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# Children are dragged into golf race row

By JO RADFORD

SCHOOLCHILDREN have been dragged into a race row in Durban.

They are collecting signatures objecting to a planned multiracial golf course on the Bluff.

One of the conditions under which the Durban city council made the land available to the Van Riebeeck Park Golf Club was that it should be open to all races.

An action committee chaired by Mr Pat Mohr, Natal vice-chairman of the Conservative Party, has been formed to oppose the establishment of the course.

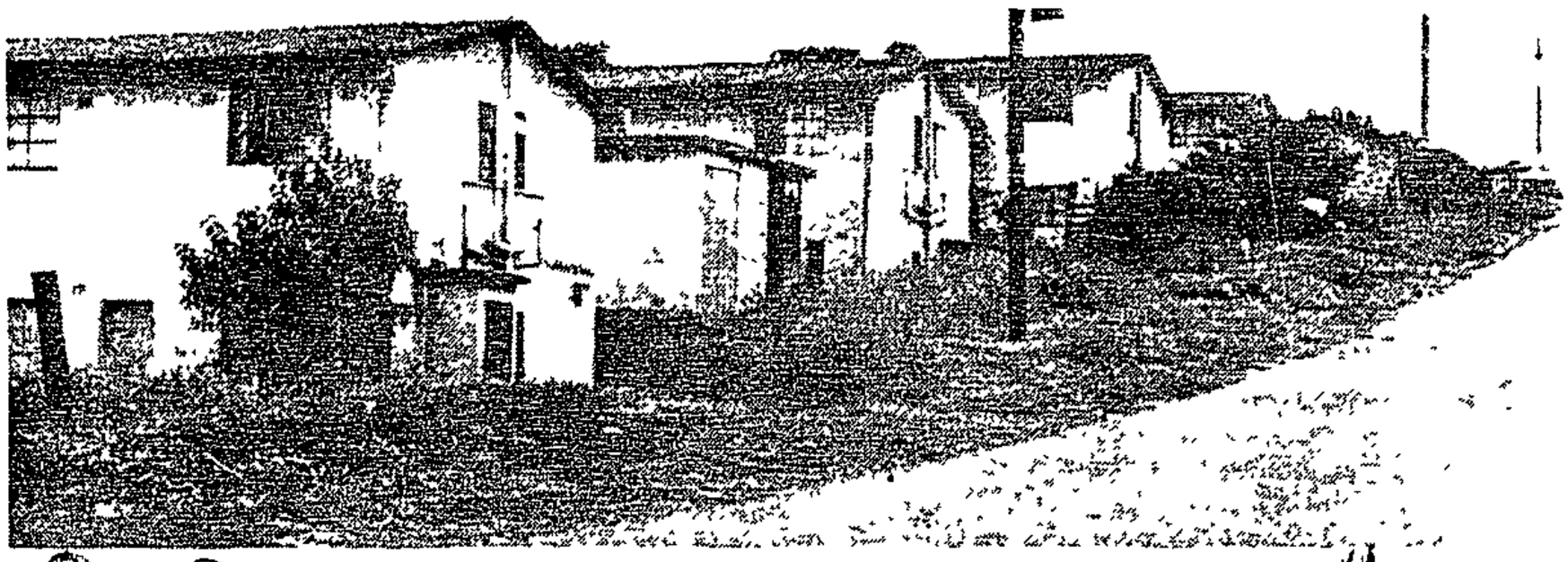
Mr Clive Herron, a former councillor, reacted angrily to the "signature-seekers" who had asked him to sign a petition "to stop Indians from playing golf in the area".

"It is disgusting to involve children in this kind of issue," he said.

"While I don't agree with the sentiments of the petition I do believe it shoud be conducted in a responsible manner by registered ratepayers."

Mr Mohr said he believed the children, who are being paid, were conducting themselves in a responsible manner.

Meanwhile lack of cash is also hampering the club.



Dirty, drab Austerville — in desperate need of a facelift.

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# Austerville people fear attack on way to toilets

**Mercury Reporter**

AUSTERVILLE people are afraid to use their outside toilets at night because of the possibility of being attacked, murdered or raped in the unlit lanes

Many of the houses in Austerville, Wentworth, are supplied only with communal outside toilets

Mrs Noreen Buckley told the Mercury 'I have to go half way around the block to get to the toilet at night

'There are no street lights in the lanes and often I find someone sleeping in the toilets

'If we go at night we have to go in a big gang'

Mr Joseph le Roux, chairman of a housing research committee formed by the People's Congress Party, said 'The area has become a breeding ground for all sorts of crime

## Demoralising

'The state of the houses has a demoralising effect on the people. They are unfit for decent people to live and there is no incentive to improve the area

'Heaps of rubbish are dumped in alleys, on vacant land and even in school grounds by residents living nearby, and those who did care don't anymore

'There are more than 10 gangs causing disturbances in the area, including some formed by girls. Young children carry knives and other dangerous weapons.

'We've asked the authorities time and again to facelift the area but nothing has been done

'For people to become enthusiastic about improving the area again, decent houses must be built and the existing buildings renovated'

## Improvements

The assistant regional representative for the Department of Community Development, Mr Martin Friedrich, said 'There are a number of organisations and professional people working to improve the quality of life in the area

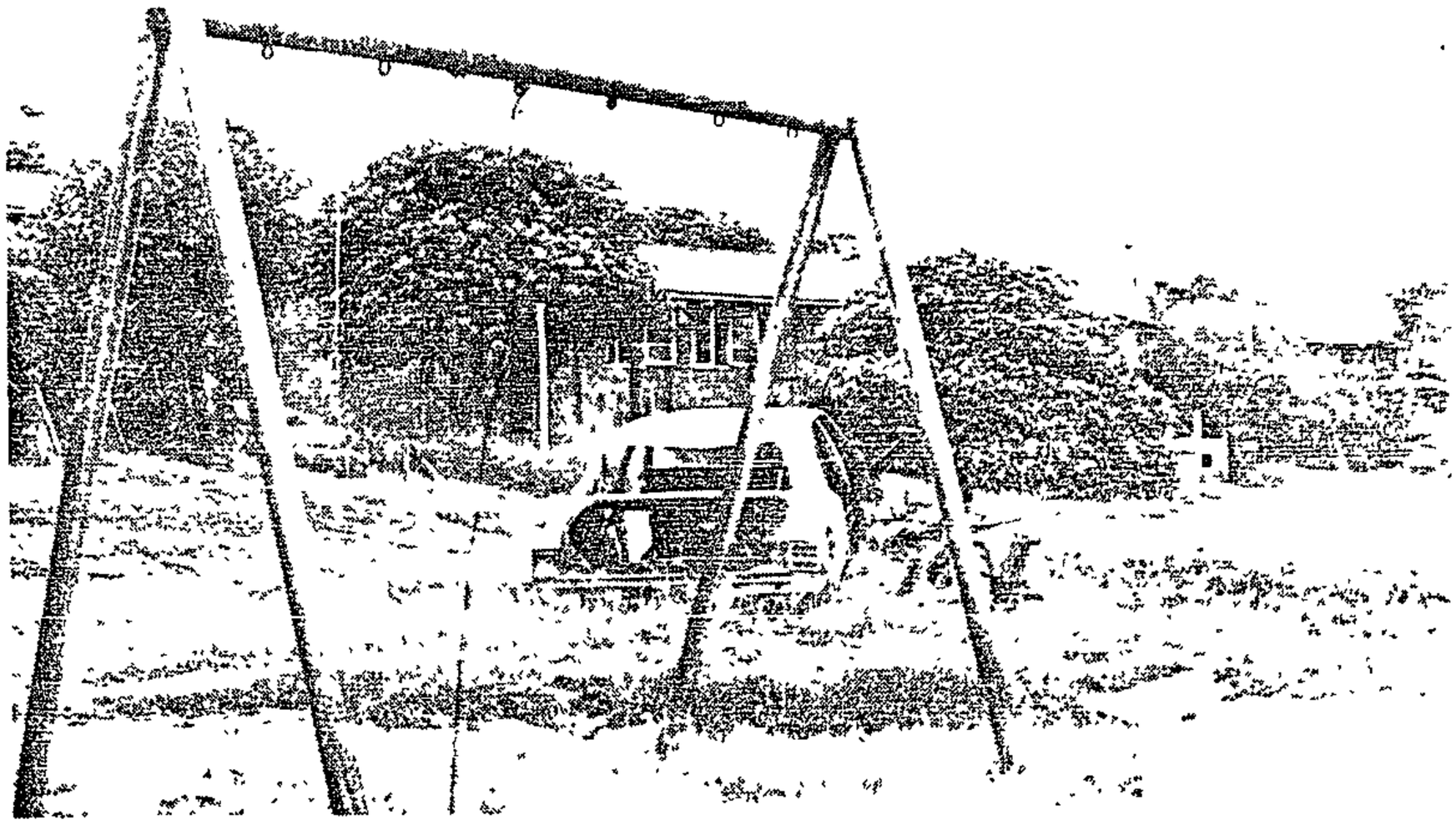
'All the buildings we administer in Austerville are to be painted The contract has been awarded and work has already started in Ogle Road

'We are also installing lighting and the brush next to the roads is being cut

'Two town planners were also recently added to our staff in Durban and they are working on the replanning of the area A certain amount of redevelopment is envisaged

'We are planning to facelift the area, but things are still in the early stages'

'It is my aim to upgrade the area and make it a decent place to live'



A playground in Austerville — 'overgrown, in disrepair and used as a dumping ground.'

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## Blacks claim Umhlanga wants to drive them off its beaches

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# 'Fish ban aimed at us'

By Eddy Andriés

UMHLANGA, the rich people's seaside resort, has introduced a strict fishing prohibition which effectively keeps non-whites off all its beaches.

Notices which ban surf angling except for three hours in the early morning and three hours in the early evening, have been erected along the length of the foreshore controlled by the borough, which includes elite La Lucia

The ostensible reason for the move is that it had been necessary to control a litter problem, but fishermen say the real reason is racial.

No other local authority in Natal has introduced comparable regulations.

The ban comes about after the Natal Provincial Administration overruled an attempt by the Town Council to restrict fishing to permit-holders — who were restricted to holidaymakers, fishing club members and local residents.

Outraged anglers with nowhere to cast their lines are now preparing to band together to petition against the new measures.

Umhlanga's mayor, Peter Carter, denied that the prohibition — which carries a maximum fine of R50 for offenders and is policed by officers of the town's protection services department — was intended to prevent Indians and blacks from frequenting the popular fishing spots.

But he admitted that it had been introduced after complaints from burgesses "who, let's face it, pay an awful lot of money to live near the sea".

Mr Carter said. "The problem is the mess left behind by these chaps

"We can't afford to keep on picking up rotting bait, fish hooks, empty bottles and general rubbish strewn about the place."

However, the secretary of the Umhlanga Angling Club, Ken Wilkinson, said· "That's nonsense. We feel the reason for the ban is basically racial — but nobody is prepared to stand up and say it"

If litter had been the cause for the ban the borough should have provided more and larger dirt bins on the beaches.

"A lot of people decided on retiring to Umhlanga so that they could spend time fishing. What do they do now? I thought beaches were public property and for the use of everyone."

Norman Seif, secretary of the controlling body of surf fishing in the province, the Natal Coast Anglers' Union, said the prohibition would be taken up "at a higher level".

As far as he was concerned it should be rescinded or, at the very least, considerably relaxed.

Mr Seif had "also heard" that the ban had been racially-motivated, but did not wish to comment

A group of Indian fishermen who were asked to give their views on the controverial ban were unanimous replying: "It is apartheid."

# Durban swim ban: official may have taken wrong action

(283) Star 28/4/84

Own Correspondent

DURBAN — The Umdloti Health Committee official who told a multiracial group of junior city councillors earlier this week they could sit on a beach in the area but not swim there, may not have had legal authority to back his action.

This was the opinion of legal experts and provincial officials asked for an interpretation of the maze of laws affecting the use of beaches in South Africa.

Natal's Director of Local Government, Mr Ron Pistorius, said that in terms of the Seashore Act, control of the land between the high and low water marks and the sea abutting this land was vested in the State President.

However, in terms of the Reservation of Separate Amenities Act, control of the land described in the Seashore Act was handed over to the Administrators-in-Executive of the four provinces.

Natal's Executive Committee, he said, had decided last year that it would not zone any of the beaches under its control for use by a particular race group.

On the surface, he said, it appeared then that the junior councillors would have been entitled to swim at the beach.

However, there was a snag.

For some unknown reason Umdloti is the only place in Natal — except for Durban — which owns its own beaches and is not subject to provincial control, where the Group Areas boundary has been extended to include the seashore.

Mr Pistorius said there was thus a clash in legislation and he did not know whether the Group Areas Act or Separate Amenities Act took precedence.

A Johanneburg senior counsel, who is regarded as one of the foremost experts on the Group Areas Act, said that in his opinion it would probably take precedence over the Regulation of Separate Amenities Act.

However, he did not believe the Act could be used to prevent people swimming or sitting on beaches because these activities did not constitute occupation.

In order to exclude a person from a particular group area it had to be proved that he was occupying land reserved for people of a different race.

One of the Durban City Council's senior legal advisers agreed with this viewpoint.

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*Note 1*· No statistics of applications were kept It is policy to attest in the Permanent Force only such persons who have completed their basic and individual subject training in the Auxiliary Services (Combat element) and who have obtained the prescribed educational qualifications.

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**Palm Beach**

1064. Mr D W WATTERSON asked the Minister of Community Development:

(1) Whether his Department has taken any steps in respect of the proposal by the Natal Executive Committee to open the area known as Palm Beach as a beach area for all race groups; if so, (a) what steps and (b) why;

(2) (a) how many stands does the Palm Beach area comprise and (b) how many of them have been developed,

(3) whether his Department has received any (a) representations and (b) objections in connection with the proposed opening of this area to all race groups; if so, (i) from how many (aa) private individuals and (bb) organizations in each case, (ii) what was the nature of these representations and objections and (iii) what are the names of the organizations which submitted objections?

The MINISTER OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT:

(1) No.

(a) and (b) Fall away.

(2) (a) 899 Plots and subdivisions

(b) 68.

(3) (a) Yes.

(b) No

(i) (aa) One.

(bb) None.

(ii) To support the proposal.

(iii) Falls away.

**Passenger bus services**

1089. Mr D J N MALCOMESS asked the Minister of Transport Affairs.

(1) Whether any private organizations have applied for licences to operate scheduled passenger bus services between (a) Port Elizabeth and Cape Town and (a) Port Elizabeth and East London; if so, how many in each case;

(2) whether these applications were granted, if not, why not; if so, how many applications were granted in each case?

The MINISTER OF TRANSPORT AFFAIRS·

(1) (a) No

(b) Yes, one.

(2) Yes, one.

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# Grey's won't be black hospital

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**Pietermaritzburg Bureau**

NATAL'S Executive Committee has turned down an application to transform the old Grey's Hospital, due to be vacated later this month, into a hospital for blacks.

The proposal had the support of the Medical Association of South Africa, who claimed that the Edendale Hospital was chronically overcrowded and unable to adequately cater for the needs of the capital's burgeoning black population.

Dr Fred Clarke, MEC in charge of Hospital Services, said yesterday the Group Areas Act had nothing to do with Exco's decision and that it had been based mainly on the lack of finance available to the Province.

## Demand

He pointed out that there was a precedent for establishing a black hospital in a vacated white hospital building, with the black Hillbrow Hospital taking over premises once used by the Johannesburg General Hospital.

Although he had been sympathetic to the application for a similar takeover at Grey's, the demand for accommodation by various provincial departments in Pietermaritzburg was great and the provincial purse-strings were already strained to the limit, Dr Clarke said

Exco had decided that the Department of Hospital Services should move into the building vacated by Grey's, when the hospital moved to its new home at the foot of Town Hill on July 2[illegible]

## Cost

The Department of Building Services, which already shared Hospital Services' building in Pietermaritz Street, would take over control of the building.

The Department of Museum Services, currently housed near the Supreme Court in College Road, would also move to the old Grey's building, as would a number of smaller provincial sections.

Dr Clarke said the moves had been decided in principle, but no details, such as the probable cost of transfers or dates on which they were likely to take place, had been settled.

Asked about the Teachers' Training College, which had applied to take over part of the Grey's building in place of their present home at the old Governor's residence near the railway station, Dr Clarke said it had been decided that the college should remain where it was and the buildings would be renovated.

Referring to his earlier warning that the R56 million New Grey's complex could become a white elephant as a result of the plethora of applications to establish private hospitals, Dr Clarke disclosed that there were no less than 12 private hospitals under construction, approved or with applications pending, in the province — five of them in the capital.

Dr Clarke said the Province had no part in the approval of private hospitals. This responsibility had been taken away from provincial authorities in 1981 — a step of which he had not approved, he said

## Pinetown

The three new private hospitals under construction in the province are the Highway Clinic at Pinetown, which is to provide approximately 150 beds, the St Anne's Clinic extension in Pietermaritzburg, housing an additional 12 beds, and the Richards Bay clinic which will cater for 10 patients at a time

Approval has already been granted by the Department of State Health for the construction of the 200-bed Capital Park Hospital in Pietermaritzburg, with 50 beds being provided initially; the Pietermaritzburg Hospital, with between 30 and 70 beds, the Temple Park Hospital in Durban, catering for 200 patients, the Richards Bay Hospital, with 50 beds initially to be enlarged to 200, and the Surgiclinic which will provide an additional 60 private beds in Durban.

Applications have been forwarded to the Government for approval of the Niswani Maternity Clinic in Durban, which will cater for 30 women, the Sydenham clinic conversion, also in Durban, which will provide 100 beds, the Midmedic Clinic in Pietermaritzburg, for which no size has been specified, and another unnamed hospital, with no size specified, in Pietermaritzburg.

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# State refuses pay to social worker

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Times

By PRAVEEN NAIDOO

A CATHOLIC nun, working as a professional social worker, has pushed her welfare agency into debt because the state will not subsidise her salary because she belongs to the "wrong race group".

Sister Regina Mary Paul, a qualified Indian social worker, has been working with about 300 families in the coloured community of Maritzburg since the beginning of last year.

Despite representation at parliamentary level, the Department of Internal Affairs' social welfare section has refused to subsidise her salary.

The department's Deputy Director for Welfare, Mr Ben van der Westhuisen, confirmed that Sister Regina's salary was not subsidised because of the department's policy that posts for coloured social workers must be filled by coloureds or whites.

But the Maritzburg Child and Family Welfare Society cannot find a qualified coloured or white social worker to do the same work Sister Regina does.

## Big deficit

And the race classification technicality is creating a deficit of R17 000 a year for the understaffed welfare society.

"I feel embarrassed and uncomfortable to be placed in such a situation," said Sister Regina this week.

"I think it very unfair that the society should be required to meet my salary in full when much of my work is done on behalf of the Department of Internal Affairs"

Sister Regina said she had been accepted completely throughout the 25 years she worked in the coloured community.

"There is a strong need for social work in areas where there is a lot of poverty, a shortage of housing, alcoholism and ill-treatment," she said.

"My work has cut across all communities. I have always worked where the needs are greatest

"I feel a committment to people and a desire to help people in need," said the nun.

The director of the welfare society, Miss J R Terry, said it was "very unfair" that the Department of Internal Affairs was prepared to pay the salary of a white social worker, but not an Indian.

Sister Regina is a member of a religious congregation and she works in her habit.

# All-race beaches surprise in Durban survey

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Star 27/10/84

**Pretoria Correspondent**

The Durban Publicity Association has been surprised to find that people in the Pretoria-Witwatersrand-Vereeniging (PWV) area are not so strongly opposed to multiracial beaches as it had thought.

The association discovered this in a survey it conducted earlier this year in the PWV area to determine people's attitudes to Durban.

The association thought the attitude against multiracial beaches would be strong, but found this was not so, says marketing manager Mr Andrjez Kiepiela.

Only eight percent of the people interviewed wanted more white beaches, he said.

In a general question asking what they disliked about Durban, only 13 percent said they disliked the idea of multiracial beaches.

Most thought transport problems and dirty and noisy beaches were more upsetting.

Addressing the publicity association's annual meeting this week, the Mayor of Durban, Mr Neil Maclennan, said he intended calling on the council to reinvestigate the question of multiracial beaches.

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# Rumpus over beach blacks

Own Correspondent

DURBAN — Mrs Locia Williams, a member of the Ward 1 Ratepayers' Association, said today she had received a number of phone calls from constituents complaining that blacks in the paddling pools were preventing whites from using them.

She added: "People have complained that they elected me and I am not doing my job because the beaches are overcrowded with blacks."

She said she went to the beach and was utterly disgusted by the overcrowding, especially at the paddling pools.

"The blacks have just taken over the whole place," Mrs Williams went on.

"They have been brought here by the Department of Parks, Beaches and Recreation who have hired buses to transport them and have created a situation where these people are swimming in our areas illegally."

She said she had spoken to a number of holidaymakers from the Free State and the Transvaal and they were upset.

"They said they had spent a lot of money to come here on holiday just to find they were being pushed out by blacks and it would be the last time they come to Durban for a holiday," added Mrs Williams.

She said she was upset about the situation and would speak about it to the Mayor, Mr Neil MacLennan.

Mrs Ros Sarkin, chairman of Durban City Council Amenities Committee, confirmed that the Department of Parks, Beaches and Recreation had provided free transport to all race groups from Durban and Berea Road stations to North Beach, which was non-racial.

She said it was not the first time this had been done and it was hoped it would continue during Christmas and New Year in future years.

"Although it is still illegal for blacks to swim in the pools this was not due to the City Council decision but a Provincial Council ruling," she added.

"The city officials have done their duty very well and we have had no complaints about blacks using facilities.

"In fact we have had a number of calls from people complimenting us on the way the officials have handled the situation and organised recreation.

"People have to realise that our population far outstrips the capabilities of the facilities and added to that we have had almost a record number of tourists in Durban this year.

"In any case people will have to get used to the concept of sharing in South Africa as this is inevitable."

# Thugs ruin students' beach picnic

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**WHITE thugs ruined a late-night beach picnic of Natal University medical students last weekend.**

They shot at the students, leaving one unconscious and another seriously hurt.

Police are looking for the hooligans who came up to a group of about 11 students waiting for a lift home from a picnic at Brighton Beach and told them to "bugger off".

When fifth-year student Siphiwo Mona, 24, asked what they had done, he was knocked unconscious by one of the men.

The students claim the thugs then sprayed a liquid substance at them – they then shot at them with a "spray gun", making them sneeze and their eyes burn.

They also threw "something like a tear-gas cannister" at them.

When the students ran away, they shot at them with shotguns. Student Pumezo Nxiweni, 20, was hit in the face and thigh.

The thugs sped away in several cars.

Although they kept their lights off, some of the students managed to take down the registration numbers and have given them to the police.

Mr Nxiweni was rushed to King Edward VIII Hospital A hospital spokesperson said he was still "very ill but off the danger list".

Durban police spokesman Captain Vic Heunis said police had opened attempted murder dockets, but had not yet made any arrests.

# Lange's tour a non-event, says Pik

NM 12/4/85

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JOHANNESBURG—The African tour by the New Zealand Prime Minister, Mr David Lange, was a non-event as far as the South African Government and most Africans were concerned, the Minister of Foreign Affairs, Mr Pik Botha, said yesterday

In an interview in Cape Town with New Zealand journalists accompanying Mr Lange, Mr Botha said the Government failed to see the purpose of the tour, or what Mr Lange was offering Africa

Asked how he reacted to Mr Lange's description of South Africa as a 'rogue republic', the minister said 1 500 000 blacks from neighbouring states were working in South Africa

Regarding the planned All Blacks' tour of South Africa, Mr Botha said the 'New Zealand Government was confusing its policies with the right of individuals to freedom of association — (Sapa)

# 'Whites only' beach request 'could backfire'

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NM 12/4/85

**Mercury Reporter**

THE decision by the Blythedale Beach Health Committee, a white local authority on the Natal North Coast near Stanger, to apply to the Government to have the beach area zoned white could 'backfire' on the whites of Stanger

Dr Chota Bhorat, vice-chairman of the Stanger Indian Local Affairs Committee, said the decision had angered Stanger's Indians and the LAC

According to a circular to residents and ratepayers of Blythedale Beach, the committee said it had applied to the Government to have the beach zoned for 'whites only' This, it said, would be in keeping with the zoning of the residential area

Dr Bhorat said the LAC was opposed to the beach being zoned for 'whites only' and would fight it to the bitter end

'If the Government zoned it for "whites only", then the whites of Stanger might have to pay the price, because we are totally against race discrimination,' he said, adding that it was for this reason that the LAC had favoured a multiracial council for Stanger

He said Indians were in the majority in Stanger and if the beach were zoned white there would have to be a rethink on the future of the town itself.

'We will also have to think about the essential services Stanger is providing Blythedale Beach,' he said.

## 'No other beach'

Dr Bhorat said Indians in Stanger were prepared to share, but if the health committee wanted the beach for whites only, the LAC would object.

'The LAC has written to the health committee in connection with its decision and we want the matter settled before we act,' said Dr Bhorat.

He said Blythedale Beach was traditionally a part of Stanger and since there was no other beach for the town's Indians it should be opened to all races.

'The LAC has debated the beach issue and is of the opinion that the whole of the Blythedale Beach area be incorporated into Stanger,' said Dr Bhorat.

# Men appear for stabbing

**Pietermaritzburg Bureau**

THREE men have appeared in the Pietermaritzburg Magistrate's Court in connection with the death of a Stanger man who was found stabbed here on March 30

Mr Nandhagopal Chetty, 30, of Devonside, disappeared from Albert Falls Dam after borrowing a friend's car

Mr Themba Ngubane, 26, Mr Joseph Ngubane, 24, and Mr Zeblon Ndhlovu, 21, were remanded until April 24

# MEC defends multiracial plan for Palm Beach

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**Mercury Reporter**

NATAL MEC Mr Dering Stainbank last night defended the Province's planned development of the multiracial resort at Palm Beach on the South Coast following allegations that it was unsuitable because of dangerous waters.

He was reacting to claims by Mr Tommy Abrahams (Labour Party, Wentworth) in the House of Representatives that Palm Beach could not be developed as it was unsuitable for recreational purposes and did not offer shark net protection.

Mr Stainbank said it would not be possible to protect the whole of the resort area — particularly the south end — because of a reef, but maintained that net installations were possible along a stretch opposite the proposed integrated Natal Parks Board camp and reserve area.

Mr Abrahams said according to the director of the Natal Anti-Shark Measures Board, Mrs Beulah Davis, no nets could be used at Palm Beach.

Mrs Davis told the Mercury that because of a reef south of the Impenjati River the board could not place shark nets there.

High costs and the need for three meshing boats to service nets prohibited the operation.

However, she said it was possible to protect the beach to the north of the river.

The stretch across the river mouth could also be protected but it was likely the nets would be lost whenever the river flooded and thus placement was 'not a viable economic situation'.

It was understood that Palm Beach was considered dangerous because of strong back-wash conditions.

Mr Stainbank believed that even if nets were not installed the all-race resort, which has met with strong resistance from the local community, would still be utilised, adding that there were 10 other beaches which were not protected but still attracted recreation-seeking members of the public.

# Pay-beaches out, but bid for more 'open' Durban areas

(283) NM 24/5/65

**DENYSE ARMOUR**
**Municipal Reporter**

THE Durban City Council is to be asked to approve a recommendation to open more beaches to all races and to scrap the idea of pay-beaches.

The Mayor's special committee looking into ways of providing facilities in the city while avoiding overcrowding, decided unanimously yesterday to recommend ruling out pay-beaches for Durban.

'At this stage the committee is against pay-beaches and the barricades which would have to be built,' the Mayor, Mr Neil MacLennan, said.

'We have never before had to put barricades between people of different races and don't want to start now'.

His committee consists of three National Party councillors — Mr Henry Klotz, Mr Louis de Beer and Mr Laurie Kaplan — and three progressive councillors — Mr Peter Mansfield, Mr Don Smith and Mr Crispin Hemson.

Mr MacLennan said this week's statement by the president of the Federated Hotels, Liquor and Catering Association, Mr Stan Hoffman, that new laws would be introduced soon to scrap racial discimination in hotels was 'in line with the committee's thinking'.

'It is evident that if this does go through, additional open facilities will be needed. We are examining carefully where these should be situated, although we are very aware that it is essential to retain facilities for specific races for as long as they are required,' Mr MacLennan said.

He said the committee would discuss the siting of more mixed beaches with the City Engineer at its meeting next month.

'We want a clear picture of what is planned for the beaches and where things can be fitted in,' Mr MacLennan said.

# Leaders welcome decision to open resort to all races

(283) G NM 13/6/85

Mercury Reporter

INDIAN and coloured leaders yesterday welcomed a decision by Natal's Executive Committee to go ahead with the development of Palm Beach on the South Coast as a multiracial resort.

But they said two more areas at the Umtamvuna River, the border between Natal and Transkei, should also be opened to all races.

Exco announced yesterday that work on the Palm Beach resort would start as soon as possible.

The decision to go ahead with development of the resort follows a tour of the beach by House of Delegates MP, Mr Kisten Moodley and Mr Tom Abrahams, a Labour Party MP in the House of Representatives.

However, Exco decided that proposals for another recreation area near Port Edward be shelved until funds became available.

Mr Abrahams said yesterday that Palm Beach was only being developed as a recreation area by the Natal Parks Board.

'We need residential areas along the beach and we are negotiating for land along the South Coast to be opened to all races,' he said.

Mr Kisten Moodley said the development of Palm Beach as a multiracial resort was a start and that he would like to see more such resorts.

Mr Koos Arlow, chairman of the Palm Beach Ratepayers Association was not available for comment yesterday, but he is on record as having said whites should be allowed to retain their land at Palm Beach even if the area was developed as a multiracial resort.

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# Toilet ban on a black flushes the women out

A BAN on a black secretary using a "whites only" toilet has left a women's organisation so flushed with anger that they are to move offices.

The row erupted when Mr Scottie Macdonald, landlord of a cottage shared by his auctioneering business and the National Council of Women (NCW), told the council their black secretary could not use the inside toilet.

By MICHAEL JOHNSON

Mr Macdonald, who holds the lease on the property in Durban, said his black staff used a separate toilet in the parking lot of his premises.

"But this is not acceptable to us as our council is a non-racial organisation," said NCW national president Mrs Else Schreiner.

So the NCW is to move to alternate premises with a mixed loo.

"We were very happy at our old premises. But on principle alone we are going to move," said Mrs Schreiner.

The toilet trouble started when Mr Macdonald made it known through his secretary that the NCW's black secretary could not use the shared inside toilet facility.

Mrs Schreiner said she asked Mr Macdonald to confirm his objection.

"In front of witnesses in my office he said it was against his principles to allow a black woman to use the same toilet as his white staff.

"We are moving to less convenient premises in Forsyth's building right in the middle of town where parking is going to be a problem.

## Harmonious

"We didn't intend this issue to be blown up, but it seems there has been a lot of interest in our letter to a newspaper in which we advised the public of our change of address.

"Mr. Macdonald and I are parting on amicable terms, but I suppose it is just as well that this type of issue is publicised," said Mrs Schreiner.

Mr Macdonald said he had a "very harmonious relationship" with the NCW for about 3½ years.

"I find it a little ridiculous they are moving out just because of this."

# Segregated car parking at station to be relaxed

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Mercury Reporter

**SEGREGATED parking for train passengers at Durban Station will be relaxed following the integration of coaches on some mainline trains, it was disclosed yesterday.**

Mr Hugo Pienaar, manager of passenger services of the South African Transport Services, confirmed yesterday that passengers could park anywhere at the station until the new 'barrier system' was introduced.

At present there are separate parking areas and entrances designated for first-class, second-class and third-class passengers.

But when a Mercury team visited the station yesterday there was not a single car parked in the second-class and third-class parking zones and no eyebrows were raised when the Mercury team ventured into the previously whites-only entrance for first-class passengers.

Only eight cars were parked in the first-class parking zone.

Carriages on some trains were thrown open to all races from Sunday, but other first-class and second-class coaches still had coaches for 'whites only'.

Mr Hugo Pienaar

However, there was no significant stampede by passengers to trains with racially-mixed coaches.

Commuters interviewed at the station reacted with mixed feelings. While some welcomed it as a step in the right direction, others were not even aware that coaches had been integrated.

Welcoming the move, Mr Pierre Cronje, Progressive Federal Party MP for Greytown and a transport spokesman, said: 'I always welcome any move away from discrimination but the gross discrimination in the South African Transport Services employment practice is perhaps a much greater problem than petty apartheid on trains.'

Mr Pienaar said they had not received any complaints from commuters following the introduction of racially-mixed coaches.

His department would be monitoring the train services closely during the next two weeks to check how passengers were adapting and to see if additional coaches were necessary.

He said some mainline trains would continue to have 'whites only' carriages.

# Call to open Royal Durban to all races

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**Mercury Reporter**

THE Central Durban Indian Ratepayers' Association has written to the Durban City Council, owners of the Royal Durban Golf Course, asking that the course be opened to all races.

The association's secretary, Mr K T Manjee, said it had come as a shock to them that the largest open space in the city centre was leased to a group of people who restricted membership. He believed the ban was discriminatory.

The demand to the council follows a recent decision by the Royal Durban Golf Club to refuse membership to a Jewish man, Mr Ashley Mymin.

Mr Mymin alleged his membership was rejected because he was Jewish.

Mr Manjee said there were many Indians from the city centre who would want to become members of the club and use the course should they be admitted as members.

## Asked

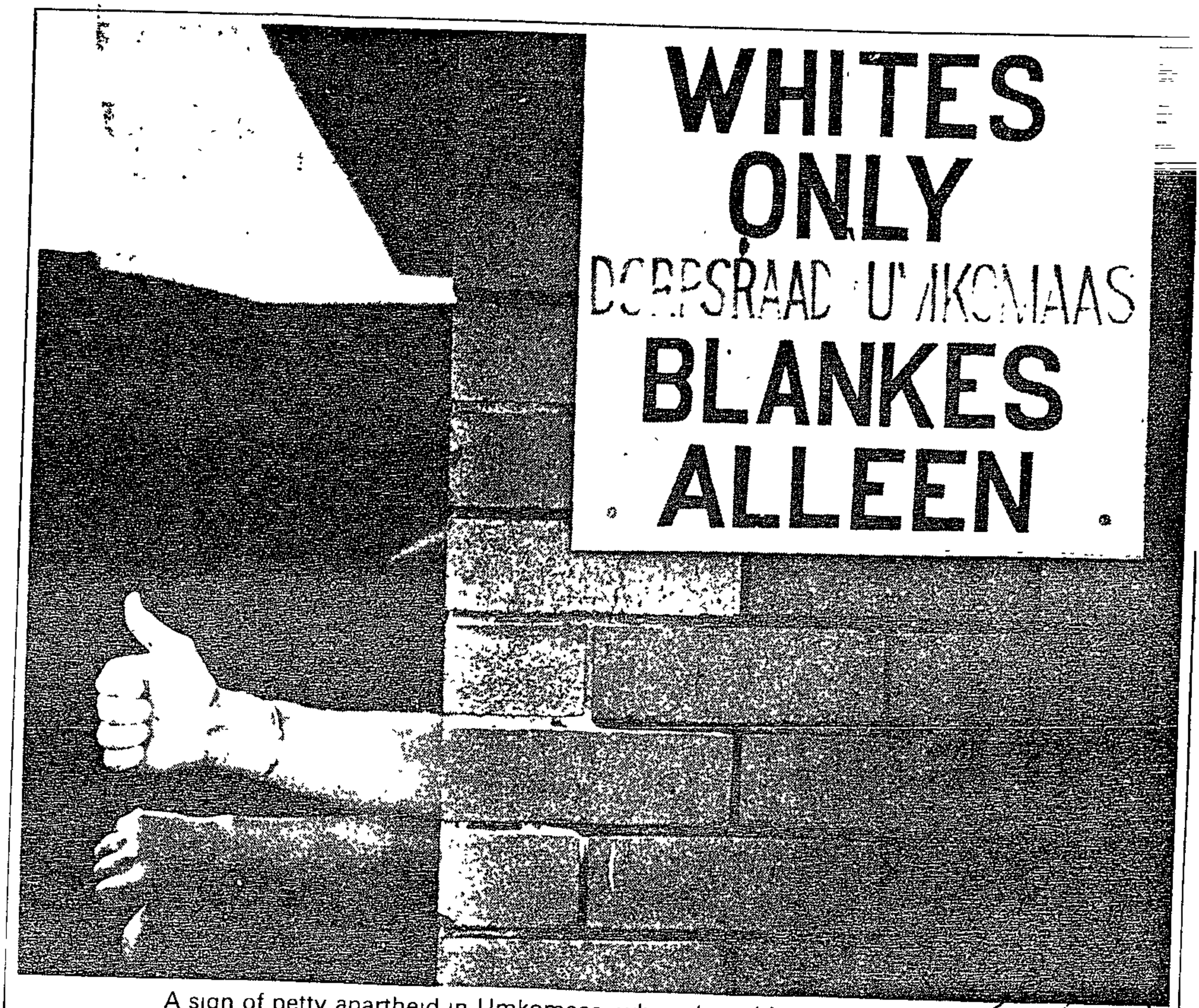
'It is our firm view that the council should grant leases in respect to land used for sporting purposes to clubs which did not restrict membership to people of a particular race, caste or creed,' he said.

He said the association for many years had asked for an open space in the Grey Street area but the council had done nothing to date.

'We therefore believe that it is important that the Royal Durban controversy is carefully investigated and the full terms and conditions of the lease be made known to all citizens of Durban,' Mr Manjee said.

Mr Jeff Osborne, the chairman of Royal Durban Golf Club, said there was nothing in the club's constitution which restricted members of any race, caste or creed from becoming members.

However, he said all applications would have to be proposed and seconded by club members.




A sign of petty apartheid in Umkomaas, where 'racial issues' are not wanted.

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# Apartheid for all to see

Mercury Reporter

WHILE reform goes ahead in most parts of South Africa, petty apartheid continues in Umkomaas.

Glaring 'Whites Only' signs are attached to walls and ablution blocks at the Umkomaas tidal pool in front of the Whaler Restaurant and family entertainment centre

Asked about the signs yesterday, Town Clerk Jack Ritchie said 'Nobody enforces those signs down here anyway I have nothing more to say'

He added: 'We don't want anybody stirring up racial issues here'

An attendant in the video games area said only whites were allowed into the building

'When blacks come into the area they are chased away by inspectors I have been working here for about three months now, but when I worked in Durban there were no problems like this.'

He said the video game enterprise had nothing against blacks using the machines, which were housed in the building owned by the town board.

'But there is nothing I can do about this problem because the town board says blacks are not allowed here'

Mr M Govender, MP for the Upper South Coast constituency, said 'I am surprised to hear this. Umkomaas is trying to open up its central business district to all races and is really quite progressive.'

'Now that you have brought it to my attention, I will start an

## TELLYVIEW

Last night's TV

**THANK heavens I only have to watch early viewing on a Thursday once in a while.**

**And last night happened to be one of those times I had no choice.**

**While I've always privately felt that the productions offered by the Afrikaans drama department are, on average, way above those of its English counterparts, I must say last night did nothing to substantiate my theory.**

**I strongly suspect it's become a case of being a tradition to keep South Africa bored on Tuesday**

*Teletien* was, as usual, watchable if not highly exciting although the item on a group of deaf drum majorettes trained by their teachers was amazing as well as a little humbling.

Surprise guests were Gerhard Korsten, son of the more famous Gé, and Johan Fourie who is fast becoming South Africa's athlete pin-up.

While a good idea *Die Ekonomie In Beeld* is a little too complicated and drawn out — for my liking.

I'm also sure it won't help those recession blues, anyway.

*Uit En Tuis* I found entertaining in snatches.

Prof Chris Barnard was born in Beaufort West, as I'm sure everyone knows, and a tour around this delightful little town's proud tribute to him featured prominently.

What a long way it was from barefoot boy of Beaufort West to top international heart surgeon.

The rest was a little dull, except for the piece on the tug that was so heart-rending I felt as if I was expected to burst into tears at its fate, and felt quite guilty when I remained dry-eyed.

It was the first time I have seen *Agter Elke Man* and to be honest I was totally confused and not terribly impressed either.

But it was nice to see ex-Durbanite Deon van Zyl back on the small screen again.

At least the second half offered *Hill Street Blues* and *Boney M* as consolation.

JANET MOORE

# Call to open beaches to all races

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**Mercury Reporter**

STANGER'S Indians have called on the newly-elected Blythedale Beach Health Committee to spell out its policy on the use of its beaches by all races

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Dr Chota Bhorat, vice-president of the Stanger Local Affairs Committee, said he was confident the committee would adopt a new approach in line with the Government's new dispensation.

Dr Bhorat said he saw no reason why the beaches should not be open, because Stanger co-operated with the health committee.

Mr E Matthis, a member of the committee, said the committee would opt for a new approach.

# Beaches open for Christmas

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## Getting along with 'King Kong'

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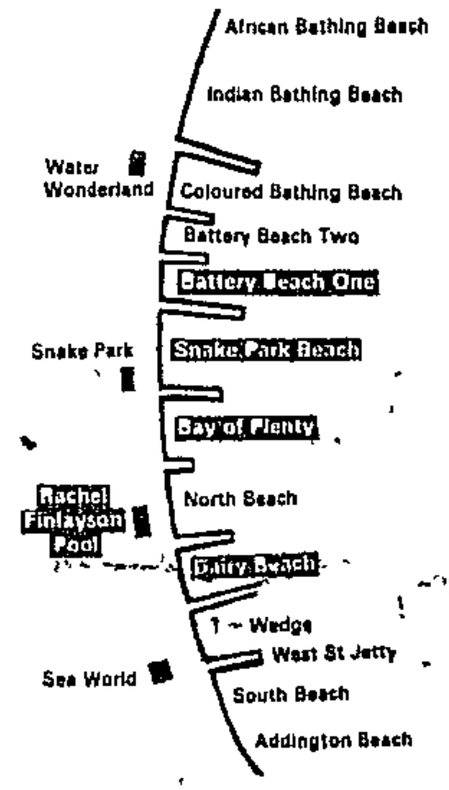


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## *More pools*

Manco also proposes that three new paddling pools be built at a cost of more than R2 000 000 to alleviate overcrowding

One, for blacks only, would be at the present black beach north of Natal Command, the second, for all races, would be in the Battery Beach area and the third would be built at South Beach for whites only

The white and black pools would open in December next year while the multiracial pool would open in July 1987

Manco vice-chairman Don Smith said: 'All the changes proposed here are Stage I. Others will take place in future.'

Mr Peter Mansfield pointed out that when it was proposed in 1982 that Battery Beach Two become multiracial, there had been bitter dissension and the council had been split, but there had since been a change of mood.

This time a committee with representation from both sides of the council has managed to achieve unanimity.'

Deputy Mayor Henry Klotz, one of the council's leading 'moderates' and a member of the beach committee, said: 'The simple matter is President Botha believes we should learn to live together for the sake of harmony and peace.

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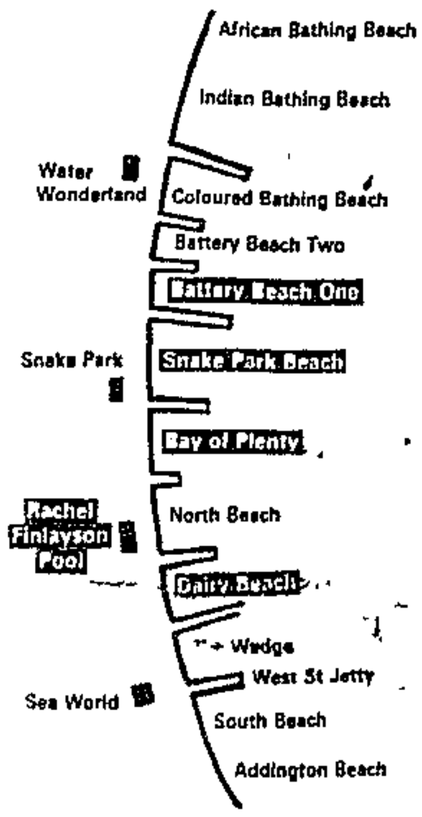


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'A FIGHT? BUT IT NEVER BOTHERED YOU BEING CALLED A BLERRIE DUTCHMAN'

# All-race cinemas for Natal

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**THE Government will allow some cinemas and drive-ins in Durban and Pietermaritzburg to open to all races, and they expect to become multiracial soon.**

**Mercury Reporter**

Mr Dave Bristow, general manager of Ster Kinekor (Natal), said last night that the Kine 600, the Embassy and the Broadway complex cinemas would become multiracial in Durban, as well as Kine 1 and 2 in Pietermaritzburg, and all the drive-ins.

He confirmed that applications had already been submitted, and he expected the cinemas to become multiracial 'virtually overnight'.

This follows an announcement by the Deputy Minister of Constitutional Development and Planning, Mr Piet Badenhorst, in Pretoria yesterday that cinemas in certain specified areas could apply for permission to admit patrons of all races.

The Government's decision, which affects cinemas and drive-ins in the CBDs of Pietermaritzburg, Durban, Cape Town and Johannesburg, was welcomed yesterday by Ster-Kinekor and UIP-Warner, which had made the representations to the Government earlier this year.

'Since then further representations were received from UIP-Warner that drive-in cinemas also be opened to all races,' Mr Badenhorst said.

The Cabinet decided that authority be granted to Ster-Kinekor and UIP-Warner to open cinemas in specified central business complexes by way of individual applications.

'In respect of drive-in cinemas I have decided that individual owners are at liberty to submit applications for the opening of their cinemas to the nearest regional office or to the head office of the department.'

## *Merit*

Each application will be considered on merit.

The managing director of UIP-Warner, Mr Tim Ord, said he was 'extremely happy' that not only had the CBD cinemas been opened but that the Government was ready to favourably consider applications from most drive-in theatres.

Mr Ord said the announcement was 'wonderful' considering the 'acutely embarrassing situation' of cinemas' doors not being open to all races.

Officials of Ster-Kinekor and UIP-Warner said yesterday they had already applied for 25 cinemas to be opened to all races.

Ster MD Etienne de Villiers welcomed Mr Badenhorst's announcement, saying it was 'a cornerstone for the normalisation of the entertainment industry'.

Mr Ord added: 'As an American company, we have been acutely embarrassed by whites-only cinemas. The latest action will help redress this situation.'

A Ster spokesman said the chain would apply as soon as possible for all cinemas in CBDs to be opened. As a long-term goal, it would strive to have those in other centres opened as well.

# All-race beaches, pools come a step closer

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OPEN beaches and swimming pools came another step closer to realisation yesterday.

A joint meeting of Durban's Management and Amenities committees unanimously approved a proposal first revealed last week that four more beaches, the Rachel Finlayson pool and the children's paddling pools be opened to all races. Mercury

Added to the recommendation was a clause specifying that only children under 12 and adults caring for them be allowed to enter the paddling pools' enclosure. Provision for the erection of barricades was approved by council this week.

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# Open beaches protest plan

**Mercury Reporter**

DURBAN Right-wingers plan to hold a public meeting next week to protest against council plans to open four more beaches and beachfront amenities to all races.

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The meeting would take place at the Blue Waters Hotel on October 22, according to Mr Arthur Morris, chairman of the Civic Action League.

'We're gathering all the beachfront people to try to show that Councillor Klotz did not get the mandate he said he got,' Mr Morris said.

He was referring to a meeting of beachfront residents addressed by Deputy Mayor Mr Henry Klotz which voted in favour of 'change'.

The Civic Action League claims the nature of the change was not spelt out.

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Meanwhile, the local chief executive officer of the Herstigte Nasionale Party, Mr Martin Louw, has called for a boycott of Durban this Christmas by up-country holidaymakers.

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He was quoted in yesterday's edition of the HNP mouthpiece, the Afrikaner, as having called for a boycott of Durban this Christmas by up-country holidaymakers.

'By these means, resistance (to open beach plans) can be demonstrated tangibly,' he was quoted as saying.

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# Durban votes for four open beaches

Argus Correspondent

DURBAN. — The City Council here has voted in favour of proposals for opening beachfront pools and four beaches to all races.

This means the beaches and pools could be open to all by the start of the Christmas holidays if the Administrator of Natal approves the proposals.

The council voted 26-2 in favour of the proposals after a stormy 3½-hour debate.

Among those supporting the motion were staunch National Party supporters Mr Louis de Beer, Mr Laurie Kaplan and Deputy-Mayor Mr Henry Klotz.

Only the Civic Action League supporter, Miss Marianne McCurdy, and Mr Lew Phillips voted against the motion.

Management Committee head Mrs Sybil Hotz emphasised the urgency for reform measures: "The white population group can no longer support the tourist industry in Durban. We simply have to have the support of all race groups now.

"History has told us that change gathers momentum and that is what is happening in this country. We cannot simply rely on the Government to make changes.

"There is an incredible responsibility now on decision-making bodies, like the Durban City Council, to institute change."

Mr Klotz, who opposed a previous attempt to open the beaches, said: "In 1982 I said Battery Beach 2 would be overcrowded when it was opened and I was wrong. I am man enough now to say it.

**"NO RACIAL FICTION"**

"I have never seen any racial friction on our beaches nor any problem with mixed toilets for that matter. If there are cultural differences then we must accept them."

Mr Kaplan said: "The beaches don't belong to the beachfront ratepayers."

To argue that Durban's tourism would be adversely affected by integration was "crazy" when the tourist industry itself was asking for the changes, he added

# Mixed reaction to CBD plan

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Mercury Reporter

**THE revised proposals for Umhlanga's central business district have met with a mixed reaction from traders and developers alike.**

At a special meeting called by the steering committee formed after the plans were first made known, the proposal to close Chartwell Drive and convert it into a pedestrian mall by early next year was discussed

The chairman of the borough's Town Planning Committee, Mr Henry Reynolds, emphasised that although town planners had been commissioned by the council to draw up the development plans, they were at a concept stage and still needed to be given the final go-ahead.

'But the major developers in the area have not turned the proposals down flat, and they will probably be approved early in January,' he said

Although hailed by municipal officials and some traders as 'the plan that will prevent Umhlanga from stagnating', several traders have expressed reservations

Most fear that the subsequent loss of about 146 parking bays will cause major problems

## Disjointed

Mr Stan Patterson, chairman of the local Commercial Association, has said he personally feels the idea is 'totally out of the question' and that it is possible to improve the look of Umhlanga without closing the entire road

But the town planner, Mr Dawson Hyman, has said the existing shopping area is disjointed and the pedestrian mall would be the 'catalyst' to 'pull it all together'.

'We need to create a pleasent shopping environment for the citizens of the borough, and visitors The only way to do it is through introducing a pedestrian mall'

'It was the only way to attract developers to the town, he said

Mr Jeff Pullen, a representative of a major developer in the area, said his company had not approved of the closure and would prefer to see a partial closure instead.

Mr Vincent Leggo, whose company is responsible for the plan, told the meeting that the development was being designed to adhere to the 'village' concept.

# Beaches, pools opened to all races

Pietermaritzburg Bureau

THE opening of certain Durban beaches, the Rachel Finlayson swimming bath and paddling pools to all races was made official yesterday in terms of a notice published in the Provincial Gazette here.

Section 37 of the beach bylaws have been amended to allow 'unreserved' bathing between the northern side of the West Street pier and the southern side of the North Beach pier, opposite the beach office, and that portion of foreshore between the northern side of the Bay of Plenty pier and a point 370 m south of the main storm-water outfall at the Country Club beach. Mercury

The Executive Committee has also approved a further amendment to the beach bylaws, which restricts paddling pools to children under the age of 12 and adults in whose care they are in. 13/12/85

An amendement to Durban's licensing bylaws allowing shops to remain open on Easter Saturday, was also published in the Gazette yesterday.

The security assurance was conveyed by means of pamphlets — issued on behalf of a group apparently representing the Pretoria business community — dropped by helicopter over Mamelodi last week.

The boycotts, in protest against the State of Emergency, the presence of troops in the townships and detentions under the emergency, began on December 2 in Pretoria and a week later on the Reef. They are due to end on December 31, unless they go the way of the eastern Cape consumer boycott which overran its deadline due to negotiation problems. The Port Elizabeth consumer boycott, which crippled many businesses in the city, was due to last for two months but ran for nearly five after boycott leaders were detained. The four-month-old consumer boycotts in Queenstown and Uitenhage have also continued longer than originally planned. A PE Chamber of Commerce spokesman said most small businesses which survived the boycott there had done so only by changing marketing tactics so as to reduce their reliance on black custom. In the two weeks since the boycott was suspended,

**Black Sash's Duncan ... not the end of the boycott weapon**

the swing seemed to be back to white traders, he said, mostly because of higher prices in the townships.

Boycott committees have prohibited any celebration during the boycott, including weddings, parties, home improvements and even the wearing of new clothes. There have been reports of women being undressed and searched by youths in the Soweto streets and of groceries destroyed by random groups of youths.

The Pretoria Consumer Boycott Committee (PCBC) has made urgent appeals to township youths not to harass shoppers after being inundated with complaints from black consumers. It has appointed "area committees" to ensure that people defying the boycott are not harassed; their wish is that the boycott be observed voluntarily. Marshals appointed by the committee are the only people authorised to check if people are breaking the boycott and they had instructions not to destroy confiscated goods, the PCBC has said.

But Black Sash president, Sheena Duncan, says it would be a mistake to put the success of the boycott down to intimidation as it seemed to be a much more deeply based and popularly supported action than some reports implied. "Whether or not this boycott is successful, I don't think it's the last time this powerful political weapon will be used," she said. ■

INDUSTRIAL COURT

## More NUM victories

**Four more cases** arising from the dismissal of members of the National Union of Mineworkers (NUM) for participating in the lawful September wage strike at Gencor mines have been heard in the Industrial Court recently.

This follows the court's decision that several hundred strikers had been unfairly dismissed by the Marievale goldmine (*Current Affairs* November 22). In the latest hearings, 74 workers at four mines have been reinstated.

After a hearing on November 29, the court granted an order temporarily reinstating Emmanuel Mpetha, the chief NUM shaft steward at the Unisel goldmine. He had been dismissed for distributing leaflets detailing the union's "strike rules." The order was backdated to November 1.

On December 10, after the union had closed its case, Matla Collieries agreed to a consent order in terms of which 11 miners should be reinstated. The order gives them 21 days in which to return to work.

The following day the court heard an application for the reinstatement of 10 strikers at Transvaal Navigation Collieries (TNC). The company contested the case and on Tuesday this week the court ordered their reinstatement under similar conditions as in the Matla case.

A further case heard on December 12 has led to the reinstatement of 52 Beatrix goldmine workers dismissed for "participation in events surrounding the strike." At negotiations between the NUM and the company at the court hearing, agreement was reached that the miners be reinstated subject to the right of the company to conduct disciplinary hearings into the conduct of the miners "if they still believe it to be necessary." The union will then be entitled to challenge any adverse findings in the Industrial Court. The 52 Beatrix workers (who include six of the seven union shaft stewards at the mine) are to receive three-and-a-half months' back pay.

Meanwhile, a secondary dispute is brewing over the future of about 50 Marievale workers who returned to the mine after the Industrial Court's 21-day deadline. Marievale is refusing to re-employ them. But the union claims the mine failed to give timeous notice to The Employment Bureau of Africa (Teba) of the miners' impending return. Without documentary clearance from Teba it is difficult for foreign workers to return to SA. About 400 others have been reinstated at Marievale so far.

The Manpower Department, too, is responsible for a delay in the final resolution of this dispute. It is now three-and-a-half months since the NUM applied for the establishment of a conciliation board to consider the case, and no decision has yet been made — an unusually long delay.

The Marievale case is one of the most crucial and controversial that the court has considered in its seven-year existence, and there is speculation that the department is thinking long and hard over its next move. A decision not to appoint the board would mean that the case could not be referred back to the court for a final order. This would doubtless unleash a stream of protest from some members of the industrial relations community, while the wisdom of the court's ruling has already been questioned by others.

☐ Another case arising from dismissals during the September wage strike, this time involving Anglovaal's Hartebeestfontein goldmine, is to be the subject of a test case on a vital point of industrial law.

The company, the NUM and 23 of its members (the applicants), have agreed to apply for a final Industrial Court order for reinstatement in terms of section 46 of the Labour Relations Act. The case will then be postponed pending an Appellate Division hearing over whether the Industrial Court is entitled to rule in favour of the reinstatement of workers on the grounds of equity, when dismissal is justified in terms of common law.

The Industrial Court has, on a number of occasions, ruled that it is entitled to do so, including in the Marievale case. Marievale has disputed this ruling and has taken the case on review to the Supreme Court over this issue, among others. A similar case involving the NUM and Vaal Reefs is also pending in the Supreme Court. ■

MULTIRACIAL BEACHES

## Durban leaps in

**Race barriers** came down on four of Durban's beaches last week. As expected, the sight of multiracial crowds sunning themselves on Durban's Golden Mile stopped few people in their tracks.

After three days of rain, the sun peeped out on Monday. Durbanites made the most of their public holiday and headed for the sea. At the newly enclosed paddling pool children of all complexions gaily splashed one another, a coloured man dozed belly-up in the sun, lovers promenaded and an African family, a little self-consciously, built a sand castle at the water's edge.

The event, another milestone in the demise of Grand Apartheid, went without incident — disappointing only members of the right-wing Civic Action League (CAL) who had predicted dire consequences from the non-racial gambit.

Accustomed to the annual influx of holidaymakers from inland, beachgoers merely shrugged and moved up their beach towels to make room for the newcomers. One bronzed surfer reckoned the change was "no big deal."

It was, in fact, a much bigger deal than most people realised. The Durban City Council, one of the most liberal in the land when it comes to shared amenities, had been trying for close on two years to integrate its main bathing beaches. An earlier application to the Natal Provincial Administration was turned down on the basis that there were insufficient amenities and overcrowding could result.

Undeterred, the council went back to the drawing board and formulated new proposals which provided for two new paddling pools, one at the African Beach and one at South Beach, and for the exisiting paddling pool to be enclosed to control numbers.

Meanwhile, the city's integrationist plans were harried by the CAL on the right and vested business interests who felt the move could place the city's tourist industry in jeopardy. An attitude survey in response to the commissioning of Durban's first experimental non-racial beach, Battery Beach II, showed that many visitors would not return if the beaches were integrated.

In the end, the council took the initiative and voted on the issue. Mayor Stan Lange said: "We cannot procrastinate any longer." The vote was carried by 26 votes to 2, and the "Whites Only" signs came down at Battery Beach I, Snake Park Beach, Bay of Plenty, Dairy Beach, the paddling pool and the beach baths. Provincial authorities gave their approval on the understanding that the additional amenities would be provided in due course.

Town Clerk Gordon Haygarth says there are no plans to integrate the rest of the city's beach at present. He said the council had taken the fairest approach of integrating some, yet retaining others for exclusive use by the various race groups. There was no question of Durban following Cape Town's example with "pay" beaches "We just don't believe they are practical," he said.

Durban's coloured, Indian and African beaches were packed to capacity on Monday. The few people of colour who took advantage of the newly liberalised beach by-laws hardly seemed like confirming rightwingers' fears of being deluged. ■

## TALES OF HALLEY'S COMET

**Edmund Halley**, friend of Isaac Newton, discovered the predictability of the famous comet that bears his name in the late 17th Century: that it returns to pass close to the earth regularly about every seventy-six years. The comet's visits had been recorded many times before this discovery — the most famous occasion being in 1066, when it was included on the Bauyeaux tapestry. The painter Giotto in 1301 interpreted the comet as the Star of Bethlehem which attended the birth of Christ, and so saw it as a sign of hope. More commonly, the unusual and mysterious visit of the comet was seen, as in 1066, as an omen, not of some great change for the better but, rather, of disaster, writes Christopher Saunders, an academic from Cape Town.

Some South Africans who saw the comet in 1910 shared the fear, widespread in the northern hemisphere, that the earth might be poisoned by cyanide gas as it passed through the tail of the comet. Others linked the appearance of the comet with the sudden death of Edward VII on May 6, 1910.

One group of Africans believed it was a fiery chariot, sent to carry the monarch's soul to heaven. Others may have seen it as an omen of what the new Union of South Africa — celebrations for which were muted because of Edward's death — would mean for blacks.

For some Africans, we know, the comet was a sign that white rule would soon come to an end. Africans in the Taung district of the northern Cape were reported as saying that "when the comet appears is the time for wiping out the white man," and police from Vryburg and Mafeking were hurriedly sent into the area to deal with the unrest.

We know, too, that some leaders of independent African churches used the comet to their own advantage. They predicted its coming, and its arrival seemed to proclaim their spiritual authority.

In the Queenstown district, Enoch Mgijima of the Israelites told his followers of the imminent arrival of a star from the east. It meant that "Jehova is angry ... Unless men turn to their ancient religion, the earth will meet some great disaster."

He instructed them to worship "on the model of the Israelite patriarchs who in their day were liberated by Jehovah from the yoke of oppressive rulers."

These statements came to public attention in 1921 after Mgijima's people had refused to move from the Bulhoek commonage, and 163 of them had been shot and killed.

Sol T Plaatje, the famous black journalist, writer and politican, was much impressed by the visit of the comet in 1910.

He called a son, who was born as the comet arrived, Halley.

"In common with other Bantu tribes," he wrote in 1910, "the Bechuana attach many ominous traditions to stellar movements and cometary visitations in particular "

Later in the decade he included Halley's comet as a central feature in his novel *Mhudi*, which told of the coming of the whites to the Transvaal in the 1830s.

Mzilikazi heard from his magician that the comet would mean war and loss of independence; but the Ndebele might escape these if they moved north in time

Mzilikazi's decision to leave the Transvaal for the land across the Limpopo — the future Matabeleland, in which he hoped to be able to maintain his independence — was, in fact, taken in 1837, well after the departure of the comet. But it is probable that Plaatjie's use of the comet in the novel drew upon a memory of its earlier visit which lived on in the oral history of his Tswana people. The Xhosa to the south-east, who named years after significant events, spoke of "the year of the first comet" (*umgca wokugala*), or of "the star with a tail" (*inkwenkwezi enomsila*).

Much of the history of popular consciousness of non-literate peoples must inevitably remain unknown. Unusual events, such as the arrival of Halley's comet, may give historians clues as to how people thought in the past.

The return of Halley's comet to our skies in 1985-1986 has led historians to seek out evidence of its impact on previous visits. In this way, the return of Halley's comet may teach us not only more about what happens in the heavens, but also more about life here in SA in the past.

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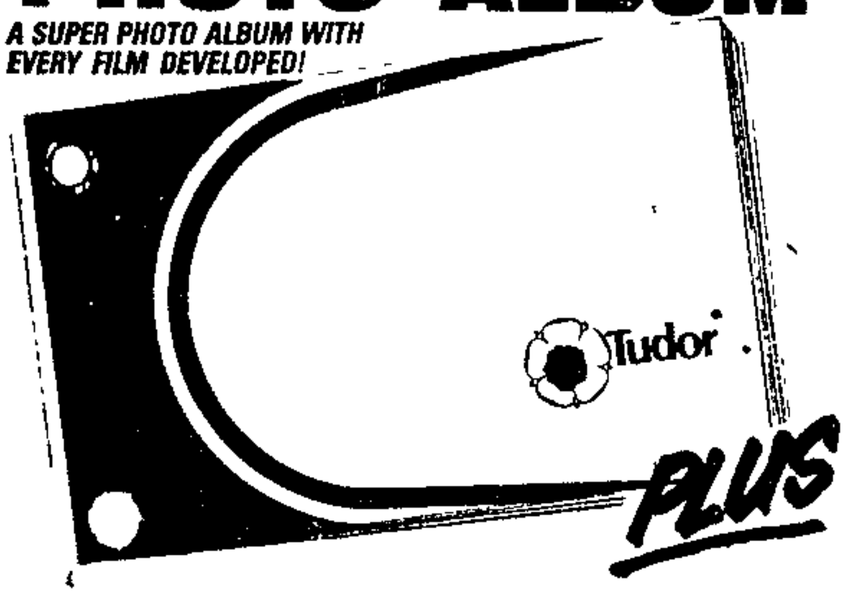


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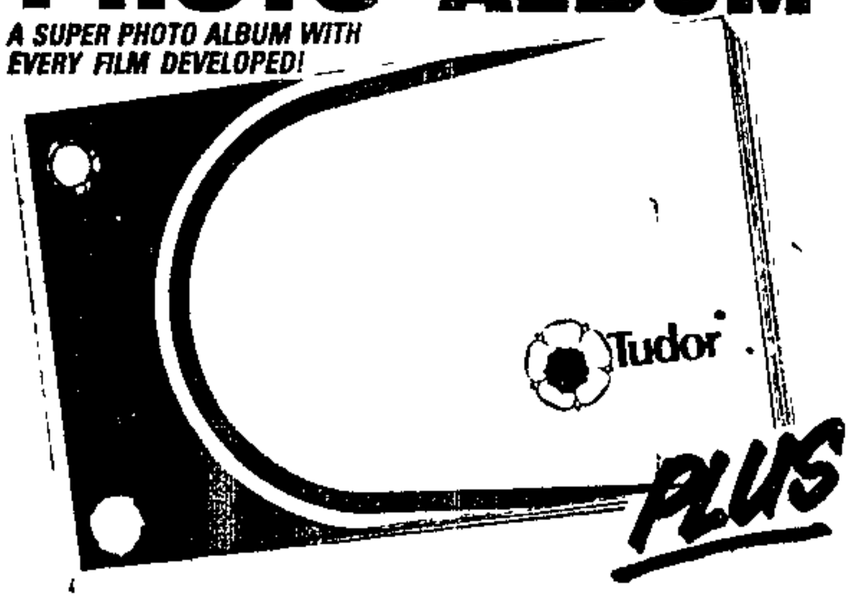


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# 'Thugs' strike at Indian beaches

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Own Correspondent

DURBAN. — Black youths went on the rampage for the second day near Durban's Indian bathing beaches yesterday, stoning traffic as well as parked cars in the Oasis Beach parking lot

Large numbers of youths moved towards the crowded Indian areas twice, once in the morning and again in the late afternoon.

Several cars at Oasis Beach were damaged, but nobody was injured. Bathers fled the beach in droves and the youths dispersed as quickly as they had congregated.

Beach inspectors rushed to the scene to keep watch and police also stood by.

Yesterday's incident followed clashes on Thursday when two people were injured.

The Mayor of Durban, Mr Stan Lange, said he thought the motivation had been criminal rather than racial. He pointed out there had been no trouble on Durban's five non-racial beaches.

The chairman of Durban's Amenities Committee, Mrs Ros Sarkin, said: "One should not necessarily interpret everything in racial terms. Gangs of thugs attack peaceful citizens all over the world and the guilty must be punished."

The director of Durban's Parks, Recreation and Beaches Department, Mr Errol Scarr, said lifeguards at the black beach had radioed that youths were gathering. Indian bathers were warned to take their possessions and leave the beach.

Mr Alan Pembroke, manager of Durban bathing amenities, said: "Some windscreens were broken and doors were kicked in. Youths were also stoning traffic on the service road on the west side of the parking ground," he said.

# Two hurt in racial fight after whites order blacks off the beach

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**Mercury Reporter**

TWO men were injured in a racial fight at Sordwana Bay on New Year's Day after whites had ordered blacks off the beach and rioting which broke out in Durban on the same day, resulted in a man dying of his injuries yesterday.

Durban beachfront was quiet yesterday after a violent start to the year which left many injured.

The Sordwana Bay trouble started shortly after midday, when a group of whites told a group of blacks to get out of the water and off the beach, a local inhabitant said.

'The whites said the beach was reserved for them, but the blacks maintained they were in KwaZulu and could swim where they liked,' she said.

Fighting broke out between about 50 people and at least two were seriously injured.

A black man was stabbed above the eye and a white man in the arm.

The fighting, which lasted about 30 minutes, was brought under control by police from Umbazwaan and local Parks Board officials.

A police spokesman said reports indicated that the whites had approached the blacks, some of whom had been naked, and had asked them to make themselves presentable.

No one was arrested and no charges have been laid, the spokesman said.

● See also Page 2

# War in the townships, peace on the beaches

CIVIC DIARY

By Hilary Venables

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

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

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

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

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

There was no violence on the five desegregated beaches

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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# Complaints on mixed Durban beaches flood in

The Argus Correspondent

DURBAN. — Officials here were flooded with complaints from visitors and locals alike when the remaining white beaches unofficially became multiracial ones during the festive season.

The beach manager, Mr Alan Pembroke, said his inspectors had been "extremely busy" during this period.

"I must say we have had lots of complaints. These have come mainly from whites who have objected to blacks swimming in whites-only sections of the sea.

"There have also been a good number of complaints about topless bathing. Many visitors have found this unacceptable."

Mr Pembroke said it should be remembered that blacks were legally allowed to walk or sunbathe on whites-only beaches but were not allowed to swim there.

## Workload

His department's busy workload had been compounded when it tried to move blacks out of the white swimming areas to "open" beaches.

He agreed that the Department of Parks, Recreation and Beaches would probably need to employ more beach inspectors because the present staff could not cope.

"But the city council has appointed management consultants to look into the matter."

A city councillor, Mr Phillip Kairuz, said the council had been remiss in "opening" many of Durban's beaches but not providing more toilets and showers, which had resulted in extreme congestion.

# Councillor says many visitors from the OFS won't be back

The Argus Correspondent

DURBAN. — A Bloemfontein city councillor has warned the Durban City Council that unless it sorts out racial problems and congestion on the beaches, many Free Staters will not return to the city next year.

Mr Henri Lerm, who is also a Durban ratepayer — he owns a flat on the beachfront — has visited the city regularly in the past 13 years.

He was amazed by the poor organisation on the beachfront after the council's decision to integrate four more beaches.

"Let me first say that I am no verkrampte — I think most sensible-thinking South Africans acknowledge that what your council has done by opening the beaches to all races is an inevitable and acceptable thing. But you cannot implement changes unless you have planned them properly."

### THREE STEPS

Mr Lerm said there were three steps the council needed to take:

- Increase the number of beach inspectors;
- Erect signs in Zulu stating on which beaches blacks were allowed or not allowed to swim; and
- Put up canvas or hessian screens around the public showers to conceal nudity.

Public indecency, Mr Lerm said, was a major complaint.

"I have taken pictures of many black women swimming topless and even in the showers taking off their panties. Quite often they swim in panties which are transparent. For many people this is inexcusable."

As a property developer, he was aware of many people not wanting to buy along Durban's "Golden Mile" because of uncertainty about what was going to happen.

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# Christmas bloody Christmas in Durban

By MIKE ROBERTSON, Durban

HOLIDAYS in Durban were once reasonably pleasant affairs

Sure, the beaches were crowded and reeked of coconut oil, the ice-creams cost a small fortune and the surfers were aggro, but you could still have a good time

Things have changed

This Christmas 66 people were killed and scores were injured in political violence in Durban There were stonings, shootings, faction fights, bomb blasts and a riot on the beachfront

It might well be termed Christmas, bloody Christmas

The first inkling of things to come was on Sunday, December 15 when the United Democratic Front held a rally at Curries Fountain as part of the Free Mandela Campaign

Several times during the meeting youths confronted security policemen trying to videotape the proceedings

Afterwards about 500 youths ran out of the stadium chanting "I'm a soldier" They spotted two police vans and gave chase, hurling objects at the fast-receding vehicles.

Motorists heading off the Western Freeway were stoned So was a nearby shopping complex

Youths then turned on plainclothes police waiting in cars opposite the shops and started throwing stones

UDF marshalls from the rally arrived and persuaded the crowd to stop and return to the busses waiting to take people home

Police and soldiers arrived, waded into the crowd with sjamboks and fired teargas At least two people were injured

The violence that was endemic in the townships around the city had come to central Durban

A week later as thousands of people were taking advantage of extended shopping hours, a bomb went off in Pine Street, in the central city

Thirteen people were injured

Bombs are nothing new in Durban, but it was the timing of this one and the apparently arbitrary choice of victims that sent shockwaves through the city

Then passers-by saw a black youth throw something which resembled a can under a parked mini-bus in the central city

In the mini-bus at the time were Ina de Jong and her two daughters, Vanessa, 9, and Delmarie, 4 They miraculously survived the blast

Worse was still to come

The following Monday, just two days before Christmas, a bomb exploded in a crowded shopping centre in Amanzimtoti, on the south coast

Without doubt it was the worst bomb blast Natal had ever experienced A total of five people were killed and 41 injured

Even as people sat down to their Christmas lunches two days later, the violence continued

A bloody faction fight in Section Five of Kwamakutha, a township near Durban, claimed the lives of 59 people Many more were injured and thousands more were forced to flee the area to escape the violence

Exactly what caused the fighting is not clear, but it is likely that it resulted from competition for scarce resources, the settling of scores of an earlier faction fight in Malakazi and a powerplay by Zulu chief Bhekizetha Makhanya, who felt that Pondos, by settling in his territory and establishing their own chiefs and indunas were undermining his authority

On Boxing Day, as heavily armed groups of men patrolled, military style, in Section Five, violence came to Durban's beachfront

What started as a group of black people pilfering goods on the adjoining Indian Beach developed into a racial incident when attempts were made to stop them

In the ensuing fracas, two people were stabbed, one of them apparently with an umbrella pole

The following day there was more violence when a group gathered on the African beach They began to head for the Indian beach but were intercepted by beach officials

The group moved into a nearby parking lot, stoning cars Eventually City Police moved in and the crowd returned to the beach

On Sunday, December 29, a pamphlet bomb was found in a bin outside Addington Hospital

New Year s Day started as one of those typically humid Durban midsummer's days Thousands thronged to the beaches

By the time the day had drawn to a close, one man lay dead, 10 others were injured and a full-scale riot had taken place on the beachfront

Police initially reported the rioting as Indian-African clashes, but this has since been denied by Durban's beach authorities

They say the trouble started when a group of youths went around shaving the heads of women with permed hair on the African beach

Later a shop belonging to an Indian woman, S Maharaj, was stoned She called in the SA Police who, when they arrived on the scene, fired teargas and birdshot

As the crowds scattered in all directions, numerous vehicles were stoned A City Police vehicle was set light

Lifeguards said they had seen men with loudhailers exhorting people to stone cars on the Marine Parade which had to be sealed off for a period

Some Durban councillors criticised the actions of the SAP, whose presence on the scene, they believed, provoked the rioting

They believe that in future the City Police and beach authorities, should be given a chance to try and control trouble first The SAP should be called in only as a last resort

Now Durban's management committee members are discussing the rioting and considering the city's future options

The words of Chris De Jong, whose family was injured in the Pine Street blast, will probably be high up in their thoughts

He said "We will continue our holiday in Margate, but we will never come to Durban again "

MEANWHILE IN CAPE TOWN: At Seapoint, authorities had a different approach to mixed beaches Here a sun-lover relaxes against the metal bars which fence in the fee-paying integrated zone

Picture ERIC MILLER, Afrapix

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General PJ Coetzee said the later stage. - Sapa

He says police hit him

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# Praise for cop

CITY P. 9/2/86

**CP Correspondent**

DURBAN'S deputy security police chief was buried with full military honours this week.

Colonel Robert Welman died late last week from burn wounds he suffered in the double bomb blast at a Jacobs electricity substation in January.

He was critically injured when a second limpet mine detonated as he was investigating an earlier blast. The second explosion started a fire and his clothes were burnt off his body.

The Jacobs blasts were the first in a series of "double bombs" – labelled "booby traps" by cops – to hit Durban.

# E Tvl councillor accused of killing youth

**By SELLO SERIPE**

A KWAZENELE councillor has been blamed for shooting two kids in the past three weeks – one of whom has died.

The councillor – whose name is being withheld allegedly fatally wounded the first youth, Dumisane Zwane, on January 25.

This week, at Zwane's funeral, the councillor allegedly shot a second youth, Sibanyoni Boyana, 18, critically wounding him

According to lawyer Phineas Mojapelo, the same councillor was responsible for both shootings.

Cops confirmed that a youth was wounded when the councillor opened fire on a group of youths allegedly attacked his house.

The recent shootings in the Eastern Transvaal township follow protests over service charges and rent.

The protests started on January 16, when town manager A Pieterse called a public meeting to discuss rent, electricity and other service charges.

The meeting ended in deadlock when residents walked out.

"This was followed by stone-throwing incidents and community leader Zebeth Ntshalintshali and four other residents were detained," Mojapelo told CITY PRESS.

"The homes of councillors and policemen were stoned."

# Teach on the beach

CITY P. 9/2/86 (283)

**CP Correspondent**

A DURBAN City Councillor wants the KwaZulu government to help "educate Zulus on beach rules".

Philip Kairuz said the council must act quickly to ensure good race relations on the beaches in future

Among his suggestions is that the city police force be expanded and issued with loudhailers to "advise and control crowds in an orderly way".

He proposed an "education program" with signs in the "three main languages" warning about the penalties for indecent exposure and other "unacceptable behaviour".

# Evicted 3 000 take Ciskei to Supreme Court

CITY P. 9/2/86

IN a case similar to the Ingwavuma row, 3 000 Kuni squatters are battling the Ciskei government in court over their forcible eviction last week.

Ciskei soldiers and cops removed them from an area where the Ciskei president is chief of the Kambashe tribal authority.

Yesterday the validity of the Ciskei government's action was tested in the Ciskei Supreme Court

Squatters' lawyer Dudley van Heerden said his clients had asked thecourt to order that the Ciskei government immediately restore them at Kuni Village. The squatters want an interdict restraining the homeland from evicting them.

Lawyer David Gordon – who successfully fought the Ingwavuma case in Natal – will fight for the return of the Kuni villagers to their original home.

The Ciskei government evicted the squatters on allegations that they threatened the lives of residents in the Khambashe tribal authority.

Some of the squatters are being resettled temporarily.

★ **MDANTSANE Residents' Association treasurer Norman Sibewu was detained by Ciskei security cops this week.**

**MRA publicity secretary M Ndzungu said cops arrested Sibewu at his NU5 house on Monday afternoon. Cops have not confirmed his detention. – Veritas News Agency.**

# Armed guards on the buses?

CITY P 9/2/86

PRETORIA mayor Dr Pieter Kruger has backed the presence of armed guards on Pretoria's municipal buses.

He pointed out that the armed guards had been placed on the buses on a trial basis. Several city councillors believe the step is in preparation for possible ANC onslaughts on "soft targets".

Commenting on a report that the council was placing guards on some buses, Kruger admitted there was currently no need for this, because there was "no large-scale urban terrorism in South Africa".

"It's a pity that trials of this nature are deemed necessary, though," Kruger said. "But we'd rather be safe than sorry. One should make arrangements in time, as far as possible, as loss of life of school children may be concerned."

He added that armed guards among school children and other passengers should be highly trained.

Herstigte Nasionale Party chief whip in the Pretoria City Council Joseph Chiole said it was clear the authorities expected ANC onslaughts on soft targets.

Unrest was spilling over to white areas as a result of the Government's unwillingness to take strong action against "black agitators", he said.

The HNP agreed that white commuters had to be protected, but Chiole said the Government should never have allowed the situation to develop this far.

The placing of armed guards on municipal buses follows another local campaign to have schools protected against possible attacks. A petition was circulated in Pretoria recently urging security measures.

# Plane sailing to Ulundi ...

**CP Correspondent**

A REGULAR weekly air service is to be established between KwaZulu capital Ulundi and Durban.

Five return trips a week will be run by the National Airways Corporation and the KwaZulu Finance Corporation at a cost of R150 a return ticket.

# 13,741 Durban beach complaints

WEEKLY MAIL 14/2/86 (283)

By MIKE ROBERTSON, Durban

THE opening of four more Durban beaches to all races over the Christmas holiday season resulted in a sharp upsurge in complaints — mainly over the state of undress of black bathers.

A total of 13 741 warnings, 3 000 more than last year, were issued to bathers and 360 charges were laid against people for public indecency and other by-law contraventions.

Durban's Director of Parks, Recreation and Beaches, Errol Scarr, said most of the warnings had resulted from complaints by whites over the "indecent bathing attire" worn by blacks.

Bathers had also been warned about unhygienic habits and the use of showers for washing laundry.

He said his beach inspectors had come in for abuse from whites and blacks who were not able to understand the complaints made about their dress.

As a result of the increased number of complaints and the New Year's day riot on the beachfront, Scarr has recommended a drastic increase in the number of beach inspectors.

His recommendation, which is contained in a report, has been handed to the mayor's steering committee on beach amenities for investigation. It is possible the number of inspectors could be increased by as much as 50%.

# Beach brawl

CITY P. (283) 16/2/86

**CP Correspondent**

THOUSANDS OF whites voiced their displeasure over the opening of four more Durban beaches to all races over the Christmas period by complaining about the behaviour of black bathers.

A total of 13 741 warnings – 3 000 more than last year – were issued to bathers. Over 350 people were charged for public indecency and other by-law contraventions.

City beach director Errol Scarr said black beach inspectors would be employed in future, as white inspectors who could not communicate with bathers in their own language had been "much abused".

# Council wants Verulam opened to all races

Mercury Reporter (283)

SOUTH Africa's first Indian-controlled town of Verulam wants to shed its racial tag to become the first fully non-racial town, Mr Dick Naicker, the Town Clerk, said yesterday.

20/2/86 Mercury

He said the council had convened a public meeting recently to test the reaction of ratepayers and the response had been 'very encouraging'. A further meeting would be held on March 5.

'The council is of the view that Verulam should lead the way to full integration by opening up its residential and business areas to all race groups,' he said, adding that a number of white industrialists had already set up businesses in Verulam.

'We applied to the Minister of Constitutional Development and Planning, Mr Chris Heunis, to declare the business area an open trading area.'

Mr Naicker said before the town had been taken over by Indians it had had many white residents and he was certain that most of them would like to return to the area.

However, some ratepayers said they were not in favour of opening the town to all races because they feared Indians would be 'squeezed out'.

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# Station facilities open to all races

Political Staff

PEOPLE of all races are now free to use all facilities at the Cape Town station, including the cafeteria.

A Labour Party MP, Mr Peter Mopp, yesterday had lunch at the station's previously all-white cafeteria and was served without any problems.

Mr Mopp also inspected other facilities, including the toilets and the general waiting room, and found them open to all races.

His visit to Cape Town station, which until recently still carried apartheid signs, followed assurances by the Minister of Transport Services, Mr Hendrik Schoeman, that all "whites only" notices at the station had been removed.

Members of Mr Mopp's party were the only blacks in the cafeteria. Most blacks seemed unaware that apartheid in the restaurants and cafeterias had been removed.

Mr Mopp said afterwards: "It's nice to see it's normal again. That's the way life should be. It's not a debatable issue any more."

He said he hoped all stations in South Africa were being desegregated and that apartheid signs should go down everywhere, including on all trains.

● In February last year, Mr Schoeman defended the use of "white" and "non-white" signs at the entrances to the Johannesburg station on the grounds that these had been provided "for the convenience and effective flow of passengers".

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# Beach move hits 'Toti hotels

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DURBAN — A decision to open Amanzimtoti's beach facilities to all races has led to a spate of cancellations by up-country holidaymakers, and the South Coast resort now faces a bleak Easter period, according to flat and hotel managers there.

While Margate and Scottburgh reported 100 percent bookings for the Easter weekend and close to 80 percent for the rest of the holiday period, estimated bookings in Amanzimtoti were down by an average of 42 percent compared to the same period last year.

Said Mr Johan du Plessis, manager of one of the largest letting blocks on the beach road: "There has been a 43 percent drop in business this February compared to February last year and 35 people have already cancelled their booking for the Easter holidays.

"The reason they all give is the beaches decision."

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# Extra watch at 'Toti beach

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DURBAN — Law enforcement officers will patrol Amanzimtoti's popular Inyoni Rocks beach during the peak Easter period on "behaviour control" duties.

Town Clerk Mr Dave Ongley said the officers will assist beach staff and lifesavers already on permanent duty.

Asked if the officers — two whites and a black — were being called in because the municipality expected friction as a result of the beach facilities being opened to all races, Mr Ongley said: "We feel that a high profile of uniforms would help keep law and order on the beach."

He added: "If everyone behaves themselves, they should have a happy time." — Sapa.

# Nats will duck PE showdown

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By KIN BENTLEY

**THE National Party will sit on the fence in next month's referendum in Port Elizabeth, on the beach issue.**

Mr CHRIS MEYER

Reacting today, the Progressive Federal Party condemned the move as indicating a "lack of seriousness by the NP about reform".

And the HNP, who said they would "work together on this" with the Conservative Party, has challenged the NP to "take a stand-point".

In a statement issued today, the regional secretary of the NP in the Eastern Cape, Mr Frans Smit, said: "At the moment the central Government still provides monies to local authorities to develop beach facilities.

"It is therefore an issue which constantly receives the attention of the Government".

For this reason, he said, the NP did not get involved in the "feud between the CP and the PFP", which came to a head with Tuesday's meeting at the Feather Market Hall.

At the meeting a CP city councillor, Mr Chris Meyer, drew up a motion opposing open beaches, and which was accepted by the meeting.

White municipal voters are to vote for or against opening the beaches on June 18.

Mr Smit noted that the PE City Council had already sent representations to the Administrator of the Cape, Mr Gene Louw, requesting the opening of the beaches.

"Furthermore, the Separate Amenities Act has been referred to the President's Council for its recommendations to the Government.

"It is thus not possible for me to comment before this report is available."

Mr Smit reiterated the NP's belief that where equal facilities could not be provided for different population groups, they should be shared.

Mr Wayne Mitchell, the chairman of the Progressive Federal Party's strategy committee for the referendum, said he found it "shocking" that the NP was "ducking the issue".

"The attitude of the right-wing extremists is damaging racial and economic progress in PE.

"It is also fuelling the disinvestment lobby. PE must take congnisance of its vast reliance on its multi-nationals."

The regional organiser of the HNP, Mr Attie Loock, said the HNP and CP would "work together on this".

An HNP meeting, to be addressed by the MP for Sasolburg, Mr Louis Stofberg, would be held in PE on June 10.

# Black man hopes to be first in complex

**Municipal Reporter**

A KWA MASHU businessman has shown a strong interest in becoming the first black tenant of The Workshop, a specialty shopping centre which opens on the old station site next October.

At least two Indian women will also own shops in the complex.

Mr Chris Lawrence, the director of Murray and Roberts Properties, said his company was involved in promising negotiations with the man.

Mr Bob Loxley, property development manager for the company, confirmed the negotiations, saying: 'We've certainly got a letter of intent from the man and we are in the process of formalising the lease.'

The man, an experienced township retailer, is apparently funding his new crafts store through the Small Business Development Corporation.

Mrs Khatija Mall, who will own a spice shop, said she got into the business while making curry four years ago with an aunt.

'It eventually grew into manufacturing a braai marsala. I thought the public needed a small, central place where we could educate them about spices,' she said yesterday.

Mrs Mohunia Singh, owner of a Grey Street area shop, said she was especially glad to be involved in something so different for Durban

She will manage an Oriental store.

The Workshop, a Victorian-style specialty shopping mall with a strong focus on community involvement and entertainment, will open in the remodelled old station buildings in October.

Mr Lawrence, who was speaking at a Fedhasa-Natal luncheon this week, said the centre would be divided into Zulu, Oriental, colonial British, harbour and Cape provincial theme areas.

The complex will be open seven days a week, with extended shopping hours. A disco has been proposed.

Mr Alan Gooderson, chairman of Fedhasa, suggested the audience applaud Durban's 'forward-thinking city council' for making schemes such as The Workshop possible.

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# Morris slated for 'gutter politics'

**Municipal Reporter**

COUNCILLOR Laurie Kaplan has dismissed Point by-election candidate Arthur Morris's claim that the city council will make all Durban beaches non-racial before Christmas as 'gutter politics'.

Mr Morris's Civic Action League publication, Durban and Natal Action, claims the council has already 'announced their intention of making all our beaches — North Beach, South Beach and Addington — multiracial by Christmas this year'.

Mr Morris said that if that was not the council's intention, 'then senior members of Manco and city council should stop making statements which have not been approved by city council'.

But he conceded: 'I probably should have said "certain city councillors have announced their intention of making all our beaches — North Beach, South Beach and Addington — multiracial by Christmas this year".'

The newsletter also claims that the council plans to make the Point a mixed-race suburb, and it suggests that voters support Mr Morris to prevent that from happening.

Mr Kaplan, a member of the mayor's Beach Amenities Sub-committee, said: 'If Arthur Morris can prove this statement, I will personally give R500 to any charity of his choice, but if he can't, then I'm going to ask him to give R500 to Separate Flock, who house and clothe and feed hobos on a Richmond-area farm'

Manco chairman Sybil Hotz told the Mercury she had doubts about the source of the CAL information.

'It's totally unfair to fight an election by misleading people, whether deliberate or misinformed,' she said.

'I think it is important that the electorate be aware that these decisions have not been taken.'

# Ricksha men bid to be 'performers'

24/6/86 N/M (283)

**Municipal Reporter**

DURBAN ricksha pullers say they are hard hit by the city council policy which restricts them to South Beach.

They told the Mercury yesterday about their problems.

'Our business is affected because few travellers go to South Beach. We want to be near hotels where there are more travellers,' said Mr John Dlamini, who has been a ricksha puller for more than 20 years.

He said rickshas had to operate at all beaches and hotels in order to survive.

Ricksha pullers said they felt that they were being neglected in spite of being one of Durban's tourist attractions.

'I've been operating for more than two decades but we are still restricted to charging R1 a person for a 10-minute trip,' said Mr John Sibiya.

Ricksha pullers said they needed a shower or bath area, toilets, and a shelter or ricksha rank. They claim they are harassed and frequently charged heavy parking fines by the city police.

A deputation of ricksha men, the Durban Publicity Association and the Durban Arts Association will address the Amenities Committee on July 8 on the possibility of reclassifying the pullers as performers or buskers.

If this is successful, control of the ricksha pullers will pass from the DPA to the arts association.

# Joy over call to open Durban pool

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**Municipal Reporter**

A NORTHERN Durban Indian LAC recommendation to open the previously whites-only West Street pool was approved in an Amenities Committee meeting yesterday.

The LAC had received a complaint from Mr Abdul Kader Jooma of Durban after he, his wife, Khatija, and his family of four were refused entrance to the pool earlier this year.

Amenities Committee chairman Ros Sarkin (Morningside) said: 'The committee felt that as this pool is in the Central Business District and as all facilities run by the city council in the CBD are open to all, the pool should be brought into line with the policies of the Durban City Council.'

'It's a fantastic decision,' applauded Mr Jooma, a supermarket-owner. 'I hope they open up the residential areas next so we have a choice in buying homes.

'I'm not looking for a quarrel. I just want Durban to be a comfortable place for everyone. We are normal residents.

'We received our monthly rate account which stated that all City swimming pools would be open, and we went there dressed in our swimming outfits and were turned away.

'My little one, who is eight, keeps asking me why we aren't allowed in. What can we answer? I say the pool is for whites.'

The matter will go to Manco before it reaches the city council for final approval.

Committee member Philip Kairuz (Ocean Beach) said he thought there would be no problem approving the vote in council.

'We hear about changes all the time. For God's sake, let it come,' he added.

Committee member Pieter Breytenbach (Congella) called the decision 'absolutely logical' and predicted that 'one holy cow after another is going to disappear'.

Mr Fritz Louw (Grosvenor/Brighton Beach) was the only member of the Amenities Committee to vote against the opening of the pool. He was not available for comment last night.

Sayed Iqbal Mohamed of the Durban Central Residents Association welcomed the move.

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# Fees for black workers discontinued

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**African Affairs Correspondent**

THE monthly contributions of R1,20 which employers used to pay to the Natalia Development Board for their black employees have been discontinued, according to a statement from Mr Roy Hindle, the Provincial Secretary.

Mr Hindle said yesterday that only fees outstanding as at June 30 were still payable. These would be collected at the offices where employers previously paid their monthly fees.

The statement said that a rebate would be paid, on application, to those employers who had paid in advance

It said that a monthly transport levy of R3 paid by employers who did not house blacks whom they employed on their premises was not affected by the new developments.

This fee would still be collected in areas where it was applicable.

The statement said that because the registration of black workers was no longer a legal requirement, the monthly statement previously issued to employers reflecting fees due could no longer be issued.

Prescribed return forms were now available from offices where payments had been made in the past.

Employers were now required to enumerate all black employees not housed on their business premises, it said.

These forms, together with the regulation fee of R3 for each employee, should be returned to the offices where fees were collected in the past

# IMC nominations called undemocratic

Dispatch Reporter

EAST LONDON — The chairman of the Braelynn Residents' Association, Mr Kemal Obaray, yesterday condemned the nomination of three new members to the Indian Management Committee (IMC).

"This is a despicable way of perpetuating the management committee system which has been proved to be unworkable and unacceptable," Mr Obaray said

"How on earth can the government insist on broadening its idea of democracy by nominating people virtually unknown in the realm of civic affairs?

"It will be interesting to see how these people sit around the make-believe horseshoe with professional council officials and decide the fate of the hundreds of people in the Braelynn area."

Mr Obaray was commenting on the nomination by the Administrator, Mr Gene Louw, of Mr James Lazarus, Mr Gente Natha and Mr Raj Moodley following the resignation in February of three members of the IMC.

Mr Obaray said: "I would also like to draw the attention of the authorities to the words of the former (IMC) chairman, Mr Mike Williams, who said at the time of his resignation that they took the action 'because we are not getting anywhere'.

"Is that not proof to the authorities that the system of racial puppet bodies instead of genuine representation around the horseshoe, is an abysmal failure?

"People of East London should not just sit back and accept this pathetic situation on the understanding that it does not affect them It does affect them because it is their money which is going to pay these people.

"And they must take note that it is going to cost the city over R50 000 for the year to keep these coloured and Indian puppet bodies going."

Mr Obaray also called on the city council to take note of the situation.

"It is just hoped they will make their feelings known when they go to Cape Town on July 29.

"If they do not do so, they will be party to perpetuating an evil costly system."

The acting chairman of the IMC, Mr Edward Vengadajellum, welcomed the three nominations and said it would enable his committee to get on with the job of making the Indian voice heard in city council

"My colleague and I, Mr Billy Chetty, have been attending action committee meetings but we could not really have a say because we did not have a quorum to hold IMC meetings."

He asked where the Indian input into civic affairs would be if the IMC did not operate.

"The residents' association is recognised but not recognised officially as the IMC which is a statutory body. Where will the residents' associations get the money to get the better roads and houses they said they would fight for? Of course they would have to go to the House of Delegates which they reject," he said.

# Fund to close after R800 000 relief payouts

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Mercury Reporter

THE Inanda/Phoenix Relief Fund will close at the end of the month after paying out more than R800 000 to about 900 Indian families and 100 black families affected by unrest in Inanda last year.

Mr Ashwin Mohanlall, vice-chairman of the fund and chairman of the allocation committee, said yesterday that each family received an average payment of R800 to help them purchase essential household goods, such as bedding, cooking utensils, blankets and clothing after most of them had lost their entire belongings in the unrest.

'The authority granted to the fund by the Director of Fund Raising expires on August 31, 1986, but we are going to close up a month earlier to round up our administrative responsibilities.

'July 31 will be cut off date for those who have not yet applied for housing from the Housing Section of the House of Delegates to enable them to qualify for assistance from the fund,' he said.

Contributions to the fund came from the House of Delegates, which donated R350 000, Indian schoolchildren, who raised almost R200 000, Teachers' Association of South Africa, R75 000, Durban City Council, R50 000, Game Discount World, R35 000, and S Wainstein and Co, R11 500.

Other business houses and individuals had also contributed towards the fund.

Mr Mohanlall said any balance in the fund would be channelled to welfare institutions operating within the Phoenix area.

Most of the victims lost their entire belongings during the height of the unrest and some had fled from their homes.

Mr Mohanlall said that in some cases a few people who fraudulently tried to obtain relief from the fund were caught and had to refund money paid to them.

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# Council to debate article in Time

Municipal Reporter

THE City Council will today debate the appropriate response to a story in Time magazine which claims that only whites may use Durban's beaches, using an out-of-date picture to support its statement.

The August 4 issue of Time prominently displays a colour picture of a Durban beach-zoning sign between shots of President Ronald Reagan and Archbishop-elect Desmond Tutu.

The picture shows a now-discontinued race restriction sign with three black men walking beyond it on the sand and a lone white woman running through the surf in the background.

## Incorrect

The caption states: 'Bathing beaches all over Durban are "reserved for the sole use of members of the white race group". Blacks can merely pass through.'

Durban in fact has only two of nine beaches zoned for the use of whites, and has had non-racial beaches since 1982.

Errol Scarr, director of Parks, Recreation and Beaches, said yesterday: 'Aside from multiracial beaches, Durban has for years set aside beaches for the exclusive use of each race group so the caption is incorrect on that ground.

'The slope of the beach in the photo means it was either Addington or, more likely, Battery Beach 2 prior to being made multiracial on November 4, 1982.'

Surfer and newly elected Point councillor Baron Stander said this weekend he had often written to international magazines correcting false information on beach apartheid.

# Durban's pools open to all races

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**Municipal Reporter**

**THE Durban City Council yesterday announced that municipal swimming pools were officially open to all races and always had been.**

Said Manco chairman Sybil Hotz: 'It was taken for granted that the rules were prescribed and it was only when the Amenities Committee recommended investigating the opening of all pools that we found that it was just an unwritten rule.

'No one was really aware of the situation.

'I don't think that anyone did it deliberately People slipped into a situation — it happens so often in this country. All we do now is instruct our officials to make sure the pools are open to everybody.'

While today anyone can swim at any pool, admission to some will still cost more than to others. This also is to be investigated.

## *Turned away*

'The ruling is effective immediately but we will also look at equalising tariffs to the lower levels,' explained Mrs Hotz.

'It used to be that the more expensive pools were in the white areas, but over the years the gap has been narrowed and now there is very little difference.'

Councillor Fritz Louw (Grosvenor/Brighton Beach), who voted against the opening of the West Street pool earlier this year, said yesterday, 'I've no comment. None whatsoever. Why should I?' and hung up his telephone.

After Abdul and Khatija Jooma and their four children were turned away from the West Street pool, the Amenities Committee this year voted to open the pool.

Mr Jooma last night applauded the city council's decision as being in the best interests of all its inhabitants.

There are 15 municipal pools in Durban of which seven — in Durban North, Sutton Park, Umbilo, West Street, Bellair, Woodlands/Montclair and Bluff — were for the use of white bathers only

The Bluff tidal pool is now the only pool still reserved for whites only as it falls under the more complicated beach bylaws. Changes in beach laws have to be approved by the Provincial Administration.

Councillor Hotz admitted that council could introduce new legislation segregating pools but said that 'would be foolish in the extreme because we're moving away from that'.

# Durban opens pools to all races

**Dispatch Correspondent**

DURBAN — The city council here voted yesterday to open all Durban's swimming pools to all races, despite the fact that there never was a by-law restricting entrance to the ostensibly all-white facilities.

"The ruling is effective immediately. We will also look at equalising tariffs to the lower levels," the chairman, Mrs Sybil Hotz, said.

The amenities committee voted to open the West Street pool after Abdul and Khatija Jooma and their four children were turned away from the pool recently.

Mr Jooma last night applauded the city council's decision

Meanwhile, the majority of whites interviewed in a University of Port Elizabeth telephone survey soon after the city's beach desegregation referendum were found to favour open beaches.

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# Capital urged to open pools to all

**Pietermaritzburg Bureau**

THE local branch of the Young Progressives — the youth wing of the Progressive Federal Party — has called on the Pietermaritzburg City Council to open its swimming pools to all races.

Mr Hayden Soobramoney, chairman of the Young Progressives, Natal Inland Region, said the party had 'noted with concern that the swimming pools in the city are still segregated'.

'We think it is ludicrous that while the KwaZulu/Natal Indaba is taking place in the province, Pietermaritzburg, the capital, can still persist with petty apartheid laws,' he said.

'We therefore call on the Pietermaritzburg City Council to follow the example of Durban and open all pools to all races immediately.'

Deputy Town Clerk Mr Keith Nicol said although Section 13 of the city bylaws provided for different pools for different race groups, it carried a rider by which this restriction could be lifted in the case of swimming galas.

He said this was 'as far as we can go' in terms of national legislation. Even if the council should scrap Section 13 of the bylaws, the city's pools would still be subject to existing national legislation which would 'have the same effect as the bylaws'.

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# Leaders slam beach apartheid

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DURBAN — Several Durban community leaders criticised the decision by lifeguards to ask four coloured Transvaal schoolteachers to get off whites-only South Beach.

Richard and Claudette McLean and Patrick and Lorna Morgan and their children were allegedly ordered off the beach at the weekend.

Mr McLean confirmed the incident last night. Mr Errol Scarr, Durban's Director of Parks, Recreation and Beaches, said although no report had been made to him, such incidents did occur.

Mr George Thaver, an MP and national secretary of the National People's Party, expressed his "deep disappointment" at the incident and called on the City Council to immediately dismiss those responsible.

The marketing director of the Durban Publicity Association, Mr Andrzej Kiepiela, said: "It is regrettable to find that due to apartheid we still have to feel embarrassed by not being able to provide equal opportunities for all visitors."

A Durban City Councillor, Mrs Ros Sarkin, said it was regrettable and sad that holidaymakers coming to Durban are caused this kind of humiliation and embarrassment."

Mrs Sarkin said this kind of incident would continue until all forms of apartheid were dismantled. — Sapa

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# Colour bar on Durban buses goes

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DURBAN — The whites-only bus service in Durban has been desegregated Today, for the first time, all races may travel on Blue Line municipal buses .

Almost all buses in Durban are now integrated, although certain Green Line bus routes, such as the Bluff, Montclair and Queensburgh are still reserved for blacks only

The Durban Transport Management Board has applied seven times since 1980 to the local Road Transportation Board for the whites-only restriction to be lifted.

Yesterday the board's general manager, Mr Marshall Cuthbert, heard that the restriction had been done away with.

This did not mean the service would make more money.

**HIGH FARES**

"I cannot see too many blacks using it because of the comparitively high fares," he said

The Blue Line's fares are almost double that of the Green on all stages One stage costs 85 cents on a Blue Line bus and 32 cents on a Green Line one

The Blue Line service lost nearly a million passengers in the financial year ending in April Together with increased fuel, repair and maintenance costs, the service ran at a deficit of just over R1,5 million. The income from the service had decreased by R560 000

Durban's Mayor, Mr Stan Lange, said

"I am very glad the race restriction has been dropped It should have gone years ago anyway.

"But I do believe it will help create better understanding between people of all races and this is an important factor to consider."

**DELIGHTED**

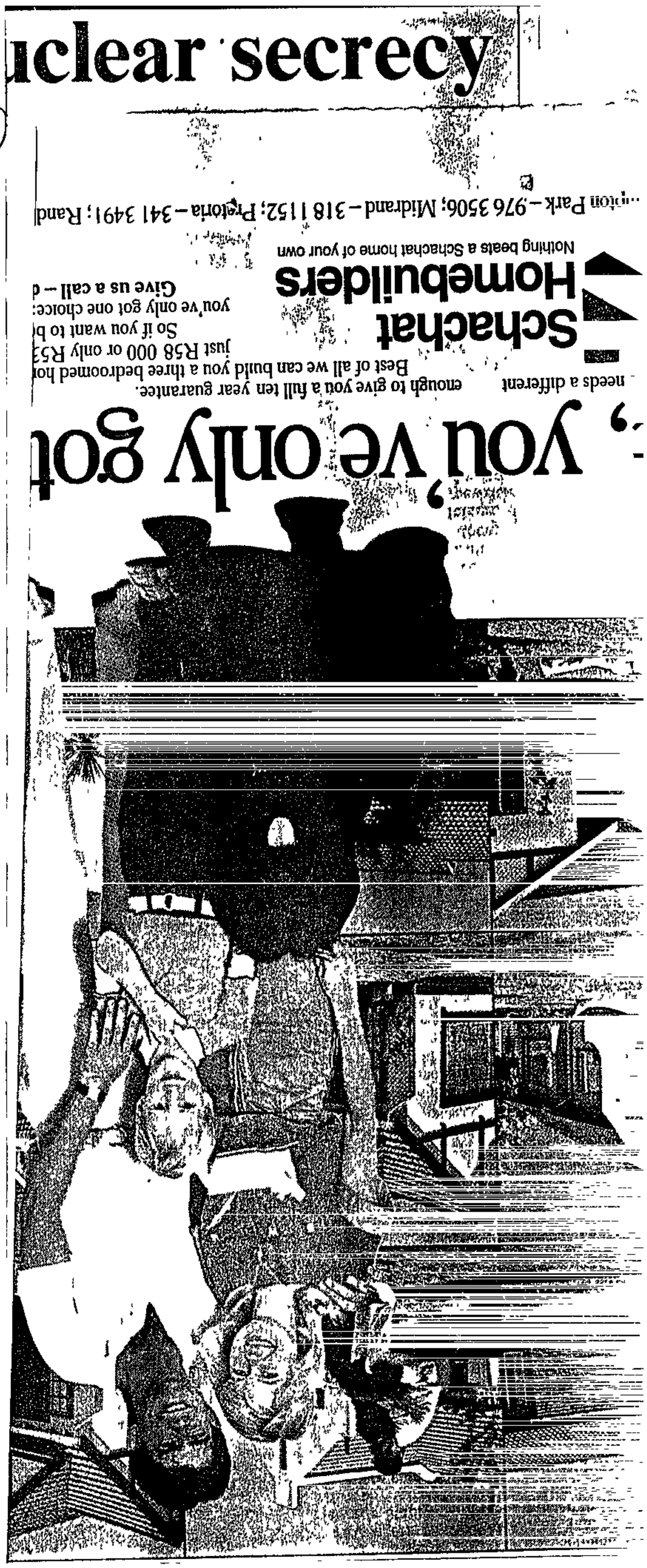
Mrs Sybil Hotz, chairman of the management committee, said that "mainly economic forces" had resulted in the desegregation of the service

She said she was delighted at the news.

"We've applied so many times that I knew sometime it must be agreed to.

"This is important for the city We have tried our utmost to move away from discrimination. This is fabulous news

"We really cannot afford to run two separate bus services." — Sapa



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# Catching the bus

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**Today** there's probably more truth than ever in the old saying that you could fire a cannon down Durban's main street without hitting anyone. What it means is that the Durban CBD, though among the last to feel the effects, is suffering growing discomfort from the retail competition in the suburbs.

The pain could be short lived, however, if a far-sighted city council plan to bring people back to the city by establishing a major downtown bus terminus comes to fruition

Such a terminus near the old station site in Soldiers' Way has been talked about as an element in replanning the Centrum site for years. But now planners, who are actively punting the scheme, see it becoming a reality some time towards the end of next year.

Most obvious beneficiaries will be the traders who would enjoy the benefit of thousands of commuters filtering directly into the CBD from the bus ranks each day.

But though the throng of new consumers could provide a welcome boost to struggling CBD retailers' turnovers, Durban's chief town planner Garth Williamson says this was not the prime motivation.

Traditionally, Durban's mainly black and Asiatic bus commuters have alighted at termini in Warwick Avenue, Victoria Street and Lorne Street to the west of the city centre, whence they had to make their way to work. Once the Soldiers' Way facility is open there will be major termini both to the west and east of the city's main employment area.

"A lot of commuters were disadvantaged by the distance of the bus ranks from the city centre," says Williamson. "This will help to address that concern."

According to Williamson, Soldiers' Way would have to be realigned to accommodate the new terminus. The street would be turned eastwards to run through part of the Centrum site. This will have the effect of opening out the bus ranks to the CBD but keeping them separate from the more upmarket functions of the Centrum site.

Naturally property owners and tenants near Soldiers' Way, including Ampros which administers 3 000 m² of it, are elated. They see enhanced development potential for their properties and are raring to go.

Ampros regional manager John Deavin concedes it is probably one of the most exciting things to have happened in the CBD for some time. Wisely, however, he says a cautious approach will be adopted until full details of the city's plans are known. ■

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'OPEN ALL DURBAN BEACHES' CALL

# It's going on to the council's agenda

Municipal Reporter

**DURBAN's mayor promised a Young Progs delegation yesterday that with the possible exception of the Bluff, full beach desegregation would be considered early in the new year.**

The youth group from the Progressive Federal Party called for the prompt desegregation of all Durban beaches.

Spokesman Colin Drew said the delegation told the mayor that opposition to open Bluff beaches represented 'a minority view' and that prolonging the opening of all beaches made the process more painful.

If no progress is made towards opening the beaches, the Young Progs may conduct a 'sun, fun and beach apartheid' campaign early in 1987

'The council will continue to move forward, but it's better to take the people with you than to bulldoze them,' the mayor told the delegation.

Mr Lange said said he would open the restructured Mayor's Amenities Steering Committee — begun during the mayorship of Mr Neil MacLennan — immediately after the Christmas recess to investigate opening more beaches.

The mayor said he would act as a neutral chairman between what he termed 'four Progs and four mods'.

He doubted that the two Bluff beaches would be considered until 'a later stage' but said it was not a problem.

# Sour start to festival as actor ordered off beach

**Municipal Reporter**

A 24-DAY non-racial arts festival in Durban got off to a bad start this week when a black Australian actor giving dance and drama workshops at the festival was ordered off a whites-only beach.

Mr Robert Samuels of Melbourne and a black Durban dancer were ordered off South Beach by a lifeguard and a beach inspector shortly after stepping into the water.

Festival director Andries Botha said: 'I have great problems in understanding that the sea only belongs to certain people. It's completely outrageous

'The fact that this has happened to someone involved with us is doubly embarrassing. That he's a visitor to this county makes me ashamed.

'The Community Arts Workshop festival is an exercise which attempts to redress this particular type of outrage with something positive.'

Ad hoc beachfront committee chairman Pieter Breytenbach said: 'I can only say I'm terribly sorry.

'Until we open our beaches I'm afraid these incidents are going to happen.'

The incident made the front page lead story in Melbourne's main paper.

'Are overseas visitors expected to carry around their passports to prove that they're not South African blacks? It's ridiculous,' said Frank Vincent of the Durban Publicity Association.

'I read that council will shortly discuss opening more beaches. All I can say is the sooner, the better.'

Mr Samuels said the incident made him want to leave South Africa immediately.

But last night he judged a sicathamiya (township dance and choir) competition at the festival.

# Lahee Park pool is to remain open to all

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**Mercury Reporter**

PINETOWN'S Mayor, Mr Brian Matthee, has discounted fears that the council might reverse a decision to open the Lahee Park municipal pool to all races.

This follows claims that the town's deputy mayor, Mr Roy Robertson, is spearheading a campaign to make it a 'whites only' facility after claims were made that the pool had been the scene for drug dealing, molesting and petty crime last Sunday.

About 950 people, mostly blacks, converged on the pool and police and soldiers in a Casspir were allegedly called out to help control the situation

A spokesman for the municipality denied that municipal officials had called in the police or soldiers.

Yesterday Mr Matthee said the council, by a majority decision, had voted to open the town's swimming pool to all races from November 1 this year.

'Within the last few days the numbers of people using the pool has increased considerably, particularly since the advent of the hot weather.

'This popularity has caused some problems but the municipality is aware of it and has taken the neccessary steps to ensure the smooth administration of the pool and its facilities,' he said.

He appealed to people of all races to respect the rules of the pool, particularly in respect of dress.

He also asked bathers to obey the pool supervisor and his assistant 'in the interests of orderly behaviour and safety.'

## Stabbings and assaults mar 'quiet Christmas'

# Racial clashes hit Natal's beaches

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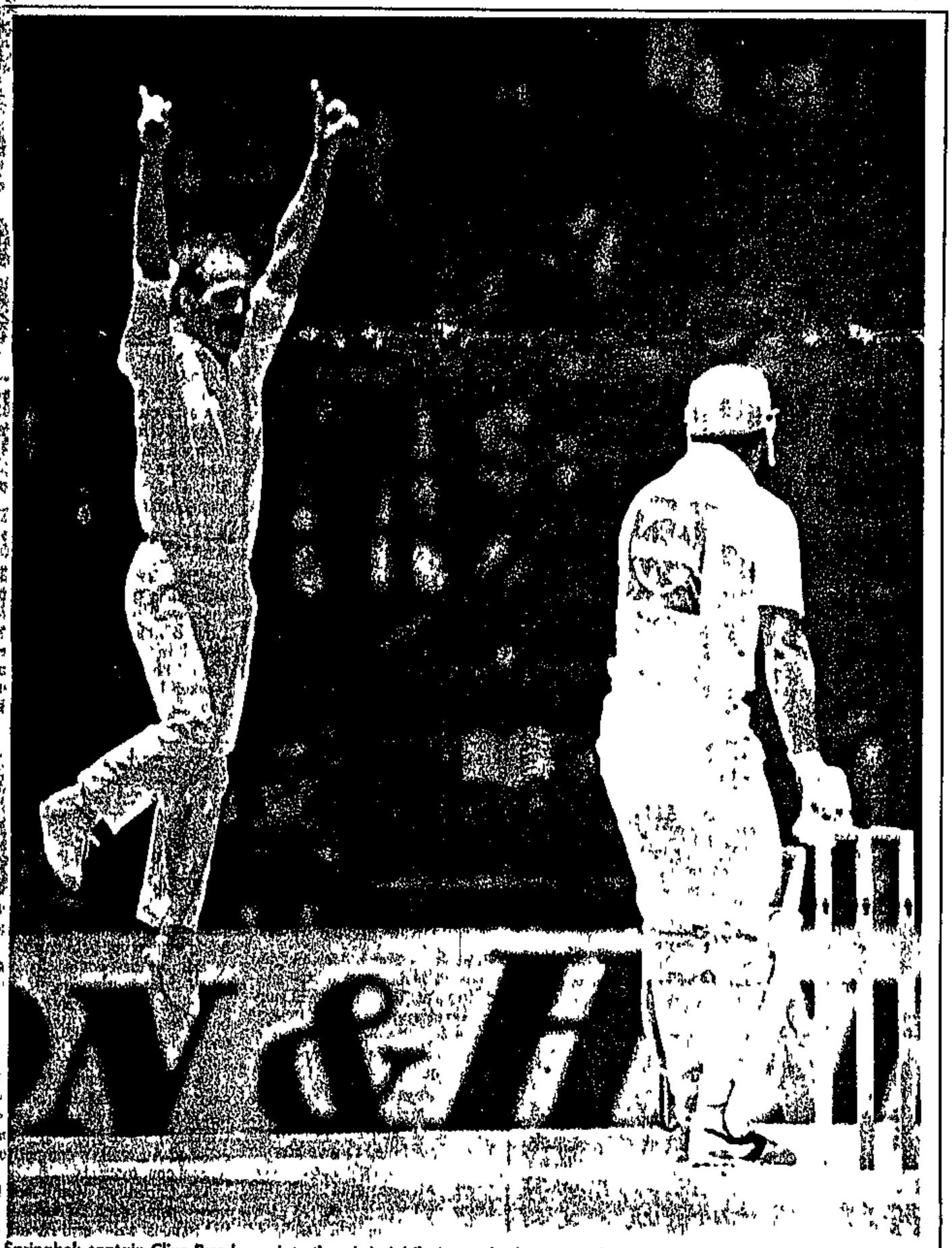

Springbok captain Clive Rice leaps into the air in jubilation as he has Australian opening batsman Steve Smith caught behind in only the second ball of his first over. Thanks to wicketkeeper Dave Richardson, Smith was out for 29

**Own Correspondent**

DURBAN — Violence burst into the open at beaches in greater Durban and Amanzimtoti yesterday — recalling the colour disturbances which marred the holiday season last year

What had been described earlier as "the quietest Christmas ever" was followed yesterday by a day of shame and little good will as four men were arrested, four stabbed and another taken to hospital with a broken leg Many others were admitted with minor injuries

This contrasted with the behaviour on other holiday beaches in Natal, the Eastern and Western Cape where no incidents were reported

Police had to be called to the Durban Indian beach when a number of blacks "swept through the area attacking holidaymakers and taking their possessions and food"

At Durban s coloured community beach, police were called after a group of coloured men who had been drinking allegedly attacked picnickers

At Amanzimtoti, black and white gangs clashed for the second day

Amanzimtoti Town Clerk Mr Dave Ongley said fighting broke out on Christmas Day when 70 to 100 blacks were joined in the swimming pool by about the same number of whites

The trouble is believed to have started when a black youth allegedly dumped a young white man in the pool Police arrived and restored order

Mr Ongley said there were about 30 blacks in the pool yesterday when a group of whites dived in and attacked them "Three vanloads of police had to restore order"

The blacks fled into the central business district where they broke some shop windows and wrecked a few cars.

Three whites were stabbed, a black man had a leg broken, and another black man was stabbed in the head

Mr Ongley said Amanzimtoti's beaches had been open to all races since 1969, and certain amenities which had been reserved for whites were opened up last year

At Durban beach yesterday, scores of Indian holidaymakers lost belongings, including food and clothing

"This whole beach violence was planned," he claimed "An hour before it started I warned the lifesavers about it, but nothing was done"

Mrs Farida Vawda said the mob just converged on the Indians, and her husband was attacked with an umbrella.

"We had to leave all our possessions and get into our car and leave"

Municipal beach amenities mananger Mr Frank Churchill said there had been complaints of muggings and thefts throughout the day

"Suddenly there was one mass sweep by the mob down the beach It was difficult to say how many there were"

Police were called immediately and restored peace

Sarah Knuttel (7) comfort[illegible] was battling to throw off a bad [illegible]

● Photograph [illegible]

## Horse flu puts April show in jeopardy

**By Shirley Woodgate**

At least 1 000 show-jumping horses based in stables north of Johannesburg have been hit by equine flu which could jeopardise the main event in the competition calendar at the Rand Show in April

The virus had spread like wildfire since the return of the Transvaal contingent which was infected at the abandoned South African junior show-jumping championships at Welkom on December 13, said Mrs Vee Laros, owner of a major stable in Kyalami and chairman of the showing committee of the Transvaal Horse Society

"All 120 horses at the Carlswald Stables are down, there are about 100 at the Inanda Country Base, 80 at the Glenfox Stables, 60 at my own Phaetom Park and 50 at the Ascot Stables.

"Northlands was free on Christmas Day and yesterday 40 horses had been infected"

Mrs Laros said tale of therampant horse flu had largely focussed on the cost of cancelled race meetings — "the money-making side and loss of winnings and income suffered by owners who would not know one horse from another"

"But here we are dealing with a human story as well as sick animals These horses are loved and cared for daily by their owners."

## Christmas road deaths reach 23

At least 23 people have been killed and about 50 injured on the country's roads since the start of the Christmas weekend

Most of the fatalities reported by emergency and traffic services happened in the Cape, followed by seven deaths in the Free State and three in Natal

Thirteen people, including three pedestrians, were reported killed in the Cape province since Christmas Eve

Five people died and eight others were injured when a bakkie overturned near the Athlone turnoff on the Settlers Way in the Cape Peninsula yesterday afternoon Several of the victims were children

Mrs L Smith of Woodstock was killed and four family members were injured on Christmas Day when their car plunged down Table Mountain from Tafelberg Road

In the Free State, three national servicemen were killed in a motor accident near Winburg on Christmas Eve They were Mr B A Pinnock (20) of Pinetown, Mr J R Job (20) of Mondeor, Johannesburg, and Mr G A Nimmo (20) of Durban.

Three people were killed in a head-on collision on the Kroonstad road near Vredefort on Christmas Eve One of the deceased was Mrs Kotie Hamman (54) of Natalia Flats in Bloemfontein

In Natal, a young black policeman who had recently completed his training was killed in a hit-and-run accident near Hluhluwe, on Christmas Eve His name has been withheld until his next-of-kin are informed

A woman and her child were killed near Cedera when the car in which they were travelling left the road on the N3 on Christmas Day

Three drownings were reported in the Boland since Christmas Eve

A 45-year-old woman drowned in a farm dam near Klawer, a Mr Piet Abrahams (32) drowned while swimming in a dam on the farm Ovenstone, near Villiersdorp, and Mr Kobus Klein (20) of Elsie's River drowned in the Berg River at Paarl on Christmas Day

Durban's beaches recorded one of the largest Christmas Day crowds on record but in spite of that lifeguards had a quiet day Yesterday more than 20 people had to be rescued

# Clashes break out between bathers on Natal beaches

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Dispatch Correspondent

**DURBAN — Clashes broke out in Amanzimtoti and at Durban's northern beaches yesterday leaving at least four whites and two blacks badly hurt, and car windscreens and shop windows smashed.**

At Amanzimtoti, widespread violence broke out between blacks and whites on a packed beach both yesterday and on Christmas Day

In Durban, a black man was stabbed in the shoulder and several cars were damaged as blacks and Indians clashed at Blue Lagoon and Battery Beach in the afternoon

Police said that at Amanzimtoti, bottles, rocks, knives, fists and sticks were wielded by both whites and blacks, and among the more seriously injured yesterday were four whites and two blacks.

The injuries included stab wounds and one black man who sustained a broken leg

Amanzimtoti's town clerk, Mr Dave Ongley, said problems started around 3 pm on Christmas Day when between 70 and 100 blacks were in and around the Inyoni Rocks pool

An almost equal number of whites, mostly holidaymakers, went to the pool and an altercation developed

Violence ensued, and municipal police officers, realising they could no longer handle the situation, called the police The people were later dispersed, he said

Mr Ongley said that shortly after 1 pm yesterday, when there were about 30 blacks and between 100 and 150 whites in the pool area, a similar situation occurred

A number of other people, both black and white, were also injured, but most injuries were minor

The police were again called in to help and the situation was eventually brought under control

As the trouble seemed to centre around whites objecting to blacks swimming in the pool, the police had suggested that the pool be emptied for a few days This was done late yesterday afternoon, he said.

"About 300 000 holidaymakers come to Toti every year, but unfortunately there appears to be a minority right wing element which seems intent on causing a problem The Amanzimtoti municipality is certainly not going to stand for this nonsense We have our own law enforcement officers and the SAP are on standby," he said.

A police spokesman, Captain Bob Sanker, said yesterday's violence had apparently flowed over from the fighting on Christmas Day, which allegedly happened when whites claimed a black woman swimming in the pool was dressed "indecently"

Captain Sanker confirmed that four whites and two blacks had been among those seriously injured in yesterday's fight and that car windows had been broken in an ensuing chase

He said that although people had been removed from the scene by police, nobody had been arrested as it was the prerogative of those involved to press charges, and no charges had been laid

People interviewed at the beach yesterday afternoon shortly after the trouble said they were shocked at what had taken place

Mr Frikkie Scheepers of Parys said he had been going to Amanzimtoti for the past 10 years, but after what he had seen, he would "definitely not come back".

Mr Marius van Heerden of Pretoria said he could not understand why people could not share the same beach without trouble.

Mr Van Heerden, who said he had heard people shouting "AWB, AWB" during Christmas Day's battle, said he felt the trouble had been caused by "a certain element and too much alcohol".

● A Durban municipal police spokesman said at least one person was injured and six cars damaged at Durban's northern beaches yesterday afternoon

The spokesman said reports of stone throwing and fighting on the beach between Blue Lagoon and Battery Beach at about 2 30 pm had been received

He said that when squad cars arrived, mobs of people were throwing bricks and rocks through car windscreens and that fighting had erupted between groups of Indians and blacks

Despite the presence of municipal police, violence continued till close on 4 pm

The only recorded injury was a black man who was stabbed in the shoulder by unknown attackers

No arrests were made

# All quiet after Natal beach clashes

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**Weekend Argus Correspondent**

DURBAN. — It was all quiet — and all white — on Amanzimtoti beach today after race clashes left at least six people badly injured, cars and shop windows broken, the popular rock pool empty and the locals angry.

The conflict erupted on Amanzimtoti beach on yesterday afternoon when a group of white rightwingers, who had been seen with a flag of the Afrikaner Weerstandsbeweeging, apparently turned on a black woman in the pool accusing her of being indecently dressed.

Then all hell broke loose. The knives and bottles came out, the fists and rocks flew, children were hurt as they scrambled out of the pool and on to the rocks.

### Tension

Said one bystander "There were about 30 blacks and 100 to 150 whites in pool.

"Suddenly, an number of whites, both in and out of the pool, jumped in and started fighting. It appears they were the aggressors but tension could have built up over a number of incidents.

"The fighting spread along the beach and three vanloads of police had to come in to restore order," he said

Four whites were stabbed, a black man had a leg broken, and another was stabbed in the head.

A Transvaal man was later charged with assault and disturbing the peace.

The blacks fled into the Amanzimtoti central business district where they broke a number of shop windows and smashed a few car windows before leaving the town

Black groups attacked holidaymakers and forcibly took their possessions and food.

At Durban's community beach police were called after a group of coloured men who had been drinking heavily allegedly attacked picnickers.

The usual Christmas holiday scene on Durban's northern beaches was also transformed by stone-throwing and fighting as groups of Indians and blacks turned on each other at the Blue Lagoon and Battery beaches.

**VIOLENCE:** Fighting erupts on Amanzimtoti beach.

Mrs Farida Vawda said the black mob had converged on the Indians and that her husband had been attacked with an umbrella.

"We had to leave all our possessions and get into our car and leave. There was just nothing which we could do

"Surely adequate precautions should have been taken for our protection. This sort of thing happened last year as well," she said.

Mrs Myashree Naidoo said that members of her family were surrounded by a black mob which threatened to stab them with broken bottles if they insisted on gathering up their belongings

"I have a seven-month-old baby and that did not worry them They helped themselves to my handbag, tore up my Book of Life identity document in my presence and helped themselves to an expensive purse which contained jewellery and glasses," said Mrs Naidoo.

Amanzimtoti municipality has drained the town's swimming pool to defuse white/black confrontations.

Yesterday's Amanzimtoti unrest came after a week of simmering ill feeling

The Town Clerk of Amanzimtoti, Mr Dave Ongley, said last night. "We are not prepared to stand for any violence in the town. Anyone who thinks they can come here and cause problems will be dealt with."

He said the friction, centred on the filtered sea water Inyoni Rocks pool, started about 10 days ago when groups of whites were seen on the beaches — which are open to all — sitting around an Afrikaner Weerstandsbeweging flag stuck in the sand.

Groups were seen sitting around the AWB flag on two other occasions.

## Leave

"He called my husband and children from the water and told them we must leave."

But their embarrassment did not go unnoticed by other sympathetic bathers on the beach.

"Some whites came up to us and apologised. One woman was crying and some left when we did," said Mrs Mashele, a Pretoria cookware representative (her husband owns two taxis).

And the happy family had been misled by television!

"We saw on TV that beaches were open to everyone. We didn't know they weren't in Port Elizabeth or we wouldn't have come.

"We have paid a lot of money to bring the children and show them the sea but this action spoilt our holiday."

# Natal beaches still tense

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By DENYSE ARMOUR and GEORGE MAHABEER

NATAL beaches were peaceful but tense yesterday after racial violence erupted at two premier holiday resorts this week.

At Amanzimtoti, Riot Squad police patrolled the beaches to prevent a recurrence of Friday's clashes between African and white bathers.

And Durban beaches were crowded but quiet after Friday's incident when a gang of about 200 African youths attacked and robbed Indian holidaymakers at the city's Country Club beach.

Amanzimtoti Town Clerk Dave Ongley said trouble started on Christmas Day when an argument started between white and African bathers in the packed Inyoni Rocks swimming pool.

A fight broke out but was quelled by police. However, on Friday, when a similar situation developed, it resulted in a number of injuries before being brought under control.

At least four whites were stabbed in the fight involving rocks, knives, broken bottles, sticks and fists. One black man broke his leg in the melee and another was stabbed.

The violence spread into the town where the crowd smashed shop windows and damaged cars.

Charges of assault and malicious damage to property have been laid by 10 people, eight white and two black, and one black man was arrested, police said yesterday.

Beach authorities drained the tidal pool in an attempt to defuse the situation. It might be refilled if the beaches remain calm, Mr Ongley said.

He said it had been alleged that the fight had been started by white bathers.

In the clashes at Durban's Country Club beach on Friday afternoon, a gang of African youths attacked twice — forcing thousands to flee.

A lifeguard said similar incidents happened in December last year when a group of Africans attacked Indians at the same beach.

# Tambo to speak his mind to Shultz

SUN TIMES 28/12/86

Sunday Times Foreign Desk

THE exiled leader of the African National Congress, Mr Oliver Tambo, is likely to speak his mind frankly when he meets the Secretary of State, Mr George Shultz, in Washington next month.

He is expected to ask Washington to increase diplomatic and economic pressure on South Africa.

The Shultz-Tambo meeting will be watched with interest by the British Government.

While the past few months have seen Foreign Office meetings with Mr Tambo at ministerial level, there have been indications from Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher that these may be limited once Britain relinquishes its EEC presidency at the end of this month.

Speaking at a Press conference two weeks ago, following the two-day European summit, Mrs Thatcher stressed that recent meetings between British Ministers and the ANC did not mean that Britain's position on terrorism had changed.

She strssed then that the meeting in September between British Foreign Secretary Sir Geoffrey Howe and Oliver Tambo had taken place in Sir Geoffrey's capacity as "president of the European Community and not in his capacity as a Minister of the Government of the United Kingdom."

Whitehall circles, discussing the coming meeting between Mr Shultz and Mr Tambo, point out that one difference could be America's support, recently voiced, for the Natal Indaba. Oliver Tambo is certain to condemn this, they predict.

They judge that US policy towards South Africa, at the same time, is being re-evaluated to take account of the growing domestic sentiment for a tougher anti-apartheid approach.

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# Wide praise for peaceful Peninsula beaches

Staff Reporter

TOLERANCE on Peninsula beaches has won the day with trouble-free mixing of races and only isolated cases of anti-social behaviour.

A city councillor, Mr Chris Joubert, added to this yesterday that he was "pleasantly surprised and delighted" to find that after a transitional period of a few years there were now no problems with open beaches.

The Peninsula's experience is in sharp contrast with recent racial violence on Natal beaches — at Amanzimtoti on Christmas Day and Boxing Day when six people were badly injured, and on Friday at Durban's Blue Lagoon and Battery beaches.

Mr Joubert said he had undertaken a tour of beaches with the Director of Bathing Amenities, Mr Jack Kloppers, and had spoken to many people who all voiced their approval of racial mixing on beaches.

A Cape Times tour of the beaches from Granger Bay to Camps Bay showed that people mixed freely and there were no incidents of racial conflict.

Senior officials at the Sea Point pavilion described the behaviour of a racially mixed crowd as "normal and perfect".

A Sea Point resident and frequent pavilion visitor, Mr L J Carelse, thought the racial mixing was "the greatest thing that ever happened".

"We had no problems here, it is a wonderful thing." Mr Cameron McKenzie, who had been out of South Africa for three years, welcomed the opening of beaches.

"There is no tension and people seem to integrate well. There is a lesson in this for whites. Cape Town could be an example for the rest of the country," he said.

A Johannesburg visitor, Mr Hemant Naran, said it seemed to him that whites were changing their attitude and the time had come for the government to do the same.

☐ Six charged after Natal beach riots — page 2

# Charges after beach battles

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Own Correspondent

FOUR people have been charged with public violence and two youths charged for assault in connection with the race riots on Amanzimtoti's and Durban's northern beaches over the holiday period.

A police spokesman said that in Amanzimtoti the SAP arrested one black man after a white holidaymaker laid a charge of assault with the police.

A Police spokesman in Durban said that five men were arrested in connection with the violence on the Country Club beaches on Friday afternoon.

He said four of the youths were charged with public violence while a fifth man was charged for assault and possession of a dangerous weapon.

On Saturday and yesterday the beaches were quiet.

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# Rampaging mobs hit packed Natal beaches

Own Correspondent

DURBAN — Violence on packed beaches in Durban and along the Natal South Coast yesterday left one person dead and scores injured, including nine wounded by birdshot.

Unruly mobs among 60 000 beachgoers kept the strong police force busy from about 11 am until 3.30 pm on beaches between the Blue Waters Hotel and the Blue Lagoon in Durban. Police used teargas and birdshot after crowds repeatedly robbed and looted kiosks.

And, at Winklespruit, on the South Coast, commuters stoned a train and then ran through the Karavanna caravan park. An Indian youth was stabbed to death at the railway station.

In Durban, at Blue Lagoon and the Sunkist and African beaches, police and the army had their hands full dealing with looting, robberies and fighting.

At 1.15 pm, with crowds still pouring on to the beach, staff at the Clover Leaf restaurant and the kiosk at the paddling pool fled when a mob tore down burglar bars and began looting.

Police were on the scene within minutes and fired teargas in an attempt to disperse the mob. But the rioters stoned the police who fired birdshot, wounding nine people.

At 2.45 pm, near the African beach, an Indian woman was stabbed in an arm.

About 3.15 pm, lifeguards at the African beach locked themselves in the public changerooms to escape from a mob.

Twelve people were taken to Addington Hospital. Nine of them were treated for injuries and discharged and three were admitted.

● See Pages 3 and 6.

## Death report wrong, but rampaging mobs go berserk

# Durban, South Coast count count cost

Own Correspondent

DURBAN — Damage estimated at R100 000 was caused to a train and municipal property in New Year violence in Durban and on the South Coast

Reports that a young man was stabbed to death have been denied by the police

Eleven people have been arrested in connection with violence and looting on Durban beaches, and, said a police spokesman, they are to appear in court on theft and public disturbance charges next week

Captain Bob Sanker, public relations officer for Port Natal police, said initially it was thought that an Indian youth was stabbed to death when a mob stoned a train in Winklespruit and went on the rampage at the railway station

"After further investigations we have found that a wrong report was given to Radio Control. In fact, no one had been killed in the violence," said Captain Sanker

A South African Transport Services investigation has revealed that 11 coaches were extensively damaged when passengers went on the rampage

They smashed windows when the train stopped at a signal at Winklespruit then broke windows of vehicles parked at the station

Transport Services estimated that about R60 000-worth of damage was done to the train

At the African beach three kiosks and the three-week-old paddling pool were damaged Several large glass windshields were hammered to fragments

It was thought repairs would cost between R25 000 and R40 000

Eight large sheets of glass enclosing the pool were shattered by a mob

The R2 million complex was completed at the beginning of December and had been open to the public for three weeks

The assistant director of the Department of Parks, Recreation and Beaches, Mr Alan Pembroke, expressed dismay at the damage

"Although it is not as bad as I imagined it might have been, we are highly disappointed with this crowd at the African beaches"

Mr Pembroke said the mob had gone "quite berserk" inside the Clover kiosk at African Beach 1

Politicians, community leaders and Durban city officials have blamed a number of factors, including political agitators, hooligans and gangsters, for the violence

Durban City Council will carry out a full investigation

Meanwhile, Chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi and other leaders warned yesterday that the incidents should not be blown up out of proportion

Mrs Sybil Hotz, chairman of the City Council management committee, said she did not believe the flare-ups on Durban beaches would adversely affect the tourist industry

Mr Frank Churchill, Durban's beach manager, hoped an enquiry would establish the root causes.

## Road deaths are expected to double over weekend

Traffic authorities expect the holiday death toll on South African roads to nearly double this weekend as holidaymakers make their way home

A spokeswoman for the National Road Safety Council (NRSC) said thousands of holidaymakers would be streaming home in time for the re-opening of schools on Wednesday

NRSC deputy director Mr Eric Wise said the traffic level should become critical tomorrow

Although Natal entertained more holidaymakers than any other major holiday centre, Cape Town had only 19 fewer accidents for each square kilometre than Natal

Though final figures will only be available next week, it appears that most accidents were in the Free State

Preliminary figures for Johannesburg (excluding black townships) and Pretoria indicate about 35 people killed in road accidents

The Sun City road — which in the past has been regarded as a death trap — is much improved with few accidents

A large percentage of fatal accidents occurred over the Christmas weekend, yet surprisingly, the NRSC said, New Year was very quiet

Mr Wise said he was concerned about the number of head-on collisions over the past month and said they were mostly the result of people losing patience because of slow traffic

Dean and Dale van Dyk with their older brother Jonathan (centre)

## Police find missing two-year-old twins

Own Correspondent

CAPE TOWN — Two-year-old twin boys who went missing from their home on New Year's Day have been found

Dean and Dale van Dyk of Brooklyn went missing about 2 30 pm on Thursday while out walking with a domestic

A woman has been arrested in connection with their disappearance The police have not identified her She will appear in court on Monday

The twins' parents, Mr Edwin and Mrs Hilary van Dyk, had gone out on New Year's Day with their two older children, aged five and three, leaving the twins in the care of the domestic — known to them only as Maria

### WINDY WEATHER

The boys were seen being taken for a walk in a double push-chair at about 2 30 pm They were both wearing blue tracksuits — dressed for the windy weather which struck Cape Town that day

When the Van Dyks returned at about 5 pm from the Campers Paradise resort near Paarl the twins and Maria had disappeared

Frantic, the parents searched the area and the beach, but there was no sign of them

Their disappearance was reported to Milnerton Police Station

Murder and Robbery Squad detectives were called in to assist the local police in the search It lasted through the night but the boys were not found

Twenty-four hours later a vigilant passerby noticed the boys being loaded into the back of a car in Ysterplaat, a neighbouring suburb

The police were summoned and launched a full-scale investigation Members of the CID and the uniform branch took part

When the were found they were reunited with their parents They had not been harmed

Mrs van Dyk said that at about 2 30 pm on New Year's Day her uncle, Mr Randolph Bredenkamp, had gone to to her home to watch cricket on television

He met Maria, who told him she was taking the twins out for a walk

Mr Bredenkamp told Mrs van Dyk that he could not recall precisely what the children were wearing, but thought they were blue tracksuits

There is no sign of a [illegible] of a strike at OK Bazaars [illegible]

OK management has [illegible] disruptive behaviour, [illegible] gation was dismissed by C[illegible]

The union refusd to give [illegible] the stores Earlier it ag[illegible] nesburg stores after alleged [illegible]

The wage dispute bet[illegible] began on December 15

The union has not [illegible] the-board increase OK's [illegible]

## 132 shop[illegible] affected b[illegible] strike: C[illegible]

By Sheryl Raine

The strike by thousands of Bazaars workers was [illegible] at least 113 stores nationw[illegible] said the company yes[illegible] The union said the [illegible] strike-bound shops was 132

Although the Com[illegible] Catering and Allied Wor[illegible] Union (Ccawusa) has [illegible] tened to extend the strike to [illegible] lated companies SA Brewe[illegible] Premier Milling and [illegible] American, the OK's [illegible] director, Mr Richard [illegible] well, said there were no [illegible] at this stage that the [illegible] threats had been carried out

He added that sy[illegible] strikes would be illegal

A strike against SAB [illegible] affect beer sales at the [illegible] of the summer season

### THREW CRACKER

Meanwhile, a white [illegible] worker at OK's Potgi[illegible] branch was alleged to h[illegible] thrown a cracker at [illegible] workers who were sitting in [illegible] canteen on Tuesday

Mr Blackwell was not [illegible] comment on the incident, said it was not [illegible] desire to throw crackers at strikers OK would [illegible] the allegation and take [illegible] necessary

Ccawusa has also [illegible] give an undertaking on [illegible] behaviour at 38 OK stores [illegible] an agreement that [illegible] would leave three [illegible] burg stores after alleged [illegible] age to merchandise

"There have been [illegible] incidents at some of the stores, including loud raucous, disruptive beh[illegible] and shouting from upstairs dows," said Mr Blackwell.

OK believed these [illegible] could affect customers [illegible] business was continuing the help of casual [illegible]

Ccawusa has accused [illegible] sabotaging negotiations Blackwell has denied charge

He attributed the wage [illegible] lock to the union's "[illegible] demands" He said that [illegible] imately 100 workers had turned to work voluntarily.

## Weekend sport for TV fans

TV1

Today Cricket The second National Panasonic five-day South Africa -Australia Test at Newlands in Cape Town (2 02, 3 06, 4 06 and 5 15) Powerboating The Federal Mogul South African Formula One Grand Prix at Loch Vaal (2 41 and 3 40) Motor Rallying Olympus International Rally in Greece Wrestling Peet and Gert Strydom v Abe Pretorius and Chickles Swart

TV2, TV3

Tomorrow (2 pm) Soccer Heroes — the 1986 Mexico World Cup, followed at 3 30 pm by the Italian first division match between Como and Milan

TV4

Tomorrow (10 50 pm) Soccer Guinness Six Indoor Series played in the UK — Arsenal v Oxford Cricket Highlights of the first two Tests between Australia and England Motor Sport. MG Indaba in Johannesburg

## Assaults on Press freedom 'hoodwink even journalists'

The Star Bureau

LONDON — The International Press Institute has deplored the "numerous and varied assaults on Press freedom" in 1986

And in its World Press Freedom Review published here, it described the attacks as ranging from "subtle self-censorship to roadside murder"

The IPI adds "While the conduct of countries like South Africa has been protested with vigour by Press and human rights

## SABC playing Nats' tune, claims Soal

Political Reporter

The Progressive Federal Party has warned white voters not to rely on the South African Broadcasting Corporation for election news, saying it would merely "play the National Party tune"

The PFP MP for Johannesburg North, Mr Peter Soal, has criticised the SABC for broadcasting opposition party reaction to the forthcoming general election 24 hours after it was announced by the State President

"The SABC could easily have carried reaction immediately after the announcement on Wednesday night Then, instead

## Vanderbijlpark deputy mayor dies after op

## S Africans

The Star's

HARARE — The city's New year when 40 top South Afr[illegible]

became the centre of joy and happiness at the Baragwanath
. Ms Mosuwe gave birth to a bouncing baby girl, Selina, when
y-five minutes old. And the hard-working hospital staff were
township mother and share her joy.

# Mass guard after Natal beach war

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By S'BU MNGADI

AN army of police, municipal constables and peace officers backed by a helicopter will be out in full force on Durban and Amanzimtoti beaches this week after the race fighting over Christmas.

Mhlele Ngcobo of Glenncoe appeared in the Amanzimtoti Magistrate's court in connection with Friday's violence at the Nyoni rocks swimming pool – allegedly started by arrogant AWB fanatics.

Ngcobo was not formally charged and the case was transferred to the Durban Regional Court to be heard on January 18.

Residents were surprised that none of the white right-wingers who – in full view of peace officers – assaulted black bathers were charged But an Amanzimtoti police spokesman said they only made the arrest after a white holidaymaker laid a charge of assault He said police would not hesitate to act if the assaulted black bathers laid charges

Amanzimtoti Borough deputy town clerk Neil Shortman confirmed there was an investigation into an allegation that a white peace officer turned his back on the violence.

Meanwhile the situation at Durban's Northern Beach, where African and Indian bathers clashed, was tense this week but no major clashes occurred.

And in Gordon's Bay, Mayor Danie Miller is to appoint a council committee to investigate beach apartheid after racial confrontations at the weekend

A controversial "whites only" sign erected at Gordon's Bay's Bikini Beach on Monday is to come down "immediately" – on instructions of the mayor. Miller said the sign was in direct conflict with a month-old resolution not to erect more beach apartheid signs

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**We wish the readers of *City Press* a peaceful and prosperous 1987. May your dreams and aspirations be realised in the the new – and hopefully better – year that lies ahead.**

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Wet's wonderful: Allan Hendrickse in his moment of seaside glory Picture: CHRIS QWAZI, Ecna

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# Labour's lekker feeling

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**Their leader may have embarrassed his NP allies with his unscheduled beach visit, but Labour's party faithful were in no mood to rock the boat at the annual congress, reports MIKE LOEWE**

THE Rev Allan Hendrickse, leader of the Labour Party (LP) and cabinet minister without portfolio, proved himself to be a troublesome government ally during the party's 21st Annual Congress in Port Elizabeth at the weekend.

Although Hendrickse was unflinching on the issue of the LP's participation in the tri-cameral government — a moratorium of a year was placed on even discussing the issue — he used the congress as a platform to generate waves of protest against the retention the Group Areas, Seperate Amenities and Population Registration acts.

Hendrickse's much publicised plunge against apartheid off the whites-only Kings Beach on Sunday brought the rapid warning to "stop rocking the boat" or face a general election from fellow cabinet ministers, according to LP officials. The election threat was scoffed at by a top party spokesman who said, "I don't fear an election. I'd love it."

From the opening moment of the congress, the LP signalled that it was to be a major showpiece for the 3 000 delegates and party faithful.

The band struck up the party anthem "Labour is Lekker" as a bevy of teenage girls in yellow chiffon swim suits preceded the procession of somewhat portly LP ministers and dignatories to their seats onstage.

There was a sense of bristling pride among congressites as they listened eagerly to LP ministers extol the gains forged in government — especially in opening up opportunities for them in education, employment and business fields.

At one point ministers who had been appointed recently to whites-only regional councils were asked to stand amidst loud applause.

No splits in the party were in evidence and party officials confided that press speculation on the topic had them baffled.

The leader of the "Young Turks" — the faction rumoured to be pushing for a parliamentary pull-out — told Weekly Mail that he had been "quite happy" when his motion calling for the party to withdraw from government was struck from the agenda in mid-congress.

He denied that pressure had been brought to bear by the party hierarchy, or by his father, Allan Hendrickse (Snr)

Allan Hendrickse (Jnr), MP for Addo and LP press liaison officer, said in an interview after the congress that speculation on party splits were "nonsense".

He was happy with his father's opening threat that "unless the National Party meet our party's demands for the scrapping of the Group Areas, then certainly this party will review its participation in the present dispensation".

Hendrickse Jnr said the issue would be debated at the next Congress in December

However, he said he and most Labourites remained "unhappy and frustrated" with the pace of reform. He had already called for PW Botha to resign.

"In the motion I was saying, 'It's no use; let's get out'. But I was happy with the ultimatum given to PW by the the leader on Friday night," he said.

He said that none of the motions passed had been controversial as they had been discussed at regional level.

A motion on education called for under-utilised whites-only teacher training colleges to be opened to all. Admission to universities had also to be controlled by the institutions concerned and not the government. The Congress called for a 20 percent salary increase for teachers in category A, the lowest category, and for equal expenditure per pupil regardless of race.

Anti-apartheid economic sanctions were slammed as "an act of violence' against the country.

Coca-Cola, Kodak and Bata companies were condemned for withdrawing from South Africa in a manner which aimed at increasing profits through expensive franchising

The party condemned as "hypocritical" firms who used political reasons to "disguise financial failure". The companies were requested to provide housing and recreational facilities to deprived communities

A motion on unemployment called on the state to embark upon a Public Works Programme similar to the programme that solved the poor white problem of the 1930's

A motion dealing with coloured farmers called for their right to buy farmland. Where the territory was suitable, the congress called for small subsidised plots near to cities to be opened up for coloured agriculture

Legal impediments barring coloured businessmen free access to the market place were slammed and the congress called on established business and Chambers of Commerce for assistance.

The congress congratulated the party for it's role in the Kwazulu/Natal Indaba. This was in line with the LP's policy of a future geographical, federal South African structure. Towards this end the Congress called on the government to abandon the structure of "modified apartheid" and to speed up reform. It said the tricameral parliament had never fulfilled the aspirations of the party and the rest of South Africa. — East Cape News Agency.

# Shebeen licences spark reaction

9/1/87 (288) N/M

**Pietermaritzburg Bureau**

THE Natal Midlands Taverners' Association here has received a flood of inquiries from shebeen owners following the granting of licences by the Liquor Board in Pretoria to two township taverners to trade in liquor.

Sobantu Village shebeen owners Hess Sithole and Rha Mdlulı are believed to be the first taverners in Natal to be granted liquor licences by the Liquor Board It is understood that licences have also been granted to three shebeen owners in Lamontville.

News of the approval of the licence applications submitted by the two Sobantu Village residents has resulted ın a flood of inquiries from black and Indian shebeen owners to the Taverners' Association.

The chairman of the association, Mr Frank Mvuyane, of Imbalı, said he was delighted that the applications had been approved. He said shebeen owners had been reluctant to apply for licences because many of them believed they would not be approved.

A spokesman for the Liquor Board in Pretoria said any shebeen owner could apply for a liquor licence, which normally took between six and eight months to process.

He was unable to say how many people had applied.

# More land for Richards Bay reserve

**Pietermaritzburg Bureau**

ADDITIONAL land for the Richards Bay game reserve was to be leased from the South African Transport Services, the Executive Committee decided here this week.

The provincial secretary, Mr Roy Hindle, said in a statement that the land concerned was adjacent on both sides to the new mouth of the Umhlatuze es-

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Unemployment and rechment has seriously affected many people. It is a problem not only confined to Isipingo but affecting the country generally.'

He said the council had also approached the House of Delegates for assistance, but without success.

'We hope Mr Khan will be successful. Any assistance to bring down the price of the houses will be most welcome. After all, the houses were built for the people of Isipingo and every month the cost of each house is rising by about R400.'

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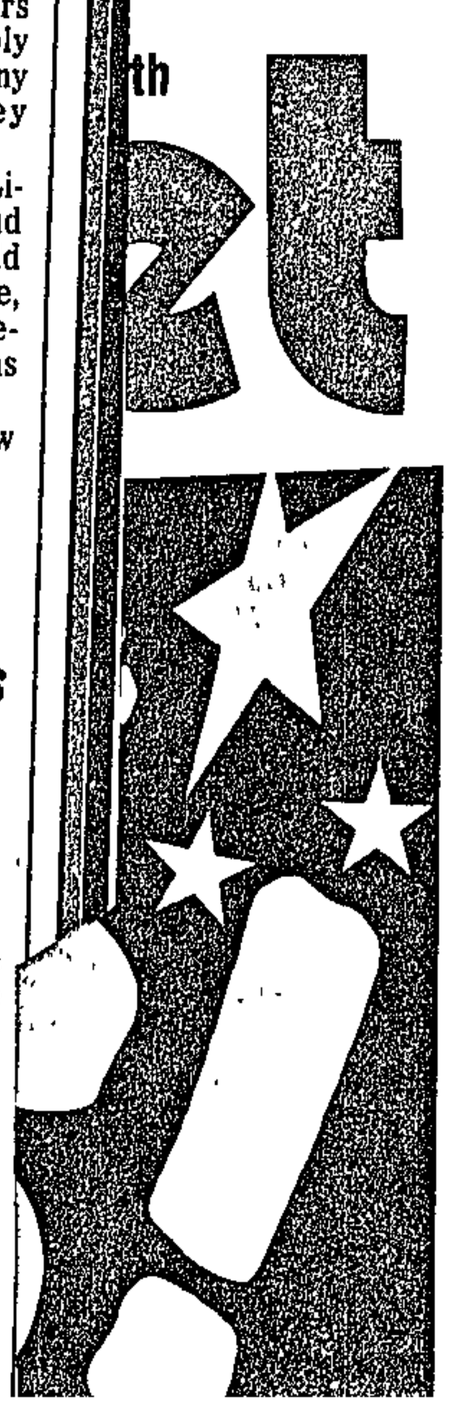

# Durban learner drivers not bad

**Mercury Reporter**

DURBAN learner drivers don't have a hope when it comes to competing with the winner of Britain's worst-driver contest.

Whether it's because of innate skill, an easier test or simply less perseverance, Durban learner drivers make five attempts at a licence at most, according to driving schools here.

Almost all pass by then and most succeed at their first or second attempt

By comparison, Britain's worst driver, 31-year-old Mrs Karen Cullen, had failed 20 times, and among the finalists in the competition was a woman who had taken 1 500 driving lessons

The owner of the ABC Driving School, Mrs Marie Brouard, said 'The worst I came across was 15 years

# Move to open all Durban beaches

(283) N/M 14/1/87

Political Reporter

**THE city council is considering opening all Durban's beaches to all races.**

The Amenities Committee approved the open beaches move in principle yesterday and referred it to the Mayor's Beach Amenities Sub-committee after which it will be considered by the Management Committee and then the full council in open session.

The proposal is likely to be strongly opposed by some councillors, particularly in Manco where 'anti open beach' councillors are in a majority

Mrs Ros Sarkin, Amenities Committee chairman, said the committee saw a video made at the beaches on January 1 and it was far more positive than had been expected

She said the violence was not racially inspired but was caused by an unruly crowd of about 300

'Considering the large number of people at the beaches the whole picture was very positive We saw people chatting and playing together'

Mrs Sarkin said opening all the beaches would help alleviate some of the overcrowding.

'When you have large stretches of beach and some parts are segregated you will always have overflowing.'

She said the committee made several other recommendations including placing an age limit on people using some paddling pools, and providing temporary refreshment areas near the beachfront.

Amenities Committee member Philip Kairuz, whose constituency is Ocean Beach, said he presented a petition signed by about 300 beachfront residents calling for the segregation of all beaches, including the existing open ones,

Mr Kairuz said he did not fully agree with the petition but would not comment on whether he believed all beaches should be opened

'The petition is not a racial thing It is about the complete takeover of all the amenities'

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# Beach violence: action promise

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**THE Durban City Council will urgently investigate the New Year's Day violence which struck the city's teeming beachfront and will consider strategies to prevent it happening again, says Amenities Committee chairman Ros Sarkin.**

Police say they intend to continue a joint S A P, City Police and Army policing operation until after the weekend 'or later, if necessary'

Mrs Sarkin said last night that all the facts were not available yet.

'There is no clarity on the cause of the violence,' she said

She added 'I would like to stress it was not a racial incident.'

It was possible that a small group among a crowd of beachgoers estimated to have been 60 000 strong could have 'caused the unpleasantness', she said

## *ANC songs*

Nine people were injured when birdshot was used after tear gas failed to disperse a large crowd which stormed and looted the Clover Leaf Tearoom at the African Beach at 1 p m

The nine were arrested and charged with public violence and will appear in court on Monday

The overcrowded Umgababa camping site was also the scene of unprecedented violence

Police said a group of about 60 young black men and women among 8 000 revellers had created a hostile atmosphere when they had started chanting ANC songs before ransacking a tearoom

When police arrived the group ran across the main road, throwing bottles which damaged four vehicles They were trying to set a petrol pump alight when police used eight tear-gas canisters to disperse them

During the skirmish which followed, a policeman, W/O J J Smit, was stabbed in the arm

## *Thrown off*

A number of trains were damaged by black people returning home late on New Year's Day and three people, two Indian men and a coloured woman, were injured when they were thrown from a moving train

Eleven train coaches were damaged when a train travelling between Winklespruit and Illovo Beach was stoned by passengers who got off when it stopped at a signal point

At Karridene Station, a group were about to carry out a similar attack when police arrived and dispersed them with a warning shot, police said

Passengers had climbed out and gathered stones which were then hurled at other trains, cars and caravans along the line

Mr Martin Edwards, acting director of Parks, Reacreation and Beaches, said two of the black lifesavers on the African Bathing Beach had to be evacuated after they were threatened and harassed

## All in good taste

It's raspberry time again . not the rude noises Natal motorists blow at up-country drivers but the fruity variety being enjoyed here by Carla Bedding of Durban The season for the delectable fruit started last month

Picture by TERRY HAYWOOD

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## *Gold rises sharply as dollar wavers*

LONDON—Gold was fixed in London yesterday at $403,50 an ounce, up sharply on its Wednesday close of $391

The sharp rise went hand in glove with uncertainty about the dollar which ended the first trading day of 1987 worth less than at any time since the decade began, and dealers forecast it would fall further owing to worries over the U S economy and the Iran arms scandal

The U S currency, which closed at 1,9405 West German marks on Wednesday, plunged to 1,9130 yesterday and closed at a six-year low of 1,9180

The rand closed at 46,26/33 U S cents, half a cent up on its New Year's eve close of 45,73/80 c

The rand had risen rapidly in early dealing, boosted by the surge in the gold price and remained in a narrow range above 46 c

The financial rand rose to 21,50/22 c from Wednesday's 21,00/50 close — (Sapa Reuter)

## Mamba hitched a New Year lift in car

Mercury Reporter

**AN EMPANGENI man picked up an unwelcome hitch-hiker when he unwittingly drove home from the Umfolosi Game Reserve in Zululand on New Year's Day with a black mamba for a passenger**

Mr Tom Moodie and his 11-year-old son, Charl, had stopped to watch the mamba in the reserve Eventually it suddenly disappeared from their sight

On their return to Empangeni, Mr Moodie put his dusty vehicle through the car wash at a garage where he works as parts manager, and to his surprise, a very angry mamba came out in the wash

'It must have been entwined around the suspension,' said Mr Moodie

The 2,6 m snake was pursued and killed by a petrol attendant

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## Labour Party leader could quit Cabinet

# PW, Hendrickse on collision course

Political Staff

Mr Botha

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**The Labour Party was today heading for a confrontation with President Botha which could lead to its leader, the Rev Allan Hendrickse, leaving the Cabinet.**

The chairman of the Ministers Council in the House of Delegates, Mr Amichand Rajbansi, has also been drawn into the row after discussions with Mr Hendrickse and there is the possibility that he might also leave the Cabinet.

A hurriedly called parliamentary caucus meeting of the Labour Party discussed the crisis yesterday afternoon.

President Botha and Mr Hendrickse met twice earlier this week.

Mr Botha has put three choices to Mr Hendrickse: that he and his MPs involved in the Port Elizabeth incident publicly apologise for deliberately breaking the law by swimming on a white beach; that Mr Hendrickse resigns from the Cabinet; or that an election for the House of Representatives be held with the House of Assembly election this year.

Mr Hendrickse was not available for comment today and Labour MPs declined to give details of the caucus discussions.

But it is understood it was decided it was impossible for Mr Hendrickse to apologise in view of the party's strong stand against the Group Areas Act.

It was further decided to leave a decision on the options to the President, which means he will be forced to sack Mr Hendrickse from the Cabinet or to decide to have an election for the House of Representatives without the House having asked for it.

If Mr Hendrikse and Mr Rajbansi resigned from the central Cabinet, they could remain on as chairmen of the Ministers' Councils in their Houses.

There is also speculation that Mr Botha is threatening to dissolve both the House of Representatives and possibly the House of Delegates, and have elections for them along with those for the white House of Assembly.

Matters are expected to come to a head today at the first Cabinet meeting of the year.

Labour Party MPs appear reluctant to have an early election and some said today they did not think Mr Botha would be so "untactful" as to call one.

They also thought Mr Botha's confrontation with Mr Hendrickse was largely political posturing before the white election. He appears to be trying to appease conservative Nationalists by acting strongly against the defiant Mr Hendrickse.

Mr Rajbansi declined to comment today, but other sources in his National People's Party confirmed the meeting between him and Mr Hendrickse.

They said the party caucus would have to decide on whether Mr Rajbansi should also leave the Cabinet.

# Capital votes for all-race swimming

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**Pietermaritzburg Bureau**

THE Pietermaritzburg City Council voted almost unanimously yesterday in favour of opening all municipal swimming pools in the capital to all races.

The council approved by 13 votes to two a recommendation by the Finance Committee to apply to the Natal Executive Committee to repeal the bylaw restricting the city's six municipal baths to different races.

Deputy Mayor George de Beer and Mr Harry Dyason voted against the recommendation.

Two petitions — containing more than 1,000 signatures — in favour of the repeal of bylaw 13 were received by the town clerk earlier this month. There were another 13 petitions, signed by 72 people, opposing the move.

# CAL sees Mayor over beaches

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**Municipal Reporter**

THE Right-wing Civic Action League sent a three-man delegation to Durban's Mayor, Mr Stan Lange, yesterday to protest against the proposed opening of all Durban's beaches

'The meeting was held in a fairly friendly atmosphere and I told them that I would put their letter before the Mayor's Amenities Steering Committee on Monday,' Mr Lange said.

He said he had received 'quite a lot of nasty letters complaining about crowded beaches in the last month.

'You'll always get a certain section who may not realise that it takes some unsophisticated people time to get used to the manner of dress and behaviour that the sophisticated are used to,' he said.

The CAL said the opening of beaches was being done 'with unreasonable haste'

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# Chopper to watch for beach fighting

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Own Correspondent

DURBAN — Police plan to use a helicopter and temporary police stations at the Durban and Amanzimtoti beachfronts to prevent racial conflict tomorrow.

The moves follow violence in which white and black bathers clashed at Amanzimtoti, and Indians and blacks at the Durban beachfront, on the Day of Goodwill.

Several people were stabbed, one had his leg broken and cars were damaged.

The incoming Divisional Commissioner, Brigadier Johan van Niekerk, said police will act "very discreetly but professionally" to stamp out hooliganism, destruction of property and crime in general.

Brigadier Van Niekerk said police headquarters in Pretoria had allocated a helicopter for the first time to watch in and around Durban and for misbehaviour and hooliganism on the beaches.

"Temporary police posts will be established near the North and South beaches in Durban and at Amanzintoti, where members of the public can lay charges or report incidents.

"Enough uniformed and plainclothes police, assisted by the Durban City Police, reservists and other members of the security forces will be on duty on the beaches to ensure the safety of members of the public.

## NO ALCOHOL

"People who misbehave will be arrested, and steps will be taken to prevent alcohol and breakable articles being taken into public amenities areas such as swimming pools.

"The police appeal to everyone to enjoy the New Year in such a way that everybody else can enjoy it," said Brigadier Van Niekerk.

Amanzimtoti's deputy Town Clerk, Mr Neil Schwegman, warned: "We will not tolerate any more violence.

"The borough will make sure that the guilty people are dealt with severely."

His warning came amid rumours among holidaymakers of a New Year "revenge re-match" of the Christmas fighting.

"Let me warn anyone thinking along these lines that the swiftest action will be taken."

Mr Schwegman was asked if anything could have been done to avoid the Christmas violence.

"With hindsight, it might seem easy to criticise the traffic officials or peace officers, as some have done, for not having taken swifter action," replied Mr Schwegman.

"But the outbreak of violence was extremely difficult to isolate as it swept along the beachfront. The SAP were needed."

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# Mixed reaction to local movie

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Dispatch Correspondent

DURBAN — Pretoria film-goers, facing the closure of several of their cinemas because of refusals to open them to all races, will find that the last film they may see before the ultimatum on February 5 will be Place of Weeping, the internationally acclaimed local production depicting black-white conflict.

With the simultaneous release of the film in 12 cinemas across the country this weekend, producer Anant Singh of Durban said the only response that was not positive came from Pretoria viewers at the Metro cinema.

In contrast, the multiracial audience in Durban's Shiraz Cinema cheered at the close.

At the end of Friday evening's early screening at the Oscar in Durban, some people had sat almost dumbstruck for minutes after the film had ended.

"Even in America, audiences behaved that way — sunk in contemplation. I don't know what they were thinking, but they were thinking," said Mr Singh.

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# Toti may lose both its beachfront hotels

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**Mercury Reporter**

AMANZIMTOTI'S only two beachfront hotels may close permanently within months, and the manager of one of the hotels last night pledged to put up a 'whites only' sign in the ladies bar

Mr Roy Goldin, owner of the Lagoon Hotel which was placed under provisional liquidation in the Supreme Court, Durban, this week, said he would put up the sign 'first thing in the morning' because of an incident last weekend when regulars in the ladies bar assaulted a black patron

The holiday resort's only other beachfront hotel, the Beach Hotel Amanzimtoti (Pty) Ltd, was placed under provisional liquidation in the Rand Supreme Court yesterday

Mr Goldin said the incident in his hotel happened when regulars 'got annoyed with a black guy and got stuck in'

'The regulars have now asked me to put up a whites only sign.'

The incident has been reported to the police and statements were taken at the hotel yesterday.

'I predicted this would happen a long time ago, and now I've only got two people staying in the whole hotel

'The bomb blast and the decision to allow blacks on the beaches is what absolutely murdered us,' he said.

In papers before the Court Mr Goldin said the company's assets totalled about R300 000 but its creditors were owed about R350 000, of which R6 000 was owed to the Durban Municipality for electricity

He said last night that efforts would be made to keep the hotel open for as long as possible, but even if a buyer were found, the hotel would probably close within a month 'unless the new buyers get the backing of the municipality'.

In an urgent application heard by Mr Justice Flemming yesterday, the Court was told that the Beach Hotel had debts of R310 000.

The hotel had assets of R100 000 and no funds to meet its running costs or pay its debts.

Not reflected in the liabilities was a further R120 000 injected into the company by the Simon Abott family trust in an attempt to salvage the business.

This was insufficient and the trust was reluctant to provide further finance

## Too Late For Classification

**MELLOW** — Les, of Eden Park, Umtentwini, beloved husband of Sybil, passed away peacefully, Tuesday, February 3 Funeral to be held at St Katherine's Anglican Church, Port Shepstone TOMORROW (THURSDAY) AFTERNOON at 12 30 o'clock No flowers by request, contributions to SPCA, Lower South Coast

SMILESTONES

By TIM HOOPER

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## Emergency Day 238

**Because of the emergency regulations, the free flow of information relating to unrest is severely restricted. Certain news reports have had to be excluded because of the latest regulations. This newspaper will do its utmost to keep readers informed.**

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# 'Whites only' sign in Toti bar after assault

**Mercury Reporter**

AN AMANZIMTOTI hotel manager has put up a 'whites only' sign in his ladies' bar.

Mr Roy Goldin, owner of the Lagoon Hotel, put the sign up yesterday because of an incident last weekend when regulars in the ladies' bar assaulted a black.

The hotel has been placed under provisional liquidation and Mr Goldin has blamed the Toti bomb blast and the decision to allow blacks on the beach for the failed business.

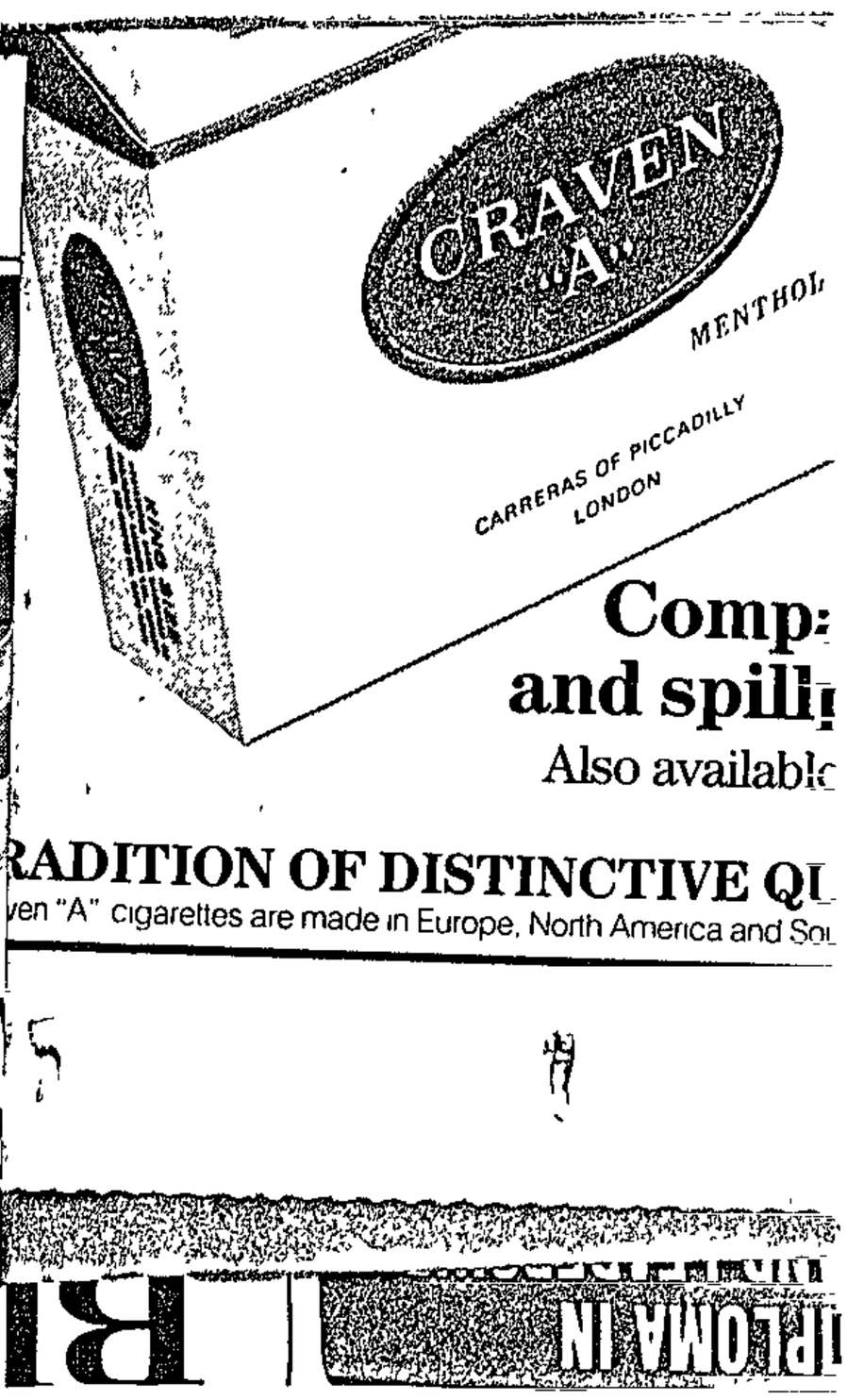
'After I put up the sign in the ladies' bar I went through to the men's bar and found that several of my regular white customers had walked out because a couple of black men had come in,' he said.

'There is going to be a terrible racial conflict down here soon.'

Mr Alan Gooderson, Durban chairman of Fedhasa, said although hotels had been opened to all races the owner or manager still had the right to reserve admission.

'There's no law against putting up signs and the boss can allow in whom he wishes,' he said.

'We don't foresee any hotels going broke for the same reasons given with reference to the Lagoon Hotel,' said Mr Gooderson

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# Whites beat up black swimmer in Natal

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**Own Correspondent**

DURBAN. — Violence flared on Amanzimtoti beach again this week when a group of white men beat up a 25-year-old laboratory assistant and freelance journalist, Mr Patrick Sibusiso Mseleku, while he was swimming at Inyoni Rocks pool.

Mr Mseleku has laid charges of assault against three men.

He said he went to the beach for a swim at the pool on Tuesday — the scene of intense racial violence in December.

Mr Mseleku said a crowd of rowdy whites arrived and scared away others using the pool.

While he was in the water one of the men jumped in the pool and assaulted him. "I was mobbed and hit when I jumped out of the pool and I fell back into the water. I got out and tried to run away but was stopped dead in my tracks when another man hit me in the face," Mr Mseleku said.

"Beach 'peace officers' came to my rescue and took us all to the Amanzimtoti police, where I laid a charge of assault against three of the men, before visiting a doctor."

# Prison escape man is jailed for his 20th car theft

6/2/87 N/M

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**Pietermaritzburg Bureau**

A 33-YEAR-OLD man who escaped from the Zonderwater Prison near Pretoria and who stole a luxury BMW car from a dealer here this week, was declared a habitual criminal for the second time in the Pietermaritzburg Regional Court yesterday after being found guilty of car theft for the 20th time.

The Magistrate, Mr F W Botes, sentenced Francois Venter, 32, formerly of Kyalami, Johannesburg, to a term of between seven and 15 years' imprisonment, ruling that the sentence run concurrently with an identical one imposed in the Wynberg Regional Court last December for stealing 14 cars valued at more than R35 000.

Venter, who pleaded guilty to the charge and a second count of escaping from custody last month, said he had stolen the car in order to return to Johannesburg.

Venter told the Court he had been taken to Maydon Wharf in Durban on January 29 by two policemen during an investigation and had escaped by pushing a policeman out of a police vehicle while the other officer was inspecting the scene of an alleged crime. He had then run away.

The Court heard that he stole the BMW 335i executive model from Forsdicks Motors salesman Mr Donald Becker on the N3 on Tuesday morning after asking to be allowed to take it for a test drive.

He had been apprehended by NPA traffic officers and members of the S A P at Greytown after he had abandoned the vehicle in a factory parking lot.

Venter admitted 19 previous convictions for car theft, four for fraud and one for impersonating a police officer

# Toti hotelier slams integration

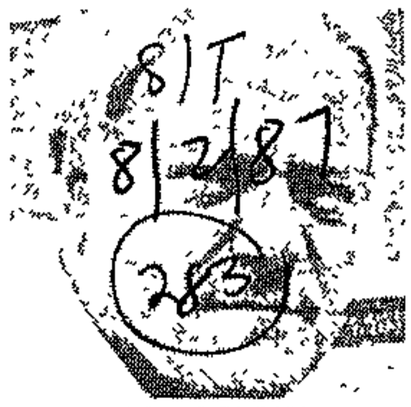
By DENYSE ARMOUR

THE owner of an Amanzimtoti hotel has made a new "whites only" sign for one of the bars after regulars attacked a black man who had come into the pub for a drink.

A police spokesman has confirmed that the incident took place last Saturday afternoon in one of the Lagoon Hotel's bars.

For the owner, Mr Roy Goldin, the brawl was the last straw.

This week, his hotel was placed under provisional liquidation — and he is blaming integration for his financial woes.



ROY GOLDIN
Wooing back whites

"When blacks walk in, the whites walk out. They'd rather go to bars where blacks still aren't allowed," Mr Goldin said.

In an attempt to woo back white customers, he put up the new "whites only" sign.

But, he added, blacks had not been entirely barred from his hotel — only from one of his ladies' bars.

Amanzimtoti, on Natal's South Coast, was rocked by race riots on its recently opened beaches during the Christmas holiday season.

After the Christmas Day riots, 12 of the hotel's 40 rooms were immediately vacated by frightened guests, Mr Goldin said.

"Toti's tourist trade is suffering because of integration. We've got no bookings yet for Easter and that's never happened before," he said.

# 'Whites only' sign out of cupboard

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By S'BU MNGADI

AMANZIMTOTI hotelier Roy Goldin this week put up "whites only" signs in his hotel

He claimed black patronage, the 1985 bomb blast and the Christmas racial confrontation on the Natal South Coast have ruined his business.

Goldin said he was banning black clients to get back white clients, who did not like drinking in a multiracial establishment.

"The situation has reached a stage where, if they see a black man in the bar, they get up and walk out to the public bar next door," said Goldin.

He said white regulars in the ladies' bar assaulted a black patron at the weekend.

He said after he put up a "whites only" sign in the ladies' bar this week, he went to the men's bar – and found several of his regular white customers had walked out because a couple of black men had entered

Goldin this week sucessfully applied for the liquidation of 'Toti Heights, operating as the Lagoon Hotel and Lagoon Liquor Store of which he is the sole shareholder

In an affidavit, Goldin said 'Toti Heights owed him R80 000 for monies loaned and advanced.

He said the company operated on the Amanzimtoti beach front and relied on holiday trade – but in 1986 the tourist industry had declined in Amanzimtoti after the bomb blast on December 24, 1985.

Goldin said December 1986 should have been a big trading period – but was "mediocre" as a result of the blast.

His trade, he said, was finally ruined last December 24 as a result of racial incidents on Amanzimtoti beaches – some of which occurred near the hotel Twelve of the 40 rooms were vacated immediately and other frightened guests left soon afterwards.

He said the hotel's running expenses before purchases was R35 000. For January 1987 the total turnover was about R45 000 and the company was unable to pay its debts to a number of pressing creditors.

These included the Durban municipality, which had threatened to cut the hotel's electricity this week if the R6 000 electricity bill was not paid.

Goldin said this would have ended the hotel's business – but a provisional liquidator arrived after his application and said the electricity supply would continue while a possible buyer was sought.

Goldin plans to return to Johannesburg as soon as possible.

Durban Fedhasa chairman Alan Gooderson said though hotels had been open to all races, the owner or manager had the right to reserve admission.

"There is still no law against putting up signs and the boss can allow in whom he wishes," he said.

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"Despite the difficulties that we face, the workers are still determined to achieve a living wage before the strike ends," a Ccawusa statement said

OK spokesmen could not be contacted for comment.

# Natal schoolboy athlete banned

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DURBAN — A Natal schoolboy sports hero will have to stay behind when his 279 teammates attend a big national athletics meeting in Pretoria this weekend — he has been told he cannot go because he is black.

The issue prompted the chairman of the Durban and Districts High Schools Athletics Association, Mr Stu Davis, to withdraw yesterday as manager of the team he was to have taken to Pretoria.

Nkululeko Skweyiya, a Kearsney College matric pupil was told yesterday that he could not go to the annual SA Sport Foundation athletics meeting to be held at Menlo Park High School, Pretoria.

Yet Skweyiya has represented Natal Schools at rugby and has taken part in Craven Week.

Athletics organisers were reluctant last night to discuss what authority had banned the boy. — DDC

# Schools' athletes pull out over ban

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Dispatch Correspondent

**DURBAN — At least 100 Natal school athletes had by last night withdrawn from a national athletics meeting in Pretoria in protest against the banning of a black schoolboy athlete, Nkululeko Skweyiya.**

Many more were expected to opt out of the annual Sport Foundation Games by the time buses left for Pretoria late last night.

Nkululeko, a Kearsney College matric pupil who celebrates his 18th birthday on Sunday, was told on Wednesday he would be excluded from the athletics meeting at Menlo Park Hoërskool in Pretoria tomorrow because he was black.

His three Kearsney College team-mates are among the dozens of young athletes who voluntarily decided to boycott the games after hearing of the ban

Two athletics organisers, in addition to the Durban and Districts' High Schools' Athletics Association chairman, Mr Stu Davis, have withdrawn

Irate members of the public, pupils and their parents expressed their abhorrence of Nkululeko's treatment.

The father of an Afrikaans-speaking pupil said his son had decided to boycott the games after reading of Nkululeko's banning

"My son had trained hard for the games, but felt it would be wrong to go when another person who had been just as motivated had been refused the right to attend

"It's time the people of Natal formed a laager around this boy and expressed their disapproval by staying away," he said

The headmaster of Menlo Park, Dr H S van der Merwe, refused to comment and referred all queries to the Transvaal Education Department (TED)

The director of the TED, Dr Piet Bredenkamp, said yesterday that policy did not prohibit black pupils from taking part in activities at provincial schools

"The TED was not involved in this matter"

The headmaster of Hilton College near Pietermaritzburg, Mr Paul Marsh, has called for the banning of the meeting

Mr Marsh said he had asked the chairman of the non-racial South African High Schools' Sports Union, Mr Jan Preuyt, to approach the Minister of Education, Dr Gerrit Viljoen, with a view to stopping the meeting or, alternatively, waiving the ban on Nkululeko

"The union was established to stop this sort of thing Now we must carry out that principle"

Mr Preuyt, of East London, said he did not approve of boycotts but would understand it if Natal schoolchildren stayed away

"This action (Skweyiya's banning) is a terrible injustice and disgrace.

"He must and will participate in the games. If schools from the Transvaal were prepared to play rugby against him elsewhere, they will have to accept him on their home ground as well"

Mr Preuyt vowed to take the matter up at the "very highest" level of government

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## *Delicate problem for club*

LONDON — A cricket club has been so boxed in by the Aids scare it has told its

Mrs Jackie de Kock of East London is tempted by a piece of biltong but it could cost her as much as R25 a kilogram

# Toti to charge admission to Inyoni pool

N\M. 8/2/87

Mercury Reporter

THE Amanzimtoti Town Council last night decided unanimously to levy a charge of 50 c a person for admission to the borough's Inyoni Rocks swimming pool — scene of violent racial clashes during the Christmas holiday season.

The charge will probably come into effect before Easter.

Amanzimtoti's Town Clerk, Mr Dave Ongley, said: 'The council has decided to charge bathers using the pool, in an effort to control the numbers and behaviour of crowds.'

Children under six will be admitted free of charge if accompanied by an adult, but will not be admitted alone.

'The tariff was designed in terms of the Seashore Act, which required the council to advertise their intention and hear any complaints before going ahead,' he said.

Only two complaints had been received.

'The council's decision will now be sent to the Administrator for his approval and once this has been received, the tariff will come into effect, hopefully before Easter.'

Mr Ongley said three sides of the pool had always been walled and a fourth side had been fenced off with gates.

Black, Indian and coloured community leaders were unanimous yesterday in condemning the decision.

Mr Aubrey Nyembezi, a Clermont community leader, said the decision would be construed by the black community as a 'form of racialism'.

## 'Racial prejudice'

'Blacks do not have the money and this is a form of discrimination'.

Mr Albie Stowman, chairman of the Coloured Local Affairs Committee of the Durban City Council, said the decision smacked of 'racial prejudice'.

Mr Stowman said the move had been 'engineeed by white political racists masquerading as civic decision-makers'.

It was unrealistic to expect members of the black community to afford 50 c in the current economic situation.

Mr C Panday, chairman of the Southern Durban Local Affairs Committee, said the measure was 'totally abhorrent'.

The status quo at Amanzimtoti should be retained, he said. A mixing of cultures was inevitable in South Africa.

Dr Farook Meer, a spokesman for the Natal Indian Congress, said the proposal was a way of controlling the underprivileged group and this group in South Africa happened to be black.

He said people needed to be educated about sharing facilities and people using these facilities should enjoy the protection of the law.

Commenting on the criticism, Mr Ongley said: 'The land the pool is on is leased from the Government and one of the conditions is that the pool is open to all race groups, so it is nonsense to think the charge is a form of racism.

'The amount we will charge is definitely not high — one just has to look at other entertainment to see that 50 c is really an insignificant amount.'

Mr Ongley said users of most pools, especially filtrated salt-water pools such as the one at Inyoni Rocks, paid to use them, often even more than 50 c.

'People respect having the use of an amenity if they pay.'

# Politician picks jail

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Cape Times 4/3/87

Own Correspondent

DURBAN. — The leader of the People's Congress Party in Natal, Morris Fynn, yesterday chose to go to jail for 30 days rather than pay a R100 fine after he had been convicted of maliciously damaging a "coloureds only" sign at Durban's coloured beach.

Durban magistrate Mr D Struwig found Fynn sawed off the apartheid sign — property of Durban City Council — on October 17.

Fynn said he thought the council overlooked the fact that the sign should not be there. "I thought I was doing the council a favour."

He quoted the State President, Mr P W Botha, as saying in 1986 that South Africa had outgrown its outdated colonial system. After that coloured people felt they could swim where they wanted, Fynn said.

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# Fynn's friends pay fine

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**Own Correspondent**

DURBAN. — Mr Morris Fynn, who was released from prison after his supporters paid his fine, said yesterday he would cut down another beach apartheid sign as soon as his confiscated saw was returned to him. He had spent just one night in jail.

He said his saw was confiscated by the police when he was arrested for cutting down a "coloureds only" sign at the Durban beachfront last year.

Mr Fynn, Natal leader of the Peoples Congress Party, was jailed for 30 days on Tuesday when he refused to pay a R100 fine for malicious damage to property as a result of his action.

# Durban beach apartheid 'going'

EPost 10/3/87

DURBAN — Durban's Mayor, Mr Stan Lange, has told the coloured community campaigner, Mr Morris Fynn, that he is against beach apartheid and all apartheid signs on the beachfront will probably be removed soon.

In a move to defuse a planned protest by Mr Fynn outside the City Hall during a civic function for visiting Indian and Pakistani businessmen last night, Mr Lange has personally intervened and told Mr Fynn that the whole beach apartheid issue is under scrutiny.

Mr Fynn has been the centre of a storm about beach apartheid since he was sentenced to a month's imprisonment last week for cutting down a "coloureds-only" sign on the beachfront.

He was released "under protest" after a day in jail when the Peoples' Congress Party — of which he is the Natal leader — paid his R100 fine.. He then threatened a protest.

Mr Lange said he had telephoned Mr Fynn to "set the record straight".

However, Mr Fynn said he believed the Mayor had in fact given him an undertaking that all beach apartheid was to be scrapped, not just the signs. Because of this, he cancelled his protest.

"I am accepting his word. But if he reneges on his promise, I'll chop the signs down myself." — Sapa

# R3 m plan for all-race beaches

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## Pietermaritzburg Bureau

**NATAL'S Executive Committee is to ask the Cabinet to provide nearly R3 000 000 for beach facilities for all races at three South Coast towns, MEC Peter Miller announced here yesterday.**

Mr Miller said the Province had received motivation from the Amanzimtoti, Kingsburgh and Scottburgh local authorities for the need to provide and upgrade beach facilities for all races.

He said Exco would recommend that R1 190 000 be allocated for the development of Amanzimtoti's Pipeline Beach in the 1988/89 financial year.

Projects would include the building of toilets and changerooms, a swimming pool and ancillary buildings, a public parking area and general improvements such as paving and landscaping.

It has been recommended that R1 100 000 be provided for ablution blocks at Warner Beach, Winklespruit, Camp/Foster Road, Illovo Lagoon, Illovo Beach and Karridene, the redevelopment of the Kingsburgh football field area as a paddling pool-cum-safe bathing area; the provision of shark nets and lifesaving facilities at Winklespruit and Karridene; and the provision of shade trees and rest areas.

### *South of Green Point*

Exco would also ask for R695 000 to be spent on the development of and access to beach facilities outside the Scottburgh local authority area north of the Umahlonqwa River and south of Green Point, possibly in conjunction with the Natal Parks Board

Mr Miller said the proposed developments were subject to funds being made available by the Government

He said Mr George Bartlett, MP for Amanzimtoti, was to hold preliminary talks with Mr Chris Heunis, Minister of Constitutional Development and Planning, and other Cabinet ministers 'with a view to a strong case being put to the Cabinet Committee on financial priorities'

# Uproar forces Koornhof out of Heunis talk

## ORMANDE POLLOK
## Political Correspondent

**CAPE TOWN—Dr Piet Koornhof, South Africa's Ambassador-designate to Washington, yesterday backed out of addressing an election meeting in support of Mr Chris Heunis, the Cape Nationalist leader, in Helderberg.**

Supporters of Dr Denis Worrall, who is giving Mr Heunis a tough fight, reacted sharply to the news that a 'diplomat' and future ambassador was going to participate directly in party political issues

'It is a very serious lapse of judgement,' said Mr Viv Saayman.

Mr Heunis defended the decision at first saying Dr Koornhof was to address a house meeting on the role he would play for South Africa in Washington

However, a spokesman in Mr Heunis's office announced the cancellation yesterday morning

Dr Koornhof was replaced by the Deputy Minister of Finance, Mr Kent Durr, and a designated ministerial representative and former MPC for Helderberg, Mr Jimmy Otto.

Dr Koornhof said he had decided not to address the meeting if there was any political sensitivity about his involvement

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# Watch out, beach signs: Fynn's free

By CARMEL RICKARD, Durban

ANTI-APARTHEID campaigner Morris Fynn was yesterday released from prison — and was furious about it.

An unnamed member of his party paid the R100 fine imposed on Fynn earlier in the week for a hacksaw attack on two Durban City Council beach apartheid signs.

Fynn immediately threatened to return to the beach with his hacksaw.

He said that although he didn't like jail, if the council did not take down the "offensive" signs, he will have no option but to go back and cut them down again.

In October last year Fynn, Natal leader of the People's Congress Party, took a saw to the signs on a coloureds-only beach. He cut down one and was sawing at the second when two beach inspectors spotted him and told him he was under arrest.

The charge sheet said Fynn "unlawfully and maliciously broke and damaged two notice boards, the property or in the lawful possession of the City Council of Durban, by sawing it off with the intent to injure the Durban Corporation in its property or possession."

Unlike other recent beach protesters, Fynn did not back down or apologise for his run-in with seaside apartheid.

He told the court he was pleading not guilty. He admitted he had cut down the board but said he saw nothing unlawful in his action.

He used PW Botha's famous *Here is the reality* letter to help explain his actions. He said he saw it as his right to pull down the offensive signs in the light of the Botha advert and his speech to parliament last January in which he said: "We have outgrown the outdated colonial system of paternalism as well as the outdated concept of apartheid."

Fynn added he believed he had done the council a favour by pulling down the signboard.

The magistrate sentenced him to R100 — the value of the damaged sign — or 30 days.

An unrepentant Fynn said he would be going to jail and asked the magistrate to note that he did not want anyone to offer money to pay the fine.

# Top club in row over a move to admit Indians

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By DENYSE ARMOUR and HOOSEN KOLIA

EMOTIONS were running high among Durban clubmen this week over a move to admit two Indians as members of a venerable, men-only institution. A list of candidates — including an Indian businessman — was defaced

A plastic shield has since been installed over the notice board in the foyer of the historic Durban Club building on the Esplanade

The club traditionally advertises the names of all proposed members on the board The current list contains the name of Mr Vassi Naidoo, a partner in a prominent accounting firm, Deloitte, Haskins and Sells If admitted, Mr Naidoo will be the first non-white member

Mr Naidoo was proposed by Mr B P Campbell and seconded by Mr M H Atter. Balloting for his membership is due to take place in May

Mr Naidoo refused to comment this week, but it has been reported that he wishes to join the club for professional reasons

A second Indian businessman, Mr Pat Bodasing, has also been proposed for membership Balloting will take place in July

## Change

Mr Bodasing is a prominent member of the sugar industry in Natal He serves on the council of the SA Sugar Association and is a member of the executive committee of the SA Cane Growers' Association

The issue of admitting non-white members was brought into the open during the club's annual meeting in February.

The outgoing chairman, Mr Hugh Yorke-Mitchell, read from a letter by a member, Mr Michael Noyce, calling for changes in the club's membership in view of the "changing circumstances".

Mr Yorke-Mitchell said he had received several letters expressing similar sentiments

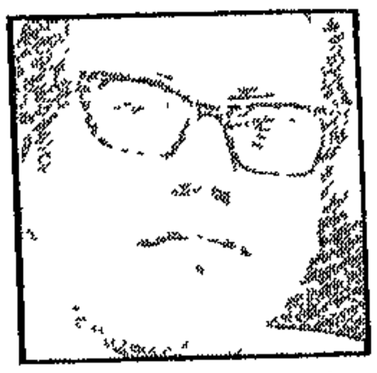
Mr Noyce's letter said a businessman's club should be representative. And responsible people in business were not only white and Christians.

He said it was the first time he had seen a candidates' list defaced to the extent that there was now a shield to maintain "the dignity we have taken for granted in these matters"

He said he was told this attitude was an indication of surprise or concern, or resistance, if not disapproval at the prospect of a non-white becoming a member

The meeting was told that the list that was defaced included names of Jewish and Indian candidates as well as a prominent political figure

An attempt was made at the meeting to change the voting system Some members favoured a selection system rather than a ballot



MR PAT BODASING
'Convenient'

The matter of non-white members should be brought into the open and discussed at the meeting, not through the ballot, a member said

This week Mr Noyce refused to comment, saying that the club was a private institution

The club's chairman, Mr Erik Moller, was unavailable for comment.

Mr Bodasing's candidature has the backing of some of the most powerful men in the sugar industry

He has been proposed by Tony Ardington, vice-chairman of the SA Cane Growers' Association His application was seconded by Dr Kees van der Pol, chairman of the SA Sugar Association

Neither were available for comment this week.

Mr Bodasing said this week he wished to join the club because it was "convenient".

## Threat

"I spend a lot of time in Durban on official business and we (the Sugar Association) use the club a lot," Mr Bodasing said

An association spokesman said if Mr Bodasing was turned down the association would be "extremely disappointed"

If this happened, each member would have to examine his position, he said

"The sugar industry is totally integrated We like to believe we are among the leaders in this and are working hard to get it right in our industry.

"We'd be very surprised if there was any resistance in the club to Mr Bodasing," said the association's spokesman, who is also a club member.

He said the association was watching the progress of Mr Naidoo's application closely He had heard about the list containing Mr Naidoo's application being defaced and thought it was "childish" and unnecessary.

"This has been an unpleasant business But it is up to the club to sort it out," he said

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# Squeegee to captain Natal team

DURBAN — Nkululeko "Squeegee" Skweyiya, the black Kearsney schoolboy who was at the centre of the Menlo Park row, was named at the weekend as captain of the Natal junior athletics team to compete in Germiston next month.

He has also been invited to play in a rugby match at Ellis Park on March 31 but may turn down the invitation.

His father Mr Louis Skweyiya said at the weekend he was pleased his son had been chosen to represent Natal, but he was not sure whether he should accept the invitation from the Quaggas-Barbarian rugby club to play wing for their junior side.

At King's Park on Saturday Skweyiya qualified for the SA Junior Championships on April 3-4 in the long jump and he will also be a member of the Natal relay team.

Miss Lorraine Lottering, chairman of the Natal Track and Field Association and one of the Natal selectors, said there was nothing political in Skweyiya's selection. "He qualified for the championships and the selectors were unanimous in their decision to select him as captain."

# Asian doctors call for discrimination probe

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Own Correspondent STAR 23/3/87

DURBAN — Scores of overseas-trained doctors have joined the ranks of the unemployed as they battle for recognition by the South African medical authorities.

The latest move to get the SA Medical and Dental Council to lift certain tough conditions for registration was made at a meeting on Friday when about 60 medics called for talks with the council.

The doctors, all graduates of medical schools in India and Pakistan, have also demanded an inquiry into why different regulations are applied to people who have studied at institutions in the East and the West.

They are demanding to know why they are not allowed to register as easily as those who have studied in Canada.

The resolution demanding a probe and a detailed memorandum will be submitted to the council by the recently formed Overseas Medical and Dental Graduates' Association of Southern Africa (Omega), which convened the meeting.

Dr Joey Gobind, chairman of Omega, said applying different registration requirements to doctors who had trained in Pakistan and India was clearly a case of discrimination.

"The people who studied in these countries are baffled ... the training they have received compares favourably with that of institutions in the West."

He said demands by the council that graduates from India and Pakistan rewrite examinations, a test of what they had studied for six years, and then serve an internship if they passed, appeared to be a reflection on the institutions where they had studied.

Regulations applying to graduates from the West were not so severe. A doctor who had studied in Canada, for instance, was automatically accepted for registration, and a graduate from America had to write exams in English and ethics only.

Dr Gobind said graduates from India and Pakistan had only two chances to pass the exams. If they failed at their second attempt, they could not become registered.

He said only eight of the 65 graduates who had written the examinations last year had passed. The rest were either without a job or working in the homelands where they were accepted without difficulty.

"It is imperative that an inspection of medical schools in Pakistan and India be conducted to gauge the standard of education there."

by a natural gas explosion on Wednesday.

## Pools opened to all

Cape Times 10/4/87

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MARITZBURG. — Municipal swimming pools here have been officially opened to all races after a notice in the Provincial Gazette yesterday. The associate town clerk, Mr Derek Wicks, said the superintendents of municipal pools in white, coloured and Indian areas had been instructed to open the facilities to all races with immediate effect.

# Anti-apartheid axeman strikes again

PEOPLE'S Congress Party leader Morris Fynn has attacked Durban's apartheid beach signs once again.

Fynn was convicted of sawing down a sign earlier this year and fined R100 or 30 days, but said he would do it again if the city council did not remove the beach segregation signs themselves.

Fynn, a member of the Local Affairs Committee, started from the city hall Tuesday morning, carrying a placard daubed with the words "Apartheid is not dead"; then he marched four kilometres to the beach where he cut down three "coloureds only" signs before being stopped by a municipal police officer who confiscated his saw.

He is expected to face charges, once again, of malicious damage to property.

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# Indians bid for 'social' status in top club

By DENYSE ARMOUR

A TOP Durban sports club is considering membership applications from two Indian businessmen who want to join its social section.

Collegians Club, considered Durban's answer to Wanderers in Johannesburg, already has black members in some of its seven sporting sections.

But, if admitted, the two Indians will be the first non-white members of the club's social section.

Both Mr Poobalan Moodley and Mr Kumerisen Mari hold executive positions with the packaging company, Nampak Corrogated Containers in Durban.

## Proposed

They have been proposed by the company's PRO Mr Lou Emmanuel and seconded by Mr Keith Machell-Cox.

Collegian Club's rules of admittance operate in a similar way to most private clubs, with a system of blackballing. But the chairman, Dave Jeffery, said this had never been used.

"In my seven years on the management committee I can't remember ever turning down an application for membership. The list of candidates is placed on a board and it's up to individual members to put their grievances in writing to the management committee.

"We don't expect any problems with the applications."

The applications from Mr Moodley and Mr Mari will be screened by the management committee on April 27.

Mr Mari this week refused to comment on his application, and Mr Moodley was unavailable.

But their proposer, Mr Emmanuel, said: "They're both helluva nice guys and have visited the club often as guests of mine.

"I don't see what objections anyone could have to their becoming members."

Mr Emmanuel was angry that news of the applications had been leaked to a local newspaper in an unsigned letter.

"People who write anonymous letters are cowardly. Why could he not have stated his reservations to me personally? I think it's disgusting," Mr Emmanuel said.

## Defaced

The letter followed last month's disclosure that the exclusive men-only Durban Club was considering its first applications from blacks. At the Durban Club the list of proposed candidates — including two Indian applicants — was defaced.

The first application — of Mr Vassi Naidoo, a partner in a prominent accounting firm — will be considered at a Durban Club meeting in May.

The second application — of Mr Pat Bodasing, a leading member of the Natal sugar industry — will be considered in July.

# Durban beaches open to all?

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**Dispatch Correspondent**

DURBAN — All beaches could be opened to all races next year once sufficient amenities were built, the mayor, Mr Stanley Lange, said here yesterday.

Mr Lange said he believed Durban beach apartheid signs to be unnecessary "after all these years".

However, although he had done his "utmost" to have them removed in the light of recent protests by a coloured community leader, Mr Morris Fynn, he had been informed by the city's amenities committee that in terms of bylaws they could not be taken down until the beaches were opened.

Mr Lange was responding to a letter sent to him this week by Mr Fynn, who was recently jailed for 30 days for chopping down "beach apartheid" signs.

Mr Fynn said he intended going to the "coloured" beach again to remove the "Coloureds Only" sign regardless of the consequenses.

Mr Fynn told Mr Lange he had not regretted his previous attempt to remove the sign which he did "according to the dictates of my Christian upbringing and my conscience".

Mr Lange said yesterday he had already drafted a reply to Mr Fynn's letter, but was "quite frankly a little put out" by Mr Fynn's attitude as he had done his best to get the sign removed and it definitely could not be done before the end of the month.

Mr Lange said he felt Mr Fynn should exercise more patience as steps were being taken to open all beaches.

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SPOT NEWS

## Signs cut down: Councillor charged

DURBAN. — "Rebel" councillor Morris Fynn is to be charged with malicious damage to council property for cutting down three "coloureds only" signs at the Durban beachfront on Tuesday. All three signs have been replaced. — Sapa.

autobiography, "The World is Square".

Cape Times 25/5/87

# Durban Club's 1st black

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DURBAN. — A Durban accountant has become the first black member of the exclusive Durban Club in its 124-year history. Balloting for the election of Mr Vassi Naidoo, a partner in the accounting firm Deloitte Haskins and Sells, took place at the weekend. The club's chairman, Mr E D Moller, confirmed that Mr Naidoo's application had been accepted. Sugar industry executive Mr Pat Bodasig has also applied for membership which will be balloted in July.

# Apartheid's still riding crest of the waves on a Durbs beach

By DAYA PILLAY and SHAUN HARRIS

THE reality of beach apartheid in South Africa was brought home to a dark-skinned competitor in the Gunston 500 this week. He learnt for the first time that the beach where he and other surfers were battling out the heats was for whites only.

John Shimooka, 17, a surfer from Hawaii, was unaware until Friday that local people of his colour were barred from stepping into the water on Durban's North Beach, scene of the final rounds of the Gunston 500.

"I don't like the idea. I would also be sad if I weren't allowed to surf at a black beach," the young Hawaiian said.

## Liable

North Beach, Durban's top surfing spot, is one of three whites-only beaches in Durban. In terms of the city's by-laws, people who are not white can enter North Beach, as long as they don't intend to swim. Step into the water and they are liable for prosecution.

However, for international sporting events like the Gunston 500 anybody who is not white is awarded a temporary honorary status — until the international surfers move on and beach apartheid comes back into force.

Durban's director of parks, recreation and beaches, Mr Errol Scarr, said the council had decided in 1976 that beaches should be opened to all races for competitive sports events.

But while an African, Indian or coloured person can compete in an event like the Gunston 500, they can't practise surfing on the top surfing beaches under ordinary circumstances.

This is what John Shimooka could not believe when interviewed on Friday. "I cannot believe that blacks are allowed on the beach but not in the water. The oceans are for everybody."

Shimooka last week watched some of his colleagues surf at Bloubergstrand, in Cape Town, one of the last remaining beaches reserved for whites in the Cape

Shimooka's Hawaiian colleague, Todd Chesser, 19, said: "The Gunston 500 is one of the most popular surfing events. I don't agree with separate beaches, but I'm not in a position to do anything about it."

## Debate

Ethnic beaches have long been a debating point in the Durban City Council, but after several years of arguing most are still segregated.

In recent months coloured community leader Morris Fynn has been conducting a one-man campaign against segregated beaches, repeatedly cutting down the "coloureds only" signs outside the coloured beach

He is now involved in court appearances for chopping down the signs.

Hawaiian surfer John Shimooka, left, and team-mate Todd Chesser relax on Durban's North Beach with Tracy Visser and Mayleigh Hodson

# Move to open Durban beaches

Cape Times 13/7/87 283

**Own Correspondent**

DURBAN. — A Durban City Council sub-committee considering beach facilities has voted for proposals which include the opening of all the city beaches except Addington and South beaches.

The vote was taken at a recent meeting of the Mayor's Beach Amenities Steering Committee when one of the members tabled a set of proposals.

It appears the proposals were an attempt to achieve compromise among the politically mixed committee, which had been debating the issue for about six months.

The compromise succeeded with the proposals being approved by National Party and Progressive Federal Party-supporting councillors, and only two conservative NP councillors rejecting the proposals.

In exchange for the opening of the beaches, including the non-white beaches, the four previously white beaches opened last year and the white North beach, the proposals called for the Bluff beaches to remain white.

It was also proposed that an entrance fee be imposed on the South Beach paddling pool and tour buses be prohibited from the south and central beach areas.

It was stated before the committee that if the proposals were accepted, only South and Addington beaches would remain in question.

Although committee sources have pointed out the vote was not a final decision, but merely an indication of how members felt, it now seems that a lot of common ground has been found between the majority of committee members, and the opening of more beaches seems likely.

Now, interested groups, including ratepayers' associations, organized business and the hotel industry, are to make recommendations to the committee about opening the beaches.

In a recent letter to the groups inviting them to discuss the matter, the Mayor and committee chairman, Mr Stan Lange, said a decision on South and Addington beaches "may have some financial impact upon your membership".

# Coastal resort rejects mixed holidays

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By DENYSE ARMOUR

A SEASIDE town council has blocked a plan for black and white staff of a major bank to holiday together at the resort.

The move came from trustees of the Dr Holsboer Benefit Fund, a fund set up to help employees of the Nedbank Group.

They asked the Natal Provincial Administrator for permission to allow the bank's black employees to stay in a small block of holiday flats at Kingsburgh, on the South Coast.

The Administrator referred the application to the town council, which opposed it.

This week Town Clerk Johan Botha, said there were "various reasons" for the municipality's opposition.

"In terms of the Group Areas Act, the area is zoned as white. But there are other reasons which I don't want to comment on because of the sensitivity of matters of this nature."

Mr Dirk Peterson, chairman of the fund's board, said he was "very disappointed" by the council's decision.

## Horrible

"The group is an equal-opportunities employer. We have an integrated staff. It's horrible to have to tell an employee — who is equal in all respects — that he or she can't use a facility open to all other staff members."

Mr Peterson said the fund had bought holiday accommodation which employees could use at a subsidised rent.

The fund owns 64 units, ranging from houses and cottages to flats, in various resorts. They include the disputed four-flat block in Kingsburgh, a block of 12 flats in Amanzimtoti, as well as accommodation in Hermanus and Cape St Francis.

Mr Peterson said the Kingsburgh application was the fund's first attempt to integrate its holiday accommodation. A similar application had been made for the block at Amanzimtoti, but this had not yet been considered by the council.

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# Durban beaches set to be open

DURBAN — All Durban beaches from the Umgeni River to the Old West Street pier look set to be opened to all races by Christmas, following a recommendation by the Mayor's Beach and Amenities Committee yesterday.

A number of councillors on the committee have stressed the proposal is a compromise reached after months of disagreement.

After the recommendation to open the beaches was announced by Durban's new Mayor, Mr Henry Klotz, yesterday, they added that they would continue with their struggle to get beach apartheid scrapped completely.

If the recommendation, which will be considered by the council's Management Committee and the full council on Monday, is accepted, only Addington Beach, South Beach and beaches in the Bluff area will remain for whites only.

The committee has also recommended that the council's sub-committee dealing with beach visitors and traffic be asked to suggest ways of extending control over buses in the southern and central beach areas.

In a statement released yesterday the committee said it believed the "great majority" of councillors would agree to the new proposals and that this would be "a major achievement" on what was a sensitive issue.

"The committee has met several times over the last few months. Apart from our own deliberations, we have met with representatives or interested parties among them the Durban chamber of Commerce, the Durban Publicity Association, Fedhasa, the ratepayers associations on the beachfront and the Civic Action League.

"We have given considerable attention to the practical issues raised by increased patronage and other developments on the beachfront. We have endeavoured to establish areas of common agreement.

"Our committee accepts the need to regulate the usage of Durban's beaches. This has been done in the past by racial zoning, which is no longer effective and which also generates deep resentment.

"Over the past few years the Council has increasingly relied on other forms of regulation — the creation of additional facilities that spread the impact at peak seasons, control of tour buses, the use of enclosures of limited facilities, the use of people managers at holiday seasons and so on.

"We believe that these various forms of regulation should, where possible, replace racial zoning of beaches."

Mr Klotz added that he hoped the beaches recommended by the committee would be opened in time for the December holiday season.

# Durban plans to open its beaches

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DURBAN — An eight-man committee chaired by the mayor has recommended that Durban's entire beachfront from the Umgeni River to the site of the old West Street pier be opened to all races.

This means one of the city's most popular beaches, North Beach, will become nonracial.

South Beach and Addington will remain exclusively for whites, as will Ansteys and Brighton on the Bluff.

Mr Henry Klotz, Durban's new mayor, said his committee hoped these recommendations would be implemented by Christmas.

The question of beachfront congestion is still being tackled. City Engineer Mr Don MacLeod said bus stops were to be created for buses that had a genuine need to drop off passengers so that they could visit certain beach facilities.

The buses would be allowed to remain there only for the time it took to load or offload passengers.

But 60 Durban Anglican clergymen have called for the scrapping of the Group Areas Act. They described Government efforts to force the eviction of mixed couples and other people of the "wrong" colour from their homes, as unchristian and evil.

The Natal clergymen issued a statement which coincided with the release of the President's Council Constitutional Committee's report on Group Areas.

"This action strains the most stable marriage. It makes a mockery of any claims to brotherhood and sisterhood. It is an erroneous and strange doctrine contrary to St Paul's injunction that we are all one in Christ." — Sapa.

# Durban decision to open beaches reaffirmed

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DURBAN — The Durban city council yesterday reaffirmed its decision to open all Durban beaches from the Umgeni River to the old West Street pier to all races in spite of 12 objections to the plan.

The proposal now only needs the Administrator's approval before it is made official.

The council's decision to open the beaches was advertised for objections in terms of the by-laws on September 25 and October 9 and 16. The closing date for these was October 23.

Two of the 12 objections were from organisations: the right-wing Civic Action League and the Montclair Ratepayers' Association.

However, the Management Committee, in recommending to council that the move should go ahead, said the Amenities Committee had considered the objections and representations and felt that these contained "no evidence to support the non-opening of the beaches".

If the change is approved only Addington Beach, South Beach and Bluff beaches will remain for "whites only".— DDC

Cape Times 9/4/87

# Mbeki gets big welcome in townships

Own Correspondent

PORT ELIZABETH. — Freed Robben Island prisoner Mr Govan Mbeki toured black townships here yesterday and was given a hero's welcome as he made his first visit in more than 20 years to his old home.

The tour lasted 90 minutes, attracting a growing number of spectators as the tour progressed.

At one stage Mr Mbeki's car headed a procession of about 100 vehicles.

During the tour, which included New Brighton, Kwazakele and Motherwell, Mr Mbeki got out of the car once — to speak to a congregation at a church service.

● The Minister of Justice, Mr Kobie Coetsee, said yesterday that Mr Nelson Mandela, or any other prisoner, could be released on the same terms as Mr Mbeki.

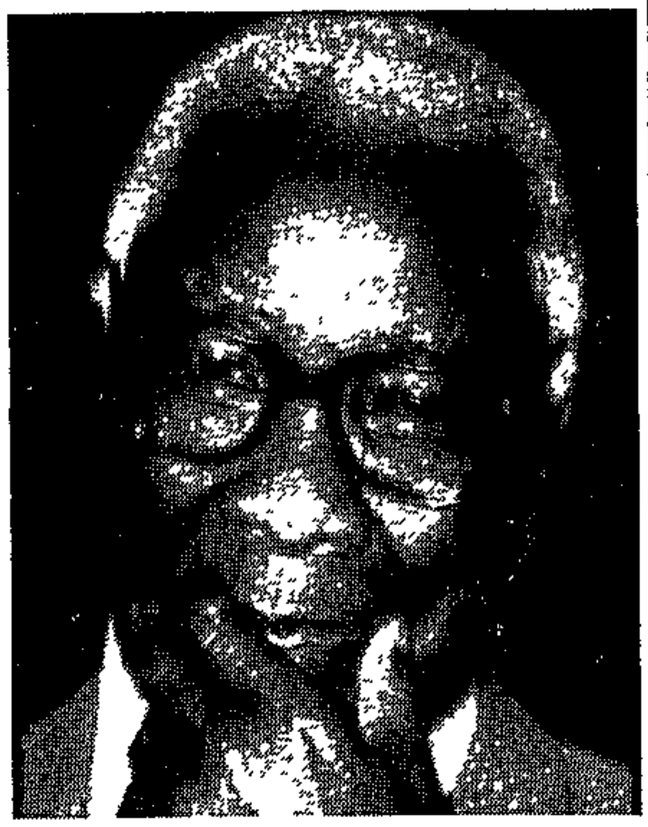
However, Mr Coetsee said the release of Mr Mbeki was not a specific kite-flying exercise to test public opinion. Nor was it a gesture of any kind towards the ANC.

The government had been under no pressure and Mr Mbeki had been released because of his age — 77 years — and because he was developing old-age problems, Mr Coetsee said in an interview.

Though he declined to link Mr Mbeki's release directly to Mr Mandela, significantly he said: "If Mr Mbeki's release goes smoothly and without unrest it is self-evident that it will be a factor in any further releases."

He emphasised that renouncing violence was not the sole criterion on which a prisoner's release was based.

"While Mr Mbeki has not renounced violence, he has also not said that he intends committing any and has indicated that he wants to contribute to peace."



Mr Govan Mbeki

He added that while Mr Mbeki had reiterated his belief in communism, he agreed to obey the laws of the country, "which he appears to be doing".

Mr Mbeki had abided by the law for years in prison which was one of the "objective" factors the authorities took into account when considering if a person could be re-integrated into society.

Mr Coetsee also pointed out that a prisoner had renounced violence to secure his release only to return to it shortly afterwards.

"This proviso was in danger of becoming just a piece of paper," he said.

There was speculation in political circles yesterday that the State President, Mr P W Botha, could have more to say about Mr Mbeki's release when he opens the Cape National Party congress in Cape Town tonight.

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**SOWETAN Correspondent**

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"Protest through violence debases those who subscribe to that method. It is regretted that there still remains in our society a core of citizens who would resort to such methods to maintain privileges for themselves."

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# Refusal of drink to coloured sailor at Moth Shellhole causes sharp split

DURBAN — An incident in which a coloured sailor was refused a drink at a Memorable Order of Tin Hats (Moth) Shellhole on the Durban Bluff and was asked to leave the clubhouse has caused a sharp split among members

The Old Bill of the M'dumbi Shellhole in Lighthouse Road, Mr Bill Dickinson, confirmed that the incident had taken place and said he personally disagreed with the Shellhole's policy of excluding non-whites He had tried to have the policy changed but was outvoted five-to-one at a committee meeting

"I think that if a chap is prepared to fight for his country side-by-side with you, then he should be able to drink with you, regardless of colour," he said

"But it is not for me to criticise when I am beaten I am a committee man and the committee's decision is final, win or lose"

Mr Dickinson, a member of a local recce unit, had brought "the lad" to the Shellhole about a month ago The barmaid, in accordance with the Shellhole's policy, said she could not serve him

"He was asked to leave. It's not a nice thing to happen. But there wasn't any bitterness or anything like that as far as I know. I wasn't there at the time," he said

A notice has subsequently been erected at the Shellhole saying "The right of admission reserved"

One Shellhole member, Mr John Black, said that if he had been present he personally would have bought the soldier a drink because, "if he is good enough to fight in a danger area he is good enough to drink in this club"

The national chairman of the Moths, Mr Vernon Corbishley, said the organisation was non-racial but Moth Shellholes operated independently in deciding who to admit A number of Durban Shellholes had non-white members.

He had not heard of the incident and did not think it right that it should be associated with the Moth order. The incident was "a private affair concerning Moth members" — Sapa

## Holidaymakers of all races mix freely on Durban's beaches

# IN THE SWIM

**THE integration of the bulk of Durban's beaches seems to be working well, according to holidaymakers using those thrown open to all races last week, with few people openly hostile to the idea.**

An atmosphere of warm camaraderie pervaded the beachfront this week with holidaymakers of all races mixing freely

"It's fantastic," said Mrs Shirley Pretorius of Cape Town "I was pleased to hear that more beaches had been opened, but I never expected things to go so well"

The paddling pools were also used to the fullest and while children of all race groups played and splashed together, their parents chatted together.

Not one incident of racial tension was reported on Monday when the beaches were opened to all.

### Beaches

"We've had no trouble," said Mr Khibo Thusi, holidaying from Newcastle "We've had a great time."

Although some holidaymakers spoken to were not always as enthusiastic about the integration of the beaches, there were very few openly hostile to the racial mixing.

"We're fairly indifferent to the opening of the [illegible] Brian

### Things said to be going well

Johannesburg. "I don't mind people of any race using the beaches, as long as they all behave themselves equally and adhere to basic standards of decency and hygiene"

They did say, however, that they were glad that Addington and South Beach remained reserved for whites only "Those people who are uncomfortable with the notion of mixing with people of other races can use these beaches, thus avoiding possible unpleasant racial incidents.

"Mixed beaches will certainly not deter us from coming to Durban. Durban has something for everyone and also, I think, enough for everyone."

It seems that local Durban residents also have few objections to the opening of the beaches. A group of local [illegible] a reed

DURBAN'S North Beach . . . now open to all races.

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The Argus Correspondent

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# Police urged to stop protest dip at white beach

Own Correspondent

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They signed a letter of protest to the Divisional Commissioner of Police for Port Natal calling on the police "to uphold law and order by arresting and prosecuting" Mr Omar and any other "non-whites" who entered the water illegally at the beach.

Mr Omar plans the swim in protest against beach apartheid. A spokesman for his office said yesterday he was aware of the "racist threat" but would not be deterred.

The organisations represented at the right-wing meeting at a Durban beachfront hotel yesterday included the Conservative Party, Herstigte Nasionale Party, Civic Action League, Afrikaner Volkswag and Congella ratepayers.

Mr Pat Mohr, vice chairman of the Conservative Party, said after the meeting: "In the interests of not having regrettable incidents tomorrow, the CP calls on the police to enforce the laws of the land and stop the swim. Prevention is better than cure. The swim is illegal and is not acceptable."

Mr Martin Louw, a property owner in the beach area and member of the HNP, said: "The swim is a blatant, premeditated, nationally publicised and provocative contravention of the law calculated to incite emotions among local residents."

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Sunday Times Reporter

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# Jinxed ferry is in port

Sunday Times Reporter

THE trouble-plagued Zeebrugge disaster ferry, the Herald of Free Enterprise, has finally reached Port Elizabeth en route to a scrapyard in the Far East.

The ship, which broke loose from a tandem tow off Cape St Francis during a storm eight days ago, was snared by salvage men on Thursday as it swept south down the fast flowing Agulhas current.

Heavy seas off the Bay of Biscay snapped the towline shortly after the vessel left Europe.

The tow snapped a second time in South African waters in bad and unseasonal weather conditions off the East Cape coastline on December 26.

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# Top blacks ordered off 'white' beaches

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Sunday Times Reporters

BEACH apartheid claimed two distinguished victims over the New Year — one a visiting South African-born professor and the other a member of the President's Council

Professor Brian Blankenberg, 50, who has lived in Canada for 20 years, returned to his birthplace with his white wife this week — only to be ordered off a beach where he had played freely in his childhood

His New Zealand-born wife, Suzanne, and their two children were visiting Umtwalume on the Natal South Coast when the incident occurred.

## Angry

"An African guard told us we were not allowed on the beach as it was reserved for whites," said Professor Blankenberg, uncle of House of Representatives MP Mr Luwellyn Landers.

"I used to swim on that beach as a teenager and I wanted to go back for old time's sake. It made me angry that I do not have freedom in the country of my birth, and it reminded me of why I should not come back to live in South Africa"

BRIAN BLANKENBERG
The base hasn't changed

Professor Blankenberg is attached to the Department of Rehabilitation Medicine at the University of Manitoba. He has spent the last 18 months in Zimbabwe to establish a similar department at the University of Zimbabwe.

"What can I say except that apartheid still lives"

And at Mossel Bay on the Cape coast, President's Councillor Pieter Klink — an invited guest to next month's Mossel Bay Diaz Festival — was ordered out of the water at one of the town's beaches yesterday.

Mr Klink of Bellville, and a member of the President's Council since 1984, was called out of the water by two uniform policemen after reported "complaints" from suntanned white beach sunbathers.

Mr Klink, who is spending a two-week holiday in Mossel Bay with his family, was accompanied to the beach by three young children, all under the age of six

## Cried

A Lieutenant Smit of the Mossel Bay police confirmed that a Mr Klink was told to leave the Bakke Beach yesterday morning but refused to give any other details.

Mr Klink said that he wished the sea could have swallowed him up when he and the three young children were told to leave.

"The children cried when I told them we must leave the Lord's beach because we are coloured

"They could not understand why they had to leave while other children on the beach could continue building sandcastles and paddling in the water."

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# BLACK BATHERS ATTACKED ON BEACH

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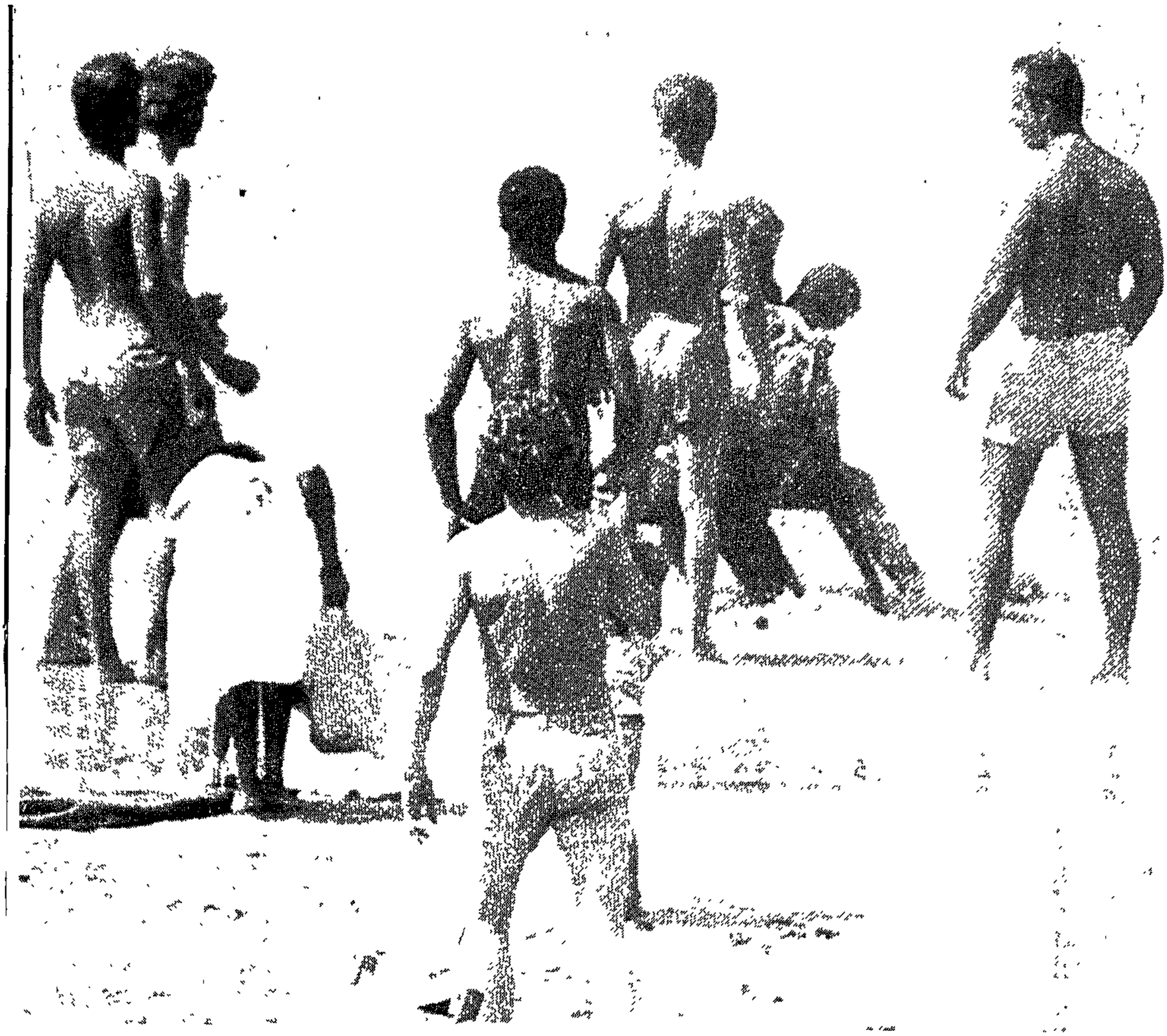

A man grapples with a black man in the surf on Durban's "whites only" South Beach. A black woman (left) can be seen gathering her belongings before leaving the area.

A man tries to stop the attack on the black bather.

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# Whites attack black bathers in Durban

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DURBAN. — A group of whites punched and kicked black holidaymakers who tried to walk across a whites-only beach on New Year's Day, according to eyewitnesses.

The witnesses said there were at least four racial incidents on South Beach, one of two Durban beaches where swimming is still reserved for whites, although blacks are allowed to use the beach itself.

Durban police spokesman Lieutenant Bala Naidoo said police had no reports of trouble over the New Year. Police patrols were stepped up at beaches over the holiday.

The eyewitnesses said a group of about 15 to 20 white men set upon a black couple and their children who crossed the beach

They ducked a black man in the water, chased away two black women and kicked a group of children aged between about seven and 11.

A white man was punched when he tried to intervene. Lifeguards failed to intervene and there were no police in sight at the time, the witnesses said.

Most Durban beaches were recently opened to all races in a relaxation of apartheid race segregation laws.

The New Year has been relatively quiet compared with last year.

In Cape Town, beach-going crowds were described as being "more co-operative than ever before".

Mr Eddy Cassar, public relations officer for the Western Province Surf Lifesaving Association, said there had been only four stabbings, none of them fatal, at Strandfontein beach on Friday — when there had been an estimated 35 000 people on the beach.

He ascribed the low level of violence to the fact that people seemed to have left their alcohol at home. — Sapa-Reuter

# Cleaner barred academic from open beach

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The Argus Correspondent

DURBAN. — The "security guard" who turned Professor Brian Blankenberg and his family from a Mtwalume beach because the visiting academic was coloured is a cleaner employed by the development and services board there.

He has no authority to bar anyone from using the beach or swimming there, according to Natal MEC Mr Peter Miller.

Mr Miller said the labourer had acted on what he thought were orders from his superiors. But either residents or visitors had given those orders, according to Mr Miller.

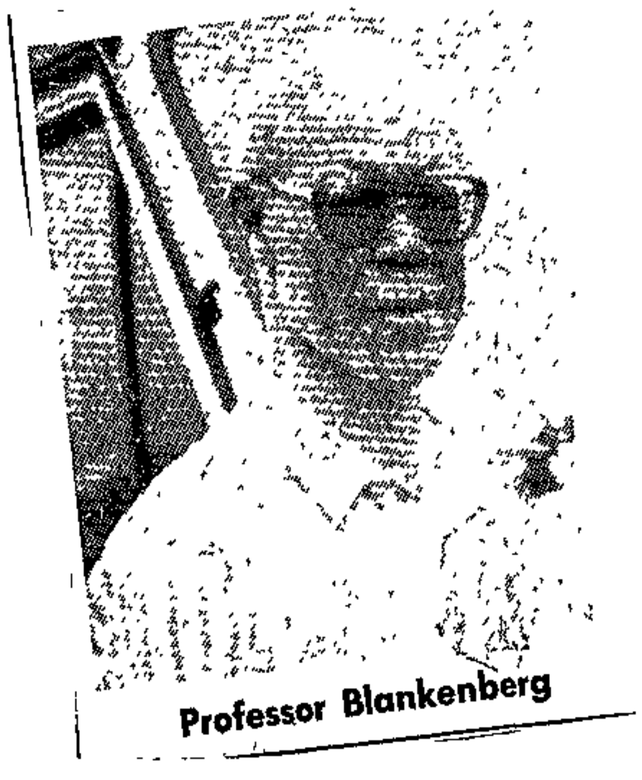
Mr Miller said an investigation had been launched to find out how these people gave the labourer instructions to bar people from the beach.

"The labourer has since been informed that he does not have the authority to turn anyone away from the beach and that he is not to take instructions from anyone except from the development and services board," said Mr Miller.

He said it was not necessary to inform local authorities and their employees again that the beaches on most of Natal's coast were open to people of all races.

"Nobody is abusing the rule and I do not think that it is necessary to tell them again what the true situation is at the moment. They all know the position," said Mr Miller.

Meanwhile top officials of the development and services board in Maritzburg have started their investigations and the findings will be made known to the Natal Provincial Administration.



Professor Blankenberg

# Violence on segregated beach

**Daily Dispatch Correspondent**

JOHANNESBURG — The racial violence which flared on Durban beaches on New Year's Day was notable for the fact the incidents occurred on a "whites only" beach and not on any of the newly integrated "open" beaches.

But it seemed unlikely this week that the city council would see this as an argument for scrapping segregated beaches altogether.

The management committee chairman, Mrs Sybil Hotz, said she could not say at this stage whether more beaches would be opened, and stressed the importance of providing more facilities to reduce overcrowding.

She referred to the R4 million which the council had allocated for new facilities over the next two years.

"We have to try to spread the crowd along the beachfront"

She said that unlike some other local authorities Durban had accepted the challenge of meeting the changing needs of society.

Mrs Hotz played down the racial incidents as "minimal" considering the thousands of people who had flocked onto the beaches.

She compared this year's season favourably with those of the past two years, when there were serious incidents of violence on the beachfront, adding that she thought the opening of a much larger stretch of beach to all races had gone very well.

But racial incidents witnessed by a Durban journalist indicated a white backlash with some whites harassing black holidaymakers.

The beach signs state the beach is for the sole use of white people, but Mrs Hotz confirmed that there is nothing to prevent black people from walking on the beach — the restrictions apply to bathing

While the crowd on newly desegregated North Beach last week was predominantly white, a massive influx of black holidaymakers left only a handful of whites there at the weekend

On South Beach during the racial incidents one white man said: "You see, there is no place left for the white man"

Another complained black people were being "provocative" by walking onto the beach.

In stark contrast to the electric atmosphere of tension on South Beach, the atmosphere on the integrated beaches was, despite the crush, jubilant and easy-going

One pleased white woman said the world should know how South Africans could "mix it"

● Meanwhile, tolerance and harmony have been in abundant supply at Western Cape beaches this summer, one of the most incident-free on record.

In the greater Cape Town area only Melkbosstrand and Bloubergstrand remain as fading bastions of beach apartheid after a motion in the former Divisional Council in June to have to them opened was narrowly defeated.

The racial issue has taken a back seat in recent weeks to other talking points such as topless bathing and "pay beaches" which were recently extended to Boulders and Seaforth in Simon's Town. — Sapa

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# Durban beaches to stay open to all races says mayor

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**Daily Dispatch Correspondent**

DURBAN — Open beaches are here to stay, according to Durban's Mayor, Mr Henry Klotz.

"Under no circumstances will we go back on our decision. The beaches will remain open to all races," he said.

This is in spite of chronic overcrowding and littering on Durban's main beaches during the festive season which resulted in many holidaymakers complaining and vowing never to return to the city.

But the city council will examine the situation and look for ways to improve things in the coming holiday seasons.

Once again the Durban Publicity Association has expressed its support for pay beaches to alleviate the problem of overcrowding. The marketing director, Mr Andrzej Kiepiela, stressed that they should be open to all races.

"Pay beaches will cost money and if the private sector want them they must pay for them," Mr Kiepiela said.

Mr Klotz said the council was still against the idea because it "was not neccessary"

Most beachfront hotels, holiday-flats and the Durban Publicity Association said holidaymakers had complained about overcrowding and lack of facilities

Mr Klotz said he personally felt that the only way the city could cope with the problem was to provide amenities and upgrade other areas.

"There is no doubt that it was a new kind of experience for us all," Mr Kiepiela said.

"There are great prospects for the future if things are handled correctly. This is not a no-win situation — I think there should just be more public education and discipline," he added.

A councillor for Ocean Beach, Mr Philip Kairuz, said he had never received so many telephone calls about one issue in all his life

"I realise we have to think ahead and start planning but this has been disastrous

"Fortunately, there were very few racial incidents but people living in my area were frightened to leave their flats."

He said on the Day of Goodwill (December 26) he had approached several families walking along the beachfront and asked them what they thought of the beaches

"All — except for one young person — said they would never come back to Durban."

# Mayor: beaches stay open

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Own Correspondent

OPEN beaches are here to stay, says Durban's Mayor and city councillor for Ocean Beach Henry Klotz.

"Under no circumstances will we go back on our decision. The beaches will remain open to all races," he said yesterday.

This is despite chronic overcrowding and littering on Durban's main beaches during the festive season.

The Durban City Council is to examine the situation and look for ways to improve matters in the coming holiday seasons.

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And the Durban Publicity Association has again backed pay beaches, saying the system would help alleviate the overcrowding.

Marketing director Andrzej Kiepiela stressed, however, that pay-beaches should be open to all races.

Klotz said the council was still against the idea because it was "not necessary".

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# Good season in Durban

JOHANNESBURG — Open beaches and tighter security gave Durban a good tourist season over the holiday period, Durban Publicity Association's marketing director Mr Andrzej Kiepiela said

He appealed to all communities to keep their emotions down on the open-facilities question.

Greater Durban had 240 000 visitors who paid for their accommodation, and another 250 000 who visiting friends and families The tourists spent about R2,2 million a day.

The open facilities caused heavy overcrowding on the North beach and the new swimming pools, and this showed that amenities were not adequate. There was also the problem of littering and petty crime

"The Mayor will be meeting the private and public sectors shortly to work out a strategy to cope with the larger tourist numbers"

Mr Kiepiela said last month's hotel occupancy was 13 per cent up on December 1986. —DDC

# Beaches ain't the same anymore

WITH thousands of visitors to Durban filling the beaches to capacity during the Christmas holiday period, and the influx of "illegal" blacks to the once "whites only" beaches, there were few incidents of violence.

However, Durban's Mother Grundys appear to have declared a truce on the nubile young lasses with their bare bosoms being paraded along the beaches.

Meanwhile, in the Cape, police are studying all aspects of nudity on beaches in the wake of reports of increasing numbers of women tanning topless and men strolling along the shore bottomless.

A police spokesman declined to comment on whether action would be taken soon.

In another development, it appears that men have decided that "what's good for the goose, is good for the gander" and are dropping their drawers.

Women have been reported tanning topless at Bakoven, Clifton, St James and Bloubergstrand and men have been seen strolling bottom-[illegible] Hout Bay and other beaches.

The police spokesman was cautious when commenting on the increasing nudity on Cape beaches, but confirmed that the matter was being studied in depth.

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## wins 'fine'

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# 'Aids risk' reason for whites-only beaches

Sunday Times 11/1/88 (283)

JOHANNESBURG. — The resort of Mtwalume, on Natal's South Coast, is defying the gradual abolition of racial segregation on the country's beaches with an official citing the risk of Aids as one reason for barring a visiting Canadian professor from the seafront on New Year's Day.

"Why shouldn't we decide who we want on our beaches?" said Mr John Ellis, elected beach warden by Mtwalume's 500 white residents, in newspaper interviews run yesterday.

He defended the expulsion on January 1 of black Canadian Professor Brian Blankenberg from the beach.

Prof. Blankenberg, professor of physical medicine at the University of Manitoba, visited the beach with his New Zealand-born wife and family to show them his birthplace and the town where he grew up.

He said he had heard much about reform in South Africa since he left the country 32 years ago and settled in Canada, "but this incident proved to me that apartheid is very much alive".

Mr Ellis said he did not regret the incident.

"We are not barbaric in our attempts to keep our beach white," he told Rapport. "We discourage black people very diplomatically."

Mr Ellis conceded that officially the beach was open to all races, but he said blacks would need to use bathroom facilities at the beach.

"We are not prepared to share our toilets with blacks," he told the Sunday Times. "What if they have Aids?"

The staged removal of race curbs on beaches has triggered a strong response from conservative Afrikaners.

Rapport warned in an editorial that whites from landlocked Transvaal would boycott beaches in neighbouring Natal if officials continued to ignore their preference for whites-only facilities. In a warning addressed to Mayor Mr Henry Klotz of Durban, Rapport said: "If he continues to abolish beach apartheid with such fanfare . . . he cannot expect Transvalers to appreciate him."

Durban City Council opened most of its seafront to blacks in December and Mr Klotz vowed yesterday that "open beaches will stay" despite violent incidents and complaints by whites.

Rapport said yesterday that "streets, lanes and the golden beaches were used openly as public toilets" when thousands of blacks flocked to the seafront over Christmas. — UPI

...ion fees would prevent bond cancellations

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# Keep beaches white, says CP

JOHANNESBURG. — Beaches that were recently opened to all races should again be declared for "white" use only, the leader of the CP, Dr Andries Treurnicht, said yesterday.

"The CP noted with great concern the large-scale displacement (verdringing) of whites, especially on Natal beaches, in the past weeks," he said.

The CP urgently called on the government to "immediately declare all former white beaches white again".

At the same time sufficient facilities for other groups should be created so that the displacement of whites could end.

The government announcement last year that it wanted to retain the Separate Amenities Act appeared, in the light of events in Natal, to have no meaning, Dr Treurnicht said. — Sapa

# Have toilets, will paddle!

S/Times 17/1/88

## Irate black bathers go potty in an attempt to beat racial beach ban

By PRAVEEN NAIDOO

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**BLACK beachgoers who were barred from using an open beach now plan to beat the ban — by taking along their own toilets for a mass swim there today.**

Over the past few years black people have been turned away from Umtwalume Beach on the Natal South Coast because toilet facilities were reserved for whi

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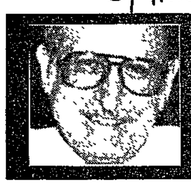

## Storm over mayor who changed his mind about open beaches

By SHAUN HARRIS

A MAYOR who once opposed the opening of beaches to all races has become the champion of desegregated beaches in Durban, and the beachfront ratepayers who voted him on to the city council don't like it.

Durban's mayor, Mr Henry Klotz, was given a rough time by Ward 1 (North Beach) ratepayers at a meeting in Durban this week.

They booed and hissed when he arrived at the meeting, forcing him to cut short his speech with calls for his resignation and caustic remarks about the council's decision to open all but two beaches to all race groups.

But Mr Klotz, who admits his ideas on beach apartheid have changed since his days as a "right-wing" councillor, is adamant that Durban beaches will remain open.

And one of the issues his council will be debating this year is whether to desegregate the remaining whites-only beaches.

"It was like Standerton. There were hecklers at the back of the room and down the sides, with a few suporters in the front," Mr Klotz said of the meeting.

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"And it happened for the same reasons as at Standerton. I don't believe the people at the meeting represented the feelings of Ward 1 ratepayers.

"It was a pocket of people, many of them ex-Rhodesians, backed by the Civic Action League."

The Civic Action League is a small group, mainly pensioners, vigorously fighting to retain the status quo on Durban's beachfront.

"They wouldn't even give me the opportunity to speak, but I had answers for them I told the ex-Rhodesians they were poisoning our city because they had made a mess of their own country.

"And that happened because they would not negotiate with other peoples."

Mr Klotz wouldn't go so far as to say the Conservative Party had set up the ratepayers at the meeting, but he believed there were bigger politics behind the attack on him.

"With municipal elections in October, the people behind this, whoever they are, are getting ready for the polls on party-political lines," Mr Klotz said.

Mr Klotz was one of the councillors who fought against the opening of Durban's first multiracial beach in 1981.

"At the time I believed I was doing, under pressure, what the ratepayers wanted," he said.

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"But I found it difficult to live with myself. I asked myself a lot of questions, and changed inside. I am human, and we all change our views."

Mr Klotz, a card-carrying National Party member, also admits that his views have changed in line with those of the party.

"National Party policy has changed and I believe that what I am doing now regarding the beaches is in line with party thinking."

from a beach they were entitled to use, businessmen in Umtwalume decided to sponsor a bus trip to the beach — and to set up portable toilets there

But now they have been told they cannot even use their own toilets there.

A spokesman for the businessmen, Mr Samad Bux, said people of all races who lived around the resort would be taken to the beach today.

"We want all residents to know that they are entitled to use the beach," he said.

Mr Bux this week transported the portable chemical toilets to the resort for beachgoers to use today.

## Permission

The beach is controlled by the Development and Services Board and is not reserved for the exclusive use of any race group.

But officials of the DSB told Mr Bux he could not place the toilets on the beach without permission.

The officials said a meeting would have to be held next week to discuss whether permission be granted.

However, by late this week the businessmen were continuing with plans to go ahead with the bus trip — with or without the portable toilets.

Instructions to "discourage" black visitors from using the beach were given to a beach cleaner by an elected representative of the resort's ratepayers, Mr John Ellis.

Mr Ellis said white residents, mainly retired pensioners, were not prepared to share the toilets they had built on the beach with blacks.

## Arrested

"What if they have AIDS?" he asked last week.

Among those barred from the beach recently was a visiting coloured academic who now lives in Canada, Professor Brian Blankenberg, and his family.

Commenting on the planned bus trip, Mr Ellis last week said anyone who used the beach or surrounding bush as a toilet would be arrested and charged.

Mr Ellis' actions led to strong condemnation from two MPs, provincial authorities and South Coast civic leaders.

He was labelled a "vigilante" and a member of Natal's Executive Committee warned that the province would not allow anyone to take the law into their own hands.

The DSB this week sent a letter to Mr Ellis, informing him his actions were "indefensible", said chairman Mr Roger Whiteley.

# FEDHASA: CALL NOT RACIST

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ALAN FINE

FEDHASA has denied that a call by its Durban branch for continued segregation of the city's south beaches until adequate facilities became available represented a turnaround in Fedhasa policy on open facilities.

Fedhasa executive director: operations Fred Thermann was responding to a union challege on a statement made last week by Durban branch chairman Alan Gooderson. Gooderson said complaints from holidaymakers about serious overcrowding during the festive season had prompted the call.

The Commercial, Catering and Allied Workers' Union then challenged Fedhasa to repudiate the "racist" statement made by its Durban branch.

Thermann said Fedhasa, and Gooderson in particular, had been in the forefront of lobbying for multiracial facilities. However, December in Durban had been a shambles because facilities were inadequate. The call, therefore, was not racist.

# Defiant group in deep end at Natal 'white' beach

Own Correspondent

DURBAN. — "Nothing's going to stop us now" — that was the cry from about 30 Indian bathers as they swam into the sea at Mtwalume Beach on the Natal South Coast as part of a peaceful protest yesterday while white ratepayers watched from a nearby balcony.

Although the group did not stay long because they had no toilet facilities, they promised they would be back as soon as they received permission to erect temporary toilets.

The little, sleepy town of Mtwalume has refused permission for blacks to use the beach's "white" toilet facilities.

A group of businessmen, angry that that blacks had been persistently turned away because of a technicality, decided to set up a day trip and provide portable toilets.

However, they were unable to get permission to erect the portable units near the beach and called off the crusade.

This didn't stop a small group of local Indians from swimming in protest.

Mr Samad Bux, a spokesman for the businessmen who had promised to provide non-white bathers with portable toilets, said: "We decided not to bring the toilets along because we had not yet obtained permission from the Development and Services Board, who control the beach.

"So, we came along just to see if anyone would try and stop us from using the beach. We will be back."

The Board is expected to meet tomorrow night to discuss the issue.

Mr John Ellis, chairman of the resort's ratepayers' association, who had previously said he would arrest anyone using the beach or surrounding area as a toilet, said: "There is nothing we can do to stop them swimming, but I'll be watching them every step of the way".

The DSB last week sent a letter to Mr Ellis, describing his actions as "indefensible".

Mr Ellis said the provincial authorities had "shed their responsibilities".

He said the authorities should provide non-whites with "better facilities" so that they would not need to use "white" beaches.

White bathers using the beach area yesterday said they had no objection to the Indians using the beach.

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# Who reported us? — nuns accused of showering topless

The Argus Correspondent

DURBAN. — One of two nuns who may face public indecency charges angrily asked a Durban magistrate to point out the man who complained about her and her colleague for allegedly showering topless on Durban's North Beach on Monday.

The bespectacled nuns, Sister Margaret Mary Msibi, 31, and Sister Christiana Mgityane, 28, from the Daughters of Charity mission in Inanda, are alleged to have showered topless. All they wore were white panties, according to the charge sheet.

A complaint was lodged and the nuns were arrested.

No charges were put to them and they were not asked to plead.

After remanding them to February 9 to await the Attorney-General's decision, Sister Msibi asked the magistrate, Mr C Gericke, why the case could not go ahead that day.

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"And where is the man who reported us?" she asked.

Mr Gericke replied that the court did not know where he was but should the Attorney-General decide to prosecute the complainant may be called as a witness.

Sister Margaret Mary Msibi and Sister Christiana Mgityane leave a Durban magistrate's court. They were not eager to be photographed by the crowd of Pressmen outside the court.

# Community leader acquitted

Cape Times 21/11/88

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Own Correspondent

DURBAN. — A regional magistrate here yesterday acquitted community leader Mr Morris Fynn, 57, of perjury but said he had found Mr Fynn's evidence highly suspicious.

Mr Fynn had pleaded not guilty to the charge, resulting from his late appearance in court on July 9 last year in connection with an allegation of malicious damage to property.

At that time he told the court his car had broken down on the way to court.

On that day he had been photographed carrying a placard protesting against apartheid on the beaches. A perjury charge was later laid against him.

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# A city dithers

**Durban** city council's tentative experiment with open beaches has ground to a halt and put at risk the shaky majority enjoyed by the reforming councillors.

Back from their summer break, councillors have been the targets of vocal right-wing rage — under the shadow of the municipal elections due in October.

What upsets conservative whites was the presence on Durban's North Beach of vast crowds of black bathers, bused in over Christmas and New Year. The congestion, they complain, put an impossible strain on beachfront facilities. They claim that littering, petty theft and an indifference to nudity and personal hygiene drove whites off the beaches.

The hoteliers' association, Fedhasa, has taken a conciliatory line. It asks only that no further beaches are opened until additional facilities are built. But some uncompromising individual hoteliers have sided with North Beach ratepayers in demanding that the desegregation be reversed.

Tommy Smit, owner of the Four Seasons (three stars) and Lonsdale and Killarney hotels (two stars) told the *FM* that his middle and working class guests have been scared off by open beaches and won't come back unless they're once again reserved for whites.

His market may in time come from blacks, says Smit, but for the moment white visitors provide him with a livelihood; it's their interests which he says he cannot afford to jeopardise. "Everything we whites have worked for is now just being handed over to the blacks," he complains.

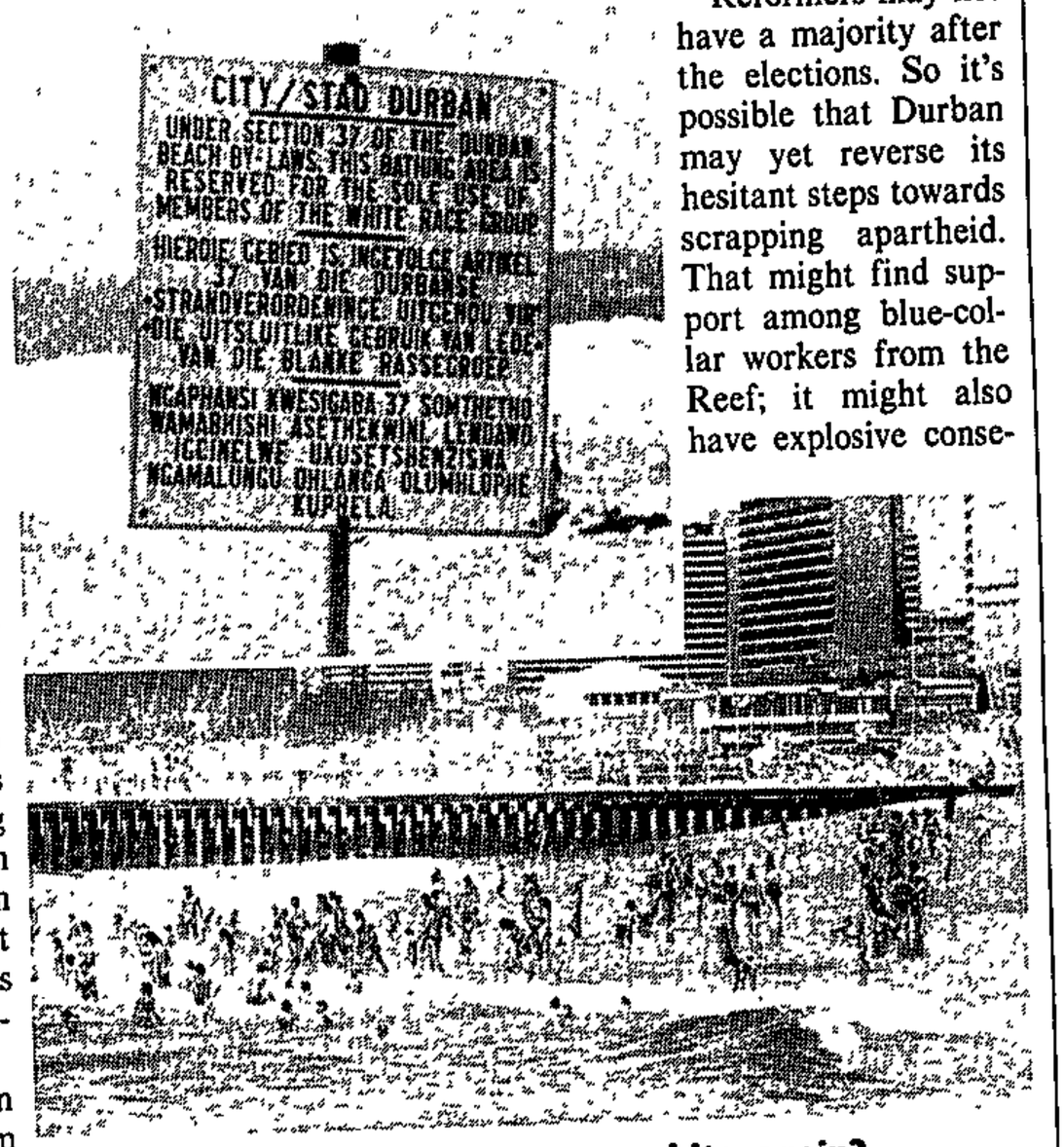
Smit is accordingly organising a petition which he plans to send to the State President. Given the vast numbers of blacks who visited the beaches over New Year, he says he doubts whether it will ever be possible to provide adequate facilities to cater for all: "not in 30 years." The solution, he says, is simply to reserve all the city's beaches for the exclusive use of whites.

As the argument rages between these extremes, mayor Henry Klotz has emerged as the unlikely champion of open beaches. A member of the National Party and leader of the conservative caucus in the Council, Klotz successfully campaigned against early moves towards open beaches in 1981.

His subsequent policy somersault, he says, is a realistic response to changing circumstances and there will be no going back by the council. Other conservative caucus members are less ambiguous They say the council's right wing was forced by the reformist majority to consent to North Beach being opened.

Against the background of increased support for more rigidly enforced apartheid — which emerged in local parliamentary constituencies during last year's general election — a brake is now inevitable on opening more beaches to all races. No formal motions are yet on the council agenda, but the slim majority (16-14) enjoyed by the reformist lobby and the vehemence of the right wing should retard any further beach reforms, at least until after the October municipal elections.

Reformers may not have a majority after the elections. So it's possible that Durban may yet reverse its hesitant steps towards scrapping apartheid. That might find support among blue-collar workers from the Reef; it might also have explosive consequences in KwaMashu and Umlazi and the international tourism market. It is hoped that racist attitudes will soften before October. ■




**Durban's beaches ... white again?**



22/1/88 FM

# Beaches belong to all people — Exco

PIETERMARITZBURG — White South Africans must accept that they have no exclusive claim to the seashore and all people have a right to a fair share in the country's beaches and natural resources.

The Natal Provincial Executive Committee (Exco) in a policy statement on the beach issue yesterday, said this and also reaffirmed the policy statement issued in 1983 by the Exco.

It said that, with a few exceptions, South African beaches up to the high water mark, and a 45-metre strip above that, belonged to the state.

The statement explained that the beaches in Durban between the Umgeni River and the Point belonged to the city council up to the low water mark. Durban was, therefore, free to create by-laws.

"It can and has reserved different parts of this beach for use by different groups.

The executive committee said it did not wish to pretend that prejudice did not exist, or deny that it may be aggravated by fear of invasion by large numbers of people of other groups, or by irresponsible actions from aggressive minorities.

The statement rejected zoning as an option as it "causes resentment and invites confrontation" and would need an "army of policeman to enforce".

Exco said there was a better solution based on the natural inclination of people to seek the company of their own kind, and to avoid rather than seek confrontation.

— Sapa

# 'Urgent need to solve Durban's beach problems'

MICK COLLINS

CONCERN over Third World standards of many of Durban's beach-goers over the holiday period has led to a call for emergency action before Easter.

The Durban Chamber of Commerce says urgent action is required if the recent situation is not to be repeated in April.

And in the longer term, the chamber is looking for a crash programme to complete the development of planned amenities, "even if the city council has to dig deeper into its R200m reserve to do so".

"There is no denying the unacceptable behaviour ... the unhygienic habits, the litter and the theft which so disturbed Marine Parade residents, hoteliers, beachfront traders and upcountry visitors.

"But neither is there any denying the fact that the day-trippers were drawn to the newly desegregated central beach by these superior amenities and by the novelty of bathing where previously their presence was denied," the chamber says in its latest Information Digest.

It is to the credit of all concerned, it says, that so little criticism has been coloured by racial overtones but has centered on the practical problems of overcrowding and inadequate facilities.

The chamber is to seek an urgent meeting with civic authorities.

Discussions with representatives of beachfront traders have revealed that short-term measures should include additional toilet facilities, more crowd control, "educators" on beaches to appeal for less littering, and a continuation of police and other supervision to enforce civilised behaviour.

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# Doctor refused to treat 'wrong' colour' baby

**Sunday Times Reporter**

A TINY Indian girl was this week turned away by a doctor who told her angry and humiliated parents that he could treat only whites and coloureds at Durban's giant Addington Hosptial.

Iqbal and Rooksana Manjoo, of Carlisle Street, Durban, were told to take their 18-month-old daughter, Soffia, who had a fever, to RK Khan Hospital in Chatsworth or another "Indian" hospital.

Mr Manjoo, a clothing merchandiser, said he was told by the doctor that only whites and "some coloureds" could be treated at Addington.

"We arrived at the hospital, filled in the white card and handed it to the matron on duty," he said.

"After waiting about five minutes, we were told to go into a cubicle, where our daughter's temperature was taken. It was about 38°C.

"The doctor said at first that she was 'too difficult to attend to' as she was crying a lot.

"He later returned with her folder and said we shouldn't think he was trying to be racist, but he could attend to only coloured and white patients.

## Duty

"I explained that both Soffia and my son Khalid had been born and treated at Addington and that nobody had objected

Iqbal Manjoo and Soffia, the girl they wouldn't treat

"He said this was not his problem and that we should take her to the RK Khan.

"I became really mad and asked him if he didn't know what the Hippocratic Oath was and that he had a duty to treat patients"

The humiliated couple then left.

Addington medical superintendent Dr Patrick Fitzgerald said there had been "no urgency" in Soffia's case and that as far as he was concerned the doctor had acted correctly.

It was policy to treat all races in emergencies but to refer them to "own" hospitals in "non-emergency" cases.

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# Durban plans to open last beaches

DURBAN — The Durban City Council's management committee is planning to throw open Durban's last two whites-only beaches, Addington and South Beach, to all races.

It is hoping to do this by the end of the month although some members would prefer to wait until after the Easter holidays.

But pending next Tuesday's mayoral committee meeting on the issue, it now seems likely that these beaches could be open by the beginning of March.

Although some councillors think that the issue would have to go to full council for a decision to be reached, others feel that the mayoral committee dealing with the issue will give a clear policy statement next week. — Sapa

# CHARGE THEM ALL

283 Argus 18/2/88

**THE Attorney General of Natal has been asked to investigate charges under the Internal Security Act against the people responsible for ordering a coloured family off a Natal beach on New Year's Day.**

The appeal to the Attorney General has been made by Deputy Minister of Health, Mr Llewelan Landers, and Mr Tommy Abrahams MP (LP Wentworth).

The Attorney General has been asked to investigate whether Mr John Ellis or the Mtwalume advisory committee committed an offence in the incidents involving the expulsion of the Blanckenberg family on January 1.

In their letter they have pointed out that the beach facilities at Mtwalume are open to people of all races.

Cape Times 20/2/88 283

# Durban's beaches won't mix it — yet

Own Correspondent

DURBAN. — There is to be no immediate change in the status quo at Durban's remaining whites-only beaches.

The mayor's beach amenities committee has decided that South Beach and Addington Beach, will not be opened to all races until the overcrowding problems are solved and facilities currently being established are completed.

But the committee re-stated that all the beaches in Durban would eventually be open to all races and "in time no person will be excluded from a facility on the grounds of race".

The group also expressed its concern at the lack of facilities in surrounding areas.

"There are no swimming pools or amenities in places like KwaMashu and Umlazi and it appears there are no plans for anything at the new Inanda Dam."

# As Durban's golden mile turns black...

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**IT'S A SCENE familiar to anyone who has visited Durban. Father, mother and two children, wearing bathing costumes and "Durbs by the Sea" T-shirts, walk down the beachfront while vendors offer their wares and try to entice them to part with some of their holiday cash.**

Your typical up-country visitors, the people — who in spite of the jokes from locals — provide about 25 percent of the coastal city's income.

But hang on a minute, something is different. This particular family is black and so are many of the other holidaymakers around them.

The white families who used to come to Durban annually, do the same things and spend the same money, are staying at home now, or spending their holidays at other resorts, closer to the Reef.

This could be the future of SA's tourist mecca in fewer years than Durban realises, particularly if the wage gap between blacks and whites continues to narrow and the black middle-class finds it has more disposable money than its white counterparts.

## Changing

And while commerce and industry will no doubt accommodate the changing tourist pattern — most of Durban's top beachfront hotels are already geared for the change — the difference, at least sociologically, is probably going to be felt most by Durban's white residents and those white families who continue to spend their holidays on the famous "golden mile" beachfront.

There is another scenario for Durban's future as a tourist city.

This is the one which says the economy will strengthen, political unrest will stabilise and more reforms will be implemented, overseas hostility and sanctions will ease, and Durban will become a truly multiracial, cosmopolitan resort attracting international tourism.

This is what Durban Publicity Association marketing director Andrzej Kiepiela is aiming for.

He hopes to see Durban on the same footing as resorts in the South of France or the Far East.

"If our political image maintains itself or improves overseas, we will increase our share of international tourism."

**by Shaun Harris**
*Sunday Times Reporter*

But that vision of an international resort is the ideal situation and depends on a lot of variables. In the meantime, economic commonsense says Durban's tourism future will increasingly depend on the growing black market.

And statistics back it up.

Five years ago, four to five percent of Durban's tourist trade was made up of black people.

Today more than 20 percent of the market is black and, says Mr Kiepiela, it is growing fast.

Traditionally, Durban has been the holiday home of middle-class whites from the Transvaal.

That has been the bread and butter of Durban's tourist industry and a vital cash injection into the city as a whole.

Mr Kiepiela says the 2,7-million Durban visitors last year spent between R570-million and R600-million.

Indirectly, in terms of providing jobs for people and money for related industries, the tourists are worth around R2 850-million to Durban — 25 percent of the city's income.

But that money could soon be coming from a different sector of the population, as Durban changes from a white middle-class haven to an upper-class black playground.

Already the changes can be seen on the beachfront.

Scattered among the Japanese cars parked behind the beachfront hotels (last year's models, with stickers proclaiming a trip to the Kruger Park or Cango Caves), are a growing collection of German cars (this year's models, with stickers saying I Love Soweto).

The black tourists who visit Durban now do it in style — staying at the most expensive hotels (not necessarily through choice, many of the down-market hotels are still "whites only"), eating out at the best restaurants and, ostensibly, having more ready cash to splash around.

The change is also seen on the beaches, strikingly so at the end of last year when thousands of blacks swamped North Beach and the Bay of Plenty, the two latest beaches to drop segregation.

But, on a normal out-of-season weekend, blacks and whites can be seen on the beaches together — they are not exactly mixing yet, but they are using the same beach with little visible hostility.

## Pensioners

All but two of Durban's eight beaches are now open to all races — and those two, Addington and South Beach, will probably be opened this year, in spite of a lot of pre-municipal election in-fighting and protests from the small but vociferous Civic Action League (which consists mainly of pensioners who seldom use the beaches, but seem more interested in retaining the already inflated value of their beachfront flats).

The economic reality of having more black tourists in Durban will ensure all the beaches become multiracial — business interests will sweep local politics aside.

The opening of Durban's central beaches at the end of last year did cause problems but, these problems resulted from too many people and not enough facilities.

There was a minimum of racial clashes and the overcrowding only occurred on the public holidays between Christmas and New Year.

Already the city council has budgeted for more amenities which should spread the crowds at peak periods.

Altogether Durban has about six kilometres of prime beach — and with enough facilities there will be plenty of space for everyone.

The hotel groups and related business interests seem to be doing a bit of fence sitting on the open-beach issue.

The public response of some hotel groups has been to ask for pay beaches, allowing them to cater for their black hotel guests and also keep those white guests who object to overcrowded beaches happy.

This proposal has, however, been turned down by the city council.

Privately, many of the beachfront hotels want to retain the status quo — it suits them to have some whites-only beaches at the moment, although they admit this must change in the future.

Generally, the local whites who actually use the beaches seem quite happy about sharing them.

What remains to be seen is how many of the white tourists who traditionally have spent their annual holidays in Durban will keep on doing so as more black visitors arrive.

Mr Kiepiela says: "Up to now, and in the future, there will be a certain emotional reaction to increased numbers of black tourists.

"But, irrespective of these emotions, the economic sector will dictate the ratio of the different race groups coming to this city."

For most Transvalers, Durban is still the most appealing and economical place to vidit.

Market research shows 72 percent of the city's tourist market comes from the PWV area.

But if those visitors opt for alternative resorts up and down the coast, or places closer to home, Durban's tourist pattern could change faster than most people expect.

One thing is certain — Durban's planners are not going to relinquish their valuable tourist industry just because of a change in the tourist pattern.

## Revamp

Town clerk Gordon Haygarth estimates about R150-million has been spent during the past five years on a city face-lift.

This includes a total revamp of the beachfront, a project overseen by Cape-based architect Revel Fox.

With that sort of investment in the future of the city's tourist industry, coupled with the aggressive hard-sell marketing policy of the Durban Publicity Association, business will make sure it caters for whoever is going to make up the future tourist market.

While arguments still fly at council level about opening all the beaches and small groups lobby for retaining certain segregated privileges, Durban certainly will not let that stop its tourist engine — least of all if it means Durban becoming the country's top black holiday mecca.

# Durbs rids itself of the Mother Grundy image

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Kids play on Durban's new-look beaches.

By S'BU MNGADI and VASANTHA ANGAMUTHU

SUNSHINE, sand, and surf is synonymous with long and lazy days in Durban.

Now nubile lovelies, baring almost all in an attempt to get the most of the sun and sand, have become a familiar sight as Durban relaxes its Mother Grundy image to permit toplessness.

Visions of little Koos and Thembi playing in the sand come to mind. A buxom tannie from a Vrystaat dorpie doubletakes: This is Durban in Natal, in Suid-Afrika, reg?

This is a whole new snapshot for the family album that might send temperatures soaring in Brandfort.

The temperature was as high last week, pitching in at a record 32,6 degrees on Durban's golden mile stretching from Umgeni River to the old West Street pier when the familiar "whites only" beach signs were officially chopped down by the Durban City Council.

So Christmas this year was markedly more festive as hundreds of thousands of holidaymakers converged on the beaches, letting rip with no regard to the fact that most of the ocean was being shared with the previously "illegal" black bathers.

To get the feel of the new intergration, Durban's mayor, Henry Klotz, flanked by council officials, stepped out in grand style at the opening of the beaches to keep a parental eye on holidaymakers who mixed freely without incident.

However, the influx of black bathers into previously "whites only" beaches has resulted in an exodus of white revellers to the private and exclusive strips like St Michael's-on-Sea.

The harmony on the beaches has been marred by one ugly incident. At St Michael's-on-Sea police and dogs had to disperse a crowd of more than 2 000 after a confrontation between black and white bathers threatened to break into violence on Christmas day

Apart from this incident, 14 black people were charged with public indecency, drinking in public and other minor offences.

Only last month the Durban City Council had been given the go-ahead by the Natal provicial executive committee to desegregate Durban beaches.

But for those whites uncomfortable about the notion of swimming in the same stretch as people of other races, they can still retire gracefully to a part of the Indian Ocean – Addington and South Beach remain exclusively white.

This, however, does not deter the hordes of people out for a good day on the beach.

So far there has been no friction, but Durbanites wait apprehensively for the annual descent of conservative "Vaalies" and their anti-verkampte sentiments were expressed this week by a mystery grafitti artist who simply wrote: "Vaalies go home"

A stroll into the area surrounding the beach might, however, lead one straight into the jaws of the no-nonsense National Party MP Cliff Mathee, who is bent on keeping his constituence free of non-whites.

This is the same MP, who, at a parliamentary reportback meeting recently, raved and ranted on how firm he stood on his election promises to "keep Point white". "Point will never be another Hillbrow," he said.

So, for those townshippers eager to escape the strong contingent of security forces in their areas, there is a surprise in store.

A cordon of beach inspectors, SAP, city police, parks and gardens personnel and council security awaits them.

Added security has been called upon as the city council attempts to avoid any incidents of violence like those reported last year.

The relaxing of measures concerning toplessness will hopefully not see the repeat of last year's incident involving Sibongile Ndlela, who was sentenced to 50 days' imprisonment or R100 for "indecency on the beach".

A startled Sibongile said then: "In Zulu culture there is nothing wrong if a woman does not cover her breasts."

Toplessness has been applauded by Durban Publicity Association director Andrezrj Kiepiela.

"We have reached a stage in South Africa where topless bathing is going to become more and more acceptable.

"This will improve the city's image as an international resort and would attract more tourists.

"There will also be more to greet beachcombers, surfers or swimmers. A number of facilties have been upgraded or built for the new-look beaches.

"A team of information officers will be handing out maps so that people can find their way across the rubble and building material which heralds the revamped beachfront.

"The usual ice-cream vendors, hot dog stands, a new car wash service and a plethora of fun rides awaits visitors," he said.

# All-race beaches 'to stay'

By TERRY VAN DER WALT and PRAVEEN NAIDOO

DURBAN will not go back on its decision to desegregate its beaches despite the National Party's claim that its defeats to the CP in the two by-elections this week were related to the beach issue.

Mr Stoffel Botha, the NP's Natal leader, said the Durban beach issue had played a "significant" role in the by-election results.

But Mrs Margaret Ambler, a Durban city councillor, said: "Instead of blaming the results on those who do not want change in the country they create red herrings like this."

She said she did not believe that the present council would take a backward step and segregate the beaches opened to all races late last year.

The deputy Mayor, Mr Pieter Breytenbach, said he found it difficult to believe that the problems on Durban beaches at Christmas and New Year had anything to do with the outcome at Standerton and Schweizer-Reneke.

But a beach warden who caused an international outcry by barring blacks from an all-race beach is now demanding that the beach be declared for whites only.

Mr John Ellis, the civic leader of white pensioners living in the retirement resort of Umtwalume on the Natal South Coast, has asked the State President and provincial authorities to impose segregation on the beach.

Mr Ellis has vowed to take his fight for racial exclusivity to the Supreme Court if his request is turned down.

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R150 000 to win

# Warden pushes for white beach

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## APPEAL TO PRESIDENT

Describing himself as a staunch National Party supporter, Mr Ellis said President Botha referred his plea to the Administrator of Natal, Mr Radclyffe Cadman. Mr Ellis is now awaiting the province's reaction.

"I am not a racialist, but a realist," Mr Ellis said in an interview.

He pointed out the amenities existing at Umtwalume were provided by the local white community, mostly pensioners, and toilets were built on private property.

"As the province is in no position to provide all the amenities at Umtwalume, it has no moral justification to insist on our beach being made open to all races."

Mr Ellis said he had a mandate from Umtwalume ratepayers to fight for the beach to be zoned for whites, and money was being contributed for a court action if it was not classified whites-only. — Sapa.

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# Durban council to improve open beaches

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By Esmaré van der Merwe

Steps are being taken to improve facilities on Durban beaches in preparation for the thousands of holiday-makers who will flock to Natal for Easter.

The Durban City Council is determined to prevent overcrowding and public indecency on the open beaches, which caused a public outcry after the December holidays.

Acting mayor Mr Pieter Breytenbach said the council would erect additional amenities such as public toilets, showers and change-rooms, and would provide additional cleaners to keep beaches, pavements and parking areas litter-free.

### GOVERNMENT REACTION

The Government has reacted strongly to the overcrowding, lack of facilities and race-related incidents on the open beaches during December, stating that the desegregation of some Natal beaches played a significant role in the right-wing backlash in two recent Transvaal parliamentary by-elections.

Although the council has publicly stated its determination to stick to its policy of desegregated beaches, 12 National Party councillors last week signed an open letter stating their concern about the "unacceptable, offensive and anti-social behaviour" on open Durban beaches during the holiday season.

They gave their "unqualified support" for the NP's criticism of integration and insufficient crowd control.

### SPUR OF THE MOMENT

Mr Breytenbach said he believed the councillors had acted "on the spur of the moment", and that the initial tension in the council after the letter had been published was now "something of the past".

Mr Breytenbach said a special committee of seven councillors — which include NP councillors — was formed to investigate the December incidents.

The NP councillors said in their letter that they would strive to ensure that the council took steps to:

- Retain all white beaches and facilities for whites.
- Provide for more effective crowd and traffic control to relieve the pressure on Durban's central beach area, facilities and infrastructure.
- Engage in a massive crash programme to create new facilities on underdeveloped beaches, mainly in the north.

# Council lays on facilities for holidaymakers

By Esmaré van der Merwe

Additional sanitary facilities, Zulu-speaking information officers and full-time litter pickers are some of the Durban City Council's special measures for the Easter holiday influx.

Acting mayor Mr Pieter Breytenbach said on Thursday all facilities would be ready when an anticipated 100 000 people arrive in Durban for the holiday weekend.

He expressed hope that no race-related incidents would occur.

Public indecency and overcrowding on "open" Natal beaches caused a public outcry after the December holidays.

The council has publicised guidelines for decent public behaviour because "different groups of people have different ideas on what kind of behaviour and dress is acceptable on the beaches".

About 40 temporary toilets will be set up along the beachfront, while 40 litter pickers employed by the Parks, Recreation and Beaches Department and a full-time litter squad of the City Engineer's Department will clean the beachfront.

Regular public announcements will be made in English, Afrikaans and Zulu to discourage littering.

About 40 Zulu-speaking beach guides will act as public relations and information officers.

The council's guidelines for decent behaviour include a reminder that topless sunbathing in public is illegal and that "underwear is not designed for swimming in public".

The public is encouraged to make use of changerooms, toilets and litter bins.

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# Govt to continue probe into beach problem — Vlok

Daily Dispatch Correspondent

CAPE TOWN — The government would continue to search for a solution to the problems of overcrowding and bad behaviour on Durban's beaches and other beaches around the country, the Minister of Law and Order, Mr Adriaan Vlok, said yesterday.

Mr Vlok, who made an on-the-spot investigation in Durban over the weekend, where beaches were crowded with multi-racial holidaymakers, said there had been no untoward incidents.

"But, we are not simply going to leave the matter there and won't rest until we have found a proper solution to the problems of overcrowding"

The government would work in consultation with local authorities on the matter, he said

Mr Vlok was accompanied on his visit to the by the new Deputy Minister of Constitutional Development and Planning, Mr Roelf Meyer.

Mr Vlok said there were relatively few people on the beaches between the Western Cape and Natal because of poor weather

However, the weather was good in Durban on Saturday and large numbers of people of all races were attracted to the beaches

"The police had orders to be present in large numbers at beaches where there could be problems with the maintenance of law and order," the minister said.

"My visit concerned the role of the police force on beaches. Mr Meyer accompanied me because the central issue, apart from policing the beaches, concerns the overcrowding of available facilities.

"This is not my specific department but the government is giving urgent attention to this matter and will not rest until a suitable solution has been found in conjuntion with the local authorities."

He said there had been fewer people on Durban's beaches than in January this year when there were many complaints about the behaviour of bathers

"I saw no problems on Saturday There were people of different groups but everything was peaceful," Mr Vlok said.

# Indians in trouble at disputed beach

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By Dan Side

Mtwalume beach warden Mr John Ellis and a prominent member of an Umzinto Indian family are engaged in a war over whether or not the beach in the Natal South Coast town is truly open to all races.

Mr Ismael Moolla insists he had a rude reception on Sunday and yesterday after deciding to visit Mtwalume beach to test a story in a Durban Sunday newspaper that Mr Ellis had expressed "a change of heart" about the beach being reserved for whites only.

Mr Moolla claimed yesterday that Mr Ellis on two occasions had a beach guard wave a "big stick", causing his and another Indian family to change plans for a swim on the "integrated" beach.

## GUARD SAID HE HAD INSTRUCTIONS

When Mr Moolla and his family arrived at the gate to Mtwalume beach, a black guard carrying a knobkerrie told him he had instructions that the beach area "was for whites only".

Mr Ellis said last night that the Indian families were welcome to use the beach, which by law was open to everyone, but they could not cross the railway tracks by car to park in a private lot or use the ablution block or rock pool.

"The ratepayers built the parking lot, the pool and the ablution block out of their own funds," said Mr Ellis, "and these are for their private use."

Mr Ellis also denied that the security guard waved a "big stick" at the two Indian families.

"He is under instructions that anybody wanting to drive their car across the tracks must see me first. There is space for only 40 cars, and these are reserved for ratepayers only."

# Peace on the beaches: Durban smiles

The ugly side of mixed beaches: a black bather being attacked by white louts during the New Year holidays.

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Easter harmony on a Durban beach during a trouble-free holiday weekend.

Own Correspondent

DURBAN — The mayor of Durban and the city's publicity chief were smiling broadly yesterday.

The mayor, Mr Henry Klotz, was delighted that there were no unpleasant incidents on the city's beaches over the Easter weekend such as occurred over New Year.

And the publicity marketing director, Mr Andrzej Kiepiela, reported that holiday bookings and turnover during the four days were better than during Easter last year.

Mr Klotz said he expected to be contacted soon by the deputy Minister of Constitutional Development and Planning, Mr Roelf Meyer about proposed round-table discussions at central, provincial and local government level to seek solutions to the periodic problem of overcrowded beaches.

## SHORT-TERM PROBLEM

Mr Klotz said he was pleased that Law and Order Minister Adriaan Vlok and Mr Meyer had come to Durban for an on-the-spot investigation at the weekend.

He said there was a short-term problem of overcrowding and there was also a long-term problem to be faced in accommodating everyone in the more distant future.

He congratulated all involved in ensuring there were no serious problems on the beaches over the weekend.

Monday afternoon's cloudy conditions and the activities of the Easter Fiesta, as well as two flea markets, saw many more people "promenading" rather than occupying the actual beaches, said Durban's beach manager, Mr Frank Churchill.

Asked whether he thought the so-called novelty of desegregating former white beaches was wearing off, Mr Churchill said he believed beach authorities had not experienced a repeat of the New Year's Day mass overcrowding because "it is traditional that blacks come down to the beaches on that day".

Mr Churchill said the absence of incidents continued.

Beach offices on the North and South coast also reported large crowds, but no incidents at all.

The police public relations officer for Port Natal, Major Charl du Toit, confirmed that Easter was incident-free.

"We had policemen deployed throughout the beachfront and I am happy to say there were no incidents of racial friction

# Residents to ask court to declare beach white

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Own Correspondent

DURBAN — The recently formed Mtwalume Ratepayers' Association is to ask the Supreme Court to declare the village's beachfront for whites only.

This was confirmed yesterday by Mr John Ellis, chairman of the association and chairman of the Local Advisory Committee, amid more reports of blacks being turned away from the resort.

Mr Ellis said yesterday that he had contacted Government and provincial authorities over the residents' demand that the beach be zoned for whites, "but everyone is treading water and we have no alternative but to take legal action".

## COURT ACTION

He said the court action would be taken to force the Natal Provincial Administration to use its powers in terms of the Amenities Act to reserve the Mtwalume beach for whites.

Mr Peter Miller, MEC for Local Government, was not available for comment yesterday.

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# 'Whites only' hotel outrage

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By PRAVEEN NAIDOO

TWO Indian holidaymakers were barred from an historic Eastern Transvaal hotel that attracts tourists from many parts of the world after being served drinks in the garden "by mistake".

The men, both Natal hoteliers, were told by the manager of the Royal Hotel in Pilgrim's Rest that the racial policy had been laid down by the Government.

Angry and humiliated by the incident, Durban hotelier Linky Moodley and Stanger hotelier Rajan Naidoo this week vowed to take the matter up with Fedhasa (Federation of Hotel Associations of SA), of which they are both members.

Mr Moodley said: "Everyone is trying to get rid of these medieval laws.

## Mistake

"Incidents like this just defeat the aims of those trying to increase our foreign tourist trade."

The executive director of operations for Fedhasa, Mr Fred Thermann, agreed that the race bar at Pilgrim's Rest — which was declared a national monument last year — was bad policy.

"The Liquor Act no longer has any reference to race," he said.

Mr Kobus Tait, general manager of the resort, said: "The waiters should not have served them. They know the hotel is for whites only."

Overvaal Resorts manages the Royal Hotel for a statutory body, the Board for Public Resorts.

A board member, Mr Peter Jordaan, said: "The Cabinet decided that public resorts should be developed separately and we follow this policy."

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# NP suspends Durban's Mayor over beaches

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**Political Staff**

THE Mayor of Durban, Mr Henry Klotz, has been suspended from the National Party and faces expulsion for refusing to agree with Government policy on beach apartheid.

The National Party action is likely to spark a major realignment of groups in the City Council, with a loose alliance to the left of the NP already taking shape to contest the October municipal elections.

Mr Klotz was standing firm today on the opening of beaches.

"If we are to succeed in becoming a truly 21st-century cosmopolitan city and the base of the industrial and commercial development of Natal/Kwazulu, then a policy of open facilities must be pursued.

"I shall support it absolutely. If this means my expulsion from the National Party, then so be it."

The National Party in Natal has been under extreme pressure from the Transvaal because of the way the beach issue has been exploited by the Conservative Party in recent by-elections.

Other Nationalists on the Durban council are understood to be sympathetic towards Mr Klotz's stand and if he is expelled others could resign.

The suspension follows Mr Klotz's refusal to sign a National Party policy document in which mixed beaches were accepted but which stated that the remaining white beaches should stay white.

In a statement today Mr Klotz said that when the first Durban beaches were opened to all groups last year the NP's Natal leader, Mr Stoffel Botha, had telephoned him and asked: "How dare you take it on yourself to open Durban's beaches.?"

Later he had attended a meeting of NP members of the council, provincial councillors and MPs at which the opening of the beaches was unanimously accepted after initial opposition from one MP.

The party's provincial secretary, Mr James Waugh, has told Mr Klotz he can make representations to the party's legal commission.

# Worrall backs 'open' stand of Durban mayor

Star 12/5/88

Own Correspondent

DURBAN — The mayor of Durban, Mr Henry Klotz, had the support of the Independent Party for his stand on opening the city's facilities to all races, IP leader Dr Denis Worrall said yesterday.

Mr Klotz has been suspended from the National Party for refusing to go along with Government beach-apartheid policy.

In a statement yesterday Dr Worrall said Mr Klotz's suspension was "a powerful indictment of the Nationalist Government".

He added: "Henry Klotz's handling of beach apartheid in Durban over the past few months has won him the respect of people of all races in South Africa and abroad.

"He has shown immense sensitivity, understanding and a moral courage which is completely lacking in leading Nationalists, and Cabinet Ministers in particular."

He said the IP supported Mr Klotz's point that if Durban is to play a role in the 21st century its facilities must be open to all.

Dr Worrall added: "By contrast, the action of the NP reveals to everybody just how hypocritical its claims are about reform.

"We trust that those moderate English-speakers who voted NP in 1987 will now see the light."

# Row as Nats sack mayor on beach issue

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Own Correspondent

DURBAN — Durban's mayor, Mr Henry Klotz, has severed ties with the National Party. "There is no place in the National Party for English-speakers," he said yesterday.

NP information director Mr Con Botha, MP, rejected the claim.

Mr Klotz, suspended earlier this week for "acting disloyally" or "contrary to the interests of the party," on beach apartheid, was told he would be allowed to challenge his suspension but said he would not do so.

## SADDENED

"My expulsion just proves to me that there is no place for English-speaking South Africans, and that saddens me."

He had received telephone calls from several MPs and politicians "who told me they are behind me and who say I must stick to my guns".

In a letter from the NP's provincial secretary, Mr James Waugh, on Monday, the mayor was told: "The reason for your suspension is that you acted disloyally or contrary to the interests of the party, in that you, inter alia, declined to associate yourself with the policy statements by the State President and Natal leader (Mr Stoffel Botha) on the beach issue, despite having been invited to do so."

There have been rumblimgs among English-speaking Nationalists since last year's election, but none has been prepared to speak out publicly.

The main objections have been the lack of of English-speaking representation in the Cabinet on the many Government wards and bodies and in NP party structures.

A glaring example has been the appointment of a totally Afrikaans-orientated cultural body for Natal, of which the Natal NP caucus has been aware, but has been unable or unwilling to correct.

## GAINING

In an interview yesterday, information director Mr Botha said he could not speak about any particular appointments, but said the facts showed that English speakers were gaining increasing influence in the NP.

He said there was a problem in that there had been a large infusion of English-speakers only a year ago and it would take time for them to gain senior positions.

smoke after a fire broke out Picture: WICUS MARITZ the van. We stopped and

# Durban's mayor quits Nats after suspension

CAPE TIMES 13/5/88

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**Own Correspondent**

DURBAN. — The suspension of Durban's mayor, Mr Henry Klotz, from the National Party should influence voters in October's municipal elections to vote for candidates who will serve the community rather than candidates who "quite clearly" will only act on instructions from Pretoria, the MP for Durban Central, Mr Peter Gastrow, said yesterday.

Mr Klotz severed ties with the party after he was suspended because he refused to associate himself with party policy statements on the open beaches issue and remained adamant that all of Durban's beaches would, in time, be opened to all races.

And while the non-NP Durban city councillors yesterday voiced their anger at the "shabby treatment" of the city's mayor, the National Party-supporting councillors remained unusually quiet about the suspension and Mr Klotz's defiant stand.

Mr Gastrow said he admired Mr Klotz for acting in the interests of the people of Durban and not allowing his decisions to be dominated by the party.

"There are great dangers in city administrations acting on instructions from Pretoria rather than what is necessary for the community," he said.

Mrs Sybil Hotz, chairman of the city's management committee, and other non-NP city councillors are giving the mayor their full support.

Civic Action League chairman Mr Arthur Morris said he deplored the attempt by the mayor to cause "division between English- and Afrikaans-speaking South Africans".

"If an Afrikaner had flouted party policy in the way Mr Klotz had, he would no doubt have been treated in exactly the same way.

"The mayor has not only acted contrary to his party policy but also to the wishes of the majority of his electors and the white ratepayers of Durban," he said.

● It was reported in the Natal Mercury that the leader of the National Party in Natal, Mr Stoffel Botha, last night dismissed a statement by Mr Klotz, that there was no place in the NP for English speakers, as "utter and unadulterated rubbish".

# 'No room at the NP inn for English-speakers'

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Star 15/7/87

By SHAUN HARRIS

DURBAN'S Mayor, suspended by the NP for refusing to toe the party line on segregated beaches, claims there is no room in the party for English-speakers.

Mr Henry Klotz, a member for seven years, was suspended after refusing to support a NP decision that the last two whites-only beaches in the city should remain segregated.

His refusal to sign a document outlining Natal NP leader Stoffel Botha's interpretation of the segregation policy is now being seen as a threat to the party in the upcoming municipal elections.

Mr Klotz believes he has been made a scapegoat for personal reasons as well. "It has become clear to me now that there is no place for English-speakers in the National Party.

"How can there be when we are told that 40 percent of the support the NP received in the last election was from English-speaking South Africans; yet that ratio is not reflected in Government-created bodies.

"I was suspended for going against party policy; yet, when Albert Nothnagel makes a speech in Parliament contrary to party policy, nothing happens."

Mr Klotz has been told he can appeal against his suspension, but he says he's through with the NP.

Earlier this year all NP members of the Durban City Council were told to sign a statement based on a speech by Mr Stoffel Botha.

Mr Botha's interpretation of NP policy was that, while it was accepted that some facilities would have to be shared by all race groups, others should be reserved for the exclusive use of whites.

Applying the interpretation to Durban's beaches, the councillors were asked to pledge that the two remaining "whites only" beaches — South and Addington — would stay that way.

Mr Kotz refused to sign the document.

# Mayor's expulsion 'party discipline'

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Political Staff

THE expulsion of the mayor of Durban, Mr Henry Klotz, from the National Party was a matter of party discipline, the Minister of Home Affairs and Natal leader of the NP, Mr Stoffel Botha, said yesterday.

He said, after being questioned about the matter in the House of Representatives, that any party had to have discipline.

"What I did with the Mayor of Durban was a matter of party discipline," Mr Botha said.

Mr Klotz was suspended because of his refusal to associate himself with party policy statements on the open beaches issue and remained adamant that all of Durban's beaches would, in time, be opened to all races.

He will head an "alliance of independents" to fight the political big guns of the NP and Conservative Party in the October municipal elections.

The alliance has been formed by politically non-aligned Durban city councillors.

Councillor Margaret Ambler, a member of the alliance, said yesterday that the alliance had been "talked about" for a few years

"We're going ahead but we've had no formal meetings yet."

It is known that Mr Klotz started recruiting for the alliance before his suspension and subsequent resignation from the NP.

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# DBN BEACH SIGNS LEAD TO FRICTION

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**THE erection of whites-only signs at the new pools at Durban's South Beach has led to friction.**

A Swazi woman, Mrs Cynthia Buckley, was ordered to leave one of the pools with her two children this week — and a white woman in the vicinity was so upset that she too left with her child.

Mrs Buckley, married to British Frank Buckley, said she and her family emigrated to South Africa last year because they believed that "things had really changed in this country and particularly in Durban."

She took her daughters, aged 6 and 11, to the new pools and a supervisor said they must leave because the facilities were for whites only.

**SOWETAN Correspondent**

He said they must go instead to the "open" pools' further north, opposite the Holiday Inn.

She said the man spoke in a very unpleasant manner and made no mention of any whites-only signs.

She had been totally unaware of the restriction and had had no intention to create a confrontation. Her children were very upset at "being thrown out", so she took them to the "open" pools.

Mr Frank Buckley said: "It is a big shock and very upsetting to find that new discriminatory signs are going up. We thought there was a move away from that sort of thing.

"My wife is not black and she's not white. She is British" — Sapa/RN.

## Tutu's installation

**THE Archbishop of Cape Town, the Most Reverend Desmond Mpilo Tutu, will be installed as the Third Chancellor of the University of the Western Cape tomorrow, the university announced.**

Archbishop Tutu succeeds Professor Erika Theron who announced her retirement when she turned 80 last year. Sowetan 19/5/88

# Woman embarrassed at whites-only pool

By VASANTHA ANGAMUTHU

DESPITE Durban's stand on open beaches and pools, the failure to extend this to all bathing facilities has caused a Durban woman embarrassment.

Cythia Buckley was ordered to leave a whites-only pool this week.

The erection of "whites-only" signs at the pool came shortly after its revamping for the new-look beachfront.

Buckley, who is married to a British citizen, had taken her two children to the pool when a supervisor said they would have to leave as the facilities were only for whites.

She said she had been totally unaware of any restriction, and her children were very upset at being "thrown out".

Buckley said she and her family had emigrated from Swaziland to South Africa last year because they believed "things had really changed in this country, particularly Durban".

# White-only beach bid fails

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DURBAN — A move to have Scottburgh's beaches zoned exclusively for whites had failed, mayor Dr Mike Devitt says.

A recommendation to this effect from its finance and general purposes committee failed to get a seconder and so fell away. — Sapa.

# Town clerk speaks on beach row

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Own correspondent

DURBAN — Umdloti's town clerk has corrected differing ideas on who is allowed on the beach in his area.

An MEC and an Indian Minister clashed on the question during last week's extended Parliament committee meeting in Maritzburg.

The Minister of the Indian Budget, Mr Ismail Kathrada, told the committee that no black person was allowed to set foot on Umdloti's beaches, let alone swim there. "I know this because I was a victim of harassment on the beach," he told MPs from the three Houses.

Not so, Mr Peter Miller MEC retorted. There was no by-law or regulation stopping any South African from using the Umdloti beach.

Asked to clear up the different positions, Umdloti's town clerk, Mr Paul Wiggill, said Government Notice 684 of May 10 1963 reserved beaches within the town board's area of jurisdiction exclusively for the white race group.

It was published in the Government Gazette and issued by the Minister of Lands, who was the relevant authority then.

Mr Wiggill said the board stopped applying the ruling in 1985 and no person of colour had been warned off the beach since then.

He said the change was made in light of statements attributed to Cabinet Ministers and in keeping with the goals and aims of the new dispensation.

But, Mr Wiggill said: "To my knowledge the Government notice was never rescinded."

The town board, he said, had got "a lot of flak from people who did not agree with the change".

The late MEC Mr Frank Martin had expressed doubt, Mr Wiggill said, on whether the notice was valid, "but that was something that could only be tested in court".

Even when the notice was enforced people were warned but never prosecuted, he said.

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# NP expels Durban's mayor over beaches

Own Correspondent

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DURBAN. — Durban's Mayor, Mr Henry Klotz, was officially expelled from the National Party at the weekend, following a meeting of the NP Natal head committee.

The committee, which said Mr Klotz had "acted disloyally or contrary to the interests of the party", made the decision following Mr Klotz's suspension last month for his refusal to go along with the government policy on beach apartheid.

Earlier this year, Mr Klotz refused to sign a statement made by Natal party leader Mr Stoffel Botha, which stated that Durban's two remaining whites-only beaches, South and Addington, must not be opened to all races.

Following his suspension, Mr Klotz "severed all ties" with the party and remained adamant that all of Durban's beaches would, in time, be open to all.

When asked for comment yesterday, Mr Klotz said he had been expecting the decision.

# Durban's mayor plans to 'fight 'em on the beaches'

Star 13/6/88

SATURDAY STAR CORRESPONDENT

THE MAYOR of Durban, Mr Henry Klotz, announced yesterday that he would stand in the October municipal elections as a non-party candidate and called on other candidates to join him in keeping Durban free from party political control.

Mr Klotz, who was officially expelled from the National Party last week for refusing to comply with the party's policy on open beaches in Durban, called on non-aligned independents and even candidates from political parties to prevent the city being taken over by party politicians who placed their party's interests before those of the city.

He announced his plan to attract a group of candidates to join him in standing independently of party affiliation at a press conference yesterday.

He hinted that the group or alliance would cut across party lines by including members of the Progressive Federal Party and the Independent Party and spread beyond Durban to other local authorities in Natal. He insisted that national politics be kept out of the local scene.

He said his own recent experience had shown him how dangerous it would be if Durban were to fall into the hands of those who put their party's interests before the interests of their city.

The National Party supporting members of the city council recently walked out of a debate rather than vote on a motion expressing confidence in Mr Klotz for his stand on the beaches issue.

He said control of the council by party politicians would result in "rule from elsewhere" and would turn the city council into a debating society and the City Hall into an "historical monument to a more democratic era".

"I hope to see a citizen's group of candidates independent of party affiliation. Such a group should not have as its primary purpose the fighting of the National Party or any other party.

"Maybe we could have candidates from all political parties as well as non-aligned independents. I am appealing to such people to ensure that the interests of the city take precedence over the interests of any political party."

He said this development could take place not only in Durban, but also with like-minded people in municipalities across Natal It was vital that municipalities across Natal were kept free from party political control and the Natal Municipal Association (representing all Natal municipalities) should not become a party political tool.

# Indian buyers of timeshare cabanas get a shock refusal

19/6/88 S Times

By GEORGE MAHABEER

SEVERAL Indian families who planned to spend the winter holiday on the Natal South Coast have been told they cannot take occupation of their timeshare cabanas because they will be breaking the Group Areas Act.

A company which sold timesharing to Indians has suspended all further sales to non-whites at its luxurious St Michaels Sands holiday resort near Margate.

Mr Carl Hansen, a spokesman for Ovland Timesharing, said the police had warned his company that they were in breach of the Group Areas Act by allowing Indians to occupy the chalets.

He said an application for a "blanket" permit to allow all races to occupy the cabanas had been turned down by the Natal Provincial Administration.

## Problems

A Durban company director, Mr Vanny Joganna, said he paid more than R5 000 for a two-bedroom cabana at St Michaels Sands.

"I spent my winter holiday there with my family last year without having any problems," he said.

"I bought the timeshare unit after I saw a newspaper advertisement. The advertisement did not say blacks were banned from buying."

Mr A G Joosab, a member of the Natal Provincial Administrator's Executive Committee, said this week the application for the "blanket" permit may have been turned down by officials of the province in Maritzburg.

"But the company or the individual owners have a right to appeal to the Administrator-in-Executive Committee and that is when we will be able to investigate it," he said.

## Offer

The Southern Sun timesharing company has also put up a "whites only" sign for its chalets in the Drakensberg Mountains.

The chalets are being developed next to the Drakensberg Sun Hotel, which was officially opened by KwaZulu Chief Minister Mangosuthu Buthelezi earlier this year.

Dr T L Naidoo, a Durban ophthalmic surgeon, said he received an offer from Southern Sun to take up a timesharing option at a chalet after he stayed at the Drakensberg Sun hotel in February.

When he accepted the offer an official told him that he could not participate because he was an Indian and the chalets were for whites only.

# Bathing inquiry

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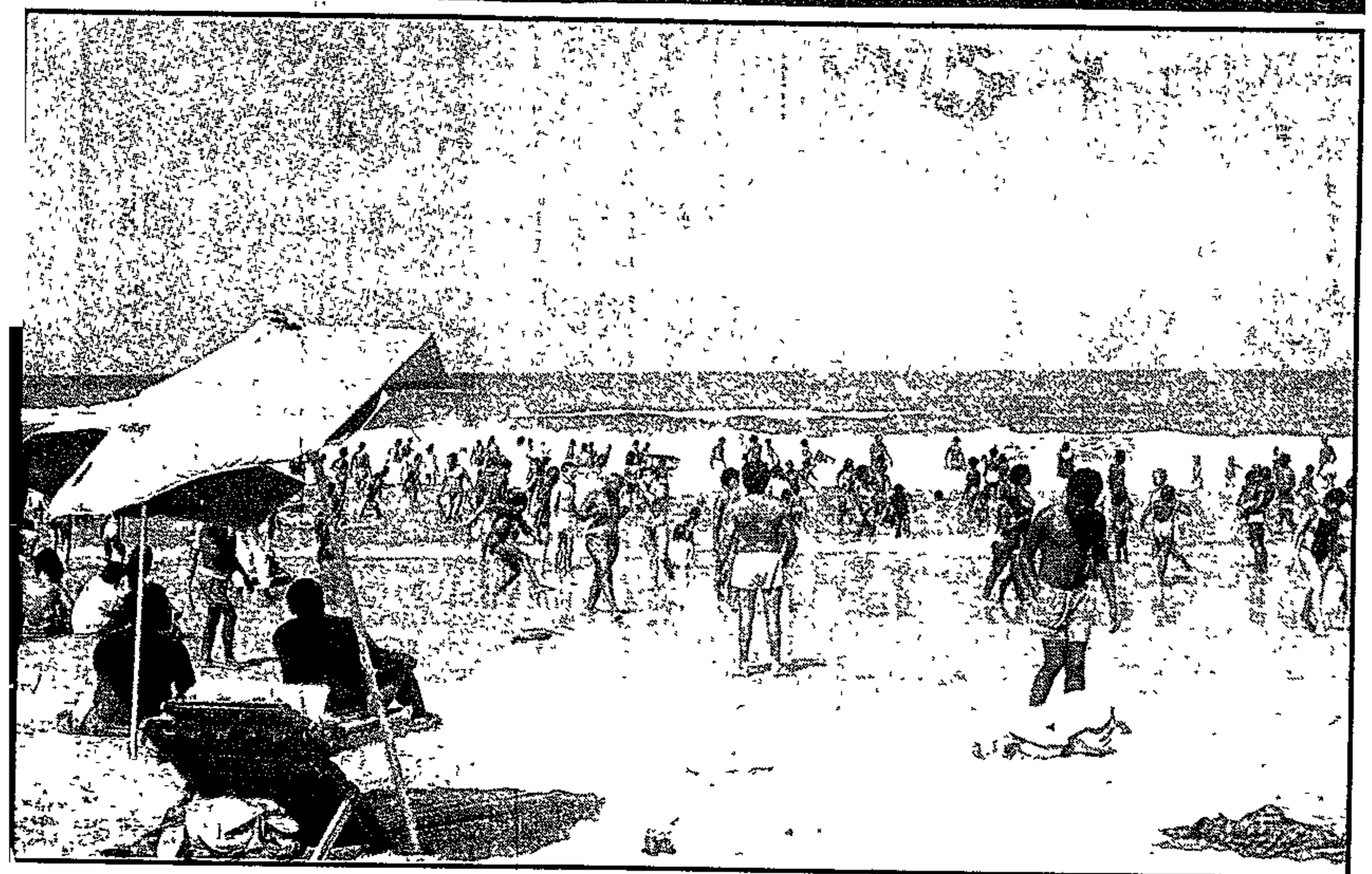
DURBAN — The Development Services Board (DSB) is investigating why a group of Indians was ordered to leave the tidal pool at Mtwalume on the South Coast at the weekend.

The bathers were told the tidal pool was for "whites only", allegedly by a member of the board's advisory committee.

Umzinto businessman Mr Ismail Moolla said he and three friends were approached by a white man who told them they were not allowed to swim there. "When I asked him why, he said he was a member of the DSB advisory committee and the tidal pool was for whites only."



Perceptions of the body, regardless of the covering, reflect real culture values, say researchers.

# Beach desegregation shows culture clash

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## Leisure lifestyles reflect our values and norms

By S'BU MNGADI

THE "deracialisation" of Durban's beachfront since November 1982 has brought a clash of black and white leisure cultures, according to two academic researchers

It's much more than a simple matter of enjoyment of swimming, surf, sand and sun, say Douglas Booth and Dennis Mbona of the centre for social and development studies in the autumn-winter edition of the Natal University based *Indicator SA* – a barometer of social trends

Those who want to preserve the beachfront as a site to reinforce white culture portray the black body as threatening the social order, they say

Without doing so consciously, white people display and reinforce their culture and inculcated social conventions at the beach, say the authors.

"The crowds of whites who flock to Durban's beaches display two essential social characteristics – solitariness and specialised interests Individuals in crowds block out other people when they barricade themselves behind newspapers, magazines and books or within headphones

"At the beach individuals or intimate groups (couples) display solitariness when they mark out territories by arranging towels, umbrellas and deck chairs in 'defensive' formations, creating space of synonyms.

As one white beach user commented: 'I don't care what colour skin sits next to me as long as I have enough space to do my own thing in'," say the authors

For whites at the beach the body is a symbol of self-discipline and surveillance. The leisure industry promotes the image of the young, attractive and healthy person, and the cultural imperative is to look, act and feel in conformity with the image

Contrary to the white body culture, Africans view the beach as a site of entertainment, as a place to unite as a crowd and enjoy social interaction.

"As a site of entertainment the beach embodies unrestrained jesting, drollery and a search for pleasure. It is a place of activity, movement and noise – a place of 'all in', singing, dancing and partying – a place to express one's emotions.

"Above all the beach is a place where relationships are built. People search for what they have in common. No one is isolated or rejected, solitariness is virtually unknown," say the authors.

Booth and Mbona say leisure is widely viewed as the ultimate expression of culture, which is characterised by ideals and values such as free choice, flexibility, spontaneity and self-determination.

Firstly, income is a prime determinant of leisure tastes and habits.

For the poor, even access to apparently 'free' resources such as a beach or park generally entails some expenditure – transportation costs, for example.

Secondly, SA's peculiar political economy and material inequalities deprive many black people of the resources and time to develop leisure interests.

The lack of opportunity for Africans to develop leisure interests in water sports is one example.

Lastly, leisure tastes and habits are also shaped by social experiences.

Institutions such as the family, school, community and workplace act to limit leisure options by stressing the "correct" utilisation of time, defining roles in terms of gender and age, and modes of dress

The authors remark that since desegregation, perceptions of large "hostile" crowds have been responsible for the transformation of the policing of the Durban's foreshore – on public holidays beach crowds are now accompanied by armed riot police and encircling police helicopters.

On North Beach on New Year's Day a young white male complained about black people swimming in underwear. When asked to explain the difference between that and a woman dressed in low-cut fashion swimwear, he replied, "One just has a sense of difference".

The message, say Booth and Mbona, is that perceptions of the body, regardless of the covering, reflect real culture values.

In contrast to white reaction to desegregation initiatives, black reaction was overwhelmingly positive.

One middle-aged African male said: "North Beach represents the SA dream of . . . a place where there is a mixing of races." Africans urged whites to mix.

# Racial beach incident — mayor 'sorry'

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DURBAN. — A supervisor this week ordered a Dutch tourist on holiday off a whites-only beach because he was accompanied by an Indian child — prompting an apology from Durban's mayor.

Mr Mario Santino of Amsterdam said Durban mayor Mr Henry Klotz telephoned him on Wednesday night to apologize for the incident earlier in the day at a wading pool along Durban's South Beach.

Mr Santino, accompanied by his sister's child and the child's Indian friend, said a black pool attendant told him to leave the area because it was "for whites only". When Mr Santino refused, a white supervisor arrived and told him he was breaking the law.

Most Durban beaches have been opened to people of all races, but South Beach remains whites-only. — UPI

# Kids told to keep out of 'whites only' pool

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DURBAN'S beachfront race laws once again whipped up controversy this week when a Dutch citizen was asked to leave the South Beach paddling pool because he had two Indian children with him.

The holiday city's mayor, Mr Henry Klotz, has personally apologised for the way the incident was handled to an angry Mario Santino Moulana.

The Amsterdam resident is is on holiday in Durban.

By RYAN CRESSWELL

He said he took his sister's child and her neighbour's son to the paddling pool on Wednesday afternoon "so that they could have a good time".

Mr Moulana's sister, Mrs Faika Wahed, is married to a Durban dentist but still holds a Dutch passport

He said he had been at the pool for 10 minutes when a beach official asked him to take the tiny children and leave because the pool was for whites only.

## Disgusted

"I asked to see the supervisor," said Mr Moulana

"When he came, he said I was breaking the law so I told him to call the police. But he just stalked away."

The Dutch citizen said he was disgusted and embarrassed by the incident because the whole thing happened in front of several bystanders.

He left the luxury beachfront Malibu Hotel and moved in with his sister after the confrontation.

"These are just two-year-old kids who have nothing to do with apartheid," he said.

"If this still goes on here I do not know where this country is headed."

He said he was not surprised that foreign visitors often gave "bad reports" about South Africa.

Mr Klotz said he had apologised both as a person and in his official capacity.

"I explained that the city council is moving towards the eradication of apartheid on our beaches," he said.

"But it is unfortunately a slow process."

Mario Santino Moulana, Nafisa Wahed, left, and Mohamed Azeez

# IT'S NO SECRET — BUT MAYOR WON'T REVEAL BLACKBALLERS

By RYAN CRESSWELL

MEMBERS of the Victoria Club in Maritzburg are talking openly among themselves about who blackballed Chamber of Commerce president Kay Makan, an Indian, but they are keeping non-members in the dark.

Even the mayor of the Natal capital, Mr Mark Cornell — who is a member — knows the names of several of the men who blackballed Mr Makan and plunged the exclusive club into a whirlpool of controversy.

Mr Cornell said members of the club were talking "very openly at a recent dinner" about who voted yes or no.

He declined to mention names, but said that at least one member had told him that he had blackballed Mr Makan by mistake.

He said the incident was "a shame" for Maritzburg.

Mr Cornell has called for an investigation and a re-vote, but the club will take the matter no further until after a meeting at the end of the month.

Meanwhile the club has come under fire for another form of discrimination — against women.

Leading Maritzburg personality and director of the Tatham Art Gallery, Lorna Ferguson, has reportedly slammed the club for forcing women to enter through a side entrance.

She could not be reached for further comment on Friday because she was in hospital.

A club member said women were asked to use the side entrance during the day because the front door led to a number of "men only" domains.

He said there was no disrespect intended and the women were allowed to use the front entrance at night for "security reasons".

# Student boycott follows country club's 'racist' blackball policy

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S/Times

A UNIVERSITY law faculty and students will boycott a prestigious Maritzburg club until it drops its "racist" blackball system.

The boycott came into affect just half-an-hour before about 100 students and the faculty of the Natal University Law School in Maritzburg were due to hold their annual sports day at the Maritzburg Country Club. The club had prepared lunches and made other arrangements when the traditional event was cancelled.

By RYAN CRESSWELL

The students, supported by the faculty staff, decided on the action at a midday meeting after an investigation by the Law Students' Council (LSC) into the policies of the club

A spokesman for the LSC, Miss Jenny Budree, said the boycott was instigated because the club was restricted to whites by an outdated "blackball system".

## Honorary

"We found out that to become a member you need 60 votes, but one blackball vote counts as seven votes.

"There are only two black members and they have been granted honorary membership because of long service," she said.

They are barman Reggie Naidoo and a long-serving groundsman.

Miss Budree said the law school had held its sports day at the club before, "but then we were led to believe the club was non-racial".

The deputy dean of the Law Faculty, Professor James Lund, said the staff were in agreement with the resolution.

"In a country like ours the blackball system leads to racial discrimination."

The general manager of the Maritzburg CC, Mr Lea Pringle, said the club had no racial ban and the blackball system was "universal".

"What these people want is what happened in Zimbabwe where anybody who wants to can now join a club.

"The moment that happens it is no longer a club.

"Anyway, the cancellation was no loss because last time there was a sports day the students were badly dressed, behaved in an obnoxious manner, drank heavily and generally showed no respect for the club," he said.

Meanwhile, just two years after an Indian man was prevented from joining the Maritzburg Golf Club, an Indian businessman has been elected to the club's executive committee.

He is Mr Alex Marian, who owns an electrical business in the city.

# Call to open all beaches

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Own Correspondent

DURBAN — Coloured local affairs committee member Mr Morris Fynn has called on the new Durban City Council to open all the city's remaining whites-only beaches by Christmas — or else.

In a letter to the new mayor, Mr Derrick Watterson, Mr Fynn said that as a member of a large part of the rate-paying public he was pleading for the opening up of South Beach and Ansteys Beach.

He said that if the beaches were not opened by December 23 he would call a press conference at his home in Austerville, at which he would announce his plan of action for Christmas Day. He would give no indication of the action he was planning.

# Council delay over beaches

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THE opening to all races of South and Ansteys beaches, Durban's remaining whites-only sections of coastline, has been deferred until the completion of the new facilities at the beaches north of Durban.

However, the Durban City Council's amenities committee has voted in favour of the principle that all beach facilities should be open to all races.

The committee considered at its meeting this week a recommendation by the coloured local affairs committee that all whites-only signs be removed from South Beach and Ansteys Beach.

The committee reaffirmed its policy, agreed to by the previous amenities committee, that beach facilities should be open to all races.

However, the decision to push for the opening of the beaches has been deferred until the new facilities north of Durban are completed some time in March.

The matter will now be referred to the management committee.

# Port Shepstone to get R11-m beach facelift

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Own Correspondent

DURBAN — The R11 million non-racial beach development planned for Port Shepstone has been welcomed as progress that would benefit thousands — but owners of homes that will have to be expropriated are upset.

The money for the project is coming from the Government and will be used to provide two restaurants, splash pools, parking area and water park.

A total of R3 300 000 has been allocated for the first phase: the building of a promenade and restaurant, which should be completed by March. The entire project is expected to be finished by the end of 1989.

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Mr Aubrey Thompson, National Party MP for South Coast, says of the development: "The coast has been the same for the past 30 years. Besides one or two improvements, there have been no new amenities created other than at Impenjati.

"In the meantime, there are more and more people coming to the coast. The problem is not overcrowding, but a lack of facilities."

Port Shepstone town clerk Mr Jurgens Steyn says: "We have to create more facilities. The other race groups are becoming aware of the facilities and want to use them. The existing facilities cannot cope."

He says the development will uplift Port Shepstone and benefit people of all races who live inland from the town. The local economy will also benefit from an influx of thousands of people to the beach.

But many of the owners of the 25 homes that will be affected are not happy.

Mr Brian Mardon (40), manager of the Uvongo Bird Park, says he has spoken to 11 other home-owners, and all are unhappy with the expropriation.

"We are not opposed to a beachfront development as such, but we are very worried about losing our homes.

"If the offers we get from them are fair, we'll have no complaints — so long as we can get similar accommodation for our money."

He confirms that residents have been told they would get the value of their properties plus about another 10 percent.

"We've been told we'll get a fair valuation, but what exactly is 'fair'?"

He says the offers are expected next month. If they are not satisfactory, there will be a meeting of residents to discuss what they should do.

Mr Mardon breeds birds and is worried about not being able to do this in another area.

"I have about 30 aviaries and 100 cages, and I got special permission from the municipality to have them on my property."

He has been looking at other homes, but so far has not found anything suitable.

"Wherever I go, I'll have to get permission from the municipality to keep the birds. If I can't, I'll have to get a smallholding." Such a property would be more expensive than a house.

Mr Mardon says most of the residents of the houses that will be affected are pensioners.

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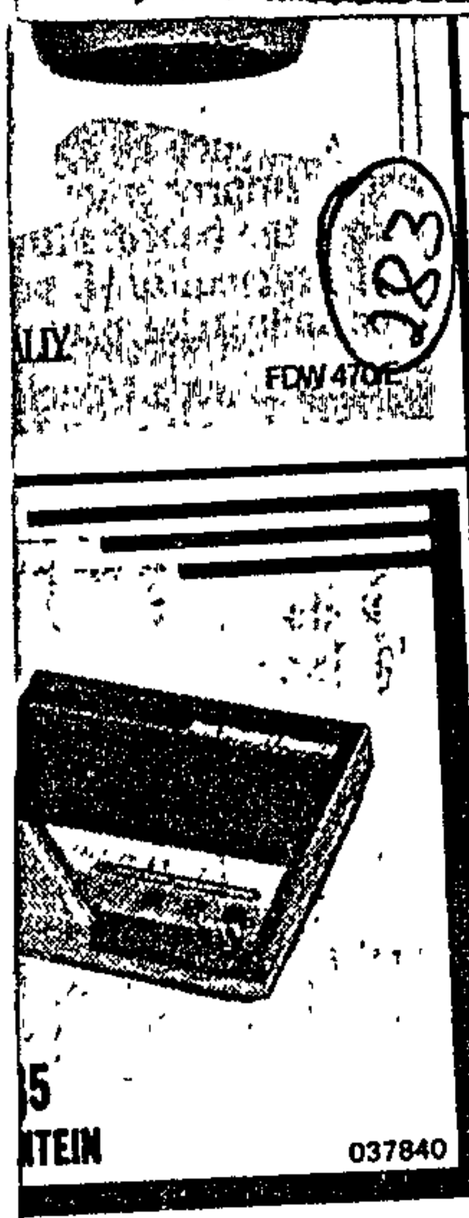


# Opening of two beaches delayed

DURBAN — The opening to all races of South and Ansteys beaches, Durban's remaining whites-only sections of coastline, has been deferred until completion of new facilities at other beaches north of Durban.

However, the Durban City Council's amenities committee has voted in favour of the principle that all beach facilities should be open to all races.

The coloured local affairs committee had recommended that all whites-only signs be removed from South Beach and Ansteys Beach.

The matter will now be referred to the management committee. — Sapa. B/Day 24/11/88.

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## Countdown to Christmas invasion is on

# D-day looms at Durban beaches

SATURDAY STAR CORRESPONDENT

DURBAN — Durban is gearing itself up for the annual onslaught on its beaches which could lead to unprecedented congestion as a result of the work that has been done at various places along the beachfront.

While contractors are racing against the clock to finish some of the important refurbishments before the start of the holidays, the city council has launched a comprehensive plan to deal with the invasion of the beachfront and to provide a "sucessful and harmonious" Christmas season.

The chairman of the Management Committee, Mr Jan Venter has dismissed claims that Durban was unprepared for the Christmas rush and predicted that Durban was going to have its most successful season in years.

He said the preparation for the holidays had been planned in the minutest detail and many people had put in a great deal of work to ensure that that everything went smoothly.

Although there were still some projects which were incomplete, the beachfront was in a better condition than last year.

The council has been warned that its decision to keep South Beach, Addington Beach and the South Beach paddling pools for whites only is also likely to cause congestion on the northern beaches, which are already limited by construction work being undertaken.

The council has been warned that because of the shortage of space on the beachfront the whites-only signs could be ignored at South Beach and could lead to unpleasant incidents.

City councillor Mrs Margaret Ambler said the city council could find itself in a ludicrous situation, similar to what happened three years ago when people came to the beach to find a new paddling pool which they wanted to use.

"Never mind whether it is right or wrong, there are (black) children who are going to want to use that new pool at South Beach which is the finest paddling pool in Africa."

She said all the facilities in that area were open except the paddling pool and the council could have difficulty preventing people of colour from using it.

"I just hope that the matter will be handled in a sensitive way so that friction will be avoided."

Mrs Ambler said she believed the paddling pools should be open for all to use.

"If the Government can accept the Namibian settlement and the State President can grant a reprieve for the Sharpville Six, then surely Durban can open its paddling pool."

Meanwhile the Amenities Committee has agreed that all facilities should be open, but has deferred to the question of opening the South and Ansteys Beaches until the new facilities had been completed at the northern beaches in March.

The Director of Parks, Beaches and Recreation, Mr Errol Scarr said the paving operations at Addington would be completed by mid-December and certain sections of North Beach between Blue Waters and Blue Lagoon would be done by December 18.

The new Dunes paddling pool near Natal Command would also be completed at that time and would take some of the pressure off the other pools.

In areas where work was not completed, building materials would be removed from the site and construction would not take place during the holiday season.

Meanwhile representatives of various municipal departments have drawn up proposals for dealing with the Christmas rush and a plan to deal with the crowds on the beaches has been drawn up and will be discussed at the council meeting on Monday.

The plan includes providing activities at various places on the beachfront to spread the crowds over a wide area, maintaining strict security, controlling litter, cordoning off parking areas, using beach guides and directional maps and erecting temporary toilets.

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# Durban civil rights campaigner plans 'action' on beaches

The Argus Correspondent

DURBAN. — Civil rights campaigner Morris Fynn has called a press conference for Christmas Day to announce his "plan of action" following the City Council's failure to to meet his demand to open all the city's beaches by Christmas.

Mr Fynn has twice been convicted on charges of cutting down apartheid signboards on the city's beaches, and he has a suspended jail sentence hanging over his head should he repeat this action at Christmas.

Mr Fynn, a member of Durban's Coloured Local Affairs Committee, said this week he would hold the press conference outside the City Hall but he would give no hint what line of action he planned to take.

He said he had written to the new Mayor of Durban, Mr Derrick Watterson, on the day of his election, saying it was the wishes of the majority of people in Durban that the remaining whites-only beaches — South Beach/Addington and Anstey's/Brighton Beach — should all be opened to all people by Christmas Day.

## Difficulty

The Mayor had written back to say he personally was distressed that these beaches were still racially zone but he believed "with the present composition of the Council it will take a little time to support such a motion".

The Mayor said it had been pointed out to him by certain councillors of like mind to himself that they would have difficulty pressing for an immediate desegregation of all beaches because, in the absence of exclusive white facilities, many up country tourists would withdraw their patronage from Durban.

This would place many jobs in the hotel industry at risk.

His letter said: "I am firmly convinced this unfortunate situation will not prevail much longer."

# Racist beach signs: Christmas crusade

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DURBAN. — Anti-apartheid campaigner Mr Morris Fynn carried out a Christmas Day crusade when he crept on to whites-only beaches here before dawn and cut down two discriminating signs.

Wielding a saw marked "apartheid is not dead", he cut through the signs and loaded them on to his bakkie

Later he drove to the City Hall where he was hoping to present them to the mayor, Mr Derrick Watterson, who he believed was attending a tea party for senior citizens inside the building.

He waited with the two signs outside the main doors of the City Hall, but they were locked. Mr Fynn waited for more than an hour before he sought out the security staff. He told them he was leaving the signs behind and asked that they be given to Mr Watterson.

Mr Fynn, who has a four-month suspended sentence for cutting down apartheid signs in Durban earlier this year, said he felt he had "achieved something".

"I have made a point that no matter what government comes to power, apartheid will never be accepted."

He said that he and many other South Africans were looking forward to a greater celebration in the year 2000, when he hoped there would be no apartheid. "It will not only be a new century which we will be welcoming, but a society free of racial discrimination."

While Mr Fynn sat on the City Hall steps, some holidaymakers muttered remarks and others walked briskly away. However, there were those who congratulated him for making his stand. — Sapa

# Cutting down apartheid signs: Fynn faces jail term

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By Zenaide Vendeiro

Anti-apartheid campaigner Mr Morris Fynn, who cut down two whites-only signs at Durban beaches in a Christmas Day protest, says he is prepared to make sacrifices to end beach segregation — even if it means going to jail for four months.

Mr Fynn, a coloured member of the Durban management committee, has a suspended four-month jail sentence for a similar offence last year.

"I will make whatever sacrifices I have to make," he said yesterday. "Four months' jail is peanuts compared to my 58 years of racial oppression and the three centuries of it that my people have endured."

On Sunday Mr Fynn sawed down a sign reserving for whites the Fynnlands beach, "named after my great-grandfather who founded Natal in 1820".

Armed with a saw inscribed "Apartheid is not dead", he then went to Durban's South Beach where he cut down a similar sign.

He tied the signs into the shape of a cross and then dragged them to the steps of the City Hall where he held a press conference.

"December 25 is celebrated throughout the world as the day that Jesus Christ freed mankind from the bonds of sin. But for millions of South Africans it is not a day of celebration but a day to pray for the removal of the shackles of oppression."

## PROTEST

Mr Fynn said he had notified the mayor of Durban, Mr Derrick Watterson, of his intention to stage a protest if the apartheid signs were not removed from beaches by Christmas Day.

"His reaction was that he did not think his colleagues in the council would support such a motion as it would cause holidaymakers from the Transvaal and Free State to stay away, costing the tourism industry a lot of money."

Mr Fynn said whites had no right to erect signs reserving for themselves facilities paid for by all the ratepayers of Durban. "People from the Transvaal and Free State are here two weeks a year — one week at Christmas and at Easter. We support the hotels in-between. If these people never came to Durban, no hotel would close.

"Strangely enough, there was a lot of support for my action from whites on the beach and at the press conference."

He said he was not a friend of Mr P W Botha but he had sent a telegram congratulating the State President for the strong stand he had taken on the whites-only signs going up in Boksburg.

"I appealed to him to convey the same message to the Administrator of Natal, who was appointed by him, and the mayor of Durban."

Mr Fynn said he had not heard from the police whether he was to be charged under the amenities ordinance for Sunday's protest

"My next target is Good Friday when Jesus went to the Cross. I will take signs down again. Talking in the council has not helped."

Film of Mr Fynn's protest action taken by the television agency, Visnews, was confiscated by police on Sunday for possible use as evidence.

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# Protester Fynn hacks away at petty apartheid

DURBAN — Anti-apartheid campaigner Morris Fynn carried out a Christmas crusade yesterday when he crept onto whites-only beaches in Durban before dawn and cut down two discriminating signs.

Wielding a saw marked "apartheid is not dead", he cut through the signs and loaded them onto his bakkie.

Later he drove to the city hall where he was hoping to present them to mayor Derrick Watterson, whom he believed was attending a tea party for senior citizens inside.

He waited with the two signs outside the main doors but they were locked and stayed that way for more than an hour before Fynn decided to seek out the security staff.

He left the signs behind and asked that they be given to Watterson.

Throughout his wait, Fynn was watched by two municipal policemen who parked their patrol car about 50m away.

Across the road were another two men in uniform, believed to be security staff, and a third was stationed between thick bushes in Medwood Gardens, speaking into a radio.

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He said he and many other South Africans were looking forward to a greater celebration in the year 2000 when he hoped there would be no apartheid.

"It will not only be a new century which we will be welcoming, but a society free of racial discrimination," said Fynn.

Throughout Fynn's wait, a group of people sang Christmas carols across the road.

The City Hall security staff left him alone. — Sapa.

# Charge laid after signs destroyed

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DURBAN — Police in Durban have confirmed that they are investigating a charge of malicious damage to property against veteran anti-apartheid campaigner Mr Morris Fynn following the Christmas Day incident in which two beach apartheid signs were chopped down in Durban.

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But Mr Fynn, who on Christmas Day sawed down two signs reserving Fynnlands and South Beach for whites, has vowed to continue his actions until all discriminatory signs have been removed from Durban.

Mr Fynn, a coloured Durban Local Affairs member, who has a four-month suspended sentence for similar action earlier this year, said he did not mind being charged.

"They can charge me under South African law but they know full well that their law is not recognised by the international community. It is the law that has cost so many lives in this country," he said.

He said he had set "target dates" of all religious holidays for cutting down segregation signs.

He had been angered by assertions by councillors that opening beaches to all races would adversely affect the hotel industry.

"Transvalers and Free Staters only come to Durban twice a year for Christmas and Good Friday holidays. Tell me who keeps these hotels going throughout the year?" he asked.

He said if those signs were still there next Good Friday he would chop them down again.

"I chose Christmas Day because it is the day that is being celebrated by mankind throughout the world. The Son of God came to the world that day to free mankind from the bondage of sin — likewise it should be the day on which men associate freely regardless of race."

Meanwhile, Durban Civic Action League chairman Mr Arthur Morris said he had laid a charge of malicious damage to property against Mr Fynn.

"All he is doing is achieving notoriety and hardened attitutes among whites.

"The majority of whites who live on the beachfront want their own facilities," he said.

MrFraser Gordon, city councillor for the area, issued a statement through Mr Morris condemning the actions of Mr Fynn and the international media.

"This is simply malicious damage to council property by someone who should know better," he said.

Mr Gordon said the international media were involved in the protest and had "shown themselves to be the enemies of white South Africa". — Sapa.

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# Morris hacks away at racism

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**Sunday Times Reporter**

HACKING down racist beach segregation signs is the way 58-year-old Morris Fynn knows best to deal with petty apartheid

Following his tradition of sawing against segregation, Mr Fynn cut down two wooden beach apartheid signs at Durban beaches on Christmas Day and dumped them outside the city hall.

"And my next campaign is set for Good Friday to stress to the Christian community of South Africa that Christ died on Good Friday, and as the Bible says, 'to do unto others as you will do unto yourself'," he said

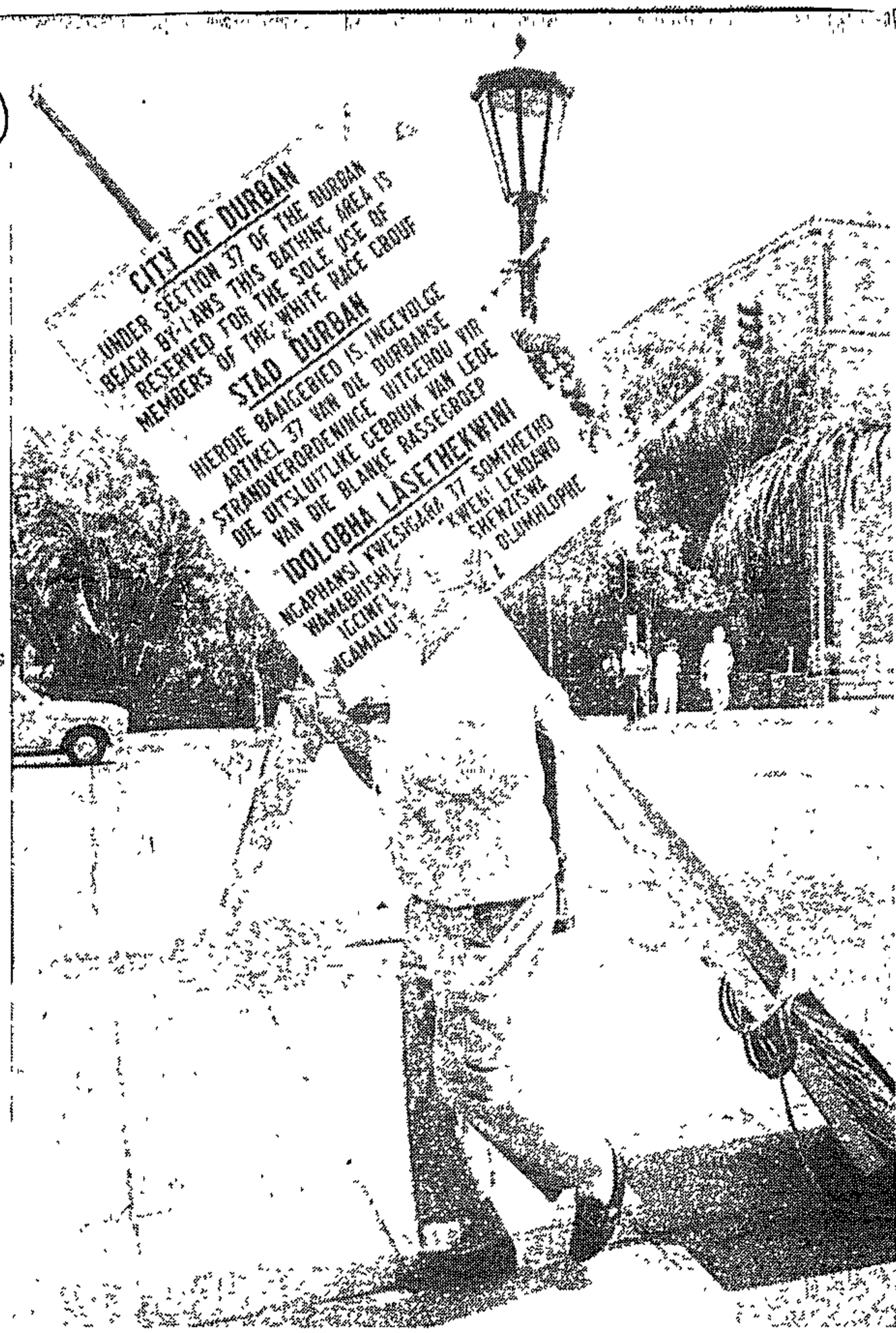
## Damage

Mr Fynn may not make the best preacher in town but he does know how to get attention from the people who uphold beach by-law 37 which has reserved South Beach and Anstey's Beach for the exclusive use of whites

"The last time I chopped signs down, the city engineer said to me 'Morris, I suppose if we put up metal poles you will come here with a blow torch and cut them down anyway'. He is right," Mr Fynn said

This week Mr Arthur Morris, rightwing Civic Action League chairman and elected Durban city councillor, was reported to have laid charges of malicious damage to property against Mr Fynn.

"I will carry on regardless of the consequences," Mr Fynn said.




**BLACK MAN'S BURDEN . . . Morris Fynn lugs an apartheid sign to the city hall**

"It is going to be interesting Mr Morris must tell the court when he came here, whether he knows the history of Natal and what the Fynn family has done for race relations since 1820.

"I have been robbed of my God-given birthright to decide what is good and what is not good for my country," he said.

Mr Fynn said he received words of encouragement from fellow city leaders (he was elected to the Coloured Local Affairs Committee on October 26) who said his actions would help the debate on desegregating the beaches.

"In fact, whites at South Beach and Anstey's physically helped me chop down the signs, which proves to me that those who say whites are against integrated beaches are talking rubbish," he said.

**Signs of the times . . . men who hear different messages**

# Seaside race clashes

## Operation Upgrade to cope with Natal beach crowds

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Mr Roelf Meyer: police action was successful.

**More recreational facilities are likely to be opened along Durban's beachfront following several unpleasant incidents involving mobs on the overcrowded beaches on Sunday.**

A total of 350 000 people converged on the 6 km beachfront for the three-day New Year long weekend.

On Saturday 100 000 people arrived to welcome in the New Year; on Sunday 150 000 people flocked to the sun, sea and sand, and yesterday another 100 000 people jampacked beaches which normally cope with a fraction of these numbers.

The authorities are pleased with the massive reduction in incidents from the previous year and the virtual elimination of violence — a success which is being attributed to the millions of rands spent in 1988 to provide extra facilities to spread the crowds.

Incidents involving mobs in 1987 prompted the State President, Mr P W Botha, to order steps to ensure there was no repetition of the unpleasantness on future holidays.

A massive police presence has since been ordered on the beaches on popular holidays.

The Deputy Minister of Constitutional Development and Planning, Mr Roelf Meyer, said today that after receiving the final police reports he believed this year's handling of the Durban beach situation had been successful.

### Lifesavers threatened

This was in spite of reports of several unpleasant incidents in which large crowds mobbed rescue helicopters, preventing them from landing, and which threatened the safety of three lifesavers who were trying to answer what turned out to be a false alarm.

There were also reports of a mob going on the rampage among Indian bathers.

Mr Meyer said "It was definitely quieter than last year. I think this was mainly due to the fact that the crowds were better spread over a wider area."

He said New Year's Day would always be a problem because of the large numbers of people flocking to the beaches on that day.

With such great numbers involved, it was also inevitable that some of them would be drunk and create incidents.

A total of R7 million had been spent to create additional facilities, and he believed the efforts had been worthwhile.

The marketing director of the Durban Publicity Association, Mr Andrzej Kiepiela, said work should begin immediately to create recreational facilities away from the beaches.

A police spokesman said 240 officers had been on duty on Durban's beaches on New Year's Day.

"The few incidents were mainly connected with the use of alcohol," he said. — Political and Own Correspondents.

OPEN BEACHES (583)

# A place in the sun

**Durban's** delicate egg-dance on opening beaches to all races while trying to avoid a white backlash from inland holidaymakers may be solved by introducing "pay beaches"

This possibility has been aired by mayor Derrick Watterson. He says the interests of visitors and beachfront dwellers could be catered for, either through pay beaches, or reserving a specific beach for the exclusive use of hotel guests (see ***Business***)

Racial harmony was generally maintained on crowded beaches this summer season, but it would seem that faint-hearted municipal officials resorted to some ingenious methods to avoid incidents

At South Beach, the only beach which is still zoned for whites, a pool was drained on New Year's Day, ostensibly to clear it of broken glass left by reckless New Year's revellers.

However it remained dry — and hence unoccupied by either whites or black bathers intent on defying the whites-only ruling — for the entire New Year long weekend

The council still has to vote on opening South Beach

Watterson says. "It must be conceded that if you are going to have beaches crowded to

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the extent that those living on the beachfront and hotel guests can't use the facilities, it would be counter-productive."

"We've got to look not only at the practicality of opening beaches, but at doing so in such a way that those who are prepared to come to Durban to spend their money are catered for.

"Another option is to create an area for the exclusive use of hotel guests, who will be issued special passes."

The issue will be debated by council "shortly", he says.

The opening of Durban's beaches has been a contentious subject in the council. Former mayor Henry Klotz was kicked out of the NP for supporting "open beaches". ■

# CP calls for 'white eyes only'

By TERRY VAN DER WALT

DURBAN's battle of the beaches took a new turn this week with a call for a ban on black beach inspectors.

The call was made by the Conservative Party chairman of the Point constituency committee, Mr John Vickery.

Mr Vickery said women visitors to Durban had told him they could not relax on the beach and smear suntan lotions on their bodies knowing they were being watched "lustfully" by black beach inspectors.

The complaints were made to Mr Vickery, who canvassed nearly 150 holidaymakers over Christmas on the question of integration.

Mr Vickery believes their sentiments are justified and has called for existing white inspectors to be deployed on whites-only beaches so visitors to South and Addington beaches are not offended.

He said there were 14 black inspectors, five Indians, one coloured and six whites.

Mr Vickery said he had carried out the survey independently during his spare time on the two remaining whites-only beaches.

## Photos

Some women canvassed claimed the black inspectors "looked" at them and they didn't like it. The majority did not favour integration in answer to his "for or against" question.

Mr Vickery admitted having shown the visitors photographs of North Beach taken at Christmas in 1987 when the beaches were fully integrated for the first time and crowded to capacity.

Bathing facilities along the city's famous beachfront have since been dramatically improved, spreading the crowds and alleviating overcrowding

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Mr Vickery argues that the integrated beaches are being shunned by whites in favour of segregated beaches.

"People are not prepared to join in the fun and games on the integrated beaches and are flooding Addington and South Beach at weekends," he said.

Mrs Ros Sarkin, chairwoman of Durban's amenities' committee, said there were not enough whites to "police" South Africa and its facilities, let alone beaches.

## Sick

"As far as I am concerned, if black inspectors are available and are adequately trained, they are perfectly acceptable," she said.

"Such racist sentiments will be viewed as inflammatory and, if quoted overseas, would be seen as sick."

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GROUP AREAS ACT 283

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## Facing a new test

For some 9 000 "disqualified" black and Indian residents of Durban, a three-year holiday from prosecution under the Group Areas Act (GAA) could soon be over.

The turning point — which would presumably then have national implications — could come after March 17, when the State brings businessman Selvasagren Moodley to trial in the Durban Magistrate's Court for contravening the GAA and for fraud. The case arises from Moodley's illegal occupation of a house in "white" Pinetown.

Moodley's summons came as a "great shock" said Churton Collins, regional director of Lawyers for Human Rights. His defence would rest on judgment in the 1982 "Govender case" heard in the Transvaal Supreme Court, which held that alternative accommodation should be available before the State could evict under the GAA.

The Moodley case comes at a time when the new National Party leaders have signalled a less hidebound attitude towards such sacred pillars of their policy as group areas. And only last week government said the police would no longer arrest people contravening the Separate Amenities Act.

A circular from police headquarters in Pretoria to all police stations in SA stated that the practise of local authorities enforcing terms of the Separate Amenities Act was "in conflict with government policy, and was detrimental to race relations." The police are, however, instructed henceforth to "take the particulars of the accused and complainants in the event of a complaint being laid." The accused will be informed that a charge is to be investigated and the particulars sent to the Attorney General (AG). This is presumably an example of the "new era" of reform with which Information Minister Stoffel van der Merwe last week regaled foreign correspondents.

It seems the more lenient approach towards separate amenities will not, however, apply to the GAA. "Reform" here will take the shape of "free settlement areas," whose board of control under President's Councillor Hein Kruger was expected to announce the first such areas this week.

Meanwhile, the drift by "disqualified" residents such as Moodley into Durban and its environs is an irreversible consequence of huge population pressures and inadequate housing. Ranked as the second fastest growing city in the world after Mexico City, the "Greater Functional Region" (GFR) of Durban now supports some 4m inhabitants, roughly half of whom live as squatters on the fringes of the formal city limits.

Tony Little, chief director (land usage), of the Natal Provincial Administration, estimates some 643 000 houses are needed to house the squatters. Though 43 000 ha of land are required, none has been allocated.

Little puts the housing shortage for Indians at 160 000 and says existing land will support 108 000 units, leaving 3 500 ha to be found In the white market the shortage is some 28 000 units, and adequate land is available.

Under the circumstances the influx of "illegal" residents into the city has been modest and a monitoring group, the Durban Central Resident's Association, puts the total at a mere 9 000. Most popular "grey" areas include the Albert Park flatland, Warwick Avenue, and Stamford Hill; and the residents concerned are usually students, professional people, or night workers.

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# A race row at Kevin Curren resort

By RYAN CRESSWELL

A RESORT owned by South African-born tennis star Kevin Curren has become the centre of a race row.

Earlier this week, claims were made that an Indian teacher and then an Indian journalist were turned away from the Champagne Sports and Racket Club near Winterton in Natal because the resort was for whites only.

But the management has totally rejected them.

The manager, Mr Gary Peacock, said yesterday everybody had always been welcome at the club.

"But recently we had a temporary woman working for us at reception and an Indian man asked her if he could book in

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## Confusion

"The receptionist said she would check with management. She knew we were not registered and she was not sure of the legalities.

"When she came to me I went to reassure the man that we were multiracial but he had already gone."

Only licensed establishments are legally entitled to be open to all races.

The resort is not licensed yet and Mr Peacock felt this could have confused the receptionist.

He denied a journalist had been turned away from the resort.

He also said the incident had been blown up out of proportion because Kevin Curren owned the resort.

Curren, who lives in Dallas, Texas, said several months ago his resort would have "something for everyone".

He bought the resort last year for R1,25-million.

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## 'Dissuasion' policy dead

# Scottburgh now has no racialism on its beaches

Own Correspondent

DURBAN — Scottburgh beach on the Natal South Coast is now fully multiracial, in line with Government policy, says Town Clerk Mr Denis Marshall.

He said the Scottburgh Town Council had this week reaffirmed a previous decision last June to discontinue its "attitude of dissuasion" on the use of its beach.

### Beach staff not told

Under the "dissuasion" system, beach officials approached persons who were not white and asked them whether they would feel more comfortable moving to a beach catering especially for their own group.

Last year's decision to abandon "dissuasion" was not conveyed in writing to the beach staff.

Mayor Mr Graham Hatch has apologised to anyone who may have been aggrieved as a result of this omission.

At this week's council meeting, the Mayor referred to newspaper reports about complaints by a multiracial church group after two black members were asked to leave the "white" beach.

Mr Hatch said the beach was originally proclaimed for use by whites in 1958. But in 1970 the Government cancelled all such proclamations, with the exception of Richards Bay and certain Durban beaches.

"At that time, the council anticipated an unprecedented influx on our beach, which our limited facilities would not be able to handle."

Because of this the council decided on the dissuasion policy.

But he added that no one had ever been asked by a municipal employee to leave the beach.

It was decided overwhelmingly last June to drop the practice of dissuasion, and that the beach would be open to all races.

"Unfortunately, this decision was not conveyed in writing to our beach staff.

### Retirement confusion

"This omission may have been because this was the last meeting of our retiring Town Clerk, and it must have been overlooked in the change-over.

"If any person has been aggrieved as a result of this omission, then I am the first to offer my apologies and assurances that this will not recur."

Mr Hatch said that over Christmas and New Year there were hundreds of people of races other than white on the beach and and there had been no incidents.

"Again, after a bumper Easter weekend, there were no racial incidents."

# Heartache in the pool at South Beach

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By TERRY van der WALT

A BLACK child made an anguished plea this week after she was chased from a whites-only paddling pool on Durban's Golden Mile.

"Mummy make my face white so I can swim with the other children," said three-year-old Cindy Mafunda.

A holidaymaker who defied the city beach by-law by taking Cindy to the beach along with his children faces possible charges after refusing to leave the South Beach pool.

Mr Laurence Erasmus, of Kempton Park, said after the incident this week "I might be on the wrong side of the law, but on the issue of morality and justice I am right"

Mr Erasmus, 30, and his family, who are on holiday with his parents on the Bluff, had taken the daughter of his parents' housekeeper to the beach for the day to play with 18-month-old Jim Erasmus.

What started as a fun day in the sun for Jim and Cindy ended in tears and frustration after Mr Erasmus was asked by a beach inspector to remove the little girl from the segregated facility.

Jim and Cindy had gone into the water with Mr Erasmus. No sooner were they splashing about when they were approached by a white man who told them to leave as the pool was for whites only.

## Tears

Accountant Mr Erasmus refused after the man would not identify himself

"He walked off and ten minutes later this white beach inspector came along and told us to leave as the paddling pool was for whites only"

The inspector then told Mr Erasmus he would be charged and the family accompanied the official to an office where their particulars were taken

"I was told I would be summonsed in due course," he said

Cindy's mother, Mrs Gertrude Mafunda, 48, said Cindy had returned home in tears after the incident

"She said to me 'Mommy make my face white so I can swim with the other children'. It made me cross," Mrs Mafunda said

Mr Errol Scarr, director of parks, recreation and beaches, said this week his inspectors were duty-bound to act when the city's beach by-laws were enfringed.

All Durban swimming pools — with the exception of the South Beach paddling pool — are open to people of all races.

Lawrence Erasmus, son Jim and barred Cindy Mafunda Picture: JIMMY HUTTON

# Hubby goes fishing — and disappears

By CHARIS PERKINS

A MAN left a note at his wife's bedside to say he had gone fishing and would be back in an hour. A week later he had still not returned.

Mr Vernon Willer, 48, an electrical contractor and karate instructor from Wilsonia, East London, disappeared leaving only a pair of shoes on the beach and his car parked nearby.

Police have combed the beach and the East London sea rescue patrol has searched the sea, but nothing has been found.

His worried wife, 38-year-old Anne Willer, is desperate.

"We have absolutely no idea what has happened to my husband. He is very family orientated and not at all suicidal," she said.

"There are so many theories about what might have happened to him, but nothing definite. It is so frightening."

# Durban council body opts for 'open' beaches

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**Own Correspondent**

DURBAN — The Durban City Council's amenities committee decided yesterday that the town's beaches and paddling pools should be opened to all races.

Committee chairman Mrs Ros Sarkin said the decision would probably come before the council on June 5 for approval.

"If approved, it will then have to go through the channels and be advertised so that there can be a change in the by-laws."

Mrs Sarkin said the issue had raised great interest, and her committee meeting had been attended by a number of councillors who are not members.

The decision to recommend the opening of all beaches had been opposed by two councillors, Mr Arthur Morris and Mrs Desire Sansom.

Mrs Sarkin's committee felt the time was now ripe for all of Durban's beaches to be opened.

"If we want to be recognised as an international city, Durban should be setting the pace as far as beaches are concerned.

"It was not that long ago that our libraries were not open to all races," she said. "Now people seem to have forgotten that they were ever segregated."

# PE beaches open — Durban may follow

Staff Reporters

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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".

# Durban beach decision 'embarrassing'

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**The Argus Correspondent**

DURBAN. — City councillors here had embarrassed the city by voting to keep beach apartheid, Mr Peter Gastrow, Democratic Party MP for Durban Central, said today.

Previously Durban had been in the forefront of South Africa's major cities in tackling the realities of the country, he said in response to last night's 15-15 vote in the council.

"Durban is now shying away from taking bold steps which any city has to take if it wishes to cope with the immense problems to be faced."

The mayor, Mr Derrick Watterson, cast his casting vote in favour of keeping the remaining white beaches closed to black people.

Mr Gastrow said: "The mayor has shown himself to be a man of the past. Durban people need to get rid of him."

The 15 Durban city councillors who voted in favour of beach apartheid had no right to affront the dignity of fellow human beings on the basis of the colour of their skins, according to Mr Ismail Omar, a member of the President's Council.

Responding to the decision, Mr Omar said: "Durban and the mayor are out of touch with the general trend.

"Mr Watterson's own attitude is totally inconsistent with his stand in the Kwazulu-Natal Indaba and so is Durban's."

Mr Omar asked how Mr Watterson and Durban could be signatories to the non-racialism of the Indaba proposals, "yet two years later actually go and vote in support of beach apartheid?"

"I have had a history of challenging the previous mayors on this issue and if Durban does not have a rethink on this, then I will challenge these laws," he said.

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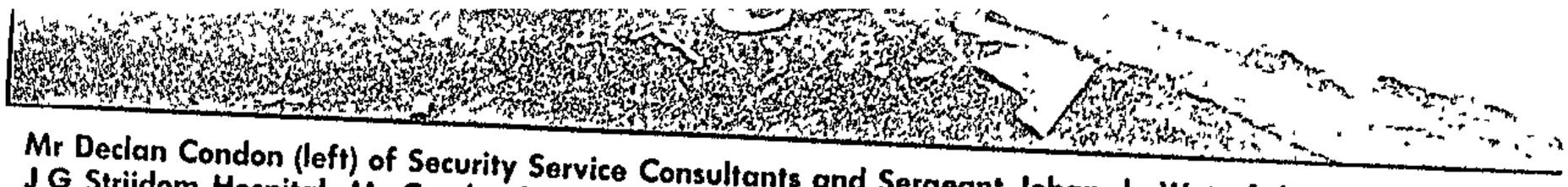

Mr Declan Condon (left) of Security Service Consultants and Sergeant Johan de Wet of the Robbery Reactio
J G Strijdom Hospital. Mr Condon holds two truncheons and a machinegun ammunition belt, allegedly fo
employees.

# Brief let-up from big chill

Staff Reporter

If you are literally and figuratively blue from the cold, cheer up. The weatherman in Pretoria anticipates a respite from the Big Freeze and warmer temperatures over the next few days.

But keep the winter woollies and heaters close at hand as the next cold front is already on its way. It will be nippier from Friday and the country can expect icy conditions over the weekend.

Participants in the Comrades Marathon lemming run will start off in chilly conditions in Martizburg early tomorrow, but should be complaining about the heat by midday. The high at the Durban destination is expected to hit 26, said a spokesman for the Weather Bureau.

Stay-at-home Transvaalers can expect a pleasant Republic Day tomorrow. Temperatures today are expected to be four degrees higher than yesterday and the warmer trend is expected to persist for at least a couple of days.

Johannesburg temperatures will be between 14 and 16 deg C and in Pretoria the maximum will be 17 deg C tomorrow, with clear conditions.

Showers are expected in Cape Town, caused by the approaching cold front, but the rest of the country should be dry.

The south-western Cape can expect no let-up in the current chilly conditions.

Snow fell over the Maluti mountains over the weekend but began melting yesterday.

The sub-zero temperatures experienced in Bloemfontein are also expected to disappear for the next couple of days.

# Pik's statement not new — ANC

Star 30/5/87 (Sowet)

LUSAKA — The African National Congress has reacted coolly to statements made in Europe by South African Foreign Minister Mr Pik Botha, who said his government had accepted white domination must end.

The ANC said in Lusaka that the statement was aimed at diverting world attention from the problem of apartheid while the Government prepared for the September election. "If the Government is serious about changes, why do they go to the international audience instead of to our people . . ."

It appealed to South Africans to help end Natal violence — The Star's Africa News Service.

# Mayor's casting vote keeps Durban beaches white

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DURBAN — Durban's remaining white beaches will not be opened to all races.

The city council rejected an amenities committee recommendation last night that this form of discrimination be abolished.

The council was split 15-15 on the issue and the mayor, Mr Derrick Watterson, was forced to use his casting vote in favour of maintaining closed beaches.

Mr Watterson had earlier voted for opening the remaining white beaches: South, Addington, Anstey's, Brighton and Treasure.

He said this was not the first time he had been forced to use his casting vote and on previous occasions he had done so according to council traditions.

"It is normal that the casting vote be taken to maintain the status quo," he said. "Even though my personal inclination is to vote for opening the beaches, I do not want to establish a principle whereby the mayor can be expected and be entitled to vote regardless of council tradition."

The recommendation to open the beaches was opposed by the National Party caucus, the Civic Action League and the councillors for the beachfront wards.

Their arguments against the opening were predictable — overcrowding, the need to protect group interests and cultural differences, and the possible effects on the tourist trade.

Councillors in favour of open beaches spoke about the need to show the right image. — Sapa.

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# Durban's mayor lashes critic over beach issue

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The Argus Correspondent

DURBAN. — The mayor of Durban, Mr Derrick Watterson, last night lashed out at Democratic MP Mr Peter Gastrow for trying to take unfair political advantage of the Durban City Council's vote on the beach issue.

Mr Watterson was replying to an attack by Mr Gastrow, who said the council had embarrassed the city by voting to retain whites-only beaches.

Mr Gastrow said Mr Watterson had shown himself to be a man of the past and Durban's people needed to get rid of him.

Mr Watterson voted in favour of open beaches, but then used his casting vote to retain segregated facilities after the council was split 15-15 on the issue.

He said in an interview that he had known Mr Gastrow for many years and was not surprised by his attempt to take political advantage.

## "VALUED TRADITION"

Mr Watterson said he would have liked the vote on the beach issue to have gone the other way, but not at the expense of a valued tradition.

He said breaking the tradition of voting for the "status quo" after a split vote would have left him with "almost autocratic" powers in similar circumstances during the rest of his mayoral term.

"I was put into that position because I am an independent and not a political appointee," he said. "If I had voted any other way I would have betrayed the very reason people put me there."

He said in response to Mr Gastrow's jibe about being a "man of the past" that this was in some ways true.

"I am growing old and possibly I am yesterday's man. But it is better to be a yesterday's man who has been something than to be a tomorrow's man who never was and never will be anything."

# DP lashes at Durban decision on beaches

Star 2/6/89

(283) Political Reporter

The Durban City Council's decision to reserve certain beaches for whites was indefensible and immoral, Mr Jannie Momberg of the Democratic Party's National Board, said in Benoni last night.

Mr Momberg lashed out at the mayor of Durban, Mr Derrick Watterson, whose decisive vote in favour of beach segregation was "on par with the actions of Boksburg and Carletonville".

Mr Momberg said: "Mr Watterson will be judged badly by history. South Africans do not need mayors who can stick to tradition — they need mayors with compassion and a vision of a new South Africa.

"Mr Watterson belongs to the past and must be removed as soon as possible."

Mr Momberg said the DP would contest the election in September on clear-cut issues.

"It will attack the National Party Government on its terrible track record on the economy, the impact it has on pensions and young people. The NP has made such a mess of the economy that it does not deserve another chance."

Mr Momberg said NP leader Mr F W de Klerk was part of the P W Botha Government, and as such was jointly responsible for the "economic mess".

The DP would promote its policy of a nonracial, democratic and a free-market South Africa.

But how that was to be implemented would be part of a negotiation process.

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# Why black's not quite beautiful

*As explained by the honourable members of the Durban City Council*

The beach saga continues, reports CARMEL RICKARD

THE "cheerful genes" of the "coloured race groups", the Bible and the racist beliefs of Barend Strydom were all marshalled by Durban city councillors this week to back their arguments for or against beach integration.

At stake were the remaining whites-only beaches and pools, which the council's amenities committee recommended the full council should agree to integrate.

Before the debate began, both sides knew the outcome. Discreet questioning and lobbying revealed the council — much more conservative since last October's elections — would vote 15/15 and that the mayor was expected to use his casting vote to maintain the status quo.

After four hours of discussion, the council voted exactly as predicted, but the sometimes bitter debate produced some colourful argument.

Malcolm Prentiss said he thought whites were projecting their dislike of overcrowding on to other races: black people positively loved to be on top of each other and this experience of being in very close quarters was what caused them to go to the beach in the first place.

He did not think there was anything wrong with it, it was simply a cultural fact that black people found "security and pleasure" from being in close quarters.

The "coloured race groups" liked to be so close together as it was part of their "cheerful companionable nature", he said. A love of being in close proximity was "built into the genes" of these beachgoers.

Beachfront councillor Arthur Bow-Bowles, of the conservative Civic Action League, said that "disgusting behaviour by the blacks" had burnt the bridges of goodwill between the races.

Undeterred by opposing councillors who said bad behaviour was not limited to one race group, Bowles cited urinating and defecating on the beaches as the main problem.

He also quoted the Bible to prove that "the Lord himself did separate the races".

Another opponent of integration, Jo Allen, said beachfront residents were already in "a state of siege" because of the many black people who used the existing integrated beaches.

She regularly visited the integrated paddling pools and found that some of the black children in the open pools had "suppurating sores" and she had seen women washing nappies in the pools.

Using a completely different approach, deputy mayor Margaret Winter appealed to the councillors to learn a lesson from the tragedy of Barend Strydom.

She said there was a challenge to councillors to show the country and the black residents of the city that they rejected the values which had shaped Strydom.

Liberal councillor Yvonne Hart made a more pragmatic appeal, saying councillors worried about disinvestment and sanctions would be taking a step to overcome these problems if they voted for integration.

The defeat of the motion means it cannot be debated again for a year.

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# Open and shut case

**Durban's** National Party councillors, who last week voted to restrict the city's southern beaches for white use only, are likely to

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overturn the vote and open the beaches to all races after September's general election.

At latest, in terms of council rules, a second vote on the issue will be taken within 12 months (May 1990), when pre-election Nat opposition to beach integration is likely to disappear under a chorus of calls for reform and an end to apartheid

That's the consensus of most councillors interviewed by the *FM*, including a man who should know — Mayor Derrick Watterson — who says he used his ordinary vote in favour of open beaches, but when the count emerged at 9-9 used his casting vote to maintain the status quo It made him unhappy to do so, he says, but there can be no exception to custom.

The *FM* was told that the leader of the NP caucus, Jan Venter, was out of town. City officials at the offices of the management committee, of which he is chairman, said he could not be contacted until next week.

However, in the mayor's widely supported view, there can be no doubt that with an eye on the September election, and the threat posed by the Conservative Party, the city's Nat councillors lurched expeditiously to the Right. Watterson muses: "Politics is all about winning. The Nats could not gratuitously hand the CP election ammunition I believe after this election they will have a thorough look at their attitude towards apartheid and the councillors may well then realise themselves that it is desirable to make a change."

Pity that in the interim Durban must bear the shame. And under the circumstances it is difficult to reconcile the Nat's alleged anxiety about the CP with their simultaneous predictions that their rightwing opponents enjoy little support in the city. ■

# Fynn jailed for refusing to pay fine

Own Correspondent. (283)

DURBAN — Local Affairs Committee member Morris Fynn was jailed for 100 days yesterday after refusing to pay a R200 fine for sawing down and removing a race-restriction signboard on Durban's whites-only South Beach.

Fynn pleaded not guilty to cutting down the sign on Christmas Day, saying that if he pleaded guilty he would be accepting that the Durban City Council had the right to erect such signboards.

Giving evidence Fynn said: "My chopping down the beach sign is removing something I feel is causing irreparable harm to South Africa as a whole."

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"These signs should not be there. I will pull them down as long as I live," he said.

Sentencing him, magistrate Mr J Jacobsz said Fynn might have had good motives, but that did not give him the right to take the law into his own hands.

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prompting protests from the West

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# Beach sign: Fine paid

DURBAN. — Local Affairs Committee member, Morris Fynn, who yesterday opted to go to prison rather than pay a R200 fine for chopping down a racist beach sign, was denied his martyrdom after a friend, Mr Jack Rabie, paid the fine for him.

# Apartheid signs case fine paid

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LOCAL affairs committee member Morris Fynn who on Wednesday opted to go to prison rather than pay a R200 fine for chopping down and removing a beach sign, was denied imprisonment after a friend paid the fine

Mr Jack Rabie, leader of the United Democratic Party and House of Representatives MP for Reiger Park, Boksburg, paid the fine for him.

Fynn was found guilty of malicious injury to property after admitting he sawed down a beach sign at Durban's whites-only South Beach on Christmas Day last year.

## Warned

He was warned that he had a four-month suspended sentence that could now be put into operation after a conviction in 1987 for a similar offence.

On Wednesday afternoon Fynn appeared before Mr H W Weitz facing a new charge of malicious injury to property, this time in connection with the chopping down of a sign at Brighton Beach on Tuesday.

## Remanded

He was not asked to plead and was remanded until June 29.

Fynn said that he had been campaigning for years for the removal of "apartheid signs".

# Battle over Dbn beaches

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Sowetan 10/8/89

THE Durban City Council, which for long has dragged its feet over racially segregated facilities such as the beaches now faces a revolt from its own work force.

In what can best be described as a courageous act of defiance against apartheid, the all-race workers who make up Dimes - Durban Integrated Municipal Employees' Society - have decided to bare their fangs.

Members of Dimes, who among other resolutions condemned the decision of the council to maintain racially segregated beaches, said in future they would refrain from doing anything to enforce the immoral and reprehensible by-law which stipulates that certain races of people may not use certain of Durban's beaches+.

The mayor, Mr Derrick Watterson, has reacted by stating that workers who do not carry out job rules should resign.

"We do not think this is a satisfactory way to resolve the issue," the workers have said.

The workers face a moral dilemma- one of conscience in which they are forced to order fellow human beings away from God-given facilities such as the beaches.

# We'll defy them on the beaches!

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## Mass action planned against apartheid at seashore resorts

By SHAUN HARRIS

**THE Mass Democratic Movement is set to focus the second phase of its "defiance campaign" on beach apartheid — by flooding "whites only" beaches with non-whites.**

And the campaign is likely to kick off with a mass rally on one of Durban's remaining "whites only" beaches, probably next Sunday.

Two weeks ago, the MDM and its affiliates headed a campaign to defy segregation of health facilities, which saw hundreds of black patients arriving at white provincial hospitals across the country for treatment. The campaign went off peacefully.

Now beaches and other segregated recreational facilities are the target of the mass campaign, which is likely to focus on Durban following a looming confrontation between the city council and nearly half of its workforce over bylaws which enforce beach apartheid.

Ratepayers' protest meetings and mass meetings at the Durban City Hall are also planned

The Durban council's response to the proposed campaign has been mixed.

Management committee chairman Mr Jan Venter says he expects municipal beach wardens, most of whom are black, to enforce the bylaws.

And he says there is a "possibility" he will call in the SAP to enforce law and order if the campaign goes ahead.

But Durban's mayor, Mr Derek Watterson, says he hopes council employees, especially beach wardens, will "use their common sense" if a confrontation arises, and "keep out of the way"

"Quite obviously, when people are out for a confrontation, the best thing to do is ignore them If a large crowd arrives at the beach looking for a confrontation I hope our beach wardens will not try to stop them — we don't expect people to risk life and limb in these cases"

Mr Watterson was referring to a decision taken by the Durban Integrated Municipal Employees' Society last Saturday that members would no longer enforce bylaws which provided for beach segregation.

Dimes members have also indicated they will not carry out any instruction which requires them to enforce segregation bylaws.

It has long been a sore point that the municipal employees forced to evict black people from Durban's two remaining "whites only" beaches are themselves black, and are not allowed to frequent the beaches they patrol.

Earlier this week, Mr Venter said municipal employees' conditions of service provided penalties — including dismissal — for those who disobeyed a lawful order.

But Dimes's president Mr Nad Murugan said of the veiled threat: "He doesn't frighten us. We are aware of the conditions of service — but we also don't believe our members can be forced to uphold laws passed by the council which are not reasonable"

### Dangerous

As the stand-off between the city council and the municipal employees' union continued, organisations affiliated to the MDM sent messages of support for the stand taken by Dimes.

By Friday this week, plans had been made for a weekend meeting to formulate a "plan of action" to defy beach apartheid.

Mr Watterson — who used his casting vote to maintain the status quo in June, when council votes were split on whether to open Durban's beaches — is in the firing line.

Late this week he again defended his decision, saying he had virtually been forced into a statutory situation when he voted against opening all the beaches.

Meanwhile, students defied police and took to the streets across the Cape Peninsula this week in the biggest protests since the introduction of the state of emergency.

Thousands of people gathered at rallies in Cape Flats schools and on the streets of black townships in support of the MDM campaign. Police used teargas to break up some meetings.

# 10 000 to defy beach racism

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By CHARIS PERKINS, ROBYN CHALMERS and SHARON CHETTY

DURBAN'S segregated beaches were set to become the focus of a defiance campaign today as other demonstrations around the country were banned or restricted under the emergency regulations yesterday.

Despite the nationwide clampdown, organisations under the wing of the Mass Democratic Movement are determined to go ahead with a midday "picnic" at Addington Beach.

More than 10 000 people are expected to converge on the whites-only beach. The MDM has distributed 100 000 handbills telling people of the planned defiance against segregated beaches.

## Peaceful

MDM spokesman Thumba Pillay said the protest would be a "peaceful picnic. We are aware that the police will be there and we have appealed to people not to do anything to provoke police action."

In Johannesburg the South African Council of Churches yesterday lost an urgent application to stage a mass rally for peace at the Jabulani Amphitheatre in Soweto.

In Soweto restrictions were placed on a meeting organised for today by the South African Health Workers Congress in Soweto's Regina Mundi church. The gathering may only be attended by trade union members.

On Friday night, meetings under the banner of the Pretoria Peace Rally were banned by Northern Transvaal's Divisional Police Commissioner Brigadier S J Strydom.

# Police chief praises MDM for peaceful beach protest

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The Argus Correspondent

DURBAN. — Good behaviour by thousands of people who thronged Durban's South and Addington beaches was "a little feather in the cap" for the MDM, said Major-General Johann van Niekerk, regional commissioner of police.

And MDM spokesman Mr Mewa Ramgobin said the police should complimented for their firm but not violent action — "good for all South Africa."

Another MDM spokesman, Dr Farook Meer, who claimed the protest was a "resounding success," said the MDM had shown the world and National Party ministers that the defiance campaign was "peaceful."

### "HISTORIC DAY"

Durban councillor Mrs Ros Sarkin, who spent the day with the protesters, said. "It was a historic day. The beaches will never be the same again."

Mr Thumba Pillay, another MDM spokesman, said about 60 people were arrested. All but eight who were being held under the emergency regulations and three who were being charged with assault, were released without charge.

The eight were taken in for allegedly unfolding an ANC banner.

Most of the day's trouble came from a rightwing group who became more provocative when police declined to take action against them. The police reacted only after they assaulted a number of people, including an Indian journalist and a white woman.

Initially police tried to cordon off the thousands of black, Indian, coloured and white protesters between a double barrier of policemen 100 metres apart, but gave up as Addington and South beaches overflowed with protesters, estimated by the MDM at 10 000. Thousands more watched.

Unlike in other cities, the police did not wield sjamboks, with about three exceptions, and there were no dogs.

Asked why there were no whips or dogs, General van Niekerk said: "It's my personal instruction that no whips will be used in Natal. You don't want to use the dogs. There are children and innocent people. And we didn't really expect a riotous situation.

"We were there to maintain law and order. In that way we succeeded. I'm very happy about the police action. A little feather in the cap of the MDM — they behaved themselves."

(Report by B Cameron and R M Challenor, 85 Field Street, Durban)

● See pages 3 and 5.

# Police chiefs playing it by ear — Mellet

Political Correspondent

A SPOKESMAN for the Minister of Law and Order, Mr Adriaan Vlok, said today that no new instructions had been issued to the police on the handling of MDM protests.

He was commenting on events in Durban at the weekend when police kept an unusually low profile, so much so that rightwing troublemakers were given virtually a free hand.

Brigadier Leon Mellet, the spokesman, said every police commander was expected to evaluate each situation.

### THE MOOD

Factors such as the composition and the mood of a crowd had to be taken into account before it was decided how the police should react.

● A police spokesman said the purple dye used by police on demonstrators in Cape Town on Saturday would wash off and would not damage buildings.

(Report by T Wentzel, 122 St George's Street, Cape Town)

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# 'Mixed' group invades Durban beach

**THOUSANDS of South African anti-apartheid protesters of all races paddled into the Indian Ocean on a whites-only beach yesterday, while police kept a watchful eye on the sidelines.**

The protest at Addington Beach, about 2km from the centre of Durban, was the latest move in a national defiance campaign against Wednesday's parliamentary elections which exclude blacks

The cheerful protest was in stark contrast with Saturday's scenes in Cape Town when riot police used teargas and water cannon filled with purple dye to disperse demonstrators from the city centre

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## Caps

The Durban demonstrators, many of them wearing yellow caps with anti-apartheid slogans, arrived in a constant stream from mid-morning and were allowed past a chain of police officers which stretched along the beach road

They lay on the beach in the early spring sunshine, played ball games and occasionally defied local bylaws by paddling into the water, oblivious of water cannon and police trucks which were pulled up in the beach car parks.

"There are no incidents to report We have ample numbers of police at the beach, but nothing has happened," a police spokesman told Reuters

By late morning, so many demonstrators had converged on the beach that they spilled on to adjoining roads.

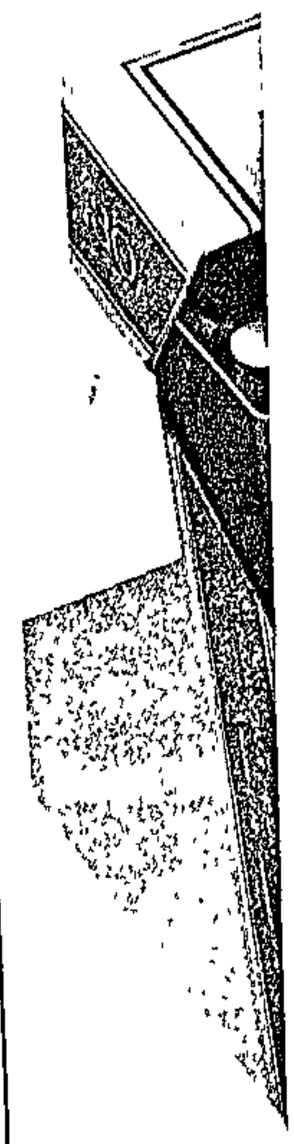
Witnesses said several protesters were arrested, apparently for unfurling a flag of the outlawed African National Congress.

## Rightwing

A small group of white rightwingers, wearing caps bearing a "whites only" slogan, provided a moment of tension when they started arguing with some of the black protesters

They shouted their support for an extremist movement which advocates a separate state for Afrikaners which would bar blacks and jews

But the right-wingers, who support a recent city council decision to keep Addington reserved for white bathers, withdrew when police moved towards them - Sapa-Reuter



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How Weekend Argus saw the events on Saturday.

# Beach protest big news on British TV

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NEWS WATCH

**The Argus Foreign Service**

LONDON. — Footage showing thousands of blacks paddling in defiance on a whites-only beach in Durban was a prominent feature of TV newscasts in Britain.

Viewers were also shown Archbishop Desmond Tutu with an ANC flag in his cathedral. On the radio, listeners heard the Rev Allan Boesak say that he would not obey instructions to stop taking part in demonstrations.

The anti-apartheid defiance campaign is also major news in the British national newspapers today under headlines such as: "Blacks defy ban on Durban's 'white' beaches" and "Mailed fist and velvet gloves in South Africa".

Reporting from Durban, Gavin Bell says the dilemma facing the government in combating the defiance campaign was illustrated by its contrasting tactics at the weekend.

In Durban, police showed restraint in dealing with blacks on the whites-only beach, but in Cape Town on Saturday they "reacted savagely" with whips and truncheons to a march from St George's Cathedral to parliament building. They also used water cannon and teargas in other incidents, it was reported.

"The different strategies reflect the apparent uncertainty of the government over how to deal with the essentially passive campaign of civil disobedience in a charged political atmosphere before Wednesday's elections," says Bell.

He adds that the defiance campaign is strongest in the Western Cape, where it has evolved into "a kind of holy war" with Archbishop Tutu leading the popular crusade.

Jim Jones of the Financial Times, reporting from Johannesburg, also speaks of a dilemma facing the government.

"Police action risks alienating black leaders whom (the government) hopes to bring into talks after Wednesday's general election," he says. "But a less forceful handling could be exploited by the ultra-right Conservative Party."

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# Signs of police race split on defiance

From BRUCE CAMERON
The Argus Correspondent

DURBAN. — South Beach has been the scene of a fascinating episode, not only because thousands of people defied apartheid but because in the process it reflected the division and unity of South African society.

It was also interesting because it was evident that those divisions carry through into the police force and Minister of Law and Order Mr Adriaan Vlok could face serious problems if the government continues to use the police to enforce petty apartheid.

Yesterday started peacefully enough with hundreds of black, Indian and white policemen saturating the entire beachfront from soon after sunrise.

At 11am, at the official start of the day of defiance to make "all God's beaches available to all God's people," there were fewer than 1 000 people on the beach taking part in the campaign.

A crudely vocal group of white rightwingers were there to welcome them, as well as a group of policemen.

The unity in society stood out starkly as hundreds of whites, wearing yellow sun visors with slogans saying "Free the beaches" joined the throngs of Indian, black and coloured protesters.

But the divisions were also starkly there as the white rightwingers, who reversed the MDM sunvisors to write on them "whites only," constantly harassed and sometimes assaulted people, and showed how provocative they were prepared to be.

At one stage they even assaulted people being led away by the police.

Initially the police refused to act against the rightwingers, who numbered no more than 30.

For example, they jostled and swore at an Indian journalist who tried to leave the beach.

Two policemen, a plain-clothes man, who identified himself as Sergeant Hoffman, and a sergeant in uniform with the nameplate Van Deventer, bluntly refused to take action, saying: "We didn't see anything."

When the journalist complained about the action of the rightwingers and took a photograph of them he was taken away by the police and his film was confiscated.

Later, when a thick-set rightwinger tore a banner from a women reading "Jesus is love" and assaulted her, the police helped him remove the banner.

Asked why no action was being taken against the rightwinger, a Captain MacIlravey then ordered his arrest. But the man was seen within half an hour wandering around.

While all this was going on an Indian policeman, who had been insulted, and a white policeman started arguing loudly about the lack of action being taken against the right wing.

Black and Indian policemen also started voicing the displeasure about the lack of action by their white colleagues.

It was always a small group of white policemen, a few with quirts or plastic hoses, who enthusiastically charged down MDM groups displaying banners. Their black colleagues and most of the white policemen merely looked on.

(Report by B Cameron, 85 Field Street, Durban)

By George!

# Action against demos inconsistent – Eglin

Star 6/9/89

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.

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## 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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# A tale of two beaches

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**It is difficult** to imagine a greater contrast between the reaction to protests against beach apartheid in the Strand recently and in Durban this past weekend.

The earlier occasion spawned horror headlines all around the world. This time round the story was buried on the inside pages — if used at all. Why the difference?

At the Strand police resorted to mass blockades, quirts (the polite name for sjamboks) and extensive use of dogs. Police restraint in Durban, however, led to spokesmen for the MDM and the police congratulating each other.

The words of Natal Police Regional Commissioner Johann van Niekerk are worth repeating: "It is my personal instruction that no whips will be used. You do not want to use the dogs ... It was a storm in a teacup."

The only trouble was caused by rightwing activists distressed that everything was so peaceful.

If only police at the Strand, in the constituency of the *Groot Hervormer*, Chris Heunis, had taken a similar line.

The outcome in Durban is a triumph for good sense and the cause of peaceful reform, and a setback to extremists on both sides. It would be nice to think that the lesson of the Strand had sunk in; except that, the same weekend, the Cape police were back at work, dyeing the centre of the city purple, besieging churches and "desecrating" the cathedral.

On Monday 20 people were injured when police fired shotguns to disperse a crowd at Natal University in Durban. Purple dye was again discharged. More headlines followed. When will they ever learn? ■

# Mayor wants open beaches for Durban

DURBAN. — The mayor of Durban, Mr Derrick Watterson, yesterday said he hoped apartheid would disappear from the city's beaches during his term.

Mr Watterson, who has been criticised as being too conservative on opening Durban's all-white beaches, was inaugurated for a second term yesterday.

"I believe the beaches problem will be resolved this coming year, not perhaps to the satisfaction of all — that would be impossible with such divergent views — but in the long-term best interests of this city," he said.

But Mr Watterson defended his controversial casting vote earlier this year to keep Durban's remaining white beaches segregated

"I am still satisfied I took the right decision and I believe the overwhelming majority of my colleagues accept that my action was correct in the circumstances," he said.

Mr Watterson said the year ahead would be busy for council, with staff rationalisation, privatisation of municipal undertakings and the control of street trading being important issues. — Sapa

## Protest against mayor called off

**DURBAN. — An "ad hoc" group of five people called off a planned demonstration at Medwood Gardens in protest against the election of Mr Derrick Watterson and Mr Jan Venter as mayor and deputy mayor of Durban yesterday when a party of about 20 policemen arrived on the scene.**

**The police party, most of them armed with shotguns, milled around the water fountain in the garden for several minutes until the group walked to the nearby flower-sellers' stalls. The police trailed after them.**

**The group, one of whom had a bundle of posters under his arm, crossed over to the City Hall where the inauguration of the mayor and deputy mayor was taking place. The police followed and took up a position in front of the City Hall entrance.**

**A spokesman, Mr Richard Steele, said they had called off the demonstration because they had felt threatened by the large police presence. — Sapa**

# Beaches decision 'jumping the gun'

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**Own Correspondent**

DURBAN. — The city's amenities committee yesterday agreed that Durban's remaining whites-only beaches should be opened to all races — but the move has been described as "jumping the gun" by the management committee chairman and leader of the National Party caucus in the council, Mr Jan Venter.

And although the issue will be raised at the next council meeting on October 16, it is unlikely to be agreed to unless the government announces a change in policy before then.

## Petitions

The amenities committee considered a letter from councillor Ms Margaret Ambler, as well as several petitions handed to the council which were both for and against opening the beaches.

Chairman Mrs Ros Sarkin said it had been agreed that all beaches and foreshore-related facilities should be opened.

But Mr Venter said the announcement to open the remaining beaches would come from the National Party and not the amenities committee.

He said the NP-supporting councillors would not support a recommendation to open the beaches till the government changed its policy.

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# Durban may open all facilities

DURBAN — The city council's amenities committee agreed yesterday that the city's remaining whites-only facilities should be opened to all races.

At a meeting yesterday morning, the committee resolved to recommend to the management committee that the remaining "white" beaches be declared multiracial.

The management committee will discuss the issue next week. — Sapa.

F.Mail 13/10/89

OPEN BEACHES (282)

# Sand in their eyes

**Not long ago**, Durban, largely through the actions of the city council, had the reputation of being one of the more enlightened and forward-looking cities in the country.

That reputation is rapidly fading, as the present council squabbles over opening the last two remaining "whites only" beaches, an issue which seems all the more petty when one considers the real problems facing Durban's future — the officially estimated 1,7m squatters (unofficially 3m) trying to live in appalling conditions on the city's boundaries.

With Johannesburg and East London recently opening facilities to all people, the pressure is now on Durban to do the same — a situation which irks and embarrasses liberal councillors.

Last week, the amenities committee agreed — as it has for the past few years — that the remaining segregated beaches should go. But it was made clear by deputy mayor and management committee chairman Jan Venter that the decision depended on NP policy and that the NP caucus in council would block any move to open the beaches at the next full council meeting on October 16.

An outcry naturally followed, with councillors asking how one of the most powerful men in the city could let political party policy dictate over a sensitive local issue like the beaches. Undeterred, Venter replied this week: "I have to take decisions which in my opinion are best for the city. There is nothing wrong if they happen to coincide with NP policy."

The question this raises, however, is whether the NP in Natal — which Venter says is debating the beaches issue — is in line with the party leadership, considering comments made by F W de Klerk on opening recreational facilities both before and after last month's elections.

"With even government making noises about opening all facilities, as well as decisions taken by Johannesburg and East London, Durban is suddenly dragging its heels," says amenities committee vice-chairman Yvonne Hart.

Venter, who, apart from his NP loyalties, has the reputation of being a pragmatist, replies that he will not let the amenities committee pressurise any decision on the beaches, arguing that while "change is inevitable," it must be done in a "planned and orderly way."

"It is not a question of the last beaches being opened, it is just when.

It could be a matter of months or even weeks. What is important is that a number of things must be taken into account first. The NP certainly has no intention of delaying the decision, but we won't be pushed into it," Venter says.

Factors to be considered, Venter says, include the possibility of pay beaches (the option he personally supports), not enough facilities to support opening all the beaches, the estimated 70% of up-country visitors from the Transvaal and Free State who have booked into beachfront hotels for the year-end holidays and what he calls the "day tripper" problem.

"Nobody minds sharing the beaches, but is it fair for visitors to Durban — including people of colour — to be swamped by the 300 000 day trippers who arrive at the beaches this time of year with no money and not enough facilities to cater for them? I wonder if anybody on the amenities committee has consulted the hotel industry about opening the beaches before the holiday season? They should also be consulted."

**Last remaining closed beaches . . . a shame**

To which Hart replies: "One wonders what is more damaging to the city, in fact the country as a whole risking a few hotel cancellations or further tarnishing the country's image by keeping whites-only beaches."

It seems unlikely, short of a word from De Klerk, that Durban's last two segregated beaches will be opened to all before the end of the holidays

Meanwhile, a lot of people in the city will hang their heads in shame. ■

# Durban beaches will stay white 'for now'

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DURBAN — National Party Durban city councillors yesterday again voted against opening remaining whites-only beaches to all races, resulting in another defeat for the liberal group.

But the 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 down a similar recommendation, yesterday's proposal from the amenities committee required a two-thirds majority to be passed, but only a simple majority of 16-14 was obtained.

There was, however, a surprise "defection" by National Party supporter Mrs 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.

She said she knew her decision would not make her to "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?" she asked.

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.

These were denied by party caucus leader in the council Mr Jan Venter.

He said later the caucus had met before the meeting to decide whether or not to caucus vote on the "political matter".

"The nine National Party supporting councillors decided for themselves without being instructed by anyone," he added.

Justifying voting against open beaches, Mr Venter said "not even one" councillor believed the beaches would be segregated for ever. "But we will do it the National Party way — orderly, structured and responsibly."

Mrs Libby Goodall warned the councillors to stop thinking in terms of colour. "It's time to stop hiding behind Pretoria's skirts and to look to tomorrow — we have to be courageous."

The mayor, Mr Derrick Watterson, said he was in favour of opening the beaches but suggested the matter be referred back to ensure there were adequate by-laws to keep up standards.

"If the matter is referred back, the beaches will be opened eventually," he added.

Summing up, chairman of amenities Mrs Ros Sarkin said most councillors wouldn't have minded deferring the matter if there had been a guarantee that the beaches would have been opened on a specified date.

"But nobody could give us that guarantee. We are not rushing the issue — we have been looking at this for 10 years."

# NP again blocks beaches opening

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Own Correspondent

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The National Party caucus leader in the council, Mr Jan Venter, justifying voting against opening the beaches, said not one councillor believed that the beaches would be segregated for ever.

"But we will do it the National Party way — orderly, structured and responsibly."

He added: "I predict the Separate Amenities Act will go and I have no problem with that but I believe there will be a devolution of power and the decision to open the beaches will still lie with the council."

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# Durban beach debate 'has cost hotels thousands'

The Argus Correspondent

DURBAN — The debate on opening Durban's beaches to all has cost hoteliers hundreds of thousands of rands over the past five years, says the chairman of the local branch of Fedhasa, Mr Alan Gooderson.

Mr Gooderson appealed to the council to "get on with it" and open the beaches, as it should have done five years ago.

"But not right now, just when we are heading for what looks like a good season," he said. "We have waited years for them to be opened, so let's wait a few more months ... please."

## CANCELLATIONS

Mr Gooderson said Fedhasa was in favour of open beaches but each time the debate came to the city council hotels had cancellations.

He wanted the council to put an end to the debate by opening the beaches to all races early next year.

"While the political types fight about it, we lose money," he said. "The council must realise that good politics must be mixed with a bit of capitalism.

"We are the backbone of the tourist industry and about 70 percent of our visitors come from the Transvaal and quite a number are conservative."

Mr Gooderson said his views represented those of the hotel industry in Durban and there would be no point in debating the issue at a general meeting.

He was responding to a call by a city councillor, Mr Peter Corbett, for Fedhasa to call a special general meeting to discuss the organisation's stand on the beach issue.

Mr Corbett said he was "appalled" at Fedhasa's call to council not to open facilities until pay beaches had been instituted.

"It shocks me that a business organisation should come out with something that is virtually National Party policy," he said.

"I don't believe this represents the view of the major hotel groups, which virtually make up Fedhasa I don't believe it is representative of its regional members.

"I believe somebody has done this thing off his own bat."

Mr Corbett challenged Fedhasa to call the meeting at which policy could be defined and said he wanted an opportunity to address it.

# A loophole that will open Durban's beaches to all

Star 28/10/89 (283)

OWN CORRESONDENT

DURBAN — The beaches here could be open to all within two weeks if a legal loophole allowing the removal of "whites only" signs is pushed through.

This was the procedure followed in Cape Town and East London, and resulted in thousands of blacks flocking unhindered to the nominally whites-only beaches.

Durban city councillor Mr Peter Corbett will lodge a motion with the Town Clerk on Monday calling for all "whites only" signs to be removed from the beaches.

It will come before the City Council on November 6 and if passed, the removal of the signs will draw the teeth of the bylaws and effectively open the beaches to all.

"I am sure the motion will be passed by council and legal opinion given to me leaves no doubt that it will not require a two-thirds majority," said Mr Corbett.

This would get around the problem faced by those councillors in favour of opening the beaches: That a two-thirds majority is needed to reverse any decision taken less than a year ago.

Council voted earlier this year to keep certain beaches reserved for whites and an attempt to reverse the decision two weeks ago got only a simple 16:14 majority.

That simple majority would, however, be enough to remove the signs. "It would get rid of those offensive signs and indicate to people that the beaches are in effect open to all," said Mr Corbett.

"It also gets us around the long procedure that is otherwise involved in opening the beaches.

"Even if we got a two-thirds majority in council to open the beaches, we would still have to wait for authority from the Provincial Administration and that would take us beyond the holiday season.

"But once the signs are gone and people know the majority of councillors want the beaches open they will feel free to go there."

Mr Corbett still wanted the bylaws changed to open the beaches to all races. "While the bylaws are still there we will always get conservative elements trying to pressurise the police and beach inspectors to enforce them."

# Signs to go, but Durban beach laws stay

Own Correspondent

DURBAN — Confusion could reign on Durban's beaches during the coming holiday season, following the decision of the city council last night to remove all whites-only signs from the remaining segregated facilities.

Council voted 16-14 in favour of removing the signs, but the town clerk, Mr Wilf Stone, warned afterwards that action could still be taken against blacks who used the "whites only" beaches.

The chairman of the right-wing Civic Action League, Mr Arthur Morris, pledged that he would have scouts along the beachfront to check on those who were not observing the by-laws.

"There will be prosecutions left, right and centre," he said.

Mr Stone said prosecutions were possible: "If there are complaints the usual steps will be taken. Ignorance of the law is no excuse."

Mr Stone said the parks department would be asked to remove the signs from beaches.

"But we don't need a sign to enforce the law or to prosecute."

But a councillor, Mr Peter Corbett, who brought the private member's motion to remove the signs, said during the debate that a precedent had been set in Cape Town some years ago.

## REMOVED

Mr Corbett said Cape Town removed its signs and without any prosecutions the beaches became open. A similar tactic had been followed in East London.

He said it was only due to an "anachronism" in procedure that Durban's beaches could not be opened to all races as the council had earlier in the meeting voted 18-12 in favour of removing all discrimination.

Council had seemed within a whisker of the two-thirds majority it needed to put an end to beach segregation when members voted 19-11 in favour of an amendment that would have opened Addington and South beaches to all, with the Bluff beaches also being open, but open to investigation as possible pay facilities.

The two-thirds majority seemed assured when Nationalist Mr Gys Muller, who had voted against the amendment, announced he would vote for all beaches to be opened in the substantive motion.

When the substantive motion was put to the vote, two councillors who had been in favour of the amendment, Mr Mike Lipshitz and Mr Dave McNaught, then voted against it.

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# Durban to remove beach signs — but race law to stay

The Argus Correspondent

DURBAN. — Confusion could reign on Durban's beaches following the city council's decision to remove all racial signs from the remaining segregated facilities.

The council voted 16-14 in favour of removing the signs, but the town clerk, Mr Wilf Stone, warned afterwards that action could still be taken against blacks who used the "white-only" beaches.

The chairman of the right-wing Civic Action League, Mr Arthur Morris, pledged to post scouts on the beachfront to check on those who were not observing the by-laws.

Mr Stone said the Parks Department would be asked to remove the signs as soon as possible.

**PRIVATE MOTION**

Councillor Peter Corbett, who brought the private member's motion to remove the signs, said during the debate last night that a precedent had been set in Cape Town when it removed its signs some years ago. Without any prosecutions the beaches had become open. East London had followed a similar strategy.

"It was only because of an anachronism" in procedure that Durban's beaches could not be opened to all races as the council had voted 18-12 earlier in the meeting in favour of removing all discrimination, Mr Corbett said.

"The council came within a whisker of the two-thirds majority it needed to end beach segregation when councillors voted 19-11 in favour of an amendment that would have opened Addington and South beaches to all, with the Bluff beaches being investigated as possible multiracial pay areas.

**AMENDMENT**

An amendment by Mr Gys Muller would have opened Addington and South beaches to all, but would have left the small Bluff beaches segregated until they could be considered controlled facilities.

His amendment gained only five votes with a strong body of councillors rejecting it on "moral grounds". They considered any beach segregation immoral and said they would take an all-or-nothing stand.

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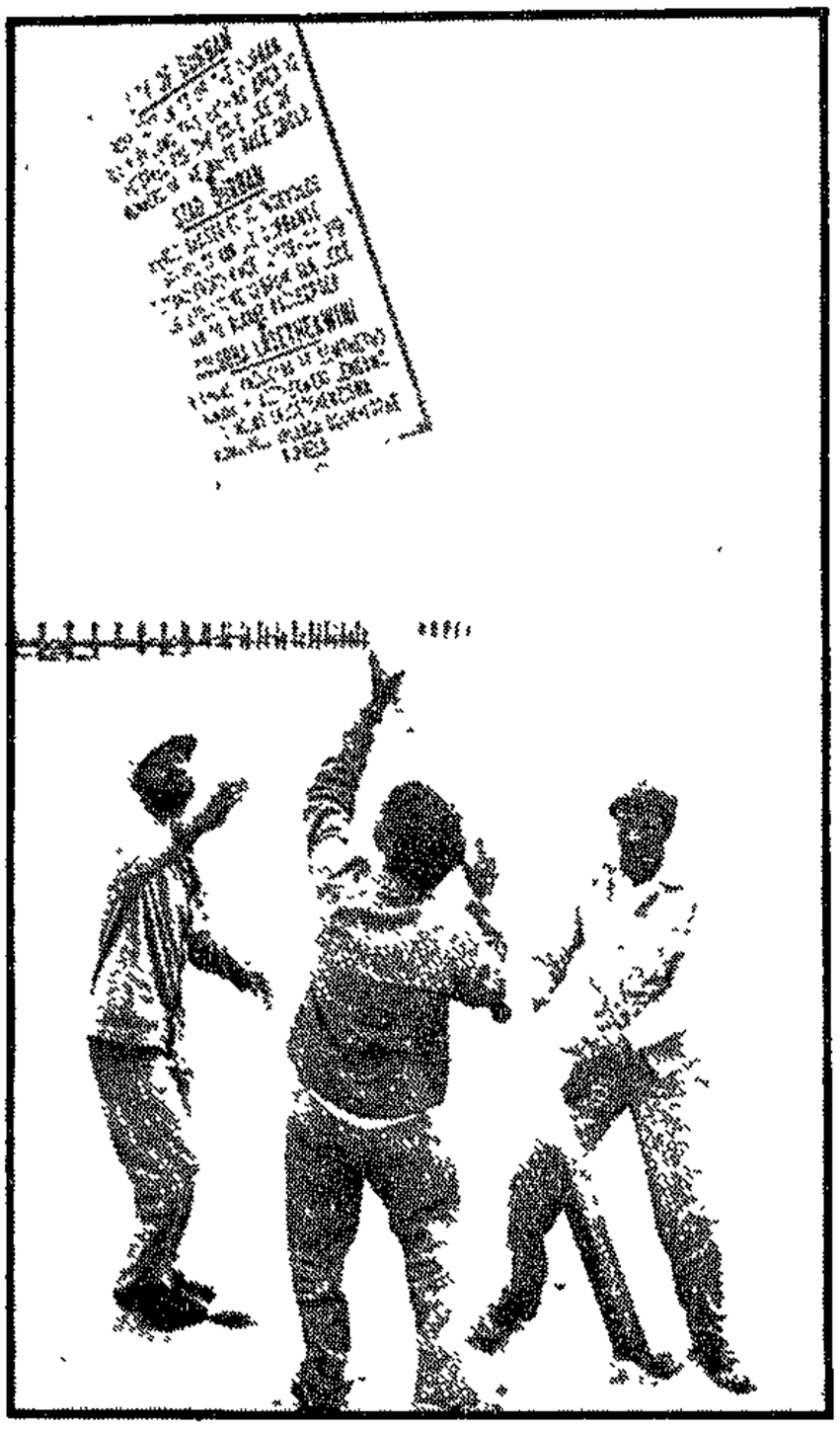

Durban municipal workers remove one of the last beach apartheid signs near South Beach.

# Durban's apartheid beaches row rages on

DURBAN — Sunbathers face an apartheid puzzle in SA's premier beach resort this summer unless the anti-apartheid lobby in the Durban City Council wins additional support to open the beaches to all races.

The council voted on Monday to do away with beach apartheid, but failed to achieve a two-thirds majority to put it into effect. A second vote to remove "whites only" signs did not need this majority, and the signs were in fact removed yesterday morning.

Margaret Ambler, who opposes segregation, said the anti-apartheid lobby would force a vote on the issue every two weeks until they won the necessary 20 votes for desegregation.

Our Durban correspondent reports that according to a Durban attorney the removal of whites-only signs on Durban's beaches was merely taking away the visible, physical symbols of beach apartheid and people could still be charged and prosecuted for breaking the bylaws.

But, the attorney said, there was unlikely to be any "official police action" unless there were complaints

But town clerk Wilf Stone said there had been no change in the instruction given to staff and they would still enforce the bylaws.

Meanwhile Natal National Party leader George Bartlett has attacked liberals in the council for not supporting Nationalist Gys Muller's proposal that all beaches, except for Bluff beaches, be opened to all.

He said a dogmatic "all or nothing" approach only resulted in more harm than good being done.

DP MP for Durban North Mike Ellis yesterday called on conservative-minded councillors to "move with the times and put Durban back on the map as a concerned and liberal-minded city".

Councillors who voted against desegragation were delaying the "inevitable", he added. — Sapa-Reuter.

# Durban: End of signs not end of racism

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Own Correspondent

DURBAN. — The removal of whites-only signs on Durban's beaches was merely taking away the visible, physical symbols of beach apartheid and people could still be charged and prosecuted for breaking by-laws, an attorney here said yesterday.

But, he said, any "official police action" against non-whites who bathed on whites-only beaches was unlikely, unless there were complaints.

Following a council resolution on Monday night, the signs were removed before 9am yesterday.

The attorney said the situation in Durban differed from that in the Cape where, once the signs were taken down, the senior public prosecutor declined to follow through with any criminal charges.

"Our beach by-laws do not state that there has to be a sign."

But councillor Mr Peter Corbett, who proposed the motion that the signs be taken down, yesterday said he was confident there would not be prosecutions.

"There haven't been any up until now, so why should there be any at all?" he asked.

The Town Clerk, Mr Wilf Stone, said there had been no change in the instruction given to staff and they would still enforce the by-laws.

Meanwhile, Natal National Party leader Mr George Bartlett attacked the liberals in the council for not supporting Nationalist Mr Gys Muller's proposal that all beaches except for the Bluff beaches be opened.

He said this was symptomatic of a dogmatic "all or nothing" approach which only resulted in more harm than good being done.

The Democratic Party MP for Durban North, Mr Mike Ellis, called on conservative-minded councillors to "move with the times and put Durban back on the map as a concerned and liberal-minded city".

Cape Times 9/11/89

# Nat MP denies open beach 'revolt'

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**Political Staff**

MR George Bartlett, leader of the National Party in Natal and Minister of Transport, Public Works and Land Affairs, has denied there is a revolt in the party over open beaches.

Some members of the Nationalist caucus in the Durban City Council voted against opening the city's beaches to all races in spite of a weekend statement by Mr Bartlett that he would like to see the end of all race discrimination.

The Durban beach issue was fully discussed at a weekend "think tank" involving the party's public representatives.

"There is no revolt," he said.

"I met with the councillors and expressed my views. I understand the position some of them are in having fought an election last year in which they promised to keep beaches white."

Mr Bartlett said he had told them times were changing and called on them to sort the matter out among themselves.

"That is what they did — they agreed to disagree," he said.

Mr Bartlett said he thought all beaches should be open as "our beautiful beaches are God's gift to the nation".

Mr Bartlett said only the city council could change the current situation, which allows people of colour on to the beaches but not into the water.

"Even if the cabinet were to say open the beaches, it would require a motion by the council."

# Durban beaches may be open by Tuesday

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Star 17/11/89

Own Correspondent
and Political Staff

**Durban's segregated beaches may be open to all from next week — well ahead of the Transvaal holiday influx — following President de Klerk's announcement yesterday on scrapping separate amenities.**

The National Party caucus in the Durban City Council will hold an urgent meeting this weekend to review the all-white ruling confirmed earlier this month

Management committee chairman Mr Jan Venter is quoted today as saying a resolution for the opening of the remaining segregated beaches will be put to a council meeting on Monday afternoon The beaches could be open by Tuesday

While Natal provincial leader Mr George Bartlett said Durban's city councillors would not be "whipped" into line to force them to open the beaches He added that he hoped they would go along with the Government's commitment to reform and agree to open the beaches as soon as possible

He felt the NP councillors would go along with this but only if the council agreed to take measures to prevent overcrowding and maintain standards

## Dilemma

He said the NP councillors were in a dilemma because they had been elected with the pledge that they would reserve some beaches for whites

Mr de Klerk's announcement that he will scrap the Reservation of Separate Amenities Act "as soon as possible" — and abolish beach apartheid immediately — has been widely hailed as his most important reform move to date

Mr de Klerk said he was not playing games to gain international advantage or improve the country's image

Last night the Labour Party leader, the Rev Allan Hendrickse, who has long campaigned for the scrapping of the Act and who was kicked out of President Botha's Cabinet for swimming from a whites-only beach, took it as a sign that apartheid was beginning to crumble

Government sources said last night the Act would probably be scrapped during Parliament's next session

This would mean that amenities such as State hospitals, public swimming pools, buses, libraries and resorts would be thrown open

But there is still some confusion about aspects of Mr de Klerk's announcement made to the President's Council in Cape Town yesterday

## Sensitive

Minister of Planning and Provincial Affairs, Mr Hernus Kriel, is to hold a press conference in Pretoria today to clarify the statement

Mr de Klerk said there were still "a few sensitive areas"

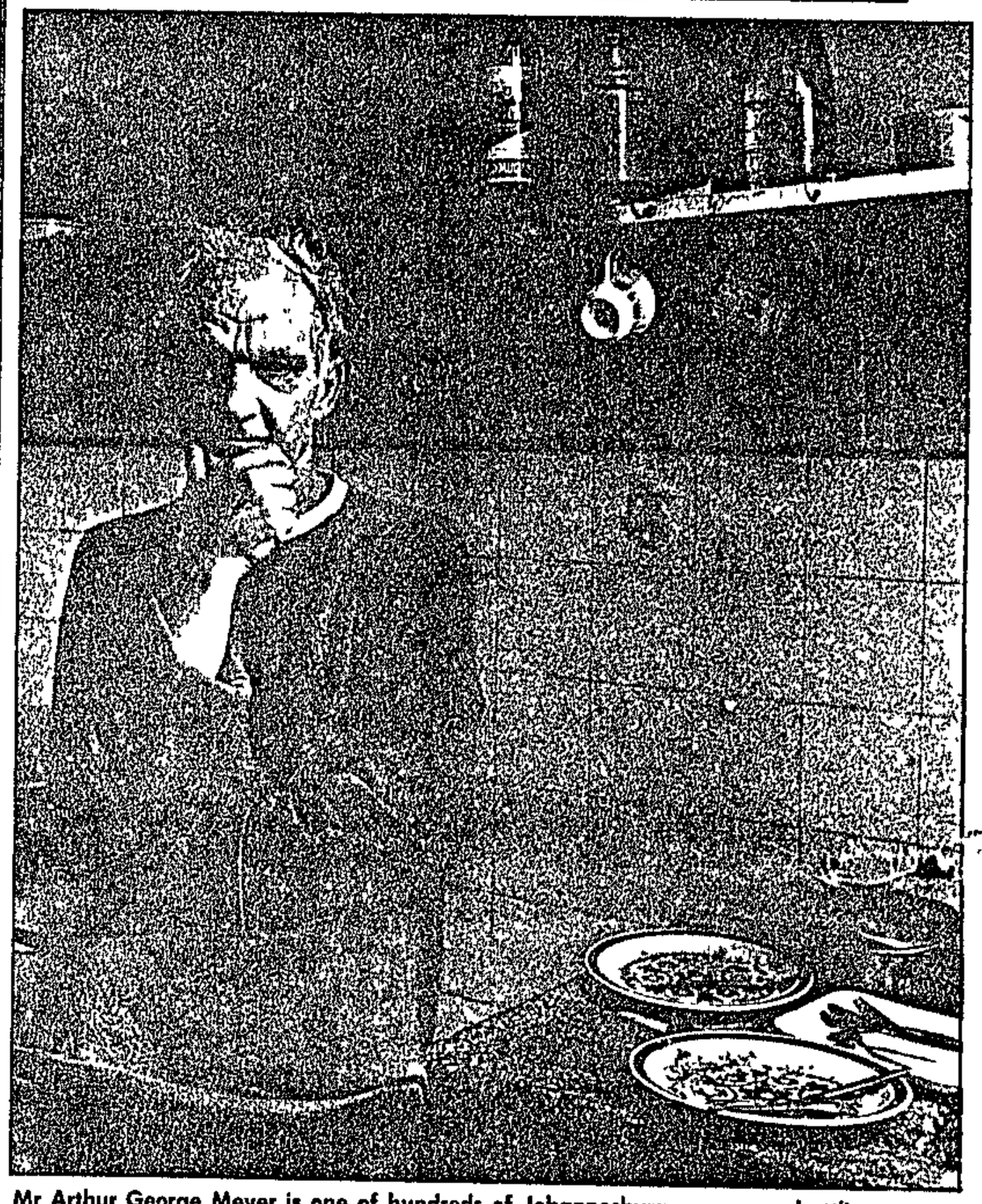
It is understood that these might be State hospitals and municipal caravan parks in conservative areas, where immediate integration could be "explosive", as one source put it

Government sources said details of measures for sensitive areas would be worked out with other parties, such as the majorities in the Houses of Representatives and Delegates

The measures might include steps to ensure that standards were maintained and there was no overcrowding

Mr de Klerk said the Government felt that beaches could be opened immediately because, since the 1983/84 financial year, it had spent R167 million to upgrade beaches and increase amenities This had reduced the risk of friction and overcrowding

## Forgotten soul in a big city



Mr Arthur George Meyer is one of hundreds of Johannesburg pensioners battling to cope with the rising cost of living. Please help The Star to help them.
● Picture by Etienne Rothbart.

# A hamper would be a big treat

By Jacqueline Myburgh

Eleven storeys above Johannesburg's central business district, where deals involving hundreds of thousands of rand are clinched almost daily, pensioner Mr Arthur George Meyer (59) barely survives on his disability pension of R251 a month

Mr Meyer receives a disability pension because he suffers from a mental illness Of the sum, R210 goes for rent of his bachelor flat on Rissik Street He buys food with the remaining R40, but towards the end of the month this usually runs out

"Then I make do with a slice of bread with something on it," he says

Mr Meyer was married His wife lives in Durban and he only sees his five children — who live in Durban, Port Elizabeth and Vryburg — about once a year

A glance around Mr Meyer's flat reveals he does not have money to spare on furniture In the bedroom, there is a mattress No wardrobe, no bed, no sheets

Against the wall is a table made of old telephone directories, flanked by two stools made of more old telephone directories

Mr Meyer used to work as a clerk for the railways When he resigned, he went to work as a guard for a security firm He had to leave a few years ago

"I was too old, they were going for the younger guys, they said," says Mr Meyer

During the day he often goes to the public library and wanders around the streets of the city

Arthur Meyer is one of thousands of "forgotten" people in Johannesburg He faces the prospect of a lonely Christmas without family, friends or a big Christmas dinner

If you will be enjoying a Christmas day with all these luxuries one usually takes for granted, help The Star to bring some joy into the bleak lives of Mr Meyer and many others We will be distributing Christmas hampers filled with delicious treats for the festive season

Please send your donations to The Star Christmas Hamper Fund, Promotions Department, Fourth Floor, P O Box 1014, Johannesburg 2000

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# 3 South Africans charged for US arms deal

WASHINGTON — Three South Africans and two Americans were indicted yesterday for allegedly conspiring to export $50 million (about R135 million) worth of missile-guidance equipment to South

The missile-guidance devices, consisting of gyroscopes manufactured by Northrop Corp, were allegedly destined for Armscor

The conspirators allegedly told

heid Act and money laundering

Those charged were American Mr Frank Randazzo, Mr Guy Perfezou, a South African resident, and his firm, Perfezou Imports

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# Nat beach policy an 'issue of conflict'

Cape Times 17/11/87

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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 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.

# Vote could open beaches in Durban

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HELEN GRANGE and PETER FABRICIUS

MOVES are already afoot in the Durban City Council to open all the city's beaches, after President F W de Klerk's announcement this week that the Separate Amenities Act would be scrapped as soon as possible.

The independent councillor for North Beach, Mr Mike Lipschitz, who in the past has voted against scrapping beach apartheid, said yesterday he planned to vote in favour of open beaches at a council meeting on Monday.

With Mr Lipschitz's vote bringing the overall vote in favour of open beaches to 19, only one more vote will be needed for the council to declare Durban's beaches open with a two-thirds council majority

## Ratepayers

At the last council meeting, 18 councillors voted in favour of scrapping beach apartheid, while 12 voted against.

Mr Lipschitz said the ratepayers in his ward had expressed support for Mr de Klerk's move to abolish beach apartheid. "There are still many ratepayers opposing the move, but they will just have to accept it," said Mr Lipschitz.

Mr de Klerk said this week the Government felt beaches could be opened immediately because, since the 1983/84 financial year, it had spent R167 million on upgrading beaches and increasing amenities

However, questions have been raised about Mr de Klerk's announcement this week that he intends scrapping the Separate Amenities Act as soon as possible.

The Democratic Party has expressed fears that the Government may be trying to bring apartheid in again through the back door in areas which it describes as "sensitive".

The National Party has countered by saying that it has embarked on a genuine new policy to open facilities — but that there may be some exceptions.

This emerged after statements by Planning and Provincial Affairs Minister Mr Hernus Kriel at a press conference yesterday called to clarify Mr de Klerk's announcement

He said that under its new amenities policy, the Government could continue to reserve some facilities for members of certain communities.

Mr Kriel said that the National Party's distinction between differentiation and discrimination still held good

The "vested rights" of communities would still be protected under the new policy.

For instance, the community of Elsies River had a vested right to the community swimming pool there, and to protect this right, access to the pool could be restricted to members of the community

Mr Kriel said community pools were one of the "sensitive" areas which Mr de Klerk had mentioned.

Mr de Klerk said "fitting measures" to deal with these sensitive areas would have to be agreed to before the Act could be repealed.

Mr Kriel said the most sensitive areas were community swimmming pools, hospitals and clinics, inland resorts and caravan parks and overnight camping spots. He did not elaborate.

These measures would be arrived at in consultation with regional and local governments and political parties.

But one option was privatisation. Beaches, for instance, could be reserved for the private use of guests of a particular hotel.

However, Mr Kriel insisted that whether or not amenities were privatised, no one would be denied access to them on grounds of race.

Mr Tian van der Merwe, Democratic Party spokesman on amenities, said yesterday Mr Kriel's statement seemed to remove most of the substance of Mr de Klerk's announcement.

It sounded as if Mr Kriel was saying that some areas were too sensitive for apartheid to be removed from them, he said.

This suggested the Government was following the old strategy of scrapping apartheid only where it had in effect been scrapped already.

He said the sensitive areas identified by Mr Kriel were the only ones where segregation was still practised on a large scale.

If the Government intended reserving certain facilities for specific communities, this would be tantamount to extending the Group Areas Act to public amenities.

## Practised elsewhere

National Party sources rejected Mr van der Merwe's criticism. They said reserving certain facilities for members of the surrounding community was practised in England and elsewhere.

There were certain parks which were reserved for people living around them who had keys to them.

In Johannesburg, for instance, large parks like Zoo Lake could be unreserved, but the use of a small park with a couple of swings and a merry-go-round in the suburbs could be restricted to people living nearby..

They said the Government had not yet decided how it would deal with other sensitive areas such as caravan parks and hospitals.

They insisted that the policy had changed fundamentally.

"In the past the policy was separate amenities — with some exceptions Now it is exactly the opposite — open amenities, with some possible exceptions."

# Apartheid beach signs come down

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PRETORIA. — The administrators of the Cape and Natal were asked yesterday by the Minister of Planning and Provincial Affairs, Mr Hernus Kriel, to immediately set the legal processes in motion to repeal all beach apartheid.

This follows President F W de Klerk's declaration on Thursday that all beaches in South Africa be immediately opened to all races.

This was revealed by Mr Kriel at a press conference here on details concerning the announcement by Mr F W de Klerk, to the President's Council of his intention to eliminate "whites only" public amenities.

Mr Kriel said a municipality like the Conservative Party-controlled Mossel Bay would have no legal power to keep people of colour off the beaches

"If they should do so they are liable for claims and legal action against them," he said

While "whites only" signs were removed from beaches all over the Cape yesterday, the mayor of Mossel Bay remained firmly opposed to the abolition of racial segregation on his town's beaches.

In reaction to Mr Kriel's appeal, the mayor of Mossel Bay, Mr Johan Oosthuizen, said the beaches in the town were still "closed"

"If it's a law I must be a good boy and open the beaches, but you don't just pick up the phone and make a law. If there is no law there will be no open beaches," he said yesterday.

By early yesterday morning, the notorious "whites only" signs on the Strand beach front had been removed and were apparently being kept in a municipal store room.

The town clerk of Gordon's Bay, Mr C Neethling, said the last few offending beach signs had been removed a few days ago.

According to the town clerk of Saldanha, Mr Clive Thomson, all apartheid beach signs had been removed from areas under his jurisdiction.

"I am pleased that they are down," he said,"and only wish we had removed them before the president's directive". "Measures will be taken to eliminate bad behaviour on the beaches, though. There is sure to be some concern as regards inadequate ablution facilities too."

Owner of a local business in the town, Ms Eleanora Pisano, said the beaches should have been opened long ago. — Sapa and Staff Reporter

P.T.O. for Pictures

With open beaches the new order of the day, this 1987 photograph shows the beach integration expected soon.

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# Durban apartheid signs go, embarrassing incidents go on

DURBAN'S beach apartheid signs have been removed, but embarrassing incidents continue, as a Mauritian woman found to her cost when she was ordered off Ansteys Beach on Tuesday.

Ansteys Beach is near the home on the Bluff of Angelique van der Merwe, a Mauritian married to a South African. She had taken their three-year-old son, David, to the pool when the incident happened.

She had been at the pool for some time when she was approached by a beach inspector who told her she was not allowed to be there.

"He was nice and said he was sorry, but I was very embarrassed," she said.

"I told him I was from Mauritius and did not know about these things. But he said I must leave anyway."

She went home where she was found in an upset state by her husband, David van der Merwe.

Van der Merwe spoke angrily of laws that insulted people because of the colour of their skins.

"South Africans get the very best of treatment when they go to Mauritius," he said "Surely this country should reciprocate when Mauritians come here."

His wife was so upset she wanted to return to Mauritius. "Our neighbours on the Bluff have given us no problems."

The Director of Parks, Recreation and Beaches, Errol Scarr, said the incident would be investigated. – Sapa

STAR PARENT . . . actress Moira Lister with her youngest daughter

# Open beaches move too late to stop couple quitting SA

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TIDE OF CHANGE . . . Kim Thring and Amanda Gama frolic on South Beach, Durban. No problems, although it's still officially whites only

**THE State President's move to scrap beach apartheid has come too late for a Mauritian woman and her South African husband.**

They are so fed up being chased off whites-only beaches that they're leaving the country they love

"We want to go to any country where we will be accepted for what we are and not the colour of our skins," said Mrs Angelique van der Merwe of the Bluff in Durban.

She and their three-year-old toddler have been asked to leave segregated beaches — the latest occasion just two days before Mr De Klerk announced the scrapping of the Separate Amenities Act.

It was also just a week after the Durban City Council voted to remove whites-only signs from the segregated beaches which only added to the confusion

"It was so embarrassing. People were staring at me while the inspector was asking me to leave. I just started crying

"I told him I was from Mauritius and did not know about these things, but he said I would still have to leave," Mrs Van der Merwe said

Two previous race run-ins on the beaches were bad enough

● In August little David was playing on the slide at the Bluff's Ansteys Beach with his uncle when they were asked to leave.

## Pool

● In October Mrs Van der Merwe was called out of the pool at Brighton Beach where she was enjoying herself with her family and her white in-laws

Mr David van der Merwe, a former Orlando Pirates goalkeeper, found his wife in tears at her cousin's house after Tuesday's incident at Ansteys Beach He then confronted the beach inspector

"He told me they had taken the whites-only signs down but that blacks were still not allowed there

"When I asked him if he normally treated tourists this way, he said he did not make the laws"

Mr Errol Scarr, director of Durban's Parks, Recreation and Beaches, said the inspectors were carrying out orders as the beach by-laws were still in force

Tomorrow the Durban City Council will meet to vote on the future of its three remaining whites-only beaches and councillors are confident they will get the two-thirds majority needed to overturn the beach by-law which has been in force since 1930

It will be the fourth time this year that a motion has come up to scrap beach apartheid.

GETTING OUT . . . David and Angelique van der Merwe with son David

Story: TERRY van der WALT
Pictures: JIMMY HUTTON

## Senses

The National Party caucus of nine, which has previously stood in the way of open beaches, is set to move in line with President De Klerk's new thinking, but the three rightwing Civic Action League councillors are certain to vote against it.

A stumbling block in the way of opening the city's remaining segregated beaches has been the future of two, Ansteys and Brighton beaches on the Bluff, which are small and lacking in facilities

Environmental and crowd control at the beaches is likely to be included as a condition in the motion tomorrow

"Durban has finally come to its senses," said Councillor Margaret Ambler, who has been at the forefront of the battle to open the beaches over the past few years.

## Slammed

Meanwhile CP leader Dr Andries Treurnicht slammed the State President's latest move when he opened his party's congress at Uvongo on the Natal South Coast on Friday night.

"It is contrary to the assurances given by the Government on the devolution of power that local authorities have the right to decide on amenities," he said

HAMISH MCINDOE writes from Cape Town that Mossel Bay Town Council's decision to defy Mr De Klerk's call for open beaches grimly echoes its grudging one-day lifting of beach apartheid to avoid a boycott of the troubled Dias Festival last year

Mossel Bay's Mayor, Mr Johan Oosthuizen, this week said. "The beaches fall in the white group areas and will not be open to all races."

## Challenge

He made it clear the council's stance was legal and, "If Mr De Klerk wants to open our beaches he must make a new law".

In the rest of the Cape, however, it appears the segregated beaches will disappear without council protest as the legal process to remove beach apartheid from the statute book is set in motion

Whites-only beach signs at the Strand and Gordon's Bay were taken down only hours after President De Klerk's announcement.

# Open our school!

S. Times 19/11/89

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 multiracial**

**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 outnumbers whites**

**Principal Mr J C van Helden said. "Teachers, pupils and parents are not concerned with the colour of children who are taught here."**

# Towns will slowly be forced to integrate

S Times 19/11/89

By LESTER VENTER
Political Correspondent

STUBBORN local authorities who resist moves to open public amenities to all citizens will eventually be forced by the Government to comply

This will happen when the Separate Amenities Act is finally scrapped President F W de Klerk said this week the Government feels "the time has come" for it to go

However, it has emerged that a lengthy period will be allowed for conservative enclaves in the country to adjust to the new circumstances

The scrapping of the Act will "not necessarily" come in next year's parliamentary session, the Minister of Planning and Provincial Affairs, Mr Hernus Kriel, said this week

And the Government will take a long and hard look at segregation in "sensitive areas"

Mr Kriel said these areas were hospitals and clinics, public swimming pools, inland resorts, overnight camp sites and caravan parks.

Meanwhile, a senior Government source said local authorities would be urged to open facilities through a mixture of encouragement and pressure.

It is believed that in extreme cases of a local authority working against Government wishes, pressure could eventually involve the withholding of subsidies and other assistance

The Government plans to make the transition to a new racial social order as smooth as possible It will do this by engaging groups both inside and outside Parliament in discussions

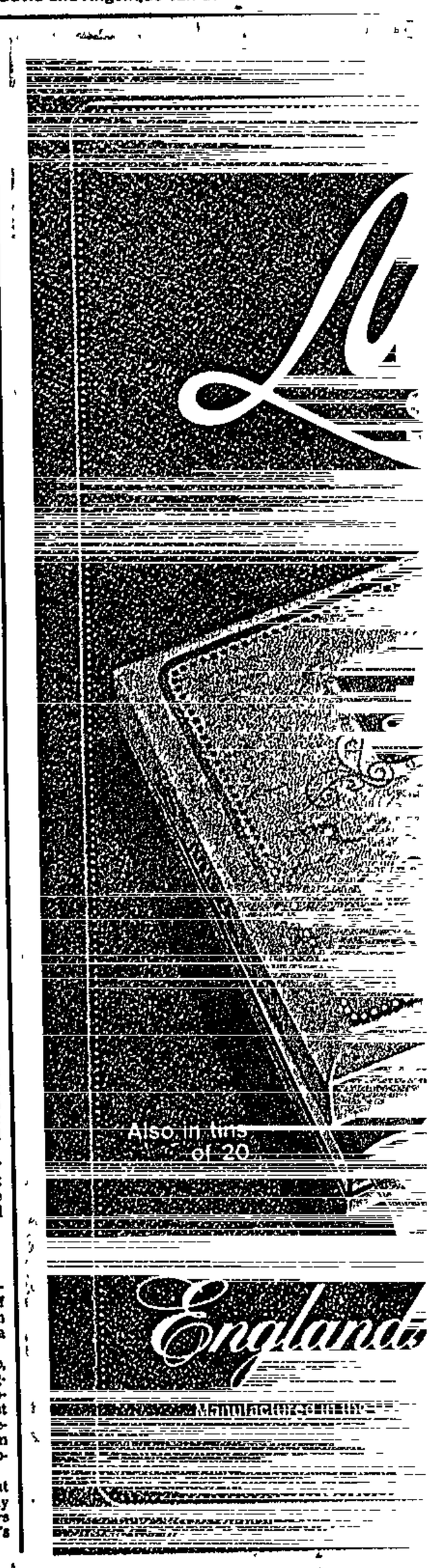
The Government is keen, however, to see all beaches opened as soon as possible. Mr Kriel said on Friday provincial administrators had been instructed to proceed with the necessary legal steps.

The Separate Amenities Act is essentially enabling legislation. It does not prescribe which facilities must be open or closed, but nominates the authorities and instances that are entitled to reserve amenities, for one race or another

# I'M ANC, SAYS RAPIST

**A 16-YEAR-OLD girl was raped at knifepoint this week by a robber who claimed he was a member of the ANC.**

**The man stole a radio-cassette player but fled after trying to steal a bakkie from the farm near Middelburg in the Eastern Transvaal, a police spokesman said**

# Durban opens all beaches to all

DURBAN — The Durban City Council yesterday voted in favour of opening all its beaches to all race groups.

Only five councillors held out in favour of the retention of the last four "whites only" beaches — two on the Golden Mile of the Marine Parade and two at the Bluff.

The "for" vote of 29 easily gave the motion the required two-thirds majority.

Three members of the Central Action League (CAL) and two independents voted against the motion.

Also yesterday, Cape Administrator Kobus Meiring announced that all beaches under his department's control were open to all with immediate effect.

The decision, he said, followed President F W de Klerk's declaration that all beaches in SA be opened to all races.

Beaches at the Strand, Gordon's Bay and Bloubergstrand were open for the first time at the weekend. There were no racial incidents. — Sapa.

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# City fathers discover harmony upon the sands

**Durban's NP leader made an eloquent defence of open beaches this week. Who would have thought that just a few days ago, he staunchly defended the very opposite view? CARMEL RICKARD reports**

IN a smart about face, most National Party faithful on the Durban City Council voted to open all remaining whites-only beaches this week.

By 24 votes to five, councillors agreed all the beaches and beachfront pools would be integrated.

Among those who said he crossed his first political Rubicon by backing the measure was management committee boss Jan Venter, who also heads the NP caucus on the council.

Just a fortnight ago, after debate on the same issue Venter voted against opening the beaches.

Then came the presidential announcement on opening all beaches. But Venter still did not bow. He said the decision whether to open beaches lay with the council and the state president could not open them by decree.

"Durban's beaches are not open," he said adamantly.

A weekend of discussions with the NP caucus led to a landmark speech on Monday when Venter spoke in council urging the passing of an integration resolution.

He reminded councillors of "what happened in Rhodesia" to people who said they would never give in on racial policies

Closer home he also recalled "a cabinet minister" who tried to force Afrikaans on Soweto schools.

"Many lives later he realised this was wrong."

**Civilised standards must be maintained. So when the segregation signs came down on this Cape Town beach, they were promptly replaced by a new set of peevish 'thou-shalt-not' signs** Picture: ERIC MILLER, Afrapix

Venter said there was no more time to make these kinds of mistakes and that his stand on the integration issue was "the first real Rubicon" of his political career.

Integration would help ensure Durban had an "unrest free holiday period", as extremists of the left and right would exploit a vote retaining whites only beaches, making these beaches "a soft target" for confrontation over the holiday season.

Not everyone was persuaded to abandon segregation.

Arthur Bowles, of the conservative Civic Action League, said he could foresee a boycott of Durban by white tourists.

He said: "We have heard of black power, but there is also white power. Our time is coming."

The resolution opening the beaches contained provisions to step up crowd control and anti-littering checks as well as the employment of extra "beach guides" to ensure people dressed and behaved "acceptably".

Whites-only signs were removed two weeks ago, so the latest decision makes no visible difference.

However, there are still several technical hurdles to pass before the segregation by-laws are officially removed from the statute books.

Officials said they hoped this could all be done by December.

# actor

Not that Inkatha is solely to blame for the collapse of the peace process. After a year of meetings, it was agreed there should be a summit between KwaZulu Chief Minister Mangosuthu Buthelezi and ANC president Oliver Tambo. Buthelezi wrote directly to Tambo, who didn't reply. In the corridors at Ulundi, this was naturally taken as a snub. After that it was only a matter of time before what remained of the peace negotiations was called off.

Buthelezi and Inkatha were further riled when excluded from the series of protest marches which took place around the country last month. The final insult, clearly spelt out by King Goodwill on Sunday, was being left out of the rallies held to welcome back the released ANC leaders, including Sisulu.

Now, peace talks between the opposing factions in Natal-KwaZulu seem further away than ever. The king spoke about the Zulu nation being spurned and rejected by the ANC and, bearing in mind his audience (including thousands bused in from the countryside), the result could well be more violence.

An insult to the king, chief minister and Zulu nation as a whole is a grave offence and could well be interpreted as a call to arms by more traditional Zulu people.

It should also be remembered that the king invited the released ANC members to talk about why he and Buthelezi had been ignored at the welcoming rallies. In his response, Sisulu raised the prospect of the respective leaders discussing the violence in the region.

KwaZulu seems determined to play its role in negotiating SA's future. And, for the time being, it looks as if Inkatha and the ANC will be going their respective ways.

Sunday's *imbizo*, only the second called by the King in his 20-year reign, might have done a lot for Zulu unity. But it did nothing for black unity. ■

BEACH APARTHEID

# The sands run out

**One thing** about Nat caucus members which effectively dominates the Durban City Council: they act as one.

Last month they all voted for the five remaining segregated beaches to stay whites-only to set several conditions to be met before all races could use them.

This week the conditions were set aside. All but one of the Nat councillors voted for all beaches to be opened to all races.

The dissenting councillor, Jo Allen, stood as an independent in the municipal elections but then asked if she could join the NP caucus after being elected. She justified voting against open beaches by saying it was consistent with election promises to her constituency.

When Peter Corbett (the councillor who managed to get the whites-only beach signs removed last month) produced Allen's manifesto, and pointed out it contained no reference to beaches, she said the promise was in a different manifesto.

It seems she has two manifestos.

Another feature of the council meeting on beach apartheid was that, after nearly nine years of fierce debate, the decision was taken quickly and quietly.

The beaches aren't officially open yet but municipal officials have been asked to be discreet with complaints. On December 8 the council will consider objections to opening all beaches. If the decision is upheld it will go to the provincial executive committee on December 12 for pertinent by-laws to be scrapped.

**Pretoria pushed**

What caused the turnaround?

It was clearly pressure from the top though the caucus is unlikely to admit it. Deputy mayor and management committee chairman Jan Venter, who last month advanced several arguments why beaches should *not* be opened, at least until after the holiday season (*Current Affairs* October 13), claimed this week to have secured a two-phase concession from the council opposition to break the beaches impasse.

These include the provision of extra facilities and crowd control measures (which Venter estimates will cost the city about R250 000) and the promise to investigate limiting the number of people using beaches on the Bluff — perhaps the most conservative of Durban's white suburban areas.

Ideas include controlling the number of vehicles going to the beach and setting a maximum of 15 people per vehicle.

Venter admits, however, that the NP caucus met last Friday to consider the statements by President F W de Klerk. "We had a long debate on the issue," he says, "but didn't take a vote. We decided to consider the matter over the weekend and meet again on Monday."

The weekend's soul-searching had the same effect on each councillor.

Liberal councillors burst into cheers and applause after Monday's decision to open the beaches.

Cape Administrator Kobus Meiring outlawed beach apartheid with the stroke of a pen this week. Local authorities — including CP-controlled Mossel Bay — agreed to fall into line.

Most Cape beaches have been desegregated for some time, so the province does not face the traumatic transition expected by some in Natal. In terms of an extraordinary provincial gazette published on Tuesday, all Cape beaches are now accessible to all people. Local authorities who refuse to comply risk prosecution.

**In favour**

After De Klerk's announcement last week, on the immediate scrapping of beach apartheid, Mossel Bay mayor Johan Oosthuizen said the town's main beach would stay whites-only unless a new law were passed.

A council spokesman said this week that it would, however, abide by Meiring's decree.

Curiously, nearly all the councillors, civic officials, businessmen and residents in some small towns in the Cape, where beach apartheid was still enforced last week, were overwhelmingly in favour of desegregated beaches when interviewed by Cape Town newspapers.

The issue of segregated beaches has attracted worldwide media attention for many months and it caused an international incident recently, embarrassing to SA delegates, at a conference in Paris of mayors from many countries. ■

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# Beach violence: Police's big move

**Own Correspondent**

DURBAN. — Police here have moved to avoid a repetition of the recent incidents of violence and disorderly conduct on the city's beaches — setting up a temporary charge office on the beachfront and announcing increased patrols of the area.

The move comes in the wake of this week's mob attack on lifeguards at the North Beach and the killing of two black youths on Thursday afternoon.

The Regional Commissioner of Police in Natal, Major-General Johann van Niekerk, warned that recent incidents of "disorderly conduct" was leading to an increase in crime.

"We are making an earnest appeal to those gangs of black youths — who undermined law and order on the beachfront this week — to restrain themselves and behave in an orderly manner," he said

Two young black men were stabbed, beaten and stoned to death by mobs of black youths who caused widespread havoc when they ran amok on the beachfront on Thursday afternoon.

Lifeguards on the beaches yesterday said that their job had been made more difficult because black beachgoers ignored them.

They called for permanent beach guides to be posted at the beaches, to bridge communication barriers.

Some lifeguards expressed the view that blacks were trying to intimidate them by ignoring their warnings and bathing where they wished. They said a few extra "permanent lifeguards" were needed to help control the situation.

Some said they anticipated racial "chaos" on South Beach during the coming Christmas break.

General Van Niekerk issued a "behave or else" warning to the black youths.

He said the recent spate of crime on Durban's beaches was viewed in a "very serious light" and he announced an increase of regular foot, vehicle and dog patrols of the entire Golden Mile.

He said the temporary police charge office would be used to "monitor the situation" on the beaches.

● Sapa reports that a delegation of National Party MPs will meet the mayor and deputy mayor of Durban as well as a senior officer of the SAP early next week to convey the NP's "deep concern" at recent incidents of lawlessness on one of the city's beaches.

According to a statement released by the Natal NP's information service yesterday, they will also discuss the need for stepping-up of measures to "minimise the danger of recurrence of such incidents".

"There is absolutely no question of going back on the opening of beaches, but violent anti-social behaviour of this nature is totally unacceptable," the statement said.

# 'Whites only' signs go but board drains beach pool

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SCOTTBURGH. — The Umkomaas Town Board removed the "whites only" signs at the beach pool yesterday morning — but no one will be able to swim in the pool because it is to be drained.

The chairman of the town board, Mr Bryan Thomas, said a decision had been taken at a meeting on Thursday night to open the pool to all races.

The original decision to restrict the pool to whites had not been based on racial grounds, he said. The pool's purification system was not adequate to cater for large crowds.

He said the beaches at Umkomaas had always been multiracial and the pool had been the only facility reserved for the use of whites.

"We agreed to take down the signs and, for the moment, empty the pool so no one can swim," said Mr Thomas.

Mr Thomas said Mr Narend Singh, MP for Umzinto constituency, had agreed to try for government funding to initially fence off the pool area in order to control the number of people using the facility and to avoid overcrowding.

He said the town board would also be looking for between R250 000 and R500 000 to upgrade the pool.

The town clerk of Umkomaas, Mr Adrian Greco, said earlier this week the pool water had not been changed for over a month because the sea was dirty after the rain and the tide had not been right. He was concerned that this would create a health hazard. — Sapa and Own Correspondent

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# A 'crucial test' for open beaches

PRETORIA — A "crucial test" would come for government during the festive season when blacks used beaches that had been opened in line with President F W de Klerk's new enlightened policies, political analyst Prof Willem Kleynhans, who visited beach resorts in Natal recently, said yesterday.

Kleynhans said it was his impression there would not be sufficient facilities if large numbers of blacks, coloureds and Indians exercised their right to visit beaches that had previously been reserved for whites.

He said any resultant problems should be laid at the door of central government, which had "rushed headlong" into reversing its apartheid policies without taking cognizance of the lack of facilities — a result of 41 years of Nationalist-enforced apartheid.

He said beachfront property owners had also expressed fears of plummeting values in some regions.

Kleynhans said if government expected blacks to display "Western standards" when visiting the beaches they should provide "Western facilities" — which were inadequate or non-existent at the sites he had visited.

The reason for this, Kleynhans said, was that many whites had holiday homes near the beaches, where they changed. Blacks could not be expected to change into costumes hundreds of kilometres away in townships before arriving at the beaches, he said.

If beach constables objected to blacks' behaviour on the beaches, friction might result.

Also, at some beaches he had visited, white homes extended right up to the beaches and there was no space left for the erection of facilities. — Sapa.

# Big reward for info on Webster's killer

A REWARD of about R150 000 for information leading to the arrest and conviction of University of the Witwatersrand academic David Webster's murderer is the largest of its kind yet offered in South Africa.

Following Webster's assassination on May 1 this year, the Union of Democratic University Staff Associations (Udusa) launched a reward pledge - which expires on December 31.

An Udusa statement issued yesterday said the responses to the pledge appeal indicated a massive groundswell of public concern about Webster's murder and other unsolved political assassinations.

Large sums of money have been pledged towards the reward by university academics and administrations, as well as from the legal and medical professions, banks, journalists, architects and MPs.

Udusa has raised R130 000 and the Commissioner of Police and University of the Witwatersrand have offered rewards of R10 000 each. - Sapa.

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# Beach protests

**Own Correspondent**

DURBAN. — More than 380 objections have been received in response to the Durban City Council's notice advertising its intention to open all the city's beaches to all races.

Most were sent in on forms distributed by the right-wing Civic Action League calling for objections.

# Durban's beaches open now

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DURBAN. — The last vestiges of beach apartheid in Natal have been legally removed following executive committee approval for the opening of Durban's last three beaches reserved for whites.

The MEC for local government, Mr Peter Miller, announced provincial approval for the city of Durban's application to repeal its beach by-laws relating to Addington, Ansteys and Brighton beaches when he officially opened the water-based resort facility at Reunion Park yesterday.

The repeal will be published in a Provincial Gazette Extraordinary today.

Mr Miller said all credit should go to the Durban City Council which, by a two-thirds majority, overturned an earlier decision not to repeal the by-laws.

"The administrator-in-executive committee merely gave legal sanction to the city council decision because, where objections are received to the advertised intention, the executive committee has the final say," he said.

Mr Miller stressed that the province of Natal and successive administrations had, over the years, stood firm on the racial zoning of beaches along the entire Natal coast outside Durban and Richards Bay.

"It needs to be stated again that Natal's beaches have never been zoned for the exclusive use of any particular race group. They have always been open to all population groups."

By withdrawing the 1974 proclamation which gave legal sanction to the zoning of the one and only closed beach in Richards Bay, the committee has also made sure that the recent Richards Bay town council decision to open the closed beach cannot be overturned by reactionary town councils of the future.

Mr Miller said white opposition to the opening of beaches was fuelled almost exclusively by a fear that standards would deteriorate, adding that by the end of the current financial year an amount of R46 million would have been spent on beach amenities and facilities along Natal's coast.

He appealed to leadership cadres at every level in every community to prove beyond all doubt that right-wing white fears were baseless.

"I particularly direct my plea to those who for the first time have legal access to what were the last all-white beaches. You no longer have a point to prove. Don't by your actions fuel the fires of those determined to reimpose beach segregation by giving them hard factual evidence that it is not possible for all to use the beach," he said. — Sapa

# Natal beach apartheid is all over

DURBAN — The last of beach apartheid in Natal has died with the provincial executive council approval of the opening of the last three beaches in Durban reserved for whites.

Mr Peter Miller, MEC for local government, announced provincial approval yesterday for Durban's application to repeal beach by-laws for Addington, Ansteys and Brighton.

He said all credit must go to the Durban City Council which, by a two-thirds majority, overturned an earlier decision not to repeal the by-laws.

"It needs to be stated again that Natal's beaches have never been zoned for the exclusive use of any particular race group. They have always been open to all."

Mr Miller said white fears over the opening of beaches were fuelled almost by a fear that standards would deteriorate. He appealed to leadership cadres at every level in every community to prove beyond all doubt that right-wing white fears were baseless.

"Overcrowding and bad behaviour on beaches is not solved by racial zoning of any kind. It is solved by the facilities and space sufficient for all."

He believed it was therefore essential that authorities at every level concentrate on providing as wide a range of facilities as possible, spread over as wide an area as possible. Coastal cities and local authorities which benefit from tourists had a prime responsibility in this regard.

Mr Miller said that by the end of the financial year, R46 million would have been spent on beach amenities and facilities along the Natal coast.

"I cannot emphasise enough that inadequate facilities and insufficient space ... will inevitably lead to the very friction we wish to avoid. — Sapa

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# Durban gears up to welcome holiday invaders

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By RYAN CRESSWELL

DURBAN is better prepared than ever before for the annual influx of holiday-makers, say city officials.

About 265 000 visitors are expected to pour into the city this season — a large number of them black — and Mayor Derrick Watterson has sent out more than 50 000 letters appealing for them "to enter into the spirit of the season by exercising patience and tolerance".

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The city council has made sure scores of people will be available to assist visitors on Durban's beaches, some only recently opened to all races, and city police will patrol the beachfront on foot.

Parks department amenities inspectors will patrol the northern and Bluff beaches, a number of temporary beach guides in yellow and black track-suits will help visitors and supervisors will be on hand at paddling pools.

Lifeguards will be on duty at North Beach, South Beach, the Bay of Plenty, Addington and Battery Beach from 6am to 6 30pm and at Country Club, Oasis, Tekweni, Laguna, Brighton and Ansteys, between 8am and 5pm

Many major Durban complexes have already extended their shopping hours, with some staying open on Christmas Eve.

# Attack mars weekend on Durban beaches

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The Argus Correspondent ARGUS 18/12/89

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## REGULAR PATROLS

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Sun worshippers appeared to be happy with the new situation although some people merely accepted the situation with resignation.

"We just have to accept it. What can we do?" said one woman.

# No trouble on beaches

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A City Police official said although there had been many City Police officers patrolling the beaches it was the collective effort involving the SAP and beach officials which ensured the situation was peaceful.

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## 'Peaceful' crowd of 150 000

# Drownings mar Christmas at the beach

Own Correspondent and Sapa

DURBAN — Christmas on Natal coast beaches was marred yesterday by two drownings and an attempted gang rape of a woman at the Rachel Finlayson Pool.

Police said 25-year-old Mr Bala Govender drowned at Stuart's Beach at Stanger yesterday afternoon. His body was later recovered.

Seventeen-year-old Mark Naidoo of Phoenix drowned at Tinley Manor Beach, but because of the strong currents, divers were unsuccesful in their attempts to recover his body.

### Isolated

Police liason officer Lieutenant Bala Naidoo said apart from isolated incidents the crowds were well behaved.

"The only serious incident was when four black men were arrested for attempting to rape a black woman at the Rachel Finlayson Pool," he said.

Thousands of people poured on to Durban's beaches and it is estimated that there was a crowd of more than 150 000 stretching from Blue Lagoon to Addington Beach.

Lifeguards in Durban had their hands full and according to beach manager Mr Frank Churchill, there were more than 100 rescues yesterday.

"There were scores of thousands on the beaches. Livesavers were stretched to the fullest extent and the surf was choppy, coupled with a strong north-easterly wind.

"There were isolated incidents but these were quickly dealt with by the South African Police," said Mr Churchill.

Police had to disperse a crowd of people who were singing, chanting and toyi-toyiing around the paddling pools.

Some paddling pools were so packed with adults that children were unable to enjoy the water and the age restriction was enforced.

Several up-country visitors telephoned *The Daily News* to complain about the crowding on the beaches. "We vote CP," they said "We won't be coming to Durban again."

City Police said some women had had gold chains snatched from their throats on the beach.

Major-General Johan van Niekerk, Regional Commissioner for the SAP in Natal, who flew up and down the coastline in a police helicopter yesterday to get a first hand view of the beach situation said he was very pleased with the behaviour of the public.

"There was a massive crowd on Durban's beaches and apart from a few isolated incidents, I am very pleased with their behaviour. There was a great mixture of people and I expect a big crowd on New Year's Day as well."

General van Niekerk said there would be a even stronger contingent of policemen on duty on New Year's Day.

He said that 20 people were arrested on the Durban beachfront for alcohol related offences over the weekend.

Addington Hospital's casuality department was also busy with doctors and nurses treating people for bluebottle stings.

Reports of bluebottles have also been received from Ballito on the North Coast.

### Capsized

● A crayfish fisherman is believed to have drowned near Cape Point when the boat in the which he and two other fishermen were travelling capsized.

The men were on their way to the crayfish factory at Soetwater near Kommetjie when the boat capsized. Two fishermen managed to reach safety, but the third man is still missing.

A search has been launched by the National Sea Rescue Institute at Hout Bay.

# Preparing the beaches

DURBAN — Two more mobile police charge offices are to be set up on the beachfront over the New Year period as police and municipal officials prepare for one of the biggest crowds to invade the Durban's Golden Mile. Star 29/12/89

It is estimated that a 200 000-strong crowd will flock to the beaches which were recently opened to all races. (283)

On Boxing Day a record crowd of over 150 000 packed the beaches from Addington to Blue Lagoon.

A spokesman for the South African Police, said the two mobile charge offices are to be set up at Sunkist Beach and at North Beach. Early this month one was set up at the Rachel Finlayson pool.

Lieutenant Bala Naidoo, police public relations officer for Port Natal, said a large contingent of policemen plus members of the Durban City Police will be on duty on New Year's Day. — Own Correspondent.

# Durban beach staff 'scared of bathers'

Own Correspondent

DURBAN — Municipal staff are often threatened by bathers when they try to enforce decent behaviour at Durban's beachfront facilities, says city councillor Mr Arthur Morris.

Mr Morris said yesterday he visited beachfront facilities and found that staff were "scared spitless" of the bathers.

Members of the City Police on the beachfront told him they were too few in number to enforce proper control. Attempts to do so were met with immediate aggression.

Mr Morris said municipal staff were forced to clean up after people who did not know how to use water-borne toilets or performed their natural functions on the floor.

"The vandalism in the toilets is terrible," he said. "Toilet seats are broken and taps have even been stolen. Peeping Toms have bored holes in doors and partitions."

Mr Morris, who is known for his right-wing views, blamed the situation on "weeping women liberals" on the council.

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# The nightmare recedes

**The ongoing** Durban nightmare of recent years, a chaotic Christmas and New Year on the beaches, didn't materialise this time. Tens of thousands of people did crush on to the sun-scorched seafront, but the city's new approach to crowd control was hailed as a success. (283)

For three years, ever since the beaches were officially thrown open to all races, the authorities had battled unsuccessfully with hooliganism, drunkenness, violence, racial tension and overcrowding. Tourism was being strangled. But in spite of racial feeling, Durban City Council resisted conservative pressure for solutions based on limiting access to beaches. One proposal was to create "pay beaches" — rejected as a different form of racial segregation.

Management committee chairman Peter Mansfield points out that the success this time was achieved through long and careful planning, community teamwork and communication rather than confrontation and "fencing people off". The council decided not to impose any restrictions on numbers but to encourage good behaviour and safety through its "beachwise" programme and improved facilities. The general aim was to promote self-discipline.

The plan seems to be working. This season's crowds were no smaller than those of previous years — more than 100 000 people (99% of them black) visited Durban's beaches over the New Year weekend — but there was little trouble. After a tour of the packed beachfront, Mayor Margaret Winter said: "Peace, no matter what the odds, was given a chance and it worked. People were just enjoying themselves."

Mansfield adds: "Durban is at the cutting edge of dealing with the future and the lesson for everyone in SA is that we are now managing to handle large crowds effectively — something that all cities will have to face. Critical to this has been the proactive approach in dealing with beach problems. The emphasis is on management and accepting that there are going to be crowds and managing those crowds. Another essential ingredient is public co-operation and that was also present."

Also vital to the operation's success was the visible deployment of hundreds of policemen — SAP and Durban's City Police — in potential trouble spots. Mansfield concedes, however, that this year's success is only a start. He wants to reconvene the beachfront task force, which was established a year ago after the disastrous 1991-1992 festive season.

Notable successes of the campaign were the improved location of facilities such as toilets (thanks to a consultative process, rather than by increasing facilities) and the use of piers and rubber ducks as lifesaving stations which prevented any daylight drownings.

An aspect which Mansfield believes could be further developed is the provision of more off-beach entertainment — such as the "peace concert" at Kings Park soccer stadium which attracted 25 000 people over New Year — to draw people away from the front. One area which still needs improvement is litter collection in crowded areas.

Police spokesman Captain Bala Naidoo agrees that there has been a great improvement — but he believes the biggest problem is alcohol abuse. "Incidents, though few and far between, were all linked to excessive alcohol consumption. We will have to examine seriously ways of controlling the amount of liquor being taken to the beachfront."

Durban must string a few successful holiday seasons together before confidence is restored. Nevertheless, it is encouraging that even in SA's highly charged racial and political climate, holidaymakers are not fighting on the beaches. ■

# Scrapped apartheid ruling sidestepped

DURBAN. — A storm in a swimming pool is brewing in the sleepy northern Natal town of Dundee.

The town council sidestepped the scrapping of the Separate Amenities Act by renting their swimming pool to a white primary school for R100. Sowetan 8/11 - 14/4/90

The annual pool maintenance costs are R30 000, said the town clerk of this coaltown, Mr Cassie Rautenbach.

Rautenbach claimed the pool was operating at maximum capacity. (283)

He said: "In any event, there is a fairly new pool for Indians just down the road."

"Apartheid is alive and well in Dundee," thundered Mr Moosa Bhigjee of the Indian Local Affairs Committee, who said the town council slipped the swimming pool motion past him by phrasing it in Afrikaans.

The council was "undermining Mr De Klerk's vision of a new South Africa" he said.

Dundee, with Newcastle and Hlobane, has also experienced violence with persistent fighting between Inkatha and the National Union of Mineworkers (NUM) at collieries.

Thousands of mineworkers have left for Transkei and Ciskei after clashes left 12 dead.

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# PLAY ON THE SAND (283)

**It's now** a year since Durban's beaches opened to all race groups in a blaze of controversy. Serious overcrowding was confined to just a few days along the Golden Mile but it's understandable that December's experience has left the city council and hotel sector nervous.

The anxiety has not been eased by reports that hotel bookings for Durban were down 30%. At stake is the holiday industry, estimated to be worth R3,4bn annually, and already a lot of mud-slinging is going on. For a start, Durban Publicity Association accuses the council of not spending enough to promote the city and to lure back holidaymakers.

But, spurred by necessity, and with a relatively small investment of R250 000, the council has initiated a privately led programme which could go a long way towards easing behaviour problems seen on beaches last year.

The Be Beachwise programme could become a prototype of cross-cultural education



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and make Durban's beaches pleasant places.

When council put its requirements out to tender this year it had already decided the basic problem on the beaches over Christmas and New Year was one of unfamiliarity and education It had already tried its own solution — employing about 50 Zulu-speaking beach guides to advise day-trippers on behaviour — with limited success.

The plan decided on by council came from a Durban agency, Kibao Communications, which bluntly told city elders that no agency in the country was big enough to do on its own what they wanted and that council's solution, contained in the brief it sent out, was not the only option

For example, says Kibao's Lylie Musgrave, council was keen on sending video tapes to black schools on correct beach behaviour. This would have been expensive, entail distribution problems and in many cases tapes probably end up on dusty shelves.

Why not instead use some of the oldest and most basic forms of communication, like humour, music and dance? This is what Kibao did. It has formed a consortium of multi-disciplined specialists and linked with another promotional programme being run by Durban Chamber of Commerce. On November 1 the Be Beachwise play was staged for the first time on the steps of City Hall

"The idea was to use an original production that would be big on audience participation and fun to watch, while at the same time communicating a series of themes like safe bathing, litter consciousness and the proper use and availability of beach facilities," says Musgrave.

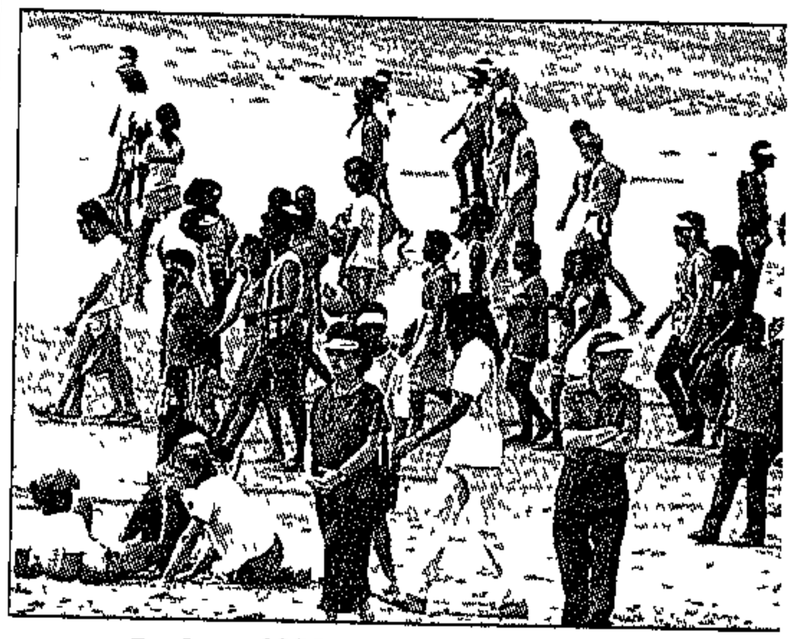
Nicholas Ellenbogen, former Natal Performing Arts Council artistic director, who has since formed his own company, Theatre for Africa, devised the play.

The performance, strong on humour and stereotypes, revolves around three beachgoers and their day on the beach. About 100 performances are planned: this month at schools, factories, and community and shopping centres; and next month from a travelling stage at venues along the beachfront.

The play is spearheading the Be Beachwise programme but there are several other elements. Local bands like Mango Groove and MarcAlex feature on a 30-minute tape of songs written to reinforce the beachwise message, and with the blessing of Sabta, the black taxi association, about 5 000 of these are being distributed to taxi and bus operators.

The programme has also linked with radio stations which will be doing live broadcasts from the beachfront. A beachwise song is being cut as a seven-single disc and Musgrave hopes that, with the airtime it should get, the record might make the hit parade.

Commerce and industry have been invited to participate and, while there is still a certain amount of fence-sitting by the private sector — which supports the programme in principle but seems reluctant to get involved in case the events of last year are repeated — Musgrave hopes to raise an additional R250 000 from private companies for the beachwise programme.



**Durban 1989** ... *the start of it all*

Co-organiser John MacDonald says: "We can't expect to transform Durban's beachfront in one season after 40 years of people being kept apart. What we are learning now and what we will know by the end of the year will prove invaluable experience in cross-cultural relations." ■

# Bid for all-race festive fun on Natal beaches

S/Times 14/10/90 (283)

By RYAN CRESSWELL

DURBAN City Council is about to launch a programme aimed at promoting inter-racial tolerance on its beaches over the holiday period.

The "Be Beachwise" programme, which starts next month, will be linked to the Chamber of Commerce's "Be the Best We Can Be" campaign to boost tourism to the holiday city.

Director of the city's beach programme, John MacDonald, said the council had launched the programme to prevent a repeat of the "incidents" on the city's beaches shortly after they were opened to all races last Christmas.

## Tolerance

"Our programme will comprise a mix of information through entertainment," he said.

"The emphasis will be on fun rather than the heavy enforcement of regulations."

Mr MacDonald said there would also be an emphasis on "tolerance" on the beaches.

"This programme is aimed at all the population groups."

Mr McDonald said the city council had put aside R250 000 for the campaign but local commerce and industry would be approached to help sponsor it.

He said research on tourism and the beach issue would be included in the campaign.

Cassette music by leading local artists will be circulated to bus drivers and taxi operators. There will be 100 live performances at schools, shopping centres and on the beach by the Theatre for Africa drama group.

A DJ programme of advice and popular music and a large competition will also form part of the campaign.

The first part of the programme will start early next month and it will continue through the Christmas holiday season.

# Signs of apartheid disappear . . . . but too soon for some!

By PETER AUF DER HEYDE

WHILE most South Africans believe that apartheid is not disappearing fast enough, South African museums are concerned that racist signs are disappearing too fast.

It could be expected that the scrapping of the Separate Amenities Act would result in signs being sheepishly removed from public facilities, but the fact is, they just don't really exist anymore.

The Director of the Natal Museum in Pietermaritzburg, Dr Brian Stuckenberg, said they were trying to build up a collection of apartheid signs.

"We have not yet found any and now we are seriously concerned that we will not find them," he said.

"All our requests have been met with a negative response. People deny ever having had such signs. It seems as if people are too ashamed to admit they ever existed."

He said the signs had been up in many city halls, mag' ,trate's courts, post offices and other public places, yet now suddenly none of the signs remained. (283)

## Hot cakes

"As we were one of the first fully-nonracial museums, we never had any of these signs, so we have to look elsewhere."

Dr Stuckenberg said the museum planned to place the signs in its cultural history exhibition as it wanted to preserve social history. South 25/10 - 31/10/90

He said he had information that they were selling "like hot cakes" overseas.

Dr AP Roux, director of The South African Cultural History Museum in Cape Town, said his museum would soon begin its collection of apartheid memorabilia.

Although the museum had not yet approached members of the public for apartheid's "collector's items", it would consider doing so in the near future, he said.

Canadian, American and European collectors are reportedly paying high prices for the signs.

# Race barriers tumble in house sales

## We sell to anyone in any area, says agency

OWN CORRESPONDENT

DURBAN — The Natal division of property group J H Isaacs is removing the racial barriers in its residential sales book.

At a function to launch a section of its residential sales division to cater to black areas of Durban, Trevor Warman, chairman of JHI (Natal), said the company would sell any property on its books in any area to any person.

### Scrapped

This was, he said, a response to the invitation from President de Klerk to everybody to "participate in the new South Africa" and should not be seen as a challenge to the Government.

He expected the Group Areas Act to be scrapped no later than May next year.

In the meantime, the company would continue to comply with the law requiring black people buying homes in white areas to be issued with permits.

"Government officials have entered into the spirit of this thing, the only limitation on them being the rate at which they can issue permits, rather than spending time finding ways to refuse them," said Mr Warman.

He said his company had found homes for several black businessmen in central Durban.

Three weeks ago it acted for an Umlazi woman who sold her house for R200 000 and bought a flat for R90 000 in the city centre.

Reacting to reports of financial institutions not lending to black prospective home buyers, Mr Warman described banks and building societies as "responsible citizens" and said the reported withdrawal from the market would be "the last thing they would do".

"They may be more specific about areas they grant mortgages in and the risks they accept, but they would not pull out of any area."

He said the institutions recognised the fact that blacks tended to place more store by home ownership than other people, and consequently, often made better risks.

Ron Mattig, the company's sales manager in the black housing initiative, said his staff would work hard to counter myths that existed about home ownership.

One of these was that property could not be sold or homes extended until bonds on them were paid off.

# Peace prevails on Durban beacnes

Star 16/4/90 By Monica Nicolson (283)

DURBAN — The predicted overcrowding and racial tension on Durban's beaches did not materialise over the Easter long weekend.

The beaches were relatively crowd-and-trouble-free, despite fears that the Natal township war might spill over into the cities.

Many whites sought out beaches north and south of the city.

However, in Durban itself, children of all races splashed happily in the water and black and white teenagers played beach games together while their parents soaked up the sun.

Police said there were no incidents.

Beach officials and police were out in force, keeping a discreet yet effective presence while enforcing city by-laws and decent behaviour.

Hoteliers and the Durban Publicity Association expressed disappointment at the small turnout.

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# In the swim

## Durban is looking to recover its reputation as a happy holiday haven

The tourists flocking to Durban this week will want to know that the peak season overcrowding of last December-January has been attended to. It could be that their experiences now will help determine the future of the city as a tourist centre for some time to come.

Durban lives or dies by tourism. The industry accounts for a total estimated annual turnover of R3,5bn in the city; and more than 46 000 people are employed in it either directly or in associated services. A recent survey found that an average of close to R2,2m a day was spent in Durban by visitors — on accommodation, entertainment, food and beverages and internal transport. This figure excludes what is spent in shops on the beachfront and the CBD.

But is this still the case after Durban's overcrowded Christmas and New Year (*Business* March 30)? Hotel bookings for Easter are slightly down for the same period last year, but that is not causing too much concern.

"With Easter it is often a last minute decision by visitors. We can never be sure just how many people are coming down until the long weekend starts," says Alf Sudheim, vice-chairman of Fedhasa in Durban.

**Open beaches**

He admits that February was a bad month for hotels in Durban but says this was probably a hangover from events in early January. Durban's beaches were opened on November 20, after several months' debate in the city council, all of it attracting a lot of publicity. Sudheim believes it is this — and the novelty of open beaches — which attracted so many day visitors and led to the overcrowding of the beachfront.

He expects as many people to arrive again at the end of this year, but says that overcrowding will only occur on the five public holidays between December 16 and January 2. And, "this is going to be the case for the next few years — but the novelty will begin to wear off.

" 'The let's-go-have-a-look' brigade will diminish."

Even if the crowds do increase, Durban's director of Parks, Recreation and Beaches, Errol Scarr, is confident they will be better managed. "We have all been on a learning curve since December. I think it is getting better. People are adjusting and learning to mix with people of other cultures. We have geared up the amenities and staff to handle large crowds."

The city has taken on an additional 126 staff for the period which runs through to April 17. These include extra lifeguards, 60 "litter pickers" and 60 beach guides. The

# Durban to teach beach etiquette

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**Own Correspondent**

DURBAN — A wide-ranging education programme to help overcome problems experienced on Durban's beaches during the summer holiday has been accepted in principle by the city council's management committee.

The programme, drawn up by a working group, will not be aimed at general anti-social behaviour.

The group's report says that while such behaviour during the festive season may have been politically motivated, the major problem arose as a result of cultural differences between race groups and ignorance of accepted Western norms and the use of sophisticated facilities.

The report suggests a variety of education media, from cassette tapes and public address systems to theatrical productions and audio-visual programmes to be presented at schools.

# Trying to forget Christmas '89

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**Durban's tourism** industry, harmed by reports of incidents on the beach during the high season, is working intensely to re-establish the city's reputation as the country's premier holiday resort.

Part of the campaign is a concerted effort to create the illusion that the beachfront incidents were just a flash in the pan and had no effect on the average beach-goer. In addition, the industry is making a concentrated effort to maintain the number of visitors to the city by stepping up promotion of the off-season.

Jan Venter, chairman of Durban's management committee, claims the situation on Durban's beaches over the festive season was "grossly misrepresented." He maintains that fewer people thronged the beaches than in previous high seasons.

They came in appreciable numbers on five days only, December 16, Christmas Day, Boxing Day, New Year's Day and January 2, he says "They were not only exceptionally well behaved under the circumstances, there was also a unique spirit of goodwill among them."

So what went wrong? Venter blames the press. "It is a fact that there were large crowds on beaches throughout the country, not just in Durban I can only imagine Durban was singled out by the media because, for the first time, all our beaches were opened to all races."

The reports of disturbances were many — people fighting in the paddling pools, defecating on the beaches, wrenching seats off loos and threatening the police with violence if they intervened

Venter acknowledges, however, "there were a few teething problems that have to be sorted out " The council is starting an education programme "aimed at people for whom visiting a beach is a totally new experience, explaining the use of facilities, codes of behaviour and what is expected of them in terms of Durban's by-laws and seashore regulations."

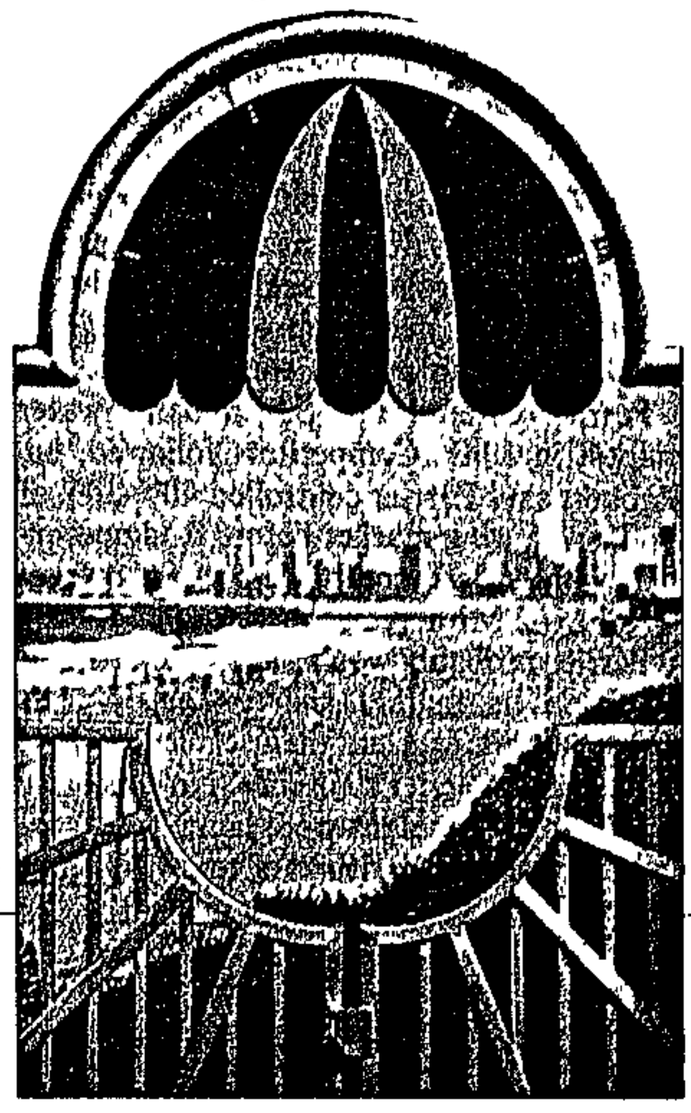
Bruno Corte, chairman of the Southern Sun and Holiday Inn group, is more pragmatic. The problem, he asserts, was that the beaches were opened to all very late "and the guys didn't have enough time to get properly organised." He says the city will doubtless be better organised this year, but concedes "it will be more difficult to market Durban this year than it was before."

Certainly, many in the industry are worried. They know they are winning support from moneyed blacks, but fear free-spending whites, who normally flock to Durban at Christmas, will not return after last season's incidents. So the marketing emphasis is being subtly shifted to the off-season, when the beaches don't usually suffer from a mass invasion and hotels offer discount packages.

The Southern Sun hotel group may begin offering a train-hotel package for Durban in June (*Business* March 23). It will operate along the same lines as the highly successful air-hotel plan, but will be cheaper.

Alan Gooderson, the Durban chairman of the Federated Hotel, Liquor & Catering Association of SA, says there may be a push to get the Sunday Observance Act repealed. If it cannot be done nationally, an attempt will be made to free Durban and the vicinity from its restrictions "Being able to open our pubs on Sundays will make the city more of a fun place than it is and will allow us to make some money," Gooderson says.

**The low season is the key to boosting Durban tourism**



There are also plans to institute daylight saving by advancing Durban time by an hour in the summer. Gooderson says this will add an hour a day to every visitor's holiday.

Hoteliers are homing in on white visitors, not for any racial reasons, but because they spend more than black visitors on food and beverages, in and out of their hotels. Black visitors are inclined to eat only the meals included in their hotel packages and buy food for other meals from supermarkets, hoteliers say.

Southern Sun's Lynette Botterill says 58% of its guests between December 16 and January 7 were blacks. "The fall-off in food and beverage takings certainly surprised us. It was completely against the trend established down the years of families taking snacks and meals, other than breakfast, in their hotels "

The city may be trying to woo back whites, but it certainly isn't turning its nose up at blacks. Gooderson says "middle-class blacks are excellent clients and they have lots of disposable income." More than 40% of the rooms in all beachfront hotels were let to blacks over Christmas.

Durban's increasing popularity with blacks is underscored by the support for Trains 2000, Spoornet's packaged tours to Durban "The actions of the crowds had no effect on their popularity," says Spoornet's Douglas Mlambo.

Clearly, Durban would be in trouble without black holidaymakers. It will need them to counter the threat its traditional rival, Cape Town, will pose this year, when Captour launches its Green Season campaign to market the Mother City's off-season attractions (*Business* December 8). The Protea Hotel group is throwing its weight behind the campaign with a heavily discounted air-hotel plan aimed at the PWV that will surely siphon off some of Durban's traffic.

*David Pincus*

# Apartheid signs cut down: Appeal lost

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**The Argus Correspondent**

MARITZBURG. — Durban civil rights activist Morris Fynn has lost an appeal in the Maritzburg Supreme Court against his conviction following his cutting down of apartheid beach signs on Christmas Day, 1988.

Fynn was convicted of malicious injury to property in June last year by Durban magistrate Mr P J du Plessis, and fined R200 or 20 days' imprisonment. Fynn told Mr du Plessis he had cut down the beach signs because they were causing irreparable harm to South Africa.

**NO RIGHT TO DAMAGE PROPERTY**

Mr du Plessis said one might have all the sympathy for Fynn's views and feelings, but that did not give him the right to damage property belonging to others.

Rejecting his appeal on Monday, Mr Justice Squires said however valued his moral principals might have been, putting them into effect resulted in unlawful conduct.

He said it had been established that Fynn's actions had been unlawful and he upheld the conviction and sentence.

Mr Justice Thirion concurred.

# No race incidents on jam-packed Durban beaches

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Own Correspondent

DURBAN — Durban's beaches were packed yesterday with an estimated 100 000 people who chose a day outdoors to celebrate New Year's Day.

Most of the crowd strewn along 5 km of beachfront were blacks and, in spite of the grim fore-bodings of many people, no racial incidents were reported.

SA Police showed considerable restraint in the face of continual taunting by mobs at the beach.

Lifesavers were kept on their toes and there were a number of rescues.

The paddling pools near North Beach became a hive of activity, with masses of people flooding into the area.

Early in the day, a group of policemen were stoned and bottles were thrown at them when they tried to break up a fight. However, other policemen arrived and the situation was defused.

Though there were no racial problems, the police had their hands full dealing with crime. The worst incident was the killing of an unidentified black man, who was found stabbed to death near the Rachel Finlayson pool yesterday.

In a roundup of weekend crime statistics in the area, police reported that 53 people had been arrested in connection with several offences on the beachfront between Friday and yesterday.

### ALLEGED THEFT

Twenty-two people were arrested for alleged theft on the beaches, two in connection with complaints of assault and grievous bodily harm and three for alleged malicious damage to property.

Other arrests included drunkenness, drinking in public and attempted theft.

Captain Coert Marais, South African Police public relations officer for Port Natal, said there were several isolated incidents on the beaches on Sunday, but they had been quickly quelled by the strong contingent of policemen on duty.

Senior police officers led by the newly appointed Comissioner of the SAP, General Johan van der Merwe, inspected the beaches.

Natal North and South Coast beaches had large turn-outs.

Umhlanga and Ballito beaches were packed, mainly with whites, while Isipingo and Park Rynie were crowded with Indians. It was reported that 50 busloads of blacks went to St Michael's-on-Sea.

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on them before fleeing.

After being chased by a member of the Dog Unit, the suspect was arrested but the firearm was not recovered.

In two other incidents on Sunday night, police reported an unidentified pedestrian died when he apparently ran in front of a car in Jeppe Street.

Ambulance authorities in Sandton and Randburg also reported an exceptionally quiet night while colleagues in Johannesburg said that apart from several minor road accidents the night was quiet.

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# Build harmony on our beaches

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## Education of day trippers the key, anxious MPs told

OWN CORRESPONDENT

DURBAN — Blacks must play a key role in educating people how to behave themselves in a generally decent and law-abiding way on the beaches, the National Party's director of information in Natal, Mr Renier Schoeman, said here this week.

Mr Schoeman was speaking after a delegation of National Party MPs held talks with the Durban City Council's Management Committee about problems experienced on the beaches during the holiday season.

He felt there had to be "a specific educational exercise" in acceptable behaviour — and black people would have to play a key role in communicating with beach users.

### Solution 'by Easter'

Mr Schoeman spoke in terms of overcoming the problem of bad behaviour through education and control. He said this problem had to be given priority and solutions found before the Easter weekend.

The problem of bad behaviour was twofold: the "less substantial question" of beach etiquette, such as dress, and the more serious aspect of anti-social acts, from indecent exposure of a criminal nature to alcohol abuse, violence and stabbings.

He said the more general problems of congestion on the beaches and the need for more facilities would have to be solved over a longer term.

"We must face the dilemma of the effects the day trippers are having on the tourists," he said.

Mr Schoeman said that in 1988 Durban's three-, four- and five-star hotels reported that 40 percent of their occupancy was black. "And the blacks are also complaining about the congestion caused by day trippers."

Various forms of entertainment would have to be created to draw crowds away from congested beaches.

Mr Schoeman said the MPs would submit proposals to the City Council through the NP councillors on medium- and longer-term solutions.

His views on control as a short-term solution to the problem of bad behaviour were strongly supported by Management Committee chairman Mr Jan Venter.

"The problem can be solved by enforcing existing by-laws," Mr Venter said. "If we need to employ additional staff, we must do so."

Mr Venter did not foresee any problem in finding additional staff and he rejected a statement by Durban's Chief Constable, Mr Maurice Beaver, that it was not possible to get enough suitable policemen.

"I sent a youngster who did his matric last year to the City Police to apply for a job and he came back very disheartened," Mr Venter said. "He had been told that the City Police had limited vacancies and there had already been 800 applications."

# Durban mayor heckled over non-racial beaches

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Own Correspondent (283)

DURBAN — A crowd consisting largely of beachfront residents last night heckled and jeered the mayor of Durban, Mr Derrick Watterson, when he tried to explain his views on the opening of Durban's beaches to all races.

Mr Watterson tried to tell a meeting of about 400 that he was no "starry-eyed liberal", but a pragmatist who believed the beaches had to be opened because whites were outnumbered by 11 or 12 to one in Natal.

## SHOUTED DOWN

But the meeting, called by the Civic Action League, shouted him down a number of times and the chairman, Mr Arthur Morris, eventually called for "responsibility and decency".

Mr Morris had earlier told the meeting that the opening of the beaches had created the "largest ablution block on our doorstep".

Mr Morris said it was claimed there were no racial incidents on the beaches on New Year's Day: "But there was only one race. There were no whites."

He said solutions had to be found if Durban were to survive as "anything other than a Third World slum".

Mr Watterson promised forceful action. He admitted that beachfront residents had been "abused" and said it was up to the council to sort out the problems. He believed "ultra law enforcement" was the answer.

"It is the duty of the city council, bleeding heart liberals notwithstanding, to insist on the full application of the by-laws.

"I give you my assurance that I will do my utmost to see that the laws of this city are enforced. I will give my full support to the employment and training of additional policemen," he said.

# Durban's future is safe, say its planners

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MATTHEW CURTIN

THE Durban City Council, town-planners and hoteliers have rejected criticism that the holiday city and its new open beaches face an uncertain future.

Jan Venter, deputy mayor and head of the NP caucus of the council, which intends to spend millions of rand upgrading the city's resort areas over the next few years, said: "Looking back, this holiday period was a success.

"You would have to have been a real optimist to have predicted that the opening of the beaches for the festive season would have happened without friction and frustration," he said.

"But the worst has happened and Durban has nothing to be afraid of in the future.

"The school holidays saw 800 000 visitors come to the city.

"If 10 000 of them say they were unimpressed and can find an alternative holiday resort which offers the same quality amenities, then that is fine by me," he said.

Brian Stocks, chairman of Southern Sun Timeshare which owns extensive holiday accommodation on the beachfront, said December sales had been very good.

"In fact, we came in over budget and over expectation this season.

"Durban has the best holiday facilities of any city in the country," he said.

His company has just opened a new Timeshare development, the Palace, on Durban's northern beach and Stocks was confident it would be a success.

Revel Fox, the architect commissioned by the city council to replan the beachfront — a programme implemented over the past five years — said he was delighted by the way in which the city had withstood the considerable pressure of the holiday period.

Both he and Venter stressed that it was only for seven to 10 days over the Christmas period that the city's holiday amenities were overstretched.

Venter said there could never be adequate facilities for the sudden influx of Christmas holiday-makers.

"It costs R5m to build a paddling pool, so is it reasonable to spend that money on extra pools solely for a week-long interval when there are 200 000 extra holidaymakers?"

Fox and Venter agreed that ad hoc facilities — changing rooms, toilets and food outlets — were vital to cope with demand.

"You cannot plan for major peak influences which are bound to exceed reasonable city provisions," said Fox.

Venter, who also stressed that education on beach etiquette was necessary to avoid "unacceptable social behaviour", will be approaching Finance Minister Barend du Plessis next month to ask for the R15m needed for extra facilities to spread the crowds.

Durban's city engineer Don Macleod said the council had already earmarked R6,5m for immediate upgrading of current facilities on the main northern beachfront this year.

And a major 5-to-15-year redevelopment scheme for wasteland running down to 300m of southern beach had reached concept level, he said.

However, not everyone shares the optimism about the situation portrayed in Press reports during the festive season.

Durban Chamber of Commerce president Rudi Heine said teething problems had been "inevitable" during the first major holiday period after the opening of the beaches.

He reported that beach front traders had suffered a drop in earnings this Christmas with visitors coming "to see and enjoy but not to pay".

Heine said: "Durban must ensure a very significant improvement for future holiday seasons."

Pam Bedder, public relations officer for Monteith Fairchild and Associates — a timeshare group owning 120 units in Durban and Umhlanga — said they were having great difficulty reselling units for next December, while many incoming people had cut their last holiday short.

"I think pay beaches are essential and will barely cope with the new situation confronting us."

But architect Fox expressed scepticism over the importance of these fears and people's complaints in general.

"Often it is just an emotional response and culture shock.

"People who have been geared to separate facilities for 40 years are now having to share them.

"The sudden opening of the beaches may have taken the authorities by surprise, but my assessment is that everything has started to happen in a positive way," he said.

# Tourism prospects good, say hoteliers

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**Staff Reporter**

TOURISM industry prospects in the Western Cape for the remainder of the summer season — or at least up to the end of March — are looking good, according to Mr Keith Lamb of Protea Hotels.

He was speaking at a media report-back on the tourist season at Captour headquarters on Friday.

Mr Ludwig Andersen of the Winelands Regional Development Association said Stellenbosch hotels, such as the Lord Charles and the Van Riebeeck, had attracted far more foreign tourists than ever before.

Many of these had been from African cities like Kinshasa, Dar es Salaam and Maputo.

At the other end of the market, caravan sites throughout the Western Cape had had "one of their best years yet", with more unbooked caravans arriving than in any year since 1984.

Out of 185 farmhouses in the Boland made available to holidaymakers, 110 had been hired over the peak season and demand for these farms for the next couple of months remained high, despite the state of the economy.

"All the farms around Lamberts Bay were full," a spokesman said.

Mr John Robert, managing director of Captour, said an advertisement with a picture of winter holidaymakers in front of a roaring farmhouse fire, drinking good wine, had been so successful that Captour had not had enough farms to hire out.

Nearly 80% of the resulting farm bookings had been made in June, in what Captour calls "the green season".

Mrs Bonnie Davidson of Hylton Ross tours said an increasing number of tourists were going to Hermanus and Langebaan, instead of the city.

Mr Riccardo Dell'Erba of Springbok Atlas Safaris said the tourist season had been extended because Cape Town "has got to be the bargain of the century".

He predicted that 1990 would be a bumper year.

Even people from the Iron Curtain countries could afford to come to the Cape, he said.

Ms Sandra Lotz of the Paarl Wine Route said the 17 estates she represented had reported a 20% to 30% increase in business this season.

area at the Loraine gold mine yesterday.

Cape Times 16/1/90

# Protester Fynn goes free

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DURBAN. — Well-known beach-apartheid protester Mr Morris Fynn walked out of the Regional Court here yesterday after the state withdrew charges against him for allegedly chopping down a "whites only" sign at Brighton Beach.

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## Durban needed more time to adjust, says mayor

# Cautious backing for open beaches

**Staff Reporters**

Durban hoteliers do not support the re-introduction of segregated beaches and most are cautiously optimistic about the city's future as South Africa's tourist mecca — despite chronic overcrowding and some violent incidents on the beachfront.

Durban's mayor, Mr Derrick Watterson, has said the top item on the council's agenda next week will be finding an acceptable solution.

On Friday, in one of the worst beach incidents this season, armed policemen had to retreat from a mob of more than 1 000 who pelted them with bottles and stones after attempting to separate two men involved in a brawl. One policeman was injured and the two suspects slipped away in the confusion.

### Training needed

No serious incidents occurred on New Year's Day when more than 100 000 people of all races flocked to the beaches and police spokesman Lieutenant Bala Naidoo said no further incidents were reported to police after Friday's clash.

Mr Watterson said the incident on Friday could have been avoided had the beaches been opened earlier last year, giving the city enough time to train staff and educate the public.

Pay beaches and other control measures were under consideration by Durban's local authorities, Mr Watterson said at the weekend.

**After a clash between policemen and holidaymakers on Friday, Durban's crowded but non-racial beaches have been peaceful.**

This follows complaints by local businessmen who say turnover over for this peak holiday season had slumped as a result of people staying away in the face of over-crowding and insufficient facilities.

Municipal authorities will also have to take into account the views of permanent residents, some of whom have expressed outrage at a spiralling beachfront litter problem and unacceptable social beahaviour. Already 3 000 locals have supported a petition protesting the opening of the beaches.

Mr Alan Gooderson, managing director of the Kondotel Group, which owns the Tropicana, Beach and Palm Beach hotels as well as the Durban Spa, said it would be unwise for the authorities to make a hasty decision on the issue. Durban should gear up for at least one more Christmas and New Year rush period.

"Opening our beaches is about the most positive thing that has happened in years. No longer do we have to feel embarrassed about separate amenities," Mr Gooderson said.

"I don't think pay beaches are the answer. Cape Town did the same thing. Now they don't need them. At the moment it is still a novelty. We cannot expect to go through these transition stages without teething problems."

Mr Bruno Corte, group general manger of Southern Suns, which owns four beachfront hotels — two Holiday Inns, the Elangeni, Maharani and Malibu Hotels, said overcowding was a problem at beaches all over the world.

A hotelier in favour of the tolling of Durban's beaches is Mr Tommy Smit, managing director of a consortium that owns the Four Seasons, Lonsdale, Balmoral and Killarney hotels.

"Otherwise people won't come back here. They find it too unpleasant; too crowded. Even if only two beaches were pay beaches, it would help enormously."

This week Mr Smit announced the postponement of plans to build a new R100 m beachfront hotel following the New Year crush. He said the bars and verandahs of his hotels had to be closed on New Year's Eve and New Year's Day when hordes of noisy, inadequately clothed people "took over".

The decision to go ahead with the planned hotel would only be taken on a "wait-and-see" basis.

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# Durban to get pay beaches?

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Own Correspondent

DURBAN. — Pay beaches for the Golden Mile here have been suggested by a recent National Party beach-monitoring committee as the most practical means of controlling huge crowds.

However, although the city's leaders are striving to find some solution to the swamping of the beachfront by predominantly black holidaymakers over Christmas and New Year, the concept of paying to go to the beach has been criticised by people to the left and right of the NP.

According to pool superintendents and beach supervisors, a clearly discernible pattern emerged on the beachfront this holiday, with whites arriving at the beach early in the morning.

By 11.30am the crowds began to be mixed, and by 2pm there were few whites in the huge crowds.

The existing facilities were swamped by the estimated 200 000 people who descended on the central beaches every day.

Mr Renier Schoeman, the National Party's director of information in Natal and a member of the monitoring committee, said it was clear the problem of congestion was extremely serious at the central beaches.

He said they believed the problem should be tackled with a multi-million total upgrade of facilities along the beachfront.

"The most important facilities to provide are splash-pools, water slides and toilets.

"Privatised beaches and limiting access through certain other control measures to avoid congestion will be a part of that whole exercise.

'We must also be careful not to introduce measures now which create the impression that we are trying to reintroduce exclusivity, just by another name."

Durban's management committee chairman Mr Jan Venter said he believed the introduction of pay beaches would alleviate the situation, even if it were only one or two beaches.

Additional facilities had to be provided but one had to bear in mind that one could never have enough facilities and the additional facilities would be needed for only about seven days a year.

Civic Action League chairman Mr Arthur Morris said he was not in favour of pay beaches.

"If something is wrong with dividing beaches on the basis of race then something must be wrong when they are divided on a financial basis."

The introduction of pay beaches would affect beachfront residents more than anyone else. Many were old-age pensioners who would not be able to afford the fees.

He said it was "absolutely ridiculous" that after R150 million had been spent on creating an open, free access beachfront plan, fences should be erected on the beaches.

# Four-point plan to control beach crowds

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The Argus Correspondent

DURBAN. — The chairman of Durban's management committee, Mr Jan Venter, has suggested that a four-point plan, including a special city police beach squad, be urgently implemented to remedy some of Durban's beachfront problems in time for the Easter holidays.

He also dismissed as "ridiculous" a weekend newspaper report that the livelihoods of 80 000 people involved in Durban's tourist industry were threatened as a result of overcrowding by blacks on the beaches over the holiday season.

## Special squad

He said that the report in a national Sunday newspaper had smacked of "sensationalism" and that he did not see any possibility of a loss of jobs in the tourist industry because of any "problems" in Durban during the holidays.

"I see the situation as one offering opportunities, not problems," he said.

He said he would like to see the action plan put quickly into effect "so that visitors can see by Easter that we have tackled the problems."

His plan includes:

A special city police beach squad, similar to the street children squad, which has been so successful. This unit would closely study the problems at the beach and patrol the area. Its personnel would be especially trained to cope with beach "incidents."

Increasing the number of black communications' officers from the present one to three. These people would visit black schools and black residential areas to communicate the city's by-laws to the people who would visit the beaches.

Doubling the number of beach inspectors regularly to patrol the beaches and help in controlling crowd behaviour.

Pay schoolchildren of all races to clear up the litter.

"We would need to have people properly trained to handle the situation correctly. It is useless appointing people a week before they go on duty and expecting them to cope," he said.

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# Now Durbs counts the cost

## City considers pay beaches after overcrowding scares big-spending tourists away

By TERRY van der WALT and CHARMAIN NAIDOO

AS South Africa counts the cost of its first "open beaches" festive season this weekend, holidaymakers are set to pay for a place in the sun.

Following massive overcrowding and several violent incidents along Durban's Golden Mile, it seems certain that pay beaches will be introduced before the end of the year.

Mayor Derrick Watterson made it clear yesterday that he did not see beach segregation as the answer to the holiday capital's problems.

He said the top item on the agenda at next week's council meeting would be an acceptable solution to the situation.

And pay beaches appear to be the only practical way out if the city is to save its best-paying industry from almost certain collapse.

In one of the worst incidents this season, police had to draw guns on a mob of more than 1 000 which had pelted them with bottles and stones.

### Angry

The attack came on Friday afternoon after police arrested two men who were brawling in a paddling pool.

Scores of holidaymakers in the North Beach area as an angry mob surrounded police and demanded the release of the suspects.

Police spokesman Lieutenant Bala Naidoo said the policemen could not control the crowd and keep their hold on the two men who were being taken to the nearby charge office.

The men managed to break away and fled into the crowd.

The policemen retreated as still being chased and it was becoming dangerous so they pulled out their pistols. "The crowd fled," he said.

One policeman was slightly injured, Lt Naidoo said.

### Unruly

Mr Watterson said the fracas on Friday was the sort of thing that could have been avoided had the beaches been opened earlier last year, giving the city enough time to train staff and educate the public on beach behaviour.

"The city had to go through a transitional phase and we must look at pay beaches and other ways of controlling numbers."

Traditional measures proved hopelessly inadequate as hordes of black people flocked to Durban's playgrounds this season.

Outnumbered by tens of thousands, white visitors retreated, seeking out less crowded beaches to the north and south of the city.

City officials and publicity association workers found themselves unequipped to deal with the influx.

Businessmen have complained of a fall in turnover over the peak holidsay season and the city's multi-million-rand tourist trade — the livelihood of more than 80 000 people — is under threat.

City officials, hoteliers and businessmen who fought hard for the opening of the beaches, insisted that racism was not the reason white, coloured and Indian visitors boycotted the beaches.

Overcrowding was the problem, they said.

"Durban has a lot of fine beaches both to the north and the south We have to look at extending facilities along the entire stretch rather than concentrating on one area," said publicity chief Mr Frank Vincent.

"Restaurants, toilet facilities, pools and entertainment centres have to be spread out to cope with the numbers."

And permanent residents, plagued by noise and unruly behaviour, would have to realise that, without tourism, their rates would more than double, he said.

But the end of the current holiday season has been marked by a public outcry at the mountains of litter and large number of people sleeping, eating, drinking and making merry on the beaches.

A common complaint was that scantily-clad adults invaded the children's paddling pools to bathe or wash clothes. There was also anger that toilet facilities were ignored and public areas used as lavatories

### Worrying

Mr Jan Venter, deputy mayor and chairman of the management committee, said "Unless we do something about crowd control and social behaviour, Durban will be a dead city, economically, in five years.

"No country will allow its tourist trade to suffer the way this city's has this year. Everyone, excluding black bathers, went elsewhere.

"People pay a fortune to stay in the top hotels on the beachfront because they want immediate access to the seaside

"These people had to travel long distances to find uncrowded beaches If we don't act, they'll go somewhere else next year and we'll lose the revenue."

Mr Venter said the solution lay in crowd control.

He said he believed limited access or pay beaches were the only solution to a "very worrying" problem

"If you limit the number of people, those who do get on to the sands will be able to enjoy the facilities in comfort," he said

"We also need trained personnel patrolling the beaches, ensuring that the city bylaws are enforced. Dress codes will have to be observed and cooking areas specially demarcated.

"This year we saw thousands of people sleeping on the beaches, in the parks and on the Marine Parade. This has to stop"

● Cape Town's assistant director of civic amenities Mr Dirk Van Dalen said the city had had great success with limited-access beaches.

"At St James, for example, we exercised control — without charging an entrance fee — allowing only 900 people on the beach It worked well."

● A record 260 000 people of all races sunned themselves on Port Elizabeth's beaches over the New Year weekend, without incident.

### Rough

Beaches north of the city were as jam-packed as in previous years, while the other beaches were relatively underpopulated

● Bathing was banned in Natal at Umhlanga, Umdloti and Margate's main beach yesterday after Cyclone Alibera generated rough swells of up to two metres

In Durban, where all the beaches had remained open, very few people braved bluebottles and rough sea

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SWAMPED! Thousands of holidaymakers cram Durban's Golden Mile on New Year's Day — but the city wasn't equipped for the influx

**DURBAN'S HOLIDAY TRADE THREATENED: Business Times**

# Mob stones police after arrests on beach front

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DURBAN — Violent confrontion sent holidaymakers running for safety on Durban's North Beach yesterday when a thousand-strong mob kept a group of policemen at bay by pelting them with stones and bottles after they had arrested two men for fighting in the childens' paddling pool.

The mob forced the white and Indian South African Policemen, who held their fire, to release the two black men.

Overcrowding at the paddling pools became a problem yesterday as not too many people ventured into the surf due to choppy conditions and bluebottles.

This is the second time in a week that police on special duty on North Beach have had stones and bottles thrown at them.

Last Friday in a similar incident two policemen were attacked after they had arrested a black man.

During the fracas yesterday scores of white and Indian beachgoers fled in all directions to escape being trapped in the violent crowd.

Yesterday's incident is the worst to have occurred on the beachfront since the beaches were opened to all race groups. The armed policemen had to act with restraint out of fear that they could trigger off a riot.

Lieutenant Bala Naidoo police public relations officer for Port Natal, said police were called to the paddling pools at North Beach after two black men had started fighting with each other in the water.

"The two men were arrested and, while they were being escorted to the temporary charge office at the Rachel Finlayson Pool, a mob of about 1 000 charged at them.

"The mob was angry that the police had arrested the two men and were demanding their release. Stones and empty bottles were thrown at a group of about seven policemen. One policeman, Constable R Naidoo, was injured when a bottle hit him on the right hand.

"The mob managed to free the two suspects and then fled," said Lieutenant Naidoo.

Lieutennant Naidoo said that at one stage the

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CORRESPONDENT

Meanwhile, Durban businessman Mr Norman Loubser said yesterday that 3 000 signatures had been collected for a protest petition to be sent to the city council complaining about the "dirty, crowded mess" and "chaotic noise levels" caused by huge numbers of visitors.

# Bid to beat crowding 'not racist'

CORRESPONDENT

DURBAN — Durban's Deputy Mayor, Mr Jan Venter, said last night the municipality would consider the introduction of "limited access beaches" as one possible means of easing chronic overcrowding.

Mr Venter stressed the purpose would be to limit the number of people using the beaches and he denied a Transvaal newspaper report suggesting that the city council might revert to racial segregation at some beaches.

Mr Venter said the City Engineer had been asked two or three months ago to report on the possibility of having controlled-access beaches which would be "in sympathy" with the city's Revel Fox beach plan. This report should be available within weeks.

# Stoned

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policemen had to retreat when stones and bottles were hurled at them

"The police acted with considerable restraint Although the policemen were armed they did not open fire as it was feared that innocent people may get injured It could have also triggered off a riot," said Lieutenant Naidoo

A kwaMashu man who witnessed the incident, accused the police of "interfering in a private argument"

He said that a young man and his girlfriend were arguing and, when another man intervened in an attempt to placate the couple, the police swooped

"Several policemen tried to take the two men away The people were very angry at this interference in a private matter and drove the police away with stones and bottles"

The witness did say it was to the police's credit that they did not open fire

"After half an hour or so, the people's anger had died down and everything was back to normal"

Another anonymous witness said that the incident was just like watching a film show

"I was aware of some argument going on in the paddling pools area, but was not really paying attention to it

"Then, I heard a loud shouting and the next thing I knew, bottles and stones were flying through the air," he said

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# Fears of racial tension at beaches prove groundless

THEO RAWANA

FEARS that racial friction would follow the influx of blacks at previously whites-only beaches, resorts and other facilities this holiday season had proved groundless, hotel industry spokesmen said yesterday.

They said there had been a marked increase in tourism numbers as more blacks converged on holiday resorts.

The need to increase facilities, improve existing ones to accommodate the greater numbers and educate blacks on all aspects of tourism was expressed by many.

Satour executive director Spencer Thomas said transition had gone so well that by next year, when open facilities would no longer be a political issue, no-one would notice that there were blacks at beaches

"Opening beaches was government's decision and Satour welcomes it. The event has gone very well and we are pleased that it went smoothly," Thomas said

Durban Publicity Association director Frank Vincent said the season was marred by only a few incidents, which were nothing out of the ordinary

Captour MD John Robert said what was evident was the need for education on such aspects as making early bookings for the holiday season.

"People still tend to book in the height of season One evening we had a bus driver coming into our offices, seeking accommodation for a busload of 60 people from Johannesburg," he said

## Swamped

Robert said there had been a 20% increase in inquiries. The industry had been growing steadily since 1985 and this year domestic tourism passed the 500 000 mark for the first time

Sapa reports CP chief information spokesman Koos van der Merwe said the CP had received numerous complaints over Christmas from whites about beaches, particularly around Durban, being swamped by blacks.

Van der Merwe said beaches had been littered and civilised standards disregarded. Since government had not received a mandate in the general election to destroy white community life, the CP would contest it on this

He said there was enough ground available in SA to be shared in a fair manner between the different groups so that those who wanted an own community life could have it.

This was the only way in which conflict, domination and impoverishment could be ended and peace and prosperity regained.

Vincent said reports from Durban's hotels, shops and other services showed more people had been to Durban this year than before.

What had come to light was that there was a need to improve and increase facilities to accommodate the crowds.

SOME of the 100 000 people who thronged the Durban beachfront on New Year's Day.

# BEACH BLISS

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## Racial peace as 100 000 flock to the beaches

SOWETAN Correspondent

DURBAN'S beaches were packed with about 100 000 people who chose to be outdoors to celebrate New Year's Day.

Most of the crowd strewn along five kilometres of beachfront were blacks

And, in spite of the grim forebodings of many prophets of doom, no racial incidents were reported

### Stabbed

Members of the South African Police showed considerable restraint after continued taunting by groups of people at the beach.

In one incident, a policeman was stabbed by a chanting mob outside the XL Restaurant

Captain Coert Marais, police public relations officer for Port Natal, said Constable ML Talbot, of the Narcotics Bureau, was on duty in the area when he was attacked by a mob

Talbot was stabbed on the back of his head with a broken beer bottle

When he lost consciousness he was robbed of his gun

Other policemen arrived at the scene and arrested two suspects

Talbot was taken to the Addington Hospital and treated and discharged

Lifeguards were kept on their toes and there were a number of rescues

The paddling pools near North Beach became a hive of activity with masses of people flooding into the area

Early in the day policemen were stoned and bottles thrown at them when they tried to break up a fight

However, other policemen arrived at the scene and the situation was defused

Though there were no racial problems, the police had their hands full dealing with crime

The worst incident was the killing of an unidentified black man, who was found stabbed to death near the Rachel Finlayson pool yesterday

Police said the motive for the killing was unknown no arrests had yet been made

In a round-up of weekend crime statistics in the area, they reported that 53 people had been arrested in connection with several offences on the beachfront between Friday and yesterday

### Theft

Twenty-two people were arrested for alleged theft on the beaches, two in connection with complaints of assault and grievous bodily harm and three for alleged malicious damage to property

Other arrests included drunkenness, drinking in public and attempted theft

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# 'Chemical warfare' on beach

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By TERRY VAN DER WALT

RIGHT-WINGERS on Natal's South Coast are using their own brand of chemical warfare to keep "non-whites" away from the beaches.

In two separate incidents this month, foul-smelling chemicals were poured into the Park Rynie tidal pool by white men to deter Indian swimmers.

Umzinto businessman Ismail Moolla said he and his family were planning a swim on Sunday when they saw two burly, khaki-clad men emptying a five-litre bottle of pungent brown liquid into the pool.

"The liquid had a strong smell and our eyes and noses started smarting," he said.

"After the men had poured the liquid into the pool, one said: 'You can now go in and have your swim.'

"They told us never to go back and to use the nearby 'traditional' Indian beach," he said.

On February 14, Park Rynie resident Matthew Chetty and five other people scrambled out of the pool when they saw two men throwing two buckets of fluid into the water.

"The men, who were in their 20s, drove up to the pool and poured two 20-litre buckets of liquid into the water before driving off," he said.

"The liquid had a strong smell so we immediately got out of the pool."

He said he had reported the matter to the police.

Police spokesman Lieutenant Bala Naidoo confirmed the incident. But he said assault charges would only be investigated if there was evidence that poison was being used.

A spokesman for Development Services, which administers the beaches, warned that throwing a chemical or poison into the water constituted a criminal offence.

# Envoy asked to aid striker

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JOHANNESBURG. — A concerned friend of right-wing hunger striker Mr Henry Martin has appealed to the British ambassador in South Africa, Mr Anthony Reeve, to intervene on behalf of the detainee, who is now entering the 39th day of his fast.

Meanwhile Mr Martin's attorney, Mr Wim Cornelius, said Mr Martin and two other hunger strikers — Mr Lood van Schalkwyk and Mr Adriaan Maritz — are determined to continue refusing food even if it means their starving to death. All three are currently in the H F Verwoerd Hospital. — Sapa

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# Race row over beach fun park

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By RYAN CRESSWELL

**DURBAN'S popular beachfront amusement park is at the centre of a lease row with racial undertones.**

Residents say they want it moved because of excessive noise. But the park owner says residents are upset because of the growing number of blacks it attracts.

When Durban's "Mr Entertainment", Nick Steyn, took over the amusement park in 1955, he also took over what was left of a 99-year lease. The lease expired in 1985 and the amusement park then began operating on a 30-day tenancy.

Mr Steyn's daughter, Mrs Hester Steyn, is now asking for a 25-year lease from the city council so she can expand the park.

But some beachfront residents have written to the council asking that the amusement park be moved, or given a short lease.

They complain that some of the fun-rides are noisy and buses often discharge "mostly black youngsters".

Mrs Steyn, who now runs the park, says the beachfront killjoys are "right-wingers".

Durban management committee chairman Peter Mansfield said there was no plan to move the amusement park "in the medium term" but the length of the proposed lease was under discussion

## Vital

Mrs Steyn said: "I believe the objections are based on racial issues."

Mrs Steyn said it was vital that the park be given a 25-year lease because it was expensive to run.

"If we are only given a five-year lease, we will not spend another cent on development," she said.

Mrs Steyn said moving the park further north was not financially viable. She said her father's aquatic fun park, Waterworld, north of the city centre, was "a financial disaster" because it was poorly situated.

The Natal chairman of Fedhasa, Mr Alan Goodersen, said the amusement park should be given a long lease and left where it was because it was an integral part of Durban's tourism industry.

But right-wing councillor and leading member of the Civic Action League, Mr Arthur Morris, said the park had become "very noisy" over the last few years.

"They have installed more noisy rides like the Octopus," he said.

"It is also attracting many day-trip buses and discharging mostly black youngsters outside two beachfront hotels. Of course they are on holiday and entitled to have fun, but they scream and shout and play football on the grass.

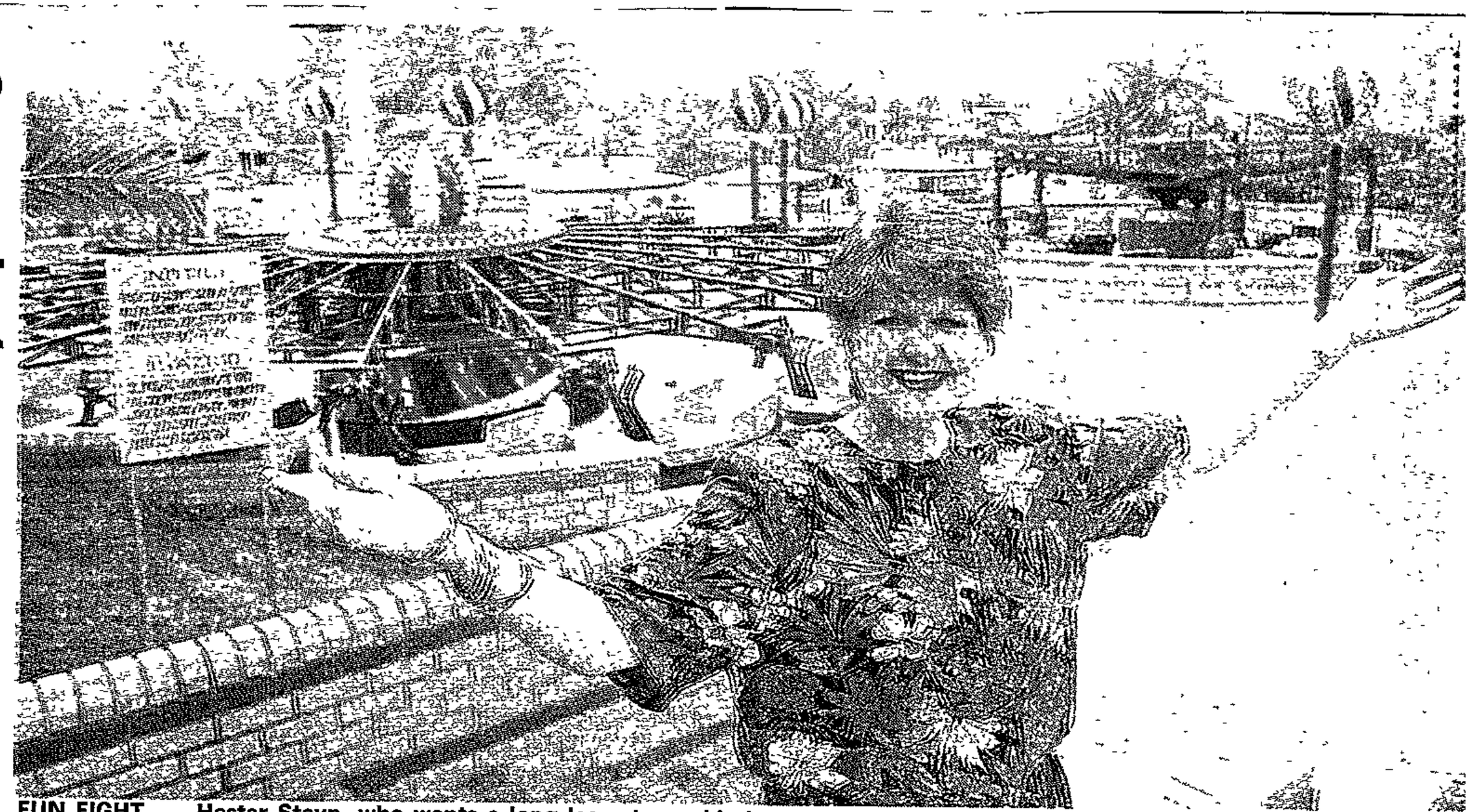
"This is not acceptable," he said.

Mr Morris said a five-year lease was a better bet for the amusement centre. He pointed out that the amusement park had expanded since 1985 without a long lease.

● Mr Morris also said he and some friends were pushing for two types of beaches in Durban.

"We believe north of the Blue Waters Hotel people should be free to do whatever they want, including having braais and playing football.

"However, south of that point the beach bylaws should be strictly enforced."



FUN FIGHT ... Hester Steyn, who wants a long lease to enable her to expand the amusement park Picture: JIMMY HUTTO

# 'Storm in a tea-cup' over 'racist' remarks

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OWN CORRESPONDENT

THE Pietermaritzburg Publicity Association has reacted angrily to suggestions that its January newsletter contains racist remarks and has accused a local newspaper of "creating a storm in a tea-cup".

The controversy arose from a sentence in the Heritage Herald, which reads: "Durban is suffering from increasing overcrowding of blacks and Indians on its beaches . . ."

The writer, James Meyer, apparently wanted to give weight to his claims that Maritzburg had the potential to overtake Durban as the "tourist capital" of Natal.

George de Beer, chairman of the PPA, said that "a perfectly innocuous story has been taken out of context and blown up out of proportion into a so-called 'racist comment' ".

Replying to allegations made by Yunis Carrim, the chairman of the Pietermaritzburg Combined Residents and Ratepayers' Association, that the article was racist and a reflection of a "racist undercurrent" in the city council, Mr de Beer said Mr Carrim was being "mischievous" by blaming the city council.

He said the views expressed by Mr Meyer were not entirely shared by the PPA, but they welcomed his constructive criticism.

He concluded by dismissing suggestions that a rift might develop between the PPA and its Durban counterpart following unflattering comments made in the same article about Durban's ability to attract more tourists than the capital city

# Cops open clubs after race row

S/Times 19/1/92 (283)

By MARLAN PADAYACHEE

MORE than a dozen police canteens and sports clubs in Natal have opened to all races after a racial incident involving two Indian policemen at a Christmas party.

The decision to end years of petty apartheid at SAP district headquarters in Pinetown, near Durban, was taken at this week's annual meeting of a police sports club.

The decision is expected to lead to the opening of police sports clubs throughout South Africa.

Among the high-ranking officers supporting the decision were former police media liaison officer Lieutenant-Colonel Charl Du Toit — now Pinetown's district commissioner — and CID head Colonel Ben Dippenaar.

Lt-Col Du Toit said: "I'm glad it was an overwhelming vote ... because we are all working towards a new South Africa."

Police spokesman Captain Bala Naidoo said Wednesday's decision affected at least a dozen police stations — including Westville, Kloof, Mariannhill and Kwa Dabeka — that fall under the Pinetown SAP.

The incident happened at the station's Christmas party, held for about 60 detectives.

Two Indian detectives, accompanied by white colleagues, walked into the "whites-only" games room and began playing snooker.

Minutes later, a high-ranking white officer burst into the games room and ordered the detectives out, allegedly pulling the snooker cues out of their hands.

By this time the detectives had been joined by a third Indian colleague and a fierce argument broke out.

The detectives were told Indians were not allowed in the games room and were ordered to leave.

A police source said an attempt to discuss the matter with other high-ranking policemen at the party proved fruitless and the festivities ended abruptly.

Station commanders recently received a directive from the Commissioner of Police, General Johan van der Merwe, instructing them to abide by the national peace accord.

The document called for an end to discrimination in the police force.

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# Kicked out by Dr No heavies

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By LULAMA LUTI (283)

FOUR Natal Technikon journalism students got a taste of ugly racism this week when apartheid put them in "their" place ... outside.

The four were kicked out of a meeting at Durban's Exhibition Centre which was addressed by CP leader Dr Andries Treurnicht.

The other black students in their class refused to go to the meeting, for fear of their lives.

According to one of the students, Nashreen Hoosen, they had gone to the meeting as part of their politics course. Said Ulayshia Sukha: "Our lecturer warned us not to resist if anything happened."

Nashreen said when they reached the hall they were greeted cautiously at the door and were given some CP pamphlets.

"When we went to find seats, a security guard wearing a CP tie barred our way and asked us to stand on the other side. He went away and came back with another man who asked us what we had come to do at the meeting," she said.

They produced their student cards and were told that there were enough members of the press in the hall and that they had to leave. When they asked why, the second man said: "You should know that it is our policy not to allow ...." He did not finish his sentence.

Nashreen said one of his fellow white students came out and showed support, but there was very little he could do.

"I would do it again if assigned," Nashreen said.

Corrinne Steinbank said she would be choosy. "I wouldn't go to an AWB meeting but to a CP meeting, yes."

# Action over racist library

New Nation [Learning Nation] 10/4-15/4/92

**THE Library and Information Workers Organisation (Liwo) has threatened legal action against the Amanzimtoti Public Library for discriminating against blacks.**

The library charges black students, who want to use its facilities, R25. Whites do not have to pay a fee.

Liwo spokesperson Grant McKenna said hundreds of black students, including those who could afford the R25 membership fee, were routinely turned away by white librarians who told them they were "too busy" to attend to them.

## Reserved

At the beginning of this year, Sydney Skhosana, a resident of the nearby kwa-Makhutha township, which has no library, was prevented from entering the library by security guards. A librarian was called and she informed him that the library was reserved for white Amanzimtoti ratepayers.

Skhosana, who is a final year library and information services' student, approached the Durban-based Legal Resource Centre (LRC) which took the matter up with the Amanzimtoti Town Council.

The LRC made it clear to the council that in terms of the local library by-laws, "non-residents" were entitled to make use of the library.

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Eventually, the council's legal representative agreed that Skhosana could use the library's facilities.

But scores of black students, who are not aware of their legal rights, are still being discriminated against.

Amazimtoti deputy town clerk, Ken Gregory, told **PUPILS FORUM** that all students from outside Amanzimtoti, irrespective of race, were charged R25 before being allowed to use facility.

# Humour on the streets helps overcome 'open beach' blues

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WHEN the Durban City Council abolished beach apartheid three years ago, the decision met with considerable resistance.

Conservative factions made dire predictions and during the first Christmas season of "open" beaches they appeared to have been justified. Incidents of tension were highlighted in the media and letters poured into newspapers complaining about overcrowding, misuse of facilities, improper dress, litter and a general lowering of standards.

The council recognised something had to be done, and hired Kibao Communications to devise and implement a programme to counter the problems.

The answer was "Beachwise". The concept was based on the idea that the difficulties were not due to deliberate mischief-making or malice but rather that people were unfamiliar with the accepted norms of beach behaviour.

The main plank of the programme has been a 20-minute musical street theatre production highlighting typical situations which arise on an outing to the beach. The players portray a wide range of characters — from a rural bumpkin to a harassed lifeguard.

The humorous skits are interspersed with songs such as "Lost Child". The show is multilingual.

## Co-exist

Says Kibao's Lylie Musgrave: "We worked on the principle that if people can laugh at themselves and with each other, they will be able to co-exist happily on the beaches.

The show is performed at schools, community centres, shopping centres and work places throughout the greater Durban area and at the beachfront.

The show is backed up by specially produced audio cassettes and live DJ shows. Tapes are distributed free through the Black Taxi Owners Association and Shell.

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The programme has now completed its second year and the council and the tourist industry acknowledge the campaign has been successful.

City council executive director of culture and recreation Paul Geldenhuys says: "It is evident in things like dress standards.

"There is a marked improvement in co-operation with officials and in observing the various signs such as those warning not to swim.

"But we have more work to do in areas such as crowd control, access and parking, cleaning up litter, lighting fires, cooking and breaches of by-laws such as drinking in public and loud music."

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# Divided colours of Benetton

## Only one black customer at a time, says store manager

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By PEARL RANTSEKENG

ONE black gangster at a time!

That's the policy of a United Colours of Benetton store in Maritzburg.

The message was driven home loud and clear to local trainee journalist Gugulethu Maqetuka when he visited the store last week.

Maqetuka was shopping in town when he spotted a jersey he fancied at the Benetton store in Change Lane.

"I was just about to enter the store when an employee advised me to wait outside because the store management did not allow more than one black male customer in the shop at a time," he said.

The shop attendant explained that there was already a black male customer in the shop. He said it was company policy not to allow more than one black male customer into the store as they were "prone to steal".

However, the policy did not apply to customers of other races, who were allowed to come into the shop in any number, the trainee journalist was told.

According to the employee, the manager of the shop told him to monitor the movement of black customers because "blacks are thieves".

Maqetuka then raised the issue with the store manager, who spoke on condition she would not be identified. She alleged that the policy followed a spate of burglaries by "black gangsters armed with guns".

The store manager said that it was not only her shop that was affected, but a number of shops in Change Lane had experienced similar problems with blacks.

"We experience problems mostly from black shoppers. There are vicious gangs of blacks going around and we have to protect ourselves," she said.

She disagreed with her employee that "blacks are thieves" and said the shop experienced shoplifting from all races.

When City Press telephoned the store an employee said the manager was not around and even when she was she did not stay long.

Durban area manager for Benetton, Sharon Pretorius, said the policy of Change Lane Benetton did not apply to all Benetton stores.

Pretorius said Change Lane Benetton was not part of the Benetton chain but a franchise. A franchisee is entitled to make her own policy and rules.

"I cannot say that I agree or disagree with what she did. But maybe she had a good reason for doing so. I can't blame her and can't say much because I do not even know the lady. The best thing to do would be to find out whether she is a racist to ascertain whether or not she is doing this to disguise her personal politics.

"The fact that she has had bad experiences with black gangsters may justify her decision to allow one black male customer at a time. But this will mean that in future when she has the same problems with white customers, she would have to close down because she would feel intimidated by both races," said Pretorius.

City Press tried to get hold of a Benetton headquarters spokesman in Johannesburg but she did not return the messages we left.