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"We (the council) know better than anybody else what the situation at Eastern Beach is," he said.

"Blacks have been using the beach for the past four years and nothing is going to change the status quo."

— Sapa.

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E London beach to stay white

Own Correspondent

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PE IN THE SWIM

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REPORT

BEACH apartheid died over the New Year weekend in Port Elizabeth, one of its last strongholds where a battle against petty apartheid has been raging for years.

But officially beach apartheid lives on amid government moves to keep it going.

A bizarre situation has developed in which the government, in effect, has joined hands with its extreme rightwing opponents such as the Herstigte Nasionale Party as the last defenders of beach apartheid in that city.

Some critics have even referred to PE as "Boksburg-by-the-sea".

In spite of this, the New Year weekend saw crowds of all races swarming to the city's officially "whites only" beaches — and no racial incidents were reported.

Some said the weekend's harmonious racially-mixed bathing had shown that in practice beach apartheid had been drowned.

The situation has developed after years of government indecision following a PE City Council decision for the scrapping of beach apartheid.

In the wake of the recent debacle in Boksburg and other CP-controlled towns where the Conservative Party made moves to restore petty apartheid, the PE beach apartheid issue is now more than ever a political hot potato for the government.

Uncertainty about the official position on PE's beaches continues due to various factors. These include:

- AN Appeal Court decision is still pending on an appeal by the Minister of Constitutional Development and Planning, Mr Chris Heunis, and the Administrator of the Cape, Mr Gene Louw, against a Supreme Court ruling last year that the city's beaches were open and had never been legally closed.

- A CLAIM by the administrator, Mr Eugene Louw — disputed by some people — that the *status quo* (in respect of beach apartheid) was applicable until the Appeal Court gives its decision, expected later this year.

- A REPORT of a committee of inquiry appointed last August to investigate the allocation of Eastern Cape beach facilities is still being awaited and is said to have been submitted to the Administrator, and

- THE Government's refusal to scrap the Reservation of Separate Amenities Act under which official beach apartheid was created.

MR Graham Richards, a former PE city councillor who initiated the application to the Supreme Court against beach apartheid, said this week the City Council and organised commerce and industry wanted the beaches to be open to all races.

"There were no incidents of any description on the beaches and no complaints were made to the police. People behaved like people and observed peace and courtesy. The legalities of the situation I leave to the lawyers and the politics to the politicians."

Recently-elected city councillor Mr Bobby Stevenson, who has also been in the forefront of Port Elizabeth's fight against beach apartheid, said: "Port Elizabeth is known as the Friendly City. The failure of the provincial administration to open the city's beaches caused racial tension. The sooner racism is removed from our society, the sooner can we start with the process of building a better South Africa."

"One of the ironies of the whole Boksburg debacle is that the Conservative Party is being denounced for practising petty apartheid when the National Party is responsible for the very laws they are merely enforcing and that are being enforced on PE's beaches."

Mr Stevenson said his impression was that beach apartheid had not so far collapsed altogether in the city.

He confirmed that a move was now afoot to have municipal swimming pools desegregated.

Labour Party spokesman Mr Peter Hendrickse, MP for Addo, said the fact that many people of all races were using the same beaches without incidents was proof that the government was "out of touch not only with the country but also with its own supporters."

"One must, however, condemn the government's unwillingness to repeal the racist and discriminatory Reservation of Separate Amenities Act which makes it possible for rightwing fanatics to insult and cause offence to decent South Africans of colour," Mr Hendrickse said.

THE following sequence of events in Port Elizabeth's fight against beach apartheid has been provided by councillor Stevenson from his files

- IN 1982 the PE City Council first rejected a proposal that beaches be desegregated.

- IN 1985 a similar motion was rejected with only eight councillors out of 26 voting for it.

- IN March 1986 the council reversed its earlier decision and came out in support of open beaches. This decision was then forwarded to the Administrator of the Cape for his consent.

- IN July 1986 a municipal poll was held in which about 45 percent of ratepayers voted for opening beaches to all races and 55 percent against. Significantly, beachfront wards all voted in favour of open beaches.

TWO years ago Labour Party leader the Rev Allan Hendrickse, (RIGHT) then a member of President Botha's Cabinet, rocked the government's apartheid ship with his defiant swim at Port Elizabeth's "whites only" King's Beach.

This action led to a 23-minute tongue-lashing of Mr Hendrickse by President Botha on television and to a serious clash with the government which subsequently resulted in Mr Hendrickse's dismissal from the Cabinet.

This week many black and coloured people were among crowds that swarmed to Port Elizabeth's beaches during one of the most peaceful New Year weekends residents remember in recent years — and not a word from the government. Political writer FRANS ESTERHUYSE reports on the PE beach apartheid scene



BATHERS said this week it was one of the happiest and most peaceful New Year weekends the city had experienced for many years. Some said the weekend's harmonious racially-mixed bathing had shown that in practice beach apartheid had been drowned.

At a meeting the City Council then confirmed its earlier decision that beaches be opened. The matter was referred to the Administrator, in terms of the Municipal Ordinance, for his decision.

A long official silence ensued . . .

When nothing had happened by December 1986, Mr Graham Richards, then a city councillor, and Mr Bobby Stevenson, decided to take legal action. The administrator was tackled on a point of administrative law, on the grounds that he had failed to take a decision.

The administrator then made a decision that the *status quo* remain — which meant, in effect, that beach apartheid would continue.

Mr Richards proceeded with legal action on the grounds that beaches had never been correctly zoned.

The matter was taken to court. The applicants were Mr Graham Richards, then a city councillor, and Mr Mahomet Loonat, Labour Party MP for Gelvandale. Early last year the Supreme Court ruled that the city's beaches were open to all races.

The administrator then lodged an appeal. The practical effect of this action was that the beaches were still perceived to be closed.

An earlier argument from the Provincial Executive Committee was that a decision would not be made until the government had responded officially to a President's Council report on

separate amenities. (The President's Council recommended that the Reservation of Separate Amenities Act be scrapped).

IN another move by the provincial authorities, a notice was published in the Cape Provincial Gazette in August 1987 annulling any powers of the City Council to desegregate beaches. This power had been delegated to the PE City Council in 1976.

Last year a commission was appointed by the administrator to look into the zoning of beaches. The commission's report is still being awaited.

Recently, apartheid at municipal swimming pools became an additional issue. Last month the community services committee of the City Council sidestepped a request from the Malabar management committee to have the pools opened to all races. The committee referred the matter back to the northern areas management committee and the Malabar committee for further discussion.

Mr Stevenson said the issue of beach apartheid would come up again early this year.

He said the matter was now in the hands of the administrator who could withdraw his appeal against the Supreme Court decision, or make a recommendation endorsing the PE City Council's decision that beaches be opened.

The Administrator was not available this week to comment. A spokesman in his office said he was still on holiday.

He said all segregation signs had been taken down and a *de facto* situation had developed where beach apartheid did not seem to exist any longer.

Mr Richards visited the beaches frequently during the New Year weekend. He said there were many more black and coloured bathers than in the past and no incidents were reported.

"However, the official attitude has been to prolong the uncertainty as long as possible. In practice beach apartheid has come to an end," he said.

The mayor of Port Elizabeth, Mr Solly Rubin, said: "I have lived in PE for more than 50 years and I can say this has been one of the happiest and most peaceful New Year weekends we have had."

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Girl 'dragged' from white beach

Staff Reporter

A GEORGE man who on Monday pulled a 10-year-old coloured girl out of the surf at a "whites only" beach yesterday defended his action.

The incident took place when Wilderness farmer's wife Mrs Mandy Fick took three visiting white children from Cape Town and four children of farm workers to Victoria Bay — about 12km from the holiday home of President P W Botha — at 5.30pm on Monday.

Mrs Fick said a four-year-old coloured girl was paddling in the surf when two teenagers

came up and told the toddler to leave the beach. When Mrs Fick questioned their authority to order the girl out of the water, they walked away.

"About 10 minutes later a huge man stormed down, grabbed the 10-year-old girl by the arm and started dragging her out of the surf," Mrs Fick said.

Mr J C "Kooos" Gerিকে, the temporary caretaker at the Victoria Bay Caravan park, confirmed yesterday that he was involved in the incident.

"There are 'whites only' signs on the beach, the brown area is just around the corner.

I was called because there were coloureds on the beach," Mr Gerিকে said.

"I took the girl by the hand and told her to get out of the water," he said.

Mrs Fick said she confronted Mr Gerিকে, but he swore at her "in a threatening manner". She then gathered the children and left the beach but the he followed them and verbally abused her and the children, she alleged.

Mr Gerিকে denied that he verbally abused the group, saying he was a "well-brought up person". He admitted to following the group when they

left but said that he wanted to take down the registration number of the car.

He said the reason holiday-makers wanted to keep Victoria Bay "white" was that at nearby Wilderness "coloured people were swimming semi-nude and there was glass all over the beach".

Mrs Fick said that on a previous occasion she also took farm children to the same beach without any incidents.

The mother of the three Cape Town children, Mrs Jill Ritchie, said she was shocked by the incident. "It is sad for kids to witness something like that."

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Resort²⁸² refuses entry to visitors

Staff Reporter

A BRITISH woman holidaymaker whom the South African authorities would classify as "coloured" if it were up to them to do so, has been refused entry to the whites-only Montague Springs holiday resort.

Mrs Alison Brennan, who was born in South Africa but has lived in London for the past nine years, said that when she told the manager she was dark-skinned she had been told that she and her two children could not stay there.

"It's lucky I telephoned them first," she said. "Their advertisements made no mention of their policy of admitting whites only. They should say it's for whites only. Why don't they warn people?"

"My children could not understand why we could not go there. I don't care so much for myself, but it's terrible for the children. It's a different story overseas."

The manager of the resort, Mr André Kühn, confirmed yesterday that only whites were allowed to stay at the resort.

Asked why the resort did not mention this in their publicity material, he referred the question to "the chairman of the Home Owners' Association, Dr Morkel", whose first name and telephone number he did not have.

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Racist drags girl out of sea

A 10-YEAR-OLD coloured girl was pulled from the surf at Victoria Bay's "whites only" beach near George on Monday.

JC "Koos" Gericke, temporary caretaker at Victoria Bay Caravan Park, defended his action, saying: "There are 'whites only' signs on the beach - the brown area is just around the corner."

Wilderness farmer's wife, Mandy Fick, took three white kids visiting from Cape Town, together with four local farm workers' children, to the beach.

The 10-year-old was paddling in the surf when two teenagers approached and told her to leave.

"About 10 minutes later a huge man stormed down, grabbed her by the arm and started dragging her out the surf," Fick said.

Gericke said he was called "because there were coloureds on the beach".

"I took the girl by the hand and told her to get out of the water," he said.

He denied allegations of verbal abuse, saying he was "well brought-up."

Mother of the three visitors, Jill Ritchie, said: "It's sad for kids to witness something like that." - Sapa

Am I a criminal if I stand on a pavement?

By JON QWELANE, The Argus Correspondent
JOHANNESBURG. — Friday the 13th was
unlucky — nobody took any notice of me.

Nobody gave me a second look in the sleepy Ka-
roo dorp De Aar, in spite of the trouble I had taken
to look my skollie-best.

I had gone to the town to see for myself whether
it was true black people — as recent reports stat-
ed and lawyers affirmed — were being arrested
for standing on pavements. A sort of spill-over
from Boksburg and Carletonville.

With due apologies to all skollies, tsotsis and
various associated ragamuffins I really went out
to present myself as a member of the fraternity.

My sartorial choice for the De Aar sortie was a
black beret on my scalp, an old and crumpled shirt
with buttons missing, a pair of stovepipe jeans and
takkies that once were white.

I reasoned that if I was to be unfortunate and
arrested for "unlawfully standing aimlessly on the
pavement and thereby hindering the public", I had
to be properly suited.

Survived many raids

My choice of clothes was not without reason —
in the days of the Pass Laws I had survived many
raids in town by simply wearing a jacket and tie.

I had long realised that a policeman on a raid
rarely interfered with "well-dressed" people, his
thinking being presumably that there were no
well-dressed pass offenders.

So what would make dusty and sleepy De Aar's
policemen, raiding people "unlawfully standing
aimlessly on a pavement", more clever than the
slow cops on the pass beat in space-age Johannes-
burg?

But they ignored me — and I stood on the pave-
ments until my feet ached.

My old, crumpled shirt — on the long drive
from Kimberley I had folded it roughly and sat on
it to crumple it even more — did not attract any
attention, even though I had not tucked it inside
my jeans.

But then, even by the standards of De Aar's skol-
lies, perhaps I only succeeded in looking more a
moegoe (country bumpkin) than anything else —
and that was why little attention came my way.

But if nobody noticed me, they also did not no-
tice any of the people sitting and standing on the
pavements. Not when we were there, anyway.

So where did all the reports about black people
being arrested for standing on pavements come
from?

Different story

A woman told photographer Don Ryan there had
been a bit of a scuffle some time this week outside
a large supermarket in the town, resulting in the
arrests.

Near the post office another woman told me the
same thing, referring to the same incident the first
woman had spoken to Ryan about.

But a man at the telephone booths told me a dif-
ferent story, which I heard again a short while
later.

We were about to drive out of the town when a
small group of women walked out of the super-
market.

They could not contain their curiosity when they
noticed us taking photographs. They wanted to
know who we were and why we were clicking
away.

In turn I asked them "Are you aware of any
people having been arrested for standing on pave-
ments in this town?"

An affirmative ch rus made me listen, and they
told me blacks were being arrested in the town for
standing on pavements.

They said when raids were carried out, usually
the people pushing or holding on to loaded trolleys
were left alone.

Whether it was one isolated incident which re-
sulted in the arrest of some people, or whether
people are arrested for standing on pavements will
become clear later this month.

Mr Johannes van Staden, of the coloured town-
ship of Kareeville, has been summoned to appear
in court for "unlawfully standing aimlessly on the
pavement at the entrance to Shoprite, and thereby
hindering the public".

Appearing with him will be Mr Simon Swartz
and Mr Klaas Swartz, also of Kareeville.

Mr Brian Currin, national director of Lawyers
for Human Rights, says he can find nothing which
makes standing on a pavement an offence.

Gordon's Bay, Strand take action

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THE Town Councils of Gordon's Bay and Strand are taking action on the blacking out of beach-apartheid signs in their areas.

The six signs were painted over yesterday by a group which claimed in a call to the press to be five "white professional South Africans" who were "raising public awareness".

They said the signs were an insult to fellow South Africans: "If politicians cannot give direction, let the ordinary citizen reach out to his fellow man and ignore apartheid's restrictive measures".

Gordon's Bay Town Clerk Mr Chris Neethling said yesterday that charges would definitely be laid if the culprits were found, as "ratepayers' money is involved here".

Mr Neethling said that "some fool took it into his head to act" before the President's Council had decided on the issue.

Strand Town Clerk Mr Laurie Groenewald said the signs had been cleaned and were back in place.

The six signs read "beach and sea whites only".

● Mr Abdullah Khan, who, with his family, was told by police to leave Gordon's Bay beach earlier this month because he is not white, has applauded the action of the group which defaced the signs.

Whites-only signs blacked out

CAPE TOWN — Six Strand and Gordon's Bay beach apartheid signs were on Sunday blacked out with spray paint in a protest by five unnamed "white professional South Africans".

A caller, who did not wish to be identified, told a Cape Town newspaper the group included a doctor and a specialist. Their aim was to raise "public awareness". (282)

"We are a non-political group but as the Government has said apartheid is dead we believe whites-only signs at every public amenity should be removed or destroyed." — Sapa.

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Bid for all-white dahlia society

From MICHEL MULLER

PORT ELIZABETH. — Two men have been barred from exhibiting their blooms at a Dahlia Society show here because of the colour of their skin.

Mr Steve Friz was refused permission to exhibit because he is "coloured", while Mr Alroy Fleischer was barred because he is married to a "coloured" woman.

Dahlia Society member Maureen van den Berg was expelled from the society after proposing that the two men, who are not members of the society, be allowed to add their blooms to the colourful display at the City Hall.

Her proposal was opposed by a Conservative Party member.

Fritz said he was already making arrangements to launch a nonracial dahlia society with the support of Van den Berg.

Fleischer's dahlias won top awards for five consecutive years at the former Algoa Dahlia Society show.

After being barred from the Dahlia Society show both Fritz and Fleischer donated their dahlias to charity and hospitals.

"There were hundreds of blooms and it took us months to prepare for the show," said Fritz.

"It was a great disappointment not being able to exhibit."

Divers rejected at all-white camp

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By JOHN YELD, Staff Reporter

APARTHEID is alive and well at beach campsites, as the integrated False Bay Diving Club can confirm.

Some members of the club have been turned away at Uilenkraalsmond near Gansbaai because they are "not white".

The site is controlled by Caledon Divisional Council.

Now all local authorities controlling coastal resorts have been challenged to open them to all race groups.

Diving Club member Mr Alex Papayanni, who is also public relations officer for the Western Province Underwater Union, said the club had been on a weekend outing to dive on the wreck of the Birkenhead when they were turned away.

"We were told categorically by the superintendent that no coloured people were allowed," Mr Papayanni added.

"I feel that's not on. What upsets me is that some club members who carry foreign passports are allowed in while others, born here, are not."

The club usually booked in at the closest camp to a diving site.

"That could be anywhere. I would like to challenge the municipalities who run these sites to recognise that it's quality people they're dealing with."

"Obviously we don't expect any trouble — all our members are of the highest calibre and are highly qualified."

Mr Petrus Roux, Divisional Council chairman, said he was not aware of the incident but confirmed that Uilenkraalsmond was reserved for whites "at this stage".

"There has never been an application to open it. They must just apply and it will be put before the council. I can't say what the decision will be," he said when asked to comment.

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Cape Town asks for 'open' status

CAPE TOWN — The Cape Town City Council has applied to the authorities to have the greater municipal area of Cape Town declared "open" to all races.

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A council spokesman, Mr Ted Doman, said though the Free Settlement Areas Bill had not yet been gazetted, council had

accepted a motion in January this year to approach the government — and had done so.

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"We asked the government to rescind the Group Areas Act as applied to the City of Cape Town," Mr Doman said. The Government had acknowledged the letter and would reply "as soon as possible". — Sapa.

Landlords in race bar

CP Correspondent

BLACK students at Grahamstown's Rhodes University are being forced to stay in expensive university residences following refusal by local landlords to rent houses to blacks.

A student leader, who asked not to be named, said landlords seemed to be "scared" following recent Press reports about the Group Areas Act.

"As a result, you will see many notices about shared accommodation or houses to let that place emphasis on race. They will say 'white students wanted'. Residence fees have gone up considerably this year, but black students have to stay there as there seems to be no alternative."

He said there was little or no accommodation available in the townships

The university's residence charges are roughly R4 000 a year.

The black students' movement on campus was restricted last year and has therefore not been able to campaign on the issue.

A post-graduate student said he had been approached by a student to take over his flat. "The student asked me if I minded if he first asked his neig-

bour to see if they minded living next to a black person.

"I told him that I did not want to stay there if he did, as skin colour should not be a factor when one decides one's neighbours. I have now had to move into residence, even though it is costing me R1 000 more."

In another case, a "coloured" student who had arrived at a house she and a

friend were supposed to be sharing, was told she could not move in as she was black.

The secretary of the Oppidan (students not living in residences) board said she was not aware of an acute crisis. "Most black students seem to have been sorted out with accommodation."

"Some landlords have indicated that they do not want black students, but then I suppose it is their right to choose who they want living in their houses." - Ana

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PE shock — pools not demarcated

CP Correspondent

AFTER many humiliating incidents when blacks have been asked to leave public swimming pools in Port Elizabeth, the municipality concluded this week that the pools have never legally been demarcated for any specific race.

According to the city's director of administration, Carl Fischer, the swimming pools do not fall under the provisions of the Group Areas Act.

In terms of the Separate Amenities Act, it was possible for the council at any time to reserve pools for the use of a specific race group — but this had never been done.

Meanwhile, the regional organiser of the HNP, Attie Looek, said PE would be a "ghost town" by the end of the year if facilities were open to all races.

"If we open the beaches and swimming pools to all races, the white people won't use them.

"The pools were built with the white

taxpayers' money. If the blacks and coloureds want facilities, we will build them for them," he said.

Fischer said the findings of the municipality concerning swimming pools in PE could have wider implications.

"Port Elizabeth has not been alone in its view that pools were segregated by the Group Areas Act. There are possibly other municipalities where pools have not been racially reserved in terms of the Separate Amenities Act," he said.

At the end of last year, AWB officials patrolled King's Beach, which lies adjacent to Macarthur Bath Municipal Swimming Pool. Their action followed complaints from the public about the presence of a prominent Swaziland golfer, Joe Dhlamini, at the pool. Police took down his details and the incident grew to be an embarrassment for the municipality — Pen

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Cape mayor was asked to remove sign

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CAPE TOWN — The Administrator of the Cape, Mr Gene Louw, telephoned the mayor of Mossel Bay hours before the start of the Dias Festival last February and asked him to remove a beach apartheid sign to avoid "an international incident".

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He had then telephoned the mayor and asked him to remove the sign. Mr Louw said he did not know if the sign had been replaced after the festival. Whether it had or not was irrelevant.

Mr Jan van Eck (Independent, Claremont) said the incident was scandalous because it was an attempt to "hide the ugly truth".

● The Cape Provincial Administration would apparently receive only R49 million of the R352 million it needed for housing and infrastructure in black residential areas in the 1989/90 financial year, said Mr Louw.



Louw slammed on beach apartheid

By MICHAEL MORRIS
Parliamentary Staff

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Mossel Bay's beach policy — and Mr Louw's explanation — brought critical response from opposition MPs.

Morality

Professor S C Jacobs (CP, Losberg) asked whether, if Mr Louw was aware that the sign had been replaced, he would ask for its removal. Mr Louw said he had no choice but to apply the laws of Parliament.

Professor Jacobs had earlier cast doubt on the morality of the NP over its attacks on CP-controlled councils

given that NP local authorities, such as Mossel Bay at the time of the festival, had similar practices.

In an attack from the left, Mr Ken Andrew (PFP, Gardens) said that in essence what Mr Louw was saying was that "it is all right to insult people of colour as long as the world is not looking".

He said Mr Louw "acknowledged all the negative aspects of apartheid signs in explaining why it had to be removed, then admitted hiding behind the law of the country for his actions then and since".

In shame

In view of Mr Louw's plea that Province had to apply the laws of Parliament, had he "incited" the Mayor of Mossel Bay to break the law by removing the apartheid sign?

"What law gave him permission to ask that this be done? I believe the Administrator should hang his head in shame.

"The Province lacks the political courage to do the decent thing ... to remove beach apartheid," Mr Andrew said.

Mr Jan van Eck (Independent, Claremont) said Mr Louw's explanation was a "slap in the face for all people of colour".

The action was "scandalous" because it was an attempt to "hide the ugly truth" and because he had reacted so positively to placate foreigners, while having given no sympathetic consideration to the appeals of local people to have the signs removed.

By PETER DENNEHY

THE Administrator of the Cape, Mr Gene Louw, yesterday questioned the wisdom of having "own-affairs" — or racially exclusive — hospitals, museums, libraries and beaches.

He told 560 delegates at the opening of the 82nd annual congress of the Cape Municipal Association in George last night that he had reservations about such institutions "from a cost-effectiveness point of view".

He said that from this month his provincial administration would rapidly shed its white own-affairs responsibilities to the Department of Local Government: House of Assembly Administration.

"My administration will still see to all black local government functions, multi-racial community functions, and matters concerning all population groups"

Yet his administration was still responsible for some "own affairs" functions.

"Mixing the two concepts (own affairs

Louw in doubt on 'own affairs'

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and general affairs) under one authority makes our task very difficult," he said "It can even bring our credibility into question"

There were open and "own affairs" beaches, libraries, museums and hospitals, he said.

"From the point of view of policy, I can understand this distinction. But as far as cost-effectiveness is concerned, I have questions. On the management side, duplication of functions is a threat

"As a general-affairs functionary, I will strive for the amalgamation of certain own and general affairs, especially where this is desirable from the point of view of cost-effectiveness and management. Museums and libraries are good examples," he said

Applications for group areas permits were matters for the affected own-affairs departments, not the provincial government. His administration could deal with applications for rights within free-settlement areas

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City Council

Council votes for open city

By PETER DENNEHY
Municipal Reporter

CAPE TOWN City Council voted overwhelmingly yesterday in favour of asking the government to "render the Group Areas Act inapplicable" within the municipality, and to reject the Free Settlement Areas Act as an instrument of change.

The decision was taken after over three hours of heated debate in which several councillors unsuccessfully challenged the council to conduct opinion surveys.

Eventually 24 councillors voted to make representations to the government to remove the Group Areas Act from Cape Town, while four voted against it. Also, 24 resolved not to make any applications for Free Settlement Areas, while eight voted against this proposal.

At the start of the debate, executive committee chairman Mr Richard Friedlander tabled an amendment offering a "second best" alternative that if the government would not co-operate on the Group Areas Act decision, the council should apply for the entire municipality to become a Free Settlement Area.

One condition that he did impose was that everyone in free areas should be able to vote for their local authority. The Act does not provide for this at present — non-racial management committees will be mere advisory bodies.

However, after listening to a few powerful speeches slating the new Act, Mr Friedlander withdrew his amendment.

Mr Neil Ross said the Free Settlement Areas Act (FSAA) "opens the door for right-wingers to sow havoc in

our city", as the council would have to ask everyone in the affected areas their views.

Dr John Sonnenberg said the FSAA was "a recipe for the creation of instant slums" in isolated pockets where people would be "shoe-horned in" to the extent that services would break down.

Mr Chris Joubert challenged the council to ask its ratepayers what they thought, on forms to be included in electricity accounts. He also urged that the council should use its slum by-laws to ensure that standards were upheld.

Mrs Eulalie Stott asked him whether these overcrowding by-laws, which are not enforced at present, would be applied equally on the Cape Flats.

"Manenberg, Bonteheuwel and Mitchells Plain can come up with their own regulations. But where we have standards, we want to hold on to them," Mr Joubert said.

Mr Tony Powell accused the council of "opting for radicalism" and "wanting an overnight change". The views of many councillors were "out of touch with the realities of the situation in the suburbs".

"There is possibly a little bit of Boksburg in our municipal area as well," Mr Powell said.

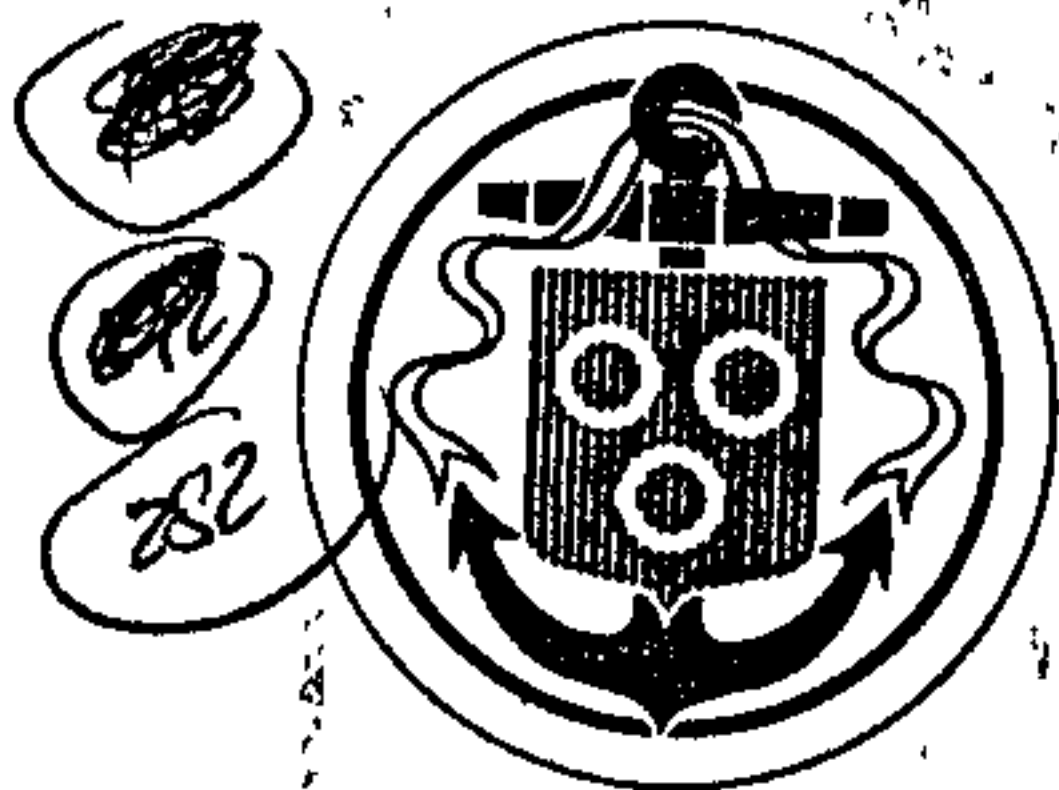
If a referendum were held, he said, "I am quite confident that you would be surprised at the attitude of people in areas where you least expect it — Sea Point, Green Point and Muizenberg".

Mr Nicolaas Basson said he felt sorry for Cape Town as its councillors were "chasing people to the Conservative Party".

"These people are all scared that a referendum will be held, because they know they are going to lose," Mr Basson jeered.

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Council rejects motion for pay beaches

Municipal Reporter

A PLEA was made in the City Council monthly meeting yesterday for the reintroduction of pay beaches, especially at St James, but the majority of councillors rejected it firmly.

Mrs Joye Gibbs's amendment requiring pay beaches to be investigated was defeated by 19 votes to 7, and another clause relating specifically to "a fence and a charge" at St James was lost 17-7.

Referring to a report on behaviour on beaches, Mrs Gibbs said a lot more had gone on than had been written down.

She told of an incident at St James when the attendant was "hit on the head and knocked unconscious," and the people just poured in.

Yet the attendant had not even been trying to charge anyone money, but only to restrict access to the beach.

Mr Louis Kreiner, chairman of the amenities and health committee, admitted that the numbers allowed in at St James had been too high in the past season.

Next season the St James maximum would be 900 at a time instead of 1 800 as in this past season.

He had no problem with limiting access to a beach once it was full, but it was wrong in principle to use an entrance fee to keep out the people who could not afford to come in, he said.

Discrimination

"It is the inalienable right of every Cape Town citizen to enjoy our beaches," Mr Kreiner said.

Mr Arthur Wienburg said pay beaches were a form of discrimination, perhaps not in intent, but certainly in effect. Mr Frank van der Velde said that if the council tried to reapply apartheid through fees, "it would be a backward step. We kid ourselves if we think it will be perceived as anything other than that".

Mrs Patricia Sulcas supported pay beaches, and said the money raised could be used for facilities at the beaches.

Dr John Sonnenberg responded that upgrading facilities was a "rather flimsy excuse". Imposing artificial fees would lead to a tremendous amount of ill-will towards the council, he said.

• The council decided yesterday that new powers should be sought for beach constables to enable them to search beachgoers for liquor and confiscate it when they found it.

Mykonos buyers 'take chance' on Group Areas

By MEG BRITS

COLOURED and Indian buyers at glitzy Club Mykonos, Langebaan, are "taking a chance" by acquiring units above the high-water mark at the resort until the matter of its hotel status is sorted out, say experts on the Group Areas Act.

The resort falls into a controlled area — it has not been proclaimed a white group area — and occupation by coloured and Indian buyers is restricted to units built on reclaimed land below the high-water mark.

The developers, and experts on the Act, believe this is legal because the land has not been previously occupied and will derive its "colour" from its first, multi-racial occupation.

However, according to both Dr Kate O'Regan of UCT's Labour Law Unit and the Democratic Party's Mr Tian van der Merwe, units elsewhere in the resort would be subject to the provisions of the Act, which means that they may be owned or occupied only by whites.

The developer of the resort, Cape finance company Masterbond Trust, believes it can overcome these obstacles by obtaining hotel status for the entire resort, and selling the units on a shareblock basis without converting to sectional title.

Fedhasa executive director Mr Fred Thermann explained that, in terms of the Liquor Act, amended in 1986, the public facilities of any hotel are open to all races.

In terms of the Group Areas Act, a coloured, Indian or black person may stay in an hotel in a controlled or white group area for up to 90 days in any calendar year.

The accommodation units at Mykonos, which are separate from the hotel, would have to remain shareblock units for the 90-day rule to apply. Coloured and Indian buyers could still not legally take sectional title transfer of units above the high-water mark.

Hotel building

And the standards authority of the SA Tourism Board, which registers hotels, last month turned down an application for hotel registration.

It has advised the developer that it may reapply at the end of the year, when construction of a core hotel building should be under way.

Meanwhile, sales to coloured and Indian people are continuing, according to Masterbond director Mr Johan Brits. He said last week that some of these were on a "delayed occupation" basis, because the units had not yet been built. Sales to coloured and

Indian people total some R7 million to date.

Masterbond made provisional application to the SATB to have the resort registered as a hotel in June 1988, according to Mykonos planning director Mr Robin Ellis. Formal application was made in November and turned down in April.

SATB director Mr Pieter Toerien said the standards authority had turned down the application because there were no bona fide hotel facilities at the resort.

"We have advised them that they may reapply when this building, which appears on their plans, is under construction," he said.

"If we had granted them registration, we would have had to deal with applications from every holiday resort with a few chalets."

However, he said that the registration, if it were granted at the end of the year, would not cover sectional title units, as these would be beyond the control of the standards authority.

Mr Ellis confirmed that Masterbond had decided to sell the units only on a shareblock basis. He said the company had also decided not to apply for Group Areas permits for coloured and Indian people to occupy the units in question because this would attract a Group Areas stigma to the resort.

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City Rotarians to boycott talks

By ANTHONY DOMAN
Staff Reporter *News 10/5/89*

CLAREMONT Rotary Club has decided to boycott a Rotary conference at Mossel Bay because of a row over the town's whites-only civic hall.

Mossel Bay's Conservative Party Mayor, Mr Johan Oosthuizen, has defended his council's refusal to allow a mixed choral festival at the hall. He said the hall was not available for multiracial events.

However, he added, "closed groups" that included people of colour were allowed to use the town hall. He himself was due to deliver a welcoming address to such a group — the Rotarians — at the hall.

Last night Claremont Rotary Club resolved after an emergency debate not to attend the district conference in Mossel Bay.

The debate was called specifically to discuss the town hall row.

The Claremont Rotarians unanimously called on club president Mr Paul Lee to tell the conference organisers why they would not attend.

However, individual members were free to make up their own minds and those due to appear on the conference programme would fulfil their commitments.

Sixty Rotarians and their wives were due to attend the conference and other events, which included a mayoral reception.

Rotary club boycotts meeting

5-10-11/5789 CAPE TOWN — The Claremont (Cape) Rotary Club has decided to boycott a Rotary conference at Mossel Bay tomorrow and Saturday because of a row over the whites-only civic hall. (282)

Mossel Bay's Conservative Party Mayor, Mr Johan Oosthuizen, has defended the council's refusal to allow a mixed choral festival at the hall, saying it is not available for multiracial events.

He added, however, that "closed groups", including people of colour, were allowed to use the town hall.

The Claremont club decided at an emergency meeting not to attend the conference. — Sapa.

Cape industrialists reject free-settlement areas policy

By JOHN YELD
Staff Reporter

CITY industrialists have rejected the concept of free-settlement areas and repeated their call for the scrapping of the Group Areas Act.

The Cape Chamber of Industries, which supports the Cape Town City Council's vision of an "open city", said this goal could not be achieved through the free-settlement areas legislation in its present form.

The chamber's response follows a recent decision by the council to reapply to the government to scrap group areas in the city, and not to make applications for free-settlement areas.

Following an executive coun-

cil meeting this week, chamber president Mr Mike Getz said in a statement that organised industry was on record with its belief that the Free Settlement Areas Act, together with the associated local government affairs legislation, could not remove the need for the Group Areas Act to be scrapped.

"The chamber looks forward to this essential component of reform being advanced through appropriate negotiations," Mr Getz said.

The council decided in November last year to canvass ratepayers, business, management committees and others on its policy of an open city. So far there has been a limited response.

Of about a dozen replies

including one from the Institute of Race Relations — several have indicated strong support, but a number of conservative ratepayers' associations have declared themselves opposed to an open city.

Meanwhile, the Cape Town Chamber of Commerce has appointed a specialist group to consider the open-city issue.

In a letter to the executive committee of the City Council this week, the chamber strongly welcomed the open-city initiative.

However, it said, various "practical problems" were linked with the different legislative routes towards the goal of an open city.

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Rygersdal opens doors to all races

Staff Reporter

THE controversial Rygersdal Sports Club has effectively thrown its doors open to all races after months of severe criticism from provincial sporting bodies for having an exclusively white membership.

Chairman Mr Fred Hoffman said yesterday that a club committee appointed to investigate "implications of going multiracial" had resolved that race, colour or creed form no part of any criteria for accepting new members.

"Our modus operandi for accepting new applicants from our various sporting clubs for affiliated membership has changed," Mr Hoffman said.

He declined to specify what membership criteria had applied in the past but said the Liquor Act and the Group Areas Act had forced the club to remain exclusively white. When these laws were amended some time ago the club had continued the whites-only practice until recently "when we had all the pressure", he added.

Mr Hoffman said the "open" decision was taken on April 28 this year. The chairmen of the nine affiliated

sports clubs had not yet been informed but this had been planned for a lunchtime meeting at the club on Monday.

He conceded that the open membership meant the members-only pub would no longer be whites-only "although most players prefer the Sportsman's pub because it has a better atmosphere".

Players of all races have frequented the club for several years, with the "whites-only" members' pub being a source of constant bitterness among visitors.

The club is owned by the South African Association of Municipal Employees (SAAME) and was censured by Cape Town City Council last month. A very close vote to withhold rate rebates on club property until the racial issue had been settled was passed.

Mr Arthur Weinberg, council representative on the club's executive committee, said yesterday that he would recommend the rebate now be granted.

He welcomed the club's decision as being "in accordance with the prevailing enlightened attitudes of Cape-tonians".

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PE beaches open — Durban may follow

Staff Reporters

BEACHES in Port Elizabeth have been declared open to all races and it has been recommended that Durban do the same.

In Port Elizabeth the traditional white beaches of King's Beach and Humewood have been declared open to all races, but the area from Beachview to Schoenmakerskop, the Willows holiday resort and the white residential area of Blue Water Bay are still reserved for whites.

The area from Beachview to Schoenmakerskop includes Seaview, Kini Bay and Sardinia Bay.

The Administrator of the Cape, Mr Gene Louw, said beaches reserved for the exclusive use of coloured people would be de-proclaimed at the insistence of the leaders of the coloured community.

He said St George's Strand had been reserved for the exclusive use of the black community at the blacks' insistence.

OPPOSITION IN DURBAN

The National Party today voiced its opposition to new Durban moves to open all beaches and paddling-pools.

The NP information spokesman, Mr Renier Schoeman, said the policy of the National Party of Natal remained unchanged.

"Our policy is to retain all the beaches and adjoining facilities which are reserved for whites, for whites."

Mr Schoeman said the need for retaining the white beaches "has been clearly expressed. There is no change".

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Louw reverses decision on beach

CAPE TOWN — The segregated beach where the Rev Allan Hendrickse swam in defiance of apartheid two years ago has been opened to all races.

The Administrator of the Cape, Mr Gene Louw, announced yesterday his decision to desegregate the beach in Port Elizabeth three days after President Botha named him the successor to Constitutional Development Minister Mr Chris Heunis.

Mr Louw last year overruled a decision by Port Elizabeth City Council to open its beaches to all races.

The decision affected King's Beach and Humewood Strand in Port Elizabeth, but not other popular seafront resorts which would remain reserved for whites, an official said.

Mr Hendrickse triggered a prolonged row with Mr Botha on New Year's Day 1987, when he led a group of coloured legislators in a defiant swim from King's Beach, protesting against apartheid and the segregation of public facilities. — Reuter.

Drive for 'open city'

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According to a pamphlet distributed as part of the initiative, the policy of enforced separation has artificially divided South Africans, depriving them of the opportunity for "mutual understanding and national harmony".

"Tragic role"

"At the same time this policy has forcibly discriminated against many South Africans, leading to resistance, conflict, economic and social impoverishment and isolation.

"The Group Areas Act has played a particularly tragic and destructive role in separating South Africans from one another and depriving many of their birthright."

The managing director and chief executive of the Urban Foundation, Mr D L van Coller, said the foundation believed that the "de-racialising" of South African society as a whole, and the cities in particular, would be a major step towards a "just and viable society" for all South Africans.

"As all of our efforts are committed to this process throughout the country, we are pleased to note the emergence of the Open City Initiative being promoted by concerned citizens and organisations in Cape Town."

By JOHN YELD
Staff Reporter

AN "Open City Initiative" aimed at scrapping the Group Areas Act in Cape Town is being launched in the city today.

Organisations taking part include the Democratic Party, Cape Democrats, Jews for Justice, Black Sash and Nusas, and observers include Idasa, the Cape Chamber of Commerce and the Cape Chamber of Industries.

The Urban Foundation has pledged its full support to the initiative.

A spokesman said the organisations and individuals shared the belief that Cape Town, like South Africa, needed to be open to all its citizens to choose where they wished to live and work.

"The act of calling for an open Cape Town is a symbolic way of showing our commitment to an open South Africa."

Commitment

The initiative would include a petition, "high-profile events", a media campaign and educational efforts, and was being endorsed by a number of prominent personalities, she said.

The "Open City Commitment" reads:

"Motivated by our common commitment to the creation of a just and democratic South Africa, we, a wide diversity of organisations and individuals in Cape Town, have joined in an initiative to remove racial restrictions on where people may live and work.

"Acting on our belief in a shared future, we commit ourselves to the repeal of the Group Areas Act and the creation of an open city free from racial restrictions on where people can live and work. We call on our fellow citizens to support this initiative."

'PW owes me apology'

Hendrickse will take a beach stroll

Political Staff

Now that Port Elizabeth has declared King's Beach open to all races, the Rev Allan Hendrickse will shortly take a stroll there.

King's Beach, formerly reserved for whites only, was the scene of Mr Hendrickse's famous swim more than two years ago when he challenged the Separate Amenities Act by immersing himself in seawater reserved for white bodies. This resulted in President Botha's lengthy diatribe against him on TV.

Last week it became legal for Mr Hendrickse and other people of colour to use King's Beach and neighbouring Humewood Beach after a decision by the Cape provincial executive to open them to all races.

While a victorious (and legal) swim seemed the most apt way for Mr Hendrickse to celebrate the decision, he told The Star he would be satisfied with a stroll on the beach as the water was now too cold.

"I have been vindicated after my swim two years ago focused national and international attention on the unreasonableness and unfairness of separate amenities," he said.

He said that some years ago before the area became built-up, King's Beach had been a popular camping site for "so-called coloured people".

Recommendations

However, while King's Beach and Humewood have been opened, other whites-only beaches in the Port Elizabeth area will retain their apartheid boards. Beaches that were previously only for coloured people have been opened at the insistence of Mr Hendrickse's Labour Party.

St George's Strand has been reserved for blacks.

"One regret is still that the recommendations of the Jacobs Commission have not been implemented," Mr Hendrickse said.

This commission, under Mr Justice Jacobs, unanimously recommended the opening of all beaches between the Gamtoos and Sundays rivers.

"Here was a judge who, with his commission, recommended that all beaches be opened. Then Gene Louw (the Cape Administrator who is soon to become Minister of Constitutional Development) comes and applies his separate amenities as he desires."

Mr Hendrickse said the two coloured members of the Cape provincial executive objected to the decision to retain these separate beaches.

No jurisdiction

The opening of King's Beach and Humewood was "a small, welcome concession. We hope they will learn from experience and there will be more to follow. Our slogan still remains: 'All God's beaches for all God's people'," he added.

Mr Hendrickse said that after a recent Supreme Court decision stating that the Government did not have jurisdiction of the beaches, Mr Louw had decided to take it on appeal.

"After that Supreme Court decision, I made a statement that a person in a high place owed me an apology. That applies even more now," Mr Hendrickse said, referring to President Botha who had castigated him for swimming at King's Beach when it was for whites only.

Mr Hendrickse added that Labour would reject the Government's proposed Bill outlawing the restoration of apartheid boards that have already been removed, as had happened in Conservative Party-controlled Boksburg and Carletonville.

He wanted all separate amenities to go — including the whites-only beach at Gordon's Bay in the NP-held Helderberg seat of Mr Chris Heunis.

● Last week Durban opened all its remaining whites-only beaches and paddling pools to all races. The NP objected, saying its policy was to retain for whites all beaches and adjoining facilities that were reserved for whites.

Open city launch a 'historic event'

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TWO National Party MPs who had earlier agreed to speak at a public Open City meeting in the Civic Centre this evening had pulled out, Mr Beverly Roos said yesterday.

She was speaking at the launch in St George's Cathedral Hall yesterday of a campaign to open all areas of Cape Town to all its citizens, regardless of colour.

Ms Roos, an Open City campaign organiser, said the Open City campaign organisers had been told that Mr Hennie Bekker of Jeppe and Mr J Delpont of Sundays River had at first agreed to take part in the debate in their personal capacities at a public meeting in the Civic Centre at 8 tonight.

"But then on Wednesday last week we were told that they had

By PETER DENNEHY

been instructed to withdraw," she added. "We believe this has serious implications . . . the government passes laws (like the Group Areas Act) that they are not prepared to debate openly."

City Councillor Mr Chris Joubert, who is also a National Party supporter, is still billed as one of tonight's speakers.

Ms Roos said the Open City campaign launch was a "historic event" as a large number of organisations and individuals within and outside of Parliament had come together to present a united face against "racialism".

Organisations which participated included the Democratic Party, Cape Democrats, the Black Sash, Nusas and Jews for Justice,

while the Cape Chambers of Industry and Commerce, Idasa and the Urban Foundation had been observers.

"At a Five Freedoms Forum conference in Johannesburg in 1987, people were challenged to concentrate on goals we have in common, rather than those that divide us," she said.

The campaign would actively work against the Group Areas Act and for an open city, in anticipation of an open South Africa.

Among the first people to endorse the Open City Initiative were the Mayor and Deputy Mayor of Cape Town, Mr Peter Muller and Mr Gordon Oliver.

The three Democratic Party leaders were also on the list, along with many other prominent personalities.

WHITE municipal voters go to the polls in Port Elizabeth today to vote for or against the racial segregation of the city's swimming pools.

The result of the poll, which will cost about R15 000, is not binding and the final decision lies with the administrator.

The referendum was called for at a public meeting granted by the mayor, Mr John Vieira.

Voters will decide on a proposal that all

Voting on opening of swim pools

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municipal swimming pools in white residential areas be reserved for the exclusive use of whites.

In terms of the Ordinance, the council has to hold a special meeting within one month of the referendum to discuss the result and decide on its response.

A special meeting is to be held tomorrow, after the normal monthly city council meeting. The council's decision and the referendum result will then be referred to the administrator for a final decision.

Rygersdal club open to all

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Municipal Reporter

RYGERSDAL Park Recreation Club has decided to allow people of "all race groups" to apply for membership, and the same qualifying factors will be applicable to all.

Accordingly, the city council's executive committee recommended yesterday that the club should be granted the exemption

from paying rates which it had requested

The land on which it is situated belongs to the city council. However, the club is operated by the South African Association of Municipal Employees (SAAME), which put up the clubhouse and other buildings there. It leases the land.

Since the club provides facilities which the council would otherwise have to provide, any application from it for exemption from rates would normally be favourably received.

Most buildings on the site are in fact exempt from rates, but when it applied for some recent additions to be exempt as well, the council balked.

Caledon camp again rejects coloured divers

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By MICHAEL MORRIS, Political Staff
CALEDON Divisional Council has rejected a request to allow divers who are not white to stay at its Uilenkraalmond campsite.

The Western Province Underwater Union is determined to take the matter further.

Mr Alex Papayanni, the union's public relations officer, said: "The Minister of Law and Order, Mr Adriaan Vlok, as reported yesterday, must stop talking about getting rid of apartheid when this sort of thing is happening. Even the new Administrator, Mr Kobus Meiring, is presenting a very verlig point of view

"It's a cheek for him (Mr Vlok) to say apartheid is like an albatross around the country's neck when they can do something about it."

The council's decision follows an incident in February when three union divers were turned away from the campsite because they were not white.

The union wrote to the Divisional Council asking for permission for all members to use the resort.

But, Mr Papayanni said, the council rejected this.

"They said in a letter the resort fell within a white group area and there-

fore 'the amenities may not be utilised by other groups'.

"This is very embarrassing in the Cape, which is supposed to be verlig

"I'm going to take this up with higher authorities. I can foresee trouble this summer if the matter isn't resolved. We're not going to tell our coloured members they can't come on outings with us."

He said that in line with a South African Underwater Union directive, all affiliated clubs had to be open to all races.

"We've got our house in order, but the authorities haven't," he added.

(Report by M Morris, 122 St George's Street, Cape Town)

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Police seal off apartheid beach

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By VYETTE VAN BREDA
and PATRICK COLLINGS

IN a huge security forces operation, the whites-only Strand beach was cordoned off last night, the shore was patrolled by soldiers and signs were erected saying "Danger, SAP Dogs Training".

The moves came on the eve of today's planned mass beach protest, expected to be attended by thousands of people and led by Archbishop Desmond Tutu.

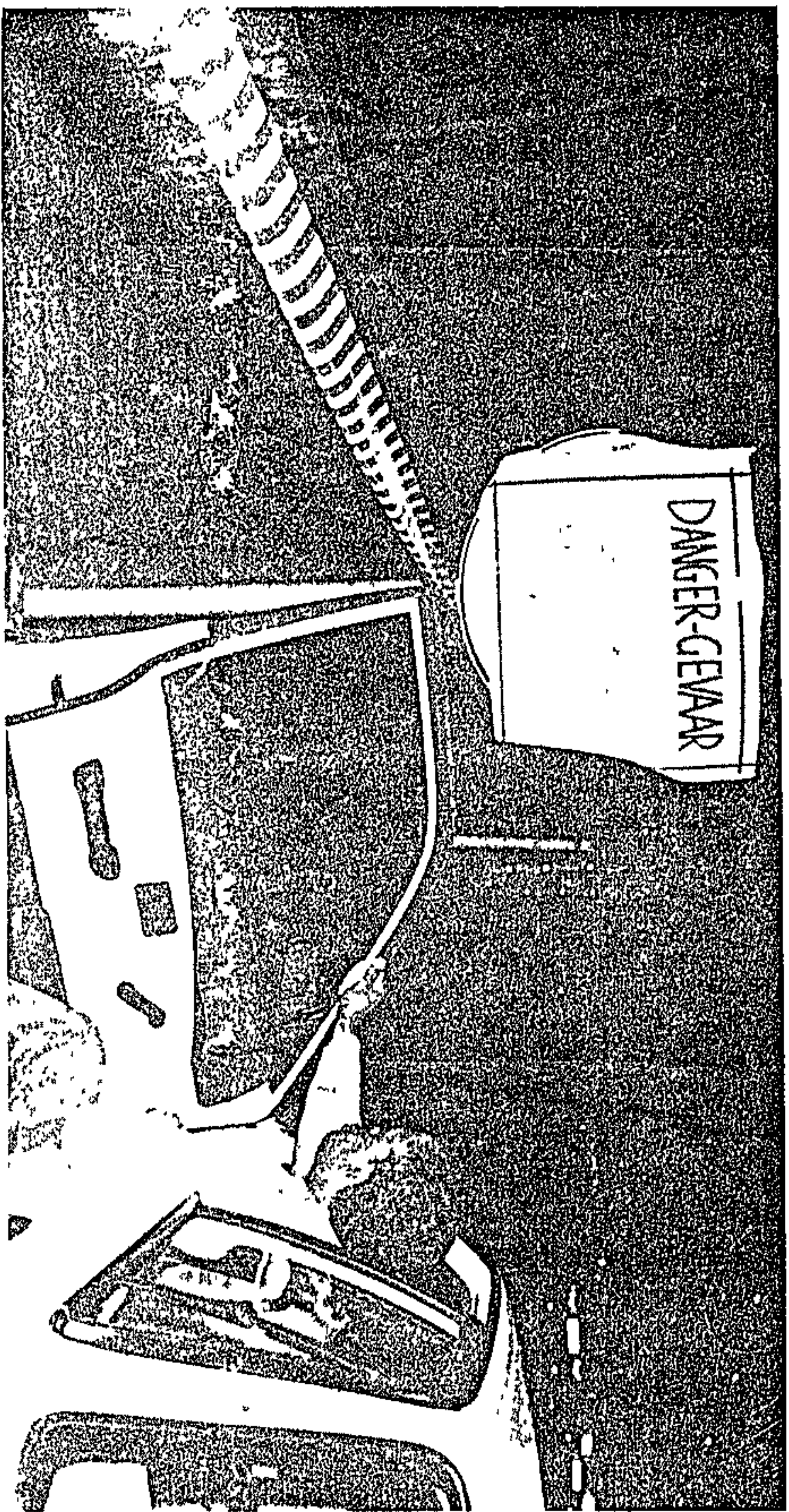
The security force action followed less than 24 hours after a mini-limpet mine exploded in a toilet on the beach.

The Strand is an Afrikaner retirement haven. Last night pairs of soldiers armed with rifles were stationed every 100 metres for a distance of about four kilometres along the shoreline. Ribbon tape was strung along the entire length of the beach.

The cordon stretches along the shore from the beginning of Strand beach at the AECI area in the north to the start of the non-white beach in the south.

Police vehicles patrolled the beach road behind the ribbon.

Police warned yesterday that they were "ready to enforce applicable legislation". Mass Democratic Movement spokeswoman Ms Cheryl Carolus last night dismissed the cordon as "ridiculous" and vowed to go ahead with the pro-



UDF man held, city rally banned

CPM 7-15 19/8/89

PRETORIA — In an apparent major crackdown on the MDM anti-apartheid campaign, police yesterday detained one of South Africa's most prominent political activists, Mr Mohammed Valli Moosa, acting general secretary of the UDF. He was arrested during a raid on his Johannesburg office.

In a statement yesterday the Commissioner of Police, General Henne de Wit, said the police were "fully aware" of proposed plans by some people and organisations to disrupt public order this weekend by "so-called resistance actions".

"Recent events point conclusively to the fact that certain people and organisations want to create a situation forcing the police to use violence to maintain public order."

He said incidents of violence were again breaking out in various parts of the country, especially the Western Cape where large-scale disruption, intimidation and damage to property were occurring.

A Western Province Council of Churches rally to "urban banned organisations", scheduled to have been held at the University of the Western Cape tomorrow, has been banned by police.

The Anglican Archbishop of Cape Town, the Most Rev Desmond Tutu, has condemned the banning and announced a church service to be held in its place at St George's Cathedral on Sunday at 3pm. — Sapa, Staff Reporter and UPI

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Mass Democratic Movement spokeswoman Ms Cheryl Carolus last night dismissed the cordon as "ridiculous" and vowed to go ahead with the protest.

"We are at a loss for words. Does this mean that dogs are more welcome than blacks on whites-only beaches?"

Democratic Party candidate for False Bay Commodore Vic Holder-ness called the measures "a complete over-reaction which will raise emotions and tempers when everyone should be calm and logical".

Police said that a suspected mini-limpet mine went off about 1am yesterday. A toilet bowl was destroyed.

A spokesman for the Beach Committee, Mr Stanley Brickwa, said 64 buses were due to pick up people around the Peninsula at noon.

At a press conference yesterday, a spokesman for the MDM, which is organising the protest, called for people "to pack your picnic baskets, bring your whole family, but make sure you get to the Strand on Saturday".

At the conference, Mr Jack Dampies, a Strand municipality worker, said he had been with the swim where we were born.

"They chased us from the beaches when apartheid started and the people of the Strand and Somerset West have had enough," he said.

Several beach-front cafe owners in the Strand felt that beaches should be open "as long as people behaved and did not disturb the peace".

A number of Strand residents interviewed said they favoured beach segregation.

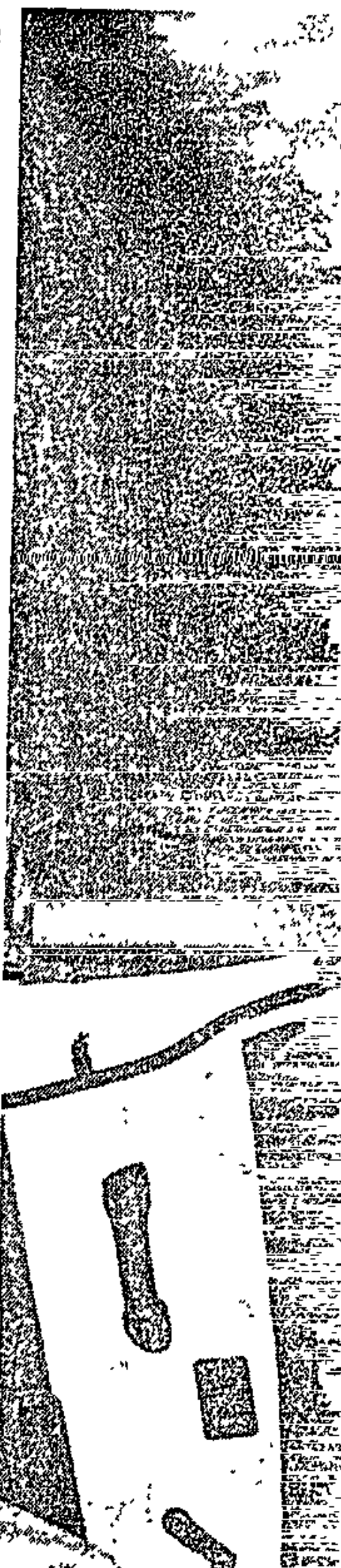
The town clerk of Strand, Mr L.J.L. Groenewald, yesterday refused to comment.

The NP MP for False Bay, Mr Adriaan Jordaan, said last night "If the protesters look for trouble, my people must be protected and in that sense, I am glad the security forces are there."

A Cape Times news team was prohibited from taking pictures of personnel involved in the operation last night.

When their cars stopped at one end of the beach a resident made a note of the number plate and minutes later a police van arrived.

The Cape Times car was then followed and the photographer was ordered to stop taking pictures.



BEACH CORDONED OFF ... Danger. No entry. SAP dog training, says the sign at Strand beach. Last night the beach was sealed off by police in an attempt to pre-empt a mass protest against beach segregation today.

Picture: OBEID ZILWA

Tutu's son gets 18-month jail term

Own Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG — Trevor Tutu, son of Archbishop Desmond Tutu, was yesterday sentenced to an effective 18 months' imprisonment for making a bomb threat at Jan Smuts Airport.

Tutu was convicted in the Regional Court on charges of making a bomb threat, malicious damage to a traffic officer's cap, criminal injury and obstructing police in the execution of their duty.

Tutu, 33, was sentenced to three years' imprisonment — 18 months suspended for five years — for the bomb threat and fined R300 or 100 days on each of three counts of criminal injury.

He was also fined R100 (or 50 days) on a count of obstructing police and R100 (or 50 days) on a charge of malicious damage to a traffic officer's cap.

Tutu had pleaded not guilty to all charges. He said he intended to appeal.

Police guard King's Park Last chance for Bok hopefuls

Own Correspondent

DURBAN — Special constables armed with shotguns last night stood guard outside King's Park — the venue for the opening match of the world rugby tour today.

While security was stepped up for the match, players enjoyed the weather and Durban hospitality.

Three members of the touring team — Australia's Ian Williams, 25, Ireland's Stephen Smith, 30, and French centre Denis Charvet, 27 — said the weather and the beautiful local women were wonderful to Brisbane, Australia. They both have wonderful women and weather.

Charvet said he had come to South Africa out of passion for the sport.

Meanwhile, a pamphlet allegedly compiled by the "Organisation For African Refugees" was handed to the touring players yesterday, saying that players could return home "a hero and not a renegade" if they supported the "Year of the African Refugee in 1990".

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Falling tile KO's girl in classroom

Staff Reporter

A TILE crashed through the ceiling of a Camps Bay High School classroom yesterday, hitting a pupil on the head and leaving her dazed in the arms of friends.

Nicolette Woodward, 14, in Std 7, now has a "big headache, a bump" and is getting over a mild concussion at home in Hout Bay.

She said that shortly into an Afrikaans lesson yesterday morning, she had heard "some loud noises in the roof".

"I looked up and saw a piece of cement coming down towards me — then I don't remember much at all, just some friends holding me."

Workers had been fixing "ordinary slate tiles" to the roof at the time, a school spokesman said, but he did not know who was responsible. "I can't say until inquiries have been made. There are several contractors."

Nicolette was taken to Somerset Hospital, X-rayed and discharged, according to a hospital official.

50 arrested in demos

By HAMISH McINDOE
and CHARIS PERKINS

POLICE and 2 000 anti-apartheid activists clashed on Cape beaches yesterday in a nationwide defiance campaign which saw over 50 people arrested and at least four injured.

Among those arrested were 20 journalists held in Cape Town under the emergency laws.

And in a special Government Gazette yesterday, a rally planned by the Mass Democratic Movement at Wits today has been banned by Witwatersrand Divisional Commissioner of Police Brigadier Gerrit Erasmus.

In the Cape coastal town The Strand, plans for a multi-racial "bathe-in" at a segre-

gated beach were thwarted by a strong police contingent. So protesters travelled by bus to the whites-only beach of Bloubergstrand.

The action was organised by the MDM as part of its Drown Beach Apartheid campaign.

Police carried out their warning that they would "enforce applicable legislation" by twice charging demonstrators at Bloubergstrand.

The president of the University of Cape Town's Students' Representative Council, pin-sized Miss Geordie Ratcliffe, sustained weals on her shoulder and legs.

In an effort to defuse a volatile situation, Archbishop Desmond Tutu urged the crowd to leave the beach and board waiting buses.

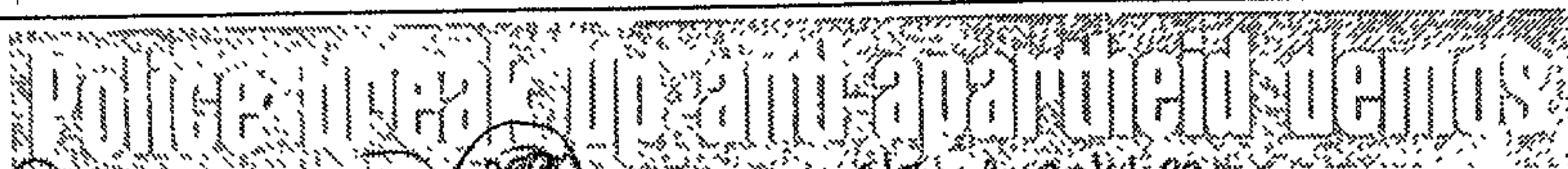
And, in a rare moment of levity, one MDM activist carrying the ANC tricolour yelled to a solitary white girl sitting on a sand dune: "Can't we swim together?" The girl gave a thumbs-down sign.

At The Strand, police cordoned off the one-kilometre no-dogs-allowed beach on the pretext that an SAP dog training exercise was taking place.

Nobody was allowed on the beach for most of the day.

Said one protester: "It is incredible that Mr FW de"

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Klerk's so-called reformist Government would go to such absurd lengths to keep my coloured feet off this whites-only beach."

A police spokesman confirmed yesterday that groups of up to 1 000 demonstrators were dispersed on four separate occasions in the Western Cape.

He said about 200 "illegal gatherers" and about 150 on-lookers were dispersed at The Strand. Similar action was taken against groups at Bloubergstrand.

Swoops

Police also cracked down on mass demonstrations at other points around the country, arresting over 27 people.

In Johannesburg, police swooped on two demonstrations in the city centre, arresting 11 men, including a journalist from the black magazine Pace and a freelancer working for an international TV crew.

And in Durban, police ar-

rested 16 of about 20 people who had gathered outside the posh Elangeni beachfront hotel to protest against the touring rugby players.

Johannesburg's demonstrations were sparked off by the arrest on Friday of the United Democratic Front's acting general secretary, Mr Mohammed Valli Moosa.

Mr Moosa — one of the organisers of the anti-apartheid conference planned for October 7 — was being interviewed by a BBC TV crew in his downtown Johannesburg office when he was arrested.

He is one of the three men who fled from detention in September last year and took refuge in the Johannesburg US consulate.

About 150 demonstrators gathered outside the US consulate chanting slogans and

calling for Mr Moosa's release. Police dispersed the crowd with batons.

Police liaison officer Colonel Frans Malherbe said nine people were arrested.

A crowd of 300 later regrouped just blocks from the scene of the first demonstration, but was again dispersed by police using batons.

Meanwhile, a number of extra-parliamentary groups have expressed condemnation of Mr Moosa's arrest.

Destroy

"It is clear that the racist regime is terrified by the possibility of heightened unity," said a fellow organiser of the October conference, Mr Haroon Patel.

"The Government will do everything in its power to destabilise and destroy the MDM, but we will not be deterred by repressive measures."

The Five Freedoms Forum also condemned Mr Moosa's arrest.

In Durban, the anti-apartheid protest outside the Elangeni Hotel focused on the international rugby tour.

National Council on Sport president Krish Mackerdhuj handed a letter to the hotel management addressed to team manager Willie John McBride.

The letter, signed by Nacos and the MDM, said SA sport should be isolated and that the touring players were naive if they thought they would bring about change by coming to SA.



Sjamboks on the beach

'an ugly show of force'

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Pictures: BRENTON GEACH, The Argus

MARCH: Members of restricted organisations march outside St George's Cathedral, carrying banners symbolising their "unbanning".

Staff Reporters

WIDESPREAD police action on Blouberg and Strand beaches, where a number of people were injured at the weekend, has been harshly criticised by politicians and extra-parliamentary groups.

While the MDM hailed the beach campaign a "victory despite a huge military operation," spokesmen said at a Press conference that the "new world" people were looking for in Mr F W de Klerk's presidency had been "killed".

The DP candidate for Green Point, Mr Tian van der Merwe, said the clear implication of the massive turnout of policemen, dogs and army personnel was that the Nationalist government was prepared to use violence to defend beach apartheid.

This was further underlined by the use of sjamboks to beat protesters and by at least one small child being injured by a teargas canister, he said.

To complete the picture of viciousness the films from cameras of all those who photographed the events were confiscated.

"Government propagandists are now trying to project the protests themselves as so-called unrest incidents and are obviously succeeding, judging by some newspaper headlines," he said.

Mr Van der Merwe said the government would have to accept responsibility for the injuries and for the death of a special constable.

He expressed the hope that the media would draw a clear distinction between peaceful protest and violent action.

"It was ironic that Mr Pik Botha last night, in an almost unbelievable show of hypocrisy, attacked the CP for having put a Chinese family out of their house in the Transvaal, conveniently keeping completely silent on the action of his own party and his own government at Strand."

The leader of the Labour Party, Mr Allan Hendrickse, said he was "depressed and dismayed" that such a concentration of police power was used on people going to use a facility that should be open to them all.

It was unbelievable that all this had been done in the defence of apartheid and in order to perpetuate it. This did not augur well for the future.

Mr David Gant, the Democratic Party's candidate in Helderberg, said events in the Strand on Saturday were nothing but a massive exercise in futility and simply highlighted the dead-end road the NP was offering.

Beach apartheid was the coarsest and most selfish form of apartheid.

People should ask themselves what they would have to pay for the continuation of new-style Nationalist apartheid, Mr Gant said.

Black sash

The Cape Western branch of the Black Sash said the non-racial picnic on Blouberg became a "violent, ugly show of force by the SAP".

"But for the disciplined response of the picnickers who were there to demonstrate that beaches should be open to all, the scene could have become indescribably ugly," she said.

(Report by T Wentzel, L Gallo-way, A Weiss, of 122 St George's Street, Cape Town)

Police thwart MDM's Strand beach picnic

Staff Reporters

POLICE and army roadblocks in The Strand and on the N2 10km before Somerset West dissuaded the Mass Democratic Movement from sending any of the 64 buses it had arranged to defy beach apartheid in The Strand on Saturday.

Instead, about 20 buses were sent straight to Bloubergstrand, which also has whites-only beaches. Police stopped all the other buses, some before and some after they picked up beach-protest participants, according to MDM spokesperson Ms Cheryl Carolus.

Police used sjamboks to disperse crowds on at least three occasions, once in the streets at The Strand and twice on separate beaches at Bloubergstrand. A helicopter was also used to usher people off the beach at The Strand. Despite the roadblocks and the non-

arrival of buses, by 12am about 300 people had gathered along the sea-wall adjacent to The Strand pier, while police dog-handlers walked on the beach.

Some people moved on to the beach, but surged back to the sea-wall when a police helicopter swooped in from the east and an amplified voice from it ordered people to leave the beach.

About 20 people sat down in a circle on the sand, refusing to leave. The helicopter shuttled in more dog-handlers, then hovered over them just above head-height, blasting them with sand blown by the rotor downdraft.

About 1.20pm Archbishop Desmond Tutu arrived, and walked about 80m on the beach to the pier. Soon afterwards police arrested about 15 members of the press — including WTN and Visnews television crews, freelance photographers Gideon Mendel, Eric Miller and

Fanie Jansen. Associated Press photographer Adil Bradlow and The Argus photographer Willie de Klerk.

At least seven members of the public — three of whom had cameras with them — were also briefly detained under emergency regulations.

Police confiscated all the video and still camera film they could find, and released the detained people after about two hours.

Confrontations between police and would-be picnickers took place at bus pick-up points in several Cape Town townships, according to Ms Carolus. Stones were thrown, and sjamboks and tearmoke were used.

Mr Peter Potwana, 20, of Mpethe Square in Nyanga, who had shotgun pellets in his face, neck and chest, was taken to Groote Schuur Hospital about 2pm on

Saturday by Mrs Bulewa Tinto, she said.

A hospital spokesman said last night that Mr Potwana was in a stable condition in ward F22. A youth, Azaria Robertson of The Strand, who had been hit on the head with a teargas canister, was awake and in a stable condition last night, another hospital spokesman said.

Mr Julian Snitcher, who had been under arrest in the vehicle from which Azaria was shot, said he believed he was 15 years old and had been hit on the side of the head with a teargas canister in Sandown Road, in the coloured suburb of The Strand, about 4pm.

Ms Carolus, of the Restrictes' Support Group, said that on Friday "mystery men" had cancelled all the buses, but that had been rectified.

A picnic began at Bloubergstrand shortly before 2pm, according to Ms

Ezette Karro of Loader Street, one of the picnickers.

About 2.30pm, police with sjamboks arrived to disperse them. Ms Karro said she had picked up a small child and run up a dune embankment at the edge of the beach. When she felt a third stinging blow, she had dropped the child, and he slid down the dune. Later she found the boy had been hit as well.

She then ran into a nearby block of flats, where residents who apparently favoured whites-only beaches swore and spat at her.

About 1.500 people in 15 buses had reached another Blouberg beach by 3.20pm, Ms Karro and several others said, and the entire crowd there was estimated at 2 000.

Police surrounded the people on the beach, and warned and dispersed them

MDM, police 'blame each other' for clashes

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A ROW has erupted between the MDM and police over the weekend's events on Peninsula beaches — with both parties blaming each other for the clashes.

The row follows the death of a policeman and injury of several civilians during Saturday's protests at Strand and Bloubergstrand against beach apartheid.

Said Archbishop Tutu, who led the MDM campaign: "When they (police) arrive with their quirts, teargas and firearms and try to prevent people from peacefully expressing their dissent, it is they who precipitate confrontations and violence."

But according to Law and Order spokesman Brigadier Leon Mellet, police took pre-emptive action and "situations of serious conflict had been avoided".

"Experience has shown that mass civil disobedience, incited by emotional speeches, usually lead to confrontation and violence," he said.

"Since their so-called peaceful protest began there has been a steep escalation of unrest.

"They claim to represent the masses and to be democratic, but as long ago as June they received orders from Lusaka to disrupt the elections."

Archbishop Tutu said he took the "strongest exception" to Brigadier Mellet's suggestion that police would continue "tough action" to curb the "unsatisfactorily high" number of unrest incidents in Cape Town.

He gave several examples, including the gathering at Strand where he said the small crowd was "exceptionally quiet and restrained".

However, one of his priests, the Rev Frank Manley, "was among those badly beaten".

Mr Bulelani Ngcuka, an MDM spokesman, said the death of a special policeman on Saturday was "unfortunate". "We are committed to non-violent action. We are not just paying lip service to it."

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Beach: 2 in court

Court Reporter 282

TWO MEN appeared in Strand Magistrate's Court yesterday in connection with swimming "illegally at a whites only" beach during the Mass Democratic Movement's campaign on Saturday.

Mr David Mothoa, 22, of Seventh Avenue, Kraaifontein, and Mr Barend Joseph Hendricks, 24, of Sunnyway, Northpine, were among many arrested. The hearing was postponed till October 2.

Mr A M E de Beer was the magistrate. Mr T Wentzel prosecuted. Mr E Holt appeared for Mr Hendricks. Mr Mothoa was unrepresented.

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Beach crackdown 'fuels sanctions'

THE state's violent crackdown on beach apartheid protesters in the Peninsula at the weekend would fuel sanctions from abroad and harm negotiations at home, opposition party spokesmen said yesterday.

Labour Party leader Mr Allan Hendrickse, who in 1987 received a 23-minute tongue-lashing on television from former President P W Botha for swimming at a whites-only beach, said the police action provided ammunition for anti-apartheid forces abroad and showed apartheid was alive and well.

Mr Hendrickse condemned the police action at the Strand and

Bloubergstrand, saying it prevented people from exercising their right to enjoy "all God's beaches".

The deputy chairman of the DP's national board and DP candidate for Helderberg, Mr David Gant, said beach apartheid was "the coarsest, most selfish form of apartheid".

Mr Gant said the way the government moved to enforce beach apartheid at the weekend was a "sure-fire formula for further sanctions, disinvestment and economic deprivation".

DP candidates General Bob Rogers (Walmer) and General Wally Black (South Coast) said

the action taken showed that NP leader Mr F W de Klerk was prepared to squander taxpayers' money in defence of "the most hurtful and most unnecessary" of all discrimination.

"This shows the hollowness of Mr De Klerk's so-called 'new vision'. He is as much a protagonist of old-style apartheid as his predecessors."

The DP MP for Pinelands, Mr Jasper Walsh, said the way the anti-beach apartheid campaign was dealt with would increase division and reduce the possibility of meaningful negotiation.

(Report by Anthony Johnson, 122 St George's Street, Cape Town.)

Mass Democratic Movement

New E Cape beach apartheid rules soon

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Staff Reporter

THE new Administrator of the Cape, Mr Kobus Meiring, who has indicated that he wants to move away from beach apartheid, is expected to promulgate new Eastern Cape beach apartheid regulations in the Provincial Gazette next Friday.

This was confirmed yesterday by Mr Dirk Smit, a CPA spokesman. Mr Meiring was not available for comment.

It was not clear yesterday to what extent the new "allocation of beaches between the Gamtoos and Sondags rivers to the various population groups" is going to be a move away from apartheid.

What is clear, however, is that the new ordinance will put into effect a decision an-

nounced by Mr Meiring's predecessor, Mr Gene Louw, on May 16 this year.

Mr Louw referred to the fact that "the Jacobs committee", appointed last year, had recommended that all beaches between the two rivers "should in future be considered to be unallocated" (open to all).

Mr Louw announced that some beaches previously reserved for whites, such as Kings Beach and Humewood, and all those reserved for coloured people, would be "unallocated".

However, the beach at Blue Water Bay would remain "white", as would the area from Beachview to Schoenmakerskop and the Willows Holiday Resort.

Keeping the peace - A tale of 2 towns

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lice, too, moved away.

Mr Muller was so pleased with his town's triumph in keeping the peace by peaceful means that he wrote a letter to a local newspaper to thank the police and the community.

of emergency in the country.

"The police had to take certain action. The inhabitants of the town are happy about the situation."

(Report by F S Esterhuyse, 122 St George's Street, Cape Town)

By FRANS ESTERHUYSE
Weekend Argus Political Correspondent

THE twin seaside towns of Gordon's Bay and Strand have provided a remarkable contrast between strong-arm methods and a relaxed approach in dealing with protest demonstrations against beach apartheid.

In the Strand, the iron fist of the security establishment was bared last Saturday for all to see — a strong police presence with dogs on the whites-only beach, police road blocks, a helicopter hovering overhead, coiled barbed wire to separate white and coloured beaches, a cordoned-off area guarded by police, a loudhailer warning, and tough action by police and their dogs against a gathering of demonstrators.

Spectators said it was as if the scene had been set for warding off an armed invasion.

In nearby Gordon's Bay, virtually no police were to be seen when a crowd of demonstrators moved in.

All was quiet — no riot police, no dogs, no helicopter, no barbed wire, no cordons, no loudhailer, no warnings, no quirts, no police action to disperse the crowd.

At an hotel across the road people were sipping their drinks while contemplating the dreamy Saturday afternoon scene, enlivened to some extent by the crowd of men, women and children on the beach.

Soon the demonstrators, having made their point, dispersed quietly and went away, according to residents.

The Mayor of Gordon's Bay, Mr Danie Muller, said this week he was proud of the way his town had handled the situation.

He and his wife, Carol, had been at Gordon's Bay beach on Saturday when a peaceful demonstration was held there.

Mrs Muller said about 150 people arrived from all directions and gathered at the car park.

The people then stepped on to the beach and began singing songs from the District Six stage show. They also produced an informal play.

There was no sign of unruly behaviour, and no attempt was made to stop the demonstration. The crowd consisted mainly of families — husbands, wives and children.

After about 20 minutes the crowd began to disperse and people went back to their cars.

At that stage two vans with riot police arrived. One van stopped but soon the riot no

He wrote: "I would like to congratulate the local branch of the South African Police, our municipal officials and the public of Gordon's Bay on their handling of the demonstration which we experienced at our main beach on Saturday.

"I am particularly grateful that the episode occurred without incident and that our enemies were not given ammunition for harming our country.

"We live in difficult times and we cannot afford further polarisation; it is essential that there should be conciliation between our different race groups if we are to enter a peaceful and prosperous future.

"I was proud on Saturday to be an inhabitant of Gordon's Bay and especially wish to express publicly my thanks to our local police commander and his personnel."

At the Strand, local residents visiting the beach area were shocked by police activity and events they witnessed.

Among those who were aghast at what they saw were Dr Nico Horn, a lecturer in theology at the University of the Western Cape, and his wife, Elza.

Dr and Mrs Horn said a police warning about an illegal gathering had been given over a loudhailer.

So much noise was made by a helicopter hovering low overhead that people could hardly hear what was said over the loudhailer.

Cordon

The white beach had been completely cordoned off with tape and drums, and rolled barbed wire separated the white and coloured beaches.

The people had gathered along a wall separating the beach area from the town. Many police and dogs approached from the beach area.

Dr Horn said his impression was that the people who had gathered in the beach area were mainly local people.

About 200 people were standing about peacefully and there were no signs of disorderly behaviour.

The couple drove through the town, saw police road blocks, but saw no sign of aggressive behaviour by people in the area.

The Mayor of the Strand, Mr Chris Hattingh, this week declined to comment on events in his town.

He said: "I prefer to make

Beach incident was a mistake — Minister

By GRAHAM LINSKOTT

WITH astonishing candour, Finance Minister Barend du Plessis conceded it had been a mistake to chase people of colour off the beaches.

In a television debate on Network last night between Mr Du Plessis and Democratic Party co-leader Dr Zac de Beer, Dr De Beer said South Africa would never regain the benefits of the international finance system while it operated according to race-based legislation.

"When you chase brown people off the beaches with sjamboks and dogs, that is apartheid"

During the debate on South Africa's economic policy, Mr Du Plessis agreed with Dr De Beer that the country's economic ills had to be solved by creating one harmonious nation and said the NP was not prepared to repeat the mistakes of the past — "and it's a mistake to chase those people off those beaches".

However, the Minister of Finance said it was simplistic to ascribe all the country's economic ailments to apartheid. He said simplistic solutions should be resisted. The one-man-one-vote offered by the DP had not worked elsewhere in Africa.

Free enterprise

Mr Du Plessis accused the DP of not being prepared to categorically guarantee free enterprise and private ownership, citing co-leader Mr Wynand Malan and economic adviser Professor Sampie Terreblanche.

Dr De Beer vehemently denied this. The accusations were improper, he said, and he did not believe his colleagues had said anything of the kind while they were members of the DP.

Mr Du Plessis said he was unaware they had renounced their views but, if they had, he accepted Dr De Beer's integrity.

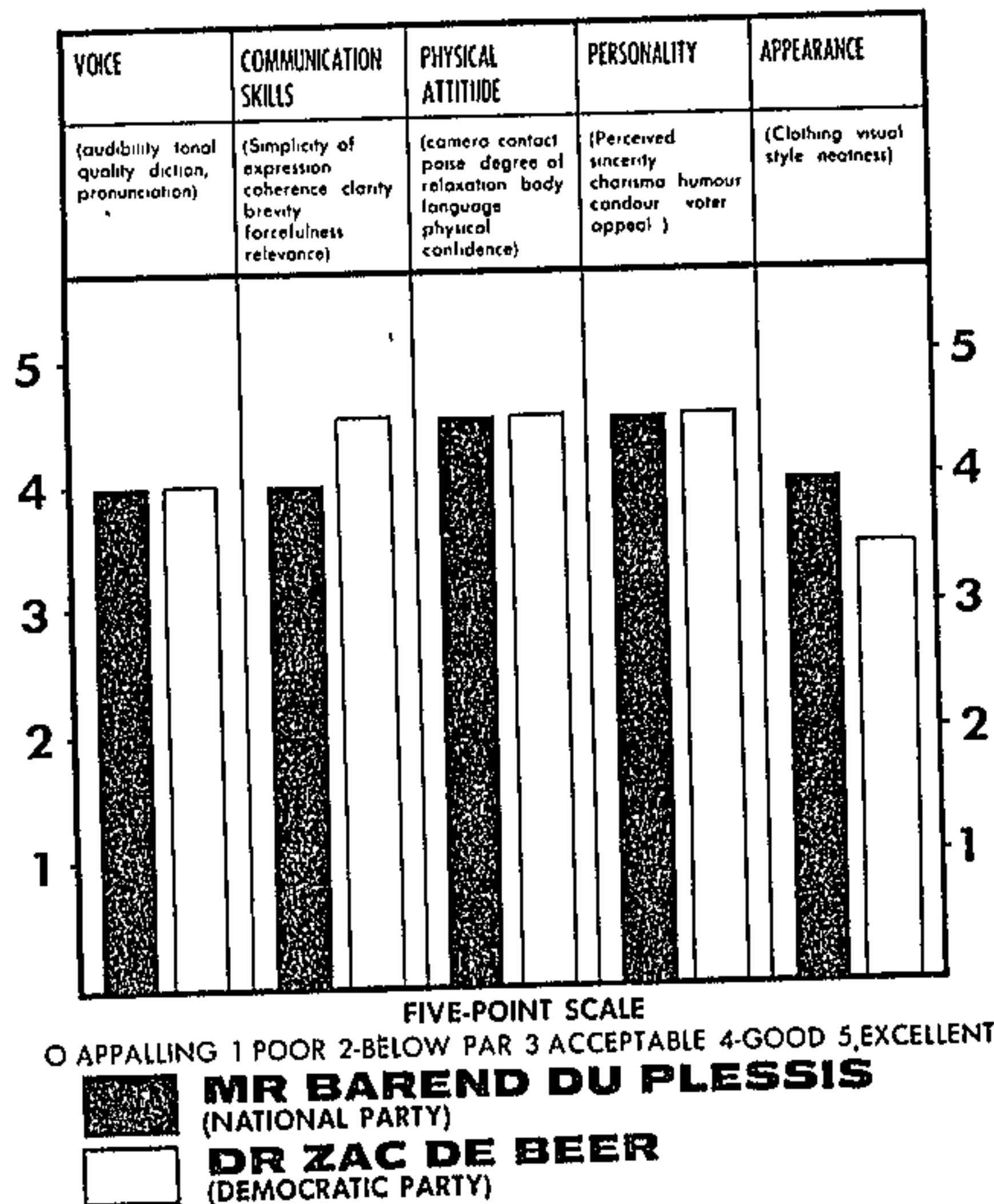
Dr De Beer said people were being hurt by inflation and rising taxation. The growth rate had declined steadily, there was a capital outflow and productivity was low. All of these were apartheid-related.

Mr Du Plessis maintained that South Africa had been expected to implode as a result of the economic forces ranged against it. These forces had been overcome and the country had 41 years of Nationalist rule to thank for it.

This was a heavyweight bout in an election where the economy was an issue as never before. The scorecard will be read on September 7.

Minister of Foreign Affairs Mr Pik Botha (NP, Westdene) and Dr Denis Worrall (DP, Berea) will appear on Network tonight to debate South Africa's foreign policy.

(Comment by G Linscott, 85 Field Street, Durban)



Graphic: BOB GRIERSON, The Argus

HOW THEY SCORED: The Argus Television Reporter Tony Jackman rates last night's debate using criteria developed in association with Professor Gavin Stewart of the Department of Journalism and Media Studies at Rhodes University, Grahamstown.

More deaths because of the MDM — Kotze

By CLIVE SAWYER
Tygerberg Bureau

FIGURES he could not disclose showed there had been an increase in violent deaths because of Mass Democratic Movement protests, the Minister of Environment Affairs, Mr Gert Kotze, told a Bellville meeting.

Addressing an audience of 40 last night, Mr Kotze said certain elements had tried to create the perception of a united front against the government, but it was led by the African National Congress.

"The MDM is the public arm of the ANC — we are not dealing with an innocent little group of protesters," Mr Kotze said.

Those who had invented the defiance campaign had lost control of it.

The Democratic Party could not get away from its "PFP

image" of being soft on security, he said.

Acting-President F W de Klerk had "captured the imagination of South Africa, the outside world and black leaders" in the past 14 days.

The NP had never been shy to experiment in the past and had admitted its mistakes, Mr Kotze said.

"Now the Conservative Party wants to re-do our experiments. The laboratory will explode."

The Deputy-Minister of Transport and NP candidate for De Kuilen, Mr Myburgh Streicher, said the tricameral system was working and the NP needed a mandate to adapt structures to ensure no group dominated another.

It was unpatriotic for opposition parties to claim South Africa was bankrupt, Mr Streicher said.

(Report by C Sawyer, 122 St George's St, Cape Town)

Action against demos inconsistent - Eglin

By Peter Fabricius, Political Correspondent

The Government has been criticised for its inconsistent approach to handling protests against beach apartheid, after harsh police action at Cape beaches and a conciliatory approach at Durban.

Protesters were driven off Cape beaches with dogs and sjamboks two weeks ago, in sharp contrast to the behaviour of Durban police who stood back from last weekend's beach protests and used no dogs or force.

Democratic Party MP Colin Eglin yesterday said that apart from the differences in police handling of peaceful demonstrations, the NP leadership itself seemed undecided about the correct approach.

He said both Finance Minister Barend du Plessis and Foreign Minister Pik Botha had publicly criticised the harsh police handling of the Cape demonstrations against beach apartheid while Law and Order Minister Mr Adriaan Vlok kept promising "merciless" action against demonstrations. (282)

POLICE DENIALS

Mr Eglin said "The conflicting statements and actions by the NP reflect the shambles that exists today, not only in the formulation of NP policy but in the method of applying it. This contradictory situation is inevitable when you have a government talking out of both sides of its mouth at the same time."

Colonel Vic Heyns of the SAP public relations directorate denied that police were taking an inconsistent line on protests, saying "Every situation is assessed on its own merits and it is left to the officer in charge at the scene to decide what is the best way of handling it. One can have completely different decisions depending on the circumstances."

He could not say what circumstances had dictated the firmer treatment of the Cape protesters.

NP chief information officer Mr Con Botha said he would be the first to agree with Mr du Plessis and Mr Pik Botha that if the police could avoid using force, they should do so.

(By P Fabricius, 216 Vermeulen St, Pretoria)

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Police allow 1 000 to protest at Saldanha

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POLICE allowed a peaceful protest by more than 1 000 people to take place at a Saldanha Bay beach yesterday.

The protest was part of the MDM defiance campaign.

Police spokesman Captain Hendrik Opperman confirmed that a protest had taken place.

The procession, led by clerics, took place after a service in an Anglican church next to the beach.

The protesters marched past a whites-only sign and moved on 800 metres and put up a sign reading "Away with apartheid."



BEACH MARCH: The group of more than a thousand who occupied Saldanha beach... this weekend without incident. (782)

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Boesak warns more beach demos coming

by TOS WENTZEL

Political Correspondent
ANTI-apartheid protests on segregated beaches at the Strand and Blouberg are to be resumed on September 30.

Announcing plans for this today Dr Allan Boesak, one of the leading figures in the Mass Democratic Movement, said marshalls for the mass "non-violent direct action" would be trained in the weekend of September 23.

He said the MDM would also start moving into the Eastern Cape with protests.

He also gave details of a conference with the theme "towards a democratic future" that would be held in Johannesburg on October 7.

President-elect Mr F W de Klerk was facing a test of his sincerity.

The October 7 conference would be all about the assessment of the MDM and affiliated movements and the Black Consciousness Movement of the intentions of a man who was talking about negotiations "left, right and centre".

"We will have an opportunity to talk about, to look at and to analyse Mr De Klerk's promises and his ability to fulfil them and to talk about what negotiations mean.

"We will talk about our own preconditions and and to decide on our position on the question of negotiations and on an agenda."

Among pre-conditions set so far are the lifting of the state of emergency, the unbanning of the organisations and the freeing of political prisoners.

Dr Boesak said that without this there could be no decisions on negotiations.

It was essential for the MDM to assess what was happening so that it could respond in the most responsible way.

He warned that, if the government was even contemplating banning the conference, this would be "extremely counter-productive" for it.

The MDM was not going to talk about negotiations as such at present until pre-conditions had been met.

Referring to the march in Cape Town this week he said that the organisers had been completely vindicated.

As they had predicted the march was peaceful, there was a huge turnout and the discipline had been impressive.

Beach policy change soon?

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Municipal Reporter

THE Administrator of the Cape, Mr Kobus Meiring, would probably issue a statement in connection with segregated beaches this week, his spokesman Dr Annelie Rabie said yesterday.

She was replying to a query on whether provincial policy on beaches at Strand, Gordon's Bay, Melkbos and Bloubergstrand, which still have whites-only beaches, might change soon.

Mr Meiring, who was in Pretoria attending the State President's inauguration yesterday, has said publicly that he personally would like to see the race-based segregation of public amenities dismantled "in an orderly way".

Open beaches: Don't force it, says Meiring

By JOHN YELD, Staff Reporter

PEOPLE attempting to force the issue of open beaches are creating "unnecessary division" and causing "possible delays", according to the Administrator of the Cape, Mr Kobus Meiring.

His statement comes in the face of a planned training session in non-violent response by Mass Democratic Movement marshals on whites-only beaches this weekend, in preparation for a mass picnic at the Strand on September 30.

Last month, police came under fire for using dogs, quirts and a helicopter to drive people from whites-only beaches at the Strand and Bloubergstrand, although peaceful protests went ahead at Gordon's Bay and Saldanha Bay.

Answering media queries about the provincial administration's policy on beaches — particularly the "closed" beaches of the Strand, Gordon's Bay, Bloubergstrand and Melkbosstrand — Mr Meiring said notices still on any of these beaches had been erected in terms of existing legislation.

Speculation concerning changes was premature.

"However, the new State President recently indicated the government's willingness to reconsider all legislation, including the Separate Amenities Act, that could harm goodwill among all the people of South Africa.

"This is obviously getting high priority and will be done in consultation with me. My views on this issue are well known."

Mr Meiring said the province had as an "absolute priority", the provision of sufficient beach facilities where there were "population concentrations".

"It is, therefore, regrettable that while moves are afoot in looking forward to a more just and fair society, there are people who wish to force the issue, thereby creating unnecessary division and causing possible delays."



SHARE DELIGHT: The first winner in The Argus share competition reacted with sheer joy when told that she had won 300 Iscor shares.

WEEKEND

A day at the beach to prepare for protest

By VVETTE VAN BREDA,
Cape Times Reporter
at the Workshop



BUZZ GROUP . . . At a session on Saturday where people were prepared for "what could happen" at next Saturday's beach protest, Isobel Frye, Cheryl Spence and Peter Emmanuel form a "buzz group" to share experiences of previous protests. Picture: RICHARD BELL

"WILL you leave this beach and go to your own further down. This is a whites-only beach," a policeman said to me on Saturday.

I shook my head and said I preferred to be where I was as all my friends were here.

The policeman was in fact a middle-aged woman, and she and I were one of many groups of two who were assuming the roles of policeman and beachgoer at a session preparing people for the beach protest planned by the Mass Democratic Movement for Saturday, September 30, on the white beach at the Strand.

About 70 people attended the session at St Dominic's Church in Hanover Park which the Christian-orientated Standing for the Truth committee organised to tell

people what to expect on Saturday and how to deal with certain situations.

The session was run by Archdeacon John Freeth, Mr Alan Barnes, Mr Paul Hess and Father Basil van Rensburg, all co-ordinators of the planning committee.

People who attended were asked to form "buzz groups" consisting of two people and then assume the roles of beachgoer and policeman in various situations.

We were asked to pretend we were being stopped at a road-block on the way to the Strand, that a "right-winger" was approaching us on the beach and that a policeman was approaching us on the beach.

In groups of eight, we were given 30 seconds to decide what to do when we saw a person throwing a stone or when we saw someone being arrested.

The group I was in decided

that a stone-thrower should be surrounded and subdued. Advice at the summing-up for someone approached individually by a right-winger or a policeman on the beach, was: "Be nice, not aggressive, and tell them that all God's beaches are for all God's people."

It was also suggested that white people join a black person who was being harassed as "whites were less likely to be harassed".

When confronted by the police and asked to disperse, beachgoers should link arms and stay that way for as long as possible.

When police arrested a particular person, others should support that person "and go with him if you want to". We were advised not to resist arrest and to demand the name of the arresting officer and the reason for the arrest.

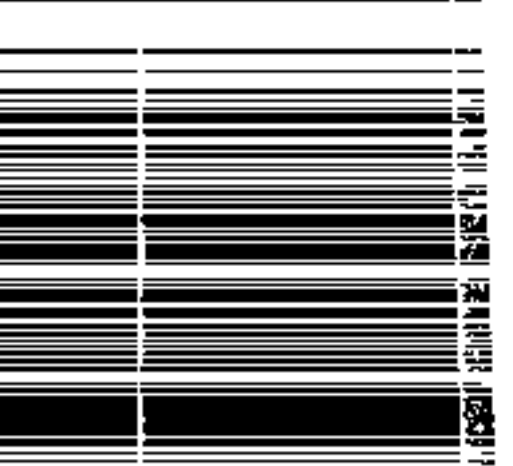
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being violent. If dogs were let loose, we were warned "not to run and if it attacks you try and keep its jaw open".

Marshals could be identified as they would be wearing "free the beaches" sun shades. Alternate marshals would be equipped with loud-hailers and two-way radios.

"A core group, consisting of Archbishop Desmond Tutu, Dr Allan Boesak and other clerics and lawyers, will move up and down the beach and negotiate with the police if necessary." They would also communicate with marshals and decide on any kind of symbolic action, "like linking hands".

The local community, most of whom were elderly, were not to be provoked under any circumstances. "We want to include all these people in the new South Africa," Archdeacon Freeth said.



Staff Reporter

STRAND Municipality had never discussed the recent protest against the town's whites-only beach, and had no intention of discussing another planned for Saturday, town clerk Mr L J L Groenewald said yesterday.

A second protest in the form of a non-racial picnic, organised by the inter-denominational Standing for the Truth Campaign, is scheduled for the Strand beach this Saturday.

Mr Groenewald declined to comment when asked whether, in the light of this protest, the Strand municipality intended reconsidering the current segregated status of the beach.

Saying the beach "as far as the high-water mark" fell under the Cape Provincial Administration's jurisdiction, Mr Groenewald referred questions about possible desegregation of the beach to the Administrator, Mr Kobus Meiring.

He also referred to a statement is-

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sued by Mr Meiring last week, in which he said: "Any speculation about changes to existing laws, specially in regard to discriminating signs, is premature — especially so because any changes to sensitive issues like these must take place in orderly and disciplined fashion."

Mr Groenewald said the municipality had played no role in instigating police action against protesters on August 19, when hundreds of demonstrators were forcibly dispersed on a beachfront parking lot.

He admitted that protests drew adverse publicity.

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Petty apartheid softening?

By ANTHONY JOHNSON
Political Correspondent

BEACH apartheid and the use of other public amenities by all races was receiving the "urgent attention" of the cabinet, the government announced last night.

Government sources said an announcement was expected soon, and that police would be keeping a low profile at a planned protest at Strand tomorrow.

Sources also said that the priority given to the issue could herald an official softening towards the enforcement of the Separate Amenities Act — but cautioned that any speculation that the petty apartheid law would be

summarily scrapped could be "prema-
ture".

The announcement that the problem was receiving top-level attention was made by the new Minister of Planning and Provincial Affairs, Mr Herinus Kriel, in response to news of the planned protest action against the whites-only beach at Strand tomorrow.

Last month the police used dogs, helicopters, roadblocks, cordons and heavy-handed action to quash a planned protest by the Mass Democratic Movement at the beach.

It is reliably understood, however, that the police plan to adopt "a low profile" this time and will not interfere with protesters "providing lives,

property and public order are not endangered".

Mr Kriel, whose portfolio includes the handling of the Separate Amenities Act, said it had come to his knowledge that a protest action against "the specific allocation of beach amenities for the different population groups" was planned.

His statement continued: "I would like to point out that the problem surrounding the use of beach and other amenities is already receiving the urgent attention of the cabinet."

The government's standpoint on this issue would be announced soon, he said.

"In view of this all South Africans are requested to await this announce-

ment in a calm and peaceful manner," his brief statement concluded.

The change in official thinking appears to be that confrontation will make news, whereas peaceful protests are increasingly less likely to do so.

The police approach to the latest Strand beach protest is expected to follow the pattern of the protest march in Cape Town earlier this month where plainclothes officers kept a low profile.

Dr Allan Boesak and Archbishop Desmond Tutu yesterday issued an invitation for people to a "beach picnic" at Strand tomorrow.

All those who attended would be expected to respect the principles of non-violent action.

Protesters prepare for demo with lessons in non-violence

Police are trained to put down demonstrations, so demonstrators are now taking lessons, too. GAYE DAVIS reports on the tactics for tomorrow's beach protests

ANTI-apartheid protesters will be armed not only with beach balls and picnic hampers when they return to the whites-only beach of The Strand, outside Cape Town, tomorrow. They will also be fortified by training sessions in non-violent resistance.

If all goes as planned the beach protest should be a picnic, and a government announcement yesterday suggested that police would allow demonstrators to have their fun.

Sapa reported that the Minister of Planning and Provincial Affairs, H J Kriel, said the cabinet was giving urgent attention "to the use of beaches and other amenities by all races" and would announce its decision on the matter soon.

"In view of this all South Africans are requested to await this announcement in a calm and peaceful manner," Kriel said.

Calm and peaceful demonstrations are exactly what the organisers of tomorrow's protest have in mind.

John Freeth, the Archdeacon of Athlone, and other clergy active in the Standing for the Truth Campaign have been passing on non-violent techniques of resistance rooted in the tradition of Gandhi and Martin Luther King.

"The first beach picnic was pretty chaotic — the lack of organisation on the part of the Mass Democratic Movement was matched only by that of the police," he said, referring to the August 19 attempt to declare "All God's Beaches for All God's People".

At a training session last Saturday, Manley told would-be demonstrators what to do in a similar encounter: at all costs they should not try to flee but if a dog did bite them, they should try and prize its jaws open with their hands.

"The idea for the training sessions came out of the realisation that we needed a carefully co-ordinated plan of action in which everyone knew what they should do when faced with



Archbishop Desmond Tutu

whatever contingency," Freeth said. "Peaceful protest, or non-violent direct action, is something the South African Police haven't been good at handling and it has enormous potential which hasn't really been exploited."

"We now have more scope than ever for this sort of action — but organisations must take responsibility and train people."

"The extent of discipline so far has been extraordinary — but we can't just rely on it."

And so, in a series of training sessions and workshops, people have played the roles of officious policemen, aggressive right-wingers and anarchic stone-throwers, for debate and consensus on how protesters should best deal with them.

Anyone throwing stones or breaking shop windows tomorrow can expect to be "surrounded" by fellow-

protesters. Right-wingers dealing out verbal or physical abuse won't be gratified by protesters responding similarly, instead they'll be told "We believe that all God's beaches are for all God's people."

The principles behind these techniques were developed by Martin Luther King during the 1950s campaign against segregated buses in Montgomery, Alabama.

They include the credo that non-violent resistance doesn't seek to humiliate opponents but — by awakening moral shame in them — rather win them over.

Any action is directed against the forces of evil rather than individual perpetrators and a leitmotif is that unearned suffering is redemptive.

"Ghandi and King both believed that good always came of unearned suffering, through consciences being touched," said Freeth.

The training sessions which preceded tomorrow's beach protest included the community of Rusthof, the Strand's coloured township, so that its people can continue to use the beach on a regular basis.

It is also hoped that the training sessions will become part of a long-term programme.

Karen Evans reports from Port Elizabeth that thousands of demonstrators are expected to visit the city's segregated Pollock beach.

Statements of support for the protest have been made by spokesman for MDM and city councillor Flippie Poigier.

A spokesman for the organisers, the PE Action Committee, said they hoped the city's mayor would attend the event.

Tactics for a day at The Strand

ARCHBISHOP Desmond Tutu does not swim but he has pledged to paddle tomorrow in the surf on The Strand, a whites-only beach in the Western Cape.

A similar attempt last month was met with a beach cordoned off with candy-striped tape and signs warning "Danger: SAP dog-training". The defiant few who made it to the water's edge were later dispersed by police

using dogs and sjamboks.

Careful planning has gone into tomorrow's fresh attempt.

The 3,5km long beach has been divided into 28 sections, each of which will be commanded by a marshall with a two-way radio, who will issue people with "Free the Beaches" eye-shades.

People have been asked to arrive from 10.30am in groups of five or so (so that they have friends to protect them if necessary) and make their way to a part of the beach.

One of the objects is to have people moving onto the beach in a way that neither intimidates or threatens the local community — white, elderly and conservative — nor makes protesters liable for arrest (for being part of an illegal gathering even before setting foot on the sand).

Clerics and churchworkers, including Dr Allan Boesak and Archbishop Desmond Tutu, will form a core leadership group who will remain in close contact with the marshalls and give instructions where necessary.

"The idea is for people to go onto the beach with their balls and hampers and enjoy themselves," said an organiser.

"If there is no police action we hope to hold a service of thanksgiving, but we'll have to play it by ear."

The protest would go ahead no matter what happened, he said.

"If it rains, we'll be there. If The Strand council removes the whites-only signs the night before, we'll be there to rejoice and give thanks."

In terms of guidelines drawn up for the protest, protesters will:

- Be open and respectful towards the people they encounter;
- Will not engage in physical violence or verbal abuse towards anyone;
- Will not destroy property and will clear up litter before leaving;
- Will not bring or use alcohol or drugs, except for medicinal purposes;
- Will carry no weapons, and
- Will submit to the discipline of their leaders.

Professional lifesavers will be in attendance, as well as health workers.

APARTHEID BAROMETER

EMERGENCY DETENTIONS

The number of people being held in detention under the Emergency regulations has risen to at least 266, according to figures released on Tuesday by the Human Rights Commission. This is the highest Emergency detentions figure of the last six months. In addition an estimated 190 people are being held under the Internal Security Act and the security laws of the "independent homelands".

AFRICAN TEACHERS

A total of only 3,4 percent of all teachers in African schools outside of the "independent homelands" had university degrees in 1986 while 1,6 percent in the Bophuthatswana and Venda had degrees, according to figures released in the latest SA Institute of Race Relations annual survey.

Of the 85 193 professionally qualified teachers in African schools outside of the "independent homelands" 3 167 had degrees while of the 106 309 with no professional qualifications 457 had degrees. In Bophuthatswana 455 (out of 13 687) teachers had degrees plus a professional qualification while 100 (out of 14 934) had degrees and no professional qualification. In Venda 65 (out of 5 366) had degrees with no professional qualification.

About 9,8 percent of teachers outside of the "independent homelands" had no professional qualification with a Std 8 or lower, while five percent had a professional qualification with only a Std 6 and 33,2 with a Std 8.

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Of the teachers in "coloured" schools 33,8 percent of teachers did not have matric while only 12 percent had university degrees. In Indian schools 86 percent of teachers had

university degrees.

PRISONER OF CONSCIENCE

SANDY SMIT, 26, freelance photographer and Johannesburg Democratic Action Committee executive member, was detained under the Emergency regulations on September 1 and is still being held without trial in Barberton Prison.

Smit first became politically active in Natal as a student at Wits University. After completing a BA degree in 1984 she worked as a photographer for Afrapix and later for the Sunday Tribune and as a freelancer.

She has served on the Jodac executive for the past three years and has also been active in the End Conscription Campaign, the Johannesburg Youth Congress and the United Democratic Front.

She was detained under the Emergency regulations for two weeks in June 1986 and was restricted under Emergency regulations later that year.

BANNED BOOKS, PUBLICATIONS AND OBJECTS

Banned for distribution and importation: I'm not good with names — mind if I call you f k head — metal badge (not stated), F k — metal badge (not stated), American Force/The Brave Platoon — film, Ninja Champion — film, No Middle Road to Freedom — film, Chippendale — film (subsequently passed with cuts).

Restricted: Nelson Mandela (Mary Benson — previously banned for possession, now restricted to legal deposit and university libraries only), Erotic Art of the West (Robert Melville — not for persons under 18, may only be displayed in a sealed plastic wrapping and may only be distributed by bookshops, libraries and wholesalers), Stern nr 31 July 27 1989 (Gruener and Jahr AG and Co, Hamburg — may not be displayed in public for distribution purposes).

Unbanned for possession: Cross of Gold (Lauretta Ngcobo). Unbanned for distribution and importation: The Exorcist (William Peter Blatty).

Open beaches and schools: Nats react

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By PETER FABRICIUS
Political Staff

JOHANNESBURG. — The government has accepted full responsibility for multi-racial schools in free settlement areas — either as state schools or 100 percent subsidised private schools.

Minister of Education and Culture Mr Piet Claase said today the government had a responsibility to provide education in multi-racial schools in open or free settlement areas. Multi-racial schools in these areas could either be run by the state — or be private schools which received 100 percent subsidy from the state.

In the latter case they would, in effect, become state schools. In the former case it was not clear yet under which government department they would fall.

He was commenting after his decision to offer Johannesburg Girls' High School the option of becoming a multi-racial school in a free settlement area.

He said that the acceptance of state or fully-subsidised private multi-racial schools in free settlement areas did not represent a change in government policy as the government had no policy yet on schools in free settlement areas.

But Mr Mike Ellis, Democratic Party education spokesman, said Mr Claase's statement indicated a "dramatic shift in



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The picnic would take place only at the Strand beach from 10 30am to 2pm.

"All picnickers will be expected to respect the principles of non-violent direct action. Marshals will be present to guide picnickers and their instructions must be carefully obeyed."

"We hope you will join us. We understand that the apartheid signs may disappear from the beaches at the Strand before Saturday. If that happens, we ask you to come and celebrate a small step in establishing the values of God's kingdom in South Africa," the statement said.

Anti-apartheid picnic

In Port Elizabeth thousands of people are expected to attend one of the biggest peaceful protests in South Africa, when the Mass Democratic Movement plans to unveil a signboard declaring the popular Pollock Beach open to all races.

A media conference in Port Elizabeth yesterday was told that thousands of people of all races had been invited to take part in what was called "an anti-apartheid picnic".

A ceremony to declare the beach open to all races will be addressed by Bishop George Coleman, Bishop Bruce Evans and members of the MDM.

According to the organisers, musicians have also been invited.

Those invited include the Mayor of Port Elizabeth, Mr John Viera.

Last month a beach apartheid protest at the Strand resulted in clashes between police and demonstrators. Police had earlier sealed off the area and announced that it was closed to the public because a dog-training exercise was being held there.

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Big PE beach protest planned

Own Correspondent

PORT ELIZABETH. — Thousands of people are expected to flock to Pollok Beach here today for a "protest picnic".

The Grahamstown Democratic Action Committee (Gradac) has also arranged a non-racial "picnic" for today.

Permission for the Port Elizabeth beach protest was granted yesterday.

The protest is being held to declare the beach open to all — despite plans to zone it for whites only.

But it will be a dry occasion — bottle stores in the area will be closed because of the multi-racial picnic, to avoid "potential trouble".

The protest has the backing of the Mass Democratic Movement, church leaders and the mayor and several city councillors of Port Elizabeth.

The theme of the Grahamstown protest is "Grahamstown's Cake — There's Enough For All", and the highlight will be the cutting of a giant cake on Church Square.

All set for protest at the Strand

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THE STRAND, one of the last racially segregated beaches in the Western Cape, is the focus this morning of a second protest against apartheid by the Standing For The Truth Campaign, a church-sponsored protest movement.

At the first protest six weeks ago, police moved in on hundreds of demonstrators.

The Strand, an Afrikaner retirement haven, as well as Bloubergstrand and Gordon's Bay, are the last beaches in the Peninsula where beach apartheid is still in force.

Yesterday a senior government spokesman said the planned protest today could go ahead — if the protesters kept within the law.

He said that if there was no violence, the police would "keep a low profile".

"We are not interested in upholding beach apartheid," the spokesman said.

Six weeks ago, police cordoned off the beach the night before the planned protest and set up roadblocks from early in the morning to stop demonstrators from reaching the Strand.

Protesters who did reach the beach were acted against. Dogs and a helicopter were used, and several arrests were made.

The Strand town clerk, Mr Lawrie Groenewald, and the mayor, Mr Chris Hattingh, have consistently

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refused to comment on segregated beaches and the handling of the earlier protest.

They have said the matter is in the hands of the government.

Meanwhile, Standing For The Truth Campaign spokespeople said yesterday that arrangements for today's protest had been meticulous.

Some protesters have been undergoing training for the past two weeks in how to handle confrontation, and the 3,5km-long beach has been divided up into "sectors" for the protest picnic.

Protesters will arrive in small groups of five from 10.30am and will take to the beach in assigned sectors. Each unit will be controlled by a marshal.

The spokespeople said the object of the exercise was not to intimidate or threaten the local residents.

Archbishop Desmond Tutu and Dr Allan Boesak have been invited to attend the protest. The archbishop's press secretary, Mr John Allen, said the archbishop would attend.

● Last night, a police liaison officer said: "Police are aware of the planned visit to the Strand. We will maintain law and order."



'WHITES ONLY' ... Signs along the Strand beachfront were still in place on the eve of today's Standing for the Truth picnic. At Gordon's Bay, apartheid signs have been removed from all but one beach.

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Police in bathing shorts ■ Tutu in 'Call me Arch' T-shirt

By ANDREA WEISS and FRANS ESTERHUYSE
Weekend Argus Reporters

SEVERAL hundred people protested against beach apartheid in the Strand today.

The demonstration came against a backdrop of new government thinking on the whole issue of beach apartheid and separate amenities.

Government sources said the issue was receiving "urgent attention" at Cabinet level. An announcement was expected soon.

The new Minister of Planning and Provincial Affairs, Mr Herinus Kriel, has confirmed that the issue is receiving top-level attention.

The sources also said the priority given to the issue could herald an official softening towards the enforcement of the Separate Amenities Act.

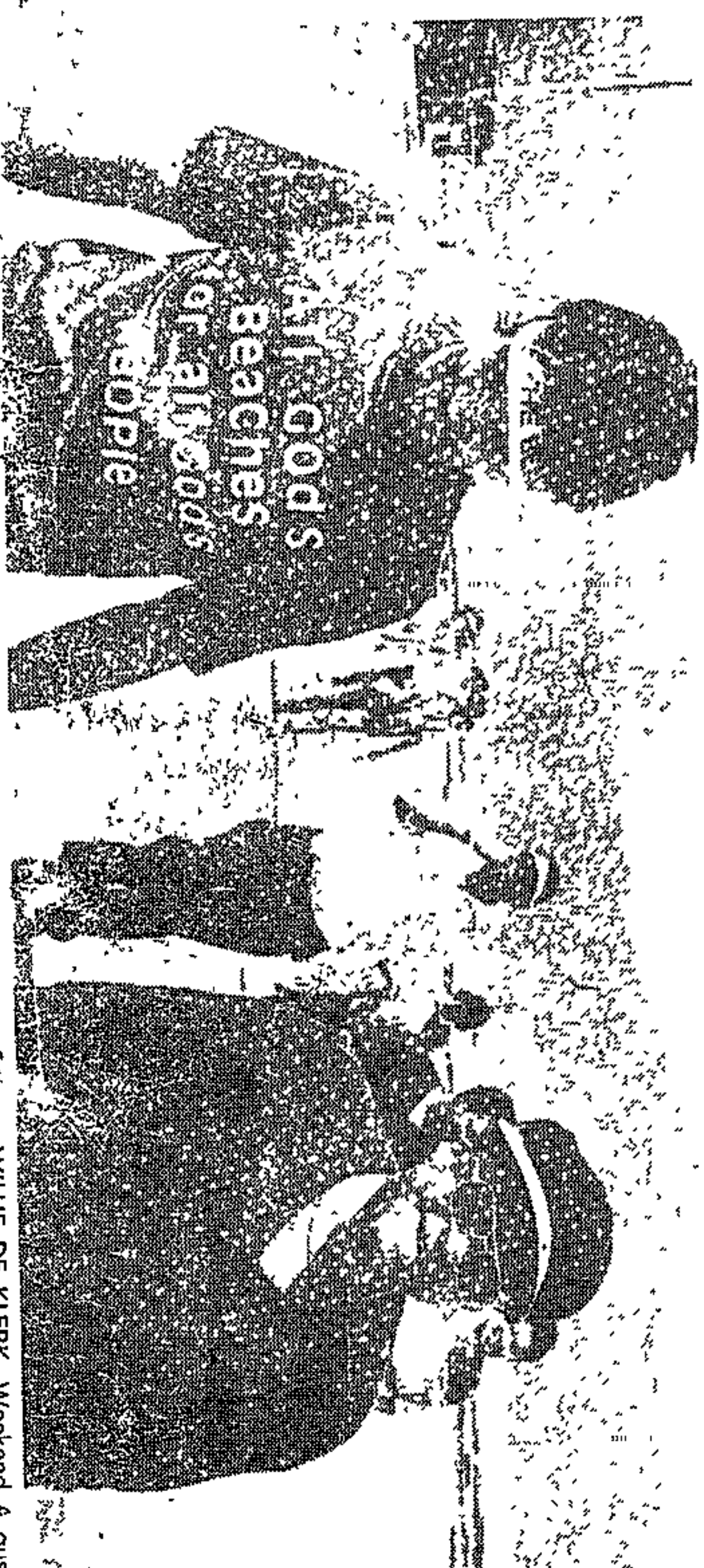
In contrast to the protest last month police in the Strand maintained a low profile.

However, in the bathing shorts and T-shirts and attempted to mingle with the crowd.

Their identity became clear when they started arresting camera crews and photographers.

The crowd which marched down the beach towards Cape Town was halted when two police vans were driven from the opposite direction with their lights on.

As the group gathered around they were warned to disperse within 10 minutes in terms of the Internal Security Act.



Archbishop Desmond Tutu joined the Strand beach demonstration. Next to him, a T-shirt on an unidentified marcher spells out the protest sentiment.

Photo: WILLIE DE KLERK, Weekend Argus

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Beach race demos end peacefully

TWO more beach apartheid protests passed without serious incident yesterday.

In Port Elizabeth, former city councillor Graham Richards was cheered by about 1 000 well-wishers as he unveiled a signboard declaring the Friendly City's Pollok Beach open to all races "by order".

Although a police helicopter circled as Casspir troop carriers parked well out of sight in side streets, the event was peaceful. Near Cape Town, more than 500 people gathered at the whites-only Strand for a "protest picnic".

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and cricket games were in progress along the length of the beach.

TV news crews and Press photographers were escorted off the beach by police. Sunday Times photographer Ambrose Peters had his film confiscated.

Archbishop Desmond Tutu lent his support to the protest by jogging along the beach wearing a T-shirt with the slogan "Just call me Arch".

Defused

There was a strong SAP presence, with some police wearing beachwear.

At one point, a march down the shore was halted by two police vans which drove towards the protesters from the opposite direction.

The crowd was asked to disperse within 10 minutes in terms of the Internal Security Act and police warned that force, including the use of firearms, could be used.

However, the threat was not carried out and the crowd proceeded unhindered.

The tense situation was defused when the demonstrators agreed not to march but to have a picnic as planned. Within minutes, picnic baskets were opened and soccer

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Surveying the large number of policemen and vehicles gathered at the edge of the beach, he quipped: "If this is a low police profile then I'm Bing Crosby."

Dr Allan Boesak who earlier led a group of marchers, took off his shoes and socks, rolled up his pants and waded into the surf.

In Port Elizabeth, protesters were given stickers reading "Bollocks for Pollok Apartheid" and "Free the Beaches, Scrap Apartheid".

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1 000 hold ²⁸² incident-free protest picnic on PE beach

PORT ELIZABETH. — About 1 000 people held an incident-free non-racial picnic on Pollok Beach here on Saturday, in protest at the fact that the beach has been reserved for whites only.

Loud cheers greeted the unveiling of a signboard declaring the beach open at 12.30pm by former city councillor and long-time proponent of open beaches Mr Graham Richards.

Mr Richards said the people of the city were opening Pollok Beach as a symbol of what was happening in the rest of the country — the people were making South Africa free.

Earlier this year, the then Administrator of the Cape, Mr Gene Louw, declared all Port Elizabeth beaches, except Pollok, open to all races.

Police kept a low profile during the ceremony and there was a carnival atmosphere as the crowds danced, waved banners and sang "freedom" songs.

As buses began arriving from Port Elizabeth and Uitenhage townships, a crowd gathered in front of the Summerstrand Lifesaving Club where the organisers, the Port Elizabeth Action Committee (Peac), had erected a temporary platform.

The ceremony started with a prayer by Bishop George Irvine of St John's Methodist Church. This was followed by a speech by the Rev David Vika of the Interdenominational African Ministers' Association of South Africa (Idamasa).

Mr Vika said it was a historical fact that whites had a date of arrival in South Africa, yet the black community did not expect them to leave, rather to share the country's future.

Messages of support were read from the National Education Crisis Committee in the Eastern Cape, the East London Action Forum, the Grahamstown Democratic Action Committee and the South African Youth Congress.

The event was also attended by personalities such as Bishop Bruce Evans and city councillors Mr Flippie Potgieter and Mr Rick McKiever. — Sapa



BEACH PROTEST ... An estimated one thousand people took part in a beach protest at the whites-only Strand beach on Saturday, ignoring verbal attacks from local residents and a police warning to disperse. Picture OBED ZILWA

Beach protest 'a success'

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Staff Reporter
AN estimated 1 000 people marched, picnicked and milled around on the whites-only Strand beach on Saturday, ignoring a police warning to disperse and verbal attacks from many local residents

About three hours after the beach protest started, a jovial and casually dressed Archbishop Desmond Tutu hailed the day's activities as a success, saying that Strand beach had been opened for "all God's people"

Despite a prior government assurance that police would

"keep a low profile", there was a highly visible police presence as members of the riot unit patrolled the area in vans and armoured vehicles. Numerous policemen also dressed in beachwear and carried towels in an attempt to mingle with the crowd

Shortly after 10 30am a group of about 400 people, many wearing yellow sun visors with the words "Free the Beaches", started marching down the beach in cold and overcast weather. Two police vans sped on to the beach and confronted the crowd, warning them they had 10 minutes to disperse under the Internal Security Act, otherwise

1 000 ignore police as locals hurl abuse

the police might use force — including firearms — to disperse the crowd

Although police trucks waited on the beach road, police did not carry out their threat, but did briefly detain about 16 journalists — much to the approval of local residents

"It's you people with the cameras that cause all this trouble," an elderly woman said as police escorted cameramen to waiting trucks

Police said the journalists — including Cape Times photographer Mr Obed Zilwa — were removed once police believed there would be police action

The journalists later walked out of the police station after ignoring attempts by female staff members to stop them

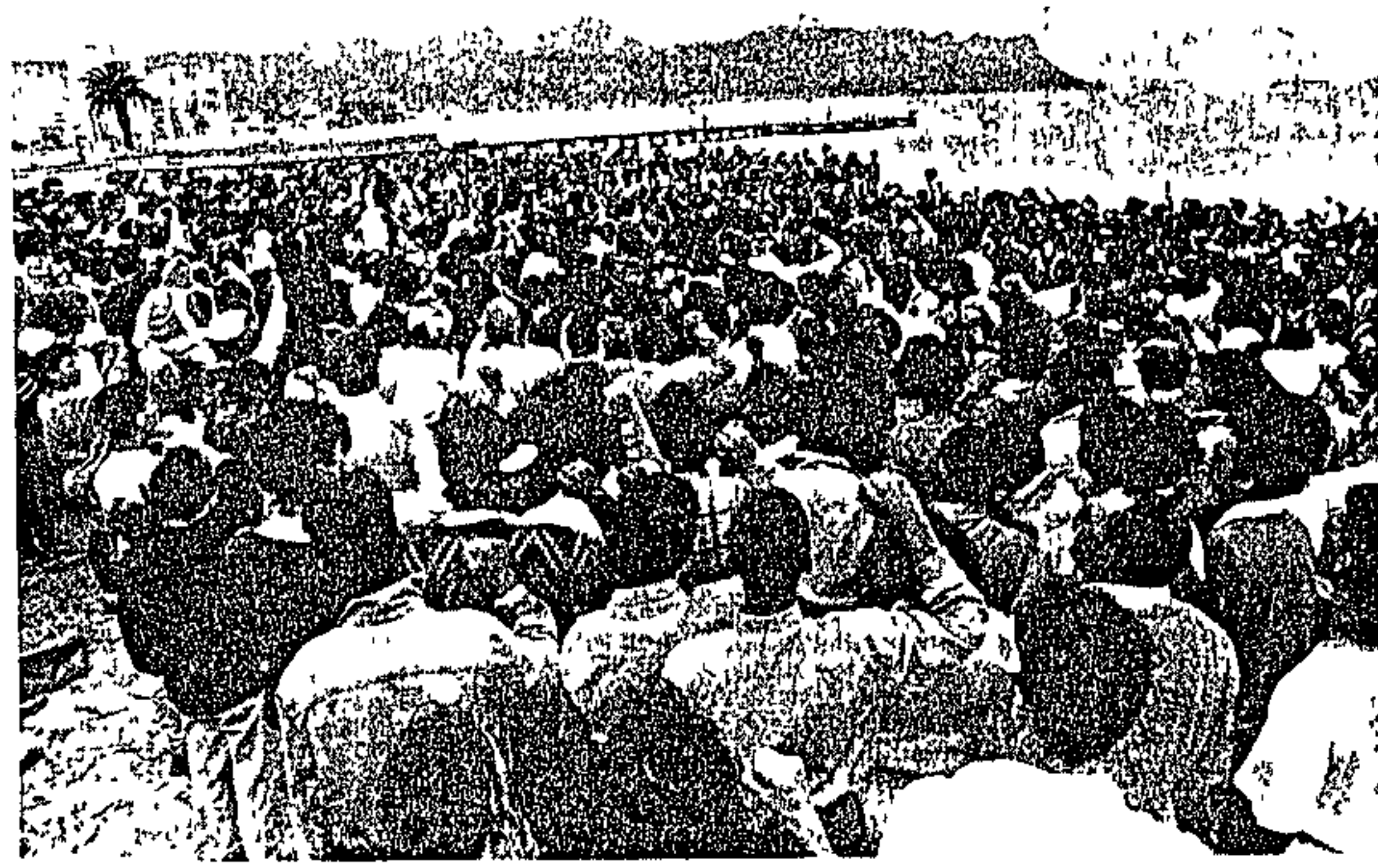
Residents standing on the pavement criticised the protesters for "coming on to our beach". Another resident was reported to have com-

plained that the demonstrators "were not even speaking Afrikaans"

Archbishop Tutu, dressed in white tracksuit pants and a T-shirt with the words "Just call me Arch", arrived on the beach about 11am. At one stage he intervened when plainclothes policemen tried to arrest a photographer

At 1pm Archbishop Tutu and Dr Allan Boesak held a "service of thanksgiving" near the pier at the main parking lot.

At 1 15pm Dr Boesak ended the demonstration, asking people to go home quickly



BEACH SERVICE ... Saturday's Strand beach protest culminated in a "service of thanksgiving" near the pier at the main parking lot. An estimated 1 000 people attended the service, which was held by Archbishop Desmond Tutu and Dr Allan Boesak

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Beach protest: 2 in court

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CAPE TOWN — Two men accused of having contravened the Separate Amenities Act by swimming at the whites-only Strand beach in August will have to wait until November 14 to hear whether the Attorney-General will prosecute them.

Mr David Mothoa (22) of Kraaifontein and Mr Barend Hendricks (24) of Northpine appeared yesterday in the Strand Magistrate's Court and were told to appear again on November 14.

They were arrested on August 19, after swimming at the Strand beach as part of a protest against whites-only beaches. Police had kept protesters off the beach with whips, dogs and a helicopter. Earlier the beach had been closed for "dog training".

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Call to open EL beaches ~

EAST LONDON — The East London City Council recommended last night that all the city's amenities, including beaches and swimming pools, be opened to all races. 3/15/89 STAR

In a policy statement, the council encouraged the Cabinet to "declare all East London beaches and amenities open" and to ask Government to make funds available for expansion of beach facilities. — Sapa. (282)

Govt to act on separate amenities?

By ANTHONY JOHNSON
Political Correspondent

THE government is expected to spell out what its intentions are regarding the Separate Amenities Act after today's cabinet meeting.

There has been speculation in parliamentary circles that the Act might be scrapped, but some government sources have indicated that the petty apartheid law may only be amended.

The Minister of Planning and Provincial Affairs, Mr Hernus Kriel, is expected to submit a report to today's cabinet meeting outlining possible government options concerning the Act.

Two weeks ago, Mr Kriel released a statement on the eve of a spate of beach apartheid protests that the Act was receiving "urgent attention".

An announcement clarifying the government's position would be issued soon, he said.

As far back as 1986, senior government spokesmen were saying in private that the scrapping of the Separate Amenities Act was imminent.

But earlier this year, when the National Party unveiled its five-year plan at its federal congress in Pretoria, Mr F W de Klerk declined to say if the government was prepared to amend the Act.

However, he said at the time that there would be "chaos" in South Africa if the government were to summarily scrap other forms of apartheid legislation like the Group Areas Act

and the Population Registration Act.

While the government might clarify its intentions regarding the Separate Amenities Act after today's cabinet meeting, any change to the law would have to wait for the next parliamentary sitting, which begins in February next year.

The outcome of this morning's cabinet meeting will be of special interest as Mr De Klerk is scheduled to meet Archbishop Desmond Tutu, Dr Allan Boesak and the Rev Frank Chikane later today in Pretoria.

The churchmen, among the most outspoken critics of the government's race policies, are expected to spell out steps the government needs to take to help defuse the political crisis facing the country and create a climate conducive to negotiations.

These steps are likely to include the lifting of the state of emergency, the unbanning of organisations and the lifting of restrictions on community leaders, and the release of security prisoners.

Meanwhile, reacting to news of the latter meeting, the South African Council of Churches (SACC) said yesterday the government did not have the time to play political hide-and-seek on the issue of a negotiated settlement in SA.

"The ball is in the court of the De Klerk government," the SACC said.

The meeting follows the initiation of a programme during the 1989 SACC national conference held in June that aimed to "force the government to concede genuine negotiations".

said uncovered a high level of ignorance of basic facts. Students, found that about those questioned were when the American civil place or knew what the Carta was.

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St Lucia appeal lodged

A LEGAL application to have the eastern shores of St Lucia declared a "protected natural environment" was sent yesterday to the Administrator of Natal, Mr Radclyffe Cadman.

The application has been made by the Zululand Environmental Alliance (Zeal), representing the 30 non-government associations in the Zululand region, in terms of the new Environment Conservation Act, passed in June this

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'We don't like open beach idea'

By MONICA GRAAFF

BEACH apartheid was alive and well at Cape Town's two remaining "whites only" beaches yesterday, where almost all of 30 people interviewed said: "We don't like the idea of open beaches. Why don't the blacks go elsewhere and leave us alone?"

However, most accepted that the opening of the Strand and Blouberg was "imminent" and that they would "have to go along with it", though many warned "but they (black people) will have to behave themselves".

"Whites only" signs were still prominent along Strand beach. The only "whites only" sign that could be found at Blouberg beach had the wording painted out.

A spokesman for the regional services council could not be reached for comment last night.

Only two coloured schoolboys from the Strand and Macassar hinted at a reminder of the Mass Democratic Movement's recent defiance of beach apartheid at the Strand.

'Happy'

Twelve-year-old Jacobus Stoffels and Francois Claassen, 10, said they "couldn't care" about all the "whites only" signs.

One white person interviewed, Mr. Russel Willey, 31, a newcomer to the Cape from the Transvaal, said: "I'm totally happy about sharing this beach but what about theirs? I was turned away from a 'non-whites only' beach near Kommetjie only last weekend. Let's have some fairness."

Asked for comment on the point, Mr. Isaac Smith, owner of the kiosk on Harmony Park, the only coloured beach on the Strand, said he would "be delighted if every beach was open".



SELFISH ABOUT SURF ... Young surfers at both the Strand and Blouberg yesterday expressed concern about people "getting in the way" if the beaches were opened. Stephen van Zyl, 15, of Bellville, who went to the Strand yesterday, was one of them.

Picture: MONICA GRAAFF

Six or seven coloured families tentatively enjoyed the sunshine without incident at the recently opened Gordon's Bay beach nearby.

Beaches to stay closed

PRO-NATIONAL Party Durban city councillors yesterday again voted against opening Durban's whites-only beaches to all races resulting in another defeat for the Liberal block.

But Liberal councillors vowed during the lengthy debate they would bring the issue to every council meeting as a private motion until "the inevitable" happened.

As it is less than a year since the council voted a similar recommendation down, Monday's proposal from the amenities committee required a two-thirds majority to be passed.

Only a simple majority of 16-14 was obtained.

There was, however, a surprise "defection" by National Party supporter, Mona Riddle, who voted with the Liberal camp.

Mrs Riddle was one of only two councillors who voted against opening north beach and the central beaches when the issue came before the previous council.

On Monday she said she knew her decision would not make her "the top of the hit parade" but it would give her peace of mind.

"I work for all races from infants to the senile. I stand on street corners and collect money for these people.

"How can I now say they are not allowed on certain beaches?"

Several councillors commented that the Nationalists had been given an "open vote" on the issue although there were claims they were being dictated to from the central government.

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Little reaction to Tzaneen's decision to open amenities

By Dirk Nel,
Northern Transvaal
Bureau

This week's decision by the Tzaneen Town Council to open municipal amenities to all races has evoked very little reaction, but a council spokesman said he expected a stormy protest from rightwingers once the implications had been published in the local press.

The council decided unanimously on Monday to open the town's new library and its public conveniences to all races. But the swimming pool is not to be desegregated at this stage.

"The municipal swimming pool is situated in a white residential area, and we promised before the elections last year that the status quo would be retained in such areas," management committee chairman Mr Vic Borchers said.

The opening of amenities to all races in the business area of Tzaneen comes after earlier recommendations by the council that the entire commercial centre be declared a free trading area, and that a free settlement area be established in the town.

Nationalists made a clean sweep in the 1988 municipal elections in Tzaneen, winning all nine wards.

Amenities Act report not easy says Minister

By Peter Fabricius,
Political Correspondent

The Government's report on the Reservation of Separate Amenities Act was not yet complete, Minister of Planning and Provincial Affairs Mr Hernus Kriel said yesterday.

Mr Kriel, who had been commissioned by the Cabinet to do the report, was commenting on speculation that he would recommend that all beaches be opened.

"I don't know where that report came from. Certainly not from me."

Speculation is mounting, however, that Mr Kriel will not recommend a complete scrapping of the contentious Act, which allows local and other authorities to segregate public facilities.

RACIAL FRICTION

The Act has been identified as the next apartheid measure to fall, mainly because it has allowed Conservative Party-controlled town councils to re-introduce petty apartheid.

Government sources are saying that a complete scrapping of the Act could lead to overcrowding of inadequate facilities and racial friction.

Mr Kriel said yesterday his report was still not complete and there were various aspects still to be considered.

"It's difficult to give a time. The deeper you go into this the more complicated it becomes. All I can say is it will be ready before the end of the year."

First step towards scrapping Act

FW declares beaches open to all races

CAPE TOWN — SA's beaches would be open to all with immediate effect and the Separate Amenities Act would be repealed as soon as possible, President F W de Klerk said yesterday.

Addressing a plenary session of the President's Council, De Klerk said government had decided to repeal the 1953 Act that excluded blacks from public amenities such as buses, parks, beaches, libraries and public toilets.

Beach apartheid would be the first to go. Other restrictions would also be scrapped soon, after further discussions, although certain cautionary measures would be applied.

De Klerk said that since the 1983/84 financial year, the state had spent R167m on upgrading beaches and providing new amenities. This had reduced "the risk of friction and overcrowding" considerably.

If necessary, the powers of local authorities would be expanded to ensure crowd control, maintain civil standards and protect the environment.

The impact of the immediate scrapping of beach apartheid will be significant in Durban and some small western Cape resorts. The announcement caused some confusion in Durban, with doubt over the

LESLEY LAMBERT

President's authority to overrule the city's bylaws without the Act being scrapped, but was welcomed in the Strand and Gordon's Bay.

In the longer term, the repeal of the Act will oblige CP-controlled and other smaller local authorities to follow the major cities in opening their amenities to all. It will also hasten attempts, such as that in Johannesburg, to desegregate public buses.

"Insofar as ordinances or local bylaws may exist that are in conflict with this decision, the relevant authorities are requested to act in the spirit of this decision," De Klerk said.

He asked the President's Council to investigate and make recommendations on three pressing issues:

- ☐ Decision-making and conflict-resolving mechanisms and techniques in a new constitutional system to ensure consensus and the resolution in disputes;
- ☐ A suitable strategy to contain inflation; and
- ☐ A policy for a national environmental management system.

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He reaffirmed government's commitment to political change, saying: "There is no other alternative but the road of co-operation, reconciliation, of creating opportunities for all people of SA in a way which is fair, just and equitable. To cling to power means to accept the risk and face the revolution because nowhere in this world has a minority clung to power without this result."

EDYTH BULBRING reports that Boksburg Town Council Chief Whip T J Ferreira said the scrapping of the Act was the final sellout and would lead white voters down the path of Zimbabwe and Namibia.

"The government is pushing us too far. The CP is not like the AWB with empty words. If we have to fight to preserve what is ours, we will," he said.

Krugersdorp Town Council management committee chairman Sakkie Nel said he would rather close down municipal swimming pools than open them to all.

CP information officer Koos van der Merwe said the scrapping of the Act was the "beginning of the end of separate white community life and will lead to increased swamping of whites by people of colour in white areas".

MANDY JEAN WOODS reports that the DP co-leaders said the repealing of the Act was another step in the inexorable crumbling of race-based policies in SA.

"Anything which De Klerk does that has

the effect of creating a more open and more equal society will have our support."

Our Durban Correspondent reports that the city's whites-only beaches will not be opened to all races immediately.

The issue will be raised at the city council's meeting on Monday, and, if backed by more NP supporters, beach segregation bylaws could be rescinded.

The President's announcement caused confusion at the Durban City Hall because of uncertainty as to whether he had the power to open Durban's beaches.

Town Clerk Wilf Stone said: "The President cannot do away with Durban's bylaws until the Separate Amenities Act has been repealed. And even then there will be some confusion because our bylaws were promulgated before the Separate Amenities Act came into being and are therefore not empowered by the Act."

Legal advice has been sought.

NP caucus leader Jan Venter said although he would support the opening of South and Addington beaches, he would not back that of the Bluff beaches without specific controls — for instance, environmental impact studies and improved facilities.

The mayors of the Strand and Gordon's Bay, in the Cape, where the beaches were reserved for whites, welcomed the move, Sapa reports.

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By BARRY STREEK

BEACH apartheid, first introduced by the National Party government in 1955, has been an issue of conflict and protest ever since.

It was a focal point of the defiance campaign launched by the Mass Democratic Movement during this year's election campaign and it was the issue over which the leader of the Labour Party, Mr Allan Hendrickse, eventually resigned from the cabinet last year.

It was the Labour Party which first used the slogan "All God's beaches for all God's people", which the defiance campaign later used in its beach apartheid protests.

Right from the inception of beach apartheid, the government faced problems because a number of local authorities, including those in Cape Town, Port Elizabeth and East London, refused to put up racial signs — though they were put up under protest in places such as Simon's Town and Durban.

A provincial commission was appointed in 1960 in the Cape under the chairmanship of Mr Chris Heunis, then an MPC, to formulate proposals for the zoning of beaches in the Cape and five years later a

Nat beach policy an issue of conflict

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government committee under the chairmanship of Mr Henry Torlage, later the Administrator of Natal, took over this role.

The zoning of the beaches was eventually enforced by the Cape Provincial Administration in 1968.

Even then, the Cape Town City Council refused to put up the racial signs and the Cape Provincial Administration put up the boards, charging the council for the costs.

In both the Cape and Natal, the more

attractive and accessible beaches were allocated to whites and a few beaches, mostly remote and often dangerous, were set aside for Africans.

It was the swim in January last year on the white King's Beach in Port Elizabeth by Mr Hendrickse and 25 Labour Party supporters that brought the issue back into the headlines.

President P W Botha threatened to fire Mr Hendrickse from the cabinet over the issue and it eventually led to his resignation.

Gradually some beaches were opened, particularly in the urban areas of Cape Town, Durban, Port Elizabeth and East London, but in many of the smaller areas the local authorities have continued to enforce beach apartheid.

This year's defiance campaign again highlighted the issue.

With the holiday season approaching, the government had to act to avoid more conflict on the beaches, particularly as people like the Administrator of the Cape, Mr Kobus Meiring, and the Natal leader of the National Party, Mr George Bartlett, had publicly supported the opening of the beaches.

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Blacks refused access to PE resorts, beaches

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The Argus Correspondent

PORT ELIZABETH. — Black people are being refused access to beaches at resorts administered by the Algoa Regional Services Council (ARSC), in spite of the declaration by President De Klerk that all beaches are open to all races.

The Administrator of the Cape, Mr Kobus Meiring, has instructed officials to investigate the matter.

The resorts at Van Stadens, Beachview and Willows are controlled by the Cape Provincial Administration and the ARSC serves as agent. The resorts themselves are for whites only, but the beaches are for all races.

Refused entry

Blacks are being refused entry through the gates of the resorts because they are "still reserved for whites only". At the Van Stadens resort the only access to the beach is through the main entrance.

Acting chief executive officer of the ARSC Mr Fred Baker said the ARSC was "only an agent" for the CPA, administering their regulations. Policies concerning the resorts were made by the CPA and the council could only apply these.

Resorts had not yet been declared open and people of other races coming to the resorts to get access to the beaches were turned away and told if

they could find other access to the beaches they were welcome, he said.

"We can't allow them to go through the resorts to get to the beach because the resorts are reserved for whites only.

"It would also be impossible to let them through without paying because you can't let some people pay and others not. On the other hand, we can't charge them because they can't use the facilities," Mr Baker said.

Dr Annelie Rabie, CPA public relations officer, said that legally there was no way a person of any race could be stopped from entering a resort to use the beach if the only way he could get to the beach was through an entrance gate.

"What actually happens is that the beaches were declared open up to the highwater mark, so if a coloured or black person went to the Van Stadens holiday resort to use the beach there, for example, he would then only be allowed to stay on the beach.

"Our legal adviser also informs me it would then be unfair to charge a person an entrance fee to enter the resort if he is only using the beach."

The situation was first reported by a Korsten man who wanted to spend a day at either the Van Stadens or Beachview holiday resorts, and was told by the managers he was not allowed in because the resorts were not open to all races.

PRESIDENT'S COUNCIL HEARS FW ORDER

Mixed reaction to beach order

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Mossel Bay council refuse order, facilities 'are all in white areas'

By CP REPORTERS

THERE was mixed reaction to State President FW de Klerk's opening of beaches to all races this week.

Although it was generally accepted as a positive move away from apartheid, comment from prominent black leaders was cautious.

Addressing the newly-constituted President's Council for the first time on Thursday, De Klerk said the time had come to repeal the Separate Amenities Act, but beach apartheid had to go immediately. The government was earnest about its reform programme and was not playing games.

"There is no alternative for South Africa but the road of reconciliation, of creating opportunities for all the people of this country in a way which is fair, just and equitable," De Klerk said.

"For the white group clinging to power means accepting the risk of - more than that, of facing - a revolution," he warned.

Former Robben Island prisoner and ANC leader Walter Sisulu said he welcomed the opening of the beaches and the intention to scrap the Separate Amenities Act.

KwaZulu Chief Minister Mangosuthu Buthelezi said scrapping the Separate Amenities Act is "in itself quite obviously very far from the kind of action that will finally put the politics of confrontation and violence aside."

"It is not an Act which bans organisations, or bars blacks from participating in the parliamentary process in the land of their birth."

However, Buthelezi said De Klerk was moving in a way in which he was "ever-increasingly" persuading more and more people that he was not busy tampering with the just the surface of apartheid.

Business Challenge chief executive Phil Khumalo said the President's announcement was no reason for excitement.

"To us this has come rather late and the damage has already been done. People's dignity has been

stripped to zero. How do you reverse the hurt?

"Swimming is not an issue. There are many issues which are critical, which are not attended to yet."

Veteran parliamentarian Helen Suzman said although she welcomed the President's move, a lot still had to be done, "like the removal of the Group Areas Act, the Population Registration Act, the Land Act and other political obstacles to bring the political climate to normality".

Community worker Lindiwe Myeza said, "The opening of amenities to all races is not our priority. We want the land. I am surprised that people are making a lot of noise about this. I see it as a ploy to keep the mouths of anti-apartheid activists shut for a moment."

Community leader and educationist Seth Mazibuko said the repeal of the Act was "long overdue".

"Although it is a step in the right direction, it is a shame on the government that the Act had to cause bloodshed and imprisonment before it could be repealed. The government must break down all the walls that separate us. It must also open the schools to all so that our children can learn together."

In Mossel Bay, the Conservative Party town council has refused to open its beaches to all despite the President's announcement.

"The Mossel Bay beaches fall within the white group areas of the town and will not be opened to all," mayor Johan Oosthuizen said.



Helen Suzman.



Walter Sisulu.

Open our school!

Sunday Times Reporter

ANOTHER Cape Town school has applied to open its doors to all races after parents, teachers and school committee members voted overwhelmingly to go multi-racial.

Mountain Road Primary School, the only "white" primary school in Woodstock, will now ask the Minister of Education and Culture in the House of Assembly, Mr Piet Clase, to grant the school private status.

Originally built to accommodate 700, it has a current enrolment of only 195 white pupils in an area where the coloured population outnumber whites.

Principal Mr J C van Helden said: "Teachers, pupils and parents are not concerned with the colour of children who are taught here."

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Woodstock's white school in bid to admit all races

Own Correspondent

CAPE TOWN — Woodstock's only white primary school, now less than 30 percent full, has voted in favour of its doors being opened to children of all races.

The school committee of Mountain Road Primary, backed by the teachers and more than 80 percent of parents, decided to apply to the Minister of Education and Culture in the House of Assembly, Mr Piet Clase, to accord the school "private status".

The school is a member of the Open Schools Association which represents more than 30 schools in the Cape, Eastern Cape, Border and Transvaal.

Prominent Cape schools which have already voted to go multi-racial include Camps Bay, Rondebosch Boys High, SACS and Westerford.

Mountain Road Primary's decision was not taken lightly, according to the principal, Mr J C van Helden.

LETTER TO ALL PARENTS

First the opinion of the school's 12 teachers and the school committee was canvassed, followed by a letter to all parents.

"We as teachers and the committee are in favour of opening. Now we've heard from 82 percent of our parents that they also want the school open," Mr Van Helden said.

"There are only 195 pupils at the school which was originally built for 700. It was recently refurbished at a cost of R1 million.

"Now we find ourselves in the ironic situation that there are more coloured people here (in Woodstock) than whites, and that coloured children are being sent by bus to schools situated far away while we have place for 500 more children," Mr Van Helden said.

"The school must be opened so that the standards which we now have can be maintained. The teachers, pupils and their parents are not concerned with the colour of the children who are taught here. This is about education.

"The St Agnes church school in Woodstock has children of all racial groups. They play, learn and eat together, but after their primary education they have to go to separate schools. Then after high school they go to universities which are again open to all."

INCREASE IN SCHOOL FEES

A special parents' meeting was called last week to clear possible misunderstandings. The parents' biggest concern was that "private status" would bring an increase in school fees — a fear which could prove correct, according to Mr Rodney Mazinter, chairman of the Open Schools Association.

Mr Mazinter warned there were cost implications for schools applying for "private status".

"The first prize remains open schools as government schools — we believe that's the final answer," he said.

Mr Mazinter said the association was "very much in favour" of schools being allowed to admit pupils of their own choice and of a single education department for South Africa.

"We see one education department as economically and educationally sensible.

"We do not see any reason why schools that wish to admit pupils of other races should not be allowed to do so," he said.

The association believed this was not "in any way" in conflict with the Government's declared policy of devolution of responsibility and powers to the lowest level.

statements made by individuals appear to link six squad members.

ability emerged of an MNR activities in Swaziland in the

1979 to 1982 period to which refer confirm that a number of deaths were carried out by an armed squad.

De la — who first made the statement three weeks ago — has said sometimes housed at the death squad was alleged.

Yesterday denied this.

Major Brigadier Leon Mellet's operation had been given to seven named in allegations against him. "People should be held proven guilty of these deaths."

Willem Schoon, named by the officer involved in the death of a woman, was unhappy about the

about the issue but at least questions while everyone else had to answer further ques-

Gold set to pass \$400 mark

Financial Editor

GOLD seems set to breach the \$400 an ounce barrier and continue upwards as uncertainty continues in overseas stock markets.

It closed in New York at \$398.15 and in London at \$396.25 yesterday — the highest level for 10 months.

Wall Street weakened in early trading, on fears of cuts in US defence spending. The Dow Jones dropped 29 to 2624.

The pound sterling also weakened, causing the London Stock Exchange to fall on fears of another rise in interest rates.

● Reuter reports that yesterday's trading pattern in gold mainly represented technical consolidation of recent gains. It says traders expect that \$400 will be breached soon.

Cape beaches

open to all

Staff Reporters

ALL Cape beaches are now open to all races — and that's official.

Following Mr F W de Klerk's directive last week scrapping beach apartheid, Cape administrator Mr Kobus Meiring yesterday announced that legislation enforcing segregated beaches had been revoked by the Provincial Executive Committee.

This means every beach in the Cape under control of the administrator is now open to all races.

A spokesman for Mr Meiring's office confirmed last night that any municipality which refused to open its beaches would be acting illegally.

The latest development was welcomed last night by people in small, traditional, beach resorts.

But the defiant mayor of Mossel Bay, Mr Johan Oosthuizen, could not be reached for comment by late last night.

Last week Mr Oosthuizen said in response to Mr De Klerk's directive that his municipality would refuse to open the beaches in the town.

Mr Oosthuizen said the beaches fell within a white area and would remain so.

"If Mr De Klerk wants to open our beaches he must make a new law," Mr Oosthuizen said.

Yesterday Mr Meiring said a special provincial gazette would be published tomorrow revoking the Separate Amenities Act of 1935.

The Mayor of Kleinmond, Mr Len Thomas, said he had "no problem" with open beaches and thought it was "about time".

"We have already taken our signs down, but we'll have to make sure we have the facilities," he said.

A local hotel manager in Gansbaai said: "If they want to open up the beaches — why not?"

And at Stilbaai a local businessman, who did not want to be named because "the town is very conservative", said: "I have no objection."

"I don't think there will be any problems in the future."

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If the test unions pull out of the SARB and the smaller unions are left to represent the national side they'll have to be called the Springbokkies.

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Mossel Bay holds on to beach signs

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By DI CAELERS

THE Conservative Party-controlled seaside town of Mossel Bay is grimly holding on to its beach apartheid signs until the last possible moment — the signs will come down when the State President's directive is officially gazetted.

Indications are that the Mossel Bay Town Council will comply with Mr F W de Klerk's directive last week scrapping beach apartheid, and the Cape Provincial Executive Committee's subsequent announcement that legislation enforcing segregated beaches had been scrapped.

The town council will consider the issue at a special meeting this afternoon, Mossel Bay's deputy mayor Mr N Myerson confirmed yesterday.

"We must abide by higher authorities following the withdrawal of the ordinance dealing with segregated beaches.

"At this stage nothing has yet been published. I believe the issue will be gazetted today and then it's just a mat-

ter of us taking the signs down," Mr Myerson told the Cape Times.

He said he did not "anticipate any problems. We are dealing with an ordinance that no longer exists and a bylaw cannot overrule that".

Mossel Bay's mayor Mr Johan Oosthuizen, who said last week that his municipality would refuse to open the town's beaches, is overseas and will not be present at the special council meeting today.

When he was approached for comment at that time, Mr Oosthuizen said the beaches fell within a white area and would remain so: "If Mr De Klerk wants to open our beaches he must make a new law."

Acting Town Clerk of Mossel Bay, Mr Daan Swart, confirmed yesterday that no beach signs had yet been removed.

"Our stand is that we await the proclamation that all beaches will be opened and when we get the full particulars, which we expect today, it will be taken to the council for further action.

"But nothing's changed yet," he said.

Mother jailed for public violence

False Bay Bureau

A STRAND mother-of-three has been jailed for an effective nine months for public violence after being arrested shortly after a beach protest had been dispersed by police.

Strand regional magistrate Mr D Cronje sentenced Diana van Beulen, 22, of Rusthof, to two years in jail, of which 15 months were conditionally suspended, for having thrown a stone at a police vehicle.

Van Beulen pleaded not guilty to public violence, but guilty to an alternative charge of malicious damage to property.

UNCLE IN BRAWL

Van Beulen told the court she and two of her children had been on the way to a relative's house to deliver some chickens when she had stopped near a brawl in which her uncle had been involved.

She said a man had knocked over her five-year-old daughter and run off with the chickens. She had picked up a half-brick and thrown it in his direction.

She said because many people who had been at the beach protest were around the brawl, police had arrived and fired teargas, and an unrest situation had developed.

Mr Cronje rejected her evidence and accepted the version of two police witnesses, who said they had picked out Van Beulen by her white dress.

The magistrate reprimanded one of the policemen for his aggressive attitude under cross-examination by Ms Ilze Olckers, for Van Beulen.

Ms H Lombard appeared for the State.

● Ms Olckers said she would lodge an appeal.

Apartheid signs get chop as Mossel Bay capitulates

By MARK STANSFIELD
and EDWARD MOLOINYANE
Staff Reporters

MOSSSEL Bay Town Council workers did some unusual overtime yesterday — taking down the last “whites only” beach signs in the Cape.

The late-afternoon hacking and hammering to remove the signs before sunset came after a half-hour debate at an extraordinary town council meeting which began at 4.30pm.

The council's capitulation after vehemently defending separate beach amenities for several days came after the publication of a special Provincial Gazette yesterday in which the Administrator of the Cape, Mr Kobus Meiring, decreed that all offending signs “should be removed immediately.”

Conservative Party members of the Mossel Bay Town Council expressed their “dissent” at the decision and privately told reporters after the meeting that they were still opposed to the opening of beaches to all races “despite the town council's decision to follow Province's recommendations.”

During the half-hour debate CP members of the council called for the deputy mayor, Mr N Myerson, to recall traffic

policemen patrolling the beaches “because the council no longer seemed to have any jurisdiction in that area.”

“The beaches have become the responsibility of the Provincial Administration,” said Mr Harry Visser.

Mr Myerson replied that the Provincial Council had scrapped only beach apartheid and that all other laws pertaining to beaches remained the responsibility of the town council.

Behaviour

“The normal rules about behaviour on the beaches will still be maintained by the council,” he said.

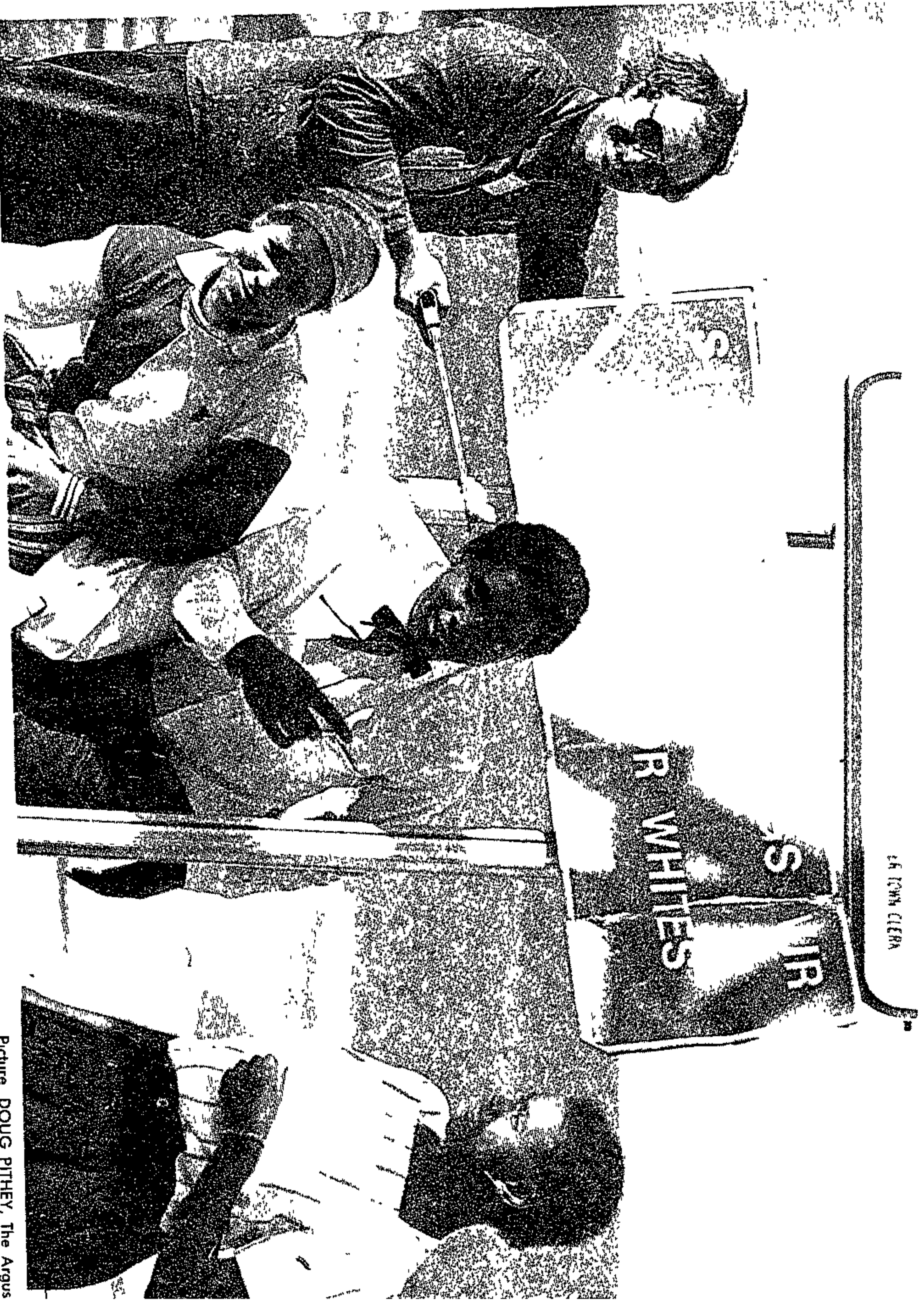
He then ordered that council employees, who had knocked off, be recalled to remove the signs from the three beaches in the hitherto defiant town.

He said it was the council's “prerogative” to ensure that the signs were removed by sunset. He said that those that could not be removed would be painted out.

In a brief interview after the meeting, Mr Myerson said his council “no more objected to beach apartheid because they (the government) had changed their law.”

“It's not a question of apartheid because we were just maintaining the law, and beaches are open as far as the law is concerned,” he claimed.

Scores of black workers at a Santos hotel clapped and danced as a council worker saved off the signs.



SIGNS DOWN: Mossel Bay Town Council employee Mr Sarel Stander was hastily called to remove “whites only” signs from Santos beach after the Administrator of the Cape ordered them to be taken down.

Picture DOUG PITHEY, The Argus

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Mossel Bay takes down beach signs

By PETER DENNEHY

THE beach apartheid signs at Mossel Bay — possibly the last remaining "whites only" beach in the country — have come down.

Bowing to pressure from the Cape Provincial Administration (CPA), the Conservative Party-controlled municipality decided at a special meeting yesterday to remove beach apartheid signs.

Last week the defiant council had refused to open beaches in response to President F W de Klerk's directive.

"If Mr De Klerk wants us to open our beaches he will have to make a new law," the mayor, Mr Johan Oosthuizen, said.

Shortly before 6pm yesterday, municipal employee Mr Sarel Stander hack-sawed through the last bolt of the last metal sign saying "Beach Area for Whites Only".

Black bystanders grinned broadly and posed for pictures with Mr Stander as the sign came down.

There were no black people on the beach itself.

Earlier yesterday afternoon, acting

town clerk Mr Daan Swart received a fax from the CPA informing the Mossel Bay Town Council that Mr Kobus Meiring, the administrator, had scrapped beach apartheid in the Cape.

The administration requested that the signs be taken down immediately. A copy of the provincial notice gazetted the revoking of beach apartheid was attached.

Mr Swart referred the fax to his action committee, which immediately called a special town council meeting.

Another pressing matter before the council is a planned protest march on Saturday from the coloured township of D'Almeida to the previously whites-only Santos beach.

The march will be in protest against segregated beaches and a host of other grievances, such as poor housing and evictions.

A previous request for permission to march had been refused.

At the meeting, permission for the march was given as the CP-supporting members of the town council had lost their majority due to the absence of the mayor and his councillor wife.

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Removal of signs has not defused grievances

By PETER DENNEHY

TAKING down "whites only" signs from the beaches has not ended apartheid in Mossel Bay, nor has it defused grievances felt by many of the town's 30 000 black and coloured residents.

The Rev Leslie Crotz, moderator of the Volkskerk van Afrika, said yesterday that Saturday's planned march would now be a celebration of the opening of the beaches as well as a protest against other matters.

"Our main speaker will be Mr Franklin Sohn and Lieutenant Gregory Rockman has

also agreed to attend," Mr Crotz said. "We have permission from the municipality and the police and the magistrate have been most helpful."

"We want to rename Santos Beach 'Madiba Beach'. That is one of Mr Nelson Mandela's names."

The marchers plan to hand over lists of their various grievances to the municipality, the police, the local chamber of commerce and the Department of Education and Training.

They wanted to complain about some state-

ments made by the mayor; about allegedly discriminatory employment practices by some businesses in town; about the lack of a doctor was in attendance at the fact that no doctor was in attendance at the KwaNontjes; restriction orders on community leaders in Oudshoorn, and others.

What was not mentioned in the list of grievances was the continued presence of some apartheid signs in the town, even after the beach signs had been removed.

An inspection yesterday revealed that notices were still up reserving two council-

owned caravan parks near the beaches, Santos and the Point, for whites only.

Domestic servants are allowed in the caravan parks only between 7am and 8pm, according to the notices.

Not everyone in the town is happy about the beach apartheid signs coming down.

One young white woman asked whether all of them had been removed. When told that there was still at least one "whites only" sign at a Hartenbos beach, just over 7km away, she said: "Thank heaven for small mercies."

There are still separate public toilets for "whites" and "non-whites" in Mossel Bay.

Testing the Seawater

By EDWARD MOLOINYANE

THE heavens didn't fall, the water didn't turn black and there were no eyebrows raised when I took to the water at the Point beach in Mossel Bay after a Cape Provincial Administration directive ordered the Conservative Party-controlled town council to remove the apartheid signs on beaches "immediately".



We had gone to the town to find out just what made the white inhabitants of this Diaz museum town tick.

Being personally not much of a swimmer and generally not bothered by such things as beach apartheid, the idea was to just "test the waters" in what black locals aptly called "Zakshburg on the Sea."

"Whites Only"

Our first port of call was the "Whites Only" Santos beach, which is ironically about 21 metres from the multiracial Santos hotel.

The "This Beach is reserved for Whites only" signs were still displayed prominently when we arrived about 12 pm.

More than 30 whites of both sexes and their offspring were sunbathing.

Expecting the worst from the first white to spot me, I leisurely walked towards the water where I presumed they would all see me.

Fears dashed

However, my expectations and fears were soon dashed as they just looked at me and went on with what they were doing.

Having expected to be forcibly removed and even assaulted, I was further puzzled when some of the children playing nearby even greeted me.

After 20 minutes of idle standing with the whole exercise now becoming a bore, I approached a young couple who made no bones about their CP support.

Speaking with a heavy Afrikaans accent, they told me they had been born and bred in the town and had never been against beaches being used by all the inhabitants of the town.

Weekend Argus Reporter Edward Moloinyane. "No sweat ... there were no hassles."

But why do you support the CP?

"You see, the CP has the interests of us as Africans at heart because we want to remain as we are. We do not have problems with blacks as long as they live in their locations. They can use the beach but go back to their places," answered the man, who did not want to give his name "because we do not want to see our names and pictures in the newspapers."

The other three people I spoke to, including a former Rhodesian, said they supported the opening of beaches to all races.

More surprises were in store for me at the Mossel Bay Town council offices, where I had expected my intrusion to bring proceedings to an immediate halt.

When I asked Deputy Mayor, Mr N Myerson, after a crucial special council meeting on beaches if I was welcome to have a swim at one of his beaches, he said, "Yes as long as you adhere to the regulations that are applicable to everybody using the beach."

As would be expected, blacks in the town were jubilant as beach apartheid was finally buried.

Many turned up to witness the funeral.

CROSS CURRENTS

By MARK STANSFIELD

Weekend Argus Reporter

THE Cape's last bastion of beach apartheid, the Conservative Party-dominated town of Mossel Bay, fell with a whimper and not the expected bang this week — but that doesn't mean all the apartheid-preferring residents gave up the fight gracefully.

They are adamant they will still not welcome blacks on "their" beaches — strictly the preserve of whites until now.

And how, we asked, do they expect to stop mixing on the beach?

Boycott

Simple. They will boycott their own beaches!

It seems that to some Mossel Bay residents black is not simply a colour — it's an objection.

An elderly couple who entered a Mossel Bay restaurant last Wednesday (not realising that it was multiracial, of course) and ordered a meal. In walked a coloured family and sat down.

The elderly couple called the manager over and asked him if it was true that he now served black people. When he replied in the affirmative they asked if the blacks who ate there used the same utensils and plates as they would be.

Several couples said they would not make use of the beach in future because it would be "flooded with blacks" and at least one holidaying couple, when told that all beaches in the Cape were now officially open to all races, packed their bags and headed back to Bloemfontein.

"In that case I'll take my holidays in the plateland from now on," fumed Prikke de Jonge and his petite shockingly pink bikini-clad wife as they cut their two-week holiday short.

However, all the beaches in the Cape do now belong to all the people and even if there are those who will continue to

make an issue out of such a paltry concession, there was also humour.

Waitress Gladys Kanne-meyer was lying in the sun under the statue of Bartholomew Dias (this itself is an offence for a black person under Mossel Bay municipal by-laws) when we informed her that she could now officially go down on to Santos Beach and swim, build sand-castles or simply stroll along.

Quick as a wink she replied "So what? The water's just as cold down there as on our own beach. Water doesn't discriminate, you know."

Grim stance

Mossel Bay's Town Council held on grimly to their "beach apartheid" stance until about 4.40pm on Wednesday when Acting Town Clerk, Mr Daan Swart, informed a grim-faced "emergency council session" that the Cape Provincial Administration had officially decreed all beaches open and that offending "Whites Only" signs should be removed "immediately".

The Conservative Party council faction called for a removal of their "troops" (the traffic policemen who patrol the beaches) because, in the CP's view, if the CPA wanted to dictate what happens on Mossel Bay's beaches then it could jolly well also take control completely and enforce them.

all other laws pertaining to beaches — with its own policemen.

Deputy Mayor Mr N Myerson vetoed the move and politely told the mutineering councillors that all other laws were still in force and that the council had a duty to enforce them.

Then followed a lengthy argument about where council beach jurisdiction began and which part of a beach belonged to the State, involving complicated high-tide calculations. Eventually, the CP councillors lost even this last, desperate fingertip-hold.

Overtime

In the end the signs came down — and council workers made a bit of overtime because they were called out after official working hours to remove them.

At 5.45pm on Wednesday, puzzled white Santos beach users (most swilling beer and braving boerewors in the setting sun) watched as council vans screamed to a halt and men armed with hacksaws and hammers completed the deed.

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Pictures: DOUG PITNEY Weekend Argus

The first blacks on a former whites only beach in Mossel Bay. From left, Gladys Kanne-meyer, Belinda Volkwyn, Priscilla van Wyk, Dougmore Tongeni and Yvonne Joseph, frolic on Santos beach.



"I don't mind at all, as long as there's peace," said Mrs Alet Marx, right, who has lived in Mossel Bay for 23 years. Her friend, Mrs Corrie Brink from Johannesburg, said she treated everybody the way they treated her.

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Crowd calls on mayor to quit

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A CROWD of between 15 000 and 20 000 people, including suspended rebel policeman Lieutenant Gregory Rockman, converged on the Mossel Bay municipality to call for the resignation of the town's "racist" mayor after marching from nearby D'Almeida township.

The mayor, Mr Johan Oosthuizen, was not there to receive the crowd as he was in Taiwan, an organiser, the Rev Leslie Crotz, moderator of the Volkskerk of Africa, said last night.

State of emergency end a step closer

Cabinet control of national security welcomed; some council express

By Peter Fabricius
and Esmaré van der Merwe

The State President, Mr F W de Klerk, has been widely praised for placing control of national security firmly back in the Cabinet's domain by overhauling the controversial National Management System.

Some see it as a possible indicator that the four-year-old state of emergency could be abolished soon.

But doubts have been expressed about the function of the regional and local co-ordinating centres which will replace the army and police-dominated joint management centres which made up the NMS. And misgivings have been expressed that the centres might continue the JMCs in a new guise.

Mr James Selfe, a Democratic Party member of the President's Council, welcomed yesterday's announcement.

"The security establishment had a disproportionate influence in the formation of public policy in areas other than those directly related to its domain. We therefore welcome the reassertion of civilian control over policy matters.

"This is particularly welcome because one of the major problems with the system was that it was unaccountable to Parliament and the public.

"I hope that one of the implications of this move is that we are going to see ... instead of political reform for the sake of countering the 'total onslaught', reform for the sake of creating a genuine political dispensation for South Africa," Mr Selfe said.

Mr Lester Fuchs, the DP's alternate spokesman on law and order, said: "We welcome this announcement as a move towards taking the power out of the hands of the securocrats and into the hands of the Cabinet, where it belongs.

"This should open the way towards abolishing the state of emergency."

More cost-effective

Professor Mike Hough of the Institute of Strategic Studies at the University of Pretoria agreed that scrapping the NMS could be a step towards phasing out the state of emergency.

"This move should be welcomed in the light of Mr de Klerk's reform drive and speculation about phasing out the state of emergency.

"The new system seems to be an effort to create a more legitimate system as opposed to the current closed, almost secretive, system. It would also probably be more cost-effective."

DP co-leader Dr Zach de Beer welcomed the news that the management system was to be

"largely demilitarised".

"It is being described as 'need-oriented'. This is good in itself, but Mr de Klerk must realise that in South Africa, just as in Eastern Europe, people are looking to gain control of their own governments, instead of being managed by civil servants responsible to others," Dr de Beer said.

"The Government must understand that if parliamentary procedures are to work, they need to be based on democracy. The need for negotiation aimed at a more open and equal society is more urgent than ever."

Conservative Party defence spokesman Mr Koos van der Merwe attributed the President's decision to scrap the system to tension between Mr de Klerk and Defence Minister General Magnus Malan.

Personal setback

Mr van der Merwe said General Malan had preferred Minister of Finance Mr Barend du Plessis above Mr de Klerk for the position of State President.

"The announcement is also a personal setback for General Malan and will lead to even greater tension. Mr de Klerk is definitely trying to curb the influence of the securocrats. The CP urges the State President to make important changes, like this one, only and purely on merit."

He questioned Mr de Klerk's experience on security issues since he had never held such a portfolio, saying: "We are living in the era of De Klerk's honeymoon. One wonders if this step is not too huge for someone who has no experience on security issues."

Dr Philip Frankel, senior lecturer in political studies at the University of the Witwatersrand and an expert on SA civil/military relations, said it was significant that Mr de Klerk had put security control back in Cabinet hands.

"This was clearly a slap in the face for the State Security Council, but before jumping to conclusions about the extent to which this undermines the securocrats, I would like to know more about these co-ordinating centres.

"Who will staff them and what will they do? Are we sure this is not a public showing of downgrading the security establishment while leaving its powers untouched in private?"

He was astounded at the way the securocrats seemed to be accepting so many recent moves by Mr de Klerk to reduce their influence.

"I'm not one of those who believe there's a military coup over the horizon, but I can't help thinking there must be considerable resistance building up," Dr Frankel said.

By CHIARA CARTER

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Cape Technikon director Dr TC Shippey was not available for comment.

Probe into

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Staff Reporter

KLEINMOND'S town council meets this week to discuss its policy towards people of colour using the "whites only" play park adjacent to the local beach, which is open to all races.

This follows complaints from coloured residents who said their children were constantly harassed by officials and police who ordered them out of the park area.

"They tell us we can't play there because we don't pay taxes for it," one source said.

But a police spokeswoman said police were unaware of any such incidents.

Kleinmond's mayor, Mr Len Thomas, said he was also unaware of children being ordered out of the park and added: "Officially it is a whites-only park, but we will discuss the question of whether it is, or is not, an integral part of the beach."

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FW's declaration ignored

Blacks barred from PE beaches

PORT ELIZABETH — Black people are being refused access to beaches at resorts administered by the Algoa Regional Services Council despite the declaration by State President F W de Klerk that all beaches are open to all races.

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Administering regulations

The resorts themselves are for whites only, but the beaches are for all races.

Blacks are being refused entry through the gates of the resorts because they are "still reserved for whites only".

Acting chief executive officer of the ARSC Mr Fred Baker said the ARSC was only an agent for the CPA, administering their regulations.

He said policies concerning the resorts were made by the CPA and the

council could only apply these.

"We can't allow them to go through the resorts to get to the beach because the resorts are reserved for whites only.

"It would also be impossible to let them through without paying because you can't let some people pay and others not.

"On the other hand, we can't charge them because they can't use the facilities," Mr Baker said.

Dr Annelie Rabie, public relations officer for the CPA, said from Cape Town that legally there was no way a person of any race could be stopped from entering a resort to use the beach if the only way he could get to the beach was through an entrance gate.

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Petition calls for beach apartheid

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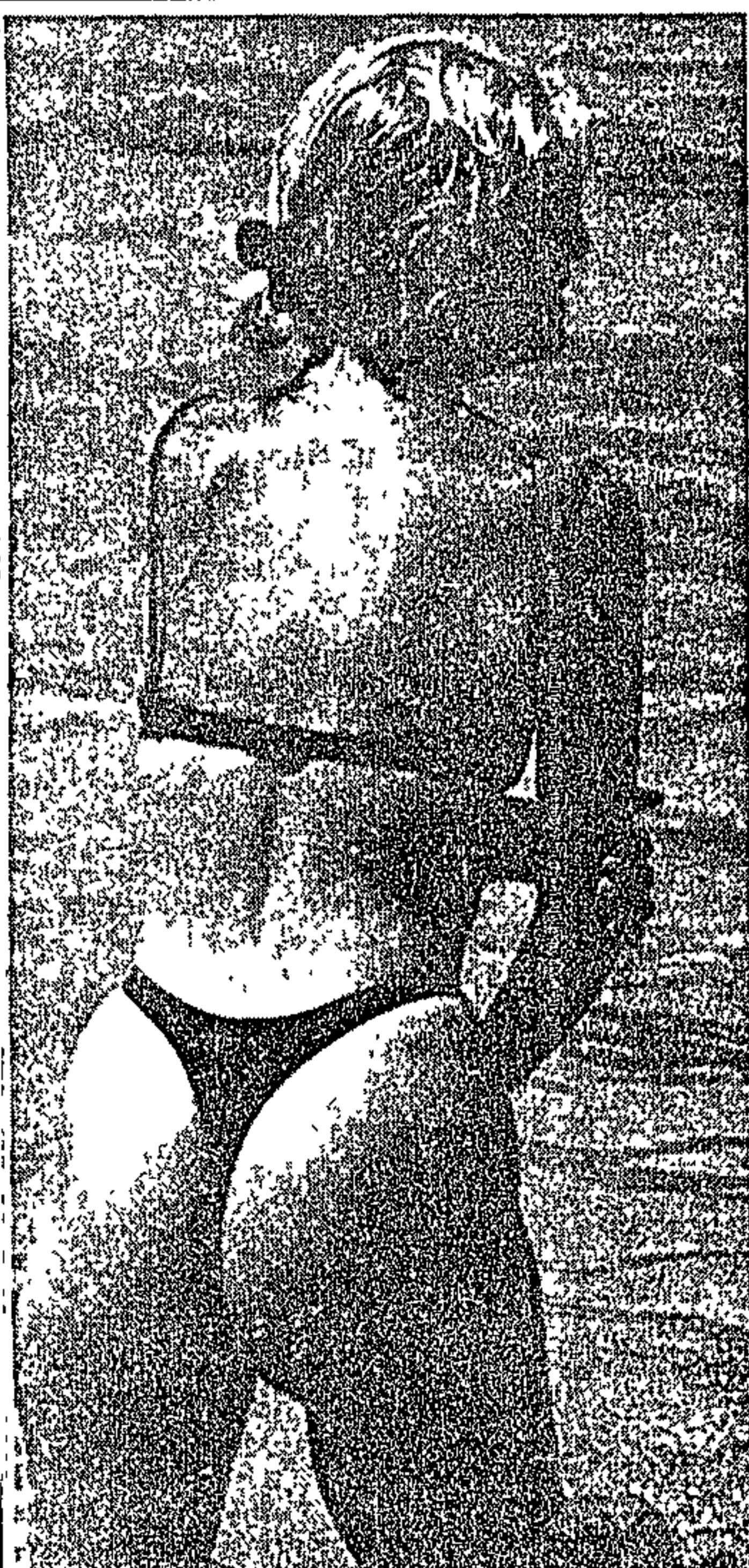
CAPE TOWN — A petition to the State President, Mr F W de Klerk, calling for the return of beach apartheid has been handed to the mayor of Mossel Bay, Mr Johan Oosthuizen.

The petition, which has 2 474 signatures, reads: "We, the undersigned, have taken note of the opening of our white beaches to all members of the public.

"As the beaches at the Point, Santos, Bayview and Die Bakke form an integral part of white suburbs, we wish to request that such a personal matter be left in the hands of the local town council, as they can best determine the needs of their residents."

When open amenities were first announced, Mr Oosthuizen, who also signed the petition, refused to remove "Whites Only" signs from beaches, but the Mossel Bay Council later bowed to pressure from the provincial administration.

Town clerk Mr Willem van Heerden is studying the petition to determine how many of the signatories were voters, residents and rate-payers. He will report to the council which will then decide what action to take.



KEEPING COOL: A beauty takes a dip in the icy Atlantic at Clifton.

Gang battle mars festive weekend

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MARK STANSFIELD and GILL TURNBULL

A PITCHED battle at Muizenberg Pavilion between two stick-wielding and beer-bottle-throwing groups — who were eventually dispersed by police — marred an otherwise perfect holiday weekend on the Peninsula.

While well-behaved crowds — like the record-breaking 4 000 who descended on Llandudno beach — enjoyed near-perfect holiday weather, police had to use rubber truncheons and teargas to disperse the two gang factions who attacked each other in a parking lot at Muizenberg.

Police liaison officer Captain Gys Boonzaaier said the fight had broken out about 3 30pm yesterday. Municipal beach constables tried to disarm the two gangs but were chased away and a police riot unit called in.

Throwing stones

The fight apparently broke out when a group of about 15 men began throwing stones and beer bottles at parked cars. A second group, about 20 strong, attacked the first as about 400 people watched, Captain Boonzaaier said.

After dispersing the fighters, police remained in the area until about 7pm to monitor the situation.

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ON THE FRINGE: Vicky Wensch sunburned by waves.



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Pictures: ANDREW INGRAM, The Argus

LIFE WATCH: Bronzed lifesavers keep watch as beachgoers swelter under brightly-coloured beach umbrellas at Clifton's Fourth Beach yesterday.



ON THE FRINGE: Vicky Wensch, 16, made sure she didn't get sunburned by wearing this hat



MR SANDMAN: Richard Spradbury, 16, from Perth, Australia, surprised a group of Muizenberg beachgoers who thought he might be burrowing home.



BEACH RIDERS: Beach constables Gavin Thomas and Mark Ward trotted the length of Sunrise Beach to ensure the safety of bathers.

Mayor fights for peace

By ALAN DUGGAN

IN THE last century, a Colt revolver nicknamed "The Peacemaker" helped tame the Wild West.

Today, the city of Cape Town has a different peacemaker — a mayor named Gordon Oliver.

But there the analogy ends. This first citizen doesn't believe in shooting his way out of difficult situations.

He prefers to talk. And, if necessary, he'll march.

He says: "I have to become personally involved. I don't want to be seen as a cocktail-party mayor."

Within three months of taking office, Mr Oliver has established himself as a caring and courageous man

who's prepared to stick his neck out for a cause he believes in.

For example, he joined a protest march by 35 000 people less than two weeks after he took office.

That decision brought him strong criticism from some of his colleagues, who claimed a mayor had no business getting involved in politics.

But it also earned Mr Oliver the respect and admiration of many Capetonians, who had begun to believe that nobody cared.

The mayor himself insisted that his involvement had nothing to do with politics and had everything to do with peace. In a more recent inci-



GORDON OLIVER

Our Berlin Wall is down

dent, Mr Oliver did his best to defuse a clash between members of the New Age movement and born-again Christians. The born-again faction objected to New Age holding a dawn ceremony on the

slopes of Table Mountain.

After a spirited confrontation with one of the Christian group's leaders, Logie Buchanan, the mayor appealed for religious tolerance.

He later invited Mr Buchanan for talks, which ended with the two hugging each other.

Said Mr Oliver after their meeting: "There's a tremendous mood in local and national politics and a new awareness of what can be achieved."

"The 'Berlin Wall' is coming down in our hearts and in our city."

One of his dearest wishes was to see a return to District Six by the people who were forcibly removed by the Government many years ago.

Mr Oliver said: "We want the sort of development that people can afford — not a suburb for wealthy whites."

"But District Six is only part of the problem."

"What we really want is for the whole city to be opened to everyone."

Celebrating 1850 arrival

Sunday Times Reporter

A TWO-DAY gathering next year will celebrate the 140th anniversary of the arrival of the British settlers in Natal's Richmond-Byrne area.

The celebrations on May 12 in Richmond and May 13 in Byrne are being organised by

the Richmond-Byrne and District Historical Society.

More than 200 settlers arrived in Natal by ship under the Byrne Emigration Scheme of 1850. Only 13 settled in the Byrne Valley because the land was unsuitable for farming. Others settled in Richmond.

A spirit of harmony

A celebration of the days of changing times

TO celebrate the spirit of changing times The Argus, in association with the Open City Initiative, has launched the Open City Photo Competition.

Pictures entered — either in colour or black and white — must capture the mood of inter-racial harmony in the Mother City.

The competition closes at noon on Friday February 2 1990. Judging will be completed as soon as possible after then by a panel of judges and the results — along with the winning prints — will be published in The Argus.

Prints — not transparencies — should be sent to the Open City Photo Competition at PO Box 15399, Vlaeberg 8 000 or be dropped off at the security desk in the foyer of Newspaper House at 122 St George's Street, Cape Town.

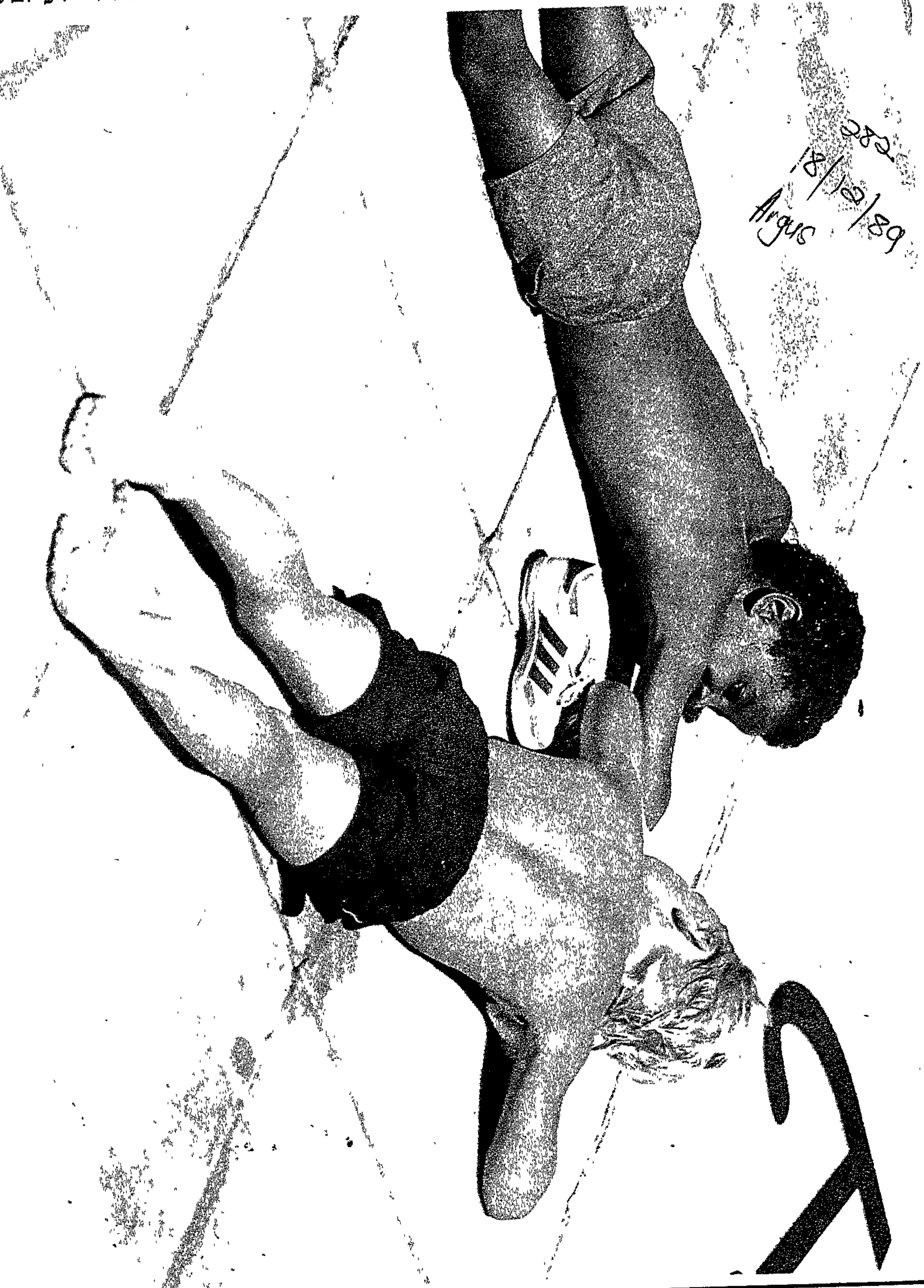
Prizes

First prize is a Minolta 3000i camera plus R1 000 in cash. Second prize is R750 in cash, third prize R500, fourth prize R350 and fifth prize R200.

Although all pictures will be judged together there is an extra bonus for those entrants still at school.

The first prize in the scholar's extra category is R700 in cash plus a R200 donation to the school camera club. Second prize is R500 plus R100 to the camera club.

A statement from The Open City Initiative says: "The OCI believes in a shared future for all South Africans. With this in mind we have committed ourselves to an open Cape Town where



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Chubb's anti-racial restrictions.

"Opening Cape Town through a total repeal of the Group Areas Act would, we believe, be an important step towards an open South Africa, and the OCT's task is to mobilise opinion towards creating the right climate for that change."

In order to get the photo competition going pictures with the theme of an open Cape Town by The Argus's award-winning team of photographers will be regularly published on this page.

The camera which forms part of the first prize has been donated by Camera-land with branches in Long Street, Cape Town and in Medical Centre, Claremont. The cash prizes have been donated by the Five Freedoms Forum.

Open City Photo Competition

Entry Form

Name:

Address:

Telephone: (h) (w)

PICTURE TITLE:

Scholar: YES or NO (delete as applicable)

Friendship in the sun

Two sunbathers snapped at the Sea Point pool yesterday capture the spirit of changing times. The Argus and the Open City Initiative are looking for pictures like this one for the Open City Photo Competition. The aim is to celebrate inter-racial harmony in the Mother City. Entries should be submitted by February 2, 1990.

Picture: JIM McLAGAN, The Argus



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Call for return to 'white' beaches

By JOHN VILJOEN, Staff Reporter Z82 can best determine the needs of their residents."

A PETITION addressed to President De Klerk calling for the return of beach apartheid has been handed to the Mayor of Mossel Bay, Mr Johan Oosthuizen.

Mr Spies Raubenheimer, who handed in the petition, described the petition as "spontaneous" and said there been no organisation at all. It had been signed by "all the ratepayers and home-owners".

He hoped the petition had reached Mr De Klerk, but "we don't know if he'll pay any attention to it".

The petition, which has 2 474 signatures, reads: "We, the undersigned, have taken note of the opening of our white beaches to all members of the public.

"As the beaches at the Point, Santos, Bayview and Die Bakke form an integral part of white suburbs, we wish to request that such a personal matter be left in the hands of the local town council, as they

Mr Oosthuizen said he had signed the petition and he had hoped it would reach Mr De Klerk before Christmas. As this was no longer possible, he hoped it would now be on his desk before the new year.

When open amenities were first announced Mr Oosthuizen defiantly refused to remove "whites only" signs from the beaches, but Mossel Bay Town Council later bowed to pressure from the Provincial Administration.

A Conservative Party worker in the town said the party was "not officially" involved with the petition and that it had been signed by "members of all parties".

The petition is with the Town Clerk, Mr Willem van Heerden. He said he was studying it to determine how many of the signatories are voters, residents and ratepayers.

He will report his findings to the council.

No racial rows on packed PE beaches

PORT ELIZABETH — The first "mixed" Christmas on Port Elizabeth's city beaches passed without incident and there were many gestures of goodwill, particularly where children were involved.

Children of all races played happily together on the slides and in the pools at King's Beach. Families shared the sands and no one voiced any complaints to city officials.

Port Elizabeth's town clerk, Mr P K Botha, said yesterday that the city council had received no reports of racial incidents on the beaches.

"There was just about maximum capacity on King's Beach during the weekend and everything passed off peacefully."

The only confrontation of any kind occurred at Van Stadens resort, declared open to all races last week by the Administrator of the Cape, Mr Kobus Meiring.

Apparently about 50 whites surrounded a bakkie containing blacks when it drove into the resort on Christmas Day.

According to reports the whites gathered at the entrance to the resort when 15 blacks arrived in a bakkie.

After one of the black men allegedly committed an offensive act, several white men ejected him from the grounds.

Police arrived and spoke to the blacks. One of the blacks replied that more blacks would be arriving in two buses.

A white man allegedly got into the bakkie and drove it out of the resort. The group of blacks then left.

A black man has laid a charge of assault as a result of the bakkie incident. — Sapa.

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Beaches are open but inaccessible

THE South African Tourism Board would like to see all holiday resorts and other facilities open to all races, according to the executive director of the board, Mr Campbell Smith.

Mr Smith said the board had been bombarded with questions about desegregating facilities for holiday-makers since the declaration by President de Klerk that all beaches and facilities were open to all races.

The desegregation of facilities was a natural evolutionary process, Mr Smith said.

"Pressure from the community will speed up the process," he added.

Mr Smith said more blacks were now spending their holidays at resorts, beaches and other holiday places and they were frustrated when told they could not be offered accommodation or admitted entrance because of their skin colour.

At present, blacks are being refused

GRACE RAPHOLO

access to beaches at resorts administered by the Algoa Regional Services Council (ARSC) despite the declaration by the President.

Acting chief executive of the ARSC Mr Fred Baker said the ARSC was serving as an agent for the Cape Provincial Administration, which controls the resorts at Van Stadens, Beachview and Willows. He said they were administering CPA regulations.

The resorts themselves are for whites only, but the beaches are for all races. Mr Baker said: "We can't allow them to go through the resorts to get to the beach because the resorts are reserved for whites only."

Mr Smith said readers who wanted information regarding holiday accommodation should not hesitate to contact SA Tourism Board offices in their area.



TOGETHERNESS . . . as black and white children mingled happily and shared the funfair and, for the first time, the beaches along Durban's Golden Mile

By JANICE HILLIER and
TERRY van der WALT

SOUTH AFRICA'S beaches became a testing ground for racial tolerance over the holiday season — the first since beaches were opened to all races.

A spirit of co-operation and goodwill prevailed and few serious incidents were reported.

But the mayor of Durban, Mr Derrick Watterson, said on the eve of the city's first "open-to-all beaches" New Year that the timing was all wrong.

He said the opening up of the city's beaches happened too soon before Christmas for the municipality to train staff and educate the public about behaviour and dress standards.

Stoned

He was reacting to an incident on Thursday when a policeman was stoned by a beach mob when he tried to arrest a man for drunken behaviour.

He said a criminal element was capitalising on the relaxation, stealing handbags and other possessions from beach-goers.

There were also cases of "unsophisticated" bathers leaping into paddling pools in

Fun in the sun as kids mix it on the open beaches

the nude, he said.

Earlier in the week four men attempted to gang-rape a woman at the popular Rachel Finlayson pool, the only serious incident so far.

Mr Watterson, who says he has been fighting to open the beaches all along, regretted the last remaining whites-only beaches were not opened in May.

But it was his casting vote in favour of retaining the status quo which put a spanner in the works when the council was evenly divided on a vote to open the beaches.

In Cape Town a civic amenities spokesman said that although all the beaches had been very busy, with some overcrowding in the past week, everyone had been well-behaved.

According to Western Province surf lifesaving spokesman Eddy Cassar, beaches all along the Peninsula were "wall-to-wall" with umbrellas.

Mr Cassar said in general

there had been a tremendous spirit of goodwill among holidaymakers, bathers and lifesavers.

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Gang

Most bathers converged on Atlantic beaches, with Llandudno drawing a record crowd of about 4 000 on Christmas Day.

A civic amenities spokesman and police liaison officer said this week the beaches had been quiet with no serious incidents, except for a threatening gang confrontation at Muizenberg.

Police liaison officers further along the Cape coast said there had been no violent incidents on the beaches between Heidelberg and Plettenberg Bay or at Mossel Bay.

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Arms exports to SA: 5 charged

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No racial friction, isolated incidents

CAPE TOWN. — A wide-ranging survey of coastal municipalities in the Cape Province showed no instances of racial friction occurred in the province during the holiday season and the use of beaches by all racial groups took place in an orderly fashion.

The survey was undertaken on request of Cape Administrator, Mr Kobus Meiring, with the aim of evaluating the situation after the official opening of all beaches. (282)

All coastal municipalities and regional services councils as well as the National Parks Board provided information.

A determined effort would have to be made to assist various local authorities to improve existing facilities, which proved inadequate for the rush of visitors.

Isolated incidents of anti-social behaviour, of which alcohol abuse was the most common, and criminal behaviour had taken place.

The limited abilities to handle these problems effectively was, in most instances, due to a shortage of law enforcement officers or that many officials did not have the necessary power of arrest. — Sapa.

Open beaches need 'more facilities'

By MICHAEL MORRIS

The Argus Political Correspondent
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views on the viability of private — or pay — beaches.

Mr Meiring said in a Press statement yesterday that most beaches — particularly those in metropolitan areas — had been heavily used by all race groups during the festive season.

At some beaches, he said, different races had stayed apart spontaneously.

He said the investigation revealed that there had been virtually no racial

incidents on Cape beaches and that the mixed use of the beaches had been orderly.

However, more funds would be required to help local authorities improve facilities.

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Beaches free of race rows Meiring

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29/1/90 By BARRY STREEK
Political Staff

NO incidents of racial conflict took place on beaches in the Cape following the scrapping of beach apartheid last year.

According to the Administrator of the Cape, Mr Kobus Meiring, there were incidents of anti-social behaviour but in many cases these could be attributed to a shortage of law-enforcement operators.

Mr Meiring's statement on Friday, which was forwarded to the cabinet, was issued after an investigation by all municipalities and regional services councils in the Cape, and by the National Parks Board.

Information was also sought from beach visitors.

The investigation brought to light that facilities at some beaches fell far short of needs.

Alcohol abuse was the most common anti-social behaviour and this often led to other misbehaviour.

● The Democratic Party spokesman on provincial affairs, Mr Jan van Eck, yesterday said Mr Meiring's statement illustrated what could be achieved through affirmative action by the state to help whites accept the inevitable.

Mr Van Eck said the lack of racial friction was contrary to what so many white local authorities and ratepayers' associations believed would happen on the beaches.

"In view of the Cape's experience, I would now call on the Administrator to make representations to the Minister of Constitutional Planning and Provincial Affairs, Mr Hernus Kriel, to immediately scrap the Separate Amenities Act."

Family of 'wrong colour' denied shelter

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By HANS-PETER BAKKER
Weekend Argus Reporter

AN Australian family was asked to leave a Riversdale municipal tourist camp late on Wednesday night because they were not "white", in an incident which marred an otherwise "fantastic holiday".

Mr Reuben Peters and his family, who moved to Australia nine years ago, came to South Africa to visit family and friends and to show their children the country.

They were travelling, with his brother's family, in two cars from Plettenberg Bay towards Cape Town, when his brother's car broke down shortly before Riversdale.

Mr Peters drove into the town to find help and a place for his family for the night.

According to Mr Peters, he paid a deposit and booked his family into the municipal tourist camp. He said the caretaker was very helpful and lent them a tow rope.

Not "multi-racial"

When he returned, after helping his brother, the caretaker apologetically asked them to leave, since it was not a "multi-racial hotel".

"At 10.30 we had to carry our three sleeping girls aged 6, 8 and 11, to the cars. I was so tired and had to stop next to the road to rest before continuing to Cape Town where we arrived at 5am."

According to Mrs Peters they didn't want to bring up their daughters with racial prejudice and this experience "will be with them for the rest of their lives".

She said "We are fed a lot of propaganda in Australia about how people of all races can visit South Africa, and now we will certainly let the Australian tourist authorities know about this".

Riversdale town clerk Mr Fritz Grub said he regretted the incident.

It had only been about a month since the government announced the opening of beaches and local authorities with their own particular circumstances needed time to decide how to make the changes to stay in line with the State President's announcements, he said.

oil concluded its consideration of the report on 17 November 1989 and its comments have recently been received and I have requested the National Energy Council to evaluate all comments during its meeting of 13 February 1990 and to make recommendations to me as soon as possible for consideration and submission to the Cabinet

- (2) No The report contains classified information in terms of the Petroleum Products Act, 1977 (Act 120 of 1977) which makes general distribution impossible. After the report has been considered by Cabinet, the decisions will be implemented and naturally announced. A full summary of the report which will not contain classified information will also be released

Presidential Guard in the Comores: financing

*10. Mr C W EGLIN asked the Minister of Foreign Affairs:

Whether any funds of the South African Government were used to finance the so-called Presidential Guard in the Comores, if so, in respect of such funds, (a) over what period of time were they used, (b) what did they amount to in total, (c) to whom were they paid, (d) what conditions were attached to the payment thereof and (e) what control did the South African Government have over their disbursement?

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The MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS

All funds that were placed at the disposal of the Comores by the Department of Foreign Affairs, were at the request of the late President Abdullah and as far as the Department of Foreign Affairs is concerned, account was given of such funds. If the Honourable Member should require more information I am prepared to provide this to him. At this stage, however, I do not consider it in the interest of relations between South Africa and the Comores to reply to this question more fully in public

Black townships: public swimming pools
*11 Mr K M ANDREW asked the Minister of Planning and Provincial Affairs:
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- (1) Whether there are any public swimming pools in Black townships in the Cape Peninsula, if not, why not, if so, (a) how many and (b) in which townships;

- (2) whether these swimming pools were open throughout the summer months of the past three years; if so, what total number of persons used these swimming pools, if not, (a) why not, (b) when were they closed and (c) what is being done to ensure that these swimming pools remain open?

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The MINISTER OF PLANNING AND PROVINCIAL AFFAIRS

- (1) (a) Yes, 3.

- (b) Langa 1

Gugulethu 2

- (2) (a) and (b) Yes, the three swimming pools were open throughout the seven summer months, except the Langa swimming pool which was closed during February 1989, and one of the pools in Gugulethu which was closed for two weeks during December 1989 for reparations.

The total number of persons who used these swimming pools in the past three years is 806 000

- (c) No problems are experienced in keeping the swimming pools open

Black schoolchildren: expenditure

*12 Mr K M ANDREW asked the Minister of Education:

What was the expenditure *per capita* on Black schoolchildren at State schools in the 1988-89 financial year (a) including and (b) excluding expenditure of a capital nature?

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The MINISTER OF EDUCATION

- (a) R764,73.

- (b) R655,96

McNally Committee: recommendations

*13. Dr D J WORRALL asked the Minister of Justice:

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Whether the McNally Committee recommended the appointment of a judicial commission to investigate allegations regarding the activities of so-called death squads in South Africa, if so, with what result?

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The MINISTER OF JUSTICE:

No. The Honourable Member is, however, aware that the State President has appointed a Commission of Inquiry on 2 February 1990 to investigate and report on, *inter alia*, the alleged incidence of murders and other unlawful acts of violence committed in the Republic of South Africa (including the self-governing territories) in order to achieve, effect or promote constitutional or political aims in the Republic of South Africa. The full terms of reference was published in the *Government Gazette* (No 12286) of 2 February 1990. The Honourable Member is also referred to my speech during the Joint Meeting on Wednesday 7 February 1990.

McNally Committee: report

*14. Dr D J WORRALL asked the Minister of Justice:

Whether the report and recommendations of the McNally Committee will be made public: if so, (a) when and (b) by whom; if not, why not?

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The MINISTER OF JUSTICE

No, not at this stage. The findings of the report may form part of evidence on which a court of law will have to make a judicial decision. The Attorneys-General concerned have informed me that it would therefore not be in the interest of justice to subject the report to public scrutiny. I share this view and any responsible person who wants the administration of justice to follow its course, will endorse this view

McNally Committee: SAP contact with publication

*15 Mr S S VAN DER MERWE asked the Minister of Law and Order:

Whether a lieutenant-general in the South African Police, in his capacity as a member of the McNally Committee, made any contact with editorial staff members of a certain publication, the name of which has been furnished to the Police for the purpose of the Minister's reply; if so, (a) with whom, (b) when, (c) for what purpose, (d) with what result and (e) what is the name of this publication, if not, why not?

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The MINISTER OF LAW AND ORDER

No

- (a) to (e) Fall away

The committee was instructed to investigate the allegations of a condemned prisoner and not the allegations which later appeared in the publication concerned

Military service: cuts

*16 Mr D J DALLING asked the Minister of Defence:

How will the cuts in military service announced by him affect (a) conscientious objectors, (b) religious objectors and (c) persons placed in alternative service who are (i) currently serving and (ii) due to begin their service in February 1990?

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The MINISTER OF DEFENCE

- (a) (i) and (ii)

The sentence for all persons refusing to render military service, remains unchanged. The Minister of Justice has, however, acceded to a request to amend the Prison Service's release policy for these persons in order that they can, as other prisoners, be considered for remission of their sentence on grounds of good conduct.

- (b) (i) and (ii)

Religious objectors who, on 1 February 1990, have already completed half the total number of days community service which they were obliged to render, were exempted from the remaining period. Religious objectors who, after 1 February 1990, complete 50% of their service, will be exempted with effect from the date on which the half-way mark has been reached. The period of community service is continuously considered in relation to the period of national service

George applies to open CBD to all races

From TRISH BAM

The Argus Correspondent

GEORGE. — A unanimous decision by the town council makes George the first country town to apply for the opening of the commercial area to all races.

While the chairman of the George Chamber of Commerce, Mr Jan de Jonge, welcomed the council's stand, he said that in future they would have to take the matter "a step further".

He said it made sense for a businessman who owned a flat above a shop to be able to live there regardless of his skin colour.

Both the Sakekameer, of which the mayor Mr Wim Kiers is the chairman, and the local Management Committee have welcomed the move.

The council's decision will be forwarded to central government for confirmation and proclamation

● Meanwhile Buffalo Bay, one of the Garden Route's safest and most popular beaches, could be closed to hundreds of people if the beach resort council gets its way.

The council has asked the Administrator to approve a toll gate across the resort's main street. The plan is to

charge a R5 entrance fee and to limit the number of vehicles

The council says the move is to prevent overcrowding, others say it is specifically designed to make a trip to the beach too costly for black people

One man, who didn't wish to be named, said if the reason was overcrowding — which was absurd because Buffalo Bay offered a 5 km stretch of coast — control need only be used during peak holiday seasons

Knysna residents, signing petitions to oppose the toll gate, said Buffalo Bay was the only safe beach between Plettenberg Bay and Victoria Bay

Guidelines for Cape coast get the nod

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LESLEY LAMBERT

CAPE TOWN — The Cape Provincial Administration (CPA) has approved plans which will act as guidelines for future onshore developments along the Cape coastline and possibly deter controversial proposals like the recently abandoned Robberg marina in Plettenberg Bay.

The structure plans have been released in five lengthy documents, each of which deals with a separate sub-region.

These include the west coast area from Velddriif to Bokpunt, the Cape Town coastline, the southern Cape area from Macassar to Gourits River, Outeniqua to Humansdorp and the area between the Gamtoos and the Great Fish rivers.

The aim of the research programme, initiated by the CPA four years ago, was to draw up guidelines to address the potential conflict between conservation of rapidly diminishing natural areas and pressure for township and resort development.

The guidelines were intended as a refinement of the CPA's 1973 Coastal Plan.

The plans provide a framework for the evaluation of applications and proposed developments by the private and public sectors. They do not refer to developments already under way.

The issues dealt with in the documents have become increasingly relevant.

Political changes have removed racial barriers in recreational areas creating more pressure for development in these areas, government decentralisation has placed more emphasis on private sector development for which central guidelines are deemed to be necessary and the west cape coastline has been pinpointed as a major future development area.

Manpower expects doubled workload

LESLEY LAMBERT

CAPE TOWN — New responsibilities, including the labour relations of commercialised public utilities, will virtually double the Manpower Department's workload.

Its 1989 annual report, tabled in Parliament yesterday, says the department has taken responsibility for the Workmen's Compensation claims and occupational safety functions of Transnet.

"The takeover of functions will virtually double the workload, and the department, with its present staff and funds, will be unable to cope," the report says.

Another new responsibility resulting from economic changes concerns the small business sector. The National Manpower Commission began investigating the effect of labour legislation on this sector last year and an amending Bill covering technical adjustments is expected this year.

The department is reported to be keeping a close watch on provisions of industrial council agreements which could hamper economic activities.

Developments in the field of labour relations during the year include a review of section 79(2) of the Labour Relations Amendment Act, following criticism of certain provisions of the legislation, and the introduction of a labour code and guidelines for labour relations in the agricultural sector, drawn up by agricultural unions in consultation with the Houses of Representatives and Delegates.

The department expects the winding up of certain industrial councils to result in more applications for conciliation boards and the scaling down of employee fringe benefits from industrial council agreements.

Peninsula becomes top tourist attraction

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The Argus Correspondent

PRETORIA. — The Peninsula has overtaken Johannesburg as the main tourism area of South Africa favoured by foreign tourists, according to statistics of the Central Statistical Service.

In December last year and January this year more visitors poured into the Peninsula than in the previous same two-month period, judging from the number of "bed-nights" sold by hotels.

The Cape attracted 23,4 percent and 22,4 percent, respectively, of foreign visitors during the two months while Johannesburg recorded 19,3 percent and 21,4 percent for the same period. Last year Johannesburg had 26,3 percent of the visitors during January.

Popular destinations

Apart from the Peninsula and Johannesburg, the most popular holiday destinations were the Durban-Umhlanga areas, the Garden Route, the rest of Natal, the Transvaal, Eastern Transvaal, the Cape in general, the Boland and the Port Elizabeth-Uitenhage areas.

A similar picture emerged from last year's statistics.

Areas which failed to attract large numbers of foreign tourists included Maritzburg, Bloemfontein and the Natal South Coast. Those which showed an upward growth compared to last year included Kimberley, the Eastern Cape in general, and the Rand and Vaal Triangle (excluding Johannesburg).

Pretoria's foreign tourism figure for January dropped from 1,8 percent last year to 1,5 percent this year.

European countries, particularly Britain, Germany and "the rest of Europe", were the main source of tourists, according to the CSS.

Hotels said an increase of just over 10 percent of bed-nights sold was recorded in January in comparison to December.

Three-star hotels sold more bed-nights (27 percent of the total of 124 572) during January. One-star and two-star hotels increased their market share in January to the detriment of five-star establishments which now have 25,2 percent of the market compared to 27 percent for the same month last year.

Four-star hotels fared even worse — dropping from 13,4 percent last January to 9,9 percent this year.

"A comparison of the percentage bed-nights sold to visitors from the various continents shows that those sold to Europe increased by 3,3 percent while those from Africa and Asia decreased by 2,2 and 1,8 percent respectively," the CSS said.

THE city council's director of civic amenities, Mr Jack Kloppers, said in his annual report released yesterday that very few complaints had been received this year about overcrowding and anti-social behaviour, and he ascribed this to the opening late last year of all beaches throughout the country to all people.

However, problems were experienced at the toddlers' pools at both Camps Bay and the new False Bay resort of Blue Waters, where "the quality of the water on a number of occasions did not meet the standards required by the Medical Officer of Health".

The only way to sort this out was to filter the water and to restrict numbers by fencing the

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paddling pools, Mr Kloppers said. Funds had been set aside to do this in the coming year.

Professor Murray Dickie of St James noted that "the politicians" allowed people more space per head in cemeteries than they did on St James beach.

He argued that "even on the communist beaches at Varna on the Black Sea", some beaches had more expensive facilities than others, and he argued that St James

should have "a four-star beach" to match the nearby hotel.

Mr Kloppers responded that there were more complaints nowadays about not being able to get on to St James beach because of access control than there were about beach overcrowding.

He recommended that the council should continue controlling numbers there, but he rejected a suggestion that a pay beach should be introduced.

The Sea Shore Regulations were being amended, and the most important amendments being considered were prohibitions on bringing glass containers on to beaches, and on drinking alcohol on beaches, Mr Kloppers said.

Owners call for curfew at Clifton

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Municipal Reporter

CLIFTON bungalow owners bothered by late-night beach parties have asked the city council to impose "a curfew on the beach from 8pm or 10pm" — but the council is loath to do so.

Alternatively, Mrs Frances Waring of Fourth Beach asked the council by letter to ensure that toilet facilities stay open until all the party-goers leave the beach.

She said one thing even worse than the "noise, drinking, smoke and litter" of beach parties was the habit of some party-goers to wake up bungalow residents "at all hours of the night to ask to use our toilet facilities".

Mrs Waring wrote to the council in her capacity as chairwoman of a sub-committee of the Clifton Bungalows association to complain about the beach parties. Residents had been woken up at 1am, 2am and 3am, she said.

Mr Jack Kloppers, the director of civic amenities, said in his annual report on overcrowding and behaviour on the beaches yesterday that "standards of behaviour are improving, albeit slowly".

He did not support the curfew suggestion, but he recommended that late-night parties on Clifton beaches should be monitored.

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Tulbagh 2 000 air grievances in march

By JOHN VILJOEN
Tygerberg Bureau

ALMOST 2 000 residents of Tulbagh's townships have presented a list of grievances to the Town Council after a tense march through the Boland town.

The marchers, demanding one municipality for the whole town, and the opening of the town's recreation facilities to all, handed the list of grievances to Town Clerk, Mr De Villiers Muller, after a legal march.

Tensions rose when the protesters, from Nieuwe Helpme-kaar and Witzenville townships, arrived at the whites-only Klip River Park to find the gates locked.

According to a witness, the 80 marshals "had a hard job" controlling the mood of the protesters at the park.

Riot police from Worcester,

Paarl and Ceres monitored the march. No incidents were reported.

When the protest passed through the white residential area, some people stood with pistols at their sides, the witness said.

The statement of grievances calls on the municipality to respond to the demands within three weeks.

Township roads remain untarred but those in white areas have long been surfaced, say the residents.

They also complained that rents were too high and that municipal workers were badly paid.

Residents called for the opening of all recreation facilities, especially Klip River park "where large amounts of money are spent" but which was open to whites only.

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First World

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Cape to fund only projects for all groups

PORT ELIZABETH. — Discrimination on racial grounds must be eliminated from all municipalities in the Cape Province, and the Cape Provincial Administration would provide no funds for any developments where there was any sign of race discrimination, the Administrator of the Cape, Mr Kobus Meiring, said here yesterday.

Speaking at the Congress of the Municipal Association of the Cape, he said there was no doubt South Africa was living through the most far-reaching changes of its history, and there could be no talk of a new South Africa without fundamental local government restructuring.

"If there remain any discriminatory signs in our community, we must get rid of them once and for all," he said, saying local authorities could not cling to a system which had not stood the test of time.

The Province could not finance any facilities which served only one population group, and he urged local authorities to "think critically" and to test existing systems.

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No patient not in need of specialised care would be able to make use of expensive tertiary facilities in future. — Sapa

White council agrees to 'one municipality'

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From PATRICK GOODE-
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PORT ELIZABETH. — Mass-based community action in the small Eastern Cape town of Kirkwood has forced the white council to accept the concept of a single, non-racial local authority for the town.

A two-month-old boycott of white-owned shops has been suspended, after residents' representatives and the council agreed to set up a working committee to investigate the establishment of one municipality.

The committee, comprising six representatives from the white community and six from the township, will investigate ways of implementing a single non-racial municipality.

The campaign for "one town, one municipality" and the accompanying rejection of black local authorities has led to the resignations of nearly 100 black councillors in the Eastern Cape this year.

All seven councillors in Kirkwood's Bontrug Town Council resigned in February.

Kirkwood mayor, Mr John Erasmus,

said his council agreed unanimously to work towards one municipality for the town. Kirkwood could not afford to have three municipalities, he said.

It is not known exactly how the move to a single authority will take place.

Kirkwood Youth Congress chairperson, Mr Boy Finnis, who is on the working committee, said the community would like to see the town council dissolved and a completely new, non-racial authority established.

He said the suspension of the boycott did not mean the struggle in Kirkwood was over.

"We merely served notice on the regime that people in the rural areas are doing everything in their power to advance the struggle."

Finnis said a defiance campaign aimed at segregated facilities in Kirkwood would be launched.

The community embarked on the crippling boycott in response to the vestiges of racism still surviving in the platteland town, and to poor facilities in their areas.

A municipal swimming pool, library and sports fields are still reserved for whites.

Last week, Cape Administrator Mr

Kobus Meiring told hundreds of mayors at a conference in Port Elizabeth they should drop racism in their towns or face having their funds cut.

Finnis stressed that the agreement with the council was a victory won through community struggles, and not the result of pressure by a reforming government.

The council has also agreed to upgrade the township in consultation with the residents.

In the township, one primary school serving 700 children has no electricity, a shortage of desks, holes where windows used to be, no playing fields and 13 battling teachers.

Housing is inadequate, water is scarce and recreational facilities are non-existent.

The state's response to the crippling boycott was typical of its reaction to community action in other Eastern Cape towns.

Four boycott committee members were detained, but later released.

Police action late last month in the coloured residential area of Bergsig — recently renamed Joe Slovo township by residents — led to a one-day workers' stayaway. — PEN

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Colour no bar, vows Venter

POLITICAL STAFF

CAPE TOWN — Dr Rina Venter, the Minister of National Health, assured yesterday that no one would be refused admission to any hospital on the grounds of colour.

She cleared up uncertainty over her announcement earlier this week that available beds in all hospitals must be accessible to all.

Describing the State move as a fundamental adaptation of policy, Dr Venter told Parliament in her closing address on her budget vote that all provincial Administrators had been told to apply the new policy.

Though no person would be refused admission or medical treatment purely on colour grounds, the policy would take some time to emerge fully — it could not happen overnight.

She added that there were already hospitals which took patients of all races.

The admission of patients to hospitals had to be managed in an orderly fashion. Criteria would be the availability of beds and of facilities.

Other reasons such as religious beliefs and communication needs could affect the grouping-together of some patients, but this had nothing to do with colour.

Policy guidelines would soon be available to all hospital superintendents, Dr Venter said.

They would be able to decide whether a bed was available. If a hospital was full — it was full.

Regional hospitals would first have to see to the needs of people in their areas, she added.



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Willows unbending on lifting apartheid

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The Argus Bureau

PORT ELIZABETH. — Apartheid is still being enforced by staff at The Willows and other resorts near here although the Administrator, Mr Kobus Meiring, has said it must be dropped.

However, nothing can be done until the Separate Amenities Act is scrapped, a spokesman for the Administrator said.

Mr James Kleynhans, chairman of the Algoa Regional Services Council, which administers the resorts, is equally powerless. "I am not the boss in my own territory," he said.

Meanwhile, blacks have been complaining about being shut out of the resorts.

The spokesman for the Administrator said: "The Administrator has urged staff at such amenities to disregard the law but, as is the case in Benoni, staff at the PE resorts appear to be acting in terms of the existing legislation.

"Until the Separate Amenities Act is scrapped there is nothing

the Administrator can do about it"

In response to a call to The Willows this week the receptionist said: "We're not really open to Coloured people yet. But we have excellent facilities next door that are up to international standards."

"Not the boss"

Asked why Coloured people were not being accepted at The Willows, the receptionist said: "We don't know. We must wait for instructions from Cape Town."

Mr Kleynhans, said: "I am not the boss in my own territory."

Mr Kleynhans was asked if the resorts were open to all races.

"Yes," he said. "Recently we had the mixed-race Morris Minor convention at The Willows and another mixed-race church convention there as well."

Told about the reply the receptionist had given, Mr Kleynhans said: "As far as I'm concerned the

resorts are open to all races. Nobody should be sent away.

"But I am only the agent for the Cape Provincial Administration."

Asked why he could not enforce a directive from Mr Meiring made about six months ago that the resorts at The Willows, Beachview, and Van Stadens, should accept all races, Mr Kleynhans said: "Mr Meiring must be asked about that."

Mr Mohammad Sheik of Port Elizabeth said: "Last week I telephoned The Willows to ask for a booking for five Johannesburg businessmen for two or three days.

"The person I spoke to must have heard from my accent that I am a Coloured man.

"She said they were fully booked and would be full for a long time to come."

He phoned a friend in the council who confided that the resort was still for whites only.

'Swamped' by blacks' claim

By ANTHONY JOHNSON
Political Correspondent

THE Conservative Party yesterday called on whites "to act in self-defence" to prevent "swamping" by blacks as a result of the government decision to scrap the Separate Amenities Act.

CP spokesman Professor Fanie Jacobs said the government's latest moves would "definitely create conflict" and vowed the party would resort to every possible strategy — including "total onslaught" — to resist integration.

The Democratic Party, however, pointed out that a number of resorts had recently been transferred to white own affairs administrations — thereby allowing them to continue being reserved for whites.

While welcoming the imminent scrapping of the act, DP spokesman Mr Tian van der Merve said "it would be a pity if this milestone in the abolition of apartheid is undermined by a devious attempt to remove certain white amenities from the ambit of the new bill."

Staff Reporters

REACTION to the imminent scrapping of the Separate Amenities Act by city fathers in the Peninsula, where all said they had already removed all racism in public amenities, was muted.

However, further afield several country municipalities expressed fears of their amenities being "overcrowded" and said they would have to increase entrance fees to cover the increased usage.

Ashton, Mossel Bay and Saldanha-Vredenberg council spokesmen expressed fears of their amenities being "overcrowded" and said they would have to increase entrance fees to cover the increased usage.

Problem areas

Witsands-Port Beaufort council chairman Mr "Lienka" van Noordwyk said identical separate caravan camp sites existed for whites and coloureds, but that with the new bill, "Parliament overrules all."

"I suppose some places will have a problem with this — I don't know if we will. We've worked on the principal that birds of a feather flock together," he added.

Ceres town clerk Mr Henrie Redelinghuys

CP vows 'total onslaught' after Amenities Act scrapped

The Labour Party said it was "a great day" for those who had suffered under the Separate Amenities Act but noted that if the government was serious it should introduce further legislation this session to introduce opening up "own affairs" resorts.

LP spokesman Mr Desmond Loeckey said "The government will lose a great deal of credibility if it is trying to sneak a means of keeping white resorts white through some kind of loophole."

with the bill will meet on Tuesday and MPs said they expected the legislation to be debated in Parliament as early as the second half of next week. The Minister of Planning and Provincial Affairs, Mr Hernus Kriel, said in a statement yesterday that the implementation of the bill would be held back until mid-October "to afford all parties the opportunity to arrange their affairs."

Mr Kriel said that when the new act came into force, all public amenities under the control of local authorities and the provincial administrations would be open to all, irrespective of race or colour. However, the authorities would remain empowered to maintain "certain norms and standards" by applying existing ordinances and by-laws. Mr Kriel did not specify what these were but it is understood they apply to matters such as over-crowding and hygiene.

Apart from the Separate Amenities Act, other discriminatory legislation being removed by the new bill includes

● Section 1(4) of the Group Areas Act, resulting in the abolition of permits issued on a racial basis for places of entertainment, licensed restaurants, places of refreshment and tearooms

● Section 1(1) of the Road Transportation Act, so that public transport permits will no longer be issued subject to the transporting of particular race groups.

The ordinances of the Cape Province, Natal and Transvaal which authorise administrators to direct local authorities to reserve amenities for the use of a particular race or class

In the case of the Free State there is an exception, as this ordinance applies as a law on own affairs for whites. This provision is to be removed by another bill.

Amenities already open to all, say councillors

said two "virtually identical" local holiday resorts, the Island and the Pine Forest, were reserved exclusively for coloureds and whites respectively.

"This is the first I've heard of this. As soon as I get the gazette I'll put it on the council agenda. This is really a political question for the council to debate and decide," he said.

All country municipalities said they would have to consult their councils and would discuss the bill "at the first opportunity."

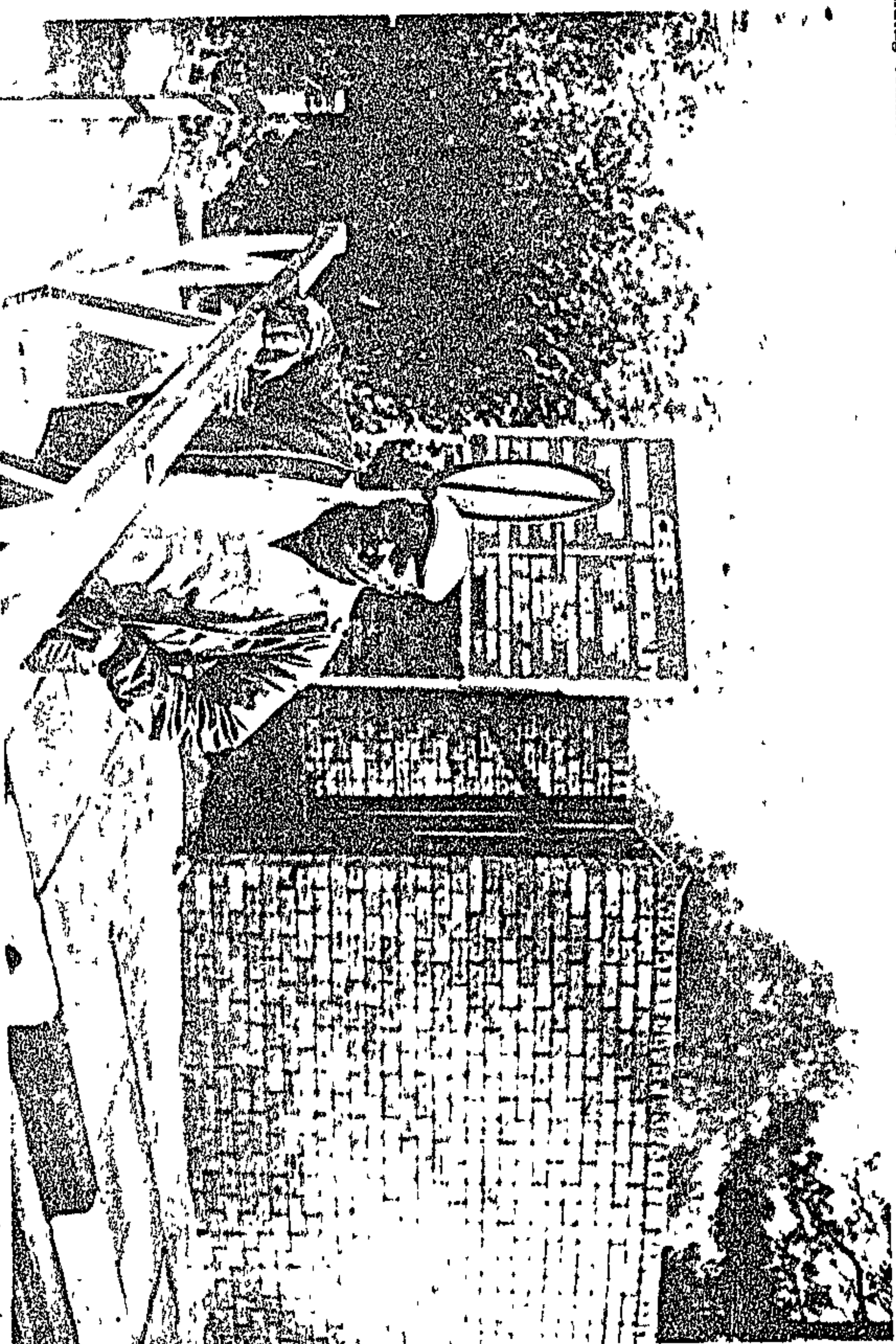
The Mayor of Cape Town, Mr Gordon Oliver, said the bill served to prove the correctness of his council's decision to open facilities to all at least five years ago. "The government is re-

cognising the realities of life as we in Cape Town know it," he added.

Bellville director of administration Mr Sakie de Villiers said his council scrapped separate amenities several years ago and "the less we spoke about it the easier it went."

While Bellville South — a so-called coloured area — was fully equipped with public amenities, all amenities in the white section of town were open to all, he added.

Town clerk of Mossel Bay Mr Willem van Heerden said the bill was expected and "naturally the council will apply it" although some would be against it.



OPEN ACCESS... Ceres Pine Forest Public Resort attendant, Mr Alfred Gura, outside the "whites only" resort in which he will be able to stay from October 15. Picture RICHARD BELL

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PARLIAMENT

Opera house led way – Minister

The opening of Cape Town's Nico Malan opera house was the start of the scrapping of separate public amenities, Planning and Provincial Affairs Minister Hernus Kriel said in the House of Assembly yesterday.

Introducing the second reading debate on the Discriminatory

Legislation Regarding Public Amenities Repeal Bill, he said: "The opening of the Nico Malan was the beginning of the end for this (Reservation of Separate Amenities) Bill."

Vorster

The Conservative Party leadership was part of former

Prime Minister John Vorster's National Party at the time, which supported the Bill.

They were therefore part of the process of scrapping separate amenities. They had supported and defended the decision.

The decision before the House in passing the Bill was a moral one more than a political one.

Mr Kriel said the legislation was closely tied to local government.

All public representatives needed to produce physical proof that they represented the interests of their voters. Local authorities, where the majority of amenities were found, were not excluded.

"People of colour never had representation on councils and were therefore not in a position to bargain for facilities.

"The result was a distorted spread of facilities in cities and

towns in South Africa."

Another problem had been the exorbitant cost of duplicating facilities of equal standard for all population groups.

"It was just not possible," Mr Kriel said.

This was realised when it became clear a second Nico Malan could not be afforded.

Town halls

"We would need to build four town halls, libraries, swimming pools...."

Later, when the Erica Theron recommendation — for a gradual opening of facilities and beaches — was accepted, it resulted in more and more facilities being opened.

If the CP no longer supported their former stance, they had every right to change their viewpoint, but then they should admit it, Mr Kriel said. — Sapa.

Spectrum

Ashton's mini-war of defiance

By ANDREA WEISS
Staff Reporter

A MINI war has erupted in the Boland town of Ashton where a week-long "defiance campaign" has led to the arrests of more than 30 residents and many birdshot injuries.

The campaign which is being led by a Defiance Campaign Committee of residents of Oukamp and Zolani, follows a consumer boycott to protest against poor living conditions.

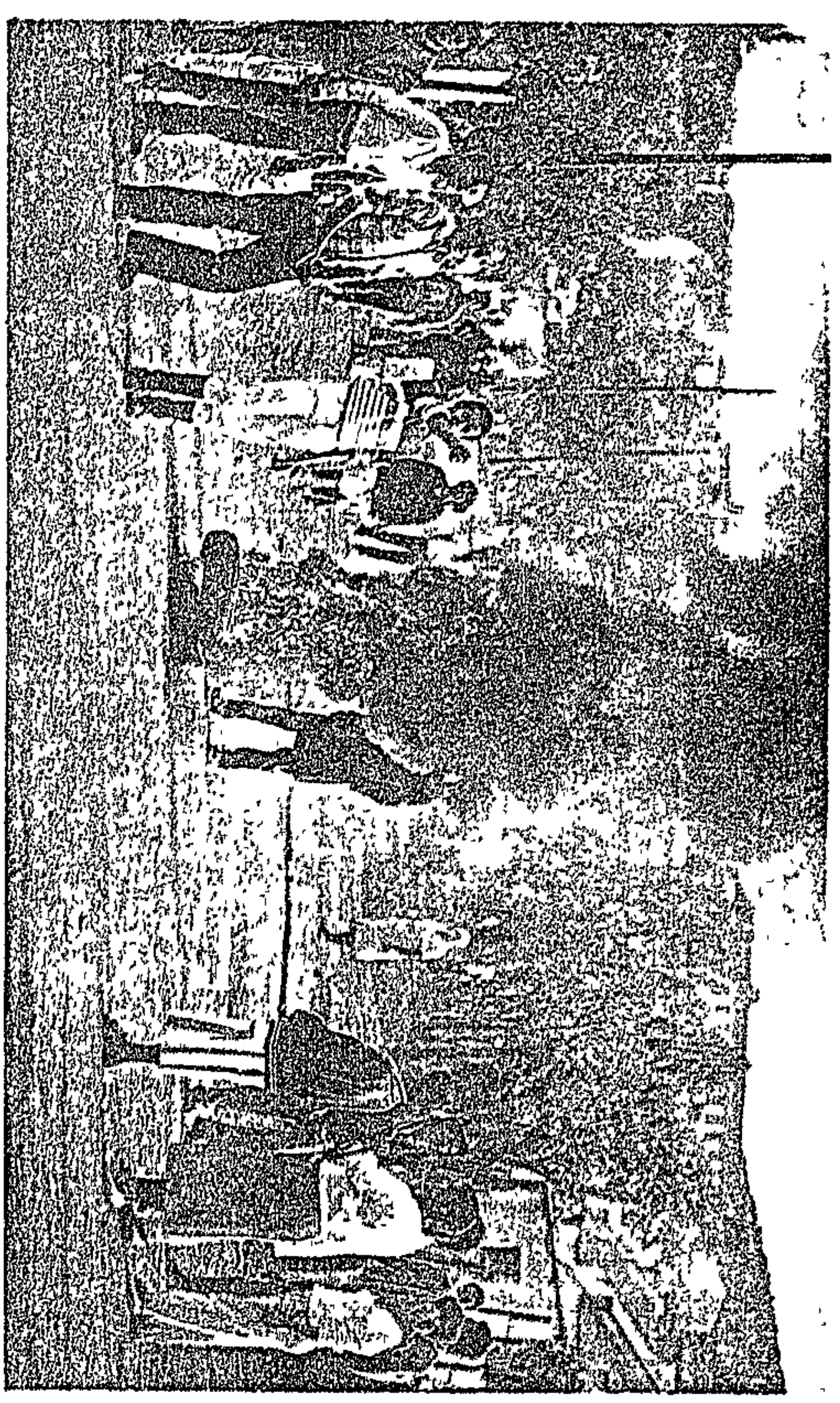
Tensions in the town were rising late yesterday as a squeeze machine and birdshot were used on groups of people standing in the streets, many of whom had begun piling up burning tyres, drums and stones as barricades.

Complaints

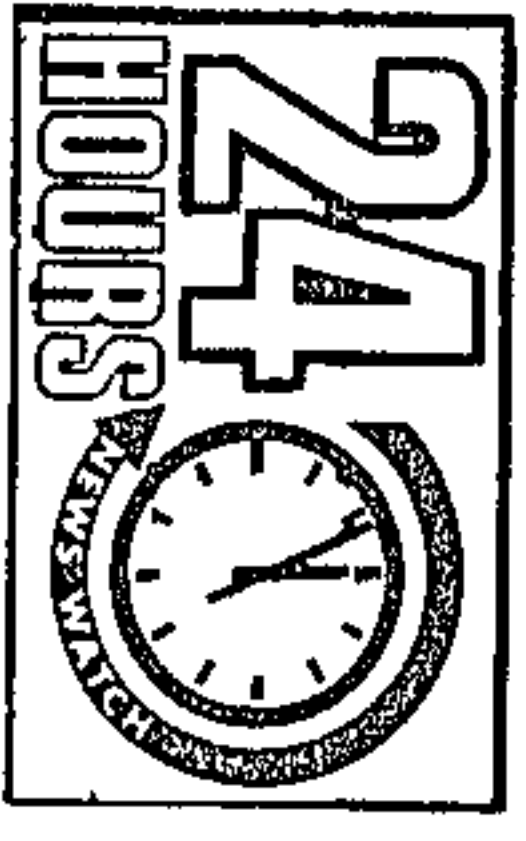
Earlier, an estimated 30 people were arrested outside the municipal offices where they were attempting a sit-in. Dogs were used during the arrests and one woman was injured.

Residents launched the campaign to highlight a written list of 20 grievances handed to the town committee in March this year. These include complaints about housing, sanitation, water, facilities, discrimination, unemployment and high prices.

Among the actions planned by the residents were to join up at the local library, play on a "whites-only" tennis court, visit the local hotel and play video games there, and picket outside boycotted businesses. On Tuesday, four people



Pictures: LEON MULLER The Argus
BURNING BARRICADE Youths set a tyre alight in Oukamp, Ashton's coloured township, as a street barricade. Above right: Teorgas is fired from a police bus. Right: Adult hands wipe the eyes of a child caught in teorgas which was being used intermittently in Ashton.



were arrested outside the local library and later released on R50 bail in Montagu, seven kilometres away. Later that evening, a Mrs Martha Jacobs was allegedly shot in the mouth with birdshot after she approached a police van, residents claimed.

Abri de Koker, 15, was admitted to hospital when he was shot in the chest and neck with birdshot.

Abri's grandmother, Mrs Caroline Conradie, said she had sent Abri to one of the only two non-boycotted shops to buy bread. He had been injured while crossing a road near the Anglican Church.

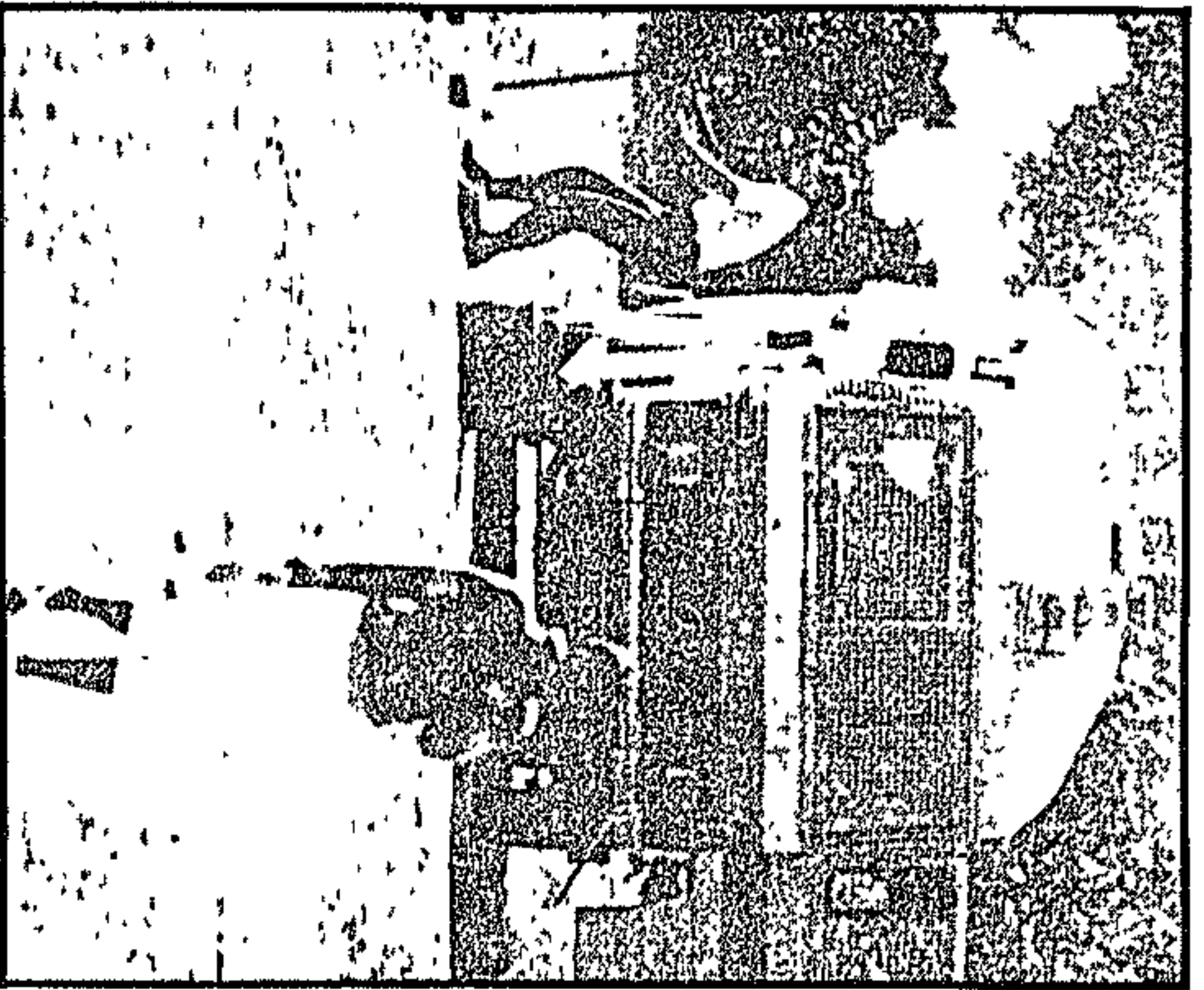
According to Defiance

Campaign Committee member Mrs Bontia Weeder, actions were planned for the whole week because the council did not seem to be taking the grievances seriously.

"There is still a lot to be defiant about in Ashton," she said.

Reserve police vehicles were seen moving into Ashton late yesterday afternoon as a pall of smoke hung over the coloured township of Oukamp. The campaign is expected to last until Sunday.

A police spokesman in Pretoria declined to comment and said an unrest report would be issued today.



Ashton

action

More arrests as town smoulders

By ANDREA WEISS and DENNIS CRUYWAGEN
Staff Reporters

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WOMEN

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Pictures, ADLI BRADLOW, Associated Press.

THE THROW: A police Warrant Officer lobbs a teargas canister into a small group of protesters at a sit-in outside the municipal offices at Ashton. Several people were arrested. Earlier police had dispersed a larger group with teargas.

Mandela protest drowned out

The Argus Foreign Service

MIAMI — Hundreds of black demonstrators drowned out an anti-Mandela protest staged by Cuban Americans at Mr. Nelson Mandela's Miami hotel early today.

The deputy-president of the African National Congress flew into the south Florida resort city at midnight last night.

Unlike his other stops in America, there was a low-key reception for him at the airport.

The usual long motorcade whisked him into the city and only one by-stander was seen on the streets.

At the Miami Beach hotel where

the Mandelas are staying, however, hundreds of demonstrators had gathered. The overwhelming majority of them were black and they shouted and applauded loudly.

The few Cuban American demonstrators, holding aloft placards objecting to Mr. Mandela's closeness with President Fidel Castro of Cuba, were all but lost in the crowd.

"The crowd chanted 'Free South Africa, free south Florida', then 'Where is Suarez?', a reference to the Cuban American mayor of Florida who had not shown up to welcome Mr. Mandela either at the airport or the hotel."

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Postal services

WOMEN CAN

Trouble as Hubble



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"The commanding officer, a major, issued instructions to teargas the crowd."

"A policeman stepped forward and threw teargas into the group of 50. As it exploded about 40 people ran away. Mr Weeder and 10 of his comrades did not move."

"They linked arms and continued their protest in silence. Police seemed amazed," Bradlow said.

"More teargas was thrown. One of the residents caught a canister and threw it into a fish pond where it exploded, killing several fish and frogs."

Sneeze machine

Bradlow said police appeared to realise that teargas was ineffective and moved in to arrest the small group, dragging Mr Weeder to the van.

Later in the day there were clashes between police and residents at Oukamp where some streets had been barricaded. Police used birdshot and a sneeze machine.

"After the arrest of Mr Weeder the residents, needless to say, were not thrilled. People began to gather on the border between Oukamp and Ashton, a kind of no-man's land," Bradlow said.

"You could feel that they were tense. Police moved in about 2pm. I saw several residents hit by birdshot. I caught some birdshot in the head. It's not serious, but very sore."



THE REACTION: The group appears to be reeling from the effects of the teargas, but an eyewitness said one of them caught the canister and threw it into a fishpond. The fish died. ● More pictures and report, page 23.

Postal services getting worse, survey shows

By DICK USHER, Business Staff
IF you think mail deliveries are getting worse, you're probably right.

A survey by a top periodical publisher has shown "an alarming deterioration" in postal services over the past six months.

The survey was carried out by Reader's Digest and results were compiled from four separate mail shots sent out during the survey period.

In the Western and Central Cape, the first mailing showed that 93,3 percent of the items were delivered in less than four days, 6,7 percent delivered in four to eight days and only 0,1 percent took more than eight days.

The fourth mailing showed 75 percent of items delivered in under four days, 18,8 percent took between four and eight days and 6,3 percent took more than eight days.

By the fourth test, the average time taken for a piece of mail to reach its destination had risen from 2,06 days to 4,06 days.

"TERRIBLY WORRIED"

Mr Colin McCarthy, director of the Cape Chamber of Industries, said results of the survey had been taken up with the Post Office.

"We are terribly worried about postal delays and the effects they are having on business," he said.

The Postmaster-General, Mr Johan de Villiers, said the Post Office had recently had problems with mail processing, but was doing everything in its power to ensure a satisfactory flow of mail.

It was especially the larger sorting offices where backlogs were sometimes experienced.

He attributed the problems to sporadic labour problems such as stayaways, failure of mechanical



R175 000 more and we'll hit the target

By MAUREEN PITHEY
Argus Woman Editor

WE'RE almost there! Today's grand total in the Groote Schuur Cancer Unit Fund is R1 325 000 — with only two days and R175 000 to go to reach our target and the deadline.

As the countdown continues to June 30 — the last day for acceptance of the tender to replace vital equipment — gifts are still pouring in. About R140 000 is still outstanding in pledges and fund organisers have asked that these be made as quickly as possible.

Nedbank's Cape regional office yesterday presented the fund with R25 000 and news of companies matching their employees' efforts were phoned in.

Trouble as Hubble scope fails to focus

WASHINGTON. — The R3,3-billion Hubble space telescope, which scientists hope will revolutionise the human concept of the universe, has been crippled by what may be human error.

An error traced at this point to a misstep during the manufacture of the instrument's polished mirrors means images captured by the Hubble will be little better than those taken by telescopes on Earth.

The National Aeronautics and Space Administration (Nasa) said yesterday the focusing problem could not be fixed from the ground.

At least two of the five instruments aboard the spacecraft would be virtually useless until a repair mission was flown by the space shuttle, said the space agency. Plans call for such a mission in 1993, but Nasa hoped to make it sooner.

An official of the Danbury, Connecticut, company that made the mirrors said the flaw may have been caused by a human error in testing the primary and secondary Hubble telescope mirrors as they were being ground and polished. — Sapa-AP.

Stray horses killed

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ICE ACTION ... A woman protester is grabbed by the head and by a police dog during the protest. Police also said a man bit a policeman in the heat of the protest action.



STONES FLY ... Police vans, a tear smoke machine and a foreign TV crew were pelted with stones after the protest.

30 held as police teargas Ashton

Staff Reporter

POLICE using teargas and dogs arrested 30 people who protested against racially segregated municipal facilities at Ashton yesterday.

Police and protesters also clashed on Tuesday.

Police said a woman was bitten by a police dog, while a man bit a policeman on the hand and chest during yesterday's protest.

An Anglican priest, Father Michael Weeder, was among those arrested when about 150 people took part in a lunchtime sit-in protest at the municipal offices.

The sit-in was part of a defiance campaign following the breakdown of negotiations between an interim committee — representing the coloured and nearby black Zolani township residents — and the municipality about grievances, including "non-whites" being barred from "whites-only" facilities.

Last night Ashton town clerk Mr Pieter Laubscher said he had no control over whether amenities were open or closed. "I just implement town council policy," he said.

An Ashton resident and witness to the incident, Mr Stephen Scheepers, said police also fired birdshot, rubber bullets and teargas canisters to disperse stone-throwers.

Later police vehicles were parked at a "buffer zone" between Ashton's white and coloured residential areas.

Last night the 30 arrested appeared before Montagu Magistrate's Court.



BARRICADED . . . Early yesterday morning protesters built burning barricades in the coloured township of Oukamp, Ashton, where a defiance campaign and consumer boycott are being conducted. More clashes with the police broke out yesterday.

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LEFT: Mr Shadrack Waptha, one of 20 protesters who held a sit-in at the Zolani municipal offices yesterday morning, suffered head injuries when police moved into the offices and a scuffle broke out.



RIGHT: Ashton resident Mrs Rose Swanepoel suffered a head wound after police fired bird-shot at people in Ou Kamp.

Pictures: BENNY GOOL

More clashes in Ashton townships

POLICE and residents of Ashton's black and coloured townships clashed again yesterday, when about 20 protesters occupied the Zolani municipal offices.

Residents aim to desegregate municipal facilities and get "direct representation on the town council", said Father Michael Weeder, a residents' committee member.

Last night Ashton mayor Mr Paul Roux said he

and his council voted on June 21 to open municipal facilities to all, but the decision "required time" to implement.

He said the residents' committee had failed to keep appointments with the council.

Mr Wenzel Nel, of the joint action committee, said he and 19 others had occupied municipal offices yesterday. Police threw teargas through a window when they refused to leave and a scuffle followed.

He said two protesters were badly hurt.

Police spokeswoman Lieutenant Denise Brand confirmed the teargas incident.

Ashton's protagonists

By JANIS FRASER
Weekend Argus Reporter

MR PAUL Roux, the Mayor of Ashton, and Anglican minister the Rev Michael Weeder live within sight of each other in the troubled town

From his award-winning garden, a tourist drawcard which has been featured in magazines, Mr Roux is almost within shouting distance of Mr Weeder's front verandah, across the main road through Ashton.

The two men have been described by some as protagonists in the battle for racial integration which has left Ashton in turmoil. Yet neither man would agree with the description.

Said Mr Weeder: "Mr Roux isn't the problem — it's the system."

Said Mr Roux: "We always start our council proceedings with a prayer and I asked Mr Weeder to do it for us at the opening of our meeting to discuss grievances — I don't think anyone could better him in saying a prayer."

The mayor versus the minister

MR MICHAEL Weeder is just back from court again. He has his infant son on his arm and gently disentangles his four-year-old daughter from the curtains while his wife makes coffee for the stream of people who come and go.

At 31, the quiet Anglican priest from Elsie's River has found himself at the centre of the town's escalating struggle for equal recognition, a role which has led to his arrest more than once.

However, the latest court appearance is not for the usual sit-in or placard protest arrest. He has been ordered to appear in connection with charges of being in possession of stolen goods, but charges have not yet been put to him and he has not been asked to plead.

The case involves a gun taken for safe-keeping from a man under the influence of liquor. The man had allegedly taken it from a policeman during a dispute and Mr Weeder, busy with church commitments, had no time to hand it in immediately.

Mr Weeder, who studied at St Paul's Seminary in Grahamstown and the Goodhope Seminary and worked with young people at Mitchell's Plain before coming to Ashton, cannot comment on the latest court case and besides there are more urgent issues.

The most important one, apart from the day-to-day logistics of monitoring the month-long boycott campaign, is the task of encouraging Ashton's coloured community to appreciate their own abilities and worth.

He believes that peaceful protest, like the continuing boycott and the sit-ins is achieving something, although the promised opening of the town's amenities is secondary.



Michael Weeder,
Anglican minister.



Paul Roux,
Mayor of Ashton.

to the call for an integrated town council.

"I'd like to see the community lose its messianic expectations of one person. They are their own leaders — only they can free themselves."

What has to be bridged, he said, is the vast gulf between Ashton's communities.

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ASHTON'S mayor Mr Paul Roux says he has lived peacefully in the little town for most of his 60 years. He has never seen anything like the teargas and turmoil on its streets — and he hates it.

He is "getting flack" from both sides, he says wearily as the boycott and integration demands continue. "I get phone calls complaining because we've opened the amenities to everyone and from the other side we have these demands for coloured representation on the town council. What can I do? We've voted to open the amenities and we will. I voted for open town councils at the municipal congress in Port Elizabeth in April. Now it's up

to the Province to make that one possible."

Meanwhile, he discloses, he has been accused of standing on the sidelines because the boycott has not touched the antique business he started 35 years ago. "I can honestly say I have never had a customer from Ashton — mine come from all over the country. But if a businessman can't stand a month of boycott he shouldn't be in business anyway."

Money is the big issue. The Province has come up with R300 000 for a new library to accommodate everyone, but the housing backlog seems insurmountable. Elderly people, many of them farm workers who have nowhere to go when they are retired, come to Ashton looking for accommodation.

The coloured community is R300 000 in arrears for rents and electricity "which they want us to write off. How can we do that? What about all the people who do pay their bills?"

"I'm an open-hearted person and I want to see us all living together happily. We have to find a way of sorting things out."



Shotgun fire injures several protesters



Pictures: LEON MULLER
Weekend Argus

ABOVE: Friends carry an injured comrade to safety as angry protesters watch during violent clashes with police in Ashton.

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LEFT: Riot police keep a watchful eye on the protesters. Police have denied they have used undue force to subdue protests in the small Boland town.

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The decision to open up amenities,

The protesters have been released on warning and are to appear in court in August.

Protesters arrested

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A NUMBER of people were arrested at the Boland town of Ashton yesterday morning after taking part in an illegal protest march, reports SABC radio news. They are expected to appear in court tomorrow.

The people of Ashton have been protesting against the refusal of the town council to open its amenities to all races.

On Friday, Ashton mayor Paul Roux announced that public amenities in the unrest-hit town were open to all with "immediate effect".

Roux said the town council would not wait for the October deadline set by the State President for the repeal of the Separate Amenities Act, but people must be aware that declaring the amenities open did not mean they would be instantly available.

He said a new library for all races would be built on the border of the coloured area as the existing library was too small to cope with an influx of new members.

Protesters said the quest for shared amenities was simply one of many demands. Their major demand was for equal standing on the town council. — Sapa

Violence flares in Boland

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INJURED ... Mr Johannes Jones is carried by friends to hospital after he was struck in the mouth when police fired rubber bullets and birdshot in Robertson yesterday.

Picture: BENNY GOOL

By ANDRE KOOPMAN and PETER MALBIN

TWO people were injured yesterday when violence spread to two more Boland towns — Robertson and Montagu — with youths taking to the streets in support of civic and other demands.

The two towns are within 10km from strife-torn Ashton, where the week-long violence continues.

In Robertson, Mrs Magrieta Titus, aged about 40, was injured when a rubber bullet which smashed through her lounge window struck her in the chest yesterday.

Another resident, Mr Johannes Jones, was seriously injured when he was struck in the mouth by a projectile fired by police.

Police spokesman Captain Attie Laubscher said last night that police had no record of the two incidents, but confirmed police had acted after stonings.

A new post office in Robertson was destroyed by fire on Sunday night, causing some R500 000 damage, after violence erupted in the town's townships when a man who had been arrested by police on a criminal charge died in hospital, residents said.

Youths erected barricades, including wrecked cars, in the streets and police responded by firing teargas and birdshot.

Tension has simmered there for the past two months since "coloured" residents marched on the town centre with a list of demands, including "the opening of civic amenities to all races, a reduction in 'unfairly high rents and water accounts' and

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Protesters fight bloody battles with police

POLICE arrested more residents of a small town yesterday as a battle continued over segregated municipal facilities.

On Friday demonstrators in the Boland town of Ashton won a round in their brief but bloody protest campaign when Mayor Paul Roux announced that public amenities would be opened to all races "with immediate effect".

He said the municipality would not wait for the October deadline set by

By KURT SWART

President FW de Klerk for the repeal of the Separate Amenities Act.

But residents remained incensed at what they felt was heavy-handed and provocative action by the police during the week-long "defiance campaign" in the town.

They vowed to continue their protests for greater civic liberties —

and yesterday more were arrested in protest actions.

Peaceful protests rapidly turned into pitched battles during the week when police teargassed and baton-charged protesters seeking to occupy council property.

Riots followed in the neighbouring townships of Oukamp and Zolani, with crowds stoning police vehicles and putting up barricades. Riot units responded with teargas, rubber bullets and birdshot.

The town's Anglican priest, the Rev Michael Weeder, was at the forefront of the protests and accused police of "deliberate provocative" actions.

He claimed the police had hurled rocks at a church where demonstrators had gathered while others had taunted youths with shouts of "Viva Wit Wolwe" as they drove around the townships.

Police have not responded to the allegations.

WHILE the Separate Amenities Act may be removed from the statute book and not practised in the cities, inequality and discrimination are still the order of the day in smaller towns.

Libraries, halls, parks and other recreational facilities are still reserved for white use only in most rural towns.

The racial separation may not be legislated, but black residents are not encouraged to make use of white facilities.

Since the defiance campaign in the urban areas last year and political developments after February 2, rural towns have been hit by a wave of protests as residents begin demanding their rights.

In most of the rural towns where action has taken place, residents have followed a similar formula.

Civic organisations, youth congresses and — to a lesser extent — women's organisations have begun forming, led by youth or religious leaders.

Following the launch of the structures, residents begin voicing

Apartheid alive and well in rural areas

and collecting their grievances, which are then listed and sent to the local municipality for attention.

Consumer boycotts have hit many rural towns after a poor response from the authorities.

GRIEVANCES

Public protest action has been met by severe police action, with widespread arrests and shootings in small towns.

Protests in Ashton, Robertson, Ceres and Montague have received more attention, but the rural giant is awakening in smaller towns as well.

Swellendam, Bonnievale, Bredasdorp and Villiersdorp have begun protest action.

In Swellendam, residents held a

mass meeting last week and sent a list of grievances to the local municipality and banks.

The grievances included the poor state of housing, a protest against a proposed increase in rents, the lack of recreational facilities and discrimination in local businesses, especially banks which only used black labour for menial tasks.

Residents set a deadline of one week for a response, but received an answer only from a local bank.

This week, residents decided at a mass meeting to launch a consumer boycott of white businesses in Swellendam.

In Bredasdorp, the Bredasdorp Peoples' Organisation was launched three months ago to educate residents of their rights.

The organisation successfully negotiated with the local municipality to allow squatters to live in the area and provide services for them.

Involved

On Sunday, the organisation held a mass meeting at which they reported on the grievances which had been collected from residents in the area.

There were 30 grievances. Letters were sent to the local Chamber of Commerce and the municipality, informing them of the residents' complaints.

The community will decide on further action after they receive a response.

A spokesperson for the fledgling Peoples' Organisation, Mr Reynold Stevens, said people were still afraid of getting involved in organisations.

"In a small town it is easy to pick out the activists; people are scared of losing their jobs," Stevens said.

"But we are on the move now and we plan to do lots."

Family discovers race bar still rules in some False Bay amenities

False Bay Bureau *ARC 645 6/8/90*
IN SPITE of the recent scrapping of the Separate Amenities Act in parliament, some facilities on the False Bay coast are still segregated.

This was discovered by a Macassar family, who were told on inquiry to the Gordon's Bay municipality that the town's Hendon Park resort was for whites only.

New legislation enforcing open public facilities takes effect only on October 15 this year.

RESPONSE

In response to the incident, Gordon's Bay town clerk Mr C Neethling said the municipality "did not make an issue" of race.

"We have accepted mixed groups, but we won't allow a 'rough-and-tumble lot' to come into Hendon Park," he added.

"If one can see that the people applying to stay at the resort are decent, they will be accepted.

"If a (non-white) man owns a caravan, for instance, one would expect him to be okay."

Asked how a municipal employee could refuse an applicant over the telephone without seeing him, Mr Neethling said he could not comment because he did not know of the particular case.

"We have had no directive on the Act, but it's definitely coming. Our council has not come to a final conclusion yet (on opening all facilities)."

TWO CAMPS

At the Strand, scene of last year's beach protests, the municipality has two holiday camps, Voortrekker Park for whites and Harmony Park for blacks.

Town clerk Mr L Groenewald said both facilities would be completely open from October 15, but the recently-announced scrapping of the Act had not been discussed by the council yet.

Somerset West town clerk Mr G Human said the town's public facilities had been open to all members of the community for several years, without any problems.

Multi-million resort for Macassar Beach

By MAGGIE ROWLEY
Business Staff

A HUGE multi-million coastal resort to cater for 80 000 holidaymakers and day visitors is to be built at Macassar Beach.

Construction will take place in three phases with the first phase scheduled for completion by April next year. A total of R11,5 million has so far been allocated for the first two phases.

The project has been commissioned by the Cape Provincial Administration in conjunction with the Macassar Management Committee and the Western Cape Regional Services Council.

The resort, situated halfway between Monwabisi and the Strand, has been planned to meet the urgent need for further recreation facilities in the Western Cape.

Included in the first phase, part of which should be ready by Christmas, are a lifesaver's clubhouse, camping sites, caravan park, holiday cottages and ablution facilities.

Second phase

The second phase will include development of pavilion buildings, a fun pool complex, terraced lawns and the infrastructure to cope with the expected number of visitors.

The contract for the first phase has been awarded to Clifford Harris. The contract for the second phase will be awarded later this year or early next year, said Mr G Underwood of Plan Associates who is co-ordinating the project.

Future attractions in a third phase of the resort will include an entertainment area for mini-golf and trampolines, nature conservation centre, facilities for group accommodation and more braai and picnic sites.

Attention is being given to environmental concerns and frontal dunes will be created to act as a natural protection zone.

The project will encourage opportunities for private sector participation especially with regard to the provision of entertainment facilities and overnight accommodation, say the developers.



COASTAL FUN: An architect's model of the pavilion complex, consisting of fast food restaurants and public amenities, which will comprise phase two of the huge resort to be built at Macassar Beach.

Only qualified agents seen

By MAGGIE ROWLEY
Business Staff

THE new regulations governing estate agents are likely to be overtaken by even more stringent requirements in the near future, says Mr Bill Rawson, chairman of the Bill Rawson Estate group.

According to the new system, which comes into operation in January, those who have not passed the Estate Agents Board's exam in property law and practice will no longer be able to practise as estate agents as freely as they presently can.

Those who have not written this exam will be termed candidate estate agents and their activities will be far more controlled than they presently are.

A candidate estate agent will have to be actively supervised throughout his or her candidate period, which may last up to two years. A qualified agent will have to oversee the drafting of every offer to purchase, agreement of sale, lease or other contractual document drawn up by the candidate and must countersign it.

"The industry welcomes any legislation which will improve its image. It has taken years for the public to have confidence and trust in estate agents and the new regulations will certainly be a further step in this direction."

they do not have sufficient manpower resources to 'babysit' candidate estate agents for up to two years at a time. Even larger firms could experience problems in this regard.

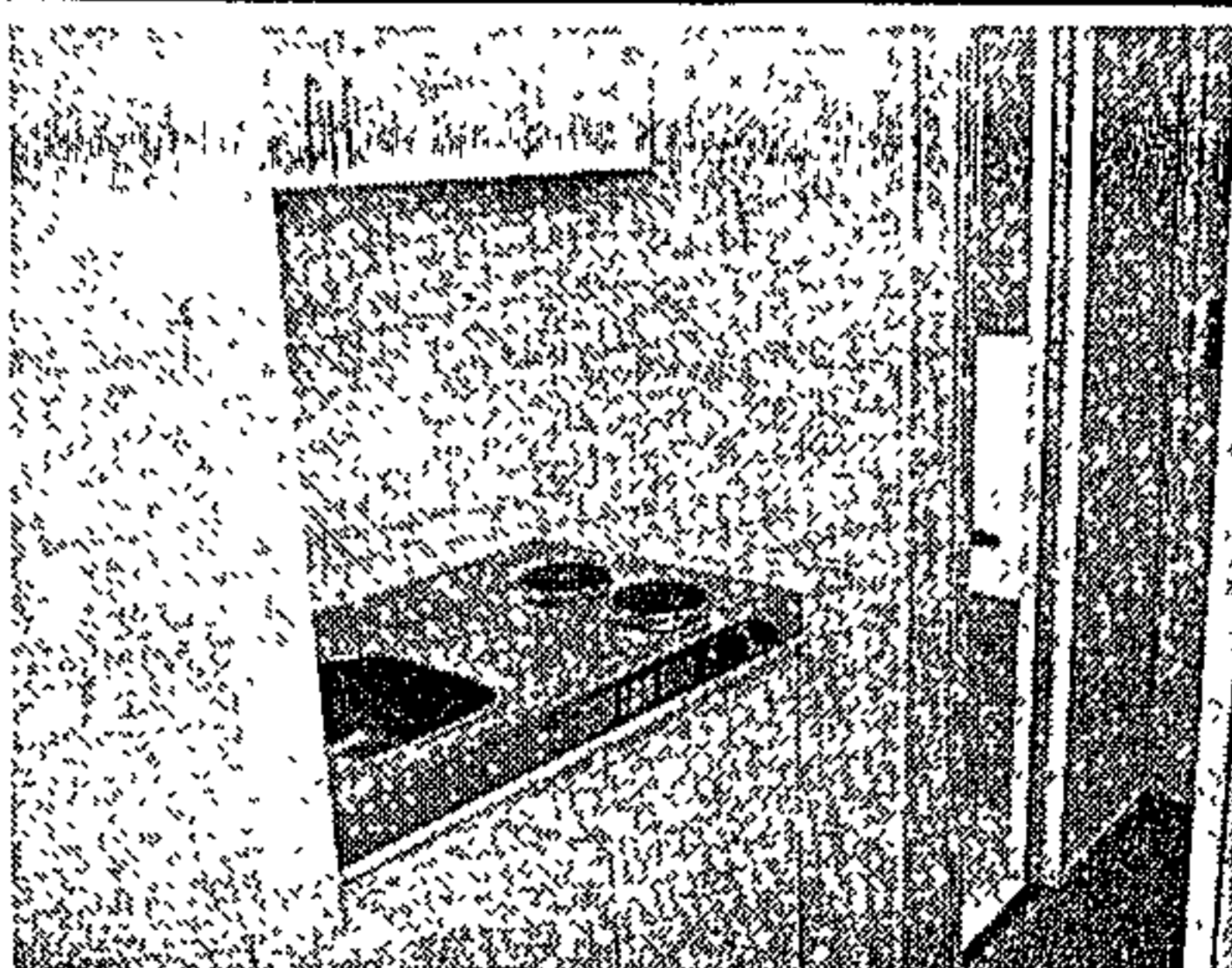
"Many experienced and successful estate agents may resent having to take candidate agents under their wings at the expense of their own business and income. As it is, many agents like to work alone, and they will not relish having to share their areas and fees with candidates whom they have to supervise."

"A Sunday afternoon spent 'babysitting' a candidate's showhouse at the expense of one's own will not be a popular idea," he said.

He said that peer pressure could well lead to candidate estate agents sitting their exams as early as possible so that they could work without compulsory supervision.

"The idea of paying candidate estate agents lower fees than their qualified colleagues, as mooted recently in the Press, would also be an incentive, though this is not compulsory."

He said the logical conclusion of the ongoing raising of standards for estate agents, of which the new regulations were a part, would be the stipulation that prospective agents would have to qualify before commencing practice and that the system of candidate estate agents will



MODULAR: A section of a Modumac modular unit which are now being manufactured by McCarthy Contractors of Blackheath. (See Propscene — page 8)

Cape CP towns: No integration of amenities

KIMBERLEY. — Conservative Party-controlled town councils in the Cape have unconditionally rejected the desegregation of amenities legislated in Parliament this year.

A CP statement said yesterday CP-controlled town councils rejected unconditionally the "integration measures which

the National Party, by way of legislation forcing on these town councils."

The statement, issued after the CP's Cape Municipal Committee meeting in Kimberley on Saturday, said the committee warns government "very seriously that the consequences and friction that would result from the repeal of the Allocation of

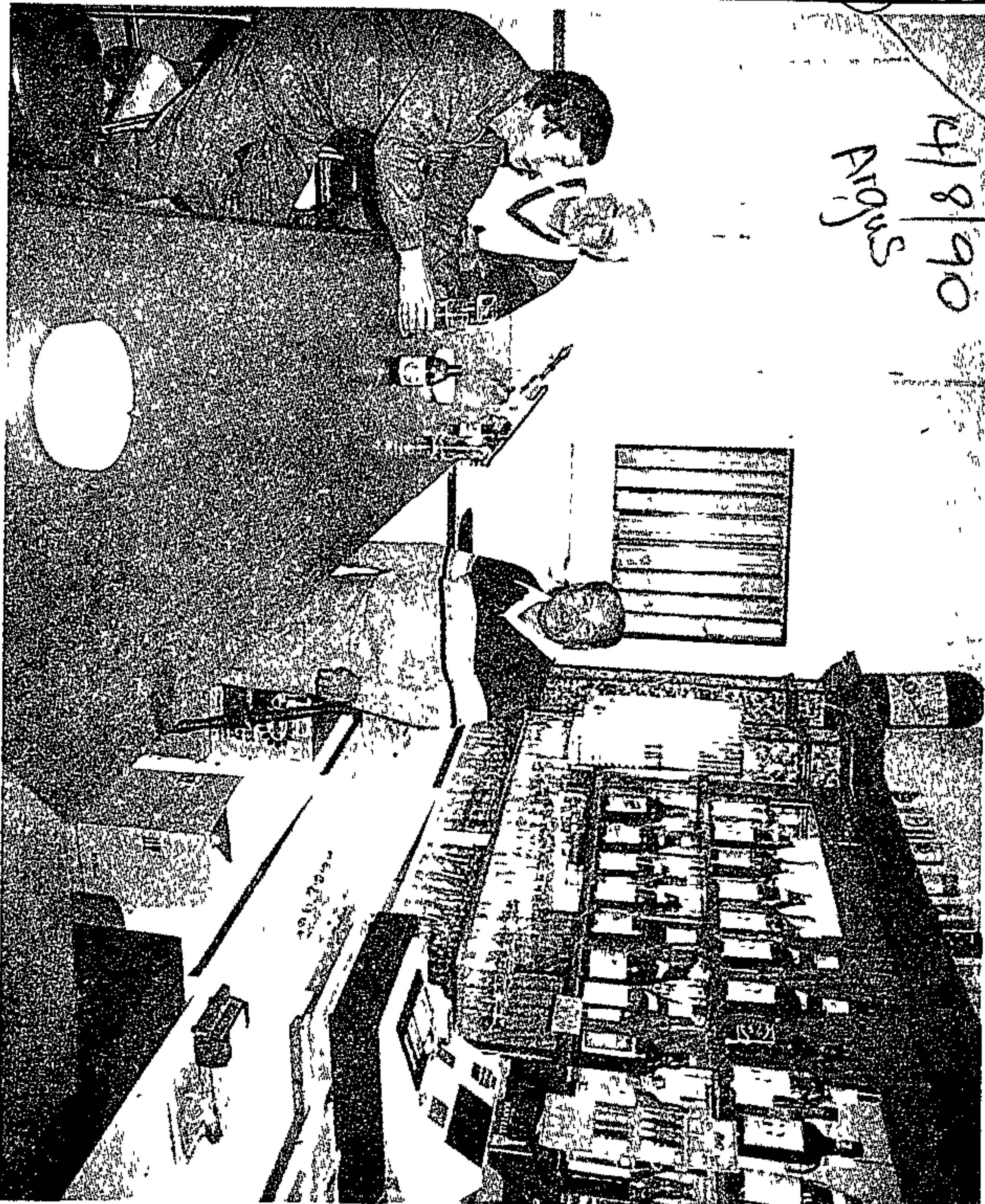
Separate Amenities Act will be the sole responsibility of government".

The financial implications of the withdrawal of white support from swimming pools, holiday resorts and other facilities might have, is just as much the responsibility of this government," the statement said. — Sapa

Farmers open private social club

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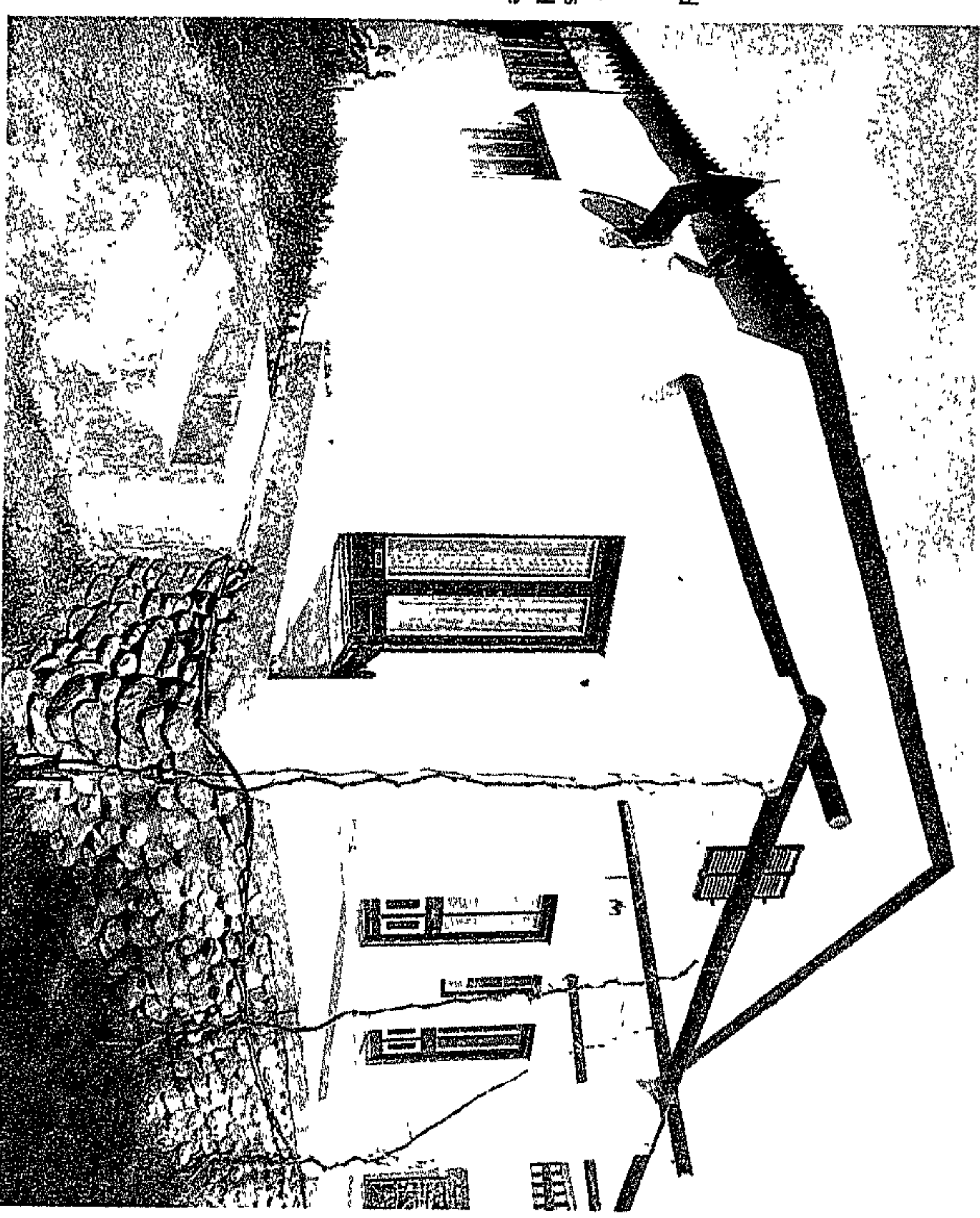
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LEFT: Barman Mr Jan Losch, who has been with the McGregor hotel for 30 years, serves drinks to former actor Mr Johan Louw, left, and garage owner Mr Norman Schultz. At the till is the hotel's owner who did not want to be identified. The bar has lost custom since a new club opened in the town.

RIGHT: The house which is to be used by local farmers as a club house. A wall has been built in front of the property.

Pictures ANDREW INGRAM, The Argus



Members deny it has anything to do with a recent racial incident

By ANDREA WEISS
Staff Reporter

CONTROVERSY surrounds a move by a group of young McGregor farmers to establish a private club for themselves in the town, deserting the traditional watering place at the local hotel.

Supporters of the hotel believe the move was prompted by a racial incident in the hotel's bar two months ago but the club members maintain that they are only trying to provide some entertainment for young farmers in the area.

Chairman of the new club Mr Japie Oosthuizen said their plans had been in the pipeline for more than a year.

Wives can come along

Of the allegation that the club had its origins in a racial incident, Mr Oosthuizen said: "That's an absolute falsehood. It's purely a social club. There is not as much to do here as in the city and there is a stigma attached to going to a hotel while your wife sits alone at home. At the club, the wives can come along and there are braai facilities and a swimming pool which the hotel can't offer."

The local hotelier, who was reluctant to be named, believes the club had its origins in an incident a few months ago.

She maintained that a group of farmers stood up and left her bar when two coloured men entered and were served there. However, another source said the men were known to be trouble makers and the group was trying to avoid an argument.

Local garage owner Mr Norman Schultz, who still patronises the hotel, said he believed the farmers did not wish to sit "shoulder to shoulder" with their labourers and lose authority in the work place.

Constitution

Former actor Mr Johan Nel, who recently settled permanently in McGregor, said of the hotel: "This has been a gathering place since I first started coming here (in 1984). Last March, everything was still the same. Nobody breathed a word about forming a club and then all of a sudden I heard all this nonsense."

But Mr Alf Cloete, who has helped draw up the club's constitution, contests the view that racism had anything to do with the move. He said he had specifically advised the young farmers not to have anything referring to race, religion or colour in the constitution.

He said the club was intended to be a darts and pool club possibly expanding to rugby. It would also serve as a social gathering point for the wives.

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CP rebuffed on beaches

MOSSEL BAY. — President F W de Klerk has turned down a request from the Conservative Party-controlled Mossel Bay Town Council not to open the town's beaches to all races.

Responding to a petition signed by more than 2 000 people urging that the matter be left to the council, Mr De Klerk said such decision-making powers could not be delegated. — Sapa

Resorts open to all? Not quite . . .

THE summer of 1990 has brought with it the death of one of the cornerstones of apartheid, the Separate Amenities Act.

But the Last Post has yet to be sounded for this instrument of misery, humiliation and loss of dignity.

The National Party, rampant after sweeping to power in 1948 and determined to protect white privilege and identity, unveiled the Act in 1953. Mr C.R. Swart, later to become the first President of the Republic of South Africa, took the law through parliament.

According to him, "apartheid" was a South African tradition.

He said "Certainly with the old traditional policy where everybody knew that he had to go to the door reserved for them, there was no difficulty."

But the old way is no more — it is crumbling, not quickly enough for some and too fast for others.

Random survey

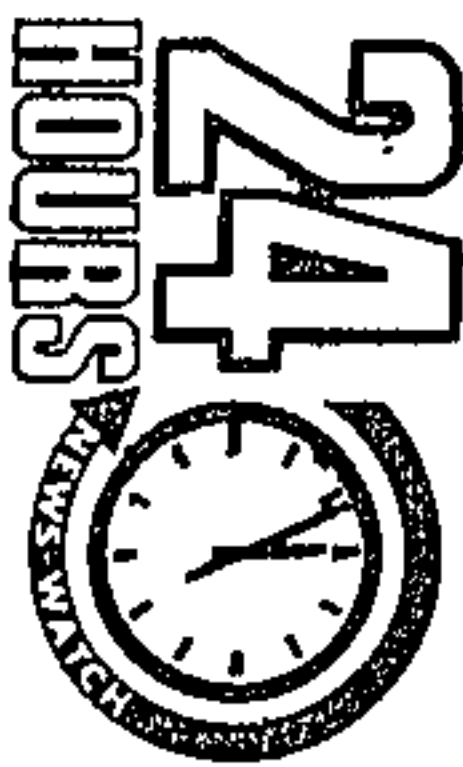
South Africa is rich in majestic mountains, unrivalled flora, game farms, the big open sky, breathtaking landscapes, golden beaches — and South Africans traditionally enjoy spending time out of doors. Caravanning is a favourite way of doing just that.

But a random survey of caravan parks showed that not all are open to people of colour, despite the scrapping of the Separate Amenities Act yesterday.

Tourist brochures are not very helpful and would-be holiday-makers who are not classified white would save themselves embarrassment, indignation and anger by telephoning to check if they are welcome before turning up at caravan parks.

The Pine Creek Caravan Park on the Great Brak River is 2 km from Southern Cross

By DENNIS CRUYWAGEN
and FERROZA MILLER,
Staff Reporters



Beach and has the added attractions of the world famous Cango Caves, ostrich farms and the Garden Route within easy reach.

This is enough to send any lover of the great outdoors and his caravan heading in this direction. But hold on if you happen to be of a darker hue because this resort is not for you.

Asked if she would accept reservations for late January, manageress Mrs M Collins said that the resort would not be busy then.

"You're just lucky, we'll have lots of sites then."

But told we were not white, she said, "That would be a bit of a problem. But there is a beautiful park very close to us. I often want to swap places with them. If I were you, I'd rather go there."

No pets, no blacks

From Knysna, manageress Mrs Joan Canny said the Brenton Holiday Resort was not open to all races.

"But I'm sure if you come at the end of January we'll be able to help."

No pets and no blacks are welcome at Monk's Caravan Park, on the Knysna Lagoon. This resort has a large swimming pool, boating, fishing and swimming can be enjoyed in lagoon.

Mrs H Monk "I own the park. We're not open. Not yet."

Several municipal resorts are open to people of colour. They include the Bakke/San-

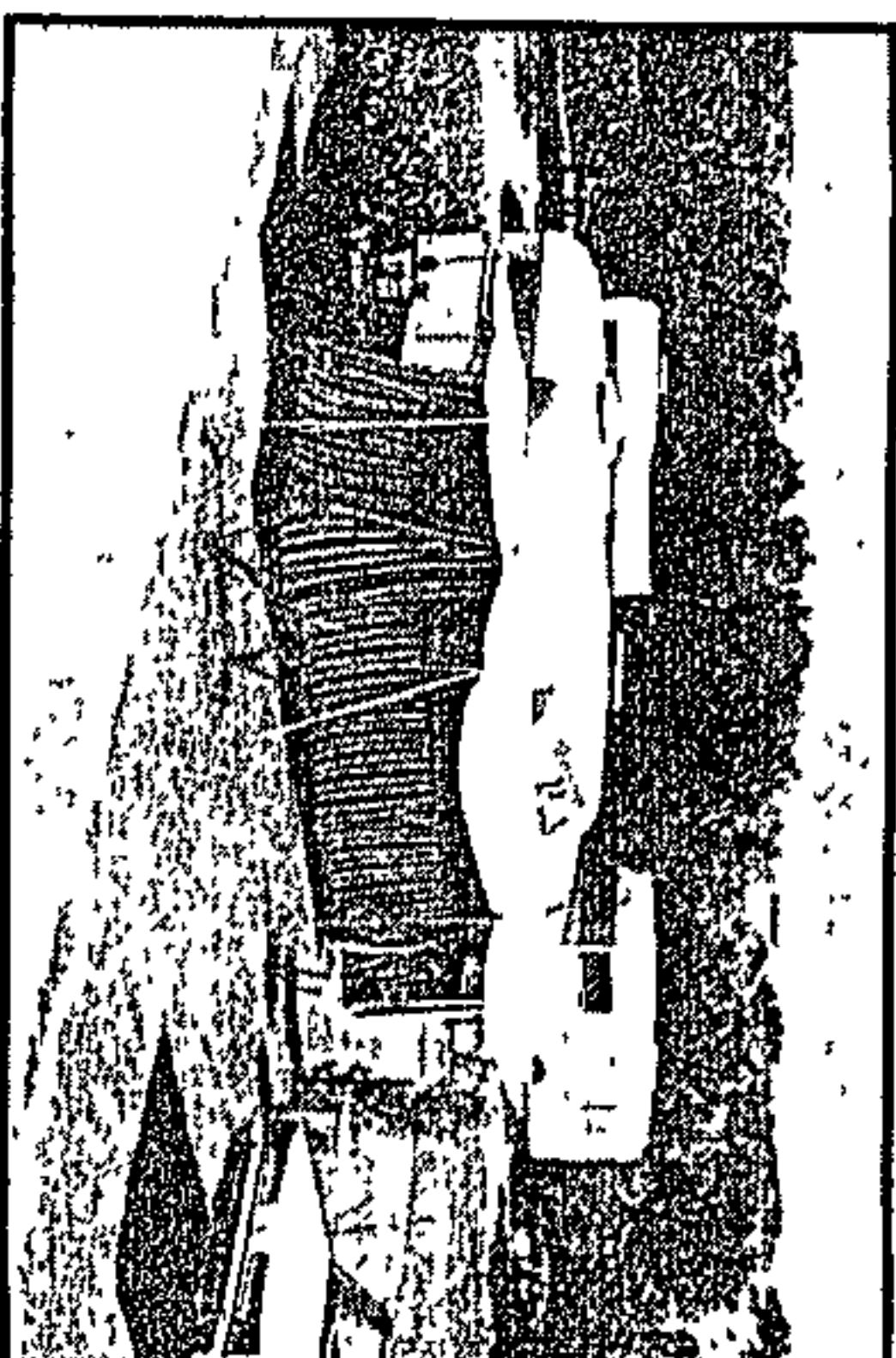


A typical camping scene in the Western Cape . . . but will all races be accepted now that the Separate Amenities Act has been scrapped?

tos Holiday Resort in Mossel Bay, Karoo Sulphur Springs (under jurisdiction of Cradock Municipality), Queenstown Municipal Caravan Park, Sterkstroom Caravan Park, Stutterheim Municipal Caravan Park and Beaufort West Caravan Park.

Carnarvon municipality opened its Voortrekker Caravan Park yesterday.

Said Mrs E Muller "We are open to all races as from today, but we've decided that no one will be allowed to picnic here — this will prevent things from getting out of hand."



Popular camping and caravan sites, even in the Western Cape, will turn away people of colour this summer.

"But we are building an international park which will be completed in December. Their tariffs will be cheaper (R7 a day) than ours (R11.30 a day)."

Caretaker Mrs Joyce Roodt was not too certain if the Adventure Caravan Park, Boksburg, would bar blacks.

She said, "I don't know if it's open, I don't think so, I'm only the caretaker here. I'm sure it will be okay."

Lovers Rock Holiday Resort in the Magaliesburg would admit blacks, but it had brought in certain measures, said Mrs M Struckie.

To get in, blacks will have to book in advance.

"We will have to admit a certain percentage of blacks, but only if they are members of one family and not more than five in a group. No minibuses, taxis, buses will be allowed in. We hope that these measures will enable us to control and regulate numbers."

All Mrs R Links said was "Sorry. We are not open."

Mr P A Beeslar, manager of the Kuruman Caravan Park which is next to the spring known as the Eye, said the municipality was due to meet last night to discuss the opening of the resort.

happen. We'll probably be open by January. Phone us then and see."

Thousands of South Africans make the annual holiday trek to Natal in December.

Not open

The Mtvalume Caravan Park in Margate was "not really open to all races, but we are trying to do something about it," said Mrs Yvonne Rail.

Mrs H Snyman of the Margate Caravan Park "Unfortunately we are not open to all races, I have asked the manager about it, but he did not give me a reason."

Sherwood Forest Caravan Park in Marina Beach did not accept any advance bookings.

"But yes, we do accept all races," said Mrs D Fisher. Closer to home, Zandvlei Caravan Park, Bellville, Fish Hoek, Kommetjie, Parow and Simon's Town — each offering 120 grassed and shady stands and braai facilities, tennis, bowling, sailing and boardsailing — are open to all "irrespective of whether you are pink, yellow, or black," Mr M Addendor said.

Alias, Mr R van der Linder of the privately owned Allendale Bungalows and Caravan Park in Swanswyk Road, To-

kai, said, "I fall under the Group Areas Act and neighbours complain and threaten to have me closed down, so I can't open until the Act goes."

Natal

On the Natal South Coast, La Mouette Caravan Park in Blythdale and Carousol Holiday Resort have facilities for tennis, bowls, golf and water sports and are open to all races.

La Mouette spokesman, who only gave her name as Hannejje, said "everything in the country is open."

In the Eastern Cape, where warm seas and an excellent range of accommodation draw scores of holiday-makers, Newman Walker Tintin Caravan Park in Kings Road, Balmurst allows pets and all races, Mrs A Brits said.

The Cape St Francis Caravan Park also offers friendly accommodation to all.

Pretoria, the capital city with its flowering jacaranda trees, is well worth a visit and has a wealth of resorts, established around natural hot springs and game reserves.

Mr A Rushmore of Pretoria Caravan Park offers 100 caravan/tent stands, full facilities, private bathrooms, braai areas, shop, cafe, butchery, hardresser, sports facilities and is open to all, including pets.

Mrs D du Plessis of the Groblersdal Municipal Caravan Park in Groblersdal said "Yes, from today it is apparently open."

Town in strip uproar

By GLENDA NEVILL

THE mayor of a town at the hub of a proposed new "Boere homeland" has slammed a resident for allegedly paying three township schoolchildren to strip at a municipal swimming pool in an effort to spark a race row. "It was a very low thing to do," said Mayor A J J Fourie, of Olifantshoek, near Upington.

"We have a good relationship with people of all races in this town. This man's actions have affected that relationship."

Hansie Pretorius, the man at the centre of the row, has refused to comment.

The incident happened on Tuesday, just a day after the scrapping of the Separate Amenities Act.

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The children claimed Mr Pretorius told them to strip off so he could take photos of them in the nude. He allegedly planned to send the photos to newspapers.

Charles Oliphant, chairman of the management committee and a local schoolteacher, said: "The children told me he asked them to undress and wet themselves in the water. He then took photographs."

"He wanted to make our community look bad."

Mr Oliphant raised the matter with town clerk Hennie van Vuuren and lodged a complaint with the police.

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Rumpus over photo of naked kids at pool

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A STORM has brewed up in Olifantshoek, in the northern Cape, over a photograph of three coloured boys allegedly taken by a well-known rightwinger in the town's recently desegregated municipal swimming pool.

According to a report in a Cape Town morning Afrikaans newspaper, the school principal of the three, Mr Isaac Haai, said the boys had told him a white man had approached them at the pool with promises that their pictures would appear in the papers and on television.

Walked

According to Mr Haai, head of the Noordkaap preparatory school, which has 1 000 pupils, the man was identified as a well-known rightwing activist.

A group of pupils, all from the Welgelee suburb walked about a kilometre to the pool.

According to Haai, three pupils aged 13, 12 and 9 claimed the white

man asked them to strip and wet their faces to make it appear as if they had been swimming.

Originally they had been unwilling, but the man allegedly promised that their photos would appear in the newspapers and on TV.

He then asked them to pose with balled fists and shout "Viva", Haai said.

Disturbed

The chairman of the management committee and teacher at the same school, Mr Charles Oliphant, said he was very disturbed over the incident and would not leave it there.

The swimming baths supervisor said a large group of pupils had paid their 50-cent entrance fee and were allowed in. All were wearing bathing suits. Later she saw a few naked ones alongside the pool and had asked them to leave.

Apparently none had swum naked. There were a few adult males at the pool too, she said. - Sapa

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De Aar AWB assault probe

Crime Reporter

DE AAR police are investigating assault charges against members of the AWB who allegedly kicked coloured children out of the recently opened public swimming baths in the Northern Cape town.

The incident at the weekend allegedly followed an argument between white and coloured children in the swimming pool.

When the coloured children refused to salute an AWB flag erected by the parents, the AWB members, armed with truncheons and a shotgun, allegedly chased them out of the baths.

Ceres denies racism claim

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A RECENT hike in admission fees and the banning of tents from a formerly whites-only holiday resort near Ceres were not for racial reasons, the town clerk said yesterday.

Mr Hennie Redlinhuys was reacting to a claim by Mrs Lee Fox of the WP Pedal Power Association that the measures were a "form of racism".

Mr Redlinhuys said admission fees to the Pine Forest holiday resort had been increased two weeks before the Separate Amenities Act was scrapped.

The decision to exclude overnight tents was based "purely on economics". Both the Pine Forest resort and the nearby Island resort (formerly for "non-whites") were now non-racial, he said.

Mrs Fox said she learnt of the measures while organising an overnight outing for members.

The hot town of

IN the parched Karoo town of De Aar there is a fiery woman who is hated by many white residents.

Everyone in the dorp — famous for its steam locomotives and infamous for its history of racism — knows the woman, who has lived there all her life.

Her mother has disowned her. Her children are vilified at school. She is a white Afrikaner known to many other whites as “the kaffir boetie”.

Mr Daniel Bothma is the local leader of the Afrikaanse Weerstandsbeweging (AWB). He has vowed to fight for the whites “right” to maintain apartheid. He is a train driver and a Veld Kornet in the AWB.

Mr Jeremy Davids is a young history and English teacher. He is chairman of the De Aar Residents Association (Dara), representing both coloured and black people in the hot, wind-blown town. Mr Davids is black.

THESE three are the principal characters thrown together in this remote railway junction, surrounded by hundreds of square kilometres of desert, where the extreme temperatures have shattered rocks over countless centuries, and even the sun-baked sheep seem to indolently sucking pebbles and spitting them out.

De Aar is the connecting point for trains running from Johannesburg in the north to Cape Town in the south and from Port Elizabeth in the east and Namibia in the west. Twenty years ago as many as 90 trains a day passed through the dorp. Now that number has dropped considerably.

The 36-year-old woman spoke openly to us on condition we did not print her name, nor take her picture.

MRS X and the AWB's Mr Bothma share a common side in being Afrikaners and both profess to be devout Christians. But that's where the similarity ends.

She runs a take-away shop for mostly black customers. She did run two but one of them, in the town centre, was closed down after 17 years because whites said it was “filthy” and a health hazard.

The blacks showed solidarity and supported the remaining take-away shop en masse.

“Of course I love the blacks and why not,” the short, quick-tempered, shopkeeper said defiantly.

Black support for her resulted in an immediate white backlash.

“The AWBs and CPs hate me like poison — they have threatened to get me. But let me tell you if I have to carry a gun I will carry one.”

She said whites accused her of “visiting blacks in the location”.

THE mother of four daughters tossed her head defiantly. “And why shouldn't I? I visit Jeremy Davids in the location and let me tell you I would be proud to have a young intelligent, civilised young man like him for a son-in-law,” she said.

Black visitors to her home have led to complaints saying she is turning the street into a location and making the area unsafe.

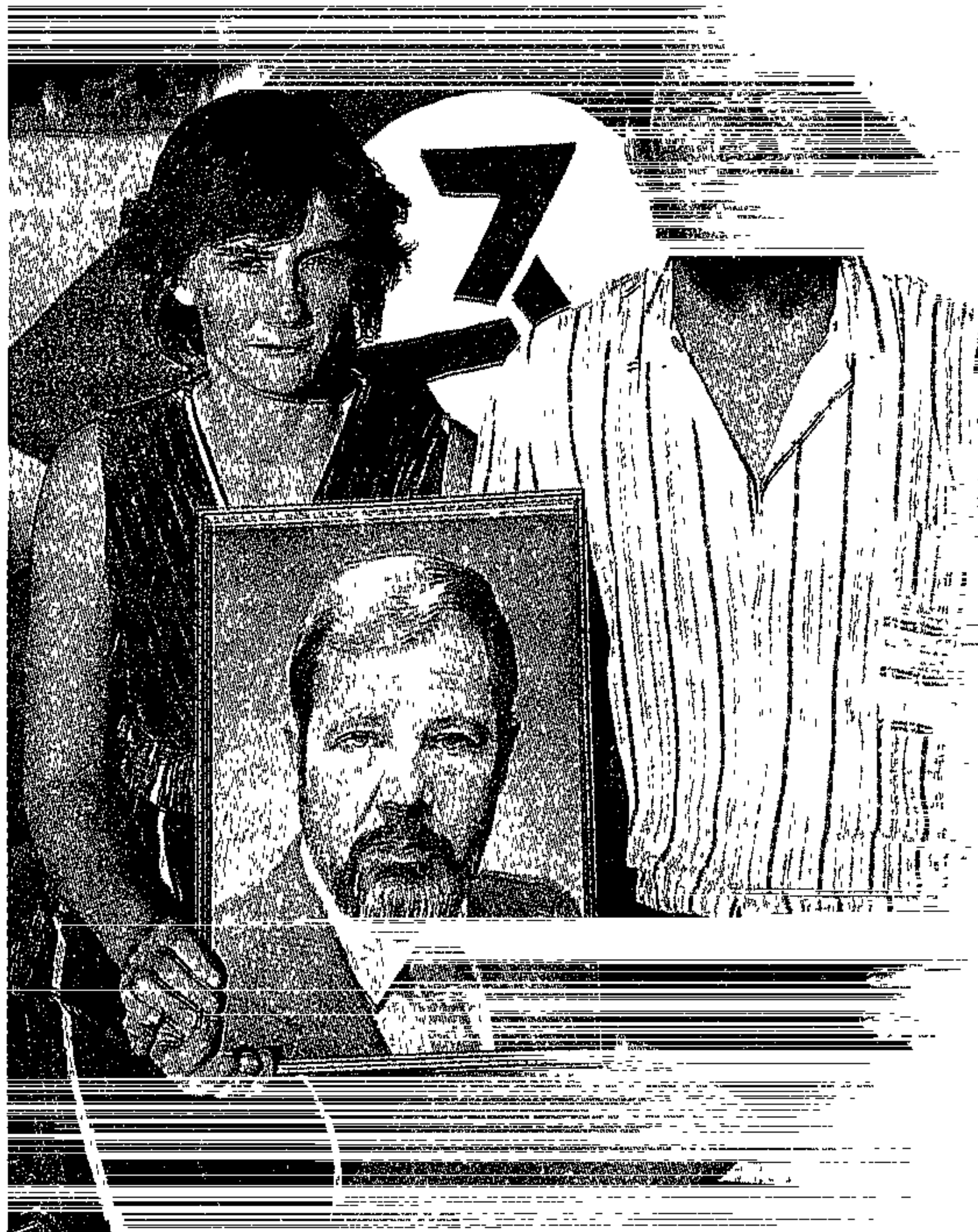
Asked whether she thought the whites of De Aar would ever change she said: “Never. This place is too verkramp. There might be a few whites who feel like me but they are scared of being ostracised. Even my mother calls me a ‘kaffirgat’. I have been disowned by whites although I was born, bred and married in this crazy place. They even threaten to ‘donner’ my daughters at school,” she said.

According to Mrs X the police have shouted “viva” at her children and asked whether they had ANC badges.

“If my own mother writes things against me in the newspaper — do you really expect other whites here to accept a new South Africa?” she asked.

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Veld Kornet Danie Bothma, above, leader of the AWB in De Aar and his wife Sonja pictured in their home. Both husband and wife are committed to fight for the preservation of apartheid.

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Dara chairman Mr Jeremy Davids, left, young and dynamic, trying out the new weapon — negotiation.



ACCUSED, among other things, of being a communist, she further enraged the white community when she supplied, free of charge, food for mourners at the funeral of a black man.

“They can kill me but they won't change me,” she said matter-of-factly.

AWB leader Mr Bothma, 29, who grew up in SWA would also rather die than change.

Before visiting him, we were warned by a

town councillor to be careful and to expect a violent confrontation with the leader of the town's small but vociferous AWB.

Filled with apprehension and dreading the blood curdling roar of a rabid rottweiler trained to tear out any “liberal” throat, photographer Brenton Geach and I knocked on the door.

I heard heavy footsteps in the house and behind me appeared the dog. It was a tiny scruffy grey mongrel that squeaked rather than growled.

A TALL young man with the desperate, almost ragged beginnings of a “boer baard” beard, invited us in.

His wife eyed us suspiciously; a small girl and a toddler peered at us from behind the skirt.

Yes, Mr Bothma wanted to talk. The Afrikaans newspapers were writing “snert” —

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Weekend Argus visited De Aar following reports that the AWB allegedly evicted coloured children from the formerly white swimming pool after the Separate Amenities Act was dropped. Eyewitnesses said the AWB were armed with truncheons and forced the children to salute the AWB flag. Reporter GRAHAM LIZAMORE and photographer BRENTON GEACH went to investigate whether De Aar was a hot-bed of racism.



Facilities in De Aar are now completely open says Councillor John Burgess, above. In the background is the town's olympic sized swimming pool. Three coloured and six white people were using the pool when Weekend Argus visited the town.

Jannie Venter, 18, and Yvette Dixon, 15, left, pupils at De Aar High have mixed feelings about blacks being allowed in their "white" pool. He says no, she says as long as they are clean and behave themselves.

blacks They are here and we all have to live. Let them have what they want in their areas and give us what we want in our areas.

At a meeting with activist Mr Davids and fellow teachers making up the executive of the De Aar Residents Association (Dara) I was given a glimpse into the future of the town.

Intelligent and articulate, Mr Davids described to me the role Dara was playing. The dropping of separate amenities was a non-issue for a start. He did joke, however, about a story being put out by the rightwingers that children could get Aids in the swimming pool. (Few children, white or black, were at the pool when we visited it.)

DARA is involved with the real issues like housing, electrification of the townships, the desperate need for waterborne sewage, and the election of representatives to a single municipality on a non racial basis.

The alleged killing or maiming of blacks by police had to be addressed at the highest level, particularly allegations that they appeared to be implicated in vigilante groups in the townships.

He gave examples of alleged police brutality including a man who was kicked in the police cells and ended up with a burst spleen, and the shooting of a young alleged thief who was known to everyone and who could quite easily have been arrested.

"We have decided, as an action group, to introduce a new weapon into our political armoury — negotiation," he said.



him and the AWB.

"As soon as they dropped the Act, coloured mobs came to the swimming pool. They took over the place. Then they started provoking us whites."

He slammed a newspaper report which said there were 19 children involved in the incident. He claimed there were at least 50 and many were adults. While about six swam, the rest were "just looking for trouble", he said.

"We will not allow this. They are coming to the pool to wash and bringing all their germs. And since the Separate Amenities Act was dropped black servants are saying they want to eat at the same table as whites.

"THE AWB believes the blacks should not be denied a thing. I do not hate blacks. We work with them. The coloureds and blacks are treated exactly the same in the railways and earn the same pay. But I don't see why I must share my facilities with them.

"Blacks have to work to live or who will support them. It's not our policy to wish away the

Bothma, AWB in De Aar pictured husband invited to evocation of

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CP council shuts down 'open' pool

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THE CP-dominated Kuruman Town Council closed down its municipal swimming pool last week, but refuses to say whether the scrapping of the Separate Amenities Act or the dumping of oil in the pool led to the closure.

The mayor, Mr Ampie Coetzee, was not available for comment.

He was, however, quoted yesterday as confirming that a drum of used oil had been dumped into the pool recently, causing about R5 000 worth of damage. The pool was subsequently cleaned.

The pool was opened to all races last month when the Separate Amenities Act was scrapped.

In a recent municipal poll 582 ratepayers opposed the opening of the pool.

Court steps into dispute over loos

A DISPUTE over public toilets in George, kept closed because "non-whites" allegedly vandalised and misused them, has been settled in the Cape Town Supreme Court.

George Municipality brought an urgent application that the court or-

der Garmarc Investments (Pty) Limited to open public toilets on its property before the holiday season.

The municipality's head of health and housing, Mr Abraham de Swardt, said in an affidavit the toilets were important for the town's economy and business activities.

During the season tourists descended "in their thousands" on the town. If the toilets were closed, it would have "serious implications" and pose a health risk.

Garmarc's determination to close the toilets was based on the opinion that especially "members of the non-white community" were misusing,

dirtying and vandalising them, De Swardt said.

A court order was issued by Mr Justice L Rose-Innes yesterday after the two parties came to an agreement.

In terms of the settlement Garmarc Investments agreed to immediately reopen the toilets and repair them. - *Sowetan Correspondent.*

Turning dreams into a R1,3-m sports centre

WORKING mainly at weekends, a group of people have turned their dream into reality in the form of the R1,3-million community centre they built with their own sweat.

The Blackpool Sport community centre in Salt River is a major "seed projects" undertaken as a way of testing community participation.

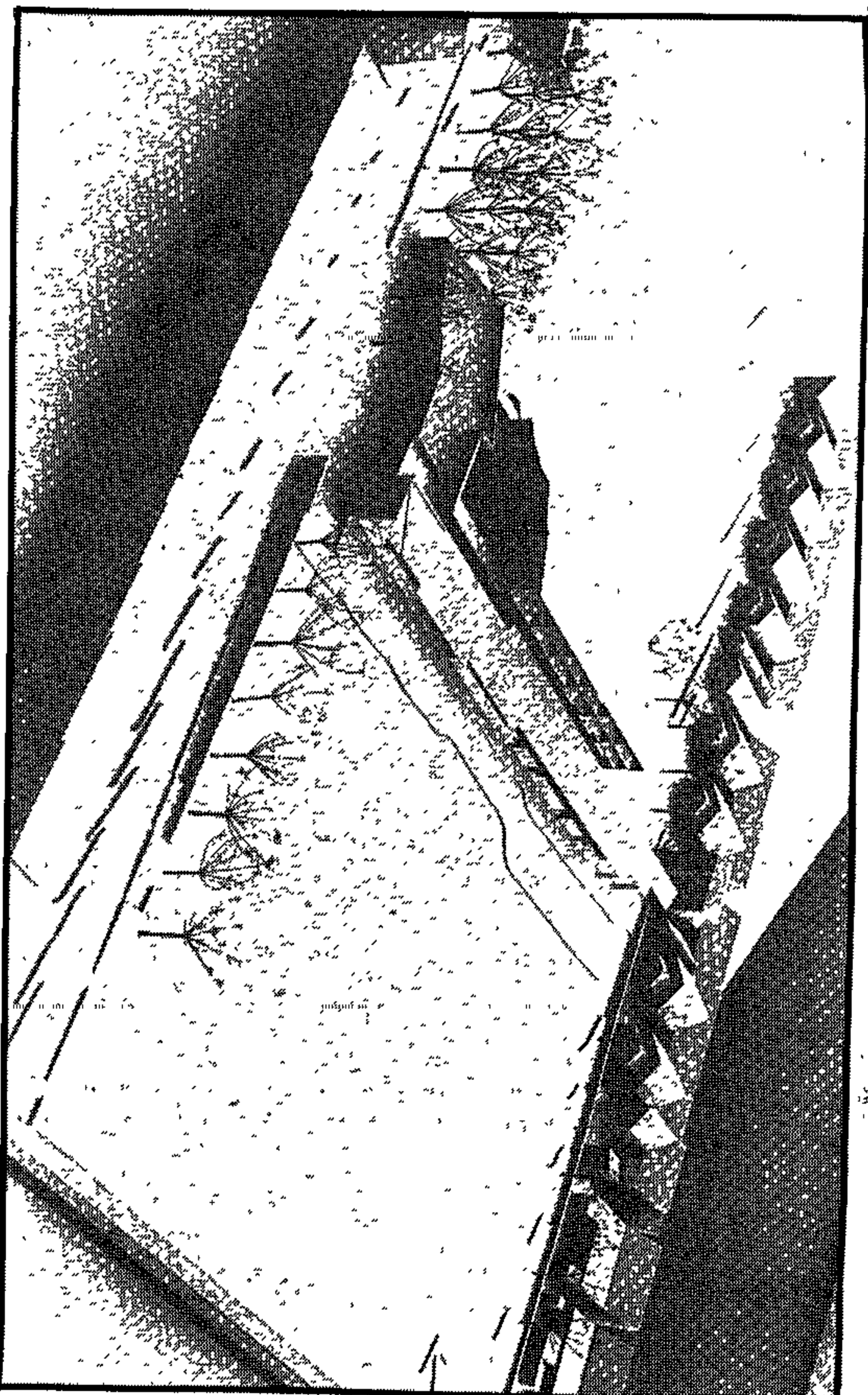
These projects are a partnership between Headstart, the non-profit "facilitating" company, the community and the City Council.

Other successes to date are the building of a tennis club cum community centre complex in the Bo-Kaap and the modernising of the Marion Institute — a run-down community centre in Woodstock.

But the biggest of them all is the Blackpool Sport centre.

Two-thirds of the centre's value was contributed by the Council and business. The other third — R328 000 to be precise — came in the form of "sweat equity" from local people.

The multipurpose complex has an award-winning design. Its two four-team changerooms are designed to double as classrooms during the week. The stage and auditorium are to be used as the adjacent Salt River High School's school hall, and the building's floor



A model of the Blackpool sport community centre in Salt River.

area is big enough to allow indoor soccer.

Apart from BP, 19 other private sector concerns — notably Anglo American — contributed to the Blackpool project.

CP vow to keep suburbs white

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 DEFYING the current political climate, two Conservative Party-controlled suburbs have vowed to remain white.

Algoa Park and Young Park formed a joint action committee after the repeal of the Separate Amenities Act. The committee last week published an advertisement in two local newspapers proclaiming that Algoa Park and Young Park are reserved for whites only.

"Notice is hereby given that no non-white, regardless of status, will be allowed within the proclaimed white suburbs of Algoa Park and Young Park", the advertisement states.

It was presented with the emblem reminiscent of the Nazi eagle.

The advertisement continues that "non-

whites" cannot own property, use public facilities, hawk, loiter or "share in the facilities of our white and Christian schools" in Algoa Park or Young Park.

The chairperson of the action committee who compiled the advertisement, Mr Chris Meyer, could not be reached for comment.

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Earlier this year — after the scrapping of the Separate Amenities Act in October — the Conservative Party declared a Rhodesian-style "Unilateral Declaration of Independence" for Algoa Park and Young Park.

The Nationalist Party MP for the Algoa constituency who has twice defeated Meyer in parliamentary elections, Mr

Frans Pieter Smit, said: "If they want to take law and order into their own hands, they must face the consequences — including Meyer himself."

In response to the advertisement, the Democratic Party regional director, Mr Bobby Stevenson, said law and order appeared to be breaking down in many parts of South Africa, with many people wanting to take the law into their own hands.

"This is clearly unacceptable, whether it be township violence or inflammatory declarations," he said.

Meanwhile a police spokesperson for the Eastern Cape, Colonel Fred Sauerman said: "If it (the statement) is an offence, the police will look into it." — PEN.

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'Monwabisi needs lifesavers' — call

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Staff Reporter

TWELVE people — four of them children — have drowned at the Monwabisi beach resort since December 1 last year, the Western Cape Regional Service Council (RSC) confirmed yesterday.

Eight of the victims drowned in the sea and four in the tidal pool, which is the largest in the southern hemisphere.

The latest victim at Monwabisi (which means "place of happiness") was Mr Andries Samson, 45, of Wellington, who drowned in the tidal pool on Sunday.

Mr Samson went missing at 6 15pm, and his body was found yesterday at 10am, when Metro divers partly drained the pool after unsuccessful searches on Sunday.

Western Province Surf Lifesaving Association (WPSLA) spokesman Mr Eddie Cassar said the resort had claimed more lives than any other Peninsula beach this season.

He said that 95% of all drowning in the Western Cape were due to alcohol abuse. More effective methods to prevent the abuse of alcohol would "drastically reduce" the problem.

There would be fewer deaths by drowning "if more qualified lifesavers were on the beach, and if swimming areas on the beach were demarcated to make the task of the lifesavers easier".

Mr Cassar noted that nobody had drowned on beaches protected by the WPSLA since the service started in 1958.

The WPSLA did not operate at Monwabisi, because lifesaving was a voluntary pastime requiring community involvement, and "no interest has been expressed by the people who go to Monwabisi".



DEATHTRAP . . . The tidal pool at Monwabisi, the largest in the southern hemisphere. Twelve people have drowned at the beach since December 1.

The RSC spokesman said there were 15 lifesavers at Monwabisi, two of whom were qualified. Only one qualified lifesaver and eight trainees were on duty at all times.

Beach constables on duty were also trained to assist the lifesavers.

The spokesman said that signboards had been erected stating that the sea near the tidal pool was dangerous, and that swim-

mers entered the water at their own risk.

He said it was impossible to stop alcohol being brought on to the beach, because entry to the resort was free.

The resort, which has two beaches, a tidal pool and large braai and playground facilities, was the most popular beach in the Peninsula, with 609 700 visitors since December 1.

Group 'beaten up' at De Aar pool

Staff Reporter

WHITE men allegedly beat up three coloured children and five teachers in De Aar at the weekend.

A group, made up of eight children and the teachers, was attacked as it left the town's swimming pool on Saturday.

De Aar teacher Mr Darwin Solomons said yesterday that the group had gone to the pool on Saturday, because the pool in the coloured area was "very dirty".

He said the group was harassed by a group of white youths, who said the group was "full of germs".

AWB members

The group decided to leave after 45 minutes.

At this point, known local AWB members arrived and allegedly beat up teacher Mr Monty Greef in the foyer of the pool complex.

Mr Solomons said they rushed to their bakkie but five AWB members surrounded the vehicle.

The men then allegedly beat three of the children, and two of the other teachers.

De Aar police commander, Captain Eric Thiart confirmed yesterday that three cases of assault were being investigated.

AWB: We'll keep De Aar pool white

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By PETER DENNEHY

DE AAR's AWB leader, Mr Daniel Bothma, said yesterday his organisation was determined to keep the local municipal swimming pool white.

But De Aar mayor Mr Zanus Immelman said his town council would take whatever steps necessary to keep all public amenities in the town open to all its residents.

Both statements came within days of a weekend incident at the public pool in the white part of town, when a group of coloured people that went for a swim was attacked by some khaki-clad right-wingers.

Charges of assault were laid against some of the AWB group, but no arrests have yet been made.

Mr Bothma, who said his organisation would "have to see what we will do" to keep the pool white, denied that any assaults had taken place. "They say children were assaulted, but there were no children among them," he added.

Mr Immelman, a former president of the Cape Province Municipal Association, said the matter had been discussed with the police, who had assured him they would help keep amenities open to all.

Further discussions would take place in

the council next week, to decide whether any special steps were necessary.

"You can't have another group in the town doing the ruling," Mr Immelman said. "We are the rulers."

He said he understood that there had been some swearing and pushing at the pool, but he knew nothing of any assault there.

The municipality operated two swimming pools, one in the coloured and one in the white side of town, and both were "more or less on the same level", he said. The municipality would keep both pools open to all races.

Coloured asked to leave resort

Staff Reporters

A COLOURED woman who was entertaining two Californian friends at a Paarl resort was asked to leave after campers objected to their presence.

Miss June Wentzel of Wynberg said she and her friends had stopped at the Berg River Holiday Resort in the Boland and paid R40 to picnic for the afternoon.

She said they were constantly badgered by campers who told them the picnic spot was reserved for caravaners. At 4pm the receptionist asked them to leave because "only caravaners are allowed".

Miss Wentzel said: "I demanded to know why and all they could say was that day campers were not allowed in the resort. Yet at the entrance it was clearly stated — day campers to be out by 5pm.

"However, it was definitely a colour problem, as we were non-whites and there were only whites at the resort," she said.

When she demanded a refund, the receptionist complied immediately.

Mr George Ochse, owner of the resort, denied that Miss Wentzel and her friends had been asked to leave because of their colour. "This was not a racial incident. We are a closed club," he said.

AWB meets mayor over De Aar racism

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By GLYNNIS UNDERHILL 282

THE AWB leader in De Aar has given the mayor of the Karoo town his assurance that there will be no further racist incidents or harassment of people at public amenities.

The mayor of De Aar, Mr Zanus Immelman, met AWB leader Mr Daniel Bothma this week following an incident earlier this month when five coloured teachers and their pupils were assaulted outside De Aar's public swimming pool.

The mayor said he had been "disgusted" by the incident. The AWB, which had previously vowed to "protect" the swimming pool from people of other races, had requested a meeting, he said.

Mr Bothma confirmed that the AWB had agreed to stay away from the public swimming baths — for now.

Mr Immelman said Mr Bothma had accepted that the town council operates according to the law and rules of the country.

The council would consider using municipal police to patrol the swimming baths only if it became necessary, he said.

RSC asks for help on Monwabisi

26/1/91
By DALE GRANGER 282

SHARP criticism of the Western Cape Regional Services Council for the "totally unacceptable" spate of drownings at Monwabisi Beach during the festive season has prompted them to request assistance from the WP Surf Lifesaving Association (WPSLA).

WPSLA spokesman Mr Eddy Cassar said the 12 deaths at Monwabisi were a "totally unacceptable tragedy".

With 600 000 visitors in December alone, Monwabisi was the most con-

gested beach in the Cape, and "until Monwabisi has developed their communities and has adequate facilities, the RSC have to take care of it. It's their responsibility", Mr Cassar said.

Responding to Mr Cassar's comments Mr Chris Mocke, RSC chief executive officer, said: "Any assistance or guidance which Mr Cassar and the WPSLA may be able to offer at Monwabisi would be appreciated."

Mr Cassar welcomed the proposal, saying: "All the RSC has to do is get hold of us."

Paying the price of less separate amenities



By
PAUL BELL

MR. Hermus Kriel, the Minister of Planning and Provincial Affairs, and the Administrator of the Cape, Mr Kobus Meiring, will be pleased to know there has been absolutely no De Aar-type brawling and nonsense at the Colesberg municipal pool.

Because in Colesberg, as far as I could ascertain last week, only one black family has come to swim since the whites-only signs came down last October.

Come to think of it, the sign was still up there last week.

How were the white people of Colesberg keeping their pool water pure? Why, by pricing it like Perrier! On October 15, 1990, the very day that the Reservation of Separate Amenities Act was scrapped, the entrance fee went up from R1,30 to R10 — an increase of 769%.

This device was so transparent that even whites were embarrassed. Worse, they couldn't afford it themselves. Gate takings slumped to R170 over

December and January.

Last week, the council — bowing, it seems, to some rare and unexpected pressure from its otherwise quiescent junior partner, the "coloured" management committee at Lowryville — agreed to lower the tariff back to R2. Which, one supposes, is better than a slap in the belly with a wet fish.

There is, however, the matter of the town library.

New regulations, also promulgated on October 15, now require would-be borrowers "outside the jurisdiction" of the council to be farmers (and Colesberg has about 120 pretty prosperous farmers) and the residents of Kuyasa, whose truly decrepit township begins less than 500 metres from the home of Colesberg's erstwhile mayor, Mrs Stephanie van der Berg.

Time was when white people did all they could to extend their "jurisdiction" over black people.

Now, in small towns like Colesberg, they all look like that Toyota ad with the car going backwards.

But my, what a nice library. Ten thousand books, an excellent children's section, even a small but diverse selection of records. The librarian flushed with pride.

But I was feeling malicious. "So, what are the conditions of membership?" I asked.

Her expression became pinched. "What do you mean, conditions?"

"Well, how do I join?"

She though she was off the hook. "Oh well, you fill out a form..."

"And its free?"

"Oh yes. But not for farmers. They must pay R30."

"Oh, so the children from Kuyasa can use the library too? Well, that must be a boon."

"Er, no, for whites and coloured it's free but the blacks must pay... the same as the farmers."

"How extraordinary," I said. I was now, I admit,

being deliberately cruel. "So the poorest people in the community must pay the same as the richest people in the community, while the people in the middle pay nothing. Why do you think that is?"

"It's a decision of the council," she said.

Mayor Van der Berg pleaded for understanding. ("We have to have a hold. We just must have order. To change overnight after 40 years...") I don't think so, ma'am. I just don't think so. The kids from Kuyasa are trying to borrow books from the museum, they're so desperate to read something.

Perhaps, Minister Kriel, or Mr Administrator, you could have a word with somebody. And then perhaps you could let us know why it now also costs day visitors to the caravan park R5 a head to enter, and why the price of entering the H F Verwoerd Dam resort has gone from R2 to R17.

'Whites only' at PE pool, AWB warns

Own Correspondent

PORT ELIZABETH. — The AWB and members of the Algoa Park Action Committee's "citizen force" intend enforcing a "whites only" rule they have proclaimed at the Algoa Park swimming pool.

In an open confrontation with the city administration, Conservative Party member and councillor Mr Chris Meyer warned that municipal compliance with the lifting of the Separate Amenities Act was not a green light for other races to use the bath.

"I want to warn people that it is not a green light for other races, and in future the AWB and the citizen force will be protecting the rights of our people at the pool."

Mr Meyer challenged the director of administration, Mr Carl Fischer, to "stop telling us what to do from his desk and come to the Pieter Rademeyer Hall in the ward and explain himself to the rate-payers".

Last night Mr Fischer said there was no question of a debate on the subject. "Maintenance of proper standards of behaviour and law enforcement are so basic there is no scope for debate."

PE hits snags in 'Open City' campaign

THE "One City" campaign launched by the Port Elizabeth city council may turn out to be more complicated than its promoters anticipated. South Africa Communist Party (SACP), Ibhayi City Council, Mafikeng, have taken the initiative on a long-held ideal of forming a single, non-racial city council with a single tax base.

"We need to get something on the table to discuss with interested parties," said Paul Botha, a town clerk. An issue which has caused some controversy is the question of a facility for the "interested parties". And interestingly enough, the reds have rejected the notion of a facility for the "interested parties". Botha said while the city council did not reject the notion of a facility, it would be up to the meeting of "interested parties" to decide whether or not to accept it. The local branch of the African National Congress (ANC) has called for a constituent assembly, the Dr. Fredericks has called for a constituent assembly, the Dr. van Zyl Shabert had agreed to act as a facilitator to get the "One City" campaign on the issue, while the city council has opted for a multi-party conference.

Botha said a council working group has compiled a list of "interested parties", which included the ANC, Port Elizabeth Peoples' Civic Organisation (Pepco), Northern Areas Co-ordinating Committee (NACC), Mass Democratic Movement (MDM), Afrikaanse Volksbeweging (AVB), and the Cape Peninsula Chamber of Industries.

The Port Elizabeth city council's initiative on creating a non-racial, unified council has drawn a wide range of responses from political groupings. SHADLEY MASH reports.

that this process would take place in two phases — there would first be consultations with management committees and later with extra-parliamentary organisations.

Now, however, he has stated that it must be a joint venture.

Botha said the city council, which had appointed a team to look into the various aspects of the formation of the "one city" proposal, had been working on this question since 1988. The Council's Policy and Resource Committee has become a think tank to put together proposals to look at how such a structure could be implemented.

"The proposals are simply an initial response or a formation of ideas — there is nothing hard and fast about them," said Botha.

While the city council has begun the debate in this direction, extra-parliamentary organisations such as the

the ANC, Pepco and the NACC will present a different challenge to the council.

"We must go for elections to determine who will be on a one-city administration. Those people would then carry the mandate from their constituencies," said Mike Khogo, regional publicity secretary for the ANC.

Khogo also warned strongly against the co-opting of people into the present city council as an extension of the tri-cameral system, a view favoured by the Labour Party's Alan Hendrickse.

The NACC, on the other hand, will firstly call for the disbanding of the present city council and other local authorities and the setting up of an interim, elected structure to smooth the way for a single, non-racial city council.

Spokesperson Abraham Human said this week the NACC had set up its own working group to look into its proposals on the question of "one city".

Pepco will also take a hardline stand on negotiations if it involves the

agent committees as "they have no mandate from the people."

They — Ibhayi and the management committees — must produce their support first to prove their legitimacy, said Pepco's Mnyamzeli Sule.

The CP will also present the city council with a major stumbling block in this process.

Vehemently opposed to the "one city" concept and bent on perpetuating petty apartheid, the CP will want to present its challenge at the polls.

The city council has no mandate from its constituency to implement the proposal, said CP MP for Uitenhage W A Botha. "No steps should be taken towards the implementation of single, non-racial municipalities until the voters of the city have expressed this desire at the polls."

While the extra-parliamentary organisations are unanimous on the disbanding of local authorities, a whole range of problems face local planners for one municipality.

Three key management challenges face planners, according to DP regional organiser Bobby Stevenson. These include the challenges of economic growth, infrastructural development, and the development of the political system.

Move on

AWB pool

'assault'

Staff Reporter

POLICE in De Aar are expected to complete their investigation into last month's alleged assault by AWB members on coloured school teachers and children within the next few days.

The children had been swimming at the municipal pool, which had just been opened to all races when they are alleged to have been assaulted by a group of white men.

A spokesman for the Minister of Law and Order said yesterday that the dockets would be forwarded to the attorney-general for a decision on whether or not to prosecute.

The police statement came after representatives of the coloured community in De Aar questioned the commitment of the investigating officers, saying they had expected swift justice as the victims had positively identified a local white railways employee in a police line-up the day after the incident.

Law and Order spokesman Brigadier Leon Mellet said the community's concern that the police were not acting on the complaint had been unfounded.

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Student dies in race clash

PORT ELIZABETH. — A black student teacher died in hospital on Tuesday after being punched and kicked unconscious by white men outside the the McArthur pool in Humewood here on Sunday.

He was Mr Ronald Mqikela, 26, an unmarried student teacher. He was unconscious, with blood flowing from his ears, nose and mouth when an ambulance arrived at the scene about an hour after the fight.

A friend of the dead man, Mr Thembikosi Frans Ngwayi, yesterday described the incident which happened about 3pm.

"Ronald, myself and two other friends were playing with a ball beside the pool when eight aggressive young white men approached us. The tallest one said 'You black people mustn't play

with a ball here. It's not allowed'.

"We asked why not and appealed to a white lifesaver, but the lifesaver was on their side.

"The whites said it was written on a board that ball games were not allowed near the pool. We said: 'Where is that board?'

"We decided to leave the pool and go to our car, which was parked about 20 paces away from the entrance to the swimming pool. The whites followed us. The tall chap said: 'You people want to fight?'. We said no.

Bleeding

"The tall chap started the attack. I tried to get away from the whites and into the car. One of the whites slammed the door and hurt my ankle badly.

"Outside the car several men were boxing and kicking Ronald."

The attack on Mr Mqikela lasted about five minutes, Mr Ngwayi said.

"When the men were finished with us, Ronald was lying unconscious near the car, bleeding very much from his ears and his nose and his mouth.

"One of us telephoned the police, and when the police arrived about an hour later Ronald was still unconscious and bleeding a lot."

The dead man's brother, 20-year-old Mr Luvuyo Mqikela, said his brother lived with his mother, 56-year-old Gladys, at Kwazakhele. The funeral was being arranged for next week, he said.

A hospital spokesman said yesterday that Ronald appeared to have died of brain injuries.

A police spokesman said a case of murder was being investigated. — Sapa

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Pool killing: Two charged

PORT ELIZABETH. — Two men were charged with the murder of KwaZakhele student teacher Mr Ronald Nquhela, 27, when they appeared in the magistrate's court here yesterday.

This follows an incident at the McArthur swimming baths in Humewood on Sunday when it was alleged Mr Nquhela and some friends were assaulted by white men.

Bail of R250 each was paid by Mr Stefanus Victor, 22, of Forest Hill, and Mr Marius Ferreira, 20, of Kensington. They were not asked to plead and were ordered to appear in court again on April 5.

In Cape Town yesterday the Labour Party said the killing of Mr Nquhela was a shocking indictment of the country's racially-divided society. — Sapa

ANC leader refused meal

ANC national chairman Mr Raymond Mhlaba was turned away from a restaurant in Cradock just two days after he was entertained by the town's mayor and the local chamber of commerce.

"Although the owner was not aggressive, I was insulted at being refused a meal simply because of the colour of my skin," Mhlaba said.

He was asked to leave before he even had a chance to read the menu.

Mhlaba, his wife and driver stopped at the restaurant on Monday on their way to Thaba Nchu.

Mhlaba said: "It was especially shocking when you consider it happened shortly after we were entertained by the mayor and the local chamber of com-

merce.

The owner of the restaurant was unavailable but his wife said it was their policy not to admit blacks.

"It is very difficult to explain if you don't actually live and work in Cradock. We have a lot of drunks and loiterers hanging around outside the restaurant and we have to try and keep the balance," she said.

Local chamber secretary Mr Philip Gerber regretted the incident.

"We have been trying to overcome the mutual distrust (among various races) which goes back many decades.

"An incident such as this could do irreparable harm to the good work already done." - Sapa.



RAYMOND MHLABA

WHEN a high-profile politician like ANC

national executive chairman Raymond Mhlaba is made to swallow the bitter pill of apartheid, we must question the integrity of some whites in our country.

Mhlaba was this week thrown out of a Cradock restaurant.

I have already urged all South African whites to follow in the footsteps of deputy minister of Law and Order, Leon Wessels, who recently apologised for apartheid.

I said Wessels' statement was laudable and should set a precedent for all whites in this country.

Mhlaba has paid an extremely high price in the liberation struggle for opposing white supremacy.

He was released two years ago from Robben Island after completing 25 years of his life sentence.

He and people like Nelson Mandela, Walter Sisulu and many others sacrificed their youth fighting for equality.

Even when they were released from prison they showed no resentment.

MY WAY

With Khulu Sibiyi

Racists must adapt or go



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They surprised everyone by negotiating with the same government that jailed them.

One wonders whether the owners of the Cradock restaurant knew who Mhlaba was.

The irony too is that the incident occurred shortly after Mhlaba was treated to a VIP dinner by Cradock's mayor.

But Mhlaba's stature is irrelevant - every person deserves respect.

What is questionable is the attitude of these white people towards blacks - an attitude still found in most dorps like Cradock. The incident would not have

been noticed if it were just another black person. It seems that if you're black you are always subjected to humiliation and degradation.

Some don't care that President FW de Klerk wants a new South Africa or that other whites are apologising for apartheid.

This is what the restaurant said: "We have a lot of drunks and loiterers hanging around outside the restaurant and we have to try and keep a balance."

If this is not racism at its worst, what is it? According to this woman, black people are generally drunks and

loiterers.

Which reminds me of a conversation I had recently with a training officer at a leading mining company.

He wanted to know why there was so much violence in the townships.

Nothing I could say would convince him that black people, like whites, are not violent by nature - and that apartheid was the cause of the violence.

"I know you people," he said with authority, "I worked with blacks on the Zambian mines and in the good old days of Rhodesia before Mugabe took over."

Besides being violent by nature, you don't have a

civilised value system."

How arrogant! Blacks are no good, he maintains, and civilisation, it would seem, is the preserve of whites.

But we must guard against judging all whites by people like the miner, the restaurant owner and those white farmers who still treat their workers as slaves.

My racist friend from Zambia - whom I respect for his openness - admitted that he came to

South Africa after Zambia and Zimbabwe became independent "because this was the only country left in Africa that still protected white values".

I told him the only route for him, and others who refuse to accept our culture and black civilisation, was the sea.

If he could not adapt to Africa he should go home to Europe, I said.

We have come a long way and we must not tolerate racists.

How would they feel if the shoe were on the other foot?

I can assure you the world would shout: "Foul play!"

De Aar AWB to face charges

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BY GUY OLIVER

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DE AAR'S AWB leader, Mr Daniel Bothma, is to be prosecuted for two separate alleged assaults on coloured children at the local, formerly "whites only", swimming pool, Northern Cape attorney-general Mr Charl Du Plessis confirmed yesterday.

One of the two incidents took place in January this year, and the other in October last year.

Mr Du Plessis said he had ordered prosecutions against Mr Bothma and Mr Lester John Douglas Geyser, on three counts of assault and three counts of criminal injuria. This follows an incident inside the swimming pool on October 21 last year.

He said coloured children had al-

legedly "been pushed and insulted" by the two men.

Both men have been ordered to appear in court on May 21.

Mr Bothma has also been subpoenaed to appear on March 28, to face three charges of assault.

The charges follow an alleged assault on coloured children just outside the pool complex in January.

Mr Du Plessis said further complaints of assault on coloured children in the same vicinity were being investigated, but the suspects had not yet been identified.

The pool area became a flash point of racial tension after the Separate Amenities Act was abolished last year, opening facilities to all races.

Police stop AWB trial rumpus

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By JANICE HILLIER

POLICE intervened to restore order after an argument broke out in the public gallery of a court where an AWB kommandant was appearing on assault charges.

The argument, minutes before the magistrate entered the De Aar court, was between AWB supporters and coloured townfolk.

Prosecutor JM de Nysschen said order was restored after he had asked police court orderlies to intervene.

Mr Daniel Bothma, 28, appeared in the magistrate's court on Thursday charged with assaulting three coloured children at the town's previously whites-only swimming pool earlier this year.

Mr Bothma is alleged to have

punched six-year-old Sheraldine Damoense in the eye. He is also charged with slapping eight-year-old Darwin Solomons in the face and hitting him over the head with a snorkel in January.

(282) Choked

He is also alleged to have choked eight-year-old Charne Matroos.

The explosive racial incident took place at the town's swimming pool after armed rightwingers, who were opposed to blacks being admitted, arrived at the pool, which had officially been opened to all races.

At his first appearance in court in May, Mr Bothma pleaded not guilty to all three counts of assault.

This week the evidence of the boys and their parents, as well as that of a police witness, was led before the case was postponed to Tuesday.

Mr Bothma was released on his own recognisances.

The De Aar AWB leader and Mr John Lester Geyser are also due to appear on Tuesday in a separate case on charges of assault and crimen injuria.

These charges arise from another incident in which Mr Bothma and Mr Geyser allegedly assaulted three juveniles at the town's swimming pool in October last year.

AWB officer guilty of hitting child

By JANICE HILLIER

AN AWB kommandant has been found guilty of assaulting a coloured child at a formerly whites-only swimming pool in the Northern Cape.

De Aar magistrate Mr JW Prinsloo this week found Daniel Bothma, 28, guilty of slapping eight year-old Darwin Solomons in the face and hitting him over the head with a snorkel at the town's municipal pool in January.

He was fined R50 (or 25 days' imprisonment), suspended for one year.

Bothma was acquitted of two other charges of assault.

Armed

The incident occurred after armed right-wingers, who were against blacks being admitted, visited the pool after it had officially been opened to all races.

In a separate matter, magistrate Mr LM Bothma acquitted Bothma and Mr John Lester Geyser of charges of assault and crimen injuria.

The charges arose after Bothma and Mr Geyser allegedly assaulted three juveniles, also at the town's swimming pool, in October.

The magistrate found the two men had not intended to commit the assault.

Hotel 'wouldn't serve non-whites'

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Staff Reporter

THE manager of a Caledon hotel has denied that a group of five Cape Town men were refused access to a bar at the hotel because one man was coloured.

Mr Gawie Kruger, of the Alexander Hotel, said the men were asked to drink in the ladies' bar or the hotel restaurant as the "Alexander Club" was for members only.

Mr Abe Kink, an employee of

one of the four businessmen involved, said he had been "humiliated" by the incident "I thought that apartheid was scrapped and then this happens," he said.

His employer, Mr Ken Disney, of Mowbray, said that when their group tried to enter the pub on Saturday night they were asked to leave. "The barmen told us that they did not accept non-whites. We were very embarrassed and we went to a Greyton hotel, where

we did not have any problems."

Mr Kruger said, however, that "if that was what happened, then the men were told to leave by the wrong chap and for the wrong reason".

He added that he had not personally asked the men to leave on racial grounds.

"We are not a racist hotel at all. We have three coloured people staying with us right now," Mr Kruger said.

Great open city challenge is on

Cape Town, Durban vie to dump
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race laws

OWN CORRESPONDENT

CAPE TOWN — Towns and cities throughout South Africa have been challenged to scrap all discriminatory by-laws immediately and not to waste time merely chipping away at them.
The race is already on between Durban and Cape Town to see



Place of rest turns into place of cruel destruction
Star 5/10/91

AL-AHMEEN KAFAR

FOR THE past three years, residents of the Sgodophola (place of rest) squatter camp, a few kilometres outside Fourways, lived undisturbed on the banks of the Jukskei River.

But their daily routine came to an abrupt end earlier this week when they had to look on helplessly as a bulldozer flattened their shacks and belongings, killing dogs, chickens and pigeons in callous destruction. No opportunity was given to remove belongings and pets.

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Veteran Democratic Party MP



The race is already on between Durban and Cape Town to see which city will be first to completely abolish discrimination.

Cape Town's civic leaders say their city remains in the forefront of the fight against apartheid at local government level.

Their claim is based on the city's long tradition of resistance to apartheid — even at the height of the apartheid era — and on the latest moves towards a fully democratic, apartheid-free "open city".

But Durban claims it is about to overtake all other South African cities. On Monday an innovative plan is to be placed before the city council which aims to scrap not just apartheid but all discriminatory by-laws "in one fell swoop".

It hopes to do this by way of "overriding by-laws" eliminating discrimination on grounds of race, religion and gender from its existing by-laws. The management committee is confident the plan will be accepted.

Management committee chairman Peter Mansfield says the council could either spend months, even years, combing through 150 years of by-laws to seek out discriminatory measures, or it could solve the problem with a single "omnibus decision".

One fell swoop

"This will be an historic decision. Many cities, including Durban, have been chipping away at discrimination for years.

"But as far as we know this is the first time any city or other level of government in South Africa has decided to eliminate all discriminatory measures from its laws in one fell swoop," said Mr Mansfield.

"We would like to issue a friendly challenge to other cities and other levels of government to follow suit. There is no need for cities to wait for central government to make decisions for us. In this area ... cities are in a position to set an example to other levels of government."

Mr Mansfield said he was particularly pleased that the management committee had agreed to tackle the issue of gender. "In our race-obsessed society the issue of discrimination against women has all too often taken a very back seat."

Cape Town City Council sources said the city was proud of its long tradition of resisting all forms of discrimination. As a result of the city's persistent efforts, few, if any, discriminatory measures remained.

Dick Friendlander, chairman of the Cape Town City Council's executive committee, said the city had always had a policy of no discrimination.

"It has always been our philosophy. The only inhibition to the full implementation of our policy has been laws such as the Group Areas Act with which we had to comply when they were in force.

"Legally it is hoped that most, if not all, discrimination is now out. Emotionally we are one people."

A clear expression of Cape Town's thinking and its commitment to non-discrimination was contained in recent statements on civil liberties in an "open Cape Town".

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Kuruman's only open shop is sealed

THE lock and front door of a takeaway restaurant in Kuruman – the only business exempted from a consumer boycott in the Northern Cape town – was welded shut by unknown people this week.

Death threats were also made against the owners and staff of Hamburger King, which belongs to Frenchman Laurent Mathieu and his wife Maria, both members of the ANC in Kuruman. Their patrons are mostly black.

Maria Mathieu said her sister, Maisie Petersen, had arrived at the shop on Monday morning to find the lock and part of the door jamb welded. She alerted the police, who took fingerprints. (18)

The lock was later removed and the door was forced open. Soon afterwards an Afrikaans-speaking man telephoned and said: "You and your ANC people. We will kill all of you in the shop."

On Tuesday morning, Mathieu asked a policeman to accompany her to open the shop. They found the lock welded again. (17/12/91)

The consumer boycott was launched by the ANC on November 22 to pressure Kuruman Town Council into opening municipal facilities to all races and to permit peaceful demonstrations in the town. (282)

Mathieu said she had asked police to guard or patrol the premises at night and spent Tuesday night guarding the shop herself. Her husband is away on business in Pretoria. – Sapa

PORT Elizabeth's Parks Department has driven a nail into apartheid's coffin with the first burial of a black person at the formerly whites-only Forest Hill cemetery.

PE municipality's director of parks, Mr Manie Reynecke, said last week there was "no reference to race in municipal regulations" or prohibitions against black people being bur-

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ied at traditionally whites-only cemeteries.

However, black people were normally buried at cemeteries which fell under the jurisdiction of the Ibhayi city council, the Eastern Cape's

largest black local authority.

Reynecke said it now seemed more and more black people would want to be buried at Forest Hill, a picturesque cemetery near the city's HF Verwoerd airport.

"As long as people pay the required amount, anybody who so wishes can be buried at Forest Hill," he said.

—PEN

Racism rules

PETTY apartheid is alive and well — and living on FW de Klerk's doorstep. 282

This was the experience of a group of British visitors who tried to get a drink in Hermanus, where the State President has his holiday home.

Last Friday UCT student Mr Stephen Hanival took some relatives from Britain to the Astoria Hotel bar in Hermanus.

"The barman told us that coloured people were not admitted; and said we must leave immediately," Hanival said. South 13/2 - 19/2/92

Hotel manager Mr DJ Schneider denied the incident. "Colour means nothing to me," he said.

He insisted that only people who behaved badly were asked to leave. But he would not allow SOUTH to speak to the barman who had been on duty on Friday.

"With everyone raving about the new South Africa, my family from England was unimpressed," Hanival said.

Woman thrown out of 'whites-only' spa

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By KURT SWART

A YOUNG Cape Town woman was hurt and humiliated when she was asked to leave a plush Worcester health and holiday resort last weekend because of her skin colour.

The presence of Miss Tina Forward, 22, an internal auditor from Vanguard Estate, at Goudini Spa last Saturday, clashed with the whites-only policy of the Bolland resort's management.

Miss Forward and her white boyfriend entered Goudini Spa at 9am to visit friends, a married couple who had booked in for the weekend.

Miss Forward spent much of the day at the spa, mostly around the pool with her boyfriend, and was asked to leave at 4pm as she and her friends were about to braai.

"If the spa is for whites only, why didn't they refuse me at the gate?"

Miss Forward and her boyfriend were guests of Rosemary and Richard, who asked that their surname be withheld.

Said Richard: "We were getting the braai prepared when the management phoned."

"A woman asked me if one

of my guests was 'of the other race group'.

"I asked what the problem was and was told that other guests had complained and that Tina had to leave. I asked if she could stay for the braai, but I was told she had to leave immediately."

In an attempt to hide the problem from Miss Forward, her boyfriend suggested that they leave. Miss Forward was annoyed by the abrupt change in their plans and her friends had no choice but to tell her.

"I was so embarrassed. I walked away and let my wife talk to Tina," said Richard.

Said Rosemary: "I won't go to that place again."

A Goudini manager confirmed Miss Forward had been asked to leave because the resort was "not open".

A spokesman for the board of directors at Goudini headquarters in Pretoria said: "We are a private company and we still maintain the status quo as in the past. We will review this policy from time to time."

FW gets letter on beerhall

By THEMBA KHUMALO

A DESPERATE Lebohang township businessman in Leslie has written to President FW de Klerk to ask him to intervene in what he views as a racist sale of a township beerhall to a white man.

Peter Mahlangu said he and six colleagues tendered R300 000 for the purchase of a local beerhall in July last year.

Officials of the Lebohang Village Council had told them that as locals their application would get preference.

The businessmen were informed last month that their application was unsuccessful. The council refused to disclose the lucky applicant, whom the businessmen believe had paid R400 000.

Mahlangu said: "The next thing a white man was the new owner. We believe he is a rich guy from Standerton, but no one has told us officially about him."

He said he had done "everything conceivable" to oppose the sale.

He had even written to two TPA MECs, who informed him that they had investigated the matter and found that the village officials had followed the correct procedure in tendering for and selling the beerhall.

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De Beer and his committee argued it was "morally wrong" for

resign their seats

The tradition in SA party politics has shown that MPs have not

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Mixed couple barred from resort

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By Quentin Wilson

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A WHITE man and his coloured girlfriend took a trip back to the old South Africa when the whites-only Goudini Spa in Worcester refused them permission to stay there.

The man, Mr Theo Huxam, said: "It really took the wind out of my sails. I didn't think that apartheid existed on that level anymore."

He said he had friends who had been turned away five years ago on grounds of race.

When he telephoned last week to make a reservation for the long weekend, he asked the receptionist whether the resort would admit his coloured girlfriend.

She replied, "Definitely not!" She suggested Huxam take up the matter with the managing director of the controlling company.

Mr Steve du Preez, MD of Rondalia, defended the racist policy, saying it was "within our rights" as

a private company to exclude people on racial grounds.

Du Preez said his company's policy was "not a political decision".

"Some people prefer to go to resorts where there will only be whites. Those people that have booked will expect that.

"If they find blacks there then they will demand their money back and that is not good for our business," he said.

"Everybody must be patient. We don't want to be aggressive or have death threats or anything like that. I can't give a date now, but it won't be that long (before the policy is scrapped)," Du Preez said.

When SOUTH tried to make a similar booking, the receptionist responded: "There are a few rules. We don't allow people from all races, no visitors and no pets."

She said the resort had lost "quite a lot of business" by turning away blacks.

Thugs terrorise birthday

By BILL KRIGE

A YOUNG mother's birthday celebration in a Somerset East restaurant was ruined by a group of white men who lashed at women with a sjambok and told them to "find a kaffir place to dance in".

The evening out for Georgina Sammy, 23, ended when her husband, Rowan, 27, was bundled into a police van. She spent the night in the Somerset East charge office with their baby son.

"That was the most humiliating moment of all," said Mrs Sammy. "Rowan was the one with the com-

plaint, but they wouldn't hear it. (23) (282)

"They wouldn't even give him a glass of water or take him to the doctor, even though it was claimed he was drunk."

She said they were celebrating her birthday with about 10 friends at the Kilano Steakhouse a week ago when four white men entered the restaurant at 11pm. Later more men joined the group.

"They started passing nasty remarks about kaf-

firs and hotnots, but we ignored them. Then Rowan got up to go to the toilet and a man we know to be a prison guard followed him outside and spat at him," she claimed.

Steakhouse manager Thomas Visser tried to keep the peace, but a fight broke out. Mrs Sammy was sjambokked across the back, allegedly by a local farmer, as was one of her friends, Mrs Rosemary Huffie.

Police confirmed they were investigating charges of assault and crimen injuria.

ANC TAKES ON V & A BOSSES
OVER 'ALL-WHITE' WATERFRONT

Race row tarnishes jewel of harbour

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By EVE VOSLOO

A TOP-LEVEL meeting has taken place between the African National Congress and the Victoria and Alfred Waterfront company about ANC concerns that the development has an all-white image and "excludes the broader community at all levels".

The meeting was confirmed this week by the director of the Waterfront, Mr David Jack, and ANC Western Cape Regional Executive Committee member Mr Basil Davidson.

It was also attended by ANC regional chairman Dr Allan Boesak, the chairman of the V & A company, Professor Brian Kantor, and city councillor Mr Sol Kreiner.

Favourable

Mr Davidson, the ANC regional executive committee member dealing with development-related issues, said this week that certain questions had arisen about the waterfront, "given that the development is on public property".

These included the privatisation of public property "without consultation with the broader community", he said.

"We discussed the composition of the board and the section of the community which has access to the opportunities offered by the development. Both of these are perceived as broadly white and of primary benefit to whites," he said.

"We also discussed the workers at the Waterfront and said we felt the broader community was under-represented — even

most of the waiting staff are white — and that the target market of the development was not representative of the population of Cape Town."

The ANC believed it had not received a favourable response to its representations. "We were more or less told that free market forces would determine who came in and who was employed at the Waterfront," Mr Davidson said.

He said, however, that it had been agreed to meet again.

The director of the Waterfront, Mr Jack, said all criticism was noted as there was high public interest in the project.

The Waterfront was open to everyone, he said.

Anyone could put forward a proposal and, provided it fitted in with the overall concept of the Waterfront and was based on sound business principles, it would be considered on merit. This was vital as the company received no finance from the state or the province, Mr Jack said.

"All interested parties were asked to put forward their ideas right from the initial planning stages."

Mr Jack said people of colour were involved in the Waterfront as employees, owners of businesses and contractors.

"One of the great success stories here is that of Mrs Fawzia Knowlden, who saw at the start that there was room for a Halaal take-away," he said.

"There are other examples of people who have shown initiative."

Among them are Taliep Petersen, who was instrumental in starting the Dock Road Theatre complex, and Abdullah Ibrahim and Hugh Masekela who were involved in Rosie's.

Mr Jack said the development was aimed primarily at locals — who accounted for more than 90 percent of visitors — and not at foreign tourists.

The company also had educational programmes, designed particularly to teach children — many of them underprivileged — about the South African fishing industry as well as the harbour and its history.

Success

The chairman of the V & A company, Professor Brian Kantor, said there had been a lot of scepticism initially about the project.

Now that it was successful, people who had not been involved earlier would "use almost any tactic" to gain a footing.

"The idea that this project is keeping out people of any persuasion is a calumny."

"We want to provide opportunity for everyone, based on merit. This development is open to all and its opportunities are being used by everybody."

"But this is not a charity. What some people want is affirmative action of some kind."

'Monsignor jeans' is archbishop's new right hand

By EVE VOSLOO

A RUGGED-LOOKING former navy chaplain with an impish sense of humour and a penchant for conducting parish business in blue jeans is the new Catholic Auxiliary Bishop of Cape Town.

Monsignor Reginald Cawcutt, appointed to his new position by Pope John Paul II, is vicar-general of the Archdiocese of Cape Town.

He is also priest in charge of Holy Cross parish, which includes parts of the old District Six.

In 1988, after working extensively with the deaf for six years, he became the first Catholic to be appointed chaplain to the South African Navy and held this position for 16 years.

Born in Rugby in 1938, Monsignor Cawcutt was the second of four sons of one of South Africa's most successful racehorse trainers, Mr Wilf Cawcutt. His mother, Mary, who lives in Cape Town, was born on Robben Island while it was a leper



REGINALD CAWCUTT
New auxiliary bishop

hood at St John Vianney Seminary, Pretoria, from 1955 to 1962.

He was appointed vicar-general in 1985 by the late Archbishop Stephen Naidoo and reappointed by Archbishop Lawrence Henry in 1990.

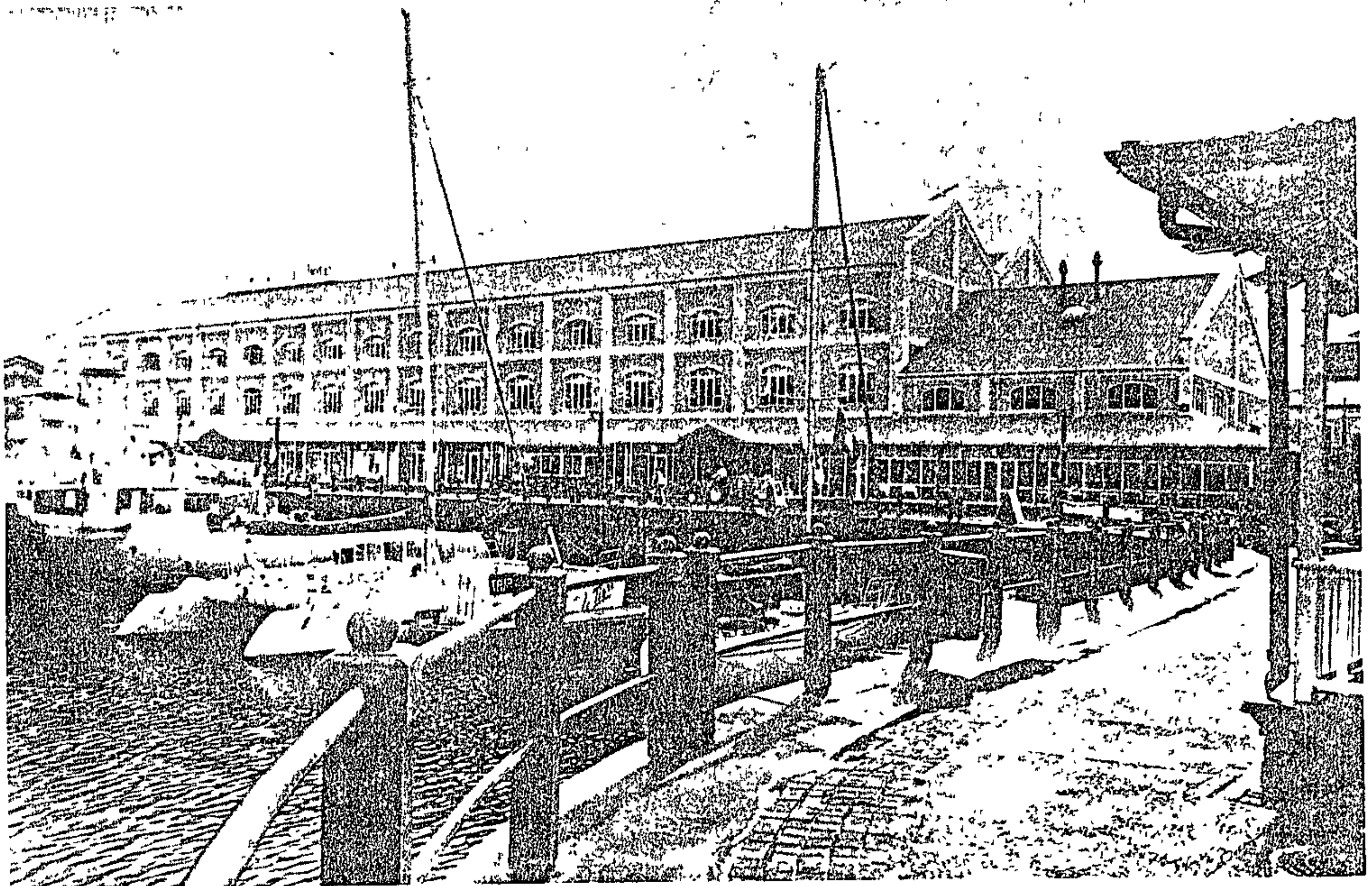
The Pope appointed him a domestic prelate with the title of Monsignor in 1990.

Monsignor Cawcutt said yesterday he had known for some time that he had been nominated for his new appointment and that the confirmation was welcome.

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Listen, you can HEAR the silent voices

Cape Town's Victoria and Alfred Waterfront complex is an attempt to revive the city's tourist industry. But, asks **HEIDI VILLA-VICENCIO**, can we accept the white-washed walls blanking out huge chunks of our history?

"Die Waterkant-kompleks is baie mooi, baie skoon, baie wit en baie nice — nice met so effe nasale 'n' en 'n langenge'?" (Vrye Weekblad)

SOPHISTICATED propaganda, the stuff of which modern tourism is made, is at best selective. The Victoria and Alfred Waterfront, which purports to be a reconstruction of Cape Town as the tavern of the seas at the turn of the century, is a vivid example of this.

It is historically selective and culturally dishonest. Victoria, Alfred and their cronies are there — but what about those who turned the sod and drank the booze in a not-so-sophisticated way?

The waterfront includes what is 'nice'. It excludes not only the underclasses of the present (who cannot afford its exorbitant prices), but also the memory of those who were not so nice in times past.

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I sit down to watch the much publicised, "award-winning" video made on the V & A Waterfront.

There are the sounds of the sea, gulls crying, distant fog horns blowing and a merge of pictures which blend into the setting sun.

Words, from the almost-seductive male voice, fill the room: "Welcome to Cape Town, the gateway to Africa, the window to its soul," the music slows down as the "clock is turned back". The atmosphere is set for my journey into the past.

Next comes the historical walk. I read the carefully-prepared brochure.

Then the 25-minute Prince Alfred Boat Tour, complete with talkative guide. There is also silence. A silence which, if you listen carefully, is the most audible part of the tour.

But back to the non-silence. Van Riebeeck, Queen Victoria, Port Alfred, the treacherous Cape seas, the dates of the revamped buildings

surrounding the basin — then the silence about the ferry which carried the silenced rebels of each successive age (Dutch, British and Boer) to their Robben Island prison.

Silence too about the slaves, the convicts whose muscles dug the Victorian Basin, the fishers, the drunken sailors, their women and those women who were their own people. A whole community of silence.

How did he feel? I asked a friendly security guard. Was what he saw the story of the past?

He laughed and said "Well, ja man, but one does not see any bushes running around."

It took a while and then he spoke again. "It's not all here! Net die witman se geskiedenis."

The architects of buildings and culture have carefully chosen what to remember and what to forget.

The Breakwater Jail confirms it all. It was near impossible to find anyone who could tell me about its

YUPPIE THEMEPARK: The Waterfront has become a symbol of upmarket entertainment Photo Yunus Mohamed

history — one of the most notorious prisons in the country. The history of the prison has been white-washed into its present splendour.

The past is gone. The dungeons have become the castle which is now UCI's Graduate School of Business.

Or take the V and A Hotel. Once a warehouse, then a fish factory, now a luxury hotel.

The site of the petrol storage tanks which are soon to make way for a yacht basin was once the site of a hostel and kitchen for dock workers — until an outbreak of typhoid in the early 1900s drove the workers to Ndabeni (Group Areas legislation did the rest!).

To remember the past not as it was, but as how some like to imagine it romantically to have been — ensuring that the present too is controlled (no drunks, street urchins, prostitutes, bergies or skollies), makes the waterfront into the fantasyland of the wealthy, white (and not so white) fun-seekers. It is a lekker place to visit. But let us at least remember the past. It might just help us face the present.

Seaports and taverns are where different cultures give rise to the new.

Here fishers drink, sailors curse and new cultures are born. Not so at the V & A Waterfront. This is the playground of the rich. Its history (or fantasy) is designed to distract.

Silently, in the not-so-distant background, are the underclasses. The workers at the fish factory, rough looking labourers, prostitutes and sailors are hidden in the background.

The history and buildings (red letter-boxes, English pubs and quaint alley-ways) provide the props for a culture that is as pure as

it is white. It is also as alien as it is romantic. Even the Cape culture that is there (reduced to coons and their marching bands) merely provide a contrast and bit of light relief.

The question is whether a Victorian culture ever existed in such splendid isolation as it does at the V & A Waterfront? Where are the black, coloured, Malay, boer and other cultures that Queen Vic's merry women and men were obliged to face?

"A window into the soul of Africa," the video presenter says. It is hard to imagine a port quite so unAfrican. The soul, the life-blood and the heartbeat is that of a colonial power who sought to impose itself on Africa, all the way from the Cape to Cairo.

There is no attempt in this fantasyland to portray the soul of this southern tip of ours. The souls of the Khoisan, the slaves, the strandlopers, the Malay traders, the politicians across the Robben Island strait, the Dutch burghers, the British soldiers, the sailors, the adventurers and the gamblers are forgotten.

The only soul is the soul of the Brits. It is also the soul of a brand of British imperialism which is monied, clean and ever so nice.

The other soul (of the underclasses) is silenced. Is it a soul at all? Is it history? It is a bit of plastic and, as someone has suggested, a bit like Disneyland.

An opportunity has been missed to show a blending of people and cultures that could have contributed to the quest for a common South African culture — an important ingredient, I am told, in nation-building. The underside of history has been excised from this tavern of the seas. It has, however, not gone away. One day we shall need to face this reality.

Your passport to shopping pleasure

By Jus'in Pearce

SHE WAS wearing a floral pantsuit, he was wearing a trendy blonde haircut and a shirt open to the solar plexus. Their arms round each other, their free hands holding shopping bags, he bent down and she raised her face for a long kiss as they walked, sated, towards the carpark.

Any moment they would light up cigarettes and the scene would transform into an ad for Courtleigh Satin Leaf.

The new Victoria Wharf shopping mall is the sort of place where you go to pretend you're in a cigarette ad. Whether your preference is for the yuppie-ish Satin Leaf, the fun-filled world of Peter Stuyvesant, or the Olde English kitsch of Rothmans, it's all there for you.

"Yuppie" is the cliché that springs to mind. But the customers aren't. Last weekend the middle-middle-class turned out in force.

They gazed with interest at the expensive little boutiques but it's unlikely they bought anything there. Victoria Wharf also has plenty of the chainstores that spread like acne to every new commercial development. It's just that here they come gift-wrapped.

CNA has gold lettering on the shopfront. The male checkout staff at Pick 'n Pay wear ties that look as if they could have been bought at any of the expensive little boutiques out in the mall. Some of them also wear badges saying "I am a part-time casual".

This branch is called a "Pick 'n Pay Pantry". Heaven forbid that anyone should mistake it for a supermarket. Yet most of the items on the shelves are exactly what

you'd find at your local branch, and, give them credit, no more expensive. All that distinguishes the merchandise from lesser Pick 'n Pays are the microwave-and-eat dishes, the ready-to-eat salads, deserts and baroque yoghurts: "Champagne Rhubarb" must take the prize for the most outrageous flavour.

Then there's Nando's, the takeaway whose other branches are done out in garish red and green plastic. Here it's all bare wood and ceramic tiles with scenes of 15th century Portuguese navigators. On the menu is a message from the proprietors: "Centuries ago it was our Portuguese ancestors who discovered these shores ..."

Internationalism is packaged behind the glitter. Greek, French, Italian. There is even a hulaa tak-

away with salomies and samoosas — the first time the Waterfront has seen anything genuinely Capetonian.

The anticipated clientele is similiarly multinational. The information booth has the word "information" in English, Afrikaans, Xhosa, German, French, Spanish and Portuguese. The Xhosa version is spelled wrongly.

I put on a thick foreign accent and asked the information lady: "Do you speak Cherman?" She did. I regretted being too pale to be an authentic Xhosa speaker, as I would have liked to test them on that one. Given the spelling error, I wouldn't hold much hope.

Nor were there any Xhosa-looking people in the vicinity whom I could ask to help. While it's not true that the Waterfront is a whites-only space, its present clientele seems to consist entirely of those who may

vote in the tricameral parliament.

Most of the glamour and exorbitant prices are to be found in the row of restaurants facing the quay-side. To the left is the old embarkation point for Robben Island prisoners. On Friday night, men in tuxedos and women in cocktail dresses were queuing up next to the razor wire to embark on a cruise. The real people hung around munching pizza slices or ice creams and watching the tugs or the trapeze artists.

That's what Victoria Wharf is all about: your chance to mix with the rich and the beautiful while you do your routine Pick 'n Pay shopping or take the kids out for a weekend treat. Like a cigarette ad, it lets you fantasise about the lifestyle you never had, before the beautiful people shimmy back to the Victoria and Alfred Hotel, and you drive the kids back to Athlone or Plumstead.

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Street talking

Edwina Booysen and Lucas Mati sound out

opinions

What do Capetonians say about the Victoria Wharf shopping mall?



Ms Ghaironesa Ismail of Woodstock:

"The cost of living is too high for most people to visit the Waterfront.
"I don't know how they could have built such a place at this time. I have never been there — not because I don't want to go but because I can't afford to."

Mr Richard Mngxunyeni of Khayelitsha:

"Some white employers at the Waterfront practised racism against blacks. A white employer told me he did not hire people from the townships."

Ms Shanaaz Gaibie of Salt River, who has been unemployed for the past two years:

"Only whites can afford to visit the Waterfront.
"I don't know why they opened it when ordinary people cannot afford to go there."

Mrs Ruth Wojatschek of Vredehoek:

"The Waterfront is not racist at all.
"My husband and I like it. It is a place for everyone."



Mr Themba Bell of Guguletu:

"I have never seen blacks and whites sitting together in a bar at the Waterfront, drinking in a social atmosphere. I am too scared to go and drink among the whites. We don't know what may happen."



Ms Melanie Whitman a student at the Cape Technical College:

"The Waterfront is not racist.
"I like to go there and have never encountered any racism."

Mr Cecil Britton who worked for Portnet for 16 years before retiring:

"There is no apartheid at the Waterfront. Money speaks there. Anyone who has the money can go to the Waterfront and even open a shop there if they want."

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Room at the inn for all

MORE than 95 percent of holiday resorts in the Eastern Cape are multi-racial, according to a random survey conducted this week.

While some resorts said most of their visitors were now black, others claimed they had opened their doors to other races "even before" they were allowed to. *C. 11/12/92*

A spokeswoman for a Port Alfred holiday resort, Rene van Zyl, said among this year's guests were black families from Botswana, Knysna and Durban. *13/12/92*

East London's Crawford Cabins resort owner, Lynne Crawford, said her resort had "always" been open to other races. — Ana.

Coloured mayor won't accept hotel snub

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CAPE TOWN — South Africa's first coloured mayor who was snubbed when he was refused admission to an hotel in the Bolland town of Franschhoek, is adamant he will not bow to the demands of the hotel owner.

Frank Arendse and his wife Merezis were invited to the La Cotte Inn for drinks last Wednesday but were denied admission because the owner said

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Arendse was not a member of the hotel club.

Arendse told SABC radio news in Cape Town that he was to have had a meeting with the owner in the presence of community, tourist and wine board officials.

Owner Ludwig Maske telephoned the Franschhoek mayor, however, to tell him the meeting was off.

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Arendse said it was not he personally who had been snubbed but the office of the mayor of the town. It was, therefore, a community issue and he would see the hotel owner accompanied by community representatives or not at all.

Arendse accused Maske of hiding behind whites-only racism. — Sapa.

Coloured mayor is welcome, but no politics

By Behana Rossouw 19/12/92

SOUTH Africa's first "coloured" mayor and the owner of a hotel in the Boland town of Franschoek have been reconciled after the mayor claimed he was refused entry to the hotel because of his race.

Mayor Mr Frank Arendse and his wife, Mercies, were invited to the La Colle Inn at the town for drinks last Wednesday but were denied admission because the owner said Arendse was not a member of the hotel club.

Mr Frank Arendse South 19/12/92-13/1/93



Arendse said he was supposed to have a meeting with the owner, together with community, tourism and wine board officials. However, owner Mr Ludwig Maske telephoned the Franschoek mayor and told him the meeting was off.

Arendse accused Maske of practising whites-only racism by reserving admission to his hotel. In a joint statement this week, both parties agreed the incident had been a "misunderstanding". Maske said the hotel has two areas where clients could drink — one open to all regardless of race and another reserved for members. "This membership has never in the past and will never in the future be restricted on the grounds of colour," he said. "There would be no reason whatsoever should the mayor of Franschoek, or any other person (either white, black or coloured) wish to become a member of this club if they meet the criteria."

The only condition is that members may not discuss politics or religion in the hotel. The statement said that the mayor wants to establish good relationships with the business community and encourage tourism.

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Club barring blacks?

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By Justin Pearce

A CITY night club is doing its best to keep blacks out, customers claim. But the club's manager has denied that the club is racist.

A group of people who tried to spend an evening at Strawbs in Alfred Street last Saturday believe the management is presenting black customers with fabricated excuses to limit the number of blacks entering the club.

Mr Wayne Saunders said he was one of six black people who tried to enter Strawbs on Saturday.

The staff first objected to the peaked caps and "tackies" worn by some of the party.

The party said they were then told only members were admitted; then that they needed complimentary tickets; then, finally, that the club had been booked for a private party.

Saturday was not the first time racism has been reported at Strawbs. A black university lecturer told SOUTH how he had been excluded from the club on the grounds that there was a "private party" at the venue.

He said white friends who had not been invited to the "party" were admitted.

At least two other black visitors have been given the "members only" excuse, while white non-members can enter the club.

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"We have heard numerous reports on the subject, and Saturday night proved it," Saunders said.

Strawbs manager Mr John Milners denied the club was racist.

"I remember those six people you mention, and two of them were very untidily dressed," he said.

● This Saturday the Association of Bisexuals, Lesbians and Gays (Abigale) intends to stage a protest against racism at Strawbs, where the majority of patrons are gay.

"It's not a good feeling being turned away when you are already in a marginalised section of the community, and we feel strongly about it," said Saunders, an Abigale spokesperson.

No room at hotel

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By Quentin Wilson

A PAROW hotel has barred blacks.

The Central Hotel, a one star establishment owned by Mr Willie Mulder, only accepts white patrons and, according to the management, that is the way it will stay.

Belhar resident Mr Kader Benjamin, 39, was shocked to be rejected when he responded to the hotel's advertisement in a newspaper last week.

"The advertisement did not mention that it was a whites-only hotel. It invited people to hold functions and I telephoned to say I was interested in entertaining a party of 10.

"The manageress bluntly told me that this was not possible because I am coloured. She did not even apologise, she just said I was not welcome because of my race."

Whites-only at City Hall

By Justin Pearce

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IT was whites-only wartalk at Cape Town's City Hall on Monday night.

Despite the Cape Town City Council's stated commitment to non-racialism, AWB guards made sure that "people of colour" remained on the pavement.

SOUTH photographer Yunus Mohamed was among those that the armed, khaki-clad guards tried to keep out.

"No people of colour are allowed in," he was told.

Mohamed had to argue his way in, saying he was there as a photographer doing his job. Eventually the AWB guards let him in, threatening to take no responsibility for anything that might happen to him inside the hall.

Other black journalists — and one olive-skinned white journalist — were denied the opportunity of covering the meeting.

A handful of people who attended conformed to the popular stereotype of beefy thugs with no foreheads and no necks. But the majority represented a fair cross-section of the white population of Cape Town.

They listened enraptured as AWB chief Eugene Terre'Blanche called President FW de Klerk a "jellytot", welcomed Chris Hani's murder, and urged armed action to maintain the supremacy of "the white man" in Africa.

● South African National Civic Organisation regional vice-chairperson Mr John Neels said the City Council had made an "unforgivable decision" by letting the AWB use the City Hall.

Cape Town's deputy mayor, Mr Clive Keegan, told SOUTH the City Council was opposed to the exclusion of people from the City Hall on racial grounds. He promised to raise the matter with the City Council executive.

NEWS FEATURE *Battle lines drawn in Northern Cape town between blacks and whites*

Bloemhof on edge *Sowetan 27/5/93* of racial explosion (282)

By Ike Motsapi

THE NORTHWESTERN Cape town of Bloemhof is a slow time bomb of racial conflict which could explode with devastating effect.

The battle lines are drawn. Blacks are ranged on the one side and whites on the other — a Vervoerdian tale.

Residents of the adjoining black township of Boitumelong have warned their white counterparts in Blgemhof not to set foot in their area.

At the same time white residents have warned blacks not to enter the town because they are not needed there.

Friction between the black and white communities in the town started on May 19 when the African National Congress and its allies launched a boycott of white-owned shops because of alleged racial discrimination and intimidation of their members.

Police are keeping a close watch for any developments. A Northern Cape police spokesman said the situation was tense but calm.

A memo sent to the Bloemhof Town Council by representatives of the ANC and the local civic association included these demands:

■ VERVOERDIAN TALE Blacks and whites trade threats as police keep watch:

● Joint control of the Bloemhof, Boitumelong, Salamant (Indian) and Coverdale (coloured) councils;

● That amenities in town should be opened to all racial groups;

● A moratorium on retrenchments and dismissals; and

● An end to racial discrimination.

ANC spokesman Mr Patrick Gaolotwe said this week: "We gave the council 21 days to respond to our demands but instead got a rude response."

"The people are angry and have now decided to embark on an indefinite consumer boycott of white shops in town."

And as whites gear up to counter a consumer boycott which entered its sixth day today, blacks on the other side are preparing themselves for any eventuality. The situation turned violent last Friday when police allegedly opened fire on a group of about 200 youths who went to protest against a meeting of farmers held in town.

About 25 people were injured, two of them seriously, and 15 arrested during

the fracas. Harry Swartbooi (13) and Sheila Mpolokeng (22) are among those injured.

Schools at Boitumelong were empty yesterday and a parents' meeting at the Gaopalewe Secondary School to assess the situation decided it was too risky for their children to go to class.

One-street town

The sleepy one-street town looked like a ghost town when *Sowetan* visited the area this week.

One thing is clear — blacks are not allowed to go into town while the consumer boycott is in place.

Blacks are also not allowed to buy in town. White shopkeepers are refusing to serve blacks, irrespective of whether they are visitors in the town.

Black taxi owners and drivers have to make a 40km journey to the neighbouring Free State town of Hoopstad to fill up with petrol.

Scores of black workers have been dismissed by their employers in retaliation.



Sheila Mpolokeng ... shot in the stomach and leg.

tion against the boycott and others have been laid off, earning wages for two days a week until the boycott is called off.

Black schools have been disrupted since last Friday and teachers allege they are being harassed by the police.

In a letter distributed in Boitumelong township, the chairman of the Bloemhof Business Community, Mr Daan Lottering, accuses the ANC and the local civic association of not wanting to work with the BBC to find solutions to the problem.

White residents have been urged to work together to make the boycott unworkable.

The BBC has also urged the white community to ensure that action is taken against people wanting to undermine



Harry Swartbooi ... shot in the legs.

their efforts, citing Indians and coloureds as people who should be monitored.

Residents of Boitumelong told *Sowetan* this week they were preparing for a long, hard battle against whites in the Conservative Party-run town.

The situation looks gloomy in the township, with residents reporting that delivery vans bringing essential foodstuffs were being prevented from entering Boitumelong.

A *Sowetan* team could not fill up with petrol at a garage in the town because the owner said he feared his business would be burnt down by white vigilantes who are moving around the town in vans.

Some businesses were closed, while a few petrol stations manned by white attendants operated



Pickets at 'racist' club

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RACISM at a city nightclub has led to two pickets outside the venue — and the protesters are determined to keep up the pressure until the club is seen to change its 'racist' admissions policy.

The club is Strawbs, close to Green Point. Though black people are occasionally admitted to the club, SOUTH has received numerous reports of blacks being turned away after being asked for membership cards or told the club is reserved for a private party. Whites were admitted freely on the same evenings.

Spearheading the protest against Strawbs, a mostly gay venue, is the Association of Bisexuals, Lesbians, and Gays (Abigale), a non-racial organisation concerned with building unity among gay people in Cape Town.

"Strawbs is abusing its 'right of admission reserved' policy to exclude people on a racial basis," said Abigale spokesperson Mr Wayne Saunders.

"If they want a dress code, such as jacket and tie, they must publicise and apply it consistently."

Abigale first picketed Strawbs in April. The club's management met members of the organisation and promised to send Abigale a written apology, and to contact journalists to make a public apology to those turned away from the club.

When neither of these promises had been fulfilled more than a

month later, the organisation decided to keep up the pressure by holding a second picket.

The management invited Abigale representatives to a meeting on Friday night, when the bouncer again tried to prevent them from entering the premises, Saunders said.

Management offered a written apology to four Abigale members turned away on one occasion.

"We are saying Strawbs must apologise to the broader gay community, and do so publicly through the press," Saunders demanded.

While Strawbs is not the first Cape nightclub to be accused of a racist admissions policy, it is the first time action has been taken on this scale against a club.

Abigale is particularly incensed that a club which advertises itself as serving "the gay community" is being selective about which members of that community it admits.

"When as a gay person you are already part of a marginalised group, this kind of racism is particularly repugnant," Saunders said.

Strawbs owner Mr John Monis said the picket was "very unnecessary" as the club was not racist.

"If people are not properly dressed we chase them away," he said. "We are concentrating on upper class dress standards."

He said these standards were applied to blacks and whites without discrimination.

JUSTIN PEARCE

A question to be left hanging Aug 17/16/93 (282)

TODAY'S parliamentary debate on the death sentence might well reflect the sentiments of a portion of the population on the contentious subject of capital punishment, but what it illustrates all the more clearly is the impotence of the government. Political Correspondent MICHAEL MORRIS reports.

THREE years ago, President De Klerk's announcement of the moratorium on hangings was seen by his opponents as a gesture of goodwill and reconciliation, for which they applauded him.

Today, parliament's vote on whether it should stay is viewed as a political curiosity, an exercise that cannot be given effect.

This is the perception even within government.

The real balance of power has shifted so markedly, that the

choice of reimposing a measure as controversial as hanging no longer resides in parliament.

The "apartheid parliament", the ANC said earlier this week, could not take momentous decisions about the life and death of people whom it did not represent.

Having committed itself to democratic ideals, the government has little choice but to acknowledge this truth.

In fact, there is more to it.

Even if it wanted to reimpose the death sentence — which parlia-

ment has the legal, constitutional right to do — the government is constrained by its own sense of the need for expedience.

What intellectual commentators might refer to as the new "paradigm" is in fact the government's realistic acknowledgement that it no longer has the power to act as it wishes, because, by its own admission, it is not a legitimate government.

Furthermore, the risk of disrupting the tortuous negotiation process at this delicate stage far outweighs the risk of annoying the

pro-hanging lobby — even if electoral considerations suggest otherwise.

There is wide — and growing — recognition within Nationalist ranks that a decision on hanging must, perforce, be left to an interim government.

Parliament still possesses the official stamp to give constitutional change approval in law, but it has long lost the political legitimacy to make binding decisions, on its own, on how South Africans will live — or die — in years to come.

'Hotel room arrest was racist'

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A TRANSVAAL businessman who was arrested at the Cape Sun hotel for allegedly disturbing the peace claims he is the victim of "blatant discrimination".

Victor Khabo, 46, strategic marketing manager with the Council for Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR) was held for several hours at Caledon Square police station.

Khabo told SOUTH he returned to the hotel after midnight on Sunday with three friends after listening to Morris Goldberg play jazz at a Waterfront restaurant.

"We had been in my hotel room for about 10 minutes when a security man came and said there'd been a complaint about noise," Khabo said.

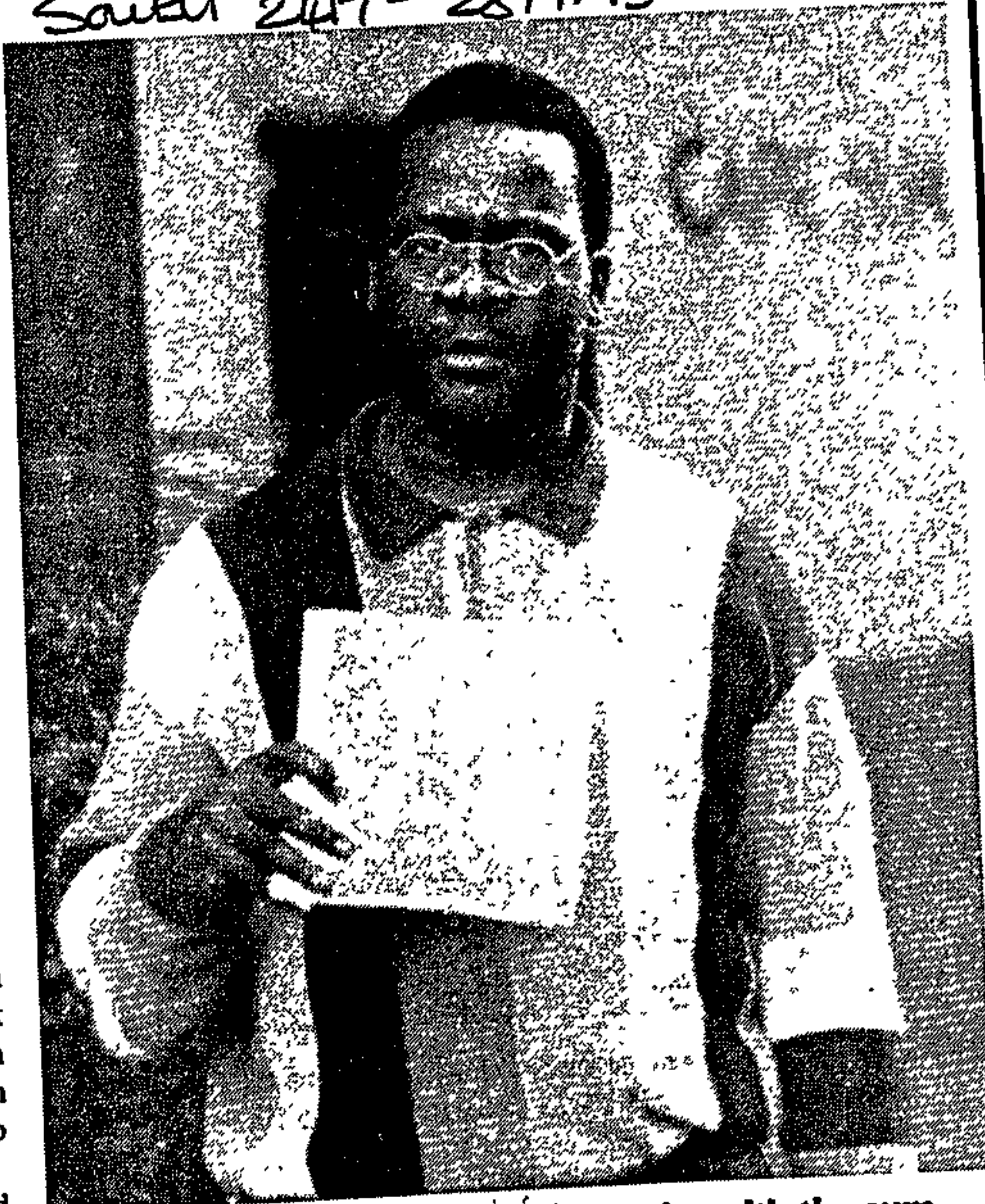
"Before we could finish explaining that we had just arrived and couldn't have been rowdy, about five policemen arrived. It was scary. We tried to explain there was no problem."

Khabo said he was "chucked into a van" and taken to Caledon Square and put in a cell. He refused to sign an admission of guilt form and was later released after receiving a summons to appear in court on August 1.

His friends contacted an attorney, Mr Willie Mangweni, who told SOUTH he telephoned the police station and reached an agreement that Khabo would be released on R300 bail. However, when Mangweni arrived at Caledon Square, he was told no bail would be given.

Khabo said when he returned to the Cape Sun on Monday he was told he could no longer stay there, although he was not yet due to check out. He then booked in to another city hotel.

"I am definitely consulting with



NO FUN IN THE SUN: Mr Victor Khabo with the summons issued to him after his arrest at the Cape Sun

my lawyers and will fight this thing to the hilt," said Khabo, who spent 20 years in exile in the United States. "I think it was racist and I don't want it to continue." (282)

Police spokesperson Captain Wikus Holtzhausen said Khabo was arrested while allegedly drunk in front of the Cape Sun hotel at 4.30am. He was held at Caledon Square until 6.50am. (282)

Cape Sun deputy general manager, Mr Doron Umansky, said a South African Airways pilot complained to Khabo about the noise from his room and was "sworn at" from behind the door. The night manager and then the resi-

dent manager both tried to get Khabo to open his door, Umansky said. "By that stage there was noise on the whole floor and the SAP was called," he said.

He had no information that Khabo was arrested and was not aware that Khabo had been told he could not continue to stay at the hotel. (282)

Khabo denied the airline pilot had knocked on his door and said the hotel was making a "fabrication" of the event.

He said he would return to Cape Town to fight the case because what happened to him would not have happened to a white person.