Kwanaqaba townships have decided to ignore the festival completely.

"We will not call on the community to support the festival. We will simply not mention it in our churches," said the Rev Leslie Crotz of the Volkskerk.

This decision was taken at recent meeting held by six ministers of various denominations, he said.

"Beach apartheid is not the only issue which made people reject the festival.

"We are disappointed that so much money is being spent on a white festival. Our children do not have decent recreational facilities and many of their parents are unemployed. So what is there for us to celebrate?

CPA executives join Dias festival boycott

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Political Correspondent

TWO members of Mr Gene Louw's provincial executive yesterday decided to break ranks with the Cape Administrator and join the Labour Party (LP) boycott of the Dias Festival.

Mr Louw, having previously expressed his dismay at the boycott, last night said he was "naturally sorry" that two members of his executive — Mr Deon Adams and Mr Edward Samuels — had decided to join the protest drive.

Earlier yesterday, Mr Adams and Mr Samuels said in a joint statement: "We are in sympathy with our community's action and align ourselves with Rev Hendrickse's standpoint."

break of dawn

Cape Times

Dias festival 'is above politics'

Chief Reporter

THE essence of the National Dias Festival, which was "above politics and colour", was that it was a celebration of the togetherness of the rich variety of cultures in South Africa, the Administrator of the Cape, Mr Gene Louw, said when he formally opened the festival at Mossel Bay last night.

The festival highlighted Mossel Bay's linking role in the world breakthrough 500 years ago in which East and West had been brought together, he said.

It was precisely on this spot on the African continent that the Portuguese discoverer Bartolomeu Dias had succeeded where others before him had failed, in establishing a sea-route linking Europe with the East.

"With his arrival in Mossel Bay, Dias forged a bond between South Africa and Portugal — a bond to which thousands of South African Portuguese will pay tribute when they attend the festival proceedings in the next few days."

● The caravel sails from Simon's Town between 6am and 7am today, after a brief stopover for repairs and replenishment, and should be visible in False Bay for most of the morning, as it heads out slowly on the final leg of its 6 000-nautical-mile voyage to Mossel Bay, escorted by the Cape Nature Conservation Department's patrol vessel Custos.

Bitter anger amid pomp of Dias launch



MAYOR 'RUDI' BARNARD
"A nice, friendly town"

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By ALAN DUGGAN

IT WAS a time of celebration — and bitter recrimination.

National Dias Festival 1988 was launched with a flourish at the weekend as visitors from all over the country crowded into the seaside town of Mossel Bay to celebrate the oldest recorded event in South Africa's history.

On Friday night, thousands of spectators crowded into the town's Van Riebeeck Stadium for the opening ceremony of the nine-day festival which commemorates the landing of Portuguese explorer Bartolomeu Dias at the Cape 500 years ago.

But not everyone was enjoying the pomp and pageantry.

Some Mossel Bay residents — less than impressed with the temporary lifting of a ban on mixed bathing — were adamant they would have nothing to do with the festival.

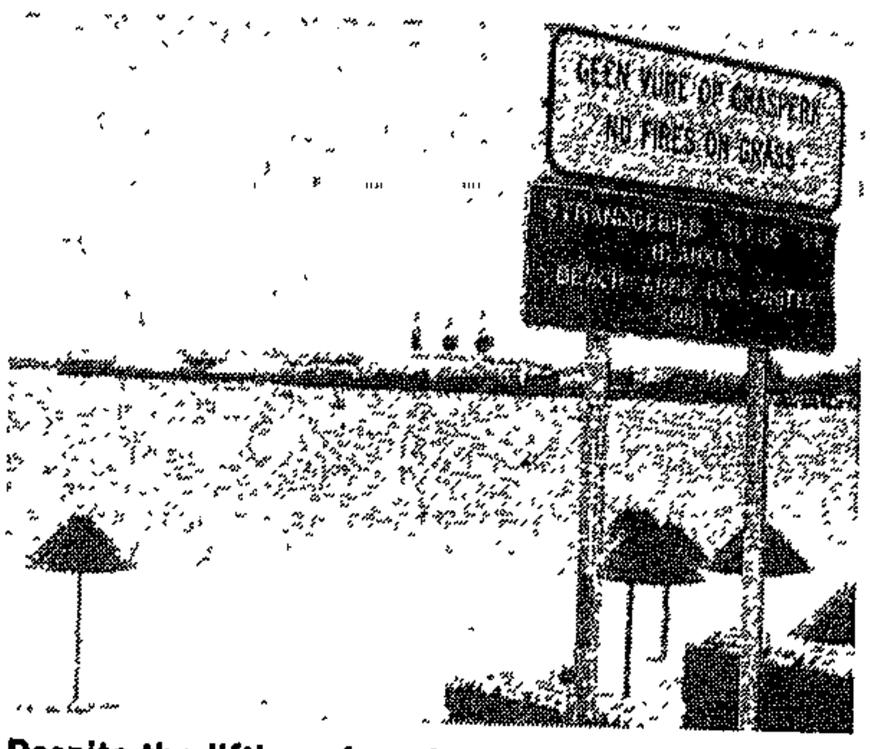
Protest

And they had the angry backing of the Rev Allan Hendrickse and his Labour Party, at least three members of the President's Council and two members of the provincial executive, Mr Deon Adams and Mr Edward Samuels.

They joined a number of other community leaders who are boycotting the event in protest at what they describe as a blatant "whitewashing" exercise.

Despite several attempts to defuse the situation — one of those who tried was the Administrator of the Cape, Mr Gene Louw (also chairman of the National Festival Committee) — there appeared to be no sign of reconciliation this week.

Although the local authority announced that racial restrictions would be lifted for the duration of the festival, whites-only signs were still apparent all along the seafront this week.



Despite the lifting of a mixed bathing ban "Whites only" signs remain at all the beaches

Independent MP Mr Jan van Eck visited Mossel Bay this week and said: "I found a town arrogantly and defiantly exhibiting 'whites-only' signs at all the beaches, in the harbour and even in the toilets at the back of the maritime museum."

It would be a serious affront to the dignity of each "person of colour" to be in any way identified with the festival, he said.

Mossel Bay's mayor, Mr Johannes "Rudi" Barnard, said the festival was one of the most exciting events in the town's history — with the possible exception of the offshore gas find.

Expressing his disappointment over the beach apartheid row, the mayor said: "I've lived in Mossel Bay for 41 years, and been mayor for 13 consecutive terms, so I know what I'm talking about when I say it's a nice, friendly town.

"My message to the rest of the country is, 'come here and enjoy yourselves — everyone's welcome'."

PE beach challenge in court

PORT ELIZABETH — An application challenging the legality of Port Elizabeth's segregated beaches will be heard by the Supreme Court here today.

The application had to stand down due to the length of the motion court roll, and the fact that the respondents objected to matters raised by the applicants in replying affidavits.

The applicants in the action, which sought a court order declaring that Port Elizabeth's beaches were never legally racially demarcated, are Mr Graham Richards, a Port Elizabeth city councillor, and the MP for Gelvandale, Mr Mia Loonat.

The respondents are the Administrator of the Cape, Mr Gene Louw, and the Minister of Constitutional Development and Planning, Mr Chris Heunis. — Sapa.

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Vandag is ek Jan, môre is ek Baas Jan

MOSSEL BAY's whites-only beaches were opened to all this week — but only for the week

This "act of grace" by the authorities, to coincide with the Dias festival, was not welcomed by the local community.

While whites enjoyed the festivities, there was no festive atmosphere in the black areas, as RYLAND FISHER discovered when he visited the area.

FEW blacks took to the "whites only" waters of Mossel Bay this week, in spite of a decision by the local municipality to open all beaches.

As the Dias Festival kicked off last weekend, the only blacks who could be seen on the beaches appeared to be municipal cleaning staff or people who had come from outside the area to take part in the festival.

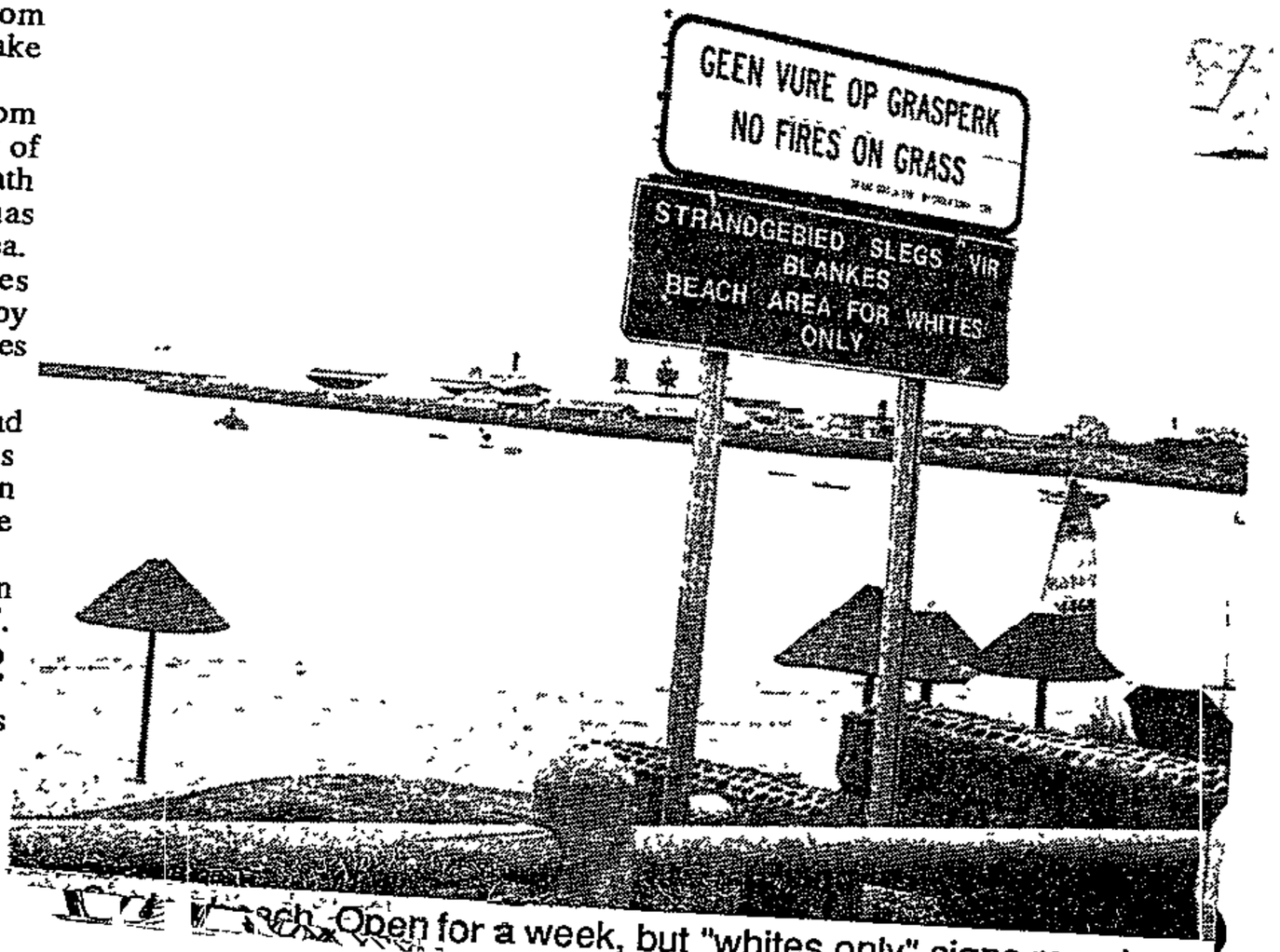
A Malay Choir from Cape Town and a choir of nurses from Baragwanath Hospital filled the Dias Hotel in the coloured area.

Though the beaches were proclaimed "open" by the municipality, "whites only" signs were still up.

The local coloured and African communities appeared to be united in their opposition to the festival.

"For one week we can call the white man 'Jan'. Next week we will have to call him 'Baas Jan' again," said the Rev Pietie Rhodes of the Anglican Church, who has been actively calling on people not to attend the festival.

Speaking on behalf of



Open for a week, but "whites only" signs remain

Churches, he said: "To say we are boycotting the festival is not really correct. We never had any intention of participating. We reject the festival totally.

"We will only accept an international festival if they scrap all discrimination in South Africa, especially in a place like Mossel Bay. There are many things wrong in this place.

White beaches

"My congregants identify with the call to stay away from the festival. Many of them have experience of being chased away from the white beaches."

Rhodes admitted it would be difficult to keep people away from the festival because of the novelty of the events.

"Our people have never seen the kind of things which go with a festival of this nature, so some would probably go out of curiosity."

The hive of activity in Mossel Bay's main streets over the weekend bore out his words.

In almost every shop window and on every street corner posters were displayed calling on people to be part of the festival. Police and soldiers were virtually everywhere and roads were closed to accommodate festival activities.

End-of-month shoppers provided a ready audience for Saturday morning's official festival procession through the town.

Hot-air balloons went up over the town and brightly-coloured sailboards lined the picturesque bay as whites from Mossel Bay and elsewhere revelled in the festivities.

From what could be seen, not many blacks took part in the festival and there was no festive mood in the black townships. No posters advertising the festival could be seen in the townships.

"I suppose the whites have a reason to celebrate. They have economic power and a fairly secure social life.

"We, on the other hand, can't celebrate. Not in this verkrampte place and with our country being under a State of Emergency. We are just ignoring this festival," said the Rev Leslie Crotz of the Volkskerk.

Crotz said the impression had been created that people were supporting the Labour Party's call for a boycott of the festival.

"We decided early last year already to ignore the festival. The Labour Party only made a noise when one of its members, Peter Klink, was chased off the beach.

"What's the point of making an issue out of being chased off the beach when you are still on the government's payroll? It seems they were just looking for publicity."

Dirt road

Crotz's house is in the coloured area overlooking a white beach a few hundred metres away. Yet he has to swim at the only black beach, Dias Beach, about 4km away.

Unlike the long white stretches of beach reserved for whites, Dias Beach lies behind a bushy camping area accessible only via a dirt road.

The beach is dangerous and often unsafe for swimming, according to David Smith, a founder member and treasurer of the Marlin Surflifesaving Club.

"The only reason there are so few drownings at Dias Beach is because there are so many lifesavers," said Smith.

Marlin, formed 23 years ago, has more than 20 active members and patrols the only Mossel Bay beach officially declared open for all races. The other seven beaches are for whites only.

"We are doing a dangerous job with primitive equipment and under very difficult conditions."

A Catholic nun, who runs a preschool in Kwanonqaba township, spoke about an incident last year when she and a group of small children were chased off the white beach.

The nun, who did not want to be named, said she had just arrived in Mossel Bay from Cape Town and did not know the beaches were segregated.

"I did not know how to explain to the children why we had to leave the beach," she said.

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Stay-away mars Dias re-enactment pageant

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Daily Dispatch Correspondent

MOSSEL BAY — An estimated 20 000 people — 10 000 short of expectations and most of them white — watched the re-enactment of Bartolomeu Dias' landing at Mossel Bay 500 years ago in a colourful pageant held in perfect weather here yesterday

A "whites-only" sign on the beach at Munro's Bay — symbolic of the stay-away by thousands of coloured people in the area — was removed shortly before Captain Emilio de Sousa, master of the Caravel Bartolomeu Dias, stepped ashore there from a long-boat.

Beach apartheid, still enforced at Mossel Bay but suspended for the duration of the Dias Festival, was the basic reason for the stay-away, and the municipal notices proclaiming it have probably been the most photographed public notices in the Republic this week.

The caravel, sailed from Lisbon by a crew of 17 Portuguese and South African sailors, stood out in sharp contrast with the fleet of 16 South African Navy vessels drawn up in review formation in the bay.

Its symbolic voyage was described by the president of the National Geographic Society of Lisbon, Dr Eduardo Serra Brandaoas, as a re-enactment of the most important voyage of discovery of the 15th century — a voyage that had had the effect of bringing East and West together.

Dr Brandao presented the State President, Mr P. W Botha, with a replica of the navigational instrument used by Dias and the other early discoverers — an astrolabe.

Most of yesterday's acivities took place in a natural amphitheatre above Munro's Bay and adjoining the massive milkwood "post office" tree and the fresh water spring that Dias used on his arrival here on February 3, 1488.

The day started with a review of the fleet by the state president — the first such review he has taken part in.

As the review ship, SAS Protea, passed slowly down the lines of warships and auxiliaries, he was cheered by the company of each vessel in turn, and a 21 gun salute was fired by the two fleet replenishment ships and helicopter carriers, SAS Drakensberg and SAS Tafelberg.

The SAAF's Silver Falcons gave a display of formation flying and aerobatics, and the day's programme ended with the symbolic release of 500 pigeons — and a white dove by wife of the state president, Elize.

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It was orange, white and blue at Dias. But not, alas, black

All races, celebrating in harmony, the 500th anniversary of the first white foot upon our soil. That was the general idea behind the Diaz anniversary celebrations. But the reality was rather different, discovered black journalist SYLVIA VOLLENHOVEN when she tried to join the fun

I SPENT Tuesday night at the Dias Festival in Mossel Bay trying to find the party. There wasn't one. Not for me anyway.

The events were open to all races but people went rigid merely because I walked into a pub and ordered a beer.

At one stage photographer Guy Tillim and I shared a table with two Afrikaans housewives. They were on holiday, they said. "It's such fun. There are people here from all over the world. All the different nationalities and identities," cooed housewife number one. I wondered whether she saw me as a nationality or an identity.

"There's a man over there from Cyprus. That island has so much problems. The whole place is divided between the Greeks and the Turks," informed housewife number two. "Nooo," I said, toying with the idea of shouting "homelands".

Wednesday morning I went in search of the jollity that would accompany the arrival of the Caravel. More disappointment.

Start at the blue-and-white tent that beckons "media", I thought. Magda from the department of information, apologised for the fact that one programme was in Afrikaans only. I did not bother to tell her that Afrikaans is my home language and that anyway my ancestors taught it to hers.

Now to cope with the heat. Surely there would be cold Cokes, *koeksisters* and a collection of fairground cuisine. I walked along the quayside but everything was closed.

Dragging my dehydrating body up the hill and into town, I found every café overflowing with people. At last I slumped into a fairly empty ice-cream parlour, thinking Dias surely had more luck than this.

"Coke please," I said waving my money. "Only in litres," said a woman who looked about as festive as a slab of cement. "Tab," I challenged, eyeing the tins in the fridge. She retreated reluctantly.

"Speak Afrikaans, we don't understand English around here," said an aggressive young white boy. I pointed out that proper nouns were about the same in anybody's language and reminded him that it was a time to be nice to everyone.

The Tab was warm.

Then I saw the stream of people coming out of the yacht club, their colddrink tins gleaming with condensation. A man drinking in the doorway turned to fill the frame, immediately he saw me. "Are you a member?" I confessed I was not and said it would not cost me much to stop one of these white "members" and ask them to buy something for me. "No, you can't," he said without a second's hesitation, "members have to be signed in."

I went down to the beach to sit quietly and nourish aggressive fantasies.

A young white schoolboy was giving a security guard a hardtime. The guard picked up a rock and pretended to fling it at him. "Ah, go on," I thought, "I could do with throwing a few stones myself around here."

Caravel Captain Emilio de Sousa stepped ashore and soon afterwards a group re-enacted the arrival of Bartolomeu Dias.

Despite the fact that Mossel Bay authorities had decided generously that black people could use the beach for the duration of the festival, white actors in loincloths were playing the part of my ancestors. Perhaps they started rehearsals before the concession.

And a few metres away from where De Sousa landed there was one of the many whites-only signs.

Up on the hillside an old Afrikaner man was trying to make conversation with a Portuguese woman in her national dress. In a clumsy attempt to be friendly he asked her if she spoke Portuguese. She nodded her head and smiled.

"We are proud to have you here," he said touching her arm. I did not listen to the devil in me that said: "And what about me, *Oom*."

As the festivities were winding up with jets screaming around spurting smoke in blue, white and orange, I wandered into a bar. White faces dropped and the barman rushed this way and that in a continuous sidestep.

A "coloured" navy officer walked in behind me.

"Its all right," I reasoned with myself, "they won't turf him out, surely." He asked to see the barman privately. They whispered to each other through a nearby serving hatch. The navy man was instructed to see the manager upstairs.

A "coloured" woman in a headscraf and tatty overalls asked me conspiratorialy if everything was OK. "We'll soon see," I said, watching the disappearing navy officer.

I caught the barman's eye, and shouted my order in a loud voice. He obeyed.

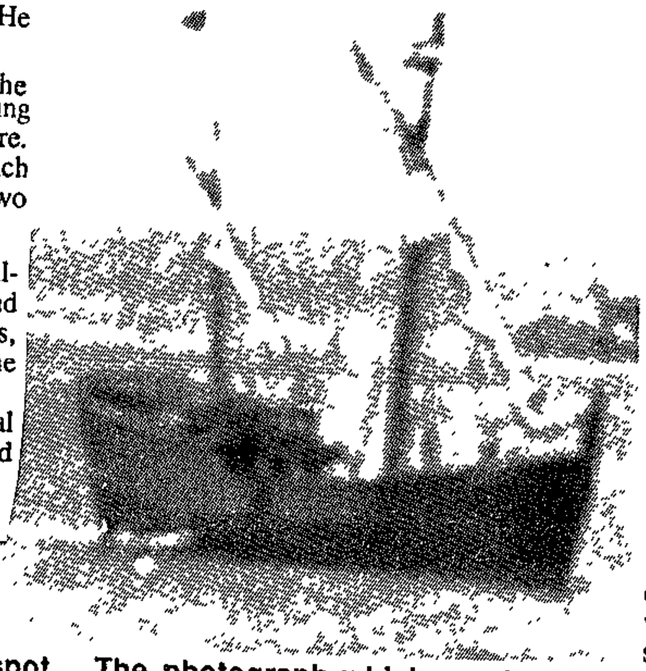
A short while later I saw the "coloured" woman come out, saying shyly that it was too busy in there. She went back down to the beach where she had been looking after two white children.

At the start of the festival Guy Tillim was picked up by police. He had been photographing several things, including the racist signs on the beaches and in caravan parks.

"Why can't you just be a normal person," one policeman had asked him

I tried, Mr Policeman, I tried.





What would Bartholomew Dias think of the signs that grace his landing spot... The photograph which resulted in photographer Guy Tillim's arrest

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Orient to be pay beach?

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Patrick Kay, Mr Eric Whitaker and Mr Ivan Zulman.

Mrs Elsabe Kemp, Mr Willem Morris and Mr Neville Randall were absent.

Mr Janse gave further details about the pay beach proposal after the meeting.

He said it had been envisaged that the situation of pensioners, surfers, fishermen and regular users of the Orient Beach amenities would be taken into careful consideration when devising a tariff structure.

He said that "free passage" concessions would be considered for certain groups.

"We already have a part-pay system at the beach where people pay to leave their belongings for safe-keeping, but this is now changing with the fashion," Mr Janse said.

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Orient to be pay (282) beach?

Daily Dispatch Reporter

EAST LONDON — The city council has decided in principle to introduce a pay beach at the Orient Beach subject to a full investigation by the relevant municipal departments in the interests of "crowd control".

At last night's council meeting, the recommendation was passed that the introduction of a pay beach be accepted in principle and that the director of cultural and environmental services, Mr Albert Janse, in consultation with the directors of finance and administration, protection services and the chief city engineer, be authorised to investigate the proposal further and submit a detailed report on the costs of securing the Orient Beach complex to permit the pay beach operation.

Investigations will also be made into the funding of the project and a suggested tariff structure which will be submitted to the council's action committee in due course.

Both the chairman and deputy chairman of the directorate of cultural and environmental services portfolio, Mr Patrick Kay and Mr Eric Whitaker, refused to move the item on the council agenda.

Mr Kay said it was time the council learnt from other people's mistakes that pay beaches did not work.

He said ratepayers were expected to "pay, pay, pay" and get nothing in return.

"The best things in life are free and I see this as a subtle extension of the apartheid system," Mr Kay said.

He was seconded by Mr Whitaker who said that pay beaches had failed "dismally" in Cape Town. Fences had been removed and the pay beaches were no longer operational.

"We have a problem at the Eastern Beach and now we are going to put up fences at the Orient Beach," Mr Whitaker said.

Mr Errol Spring said the whole problem of beaches in the city should be looked at.

When the issue was put to the vote, a division was called to be noted.

Voting on the recommendation that the pay-beach be accepted in principle for the Orient Beach, subject to a full investigation, it was supported by nine votes to four.

Voting for the recommendation were: Mr Robert de Lange, Mr Vossie Bezuidenhout, Mr Gwyn Bassingthwaighte, Mr Donald Card, Mr Robbie De Lange, Mr Phillip Rohtbart, Mr Brian Snell, Mr Errol Spring and Mr Joe Yazbek.

Those against were: Mr Len Cooper, Mr

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Beach challenge 'has no basis'

PORT ELIZABETH. — The Administrator of the Cape, Mr Gene Louw, and the Minister of Constitutional Development and Planning, Mr Chris Heunis, had no legal basis to oppose an application for an order that Port Elizabeth's beaches were never legally racially demarcated.

This submission was made by Mr L S Melunsky SC in the Supreme Court here yesterday on behalf of Mr J G Richards, a Port Elizabeth city councillor, and Mr Mia Mahomed Loonat, MP for Gelvandale.

Mr Richards and Mr Loonat have brought an application challenging the whites-only demarcation of the city's beaches.

The respondents are the Municipality of Port Elizabeth, Mr Louw, South African Transport Services, Mr Heunis and Dias Divisional Council.

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The notice of motion was then amended and the declaratory order was made to read "that no portion of the seashore falling within the area of jurisdiction of the municipality had been set aside or reserved for the exclusive use of persons belonging to a particular race or class under the Reservation of Separate Amenities Act 1953, as amended in terms of any other law", thusinterdicting the municipality's officials, in the absence of any valid resolution and/or by-law or regulation, from preventing persons from using any portion of the seashore.

The hearing continues today.

Court told no basis to opposition of beach application

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PORT ELIZABETH — The Administrator of the Cape, Mr Gene Louw, and the Minister of Constitutional Development and Planning, Mr Chris Heunis, had no legal basis to oppose an application for an order that Port Elizabeth's beaches were never legally racially demarcated.

This submission was made by Mr L. S. Melunsky, SC, in the Supreme Court here yesterday.

Mr Melunsky argued on behalf of a Port Elizabeth city councillor, Mr J. G. Richards, and the MP for Gelvandale, Mr Mia Mahomed Loonat.

Mr Richards and Mr Loonat are challenging the whites-only demarcation of the city's beaches.

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The applicants and the municipality, acting through their attorneys, had agreed to the terms of the order which the court would be requested to make, in the event of it finding in favour of the applicants (apart from the question of costs).

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Beaches:

SP 'has no legal right'

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PORT ELIZABETH. — The State President, Mr P W Botha, had no legal interest in the application against racial segregation on Port Elizabeth's beaches, the Supreme Court was told yesterday.

The court also heard that all South Africans were entitled to use the beaches.

These submissions were made by Mr L S Melunsky, SC, during an application for an order that the city's beaches were never legally racially demarcated.

Mr Melunsky was arguing on behalf of Mr John Graham Richards, a Port Elizabeth city councillor, and Mr Mia Mahomed Loonat, the MP for Gelvandale.

The respondents are the Municipality of Port Elizabeth, the Administrator of the Cape, Mr Gene Louw, SATS, the Minister of Constitutional Development and Planning, Mr Chris Heunis, and Dias Divisional Council.

On the respondents' contention that the State President should have been joined in the matter, Mr Melunsky said Mr Botha had no legal right to the subject matter before court.

Mr Justice Jones was on the Bench. Mr L R Dison, SC, appeared for the respondents.

Court told buffer strips on beaches for racial harmony

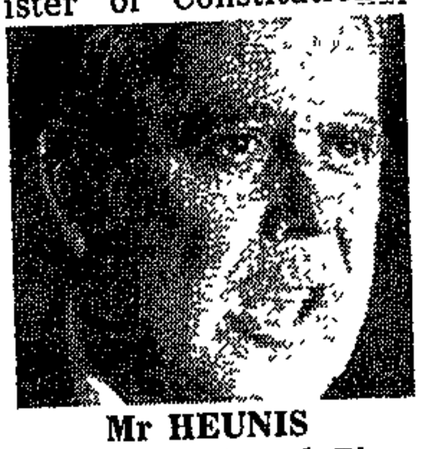
PORT ELIZABETH — The reservations and the buffer strips on Port Elizabeth's beaches were made to create racial harmony, the Supreme Court heard here.

This was submitted by Mr P. J. de Bruyn, for the respondents, who also said that reasonably explained, the reservations were not vague.

Mr L. S. Melunsky, SC, for the applicants, argued that the reservations and the buffer strips were not made to create racial harmony but for use by a partic ular racial group.

Mr De Bruyn was arguing during an application brought by a Port Elizabeth city councillor, Mr J. G. Richards, and the MP for Gelvandale, Mr Mia Loonat, for an order declaring that the city's beaches were never legally racially demarcated.

The action has been brought against the Port Elizabeth Municipality, the Administrator of the Cape, Mr Gene Louw; South African Transport Services, (Sats); the Minister of Constitutional

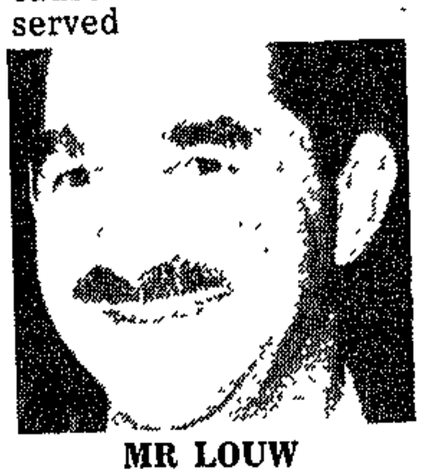


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Development and Planning, Mr Chris Heunis, and Dias Divisional Council.

Mr L. R. Dison, SC, for the respondents, reiterated his submission that the State President should have been joined in the matter because he was the owner of the sea and the seashore.

Referring to the 1957 contract between Sats and the Port Elizabeth municipality, he said the court would find that the meaning of the contract was that the municipality would impose reservations and cause them to be observed



MR LOUW

He said the municipality was empowered to make reservations because it was the direct representative of responsible people.

Mr De Bruyn said the court could not find, on the papers before it, that the reservations were ambiguous, and, since the applicants did not ask for oral evidence, he asked the court to find that the reservations were not ambiguous and dismiss the application with costs

Mr Melunsky replied that if the court found that the State President had to be joined in the matter, the court should issue a rule nisi in favour of the applicants and not dismiss the application

He submitted that the municipality had never been in control of the beaches, and that the reservations were made under the direction of the Department of Planning.

Mr Melunsky said the reservations were not made to create racial harmony but for use by a particular racial group.He submitted that the demarcations were vague to enforce and asked the court to set them aside.

Mr Justice Jones reserved judgment.

Mr Melunsky was assisted by Mr R Buchanan

Beaches: AWB call to Louw

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Daily Dispatch Reporter

EAST LONDON — The local branch of the Afrikaner Weerstandsbeweging (AWB) has called on the Administrator of the Cape, Mr Gene Louw, to attend a meeting here later this year in connection with AWB opposition to blacks on beaches.

This follows the handing in of a 600 signature petition by the movement at the town clerk's office here at the end of last week.

The organiser of the petition, Mr John du Toit, said that the petition also called for the authorities to erect suitable warning notices on beaches within 30 days.

He said a letter had been sent to the administrator and invitations had been extended to all the mayors and councillors of Gonubie, Beacon Bay and East London to attend the meeting scheduled for April 11.

Mr Du Toit said the mayors or their representatives would be given the opportunity to address the meeting.

"We want to know what is going on. We know that the beaches in East London have never been declared open beaches and it's time the authorities told us exactly what is going on."

He said that when the previous town clerk here left, signs declaring the beaches for whites only were removed and never replaced. The issue had subsequently fallen under the jurisdiction of the administrator who had directed that the status quo remain.

"What is happening now is an infringement of the law. The beaches here have never been declared open," Mr Du Toit said.

Save 'our' beaches – AWB

CP Correspondent

"SAVE our beaches" – that's the Afrikaner Weerstandsbeweging's new campaign in the East London area.

The extremely right wing organisation has started a petition aimed at barring blacks from using local beaches. It claims "massive" public support with over 600 signatures already collected.

Although the beaches in the area have not been officially declared open by the Administrator of the Cape, as is required by law, notice boards restricting blacks from access have been removed and local authorities have as yet not taken action against anyone.

Co-oridinator of the campaign, John Du Toit, said the petition stated that the AWB was "strongly opposed to non-whites" on the local beaches and called for the signs to be put up again within a month.

"No beach is open to all races, it's only that signs were taken away," he said. "At the moment every single black that sets foot on the beach is breaking the law."

Earlier Du Toit said the campaign had been launched in reaction to "the incredible number of non-whites who visited Eastern Beaches on New Year's day.

He claimed the majority "did not come to enjoy the beach or its facilities, it was a show of power".

At the time, the AWB mounted patrols on another bacach nearby, regarded as one of the "safest" bathing beaches.

"We kept it white all day long," said Du Toit. "People were walking up to us to congratulate us. We had only two adverse comments."

The petition was handed to the city council last week, but Du Toit said they had not had any response yet.

"The council is like (President) PW Botha – it is non-commital," he said.

Town clerk Les Kumm confirmed he received the petition, but said he hadn't counted the signatures on it.

He said that although the beaches were not yet oficially opened, both the police and the council had indicated they would not take action against black people on any of the beaches.

"How do you prevent 30 000 black people coming to the beach even if the signs are up," he said.

He said he had not heard about the AWB patrols until afterwards, but said that if they threw anyone off the beach they were acting irregularly.

The AWB campaign is to end with a "save our beaches" public meeting on April 11.

The Administrator of the Cape and local mayors have been ivited to attend. – EL-news

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Council takes urgent action on beach issue

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Daily Dispatch Reporter

EAST LONDON — The future of the city's beaches is to receive the urgent attention of the city council.

At an action committee meeting here last night, councillors decided to request local MPs to try to find out from the government whether it intended to open beaches here to all races or not.

The council also appointed a local sub-committee to investigate "as a matter of urgency" the priorities of distribution and control of beaches in the area

The chairman of the action committee, Mr Neville Randall, said after the meeting that the proposal had been put forward by Mr Donald Card

The sub-committee would consist of the mayor, Mr Robert de Lange, the deputy mayor, Mr Vossie Bezuidenhout, councillors Robbie de Lange, Phillip Rohtbart, Patrick Kay, Eric Whitaker and Elsabe Kemp and a member of the Coloured Management Committee, Mr J. L. Seegers.

Mr Randall said the committee would be responsible to the council and report back on its findings.

He said Mr Card had said it was important "to get down quickly and develop areas to promote the equal distribution of bathers in all areas."

closer" to solving problems, but warned that selective enforcement or part enforcement of group area laws could lead to greater dissatisfaction.

He said all amenities should be open to all, but this was not within the council's powers.

"What we say means nothing The CPA throws the ball back in our court and asks us what we want. When we tell them, they say that they can't do it, but something has to be done soon," Mr Jasingthwaite said.

Mr Errol Spring said he supported Mr Card's proposals and the sooner the issue was tackled the better. "We have been dilly-dallying and pussy-footing to the detriment of the city."

Mr Card said in an interview after the meeting it was necessary to establish what the government's intentions were as far as the beach issue was concerned. In the meantime, the local sub-committee would deal with problems that had arisen at the Eastern Beach.

"We will look at alternative areas. People must, on their own, want to go to other beaches, but we need additional camping areas, the provision of shade and other facilities.

"We can't do these things in November. We must do them now. We must have alternative facilities along the beaches for all races.

"We can't go against the government. The beaches are still closed and for whites only, but we haven't got the signs up. The AWB is calling for the signs to be put up, but until we hear what the government policy is, we are wasting time," he said.

Mr Rohtbart said his view was that that all the beaches must "be clean with no overcrowding" and that the residents of East London must be able to enjoy the Eastern, Orient and Nahoon beaches "in an undisturbed manner."

Mr Kay said if the government gave its approval for the opening of beaches here to all races, the accent would have to be on control.

Mr Gwyn Bassingthwaighte said he thought the idea of opening the beaches was "one step

a cheque for R19 000 to Mrs Hester Verster.

him from pictures shown to him by police.

Beach control: call to inform public

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Daily Dispatch Reporter

EAST LONDON — The city councillor for Quigney has called upon the provincial administration (CPA) to inform ratepayers here of its intentions of controlling overcrowding on local beaches.

Mr Eric Whitaker said yesterday that the MP for East London City, Mr Peet de Pontes, and the CPA had a duty to inform the public what was intended to be done in achieving effective crowd control on local beaches.

Mr Whitaker said that it was no good "dilly-dallying" about the matter and then being faced with a problem again in December.

"Something must be done now and it is up to the government to inform the citizens of East London just what they intend doing about the matter.

"Last year the police had to control the matter and they blamed the city council who in turn blamed the CPA.



MR WHITAKER

"The local beaches no longer fall under the jurisdiction or control of the city council.

"They fall under the control of the Administrator of the Cape, Mr Gene Louw," Mr Whitaker said.

He said that, as the councillor for Quigney, with two beaches in his area, the ratepayers of his ward were entitled to know what crowd control measures were being planned.

"We know that Mr De Pontes has publicly said that our beaches must be opened, but is this government policy?" Mr Whitaker asked

He said it was the government's decree that local beaches were closed and it was this law which had to be enforced by the police.

Earlier this year, Mr De Pontes said he had arranged to discuss the matter of overcrowding of the Eastern beach with Mr Louw.

The CPA's public relations officer for local government, Mr D. J. Smit, said yesterday that he would investigate the matter, but had not replied at the time of going to press.

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Beach issue: Cape coast study plans

Daily Dispatch Reporter

EAST LONDON — The provincial administration's beach policy would be formulated only after a study of the whole Cape coastline had been completed — expected to be at the beginning of October, a Cape Provincial Administration (CPA) spokesman said yesterday.

The CPA's public relations officer for local government, Mr D. J. Smit, said yesterday that "there was not much" he could divulge on the matter.

He was asked to comment on a city council resolution here on Monday night, that local MPs be approached to determine official government policy towards open beaches.

Mr Smit said the CPA's position, as confirmed by the MEC for local government, Mr P. J. Schoeman, was that the provincial administration, in conjunction with the universities of Stellenbosch and Port Elizabeth, was investigating the future development of the whole Cape coastline.

He said the final report — to be completed by the beginning of October — would be assessed by the administrator, and it would only be known then what decisions would be made.



MR SCHOEMAN

Asked if this date was not too late for processing the development of facilities for this year's Christmas holiday season, Mr Smit said the report had specifically been requested to be furnished at the beginning of October so that it gave the CPA the whole of October and November in which to follow it up.

Meanwhile, the Afrikaner Weerstandsbeweging (AWB) here has claimed that the sudden city council urgency on the beach issue was a reaction to AWB pressure.

An AWB spokesman, Mr John du Toit, said the council was "merely reacting to the AWB's stance on the matter".

The AWB submitted a petition at the end of last month, signed by 600 signatories, to the town clerk calling for the authorities to put up suitable warning notices on beaches within 30 days indicating that the beaches were open to whites only.

The AWB was also planning to hold a public meeting on April 11 to discuss the issue.

Mr Du Toit said all relevant council officials were invited to address the meeting.

"We want to know exactly where we stand and what the relevant authorities intend doing about the whole beach issue," he said.

BEACH APARTHEID

Waves for sponsors

Two of SA's top companies, First National Bank (FNB) and Gilbeys, have been accused of being "soft" on apartheid by the Deputy Minister of Population Development, Llewellyn Landers, for sponsoring recent boardsailing contests at segregated beaches, on the basis that business interests outweigh what could be regarded as moral issues.

Landers says when he challenged the sponsorships, senior executives of both FNB and Gilbeys defended their companies' action on business grounds. He is considering further action in his campaign against beach apartheid.

He wrote to FNB, Gilbeys, the Western Province Boardsailing Association (WPBA) and the Boardsailing Association of SA earlier this year after they sponsored and hosted international boardsailing events at Bloubergstrand, the Strand and Plettenberg Bay — all of whose beaches are closed to blacks.

He pointed out that the venues are racially segregated and urged the companies and organisations to put pressure on the authorities to desegregate them, failing which they should stage the events elsewhere.

FNB's senior GM, Jimmy McKenzie, effectively rejected Landers's appeal. "The very nature of the bank's business requires it to adopt a neutral approach to its business in order that a service may be provided which satisfies all shades of opinion and political persuasions, without becoming openly partisan. In all fairness, therefore, donations, sponsorships and so on must not be based on political considerations or motivations, but upon business criteria."

He told Landers that FNB couldn't adopt a fixed "attitude" or demand of its employees (who hold different views and are of different political persuasions) that they should support such an attitude. "The bank must, therefore, maintain an impartial stance in the execution of its responsibilities," he said.

Gilbeys MD Peter Fleck said that while his company is not insensitive to the "injustices" faced by "the different population groups" in SA and shares Landers's concern for human dignity, Gilbeys is "first and foremost" a commercial operation whose first duty is to provide profitable growth for shareholders "and the ongoing employment of the considerable number of people in our employ here in the Cape."

"The (Gilbeys-sponsored) Santé championships, held at Plettenberg Bay, proved to be a highly successful promotion for us. We do, however, regret that the restriction placed by local authorities prevented all people from sharing in the enjoyment," he said.

Fleck said the choice of venue was left entirely to the SA Windsurfer Association and Gilbeys had "no input in this regard at all." He did, however, agree to take the matter up with the association and said he trusted "that their future negotiations with local authorities would allow all the people of this country to participate and share in the fun and enjoyment of boardsailing in SA."

Volkswagen also sponsored a boardsailing event at Bloubergstrand earlier this year, but was not contacted by Landers. However, a Volkswagen spokesman told the *FM* in January that the company was under the impression that Big Bay at Bloubergstrand — where the competition was held — was desegregated, while the nearby Little Bay was close to blacks. The Bloubergstrand Residents' Association, however, insists that all beaches in the town are for whites only due to a shortage of facilities

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AWB objects to talks on beach issue

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Daily Dispatch Reporter

EAST LONDON — The Afrikander Weerstandsbeweging (AWB) branch here has objected to a planned meeting between the Administrator of the Cape, Mr Gene Louw, and four local MPs to discuss the problem of overcrowding on local beaches.

The MP for East London City, Mr Peet de Pontes, said yesterday that the meeting, scheduled to take place next week, would be attended by the MP for East London North, Mr Calle Badenhorst; the MP for King William's Town, Mr Ray Radue, the MP for Albany, Mr Jannie van de Vyver; and himself.

The chairman of the AWB's "save our beaches" committee, Mr J du Toit, said yesterday that the beach issue concerned the people of East London and not MPs from other areas

"Overcrowding is not the only issue We want to know from the Cape administration what the position is with local beaches — whether they are open or not."

Mr Du Toit said the AWB had not received any communication from Mr Louw indicating whether he would be attending the meeting on April 11, to discuss the question of keeping beaches here closed

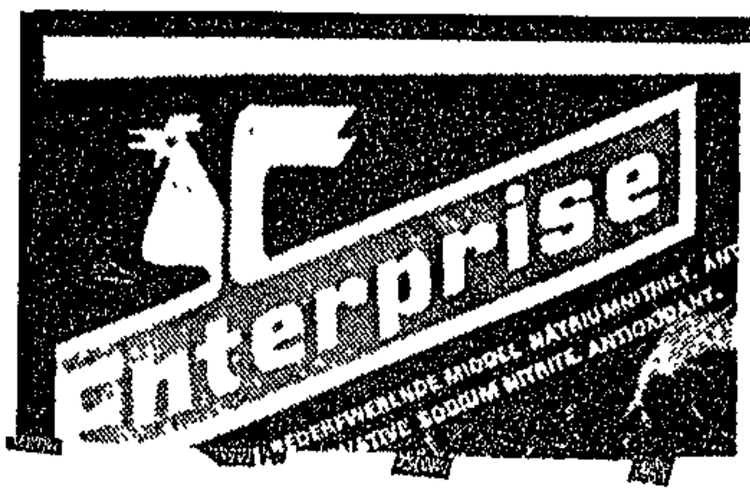
"We are preparing a message to send to Mr Louw reminding him of our meeting"

Mr Du Toit added that the proposed MP meeting next week was "pointless" as it was "without the consent or mandate of people" in the city.

However, he said the MPs could attend their meeting, where everyone would have the chance to address the audience

Mr Du Toit said they had invited all the town clerks and mayors of Gonubie, Beacon Bay and East London.

"So far only Gonubie has had the courtesy to reply to our invitation"



Beach issue: sympathy call

CAPE TOWN — A call for applications to open whites-only beaches to be treated with sympathy has been made by the Cape Standing Committee on Provincial Affairs.

Separate reports on the activities of the Standing Committee have been tabled by each of the Houses in the tri-cameral Parliament.

The report tabled in the House of Assembly, calls for the Cabinet to speedily make a decision on the future of the Reservation of Separate Amenities Act and bring the matter to finality. — DDC

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EL's R2m beach grant welcomed

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Daily Dispatch Reporter

EAST LONDON — The R2 million that the Cape Provincial Administration was giving to the East London city council was a tremendous boost to the city, the chairman of the council's action committee, Mr Neville Randall, said yesterday.

"Now we can at least get the beach issue put on a proper basis"

Mr Randall said that he thought the money allocated to the beaches could be used to provide better abultion facilities and more shade.

"Donald Card has already said — Give people shade, and they will go there.

"If you look at the Eastern Beach, people flock to the shady spots, because you can't spend the whole day in the sun."

He was delighted that the council was being helped with that amount of money, to do what everyone would like to be done.

The mayor, Mr Robert de Lange, could not be contacted for his views on the subject, because he is away on holiday.

Other councillors, including the councillor for Quigney, Mr Eric Whitaker, and Mr Patrick Kay, whose portfolio includes the East London beaches, could not be contacted for comment yesterday.

A meeting between Mr Louw and the MEC for local government, Mr Piet Schoeman, to discuss the beach issue was held earlier this week.

This was at the request of the three MPs in the East London area, the MP for East London City, Mr Peet de Pontes; the MP for East London North, Mr Calle Badenhorst, and the MP for King William's Town, Mr Ray Radue.

Objection to this meeting has come from the vice-chairman of the Afrikaaner Weerstandsbeweging's local burgerraad, Mr Johann du Toit, who said the meeting was not truely representative of the people of East London

"How can they talk for us. They don't have a mandate."

Mr Du Toit said that he had sent an invitation, along with 600 signatures, to Mr Louw to attend a meeting on the beach issue on April 11.

"He replied by referring us to Mr Schoeman, who we did not receive any reply from."

"They still haven't given us an answer. Are beaches to stay open or closed?"

Privatisation move for Cape beaches

Daily Dispatch Correspondent

CAPE TOWN — Some Cape beaches may soon be privatised, according to the Cape Provincial Administration's MEC for local government, Mr Pieter Schoeman.

Mr Schoeman also announced yesterday that the Provincial Administration would spend R28 million in the forthcoming financial year on developing amenities at more than 50 Cape beaches and resorts which would not be privatised.

Mr Schoeman said his committee had not yet decided which beaches might be privatised.

"The sea shore is owned by the state, but we will have to make arrangements so that beaches can be leased from the state," he said. "We hope to have a report on this ready before October."

His administration did not prescribe whether or not beaches should be open to people of all races when it provided funds for development.

"We will provide the money regardless. The government has yet to take decisions about open beaches, following a President's Council investigation," Mr Schoeman said.

One of the first private beaches is likely to be at Club Mykonos, near Langebaan. Mr George Philipaki, an adviser on the R100 million project, said the first part of it would be operational by the end of November.

A small beach, leased from SA Transport Services, would be for the use of hotel guests.

Western beaches vehicle ban decision reaffirmed

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EAST LONDON — The Divisional Council of Kaffraria has reaffirmed its decision to close all beaches west of the city to vehicular traffic.

The council's finance and general purposes committee discussed the issue in response to a letter from the Kayser's Beach Ratepayers' Association (KBRA), in which it was requested that the decision to ban vehicles be revised.

The association said many of the people living at Kayser's Beach were pensioners and were no longer capable of walking long distances. As a result they had to rely on vehicles to get to fishing spots.

The KBRA recommended that the beaches be closed during the holiday seasons from 8am to 1pm, and 2pm to 5pm, but be open to traffic at all other times.

It suggested that an annual fee not exceeding R30 be levied on all vehicles to be used on the beach.

The council's deputy secretary reported that, while the permit system had been mooted in the past, no definite decision had been made.

"If the committee considers that a permit system should now be investigated, the resolution of the council adopted on February 12 should be rescinded," he said.

● The council has granted permission for the Border Rock and Surf section of the Border Angling Union to use vehicles on the beaches for an approved outing on July 31, and for a fishing competition on April 17.

Reports by Dave Marrs

The use of between eight and 10 vehicles on the beach between Gulu and Monkey Bay by the Border Angling Club has been approved from 2pm on March 26 to 9am on March 27.

The council resolved that all future applications be submitted through the Border Rock and Surf section.

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Du Toit: beach meeting not political gathering

Daily DispatchReporter

EAST LONDON — Tonight's meeting to gauge response to the AWB-initiated Save Our Beaches Campaign was a ratepayers' meeting and not a political gathering, the chairman of the organising committee, Mr John du Toit, said yesterday.

Mr Du Toit, who is deputy chairman of the AWB branch here and a member of the Conservative Party, said he wanted to stress that the meeting was not an AWB meeting but was "mostly a ratepayers' meeting".

However, Mr Du Toit later confirmed that the campaign was an AWB project. The deputy chairman of the two-man committee is Mr Nic Slabber, who is also an AWB executive member.

"We're doing it for the ratepayers of East London, we don't want to be tied down. The white ratepayers are entitled to a fair shake," Mr Du Toit said.

"We want people to come and voice their opinions and if they have different opinions we want to hear them."

Asked whether people with opposing views would be permitted to speak in the light of the removal of Mr Gus Goble at an AWB meeting in the Orient Theatre recently, Mr Du Toit denied that Mr Goble had been removed and said he had a video recording to prove it.

Mr Du Toit said the campaign was launched specifically to handle the beach issue. A 600-signature petition opposing the opening of beaches to all races was handed to the town clerk, Mr Les Kumm, in February.

Mr Du Toit said if they had the support of 1 000 people, the city council would have to take notice.

"We are hoping to fill the city hall."

He said the council was not interested in "our problems" and kept passing the buck.

The council had removed signs at the beaches illegally because the beaches had never been opened to all races, he said.

Mr Du Toit said he did not know whether an invited representative of the Administrator of the Cape, Mr Gene Louw's office, would attend. He said a letter had been received saying the matter had been referred to the MEC, Mr Pieter Schoeman, but no response had been received from him.

The councillors of East London, Beacon Bay, and Gonubie have also been invited to attend the meeting.

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Cape has no whites-only hospitals

Bday

Political Staff

HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY — The Cape was the only province that had no whites-only provincial hospitals, Constitutional Development and Planning Minister Chris Heunis said yesterday.

In the Free State, Transvaal and Natal, hospitals were reserved for whites, but in Natal the situation could be changed to rationalise facilities.

Heunis outlined the policies of the provincial administrations in reply to a question from A E Reeves (LP Klispruit West).

The Natal Provincial Administration said its policy was that the *status quo* would not be altered except by means of rationalising facilities, that is by "providing additional space for any over-utilised service by using space generated by under-utilised facilities".

The Free State Provincial Administration, which along with the other provinces confirmed facilities for whites were under-utilised and those for blacks over-utilised, said its policy was "that hospitals for whites will remain reserved for white patients".

Hotel rejects mother, child

CAPE TOWN — A white 34-year-old mother said yesterday she and her coloured baby had spent the night in freezing weather after they had been refused accommodation at a "whites only" hotel in Worcester.

Mrs Karen Dauzille, a shorthand typist from East London, said although she had prebooked a room at the Brandwag Hotel, she was turned away on arrival when the receptionist noticed that her one-year-old son, Anthony, was "dark".

"When she saw Anthony she said: 'We are not international'."

"I explained to her that my baby is registered as a white. She just said. 'Sorry'."

Mrs Dauzille said she had spent the night at the railway station

"After I had explained to the station master what had happened at the hotel, he opened the waiting room. He told us to stay there for the night — but to lock the door."

Mrs Dauzille, who had planned to travel to Cape Town tomorrow, said she had reported the incident to a Church of England official

When the Brandwag Hotel was contacted for comment, the receptionist — who refused to give her name — claimed that Mrs Dauzille had been turned away because she could not pay for her room in advance

Mrs Dauzille denied that she had been asked for payment in advance.

Asked whether it was normal practice to ask guests for payment on arrival, the receptionist said: "No."

Asked whether Mrs Dauzille was turned away because her baby was coloured, the receptionst said· "We are not multi-racial."

The hotel's manager, Mr John Pelteret, said he had not seen Mrs Dauzille, but the receptionist had informed him of her arrival.

"We reserve the right to ask guests to pay in advance, and she did not want to do that."

Asked whether Mrs Dauzille had been turned away on racial grounds, he said· "Not really." — DDC

December target for R3m beach upgrading

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Daily Dispatch Reporter

EAST LONDON — Sufficient beach facilities for everyone would be constructed and ready for use by the end of this year, the chairman of the city council's ad hoc committee investigating the beach issue, Mr Donald Card, said last night.

He said the provincial administration had pledged R3 million to the city for the immediate upgrading and construction of beach facilities.

The issue was discussed by the council's action committee after an ordinary council meeting last night.

Mr Card said the whole object of the R3 million expenditure was to "provide sufficient facilities for everyone along the coastline".

He said additional money should also become available in future to provide extra facilities to keep pace with the increase in the number of people making use of them.

A number of points had been identified along the West Bank where facilities could be established. Consultants from the Western Cape would arrive in the city within the next few days to formulate further recommendations.

Mr Card said he and four municipal officials had gone to Cape Town last week for discussions with municipal officials there in charge of beaches.

The visit had been "very positive and successful". The consultants who would be coming to East London would be promoting the coastal developments in terms of the Revel Fox beachfront development plans.

"In fact, one of the consultants took part in the Revel Fox development proposals," Mr Card said.

The ad hoc beach committee would deal with all the related issues, and would report back to the action committee and the council before any decisions were made.

"One thing is for certain: there will be sufficient facilities along the beachfront by December and input from Mdantsane and Duncan Village people will be used.

"We want to handle the delicate matter to the satisfaction of everyone concerned," Mr Card said.

There would also be liaison with the Divisional Council of Kaffraria as the municipality required more land than that falling under its control.

Mr Card said the local delegation had received close co-operation from the provincial authorities in Cape Town who had been "very sympathetic" to the proposals put forward.

Until the consultants had provided concrete proposals, finer details of the proposed developments could not be released, but emphasis on the provision of facilities would be the tarring of access roads, parking facilities, clearance for picnic and camping spots, erection of shelters and general creation of shady areas.

Ultimately the improvements would include the provision of sand areas and the artificial creation of larger beach areas.

Mr Card said that at present the city had beach swimming facilities for only 30 000 people and it needed to look at enough facilities for 100 000.

The question of beach controls would be looked at seriously. Where fencing was necessary, it would look more like a garden fence than "a prison".

Controls on the Orient Beach would also be investigated and the merits of a pay beach would be analysed.

"Whatever is done we hope to do it in the interests of the ratepayers," Mr Card said.

Race bar on beaches 'invalid'

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PORT ELIZABETH — The Supreme Court in Port Elizabeth has declared racial segregation of the city's beaches by the municipality to be invalid.

In a judgment handed down yesterday on behalf of Mr Justice Jones, it was declared that the beaches under the control of the Port Elizabeth municipality between Cape Recife and the Swartkops River mouth had never been properly set aside for the exclusive use of any particular race or class.

It was further ordered that municipal officials be interdicted, in the absence of any by-law or regulation, from preventing people from using any portion of the seashore between those two points.

Mr Justice Jones said the main reason for his decision was that when the Port Elizabeth municipality had purported to segregate the beaches in November 1966 in terms of the Separate Amenities Act, it had done so by a simple resolution of the city council.

The court found that such an important decision, which had serious consequences, could only have been effected by a municipal by-law or regulation. That had not been done. — Sapa.

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Somebody owes me an apology — Hendrickse

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The leader of the Labour Party, Mr Allan Hendrickse, said in the House of Representatives yesterday that somebody owed him an apology after the Supreme Court ruling on King's Beach in Port Elizabeth.

Mr Hendrickse announced to the House that the declaration that the beach was for whites only had been ruled invalid by the court.

Yesterday morning the Supreme Court in Port Elizabeth declared the beaches open to all races.

Mr Graham Richards, a city councillor, and Mr Mia Loonat, a Labour Party MP, brought an application last year for an order declaring that the beaches had never been set aside for any race or class of person under the Separate Amenities Act.

They also requested an order interdicting the municipality from preventing anyone from using the beaches.

Both orders were granted with costs yesterday. — Sapa.

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Hendrickse beach opened to all

THE beaches of Port Elizabeth, scene of Allan Hendrickse' famous swim, are now legally open to all races.

In a judgement in the Port Elizabeth Supreme Court this week, Justice JW Jones declared the municipality's segregation of beaches to be invalid.

The beaches — scene of a famour protest swim last year in which Hendrickse tackled the government over segregated facilities — had never been properly set aside for the exclusive use of any particular race, the judge found.

Such a decision could be effected only by a municipal by-law or regulation; but the municipality had segregated the beaches in November 1966 by a simple city council resolution.

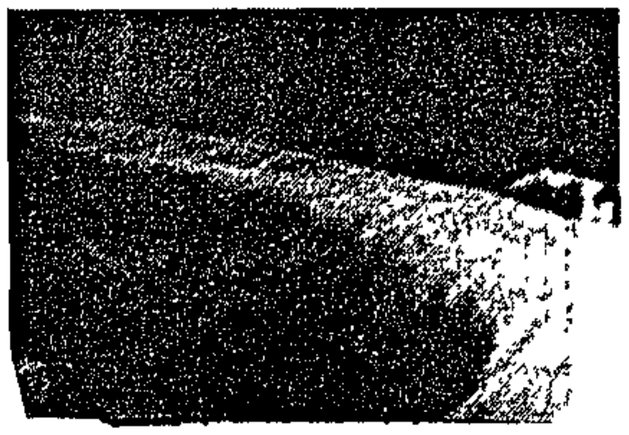
Jail call-up for Toms

CROSSROADS doctor Ivan Toms, serving a 630-day sentence as a conscientious objector, received some unexpected mail this week: a registered letter from his former SADF unit.

The letter notified him of his camp obligations and asked him when would be a convenient time for him to serve.

Toms needs little reminder of his camp obligations: on his conviction in March, his jail sentence was calculated on one-and-a-half times the 420 days he owed.

The irony is that Toms is fulfilling his camp obligations in jail. Under current legislation the only alternative for political, rather than religious, objectors are exile or a jail term.



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What came after the King's Beach dip .

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Political Correspondent

CAPE TOWN — The swim by the leader of the Labour Party, the Reverend Allan Hendrickse, off King's Beach early last year triggered a chain of events with far-reaching implications.

At the time of the swim, both Mr Hendrickse and the state president, Mr P. W. Botha, considered King's Beach to be legally white.

Yesterday, the Supreme Court ruled that this was not the case, because the beach had never been demarcated and set apart for the use of one specific racial group.

Mr Hendrickse's swim last January was met by a 23-minute harangue from Mr Botha on television.

This was followed by an "apology" from Mr Hendrickse, couched in such a way that he apologised if the state president's personal dignity was affronted, not for swimming on a white beach.

Relations between the two men have steadily deteriorated since then.

Last August, there were bitter exchanges in the House of Representatives during the state president's vote, many of them focussing on the Group Areas Act.

Days later, Mr Hendrickse precipitated another crisis when he resigned from the cabinet.

That brought the director-general of the SABC, Mr Adriaan Eksteen, into the fray.

Coverage of Mr Hendrickse's resignation on the 8 pm SABC-TV news led to Mr Botha telephoning the SABC demanding the facts be presented correctly.

Mr Freek Robinson then re-read the state president's letter, and has since been sent to London.

And Mr Eksteen?

He left Auckland Park last month with an overall settlement estimated to be about R1 million.

In between there has been the Labour Party threat that it will not be party to postponing white elections from 1989 to 1992 unless the Group Areas Act is repealed.

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'Beaches are open'

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The case follows an application by local city councillor Graham Richards and Gelvandale MP Mia Loonat.

Mr Justice Jones said the main reason for his decision was that when the Port Elizabeth municipality had purported to segregate the beaches in November 1966 in terms of the Separate Amenities Act, it had done so by a simple resolution of the city council.

Controversy after PE swim

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Political Staff

THAT controversial swim by Labour Party leader the Rev Allan Hendrickse off King's Beach at the beginning of last year triggered a chain of events that had far-reaching implications.

Relations between the Labour Party leader and the State President have steadily deteriorated since Mr Hendrickse's apology to Mr Botha following the swim and a televised harangue by the State President.

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Few people will forget a very flustered Freek Robinson re-reading the State President's letter to Mr Hendrickse in the wake of that phone call — he has since been sent to London.

And Mr Eksteen?

There have been denials that his departure was based on anything other than the financial state of the SABC, but bearing in mind the settlement, few are prepared to accept that Mr Botha's will has not been done.

In between, there has been the Labour Party threat that it will not be party to postponing white elections from 1989 to 1992 unless the Group Areas Act is scrapped.

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Botha owes apology

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Hendrickse

Political Staff

LABOUR Party leader the Rev Allan Hendrickse yesterday said the State President, Mr P W Botha, owed him an apology in the wake of the court decision that King's Beach had not properly been zoned for exclusive white use.

He was reacting to a decision handed down by Mr Justice Kroon that the beach had not been set apart for the exclusive use of whites. An interdict was issued preventing the Port Elizabeth municipality from stopping people using the beach.

The Administrator of the Cape, Mr Gene Louw, has appealed against the judgment.

Mr Hendrickse was severely berated by Mr Botha on SABC-TV after he had gone swimming off King's Beach in January last year with a number of other MPs from the House of Representatives.

Announcing the decision in the House of Representatives yesterday, Mr Hendrickse said "somebody owes me an apology".

In a statement later, he said he welcomed the court decision, adding that it once again proved the madness of the racist laws and regulations.

"In spite of the state's decision to appeal, I think that someone in the "high place" owes me an apology.

Mr Mia Loonat, MP for Gelvandale, one of the applicants, said Port Elizabeth could now look forward and put the racist past behind it.

The PFP MP for Port Elizabeth Central, Mr John Malcomess, said he was "delighted", adding that it was a tragic fact of South African life that it took a court decision before all South Africans could enjoy a beach.

Anyone who thought the government was moving in the direction of reform should think again, he said.

"The decision to appeal is a clear indication that the government is not about to reform, and the Administrator of the Cape and Mr Chris Heunis must take full responsibility for trying to keep the South African clock stopped in the last century."

The Conservative Party's Mr Clive Derby-Lewis said that if the "bungling, clumsy, incompetent government" had not taken action by October 26 — the date of the municipal elections — voters of Port Elizabeth should support the CP. "We will correct the situation with great speed."

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Court rules segregation on PE beaches invalid

PORT ELIZABETH — The Supreme Court in Port Elizabeth has declared racial segregation of the city's beaches by the local municipality to be invalid.

In a judgment handed down yesterday morning on behalf of Mr Justice Jones, it was declared that the beaches under the control of the Port Elizabeth municipality between Cape Recife and the Swartkops River mouth had never been properly set aside for the exclusive use of any particular race or class.

It was further ordered that municipal officials be interdicted, in the absence of any by-law or regulation, from preventing people from using any portion of the sea shore between these two points

Mr Justice Jones said the main reason for his decision was that when the Port Elizabeth municipality had purported to segregate the beaches in November 1966 in terms of the Separate Amenities Act, it had done so by a simple resolution of the city council.

The court found that such an important decision which had serious consequences, could only have been effected by a municipal by-law or regulation This had not been done.

Municipal by-laws or regulations have to be submitted, together with objections, to the administrator for his approval. The case follows an application by a local city councillor, Mr Graham Richards, and the Gelvandale MP, Mrs Mia Loonat. 282

The respondents opposing the application, namely the Minister of Constitutional Development and Planning, Mr Chris Heunis, and the Administrator of the Cape, Mr Gene Louw, have given notice that they intend applying for leave to appeal againt the court's decision.— Sapa

PE beaches: issue unclear

Daily Dispatch Correspondent

PORT ELIZABETH — Blacks are again not allowed to swim on Port Elizabeth's beaches, despite a Supreme Court order this week declaring them to be open, and never legally closed.

The city's beaches were been open to all races for one day.

The restriction was effective from yesterday morning, when notice of application for leave to appeal was served on the attorney representing the applicants in the case, Mr Graham Richards and Mr Mia Loonat, and delivered to the Port Elizabeth Supreme Court.

It is not known when the hearing to determine the validity of the application for appeal will be held.

The town clerk, Mr P. K. Botha, said yesterday the applicants now had the right to ask the court to enforce its ruling that the beaches were open pending the finalisation of the case.

The attorney representing Mr Richards and Mr Loonat, Mr David Geard, did not wish to say if they would apply for the order to be enforced, but added he was aware of the provision.

He confirmed written notice of application for leave to appeal was served on him by the State Attorney at 9.30 am yesterday.

The mayor of Port Elizabeth, Mr Solly Rubin, when asked if blacks would be prosecuted if they swam on the city's beaches, said he was unsure of the council's legal position on this point.

However, he would handle the issue with discretion, humanity and caution until the matter was clarified.

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Uncertainty over use of PE beaches

Staff Reporter

WHO may or may not use Port Elizabeth's beaches is uncertain as the legal battle over opening them to all races moves into its second round.

An application for leave to appeal against yesterday's Supreme Court finding that Port Elizabeth's beaches were never legally closed to all races was filed yesterday and will be opposed.

The Supreme Court ruled this week in favour of an application by Port Elizabeth city councillor Mr Graham Richards and Labour Party MP Mr Mia Loonat that the beaches had never been set aside for any race or class of person under the Separate Amenities Act.

GRANTED ORDER

The applicants were granted an order interdicting the municipality from preventing anyone using the beaches.

The Administrator of the Cape, Mr Gene Louw, said the effect of the application for leave to appeal was that the present decision would be suspended and the status quo maintained until an appeal was heard.

He and his executive committee were aware of "the responsibility to prevent on Cape beaches the chaotic conditions which developed in Durban recently".

Mr Louw said the court decision applied only to the particular beach area in Port Elizabeth.

He said the Government was due to state its attitude towards retaining, scrapping or amending the Separate Amenities Act soon.

The provincial administration was investigating the fairer allocation of beaches for the various race groups.

This included the possible allocation of new beaches or the opening of existing ones to all races.

Mr Richards's attorney, Mr David Geard, said the application for leave to appeal had been filed yesterday.

"The application — and the appeal if leave was granted — would be opposed.

Beaches: mayor of Durban quits NP

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DURBAN — The mayor here, Mr Henry Klotz, last night severed his ties with the National Party.

"There is no place in the National Party for English speaking South Africans," he said

A bitter Mr Klotz, who was suspended for "acting disloyally or contrary to the interests of the party" for his stand on beach apartheid, was informed that he would be allowed to challenge his suspension

Mr Klotz, however, said last night· "No, I will not contest the decision. My reason for this is that in 1981, when the Nationalists were looking to enlist English-speaking members, I joined them.

"My expulsion has just proved to me that there is no place for English speaking South Africans — and that saddens me."

Asked whether he would align himself with another political party in the October municipal elections, Mr Klotz said he would "take it one hurdle at a time"

He added that he had received telephone calls from several MPs and politicians "who told me they are behind me and I must stick to my guns".

Mr Klotz was officially suspended on the instruction of the chairman of the National Party in Natal.

In a letter from the party's provincial secretary, the mayor was told "The reason for your suspension is that you acted disloyally or contrary to the interests of the party in that you inter alia declined to associate yourself with the policy statements by the State President and Natal leader (Mr Stoffel Botha) on the beach issue, despite having been invited to do so."

Spokesmen for the Indepedent Party and the Progressive Federal Party have expressed their full support for Mr Klotz's stand.

A member of the Durban City Council's management committee and councillor for Essenwood, Mrs Margaret Ambler, said she was "furious" to hear of Mr Klotz's suspension

"Henry is there as the first citizen of Durban and not as the first citizen of the National Party

"I think the whole affair is very sinister — the people of Durban must wake up and see that Pretoria is trying to take over the city."

Reacting to criticism that the affair displayed "hypocrisy", the NP's director of information said. "This particular issue has nothing to do with the reform policy . it is a matter concerning party discipline." — DDC

Beach laws: Is Louw serious? asks Green

Political Staff

IF the Administrator of the Cape, Mr Gene Louw, was serious about being prepared to outlaw beach apartheid he should drop his appeal against the opening of King's Beach, the MP for Harlem, Mr Charlie Green said yesterday.

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King's Beach: Louw challenged to drop appeal

Political Correspondent

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He said, if a vote had been taken at yesterday's committee meeting, it would have been in favour of open beaches.

Mr Hulley said it was a moral outrage to exlcude people of other races from the beaches.

LP and PFP walk out on beach issue

By DALE LAUTENBACH
Parliamentary Staff

BEACH apartheid was a bone of contention during the two-day joint extended public committee debate on provincial affairs and at one point members of the Labour Party and the Progressive Federal Party left the debating chamber in protest.

MPs from the House of Representatives spoke out against discriminatory legislation, particularly as it was applied on beaches. They challenged the Administrator, Mr Gene Louw, to account for his appeal against the Supreme Court decision to open Port Elizabeth beaches.

Near the end of a speech during which MEC Mr Pieter Schoeman said the authorities could not allow chaos on beaches by opening them to all races, LP and PFP representatives left the chamber.

Mr Louw said his decision to appeal on the PE beach decision had been his own as the case had been brought against him in his official capacity.

He said the appeal was going ahead because there were "important legal principles that have to be put right because they have far-reaching implications".

"Full sympathy"

Mr Louw said his administration was often the "sardine" between conservative and progressive forces. No matter how much he or members of his committee disliked certain legislation — and even with the discretionary powers at their disposal — they were not empowered to change an Act of Parliament.

He had "full sympathy" for members of his committee who opposed "those laws which are hurtful" and who used all available platforms to speak out against discriminatory legislation.

But provincial authority could not be expected to break the law. While the Separate Amenities Act was on the statute books, the province could not open all beaches.

Mr Louw said there had been progress, however. The fact that R1,3-million could be spent to separate the Baragwanath Siamese twins when their mother had contributed just R3 was proof of what could be done "when we get together".



Mr Louw



Mr Malcolmess

Much coming and going . . . in the name of protest

Parliamentary Staff

ANYBODY in search of a wisecrack to characterise the joint debate on Cape provincial matters (heralded as a historic first) could have fun with just how mobile it all was: two parties walked out twice and a third party once.

Going walkies on the first day were members of the Conservative Party official Opposition who wished to register their objection to the integration of the extended committee. On Day 2 they walked out on a rather more technical point, saying that in terms of the new rules and orders of Parliament the proceedings were invalid.

National Party MP Mr Johannes Retief called them boycotters, but said the more they did this the sooner their demise.

Next to stroll were all but one member of the Labour Party and all members of the Progressive Federal Party.

BEACHES

They quit the debating chamber shortly after MEC Mr Pieter Schoeman had said beaches could not be opened to all races while the Province was searching for ways to overcome the shortage of facilities. There would be chaos, said Mr Schoeman, and to mark their disgust at the spirit of these words, LP and PFP MPs left.

The LP and the PFP had protested against all forms of beach apartheid several times during the debate.

The parties returned to the chamber after Mr Schoeman's speech but the CP, by the way, did not.

The final walkout was by the PFP again. After a complex point of order raised by chief whip Mr John Malcomess about the length of speaking time accorded Administrator Mr Gene Louw, and embracing the ins and outs of the new rules and orders, and after one or two interjections, chairman Dr Helgard van Rensburg ruled that there were to be no more interjections.

The PFP's Mr Ken Andrew rose on a point of order to object and following a short exchange the PFP MPs, including leader Mr Colin Eglin, walked out.

Cape 'committed to removing apartheid'

Political Staff

THE Cape provincial "government" was committed to removing hurtful racial discrimination in the province, Administrator Gene Louw said yesterday.

But, he said the executive committee had to operate within the law and in terms of government policy, even if individual committee members disagreed with those policies.

Louw, who was replying to the debate in the parliamentary committee on Cape provincial affairs, said that as from March this year everyone employed by the provincial authorities had equal benefits and all appointments were on merit.

Library apartheid was being phased out in the Cape because the executive committee believed they should be open to all races and R27m of the R30m allocated for recreational facilities this year was being spent on open facilities.

But, the executive committee was bound by the provisions of the Separate Amenities Act in regard to the opening of beaches and any changes in the law were Parliament's responsibility.

However, the executive committee could make recommendations to the government and individual committee members could use public platforms to express their own views.

Thereafter, LP members walked out of the meeting during a speech on beaches by MEC Pieter Schoeman.

Charlie Green (LP Haarlem) told the committee the LP had refused an invitation from Louw to lunch because of Schoeman's insults during his speech.

Green said: "We can eat together but we can't swim together."

Desmond Lockey (LP Nominated) said it was a scandal basic facilities such as libraries were not all open to all races.

He said local authorities which refused to open libraries, should have their subsidies withdrawn. — Sapa.

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King's Beach appeal about legal principle — Administrator

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CAPE TOWN — The Administrator of the Cape, Mr Gene Louw, said yesterday that he decided to appeal against a Supreme Court order which opened King's Beach, because of an important legal principle which might affect other matters which had nothing to do with beaches and apartheid.

Mr Louw was replying to the MP for Haarlem, Mr Charlie Green, who had asked him how he justified spending coloured taxpayers' money on an appeal aimed at excluding "coloureds" from beaches.

At the same time he acknowleged, in reply to a question from the MP for Constantia, Mr Roger Hulley, that he had taken the decision alone and not with the agreement of the executive council.

Mr Louw said that the decision had been taken on the advice of the law advisors and that, if he had not taken the decision to appeal, there could have been even greater expense for the taxpayer.

Earlier, Mr Louw said the provincial authorities were criticised about their refusal to open beaches and for practising apartheid, but the province could not ignore the law, neither could it formulate its own policy above the law

As long as the Group Areas Act and Separate Amenities Act existed they would have to be complied with, he said.

Mr Louw said that he had discretionary powers, but his legal advisors had indicated that he could not use these to circumvent the law.

The MP for Border, Mr Peter Mopp said earlier in the debate that when he took his son fishing earlier this month, the beach they went to had a "whites only" sign on it.

He asked when National Party members were going to put the country's interests first and whether they wanted coloured members to abandon parliament because of deaf ears

A member of the executive committee of the provincial administration, Mr Pieter Schoeman, said that the authorities could not allow chaos to reign on the beaches by opening them to people of all races — a solution was still being sought to the lack of facilities

He said that the development process was a lengthy one and that it was the executive's duty to ensure that beaches remained orderly.

Mr Schoeman said the Cape coastline had been divided into eight areas for an investigation regarding future development which should be completed in September. — Sapa-DDC

'We don't serve blacks,' says Cape cafe boss

CP Correspondent

PETTY apartheid is still rife in Cradock, as two journalists and their black assistant discovered recently when they were refused service at a restaurant in the Eastern Cape town.

Mthuthuzeli Mgsiza, a translator, sat down for a meal in the Durban Street restaurant with a Canadian professor of journalism, Jim McKenzie, and another journalist. When they requested service, the proprieter's wife, a Mrs Myburgh, refused, saying she was not prepared to serve blacks.

"They give me a headache and they pinch and if I serve one of them I would have to serve all and my shop would close in a week," she said.

Asked why she was prepared to take money from the numerous black customers who bought at the take-away section of the restaurant, she said she would "be grateful if you could get them not to buy at my shop".

"My boy was shot at the border – why should I serve them?"

Mgsiza, who was working with the journalists on a story, said the incident had upset him. "These things happen sometimes, so it is not so very bad, but I wonder if these people are aware of the problems they are causing our country," he said.

McKenzie, who has been in the country from Regina University for only four weeks, said it was the first time he had come across such a racial incident.

"In Canada it would be illegal to do something like that. The person who was with us would immediately be able to sue, but I suppose this country is different," he said.

"All we wanted to do was have a meal. I came here to see what is going on and that woman certainly showed me quite a bit."

Mr Myburgh said his wife would not comment on the incident, but added that he always refused to serve blacks.

Offensive behaviour

1180 Mr C J DERBY-LEWIS asked the Minister of Law and Order

(1) (a) How many charges were laid with the South African Police in regard to incidents involving offensive behaviour which allegedly occurred on Durban and East London beaches in December 1987 and January 1988, (b) what was the nature of these charges and (c) what was the outcome in each case,

(2) what are the duties of members of the Police when dealing with incidents of this nature?

The MINISTER OF LAW AND ORDER.

(1) (a) Durban
December 1987 — 1
January 1988 — 1
East London
December 1987 —none
January 1988 — none

(b) and (c) Two women were charged with public indecency because they showered naked at the public showers. Both women were convicted and sentenced

(2) It is the statutory responsibility of the South African Police to investigate any complaint of an alleged crime that is reported. However, circumstances differ from complaint to complaint, therefore, it is not possible to set out the specific duties with regard to each complaint

NOTE: On 28 December 1987 a number of persons submitted statements to the South African Police, East London. In these statements general allegations were made regarding Black women and children who bathed naked or semi-naked However, the complainants could not identify the beaches or persons concerned, consequently no prosecution could be instituted Appropriate steps were taken to prevent similar incidents

Computer fraud: combating

1258 Mr C J DERBY-LEWIS asked the Minister of Law and Order.

(1) Whether the South African Police have methods and specially trained staff at their disposal for the combating of computer fraud in South Africa; if not, why not,

(2) whether he intends taking any action in this regard; if so, (a) what action and (b) when;

(3) whether the Police consult with members of the computer industry in this regard; if not, why not, if so, what is the nature of this consultation?

The MINISTER OF LAW AND ORDER.

(1) to (3)

It is the statutory responsibility of the South African Police to prevent crime and to investigate any crime or alleged crime. In the execution of these duties pace is kept with the latest methods and technology which may facilitate the task of the South African Police Should a specific industry be able to make a significant contribution in this regard, they are consulted without hesitation.

Illicit diamond buying

1259. Mr C J DERBY-LEWIS asked the Minister of Law and Order

Whether the South African Police are involved in administering legislation relating to illicit diamond buying; if so, (a) to what extent, (b) how many members of the Police Force are engaged in this branch and (c) what was the cost of administering this branch during the latest specified period of 12 months for which information is available?

The MINISTER OF LAW AND ORDER

(a)to (c)

A special unit of the Detective Branch of the South African Police enforces the Diamond Act, 1986 (Act 56 of 1986) As these duties fall within the ambit of the provisions of section 5 of the Police Act, 1958 (Act 7 of 1958) the costs involved are not separately identified and recorded.

Group areas legislation: contraventions

1273. Mr S S VAN DER MERWE asked the Minister of Law and Order·

(1) How many investigations into alleged contraventions under group areas legislation were conducted by the South African Police in (a) each police division and (b) the Republic in 1987;

(2) whether it is the policy of the Police to investigate such contraventions only as the result of complaints made to them; if not, what is the policy regarding investigations; if so,

(3) whether all such complaints are investigated; if not, why not,

(4) whether it is the policy of the Police to encourage persons aware of possible contraventions in this regard to lodge complaints; if so, (a) why and (b) what is the nature of such encouragement?

The MINISTER OF LAW AND ORDER:

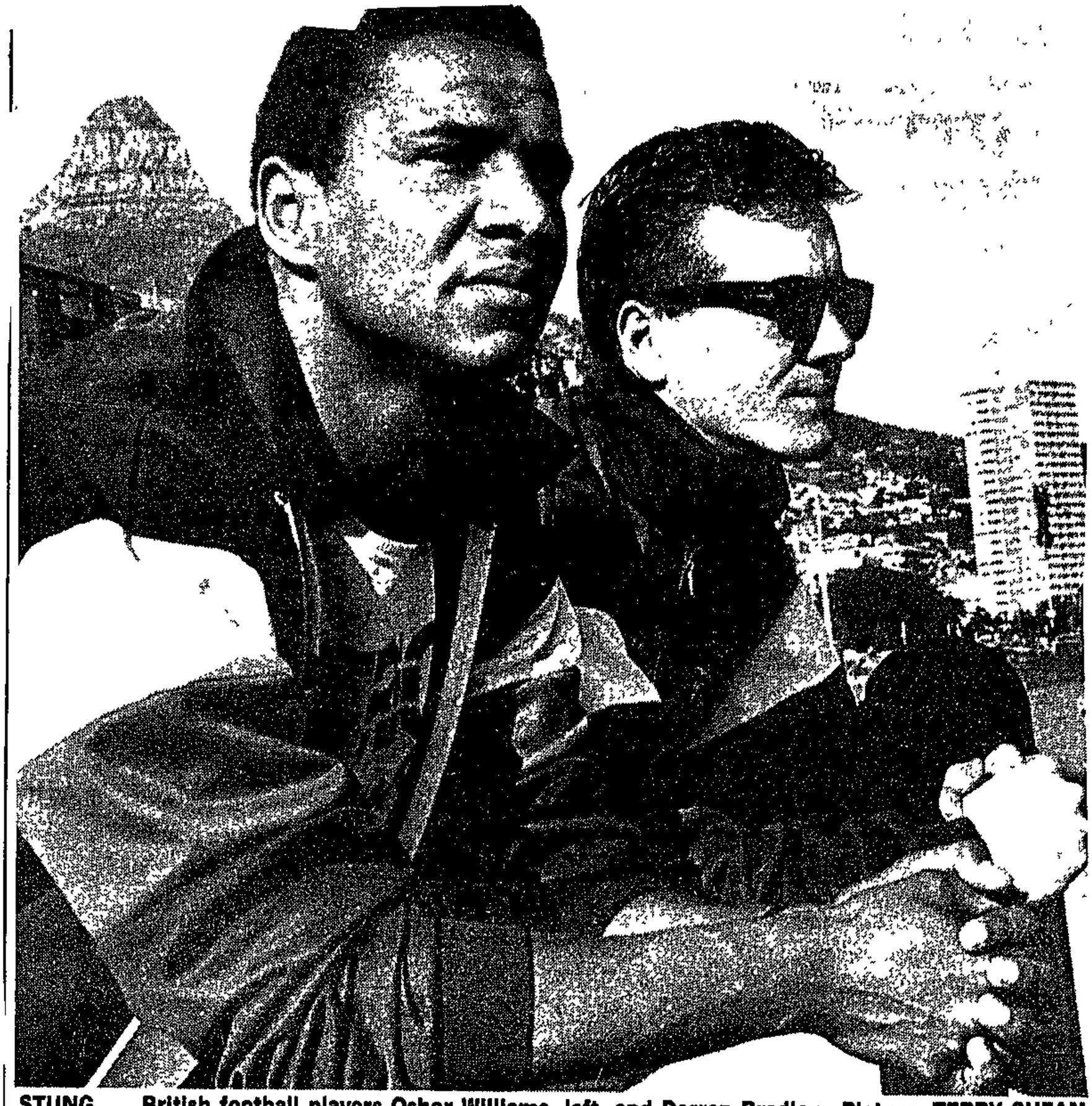
(1) (a) and (b) 1307 investigations were conducted country-wide in the different police divisions

(2) Yes.

(3) Yes.

(4) No.

(a) and (b) Fall away



STUNG . . . British football players Oshor Williams, left, and Darren Bradley Picture: TERRY SHEAN

Whites-only spa blows whistle on coloured UK football visitor

By EUGENE ABRAHAMS

TWO British footballers — one of them coloured — felt the sting of apartheid when they were refused entry to a Boland health spa.

But Oshor Williams, currently guesting for NSL football club Cape Town Spurs, said: "I'm not that naive and expected an incident like this during my stay in South Africa.

"However, that doesn't make it easier to accept."

Drive

Williams, who plays for English Third Division club Preston North End and his friend, West Bromwich Albion's Darren Bradley, said a resident at their hotel had recommended the Goudini Spa in Rawsonville to them.

"He said it was a nice drive and we could take in the Worcester tunnel as well.

"When we arrived at the place Darren and I saw the 'right of admission' sign, but those you find everywhere.

"There was no sign saying the spa was not multiracial.

"At the reception area we were greeted by three women who asked if they could help us."

Said Bradley: "I asked if we could use their facilities for the day, but one girl, who had obviously taken a look at Oshor, said the Spa was not multiracial.

"She was quite apologetic and very courteous about it."

Williams added: "I felt hurt and irritated.

Bradley said he was very embarrassed about the incident and felt it even more because his friend had been hurt.

"But we decided not to cause a fuss and just walked out.

"Also, we are visitors to this country and always try to be on our best behaviour.

"We are ambassadors for our country and have to represent England as best we can.

Williams said the incident, however, did put a damper on their trip, and though it was the first time something like this had happened, it would hurt for a long time.

Added Bradley: "It was a strange situation and it has probably soured some of the good memories we've had since coming here to play for Cape Town Spurs."

Fault

The twosome will return to England at the end of July to start their pre-season training with their respective clubs.

The manager of the Goudini Spa, Mr Nelis Smit, confirmed that the spa was not multiracial, and said: "We never tell people when they phone that we are not multiracial. If they don't ask, then that is their fault.

"But we do tell them when they arrive here."

State to appeal over beach ruling

PORT ELIZABETH — An application for leave to appeal against the Supreme Court order in Port Elizabeth last month that the city's municipal beaches are opened to all races has been granted.

The State and the Administrator of the Cape brought the application yesterday.

They were among the respondents to the initial court application, brought by city councillor, Mr Graham Richards and the Member of Parliament for Gelvandale, Mr Mia Loonat.

In the order granted last month, the court ruled in favour of the applicants, declaring that a 1966 municipal decision to racially segregate the city's beaches had been invalid.

The appeal will be heard by the Appellate Division in Bloemfontein on the first available date. — Sapa.

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Swimming pool tariff rise 'discriminatory'

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Municipal Reporter

THE effect of a 100% rise in swimming pool tariffs at Newlands, Sea Point and Muizenberg in December and January, from 50c to R1 a child, would be to keep black children out of the pools, Mr Jan van Eck complained yesterday.

He objected to a new list of civic amenity tariffs.

Mr Louis Kreiner, chairman of the amenities and health committee, said the increases were reasonable.

Mr Frank van der Velde said he agreed with the principle of user charges for facilities, but if swimming pools were out of reach for the poorer communities "we will face diminishing returns and waste the capital we spent in the first place".

Mr Kreiner agreed to take the matter back for reconsideration in committee.

Black doctors told to keep 'low profile'

BLACK doctors attending a medical conference in Warmbaths this week came face to face with Conservative Party politics when they were told to keep a low profile at a resort.

In last year's May 6 elections, the Conservative Party won the seat by 7 170 votes while the National Party received 6 920 votes. But in terms of the tricameral structure, the Overwaal resort falls under the control of the House of Assembly.

By MOKGADI PELA

This means that facilities built out of the budget of the House of Assembly would be reserved for members of that population group — in this case whites.

According to the organiser of the conference, Dr Horst Kustner, close to 60 people who were dissatisfied with the venue walked out in protest.

"I am saddened by the events that took place. After spending so much time arranging for the epidemiological conference, people decided to disappoint us."

He said the organisers picked Warmbaths because it was a rural town. The objective was to stamp out the diseases that are rocking the community, he said.

If the dissatisfied group had approached him earlier, he would have changed the venue, he said.

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Club blackballs Strand golfer: 'I'm coloured'

By LINDA GALLOWAY
False Bay Bureau

A STRAND man whose home looks on to the Strand Golf Club has had his application for club membership rejected because six members blackballed him.

Mr Ebrahim Bucchianari, 44, is convinced that he was refused because he is coloured.

He said he applied to join the club on May 15.

"I had to have approval from six members, which took me two weeks to get, and I submitted the membership fee of R361," Mr Bucchianari said.

"I heard from them again on July 28, when they sent me a letter saying my application had been rejected, but that if I could get approval from 60 percent of the club's members, they would reconsider."



Mr Ebrahim Bucchianari

"MORE THAN A YEAR"

Mr Bucchianari said that fulfilling the requirement would take "more than a year" because it would mean canvassing all members and getting 204 signatures.

"I'm sure it took them that long to reply to my application because they were waiting as long as they could to collect the necessary objections."

The club had two coloured members, neither of whom lived in the Strand.

"They play there very seldom," he said. "I live here and have been refused. Now I must travel to Somerset West, Caledon or Worcester to play golf."

Mr Bucchianari said he knew of two other coloured Strand residents who had been refused membership.

"What hurts most is that I am a local guy. I was born here, educated here and work here," he said. "Why can't I practise my sport in my own town?"

The club secretary, Mr E Potgieter, said the constitution stated that all new applications had to be posted on the noticeboard for two weeks and if six or more members objected, the application could not be approved.

NO DISCRETION

"The committee has no discretion in approving applications if the form is filled in correctly, signed by six members and accompanied by the fee," he said.

"Once six members have objected a letter is written to the applicant explaining that he has the right to get 60 percent of the members to approve his application."

Mr Potgieter said the club's constitution was "open" in that it did not preclude coloured members, but the committee was "hamstrung" by its rules.

Free beaches for all, says Kreiner

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By PETER DENNEHY

CAPTOUR chairman Mr Louis Kreiner yesterday repudiated some of the views of Mr John Robért, the managing director of Captour, on the privatization of beaches.

Mr Kreiner came out strongly in favour of free, unfenced, publicly owned and -managed beaches open to all.

In doing so, he repudiated Mr Robért, who initially reacted positively towards new guidelines on beaches from the provincial authorities.

Among these guidelines from Provincial Secretary Mr Barry van der Vyver were suggestions that local authorities should consider fencing certain beaches, charging entrance fees and privatizing beach control.

Mr Kreiner said Mr Robért had been expressing his own opinions, rather than those of Captour, — and yesterday Mr Robért confirmed this.

Mr Kreiner, who is also the chairman of the city council's amenities and health committee, said it was council policy not to charge people to go on to the beaches.

"The council is also against fencing beaches, in general. We conducted an experiment on Camps Bay and found, after the first season, that the fence was unnecessary. We have set an example for the whole of SA."

It was the inalienable right of anyone to go on to the beach, and this right took precedence over the rights of entrepreneurs, Mr Kreiner said.

However, the council would keep an open mind if someone put up "a good case" for private control of a small section of beach not generally used by the public.

Mr Van der Vyver declined yesterday to comment "at this stage" on whether local authorities would be overruled if they refused to adopt the guidelines.

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Mr Brand, who was "looking very

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Province sets up beaches probe

By PETER DENNEHY

THE Administrator of the Cape, Mr Gene Louw, announced yesterday that his executive committee had decided to set up a committee of inquiry into the reallocation of beaches between the various "population groups".

Mr Louw spoke of structure plans for the entire "Cape coastal area".

A former Appeal Court judge will act as the chairman of the committee, which will also report on the "potential privatization of beaches and amenities, especially in metropolitan and larger urban areas".

Those on the committee will be: Former judge Mr H R Jacobs; advocate Mr W J Wagenaar, who is a former town clerk of Paarl, and Mr A C K Kannenberg, a private town and regional planning consultant.

Mr Louw said the committee had wanted to make a reallocation since February last year, but had delayed this pending the outcome of the President's Council investigation into the Reservation of Separate Amenities Act, Act 49 of 1953.

The committee of inquiry had been asked to report to the provincial administration's executive committee by the end of September. Findings of the inquiry should be implemented before the summer season, Mr Louw said.

Members of the public have been invited to contribute to the inquiry by addressing comments to: The Secretary, Committee of Inquiry, Private Bag X6005, Port Elizabeth 6 000, not later than August 26.

Salt River self-help project under way

Staff Reporter

A COMMUNITY self-help project is to erect a badly needed R1,3-million sports complex in Salt River.

The project is a joint venture between the community, which will provide the labour, the City Council and BP, which will each provide R300 000 grants.

More than 300 members and friends of the Blackpool Sports Club will pitch in to erect the four-storey building on a 3 650 sq m site in Shelley Street behind the Salt River Fire Station.

Building will mainly be done at weekends and it is expected to be completed by the end of January. The complex will incorporate four clubhouses which can double as classrooms, committee rooms, a library and a hall.

A BP spokesman yesterday confirmed that a similar triangular self-help project is under way in the Bo-Kaap, where the council and BP had each provided R50 000 for a smaller sports complex now being built in Tanabaru Street by the members and friends of West Central Tennis Club.

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Anger over whites-only fair in PE

JMC decision on beachfront security 'sinister' – PFP

CP Correspondent

THE decision by the Port Elizabeth Special Committee not to allow a multiracial funfair on the white area of King's Beach this summer for security reasons, has drawn questions from PFP MP in the city, John Malcomess.

Malcomess asked: "Are the elected representives of Port Elizabeth running the city, or are decisions being taken in secret by non-elected State security representatives on the Joint Management Centre?"

The decision not to allow Pleasureland, an amusement complex, in the area was taken this week after a confidential "Green Paper" was submitted by Port Elizabeth town clerk Paul Botha dealing with a matter of "security".

In the debate, National Party councillor Lomo du Plessis said he had discussed the issue with the Joint Management Centre, which is comprised of heads of government departments and members of the SADF and SAP.

Du Plessis said the JMC objected to the King's beach site and he based his objection on the JMC standpoint.

Commenting on the decision, Ben Schutte, the general manager of Empire Amusement Parks, which owns Pleasureland, said he had been crucified because his park was multiracial.

He said he ran entertainment centres for all the people in the country and did not want to get involved in politics.

"But at the end of the day the whole issue of the funfair got blown out of all proportion and got politicised," he said

"I find the whole thing sickening. Is this what our reform policy means?" he asked.

He said he could not believe that after 40 years in Port Elizabeth the funfair had all of a sudden become a security risk.

"Those who are against us should not hide behind so-called security excuses

"They should come out into the open and say that they are really afraid of the fact that I run a multiracial establishment and that there will be blacks at King's Beach," he said.

Schutte said he was now looking for an alternative site in another city.

Commenting, Malcomess said: "I think it is indicative of the society we live in that the people of Port Elizabeth are unable to enjoy Pleasureland because of a secret security report which has the blessing of the JMC, a non-elected body

"One must, therefore, ask who is running the city. Is it the elected representatives of the people or is it the state security representatives as appointed to the JMC's?

"This is most sinister. If, in fact, there is a security problem at the beachfront area, then the public is entitled to know about it "Or has the security of Port Elizabeth and its citizens reached such a dangerous point that we can no longer enjoy our pleasures and our leisure time?

"I am sick and tired of secret reports and secret decisions which result in bannings, detentions without trials and the closure of newspapers – all indicative of a police state," Malcomess concluded

'FRANKENSTEIN' ACT

The monster that haunts the Nats

THE Conservatives have a Nationalist law to bring back apartheid signs in towns under their control.

The Reservation of Separate Amenities Act is still on the statute book in spite of a President's Council recommendation that it be scrapped

It was passed in 1953, and among those who helped get it through was Mr P W Botha, then MP for George

This week he spoke at length at the Transvaal NP congress on the CP's attempt to revive petty apartheid, accusing it of failure to consider the international implications for fighting off sanctions

He spoke scathingly of the CP's "bordjie-beleid" (notice-board policy) and suggested the CP was seeking alternative structures to "carve up" South Africa He warned that to bring back "whites only" signs could lead to impoverishment of the towns concerned and called on the CP to "come to its senses"

It was a far cry from the days when he and his colleagues vigorously defended the aims of the Bill

One of the NP's early apartheid measures, it was introduced by then Minister of Justice Mr C R Swart, who defended it on the grounds that racial segregation was "traditional policy" He argued.

"I just want to refer to the horrible picture which recently appeared in the newspapers of a wedding which took place in London between the daughter of a former Labour Minister and a Native who posed there in his blanket to have his photograph taken

"That would have resulted here if we did not have the traditional policy that there should be separation between European and non-European If a nation is not educated in that direction, that feeling will eventually become weaker

"If a European has to sit next to a non-European at school, if on the railway stations they are to use the same waiting-rooms, if they are continually to travel together on the trains, and sleep in the same hotels, it is evident that eventually we would have racial admixture, with the result that on the one hand one would no longer find a purely European population and on the other hand a non-European population"

Mr Swart disclosed that he had in earlier days defended apartheid from a soap-box in London's Hyde Park after coming across a speaker who urged British girls to marry black men in the colonies in order to civilise the black people.

SO I got on to the soap-box and there I explained to those British ladies what awaited them if they followed this man's advice to marry black men They began to applaud me and eventually I was applauded by the whole crowd I say that if we follow that policy we here in South Africa will not be able to prevent them from marrying one another and we shall have a half-caste generation here

THE government has removed apartheid signs in state buildings and public places, and many local authorities have followed suit. But by clinging to the legal pillar of petty apartheid, it has left the door open for the return of its own Frankenstein's monster. Political writer FRANS ESTERHUYSE reports.



IN the same debate Mr P W Botha said

"We must accept the fact that the non-European in South Africa in his level of civilisation is hundreds of years behind the European, and he can only insist on the same privileges and rights as those enjoyed by the European today when he reaches the stage that the white man has reached

Our difficulty with our friends on the other side (the opposition) is that with their agitation and their propaganda they awaken a desire on the part of the non-European to possess things to which he is not entitled at this stage of his development"

The Act provides for "the reservation of public premises and vehicles or portions thereof for the exclusive use of persons of a particular race or class" The 1953 version provided for a fine of £50, or imprisonment for three months, or both.

Foreign diplomats and certain foreign visitors were exempted from its provisions.

Public premises are defined as any land, enclosure, building, structure, hall, room, office or convenience to which the public has access, but does not include a public road or street. Provision is also made for racial separation at beaches and at any counter, bench, seat or other amenity Public vehicles include "any train, tram, bus, vessel or aircraft used for the conveyance for reward or otherwise of members of the public."

The implementation of the Act gave rise to numerous embarrassing incidents, and the "whites only" boards became a symbol of racial oppression and a major reason for sanctions calls. Only recently the "swim incident" involving Labour leader Allan Hendrickse called renewed attention to it.

Next to the Group Areas Act, it is one of the laws that has caused most bitterness among people of colour, who have repeatedly called for its repeal

Under pressure from all over, the government has removed apartheid signs from post offices, railway stations, buildings and trains, and many local authorities followed suit. Yet, the law itself was kept on the statute book.

In response to last year's President's Council recommendation that it be scrapped, President Botha said it would be "irresponsible" to repeal legislation on "such sensitive issues" without knowing the consequences of such action and without laying down policy guidelines for the future

Its summary repeal would not automatically solve the problems experienced "It would, in fact, especially in the short term, create more problems than it could solve"

He gave an assurance, however, that the government intended to introduce reforms in the field of group areas and the use of public amenities

AND now the CP intends using the same act for its "back-to-apartheid" plan for local authorities — in spite of warnings that it could intensify the sanctions war The Association of Chambers of Commerce described it as "retrogressive" and warned it could discourage investment and cause damage to towns affected.

Labour MP for Addo Mr Peter Hendrickse said the government's disapproval of the CP plan was surprising because apartheid notice-boards were still part of NP policy

Such boards could still be seen in the constituencies of Cabinet Ministers, notably Mr Chris Heunis's Helderberg where "whites only" boards were to be found at Gordon's Bay and elsewhere

The CP's move had been made possible by the government's own inability and unwillingness to move away from its racist policies "The Labour Party demands the repeal of the Act," he said

Docks scheme 'will revitalise city'

Staff Reporter

CAPE Town's future as a tourist destination depends on the waterfront development, says the man who heads Victoria and Alfred Waterfront (Pty) Ltd, the company formed to develop 82ha surrounding the docklands.



Professor Kantor

Speaking at the launch of the company last night, the chairman, economics professor Brian Kantor, said "We have been given a unique development opportunity that will revitalise the heart of Cape Town.

"It is our aim to return the waterfront to the people of Cape Town and its visitors for their pleasure and economic benefit."

The formation of the company follows the tabling of the Burggraaf report on South Africa's harbours

SA Harbours established the company, which has been given all the powers, responsibilities and opportunities available to private companies And the founders also provided the company with its primary asset — a 75-year lease over the land and buildings in the waterfront area

At present SA Harbours hold all the shares but intends going public when the company starts operating profitably

Professor Kantor's fellow-directors are port director Mr Rudie Basson, city councillor Mr Sol Kreiner, Sats business development deputy-director Mr Fuzz Loubser and SA Harbours director Mr Arie Burggraaf

Restaurant, museum

A "lean" but effective team was the object, Professor Kantor said A vital part of this team, the managing director, would be appointed later

Development will take place in a series of projects identified by the company or proposed by developers

Businesses and facilities envisaged include restaurants, bars and cafés, parking areas, shops, markets, offices, exhibition space, hotels, recreational craft facilities, a maritime museum and a residential area.

Links between the area and the city are regarded as essential. To improve these links the customs fence will be moved to make way for the development and the incorporation of the Victoria and Alfred basins with the city

The area to be developed has been divided into seven sections, with Pier Head being the initial focus of attention

The other areas are Granger Bay, the Portswood Road area, the tank farms, land between the tank farms and Ebenezer Road, the Amsterdam cartage depot and the Victoria and Alfred basins.

The tank-farm area could be regarded as the key that would "unlock the riches of the area as a whole".

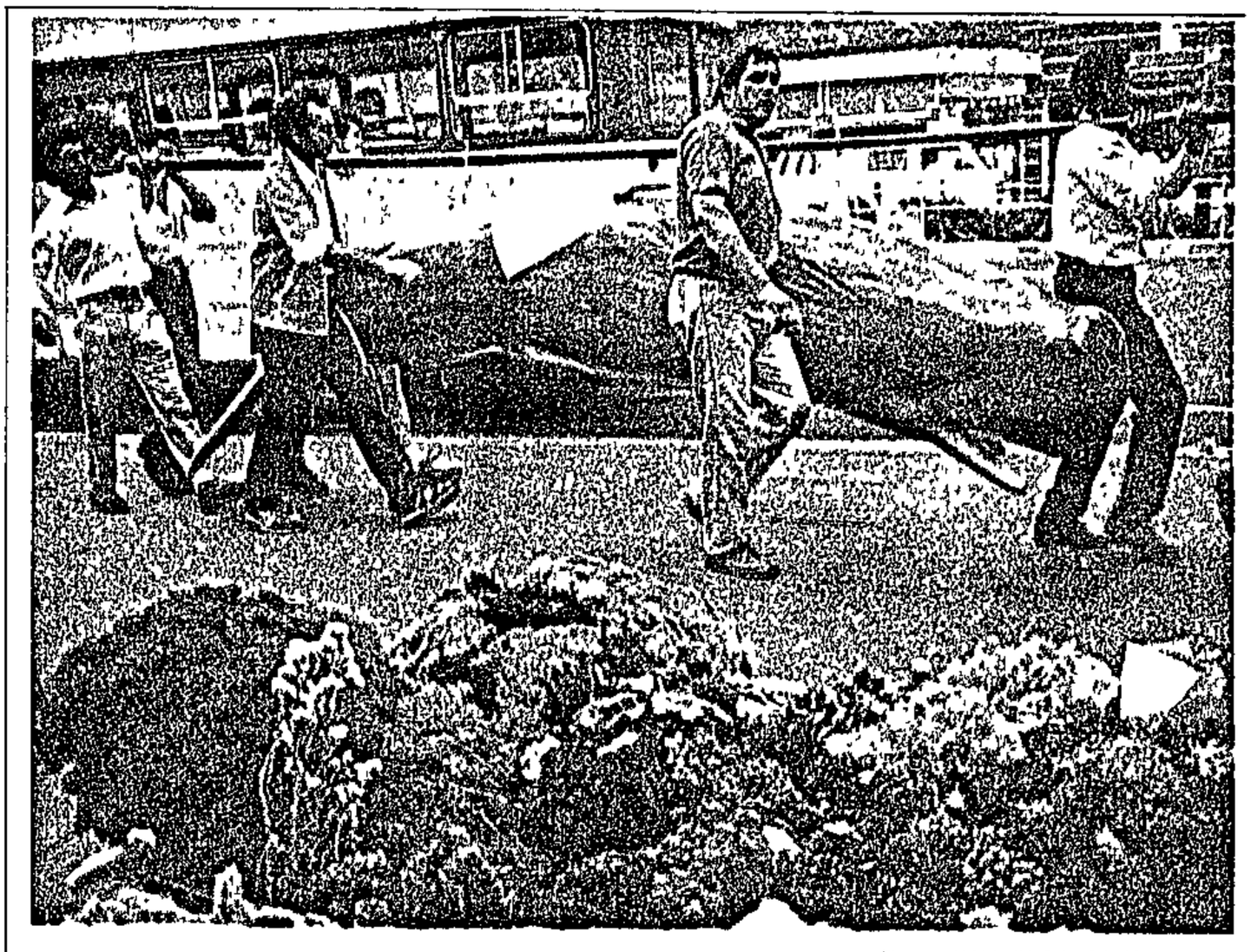
The company was negotiating with the oil companies about transferring their bunkering services from the lower tank farm, he said

Among other developments, the harbour administration would soon be vacating the workshops alongside the Robinson dry dock and in the so-called Back Beach area These workshops could be made available on a short-term basis of up to three years or longer, depending on progress with the Granger Bay phase

The value of sites in and near the development would be "dramatically affected", he added One such site was the Elbow area, which was "magnificently located" on the water and offered tremendous possibilities to developers

The Merchant Navy training facility at Granger Bay was outside the company's control but it formed a crucial part of the overall plan, he said

Deputy-city planner Mr Peter de Tolly said every effort would be made to ensure that the development was in keeping with the city's broad concept of planning



Picture: HANNES THIART, The Argus.

WHALE SPOTTING: Blasé whale spotters were stopped in their tracks yesterday when they saw one in the centre of Cape Town. But it was only a model of a baby sperm whale being carried to the Golden Acre for a two-week National Marine Day exhibition starting on Monday.

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No-one to talk about mixed beaches with His Worship

East London's new mayor is eager to talk open beaches with black leaders. They, however, have other ideas. CHRIS MABUYA reports

EAST LONDON's newly elected mayor wants to negotiate the desegregation of beaches with local community leaders. But they have rejected him.

None of the beaches are officially open to all races but the city has adopted a policy of not prosecuting anyone who breaks the law.

Last Christmas township residents visited Eastern Beach, enraging East London's conservative whites.

Mayor Donald Card said the problem was there were too many people for too few amenities and that the solution lay in upgrading other beaches.

Card, who says he has the support of 58 organisations including United Democratic Front affiliates, said he would like to discuss the beach issue with local community leaders to hear their views.

He emphasised that he wanted to negotiate with the "actual leaders" and dismissed the Gompo Town Committee as "Uncle Toms".

However, Card has had little success so far, with a public meeting on the issue being ignored by community leaders.

They also condemned the recent fencing off of Eastern Beach, saying it was designed to keep blacks out.

An activist, who did not want to be named, said Card's approach was contradictory.

"He told us he was coming as an individual. On the other hand he wants to boost his official position," said the activist.

"When he first approached us he said there was already R23-million available for upgrading the beaches. When asked where the money came from, he said it was from the government. It became clear to us that the programme was already planned.

"A number of questions were asked during discussions in our organisations. People asked the position of community councillors and why there was already money available. The people told their delegates that Card should organise the city hall and call a mass meeting. He refused saying that was a 'political issue'."

The activist said Card's claims that he had the support of 58 organisations and that he had spoken to UDF affiliates and unions was "exaggerated" and "ridiculous"

"Donald Card does not want to talk to the people," the activist said. "He is just interested in individuals who happened to represent the community.

"We are not the people out of the blue. We are answerable to our democratic structures." — Elnews

New Year revellers warned:

Police will take tough line tonight

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New Year revellers be warned: police are to take a tough line with drunken drivers and rowdy hooligans tonight.

There will be a strong police presence in Johannesburg and Soweto, and stringent security measures.

Fears of bomb explosions and possible racial tension have seen a dramatic tightening by security forces. Police say every available member will be on duty.

About 2 000 uniformed policemen will patrol Soweto's streets and man a network of roadblocks at the entrances to the township complex.

The Sap Divisional Inspector of Soweto, Brigadier A S Venter, warns residents: "My men will be out looking for stolen vehicles, drunken drivers, people in possession of dangerous weapons, drugs, and those driving without a driver's licence."

Traffic officials throughout the Transvaal have also warned revellers to take it easy on the roads — or else.

All drunken drivers arrested tonight will be held in custody until the end of the holiday weekend. They will appear in court on Tuesday.

Traffic officials say bail will not be granted over the weekend, guaranteeing a sobering experience for many.

Already about 600 drivers nationwide have been arrested for being under the influence, almost half in Durban, where many holidaymakers are spending the festive season

This month's tally in Johannesburg is 139 — 26 up on last December.

There have been more than 100 arrests in Pretoria, and 60 in Germiston.

In the whole PWV area, only Roodepoort can boast a clean record so far.

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A spokesman from the Johannesburg Traffic Department said he knew of one complaint by a motorist on the road to Durban who had been forced off the road by a driver who was drinking at the wheel, but he said that on the whole people seemed to be listening to the campaign against drinking and driving.

"But there are always those who have to be different, and do not pay attention."

Hillbrow will be cordoned off from 4 pm this afternoon (see Page 3).

In Durban, police will be cordoning off roads in the

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Police called as blacks swim at 'white' PE beach

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PORT ELIZABETH — Police were called to King's Beach and beachfront pool slides when lifesavers reported that black children were swimming and playing in their underwear.

This followed a police warning earlier to right-wing organisations not to take the law into their own hands should they decide to patrol the Port Elizabeth "white" beaches on New Year's Day to check if blacks were bathing there.

A police spokesman said charges had not been laid against the children. No members of the public lodged complaints against a church group of 164 blacks who unexpectedly visited the beach and slides on Thursday.

Some children were asked to leave because they were not wearing proper costumes.

The more than 90 children, from all over South Africa, were members of a group who attended an annual Fundamental Seventh Day Adventist Church conference here.

Church group member, Mr Cornelius Tlhasedi of Cape Town said there were no signs prohibiting blacks.

Earlier, Mr Attie Lock, local HNP organiser, said party members would patrol King's Beach, Humewood and St George's Strand on Sunday.

Six to eight HNP members would be at each beach. They would, he believed, be accompanied by AWB members.

Colonel Fred Sauerman, police liaison officer for the Eastern Cape, warned people not to try to take the law into their own hands.

He said members of the public could lodge complaints if they thought an offence had been committed — Sapa.

HNP to join AWB on PE beach patrols

Own Correspondent

PORT ELIZABETH. — HNP members will patrol King's Beach, Humewood and St George's Strand on Sunday, Mr Attie Loock, regional organiser for the Herstigte Nasionale Party here, said yesterday.

But police yesterday warned members of white right-wing organisations who intend patrolling Port Elizabeth's "white" beaches on New Year's Day to check on whether black people are bathing there, not to take the law into their own hands.

Mr Loock said that between six and eight HNP members would be at each beach. They would, he believed, be accompanied by members of the Afrikaner Weerstandsbeweging (AWB).

While he did not know any of the AWB members personally, he had heard yesterday that they were currently patrolling the beaches, as they had done last year.

Colonel Fred Sauerman, South African police liaison officer for the Eastern Cape, said yesterday that anyone could lodge a complaint about contraventions of beach regulations to the police for investigation provided he gave his name, address and telephone number.

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No apartheid signs but AWB patrol beaches

By MBULELO LINDA

UNIFORMED members of the extremist Afrikaner Weerstandsbeweging patrolled Port Elizabeth's elite King's Beach this week.

Holidaymakers said members of the AWB marched down to the beach in khaki uniform. No incidents were reported.

Although apartheid signs have been removed from Port Elizabeth's beaches, black people wishing to use the beaches have persistently been confronted by white bathers and the police.

In May this year, the Port Elizabeth Supreme Court granted a declaratory order that the city's beaches had never legally been racially zoned.

The Administrator of the Cape, Gene Louw, and the Minister of Constitutional Development and Planning, Chris Heunis, have lodged an appeal against the judgement.

A Port Elizabeth lawyer and former councillor, Graham Richards, said the beaches remained open to all race groups, despite the pending appeal.

Louw, on the other hand, insists that until the appeal is heard, the beaches remain white.

The emergence of the AWB followed complaints by white bathers about the presence of the prominent Swaziland golfer, Joe Dhlamini, and his family at a municipal swimming pool last weekend.

Police took the personal particulars of Dhlamini, who took part in the Goodyear Classic tournament at the city's Humewood Golf Club, and his family after a holidaymaker had complained to the police. — Pen