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Resorts to be expanded to cater for all

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By JOUBERT MALHERBE
Pretoria Bureau

INCREASED demand by Indians and coloureds for the use of camping grounds under the control of the nature conservation division of the Transvaal Provincial Administration has prompted the division to extend facilities at some of these camps.

Blacks were currently barred from using these facilities, but once the economy had recovered and there was more money available, separate facilities for blacks would be created, said Dr Geoff Lombard, head of the planning section of nature conservation.

Asked why blacks could not use the same camping grounds as whites, coloureds, and Indians, Dr Lombard said there would be "ructions" if this were permitted, because they already battled to cope with the current demand for the facilities.

"There was a directive from ministerial level two years ago that we had to cater for blacks too," Dr Lombard said.

But at this stage group bookings for camp sites were filled six months in advance and it was not possible to accommodate blacks at the reserves as well, he added.

Yesterday Dr Abu-Baker Asvat, the Azapo health secretary, described the barring of blacks from the resorts while favouring other races as "an attempt to polarise the black community and to cater for the favourites of the President's Council".

The concession to "so-called Indians and so-called coloureds cuts no ice," Dr Asvat said, adding all facilities in the country should be open to people of all races.

He called for a boycott of the facilities, saying all blacks, "including so-called coloureds and so-called Indians, should unite".

According to a statement by the division, facilities at five camping grounds were being extended because of the increase in the demand for use of the grounds by Indians and coloureds.

These are at the Suikerbosrand Nature Reserve near Heidelberg, the Rustenburg Nature Reserve, the Roodeplaat Dam, the Percy Fyfe Nature Reserve between Pietersburg and Potgietersus, and at the Blyderiviers-poort Nature Reserve.

A representative of the division said Indians, coloureds, and whites were permitted to make group bookings at the camps, and that the same facilities were used by all the groups.

"But we never take bookings from two separate groups — be they two white groups or a white group and a coloured group. We do not have the facilities to cater for more than one group at a time," she said.

Members of these race groups could also apply for camps at the following resorts: Vaal Dam, Hartbeespoort Dam, Boskop Dam, Doorndraai Dam, and the Fanie Botha Dam

Town survey on race sharing

By BRENDON BURNS

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

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

Pools

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

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

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

PFP plea for secrecy on Randburg race survey

NATS ON COUNCIL AGREE NOT TO INFLUENCE PUBLIC OPINION

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

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

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

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

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

In an attempt to keep the survey secret, the Randburg Town Council has sent letters to most Johannesburg newspapers asking them not to report on the "very sensitive matter" while the survey is in progress

The letter says

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Mr van Zyl said the PFP had asked the Nationalist caucus not to debate the issue in public in case people were adversely influenced

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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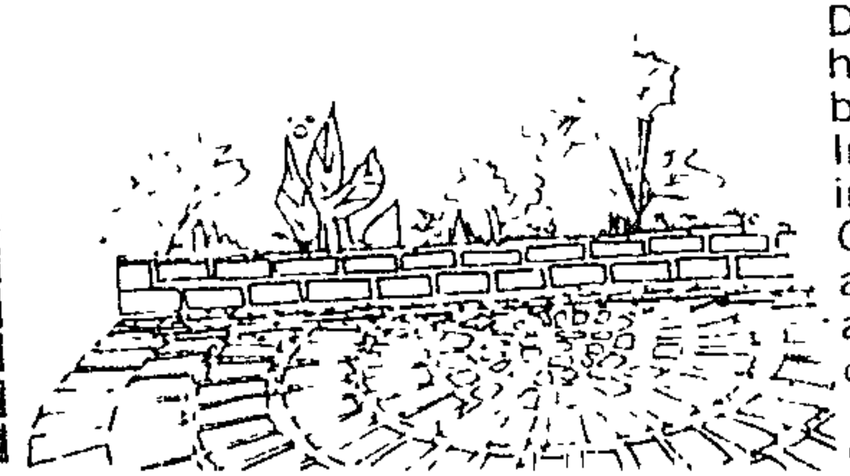

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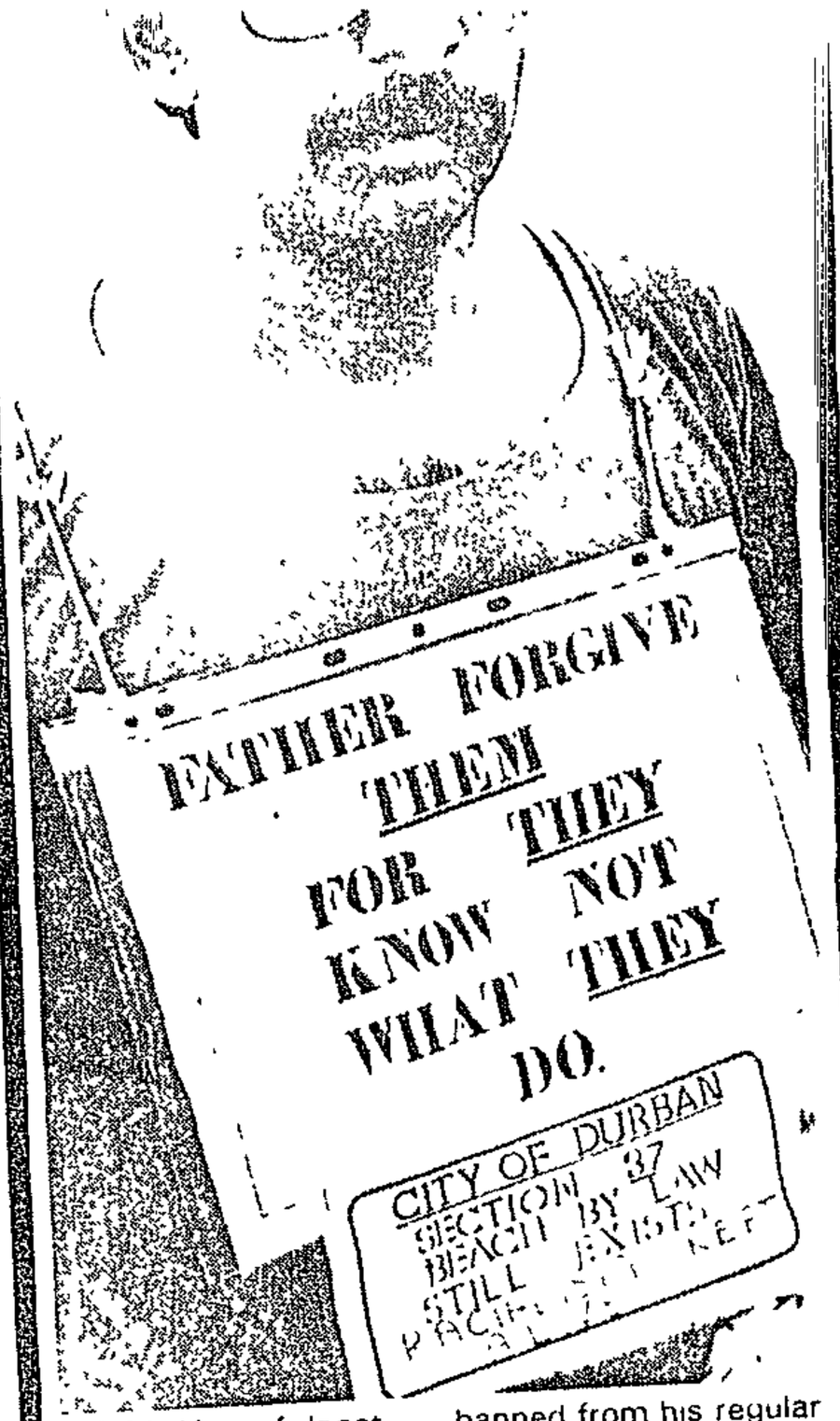

● Mr Yoosuf Jagot banned from his regular early-morning swim at whites-only beach

By DARYL BALFOUR

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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White farmer stops flow of water

ANGER is simmering in Driefontein, Eastern Transvaal, where a white farmer has built a wall around a spring, preventing half the area's population from getting water.

Local villagers are up in arms over the farmer's refusal to let them get water from the spring. They cannot get water from the nearby river — Uhlonyane — because the wall built around the spring has stopped water from streaming into the river. The area has a population of about 5 000.

As a result, the river has dried up and villagers fear that their cattle may die.

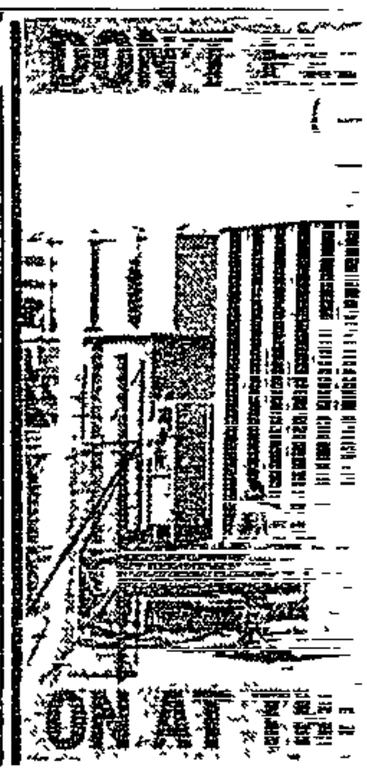
PEOPLE INJURED

Last week trouble flared up when the farmer's labourers, acting on his instructions, turned children and women who had come to fetch water away from the spring. Several people were injured after the villagers, angered by the incident, allegedly attacked the farmer's labourers.

Eastern Transvaal police are reported to be investigating the matter.

Meanwhile the farmer, a Mr Pauls, has re-directed water from the springs to a dam he has just built on his farm.

Chairman of a local residents' committee, Mr Saul Mkhize, said yesterday: "It is saddening that this farmer has chosen to use the same water for irrigation purposes rather than allowing the local villagers to use the supply."



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Man finds law cuts both ways

A MOHLAKENG man who earlier laid a charge of assault against a local councillor was in turn charged under the Intimidation Act at the Randfontein Magistrate's Courts yesterday.

Mr James Gabaotswe's appearance follows his arrest outside the Randfontein Court buildings on January 4, soon after the case in which he had laid a charge of assault against Mr Solomon Matsitse, the vice-chairman of the Mohlakeng Community Council was postponed.

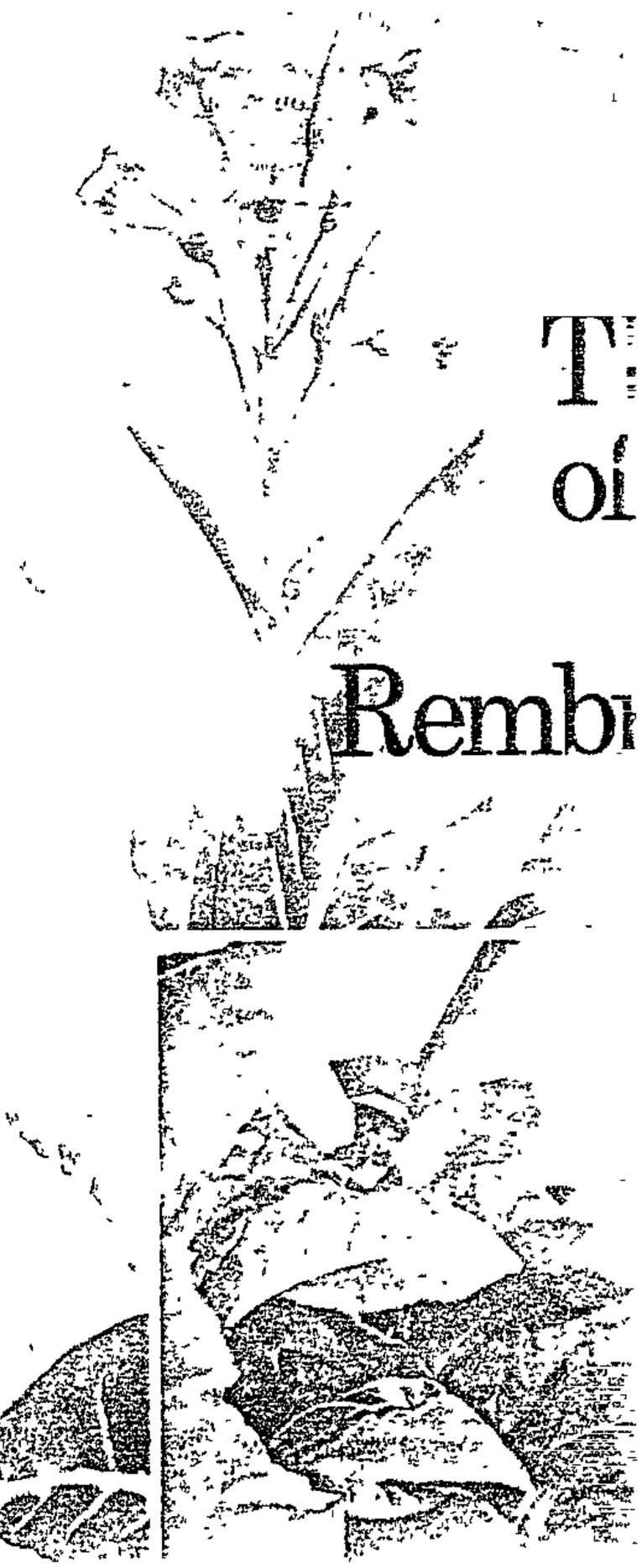
Mr Gabaotswe was taken away by detectives and kept in custody in the Krugersdorp prison until yesterday.

Alleged rapist gunned down by police

A 30-YEAR-OLD alleged rapist, who was also wanted in connection with a series of crimes including murder, was gunned down by police near Oberholzer in the Western Transvaal this week, Major Victor Haynes of the Police Directorate said yesterday.

Mr Kleinboy Zodwane, of no fixed address, was finally wounded when he tried to resist arrest on Tuesday morning.

Maj Haynes said Mr Zodwane was shot in the chest when he tried to attack a detective-constable from Westonaria.



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E Rand toilets still clogged

By Mzikayise Edom

KATHELONG and Thokoza townships on the East Rand are still experiencing the problem of blocked sewers, despite of the purchase of 3 machines by the East Rand Administration Board (Erab), to solve the problem.

Mr E Marx, the chief director of Erab confirmed yesterday that Kathelong and Thokoza were still experiencing problems with blocked sewers The machine bought by Erab last year with the hope of solving the problem have done little to improve the situation in both townships He said that Thokoza was the worst hit

Late last year Erab spent well over R25 000 importing three new high pressure machines to unblock sewers in both townships, but so far there has been little progress

About 90 percent of Thokoza's toilets have been blocked for the past two weeks and at least three sections have been experiencing blocked sewers for the past few days There are no indications that the situation in either township will improve in the near future

For the past five years residents in Thokoza have been experiencing problems with their sewers The problem started in Kathehong last year Mr Marx told **The SOWETAN** that in the past few years the population in both townships had increased drastically and as a result sewerage pipes had been overloaded causing the blockages

Mr Marx said "We have sent teams of workers to repair the blocked sewers in Kathelong and Thokoza and we hope to have solved the problem within the next few days The board has also appointed engineers to investigate whether there is any chance of the sewers being repaired or if the whole sewerage system in Thokoza or Kathelong has to be reconstructed".



PASSED AWAY: Mrs Welheminah Thamane.

THAMANE DIES

ONE of the oldest pioneers of Sophiatown, Mrs Welheminah Thamane, died at the age of 95 last week Tuesday after a long illness.

Mrs Thamane, who owned a number of properties in Sophiatown, will also be remembered as one of the few black ladies who had a chance to sing in a choral group that represented South Africa in Rhodesia when Queen Elizabeth visited there in the 50 s

The service will be held at the Baptist Church of South Africa in Dube on Saturday from 10.30 until 1pm

The cortege will leave for Avalon Cemetery where her body be laid to rest

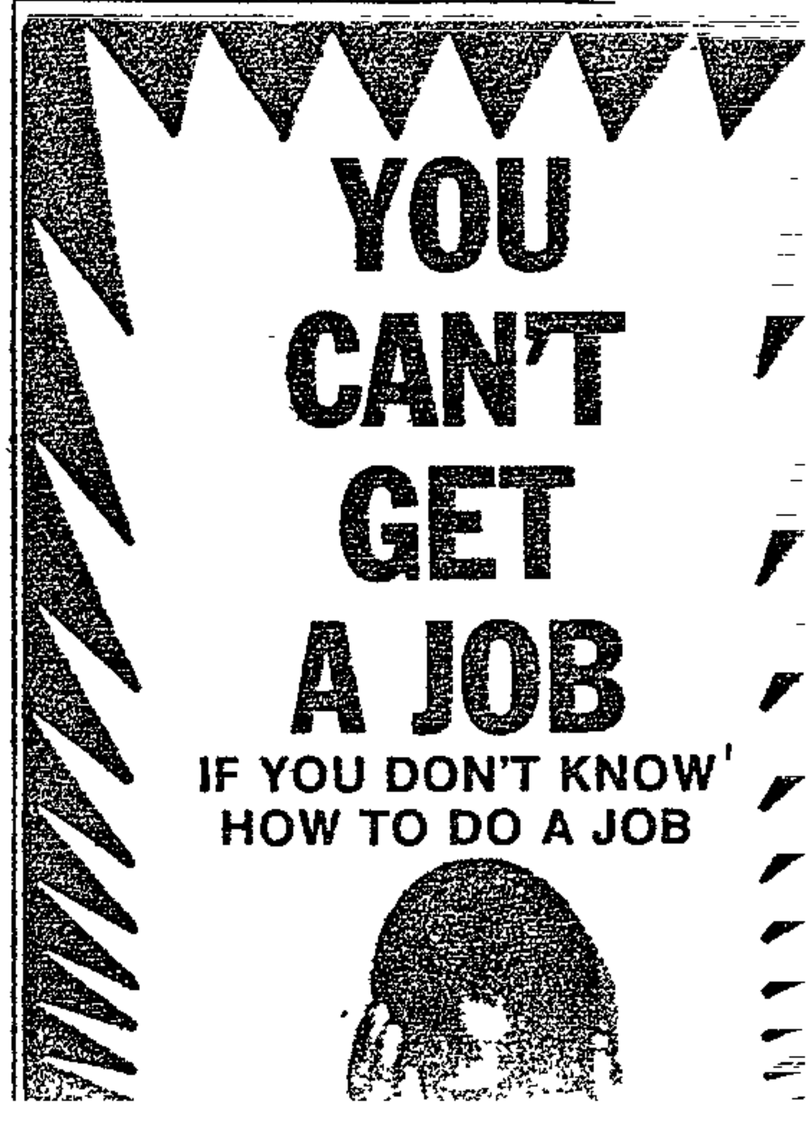
• Mr Jan "Mbulaze" Ndaba, who died suddenly at the Natalspruit Hospital last weekend will be buried at Schopman's Cemetery Germiston tomorrow.

Mr Ndaba: who is also an uncle of Benfica football club's agile goalkeeper, Johannes Ndaba memo died soon after was admitted

He is survived by wife and eight children

The cortege will leave Mbele Street in Tokoza at 1pm for the cemetery





All-race amenities already on way for Randburg

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By MIKE CADMAN

THE Randburg Town Council — controlled by the Progressive Federal Party — has already decided to open its public amenities to all Randburg residents, no matter what their race.

The public amenities include its swimming pools, libraries, community halls and bus services.

The Human Sciences Research Council survey, commissioned by the council to investigate the issue, will only make recommendations on how the plan should be implemented, what further amenities are required and in what priority they should be opened.

Last week the Sunday Express reported that the council was considering opening all public amenities to all its residents — but this week it was learnt that the decision had already been made.

A senior PFP council member confirmed the decision had been made and that the survey was merely aimed at "finding out how, and in what order, amenities should be opened".

This week the National Party caucus in the council said it would refuse to co-operate with a PFP request to refrain from open debate on the matter.

The NP said it would not co-operate because the decision on the amenities had been made without open council discussion.

"The PFP control the council and can virtually do as they please," Mr Olaus van Zyl, the NP leader in the council said.

"We were not officially informed of the decision until January 8 and the matter was not even debated in open council.

"We all agree the the matter is of great importance but we are not happy with the way the PFP has gone about things

"We have said before that NP policy towards the opening of amenities to all races is flexible. We just feel that the decision should not have been kept from the residents of Randburg.

"We would have co-operated if the decision had been debated and taken in open council, but what they have done is to act secretively," said Mr Van Zyl.

Amenities that could be opened to all races include: four municipal swimming pools; five community centre halls; the bus service; two libraries, presently used by about 25 000 readers; council-run sports facilities and cemeteries.

Randburg's 53 parks are already open to all races.

The town has a population of about 110 000, of which approximately 20 000 are black, Indian and Coloured people.

The chairman of the council management committee, Mrs Pat van Rensburg, said the PFP were disappointed with the NP's refusal to refrain from public debate until the survey's findings were published.

"We feel public debate could have an adverse effect on the survey," she said.

Mrs Van Rensburg said she had received very little public response on the issue.

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Randburg NP fails to halt 'mixing' survey

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

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

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

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

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

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



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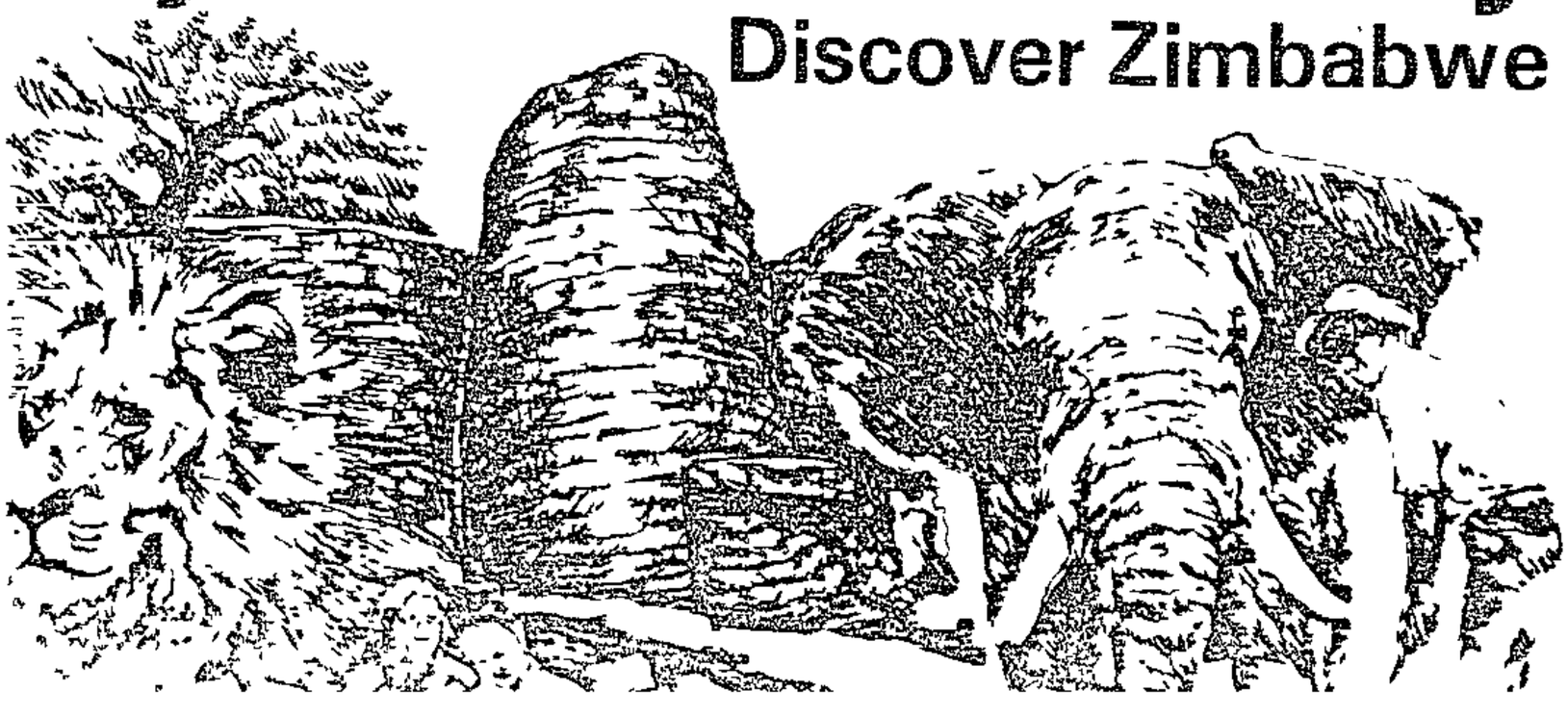

Sandton one step away from opening all amenities

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

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

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"We have a problem with the library at the moment but we are awaiting a letter from the Administrator of the Transvaal which will notify us of what action we may take in opening the doors to all races," Mr Ricky Valente, chairman of the Sandton management committee said this week.

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"If it comes to our notice that people are being discriminated against we will act to clear it up.

By MIKE CARMAN

"We fully support Randburg in their decision to remove discrimination.

The Sandton council is presently involved in a controversial decision to establish a township for coloured people within the municipal boundaries and the extension of the existing Indian area.

The scheme, designed to house people who work in Sandton, should provide accommodation for about 7 000 people.

Some councillors and residents are worried that property values will fall if the township is established.

They also claim that the municipality does not have enough money to provide the necessary services for the township.

The management committee has invited residents to respond on the issue after which a public meeting will be called to discuss the proposals.

The Department of Community Development also have to decide whether to approve the idea.

A break for b



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

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Non-race cemetery plea is refused

By Gavin Engelbrecht,
West Rand Bureau

An application by Muslims to bury their dead irrespective of race in their cemetery at Krugersdorp was rejected at a council meeting last night

The council decided to refuse permission after a heated debate in which strong racial and religious feelings were voiced

The application from the Azaadville Jamea Masjid Trust cited an incident in which a converted Muslim from Kagiso location at Krugersdorp was refused permission by the caretaker to be buried at the cemetery and had to be transferred to another.

It pointed out that Muslims of all races were granted access to bury their dead in Johannesburg and Newclare and appealed for a similar blanket permission in Krugersdorp.

The chairman of the management committee, Mr Sakkie Nel, opposed the application and recommended it be rejected.

Councillor Gert Visser, speaking in favour of the application, proposed an amendment to the recommendation calling for permission to be granted.

"It is a historical cemetery where those killed in the Jameson Raid, British dead of the Boer War and victims of the British concentration camps lie side by side," he said.

"For 96 years Krugersdorp has accommodated the different religious communities and I do not see the Muslims' request as being unreasonable

"The Greek, Jewish and Indian communities have their own cemeteries."

Krugersdorp won't open park

West Rand Bureau

An application to stage a multiracial day for underprivileged children at Coronation Park in Krugersdorp was turned down at a town council meeting last night.

The council decided to inform the applicants, the Transvaal region of Toc-H, that the day could be held at Pretorius Park in Krugersdorp on condition that only white children will attend.

The application asked that the park be made available on Republic Day, May 31, for a fete which would be free to all children.

The Lions and Rotary will also participate.

The chairman of the management committee, Mr Sakkie. Nel, said he feared that flora in the park would be damaged and he could not support the application.

Mr Jan du Plessis vehemently opposed the application on the grounds that it would include blacks.

"Some people may label me as a racist but if we let this group of children use our park we will get lots of applications from all groups of people and our parks will be invaded by blacks," he said.

Mr Chris Peyper said. "We cannot accept this subtle form of infiltration."

Mr Gert Visser closed the discussion by suggesting that permission be granted for the function to be held at Pretorius Park on condition that only white children attend.

"People seem to be more concerned about keeping the parks white than about the hoboes who sleep there," he said.

Lake may be opened to all races

By MZIKAYISE EDOM

PLANS by the Germiston City Council to open its lake to all races have been praised by community leaders and residents on the East Rand.

The chairman of the city council's management committee, Mr Lew Leppan, indicated at the council's monthly meeting held this week that the council was considering opening its lake to all races and that the matter would be finalised soon

Mr Leppan also said that race did not play a role in terms of the city's facilities and that similar requests had already been made by other race groups

A spokesman for the city council confirmed yesterday that it was considering the opening of the lake to all races He also said that negotiations and investigations concerning this matter had been going on for quite some time and that the council was hoping to finalise everything in the near future.

Mr A P Khumalo, chairman of the Katlehong Community Council, said that the council's plan to open its lake to all races was a wonderful thing to have happened to Katlehong residents. Another resident, Mr Ernest Sokazi, who is also a councillor as well as a businessman in Katlehong, said that this was a great step towards scrapping segregation in Germiston.

Mr Sokazi said: "We hope that one day the Germiston City Council will allow black businessmen to open businesses in town."

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What progress has been made in providing a post office in Alexandra since his reply to Question No. 14 on 12 February 1982?

†The MINISTER OF POSTS AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS

The position remains as reflected in my predecessor's reply to Question No. 14 on 12 February 1982 The West Rand Administration Board has not yet been able to assist with the provision of a suitable site for a temporary or permanent post office. The Board states that no development can take place before existing houses in the area have been demolished and the necessary infrastructure established. Suitable hired accommodation is still not available

The big stink

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PART of the sewerage system in KwaThema, near Springs, has been out of order for the past three months, and the authorities have done nothing to solve the problem.

Residents in the Vergenoeg and Rest in Peace sections of KwaThema are angry at the way the authorities are taking "their "time," and have called on the East Rand Administration Board to repair the sewerage system as soon as possible.

Most residents interviewed by **The SOWETAN** yesterday said the sewers had been out of order since the beginning of December last year. They said further that they had reported the matter to the local offices of Erab but nothing had been done so far.

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Mystery project

A large, but somewhat mysterious business development is under discussion for Soweto's Chiawelo buffer-strip. It involves

a hotel and 15 000 seat indoor sports stadium — said to have been approved by the Soweto Council (SC) and the Department of Co-Operation and Development.

The *FM* has also been told that fairground-type attractions such as a roller coaster and an artificial river are being discussed.

Undertaking the development is an enterprise called Southern Hemisphere Entertainment Enterprises, a company in the process of being formed. However, the names of the directors and backers are not known. The [illegible] is that the entertainment complex would generate the profits

SC chairman David Thebehali told the *FM*: "There are people working behind the scenes to undermine what is being done for the good of the people." He would not elaborate.

Dr I Labuschagne, a Johannesburg ear nose and throat surgeon who is coordinating the scheme was also unwilling to reveal details.

However the *FM* has been told that a number of financial institutions, hotel groups, bankers and a long list of Sowetans are involved in the project which will be undertaker in terms of the 99-year leasehold arrangements. Permission for the site's development was granted on condition that blacks hold 51% of Shec's shares.

According to one source "The site is extremely well placed for this type of development. It is on the fringes of Soweto and will have easy access from the highway. This is important because many whites don't want to travel through Soweto.

But who are these strange people Thebehali suggests are opposed to the project?

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Nigel coloureds slam town hall ban

By JOHAN BUYS

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

"Alra Park residents have their own facilities in their township and their community hall compares favourably with what we have got The council recently modernised the community hall at a cost of R100 000 and the hall can seat up to 700 people It has modern stage facilities"

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

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

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

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

rejects 'ANC-link' smear

Middelburg's all mixed up

By EUGENE ABRAHAMS

AN APARTHEID rule prevents sports clubs in a Transvaal town from using facilities provided for them by the town council.

Middelburg Town Council does not allow local clubs to play against mixed-race teams on municipal grounds.

They have to play either on mine sports grounds or on the visiting team's pitches — making every match an away game.

Middelburg Wanderers Cricket Club has just been given a new field to use by the council.

But the club cannot play most of its league matches there — because of the rule.

Hockey, netball and football clubs in the conservative town face the same dilemma.

But only at club level.

The council allows mixed teams at provincial, national and international levels to use its facilities.

Recently, the town Sports Federation wrote to the council asking if a change of policy was on the cards.

When no reply was received, it was assumed that the council would not reconsider the policy.

Only team

At a meeting earlier this month the federation's chairman, Mr Des Solé, said the cricket club was affiliated to the multiracial Northern Transvaal Cricket Union.

Middelburg was the only town in the NTCU which did not have mixed-race teams, he said.

The federation president, town mayor Mr Piet Bezuidenhout, warned that visiting non-white players would end up showering with the home side.

He asked whether club members would allow their wives to dance with non-white visitors at the social gathering after a match.

Mr Peter Collins, the town clerk, said the council policy had been in force for a few years.

"When we had the wrestling finals here a few months ago people of all races were allowed the use of our grounds.

"The Indians, coloureds and blacks all have their own grounds."

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Work starts on huge exhibition complex

By Stephen McQuillan

Construction will begin within weeks on a multimillion rand sports and exhibition complex to be built between Johannesburg and Soweto.

The first phase of the project at the 270 ha Crown Mines site is the 50 ha set aside for the new Rand Show grounds.

The Witwatersrand Agricultural Society, organising body of the Rand Show, bought the site from the Government for R2,4 million. It will cost an estimated R50 million to develop.

Workmen are now removing a Rand Water Board pipeline which cuts across the site and are levelling the area.

Dr Charles Skeen, chairman of the project steering committee, said the time had come to "sell" the concept to the public. "We have Cabinet approval for the scheme and we now have to meet the public," he said.

Dr Skeen gave an illustrated lecture on the project to members of the Associated Scientific and Technical Societies of South Africa and the public last week.

NON-PROFIT COMPANY

"The idea of such a complex has been discussed for many years. I spoke on the history of the project and how we managed to reach our present stage," he said.

The concept of the National Sport, Recreation and Exhibition Centre was "a number of separate entities on the same ground". The Agricultural Society had already bought 50 ha and it was up to others to follow the society's lead, he said.

Each plot could be developed independently, but the entire complex would be run by a non-profit company

Common services would be managed by the company which would be made up of representatives from all organisations on the site and two Government officials, he said.

Rand Show organisers are hoping their ground will be ready for the 1985 show.

A spokesman for the consulting engineers said: "Construction of this large project should be completed in an extraordinary short time."

The rest of the scheme may feature a huge sports complex, catering for a variety of sports, a science centre, an Olympic-size swimming pool, a 100 000-seat stadium, a hotel, a conference hall and a South African Disneyland.

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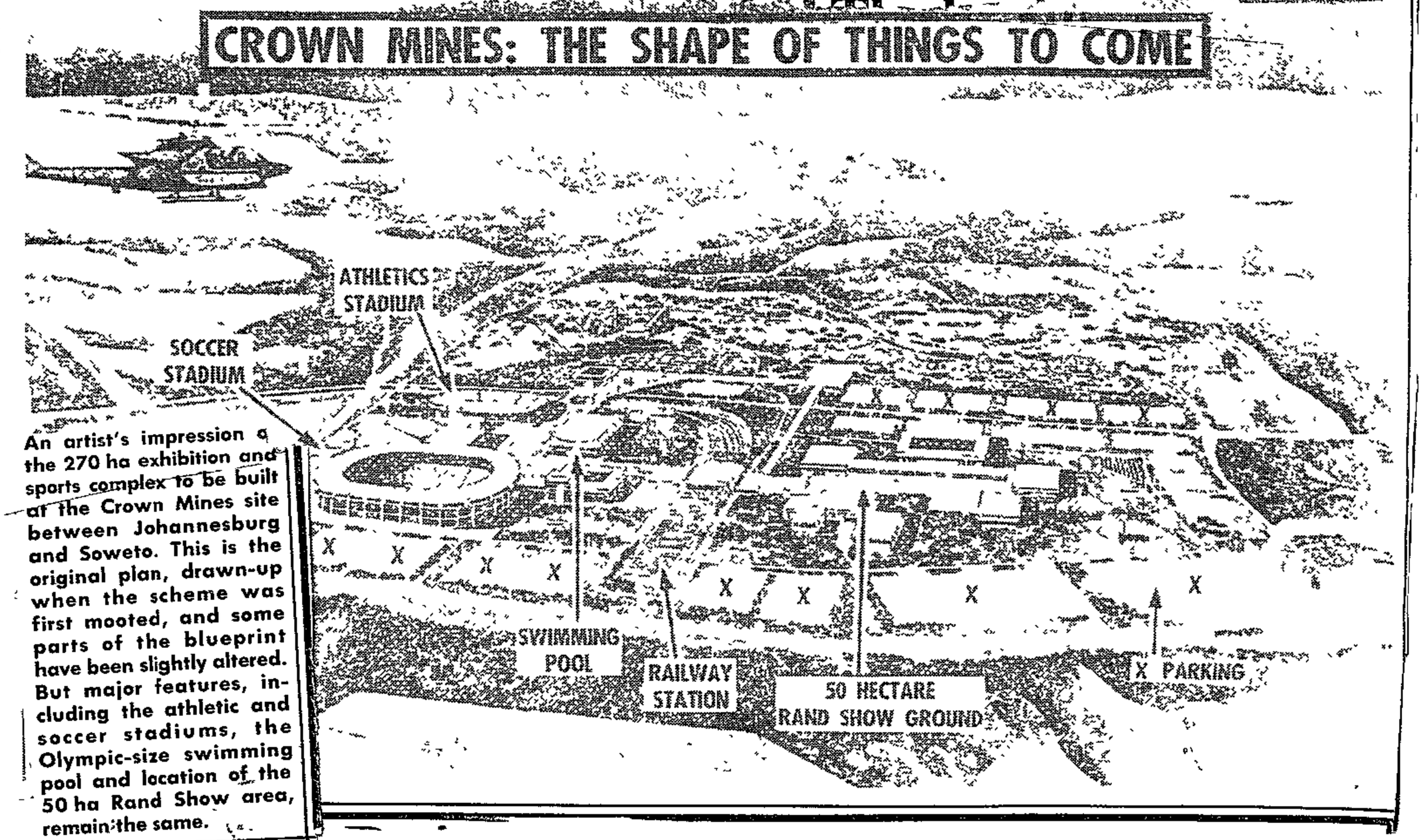

An artist's impression of the 270 ha exhibition and sports complex to be built at the Crown Mines site between Johannesburg and Soweto. This is the original plan, drawn-up when the scheme was first mooted, and some parts of the blueprint have been slightly altered. But major features, including the athletic and soccer stadiums, the Olympic-size swimming pool and location of the 50 ha Rand Show area, remain the same.

CP joins fight over amenities

By JEANETTE MINNIE

THE controvertial issue of opening public amenities in Randburg to all race groups is to become a "three-cornered contest", with the Conservative Party entering the fray.

The issue has already been debated by the Progressive Federal Party-backed Randburg Management Committee and the opposition National Party in the town council.

The CP's North Rand branch is to hold a public protest meeting against the opening of amenities. This will be held at the Unika School in Abbot Road tomorrow at 7.30pm.

The matter of how to go about opening the amenities is the subject of a Human Sciences Research Council survey being conducted among white residents and black workers. The survey is being done at the request of Randburg's PFP management committee.

Yesterday the chairman of the CP's North Rand branch, Mr Pieter de la Rey, said the CP had been approached by North Rand residents to hold the protest meeting because "the NP would not do anything about the matter". Mr De la Rey said the sentiments of residents had been conveyed to members of the CP who had been campaigning in the area.

"We believe that public amenities should be provided for all race groups in their own areas, but we are against the sharing of amenities. It will lead to racial conflict and violent incidents.

"The residents are also objecting to the bus-loads of blacks from Soweto and Alexandra who are being transported to North Rand and Randburg," Mr De La Rey said.

In another development the local Randburg Sun newspaper has held a survey among residents to find out how many people support the opening of amenities to all races. Readers were asked to phone in from Thursday to Saturday last week to record their feelings.

Details of the survey will be released in the next issue on Thursday.

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METROPOLITAN & REGIONAL SECTION

dog population

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● Bitches in season must be kept in kennels or confined in a building or enclosure

● Except in the case of blind people, owners must remove any excrement left by their dog and dispose of it hygienically

● Anyone complaining about a neighbour's dogs must sign an affidavit for the council.

● No person may keep a dog which has bitten a person or animal more than once unless in defence

● The town council may order a dog to be destroyed if it is ferocious.

● A dog may be impounded if an authorised officer believes it to be homeless or if tax on it has not been paid.

Anyone contravening the by-laws faces a fine of up to R300 or 12 months in prison or both

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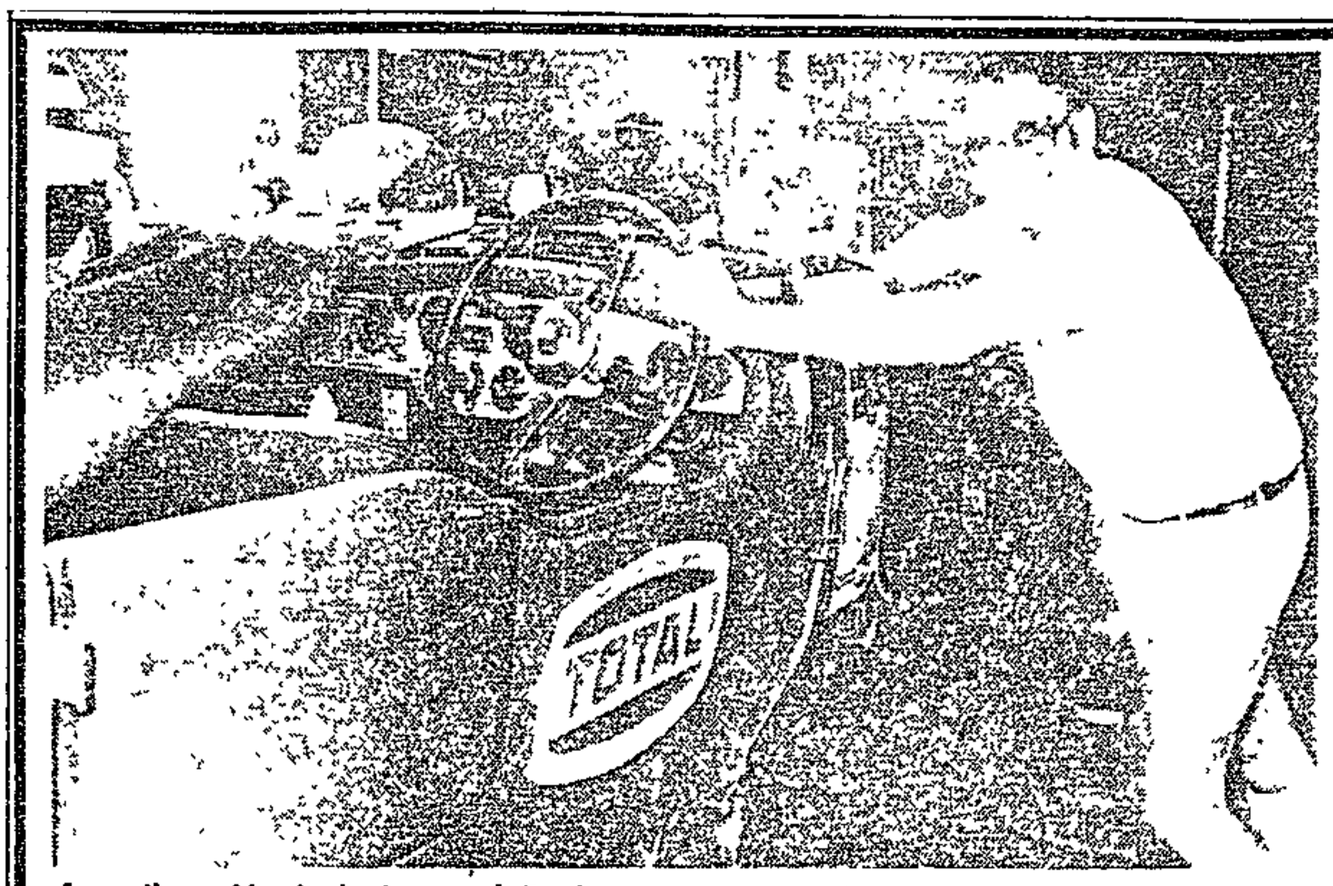

A smiling Mr Jack Acutt of Durban supervises the off-loading of one of the overseas Bentleys which will take part in the Total International Vintage Bentley Tour of South Africa. Mr Acutt's joy was spoilt later when one of the cars was severely damaged while he was driving

Battered and bent Bentley boys out of tour

Disaster has hit two of the "Bentley boys" entered in the Total International Vintage Bentley Tour of South Africa, due to start in Durban on Saturday.

Port Elizabeth businessman Mr John White learnt yesterday that his 1928 model had been seriously damaged in two separate accidents in Durban, and an overseas competitor, Mr George Tabbenor, has broken his collarbone in an accident.

A battery terminal on one of the cars worked loose and short-circuited. Mr Tabbenor rushed to pick up a fire extinguisher — and ran into a steel girder.

He will not be able to drive, and his car, the fastest in the event, will probably be driven by Mr Tony White of Cape Town.

The front and rear ends of Mr John White's three-litre model were severely damaged in two separate collisions, and the car has been withdrawn from the event.

"It is a great blow," said the dejected owner. Fortunately no-one was hurt, but my heart goes out to Jack Acutt, who was driving the car. I know how upset he must be, and I would feel the same way had I been driving his car."

Fifty-four vintage Bentleys are competing in the Tour, which will cover 3 000 km and pass through most of the country's major centres.

CP joins Randburg racial protest

Star 1/3/83

Chief Reporter

The Conservative Party has entered the fray over mixed amenities in Randburg by organising a public protest meeting in the town for tomorrow night

Although the CP is not represented on the town council, the party reports it received a flood of objections from residents opposing the current Human Sciences Research Council survey into the possibility of mixed facilities

A CP spokesman said these protests had encouraged the CP to hold the meeting which will be addressed by former Supreme Court Judge Mr Lammie Snyman, who is a resident of the town

SUPPORTERS

The meeting will also be addressed by Mr Clive Derby-Lewis, former MPC for Edenvale. Both he and Mr Snyman are active CP supporters

Mr Derby-Lewis was invited to address the meeting as he has opposed race mixing in Gillooly's Farm in Bedfordview

The National Party opposition in the town council, which is controlled by the Progressive Federal Party, has objected to the manner in which the survey was undertaken, but not to the survey itself

The protest meeting will be held at the Unika School in Abbott Street, Robindale, at 7.30 pm

Whites chased away — judge

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Chief Reporter

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Mr Lammie Snyman, a former judge and one-time chairman of the Publications Control Board, last night said whites were being chased out of their own facilities in Randburg.

Mr Snyman, an active Conservative Party supporter, was addressing a CP-sponsored meeting in Randburg protesting against the survey commissioned by the PFP-controlled council into the possibility of opening amenities in the town to all races.

He said blacks carrying cans of beer and bags of dagga entered Randburg by bus at weekends to attend soccer matches and used fields as toilets.

The ex-judge said "sick liberalism" was rotting the National Party. Where there was liberalism there was decadence. He believed Randburg should provide facilities for blacks legally living in the town, but not for the people of Soweto.

The meeting, attended by about 150 people, overwhelmingly supported a motion protesting against the opening of facilties. Only two voted against.

In a statement issued in Cape Town, the PFP MP for Bryanston, Mr Horace van Rensburg, condemned a survey done by a local Randburg newspaper as irresponsible and unscientific. The newspaper asked residents to telephone in their opinions of open facilities. The results showed that 1 388 opposed mixed amenities and 324 supported them.

Mr van Rensburg said this type of poll elicited an unbalanced response because it prompted those people emotionally opposed to the plan to react.

Daughter tells of 4 days with a 'witch'

By MONK NKOMO

THE FATHER of a 15-year-old Atteridgeville schoolgirl who went missing from her home for four days and was allegedly kept in a house without food, said yesterday he believed his child was the victim of a witch who wished to turn her into a zombie.

Gremmar Gugu Magagula, of 31 Maseko Street, who claims she cannot concentrate at school anymore told **The SOWETAN** during an interview at her home: "My life has changed completely I live in fear I cannot sleep or dream anymore and am afraid to move about the streets."

Her nightmare ordeal began on Saturday February 19, when a woman allegedly called her from the street into her house to give her a white shirt while she and her sister, Nomsa were on their way from the shop

For the 15-year-old standard five pupil at the local Makgatho Higher Primary School, life has never been the same since she entered the house at about 2pm that Saturday

"I was suddenly gripped by fear after I left the house for home My life suddenly changed and at about 8 30pm I saw myself leaving my home and saw myself at a park between Saulsville Station and Kalafong Hospital," Gugu said

"Then I was suddenly in this house, sitting with this



BALANCE: Mr Petrus Ramokgwasi finding it difficult to attend to the Press.
Pic ROBERT MAGWAZA

Natalspruit floats in stinking muck

HOUSES and shacks in the East Rand township of Natalspruit are beginning to "float" in a mess of night soil.

Dirty, stinking water from sewerage pipes which burst in Shongweni section has flooded three to five houses Residents say the pipes burst on Tuesday morning but that pipes burst about four to five times a year

An angry resident, Mr Petrus Ramokgwasi said he saw East Rand Administration Board workers repairing the pipes yesterday morning He said he did not know who had reported the matter but he was relieved that they have been fixed.

Mr Ramokgwasi said. "This is very unhealthy for the community. We cannot be expected to live under such conditions This area should be redone. We cannot open our windows and it is difficult to eat because of this smell. It was worse on Tuesday afternoon as the sun was hot and there was nothing we could do."

Other residents agreed eating had become impossible as flies became part of the meal. Doors and windows had to be kept shu to keep out the stench coming from the burs sewerage pipes They said authorities earlier told them that the burs pipes were caused by ar overloaded system.

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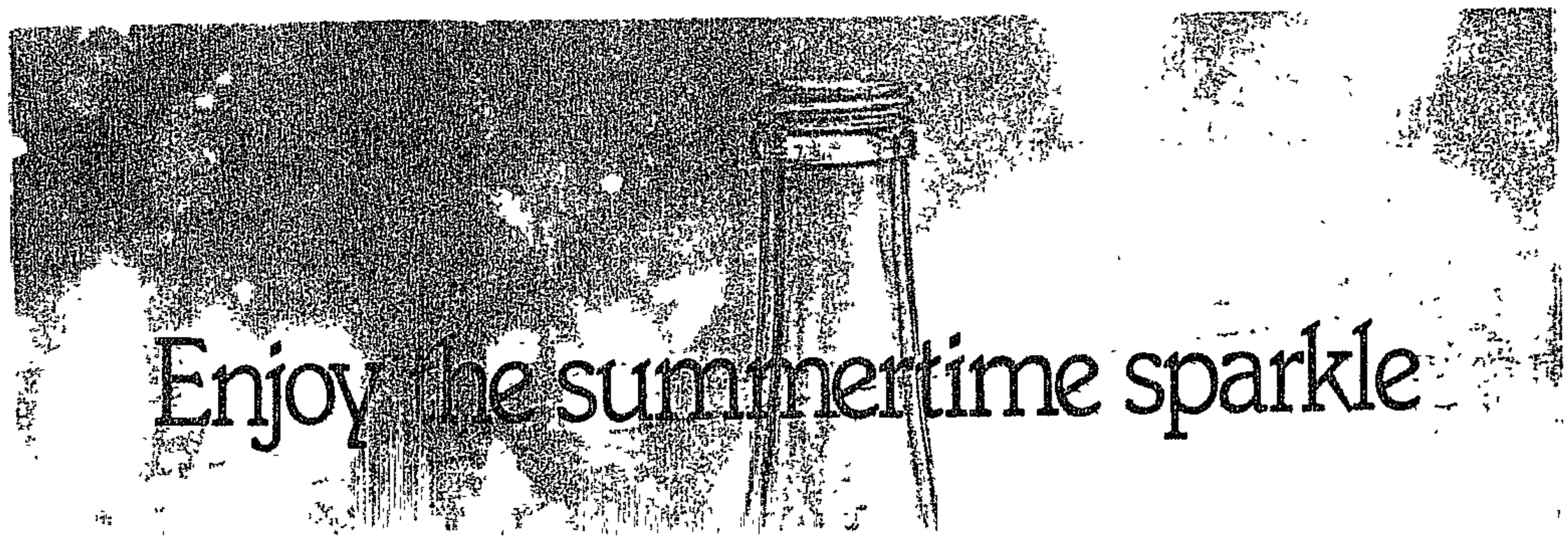

Sewell on 'open' policy

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By Shirley Woodgate

The question of opening amenities to all races was not whether it should be done, but how far and how fast it should take place, the chairman elect of the Management Committee of the Randburg Town Council, Mr Bill Sewell, said yesterday.

The matter was no longer an issue in South Africa as both the Progressive Federal Party and the National Party were moving towards orderly reform, the main difference in approach being the manner in which this should take place, he said.

He quoted Mr Olaus van Zyl who said, when drive-in theatres were opened to all races in Randburg, that he agreed to the elimination of segregation being implemented in a practical manner.

Not only the drive-ins but also the libraries in Randburg were now desegregated, Mr Sewell said — adding that no incidents had been reported at any of these places.

COMMISSIONED SURVEY

He said the PFP's attitude to shared amenities was well known and was spelled out in the March elections.

"If we had thought the matter could be dealt with on a yes or no basis, we would have acted immediately we came to office. Instead, we publicly announced three months later at the budget debate in June that we had commissioned the Human Sciences Research Council to conduct a survey to establish how amenities could be opened in a responsible manner."

Regarding allegations of secrecy over the survey he pointed out that the NP opposition had asked no less than 78 questions during that debate, not one of these even remotely touching on the survey.

"As councillors with homes and families in Randburg, our lives will be affected by change in exactly the same way as all other residents," he said.

"It should be obvious that we will only act on the recommendations of the HSRC survey in the best interests of the whole community."

SOWETAN, Friday, March 4, 1983

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Confusion reigns over mixed dining

By Stephen McQuillan

Confusion in restaurants over admitting customers of other races, was highlighted by the barring of a black Malawi businessman in Johannesburg.

The Malawian visitor was "totally embarrassed" when he was turned away from the city restaurant, according to Johannesburg businessman Mr James Hillsdon who invited him to dinner.

Mr T Vorster, director of liquor affairs at the Department of Industries, Commerce and Tourism, said no foreigner should ever be barred.

Mr Hillsdon (42), an oil company financial manager, and his wife said they were also extremely embarrassed when they had to leave the restaurant.

He said the restaurateur told him he did not have an international licence and was not permitted to serve the Malawian businessman.

"I protested that the guest was a foreign visitor and as such those rules do not apply," said Mr Hillsdon.

"I thought it was left to the discretion of the individual restaurateur to decide who he should admit. He still declined to serve us.

"We had no problems at the next restaurant we visited. I have taken many black foreign visitors to numerous restaurants in and around Johannesburg without a problem.

"The experience which we, and our Malawian guest, suffered makes a mockery of rebel West Indian cricket tours and the favoured treatment afforded visiting foreign black artists to name but two examples of our two-faced racial attitudes in South Africa.

"We integrate when it suits us but refuse to when it 'doesn't matter'. In the case of nationals from neighbouring black states, it seems they are expendable despite the possible consequences to trade and friendly relations."

The manager of the restaurant said he apologised to the customers. He said the white couple should have told him in advance that their guest was black and he could have tried to get permission to admit the Malawian.

"I had to turn the man away because I didn't want to break the liquor laws," he said. "I don't have a multiracial licence. I applied for one in December and didn't get it. It would be nice if the law was different. I don't like turning customers away."

Mr Vorster said a black foreigner could "dance, eat or drink" wherever he wanted.

He said regulations under the Liquor Act of 1977 outlined three catagories for restaurants:

- A restaurant could apply for international status, which allows multiracial eating and drinking.
- A temporary international status allowed the same, at the restaurateur's discretion.
- Ad hoc permission was given after a telephone call to the Liquor Board by a restaurateur. This service was available 24 hours a day.

"Even if the Malawian businessman had been a South African businessman, he could have eaten if the restaurant had telephoned for permission," said Mr Vorster.

Clash over 'whites-only' parks looms

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By JOUBERT MALHERBE
Pretoria Bureau

THE scene is set for a bitter clash at the end of the month in the Pretoria City Council when councillors will decide on the issue of barring blacks from city parks.

The meeting will bring to a head the "parks-issue" which has seen repeated attempts by Rightwing councillors to force the council to take a stand on the matter

Yesterday, management committee chairman, Dr G J Davidtsz, confirmed the matter would be debated at this month's meeting and said he believed the recommendations of the ad-hoc parks committee would be "fair". He expected no "problems" at the meeting.

But he added: "I may be wrong."

Councillors from opposing groups in the council vowed yesterday to put forth "forcefully" their various groups', views and the chief whip of the Herstigte Nasionale Party in the council, Mr Piet Rudolph, predicted the meeting could last "up to 16 hours"

He reiterated the HNP stand that all parks in the city should be reserved for whites.

But the Progressive Federal Party chief whip, Mr Andre van der Merwe, said his party would "stridently oppose" any move to alter the existing situation — all city parks, except the Trim park in Mucklenuek and Fountains Valley, are "multiracial".

He said blacks had as much right as anyone else to visit parks in Pretoria, adding many black workers lived in the city and contributed to the welfare of the local and national economy.

Mr Van der Merwe urged that security measures in city parks be stepped up so that crimes such as muggings could be curbed, but said the measures should be "colour blind". Crime had nothing to do with race.

He also attacked the council's decision — taken at the end of last year — to fence off the lawns on Church Square, where hundreds of black workers have lunch every day.

Church Square was a gift to all Pretoria residents from King Edward VII and as such any Pretoria resident would be able to bring a court action if the council proceeded with its plans to fence off the lawns, he said.

Mr Peet Joubert, a member of the newly-formed Conservative Party group in the council, said his group stood by the manifesto of the majority group in the council, the National Party-dominated Federaton of Ratepayers' Associations.

According to the manifesto, Mr Joubert said, most parks in Pretoria should be reserved for whites only and the cases where blacks could also be permitted "have to be decided on merit".

The ad-hoc committee on parks was established last year to investigate conditions in parks and to make recommendations in the event of "problem" parks.

The recommendations could include that blacks be barred from parks.

Probe into handcuff incident

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Own Correspondent

KIMBERLEY – Railway police here have mounted a full investigation into allegations that a 13-year-old coloured boy, Rodney Cloete was handcuffed to railings at De Aar station because he crossed the "whites only" section of the platform

Mr Leon Els, a public relations officer for the South African Transport Services, said in Cape town the investigation was expected to be completed this afternoon and that "is when we will make a formal comment"

Rodney's father, Mr Dennis Cloete, who is currently studying at Kimberley's Perseverance Training College, said his son's humanity was "diminished" by the incident

APOLOGIES

Mr Cloete said he had received apologies from two members of the Railways police following the incident but said he was contemplating legal action

A senior member of the De Aar coloured community said the incident, which was witnessed by about 40 people, had caused a lot of bad feeling and described the situation in the town at the moment as 'explosive"

Mr Johnnie Clark, the chairman of De Aar Coloured Management Committee, said it could adversely affect race relations in the town

The investigation into the incident is being conducted by Lieutenant-Colonel T J van Heever, Commanding Officer of the Railways Police at Kimberley

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Marlboro 20/4/83

*3 Mr D J DALLING asked the Minister of Community Development:

Whether the provision of any sport and/or recreational facilities is being planned for the Indian residential area of Marlboro, if so, what facilities are being planned?

†The MINISTER OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT:

Yes, sports grounds, 3 ha in extent have been provided in the planning of the Marlboro Indian residential area The specific sports facilities to be provided by the local authority are not known at this stage as the site will be developed as needs arise

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*2 Mr D I DALLING asked the Minister of Co-operation and Development:

Whether the plans for the redevelopment of Alexandra Township include the provision of any sport and/or recreational facilities, if so what facilities of this nature are being planned?

†The MINISTER OF CO-OPERATION AND DEVELOPMENT

Yes

The planned facilities include a site for a 40 000 seat sport stadium, mainly for soccer but also for any other sport as dictated by demand The school sports grounds are also available for the use of the residents

As far as recreational facilities are concerned, planning has already been done for a trimpark and jogging area along the Jukskei River A spillway creating a small lake is also part of the proposals Landscape areas are also envisaged along the three tributaries of the Jukskei River Mr Speaker if the hon member would only

Parks ban would be 'tragic'

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Pretoria Bureau

IF THE city council of Pretoria today decide to close only one city park to blacks it will set back race relations in South Africa by years.

This was the view of people asked to comment on the possibility that rigid parks apartheid — which may reportedly also include the fencing off of some city parks into white-black portions — would again become reality in South Africa's capital city.

The council has repeatedly stalled on the "parks debate" and instead appointed an ad hoc committee to investigate the issue at certain "problem" parks where there were alleged "irregulatrities", such as the "crowding out" of whites.

The report of the ad hoc committee will brought before the council today and a lengthy and heated debate is expected.

Mr Willie Hoods, the Eersterust Community Council chairman, said he would reject such a move "with the contempt it deserves", adding he would employ all possible peaceful means to object to such a move.

And he warned that the city counci would have to accept responsibility if there were outbreaks of violence in the process of enforcing parks apartheid. "We will not be able to control our people.".

A Laudium community leader and former chairman of the management committee, Mr Usman Ahmed, described the possible re-introduction of parks apartheid as a "massive step backwards which will no doubt reverberate around the world".

Retreating into a laager — PFP

Pretoria bars parks to blacks

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By JOUBERT MALHERBE
Pretoria Bureau

THE City Council of Pretoria yesterday decided to bar blacks from 17 parks in the city — and to employ uniformed guards with trained dogs to "sporadically" enforce the ban.

There was no mention, however, of the proposed fencing off of the lawns on Church Square — a recommendation accepted last year

The council decided by 23 votes to seven to accept recommendations of an ad hoc committee which studied the "parks problem" and recommended that 17 parks be reserved for whites only

Three of these parks would, however, only be reserved "partially" for whites and the committee recommended that fences be erected to divide the parks into black/white sections

These decisions were "hopefully" only the beginning members of the National Party-dominated majority group in the council, the Federation of Ratepayers' Associations, said

The ad hoc committee which "studied" the parks issue would continue to investigate other "problem" parks and further recommendations on the closure of more parks would be made later

An FRA [illegible] said it hoped as soon as adequate funds were available "the position of other parks will also be reconsidered"

FRA members welcomed the recommendations that the parks be closed and one described it as a "joyous day"

Reacting to the city council decision, the leader of the Opposition, Dr Frederik van Zyl Slabbert, said it was pointless for the Prime Minister, Mr P W Botha, to utter "pious platitudes" about people of different races having to "share South Africa", when at the same time an NP-dominated body such as the City Council of Pretoria "are not even prepared to share [illegible]

Mail Correspondent

CAPE TOWN – The Management Committee of the Johannesburg City Council called yesterday for members of all race groups to be permitted to participate in trade and commerce in areas which are either controlled, specified or defined as black or white group areas

This was submitted in a memorandum to the Economic Affairs Committee of the President's Council in Cape Town yesterday

This section of the memorandum referred specifically to the Group Areas Act with regard to 'open trading areas' in or near the central business area

The memorandum said participation should not be confined to the right of occupation but should include ownership

It said that in terms of existing legislation such ownership was difficult in a black group area

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SBS cuts bond rates

THE Standard Building Society has cut its residential mortgage bond interest rates bringing them into line with the other societies

From May 1, SBS differential bonds will be cut from four to three Interest charged on amounts up to R20 000 will now be 14%, from R20 001 to R40 000 14,5% R40 001 to R60 000 15% negotiable over R60 000

The society yesterday announced profits after tax for the year to March 31 of R810 000

Mines face the drought

THE gold mines are assessing the potential loss of production from possible power cuts caused by the drought

At Escom's request the mines are examining the effects of varying levels of power cuts that might be caused by water shortages at power stations

A committee has been set up by the Chamber of Mines to co-ordinate the findings

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SURVIVAL for mechanical and materials handling in South Africa depends on the cost effectiveness and

'Freak punch' KOs Sun



Southern Suns chief Sol Kerzner and World Boxing Association lightweight Conference, but both were shattered by the cancellation of the May 28 Sun

By GEOFF VAN HEERDEN

A FREAK punch thrown late on Wednesday night has ruined Sol Kernzer's R6-million May 28 Sun City boxing and blues extravaganza

Little did stocky Tennessee battler Ted Hatfield know when he climbed through the ropes for the first round of sparring with World Boxing Association lightweight champion Ray "Bom Boom"

Ray Mancini f collar-bone in

Moore against the legendary Roberto Duran and a 40-minute Frank Sinatra concert

Hatfield who has been assisting Mancini without incident these past few days was swopping punches with [illegible]

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SURVIVAL for mechanical and materials handling in South Africa depends on the cost effectiveness and smooth running of the industry.

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tions on the closure of more parks would be made later

An FRA ... said ... noned as soon as adequate funds were available, "the position of other parks will also be reconsidered"

FRA members welcomed the recommendations that the parks be closed and one described it as a "joyous day"

Reacting to the city council decision, the leader of the Opposition, Dr Frederik van Zyl Slabbert, said it was pointless for the Prime Minister, Mr P W Botha, to utter "pious platitudes" about people of different races having to "share South Africa", when at the same time an NP-dominated body such as the City Council of Pretoria "are not even prepared to share parks".

"I think the voters of Waterkloof must express themselves clearly on this kind of hypocrisy at the polls on May 10," Dr Slabbert said.

After a heated debate some of the recommendations accepted were

● That three of the 17 whites-only parks be fenced off into black/white encampments,

● That the only blacks who would be allowed into the 17 "white" parks would be black women who were employed as "nursemaids",

● That the money to implement the parks apartheid would be made available in the 1983/84 budget — it will cost ratepayers R70 000 to fence the parks and erect notice boards;

● That the council would request the administration boards to create parks for blacks in "their" areas

The parks ban on blacks was lifted in 1974 when the South African Games took place in Pretoria

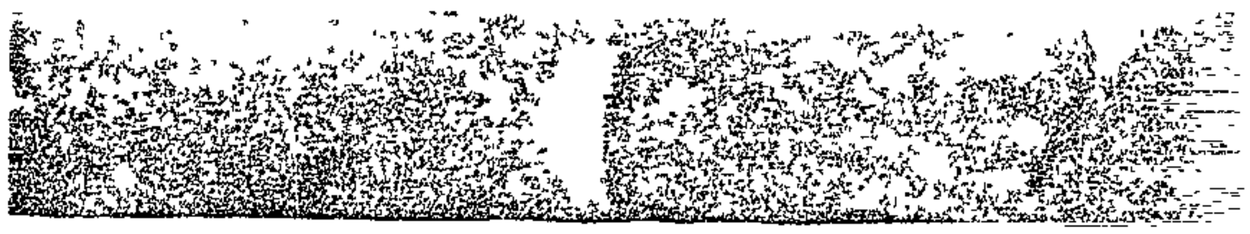
Councillors feared the possibility that black foreigners would be arrested for entering "white" parks.

During yesterday's debate PFP councillor, Mr Tertius Spies, the PFP candidate in the Waterkloof by-election expressed dismay at the council's decision, saying it represented "retracting into a laager" at a time when bridges have to be built between the different races.

"If the new constitutional proposals become law this decision will mean that certain Cabinet Ministers will be banned from entering some parks in South Africa's capital city This is an absurdity," he said

The Herstigte Nasionale Party leader in the city council, Dr P Barnard, slammed the fact that not all parks would be reserved for whites and announced the HNP was not prepared to serve on the committee which will continue the parks investigation

Reacting to the council's decision, a Mamelodi minister in the Nederduits Gereformeerde Kerk in Afrika, Dr Nico Smith, expressed dismay and said it was shameful whites had reached such a level of insensitivity that they no longer considered the feelings of (black) people.



Southern Suns chief Sol Kerzner and World Boxing Association lightw... Conference, but both were shattered by the cancellation of the May 28 ...

Ray Mancini ... collar-bone in ...

By GEOFF VAN HEERDEN

A FREAK punch thrown late on Wednesday night has ruined Sol Kernzer's R6-million May 28 Sun City boxing and blues extravaganza.

Little did stocky Tennessee battler Ted Hatfield know when he climbed through the ropes for the first round of sparring with World Boxing Association lightweight champion Ray "Born Boom" Mancini that he would have the misfortune to wreck one of the greatest entertainment spectacles of all time.

Hatfield's blow fractured Mancini's right collar-bone, effectively killing television's interest in a card which would have featured Mancini against Kenny "Bang Bang" Bogner, WBA junior-middleweight supremo Davey Moore against the legendary Roberto Duran and a 40-minute Frank Sinatra concert.

Hatfield, who has been assisting Mancini without incident these past few days, was swopping punches with rugged Ray when one thundered through, fracturing the inner aspect of the right collar-bone

The medical officer of the South African Boxing Board of Control, Dr Clive Noble, last night described the injury as "freakish"

"I have not seen a similar fracture in 20 years of treating boxing injuries, although ... it of course occurs quite ...ularly among rugby ...

"It'll be at least four to ... months before Mancini ... think of fighting again ... cause the break will ... weeks to mend, a fur... weeks to strengthen and then can the cond... process begin.

"That, in my book, ... it 18 weeks before he'll ... punches in earnest ... said the physician

Mr Kerzner, whose phone buzzed all of yes... to diverse corners of globe to inform the ... Sinatra's people and

PM moving in on AWB

CAPE TOWN — Moves are afoot to give some bite to Prime Minister Mr P W Botha's threat to investigate the Afrikaner Weerstandsbeweging

Mr Louis le Grange, Minister of Law and Order, will meet senior police and judicial officials in Pretoria this afternoon to discuss an investigation

It is understood that the Commissioner of Police, General Mike Geldenhuys, will attend the meeting

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Breakfast Quip



"Is there a sparring partner in the house?"

Ferrasse seeks ... PW to 'smash ...

Mail Correspondent

PARIS — Mr Albert Ferrasse, the president of the French Rugby Federation (FFR) hopes to visit South Africa next month for talks with the Prime Minister, Mr P W Botha, in a bid to "smash apartheid in sport."

Mr Ferrasse said he would not make the journey unless a meeting with Mr Botha had been organised.

But Mr Botha said in Cape Town yesterday that he knew nothing about the meeting

Speaking after a 45 minute meeting with President Francois Mitterrand in Paris on the government decision to ban the rugby tour of South Africa, Mr Ferrasse told reporters

"I am going to keep up my fight I am not concealing from you that I told the President that I intend to go to South Africa within the next three weeks to meet the Prime Minister

"I want to tell him what I have always said, that apartheid must be completely removed from sport"

Meanwhile, the British Government has declared its opposition to the proposed England rugby tour to South Africa next year, Sapa reports.

The government stand came as the 60-strong committee of the English Rugby Football Union prepared to meet tomorrow to discuss the tour

Sports Minister Mr Neil MacFarlane told the House of Commons "The Rugby Union is aware of the government's opposition to this possible venture"

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Punters flock to bet on SA'

By DAVID MOLLETT

INNS fever hit Johannesburg like a hurricane yesterday with bookmakers reporting unprecedented interest in South Africa's richest race — the R250 000 Holiday Inns — to be run at Turffontein tomorrow

"There's been support for nearly every runner in the race and today there's been large commissions for Sweet Wonder, Count Du Barry, Carlsbad and the outsider, Saturado," commented bookmaker Trevor Moritz.

Sweet Wonder, the mount of champion jockey Muis Roberts, is now joint-favourite at 13-2 with Count Du Barry and the Cape hope, Hawkins.

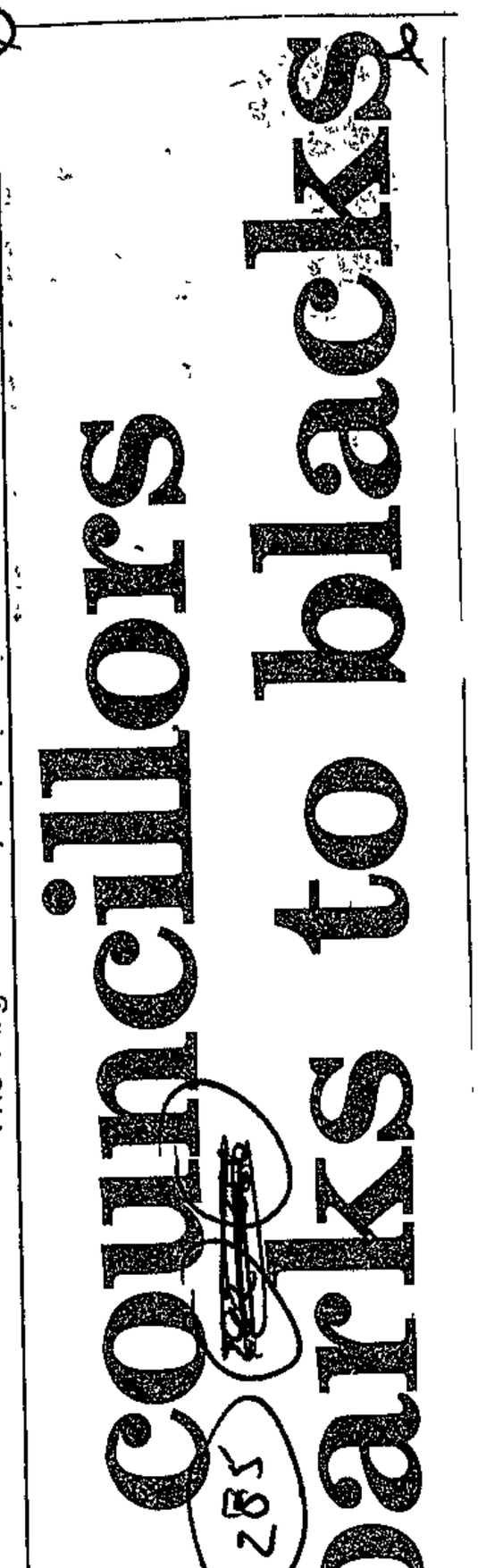
Hawkins and Count Du Barry arrive by air in the Transvaal today and ... bad, winner of three of four starts this year, ... ready arrived at Turff...

"Carlsbad arrived safe sound at about noon," ... Turffontein ... off... yesterday

With Larne, 'Snow' ... and Magic Bull scrat... from the race this ... total of 15 horses will ... post tomorrow There

Pretoria councillors to black parks

The Argus Friday April 29 1983



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

Argus Correspondent

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

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

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

In power

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

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

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

14 others

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

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

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

Black envoys a poser in ban

Argus Correspondent

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

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

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

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

DIPLOMATS

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

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

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ABSURD

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

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

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

Pretoria: 17 parks closed to blacks

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Pretoria Correspondent

The Pretoria City Council has voted overwhelmingly to close 17 parks to blacks and restrictions could be introduced at other parks

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

From speeches made during the discussion, however, it was clear the majority of councillors would support calls to close more parks to blacks.

Closed parks will be indicated by notices in three languages and blacks, excluding women looking after white children, will be asked to leave.

Black traffic officers will act as "relations" officers and explain in a "nice" way to blacks that they are not allowed in these parks, Dr Davidtsz said.

If people did not respect them, security officers with powers of arrest could be called in.

The parks to be closed do not include Church Square or the Burgers Park.

The leader of the Opposition, Dr van Zyl Slabbert, said there was little point in the National Party talking about races having to share South Africa when the Nationalist-dominated Pretoria Council was not prepared even to share parks

Sources in Cape Town said the move would mean a gain of several hundred votes for the PFP in the forthcoming Waterkloof by-election



toria ban 'will do incredible damage'

ARGUS 29/4/83

Parliamentary Staff

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

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

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

"Futile"

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

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

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

● See Page 3.

"Guards, dogs"

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

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

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

R2 000

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

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

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CP candidate praises Pretoria's park ban

Pretoria Correspondent

The Pretoria City Council's decision to bar black people from 17 parks has drawn different reactions from the candidates contesting the Waterkloof by-election.

The Progressive Federal Party and New Republic Party candidates strongly condemned the decision

The Conservative Party candidate lauded it as an "orderly measure".

The National Party candidate, Dr Org Marais, took a neutral stance on the issue.

Although the rights of the whites living in the areas had to be recognised and extended, he said, it was equally true that provision had to be made for black people working in these areas.

The fact that Pretoria was a capital city, where the rights of black diplomats were involved, was another aspect of the ex-"complicated" parks issue, Dr Marais said.

He said the city council's decision would create practical problems in respect of the admission of black diplomats to exclusive white parks and the council would have to devise methods to overcome this

Dr Marais referred to the effect the decision would have on relations among coloured peoples, Indians and whites under a new constitutional dispensation.

He said the "other" race groups would have to accept the principle that each group would have the final decision over its own residential areas

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He called on the leader of the NP in the Transvaal Provincial Council, Mr Fanie Schoeman, to take steps to invalidate the decision in the inter-

Unisa has test to measure worker moods

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By Sheryl Raine, Pretoria Bureau STAR

An industrial barometer capable of measuring black worker dissatisfaction and reducing the possibility of strikes has been developed and tested by Unisa's School of Business Leadership

The scientifically validated barometer is one of the first home-grown opinion testers of its kind in South Africa and could have a significant impact in the field of labour relations, says one of the developers, Dr Erik Schmikl.

The advantage of the opinion tester is that it is possibly the only one of its kind that can survey worker dissatisfaction across the full spectrum of employees, including illiterate, semi-literate or fully literate black and white workers.

It costs R6 500 and R14 000 to apply, depending on the size of the workforce surveyed, and could save a company thousands of rands in preventing strikes, or increasing productivity.

It can be applied repeatedly to measure improvements in the work environment.

Till now, most opinion surveys used to take the temperature of the country's industrial workforce have been imported from Europe or the United States.



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He called on the leader of the NP in the Transvaal Provincial Council, Mr Fanie Schoeman, to take steps to invalidate the decision in the interests of good race relations.

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

He called upon the Minister of Foreign Affairs, Mr Pik Botha, to do this.

(Report by M R Waldner, 216 Vermeulen Street, Pretoria)

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Pretoria parks ban exposes big Nat split

Sunday Express Reporter

NATIONALIST MPC Mr Steyn van der Spuy explained this week why he voted with Conservative Party members and other verkrampte city councillors to ban black people from parks in Pretoria.

The ban has revealed sharp divisions within the National Party, which is torn between those who seek to eliminate petty apartheid and those who fear to oppose the Conservative Party on such issues.

But Mr van der Spuy, who represents the upper-class suburb of Waterkloof in the Transvaal Provincial Council and is also a member of the city's management committe, said: "It has nothing to do with party politics."

The Prime Minister, the Minister of Foreign Affairs and other party leaders have repeatedly promised to "move away" from "hurtful" petty apartheid.



● MR TERTIUS SPIES ...slammed "Berlin walls"

The renewed segregation of 17 Pretoria parks was roundly condemned by the pro-Nationalist newspaper, Beeld, and by Mr Albert Nothnagel, Nationalist MP for Innesdal, who said it would harm race relations.

But Dr Org Marais, the Nationalist candidate for the coming parliamentary by-election in Waterkloof, washed his hands of the dispute He said an MP should not involve himself in majority decisions on a local level

Mr Tertius Spies, leader of the Progressive Federal Party in the council and a candidate in the parliamentary by-election in Waterkloof on May 10, accused the Nationalist-dominated council of erecting "Berlin walls" in the parks

Another PFP councillor said the ban showed the NP, the CP and the HNP had no real differences in principle but "they merely bicker on detail".

But Mr van der Spuy denied it was an attempt to woo Right-wingers away from the conservatives in the Waterkloof by-election.

When the PFP chief whip, Mr Andre van der Merwe, asked how he could vote for the ban while belonging to a party that claimed to be "moving away" from discrimination, Mr van der Spuy said he did not allow his politics to influence his actions as a city councillor.

All members of the NP-dominated majority group in the council, the Federation of Ratepayers' Associations, voted for the ban

Some said they hoped this was only a beginning, and that other parks would be similarly segregated when funds could be found.

The five HNP councillors voted with the three PFP members — but on the grounds that the ban did not cover all parks in Pretoria.

Mr van der Spuy later explained it was the city council's "prerogative" to decide on its "own affairs" such as parks and added that councillors had to obey the wishes of the ratepayers who had elected them

A large number of ratepayers in his ward, which falls in the Waterkloof constituency, had asked that the parks in 13th Street, Menlo Park, be closed to blacks.

The section with toilet facilities will be fenced off and blacks will be banned from entering the rest of the park.

He refused to comment on Mr Nothnagel's reported statement but ascribed the widespread outrage at the decision to the fact that a "twisted version" had been presented to the world

Only 17 out of about 300 parks had again been reserved for whites, he said.

However, a council spokesman said the standing committee on parks would also investigate other "problem parks" and he could not rule out further closures.

During the debate this week, several councillors said they "hoped" the closure of the 17 parks was only a beginning (vertrekpunt) and that the conditions in other parks would also "receive attention".

The PFP leader in the Provincial Council, Mr Douglas Gibson said he would ask the MEC in charge of local government to Mr van der Spuy "how bad the decision is for Pretoria and for South Africa".

The Leader of the Opposition, Dr F van Zyl Slabbert, described the Pretoria move as a retrogressive step in an era of "so-called reform".

□ Report by J Malherbe, 171 Main Street, Johannesburg.

Victory a nod for mixed amenities — PFP

By MIKE CADMAN

THE Progressive Federal Party in Randburg believes that its victory in this week's municipal by-election is a vote of confidence in its decision to open public amenities to all races

The PFP candidate, Mr Frank Baleta, with 625 votes, won the Windsor East (Ward 3) election by a majority of 130 votes in a 40,3% poll

His National Party opponent, Mr Thys Sutherland, got 495 votes

One of the key issues in the election was the opening of amenities by the PFP-controlled management committee.

The chairman of the PFP in the Southern Transvaal, Mr Douglas Gibson, said that in the light of the management council's decision the victory was "quite significant".

He said that the victory was evidence of a small but definite swing in favour of the PFP.

But the leader of the NP on the council, Mr Olaus van Zyl, said yesterday he did not think that the election victory was any sort of mandate for the PFP's policies.

□ Report by Michael Cadman, 171 Main Street, Johannesburg.

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Council defends race bar on parks

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

Dr Davidtsz said in a statement that since 1974 numerous requests and complaints had been received about the situation in the city's parks.

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

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

"The question has been asked which criteria were used to identify parks for reservation for whites. The following were the criteria:

"Is a park at or near an old-age home? Is a park near a large group of flats? Is a park adjoining sports grounds? Which other facilities are in the vicinity?

"In all cases where the use of the 17 parks in the suburbs will be reserved for whites, it was first established that alternative open areas are available nearby, and will still be open to all races," he said.

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

PFP and union plan action on parks ban

By JOUBERT MALHERBE
Pretoria Bureau

THE Progressive Federal Party in Waterkloof and the National General Workers' Union are considering taking court action over the Pretoria City Council's plan to ban blacks from 17 parks in the city.

But yesterday a council spokesman said there would be no reversal of the controversial decision, and added that the Reservation of Separate Amenities Act of 1953 gave the council the sole discretion to decide whether to ban "certain people" from parks

The leader of the PFP in the council, Mr Tertius Spies — who is also the PFP's candidate in the Waterkloof by-election — said yesterday the parks ban would influence the result of the by-election.

On Saturday the PFP had an information table at a shopping centre in the constituency and many people were highly critical of the neutral stance taken on the issue by the National Party candidate in Waterkloof, Dr Org Marais

Dr Marais said earlier he did not think it "proper" for an MP to interfere in the affairs of local government and said he believed the council took the decision only after "thoroughly investigating" the situation

Mr Spies said the PFP was seeking legal advice on the question of whether a new by-law would have to be passed to enforce the park ban If this was the case the by-law would have to be approved by the Administrator

According to the provincial ordinance, a period of 14 days has to lapse before a new by-law was passed or an existing one amended It was during this time when interested parties could make representations about the proposed changes or new by-law

"It will be then when the PFP in Waterkloof will go all out to prevent the new by-law from being promulgated. We will hold petition campaigns and we will also hold a protest meeting," Mr Spies said

Mr Donsie Khumalo, national organiser of NGWU, said yesterday his union was seeking legal advice about getting a Supreme Court interdict granted to prevent the city council from enforcing the ban

He condemned the ban 'in the strongest possible terms' and said the reason why black workers had their lunches in city parks was because there were no canteen facilities for them

A council spokesman said yesterday it was "highly improbable" that the Government would intervene to persuade the council to reverse its decision and he pointed to the 1953 Act which gave city councils the discretion to act on issues such as park bans

● See Page 2

Bid to stop local 'racialistic' decisions

Own Correspondent

Following the Pretoria City Council's move to close 17 of its 300 city parks to blacks, attempts will now be made to get legislation which will prevent town and city councils making "racialistic" decisions.

Speaking out against the move, Mr Douglas Gibson, MPC for Bezuidenhout and PFP leader in the Transvaal Provincial Council, said town and city councils were expecting greater autonomy to exercise "local options" in terms of the new constitutional proposals. But he said he would call for legislative steps to prevent local authorities from making irresponsible decisions based on race during today's Provicial Council session.

The Government "should now find time to consider legislation, either at the parliamenta ry or provincial level, to prevent local authorities from making racialistic decisions," Mr Gibson said.

It now appears that only direct Government pressure would be able to get Pretoria to reverse its decision.

There had been hopes that the city council could be forced by the Transvaal Administrator to review its position. But yesterday the legal opinion was that the council was empowered to limit any park to a specific group in terms of the Reservations of Separate Amenities Act (1953), without making any changes to local by-laws or provincial ordinances.

(News by V Devenish, 216 Vermeulen Street, Pretoria)

Council shut parks 'off its own bat'

Pretoria Correspondent

The Pretoria City Council's decision to close 17 parks to blacks was not subject to approval by the province or Government, a council spokesman has said.

He said the decision was taken in terms of the Reservations of Separate Amenities Act of 1953 which gives the city council jurisdiction over public amenities and services in its area.

The Act also allows the council to decide that these should be used exclusively by people of a specific race or class.

It was not necessary to amend the local Parks and Recreation Ground by-laws of 1956 to implement the decision, he said.

A section of these by-laws was revoked in 1974 after the Pretoria City Council decided to open all the city parks to all races.

The maximum penalty for offenders is a fine of R100 or three months' imprisonment or both.

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PFP bid to keep parks open

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Own Correspondent

PRETORIA. — The Progressive Federal Party in Waterkloof and the General Workers' Union (GWU) are considering taking court action over the intended ban of blacks from 17 Pretoria parks by the Pretoria City Council.

Yesterday a council spokesman said there would be no reversal of the council's decision, adding that the Reservation of Separate Amenities Act of 1953 gave the council sole discretion to decide whether to ban "certain people" from parks.

The leader of the PFP in the city council, Mr Tertius Spies, said the PFP was seeking legal advice on the question of whether a new by-law would have to be passed to enforce the ban.

"The PFP in Waterkloof will go all out to prevent the new by-law from being promulgated. We will hold petition campaigns and we will also hold a protest meeting," Mr Spies said.

Mr Donsie Khumalo, national organizer of GWU, said yesterday his union was seeking legal advice about getting a Supreme Court interdict to prevent the city council from enforcing the ban.

● A government-supporting Afrikaans newspaper, Die Vaderland, yesterday strongly criticized the Nationalist-controlled council's decision to close the parks to blacks.

On Saturday, the ban was attacked by another staunchly Nationalist newspaper, Beeld.

Die Vaderland said in an editorial that the council's decision came on the same day that the Minister of Foreign Affairs and Information, Mr Pik Botha, had told a by-election meeting in Tzaneen that there was no room for racism in South Africa.

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Row over TP parks rages on

SEVERAL protests, including a threat to take legal action, have been made by community leaders in Pretoria to stop the local city council from barring blacks from white parks.

The National General Workers' Union, which has strongly condemned the council's decision has already briefed its lawyers on the controversial issue.

The Pretoria City Council decided to close 17 of the city's 300 parks to blacks during a meeting last week.

"Workers will be the most hard hit because they use parks during lunch time This shows to which extent the Government is not prepared to dismantle its apartheid structures", the union said

A Mamelodi community councillor, Mr H M Pitjie, said the council should withdraw the move He

By ALINAH DUBE

said blacks should realise that whites were only interested in blacks when it suited them. "I hope blacks learn to react to such matters by either boycotting buying in the city or staging a protest march," he said.

The chairman of the local community council, Mr M W Aphane, said his council would meet to decide on steps to be taken against the city council

President of the Vulamehlo Vukani People's Party Mr Bernard Ndlazi said it was high time black people united and fought oppression He said the city council's decision was one of the many ways whites were using to show black people that they were unwanted in their own country He said it was the right of all citizens to use public facilities as they wished

27 join Unisa protest

Pretoria Correspondent

The protest by Unisa academics against the Pretoria City Council decision to close 17 parks to blacks is snowballing

Another 27 professors from six departments at the university have signed a second petition

Earlier 45 Unisa lecturers and professors in four other departments expressed their indignation at the council's parks decision and urged white citizens of Pretoria to refuse to enter the 17 parks until the decision was revoked.

One reason given in their petition is: "It can lead to despair abroad among people who hoped for peaceful change in South Africa"

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PRETORIA'S PARKS

A nasty local option

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No matter how much egg-dancing the Pretoria City Council performs to soften its decision to reserve 17 of the city's parks for whites, the damage has been done. Internally, externally — you name it A little racism, like a little pregnancy, doesn't exist.

The degree to which the City Council is living in the past is illustrated by two facts. The first is that black nannies will be allowed in if they are accompanied by white children. The second is that the initial policing will, by report, be done by retired black traffic officials. This is known as having the cake and eating it.

Pretoria, by the admission of the National Party candidate in Waterkloof, Org Marais, has an "international character." In plainer English, it is no longer, if it ever was, a white city. Even if the mass of the workforce are commuters, they contribute to the wellbeing of the CBD through their purchases; and, indeed, to State coffers through gst paid in the area

Since the management committee announced the restrictions two weeks before next week's by-elections, it is not cynical to speculate that the spectre of the growing power of the white Right played its part in the timing of the announcement. It will be interesting to see whether there are any concessions to coloureds and Indians after the Battle of the Bergs.

In the meantime, given the absence of any condemnation of the restrictions by senior NP leaders, the Cabinet could do no better than occupy its mind by contemplating what could happen if, say, a black American diplomat decided to take a stroll in one of those parks. Just to feed the pigeons.

Pretoria parks closure: Blacks call for boycott

AKGUS 6/5/83

Argus Correspondent

PRETORIA. — Pretoria's black leaders have called for a boycott of municipal sports facilities in protest against the closure of 17 city parks to blacks.

Community leaders of Eersterust, Laudium, Atteridgeville and Mamelodi decided at a meeting yesterday to urge international and local sportsmen not to make use of sporting facilities under the jurisdiction of the city council

In a statement issued after the meeting by prominent local community leaders, they said they "totally rejected" the decision to close the parks.

DISGUST

"As a first form of protest in this regard we call on all foreign embassies in South Africa to inform their respective governments and sporting organisations of our complete and utter disgust at the inhuman decision taken by the City Council of Pretoria

"We appeal to them to discourage their national sporting teams and individual sportsmen from participating in sporting activities on municipally-owned fields in Pretoria

"Secondly we call on all sportsmen and athletes in South Africa not to make use of sporting facilities falling under the jurisdiction of the City Council of Pretoria," the statement said.

PETITION

At the same time they called on the Government, and in particular the Prime Minister, to intervene to get the council to rescind its decision.

A further call for the decision to be reversed has been made by the PFP in a petition which has more than 600 signatures.

The petition, circulated at a PFP meeting in the city last night, expressed dismay and regret at the decision of the city council and urged that the decision be reversed.

Another petition has been drawn up by the architecture, landscape architecture and art students at the University of Pretoria, calling on a boycott of the 17 closed parks by the residents of Pretoria until the council decision is revoked.

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Union backs Pretoria cafe boycott move

CP Reporter

PRETORIA — The 4 000 members of the National General Workers' Union will support the planned boycott of Pretoria's cafes and restaurants in protest against the decision to ban blacks from the city's parks.

The boycott call was made by Saulsville-Atteridgeville council chairman, Mr Joe Tshabalala, and the Mamelodi township council chairman, Mr W M Aphane.

Mr Donsie Khumalo, national organiser of NGWU, this week said his union will join forces with other workers.

He said his union was also seeking legal advice about obtaining a Supreme Court interdict to prevent the council from enforcing the ban.

Mr Khumalo said several meetings will be held in the city and the townships to explain the effects of the ban to its members.

"We will also support the boycott call and explain this to the workers."

Councils reject parks' decision

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THE chairman of the management committees and community councils in the four black townships in Pretoria have totally rejected the local city council's decision to close 17 parks in its municipal area to blacks.

Chairman of Laudium management committee, Mr Boetie Abramjee, Mr Willie Woods of Eersterust management committee, Mr Z Z Mashao and Mr W Aphane of the Atteridgeville and Mamelodi community councils all pledged to fight the decision.

A statement issued by the ad-hoc committee read: "We totally reject the unilateral decision taken by the city council of Pretoria, to close 17 parks in the area to us, as full citizens of the administrative capital of South Africa

"As a first form of protest in this regard, we call on all foreign embassies in the country to inform their respective governments, national and sporting organisations of our complete and utter disgust at the inhuman decision taken by the city council and therefore appeal to them to discourage their national sporting teams and individual sportsmen from participating in sporting activities on municipal owned fields in the area

"We also call on all sportspeople and athletes in the country not to make use of the sporting facilities falling under jurisdiction of the city council We also call on the central Government and in particular the Prime Minister Mr P W Botha, to intervene so that the decision is rescinded.

"Finally, the city council, by their decision on the parks issue have negated the new dispensation which the Government has worked so hard at. We as an ad-hoc committee, of moderate black leadership will use every avenue of peaceful and constitutional means to force the city council to rescind its decision"

Pupils add voices on parks ban

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Argus Correspondent

PRETORIA — Hundreds of Pretoria schoolchildren have added their voices to protests over the planned closing of 17 parks to blacks

About 500 pupils from five Pretoria high schools have already signed a petition calling on the City Council to reverse its parks decision for the sake of the "citizens of tomorrow"

The petition was circulated privately by a group of schoolchildren and is not an official school petition

It is the latest in a number of petitions which object to the City Council's decision to close 17 of Pretoria's 300 parks to blacks, and brings to more than 2 500 the number of people who have voiced their protest in this way

A Progressive Federal Party spokesman said that about 1 900 people had signed a petition circulated at a party meeting last week and made available at shopping centres in the Waterkloof constituency on Saturday morning

The petition expresses dismay and regret over the Pretoria City Council's decision — and urges that it be reconsidered

As an alternative it calls on the Mayor to address a public meeting to discuss the decision

The first calls made on the council to reconsider its decision were from 72 Unisa professors and lecturers in two separate petitions

University of Pretoria architectural landscape, architectural and art students and lecturers have also opened a petition and urge students at other universities, technikons and training colleges in the city to bring their objections to the council's attention in the same way

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'Subtle' apartheid may be on cards for Joburg parks

By MIKE CADMAN

CONSERVATIVE members of the Johannesburg City Council could be hatching a subtle plan to turn some of the city's parks into 'whites-only' havens.

Informed sources claim a special report into security, overcrowding and other problems in the city's parks recommends that some of the parks be fenced off and admission fees should be charged.

Some councillors fear this could lead to a form of 'economic apartheid' with poorer blacks not being able to afford the entrance fee

News of the report comes only three weeks after the Pretoria City Council closed 17 parks of its parks to blacks — a move that set off an international storm of protest.

The director of the Johannesburg City Council's parks and recreation department, Mr Paul Loubser, is to hand the report to the council next month.

Mr Loubser would not comment on the report's recommendations this week.

The sources said a further step suggested in the report was that the use of playing fields should be limited to people belonging to clubs affiliated to certain recognised sporting bodies.

This scheme is already in operation but some councillors fear if it is tightened, it would help ensure that black people are kept out of parks.

"If for example the use of the fields were restricted to members of an all-white sporting body, black people would effectively be kept out of our parks," one councillor said this week.

"It just seems like a very subtle way of doing what Pretoria did."

Mr Loubser said: "Until the report has been handed to the relevant committees I am not in a position to comment on it s contents

"Last year the council asked me to draw up a report which looked at the problems in our parks and that is what I have done."

Mr Danie Malan, management committee member and chairman of the parks and recreation sub-committee, would not comment on the contents of the report.

But an informed source said the report was a "hot potato" because it contained "controversial suggestions".

"It has taken ages to compile and now everyone is passing it around like a hot potato," the source said. "I suspect part of the problem is that there is the official version of what is being investigated and an unofficial version

"The unofficial version is probably what some people want done for political reasons. But this can't be brought into the open.

"From what I can gather the unofficial but intended plan is to subtly ease blacks out of some of the city's parks."

Other problems include overcrowding, littering and complaints of noise

Mr David Neppe, a Progressive Federal Party councillor and a member of the parks and recreation sub-committee, said: "I have fought for increased policing of Joubert Park for years.

"I even suggested mounted police but I have been fobbed off.

"This report has taken over a year to compile and I hope that it deals with every aspect of our parks.

"If it has basic errors in it I will be most angry," Mr Neppe said.

"We all realise that the problems have to be dealt with but they must be sorted out correctly and fairly."

Mrs Molly Kopel, another PFP councillor, said the idea of putting fences around parks was "ridiculous" and the cost would be prohibitive.

The leader of the Progressive Federal Party in the council, Mr Sam Moss, said he could not comment until he had studied the report.

The problem of violence in Johannesburg's parks has been a thorny issue for several years and no effective way has been found to deal with it.

STUFF YOUR STADIUM!

Give us houses says Rev Buti

By Z B MOLEFE

JO'BURG — Chairman of the Alexandra Liaison Committee, the Reverend Sam Buti, this week slammed the Government's decision to build a 40 000-seat stadium in the township instead of making housing its top priority.

This follows the announcement in Parliament by Minister of Co-Operation and Development, Dr Piet Koornhof, replying to a question tabled by PFP MP for Sandton, Mr David Dalling.

Said Dr Koornhof: "The planned facilities include a site for a 40 000-seat sports stadium, mainly for soccer but also for any other sport as dictated by demand."

Other plans, added Dr Koornhof, included provision for a trimpark and a jogging area along the township's Jukskei River.

"I'm not impressed," said Mr Buti. "It seems Dr Koornhof was dodging the development of Alexandra. You can't shield behind sports fields and such matters."

Mr Buti emphasised that the development of the slum, with 53 440 officially-registered residents, must and should be the Government's top priority.

● Later in the week Dr Koornhof announced that a new masterplan for Alexandra had been approved. The plan would be implemented in 11 stages.

In the first stage 94 houses and 194 flats would be built and 79 houses were already under construction.

The second phase, he said, involving 320 houses and 93 flats, had been approved.

Dr Koornhof also pointed out that Alexandra residents still did not have a post office.



● The Reverend Sam Buti: "I'm not impressed."

Electricity Supply Commission

10. Mr. P G. SOAL asked the Minister of Mineral and Energy Affairs·

(a) Who are the members of the Electricity Supply Commission and (b) what qualifications do they have for serving on the Commission?

†The MINISTER OF MINERAL AND ENERGY AFFAIRS:

(a) and (b) Mr J. H Smith, Chairman—Pr Eng, C.Eng. (U.K), B Sc. (Elec Eng) (Cape Town), B A (Hons), M.A. and B.Sc (Oxon), Former General Manager of Escom.

Mr. D J Malan—M.A , M.Sc., Actuary, Director of Companies.

Mr. E Pavitt—M C., B Sc., (M and M) (Rand), Director of Companies

The Honourable J F W Haak—B.A., LL B , Attorney, Director of Companies, and former Minister of Economic Affairs and of Mines and Planning

Mr. T R Castle—Stock Broker and Director of Companies.

Mr. J. Wilkens—B.Com , Farmer, President of the South African Agricultural Union and Director of Companies

Mr. L. F Rive—B.A , Director of Companies, Former Postmaster-General and Chairman of the Greater Soweto Planning Council.

The members are appointed by the State President in terms of Section 2(2) of the Electricity Act No. 40 of 1958 for their knowledge and experience in respect of business or administration and, in so far as the State President may deem expedient in electricity matters

Mr. P. G. SOAL· Mr Speaker, arising out of the hon the Minister's reply regarding the academic qualifications of the members of the commission, can he tell us whether, in view of the crisis that is facing the country as a result of the drought, any special consideration is being given to supplementing the knowledge and experience of those members with a view to dealing with this?

†The MINISTER: Mr. Speaker, firstly I can assure the hon. member that the execution of Escom's functions are not in the hands of the members of that organization Secondly, Escom does not hesitate, and it is in fact already being done, to obtain expertise from outside on a contract basis to advise it in regard to the threatening water shortage In the third place, I can tell the hon member that the commission of inquiry which has been appointed is already functioning and is also looking into this matter

To sum up, I just want to say that all available expertise from outside—we also get the full co-operation of the Department of Environment Affairs and Fisheries—is being utilized in this regard.

*11 Mr. F J le Roux —Community Development—[Withdrawn]

*12 Mr F J le Roux —Community Development—[Withdrawn.]

Alexandra

*13 Mr W C MALAN asked the Minister of Co-operation and Development.†

What steps does his Department intend taking in respect of (a) housing and (b) infrastructure in Alexandra in the current financial year?

†The MINISTER OF CO-OPERATION AND DEVELOPMENT:

The West Rand Administration Board which is responsible for the development of Alexandra, has undertaken the following projects during the current financial year·—

Housing Erection of 15 houses (balance of 94 house project).

Erection of 324 flats.

Infrastructures Provision of water and sewerage to 220 residential sites and to flat sites for 120 units

For the above-mentioned purpose R3,5 million has originally been allocated and thereafter R2 million, thus a total of R5,5 million. In addition negotiations are taking place at present to obtain a soft loan of R10 million

Note Attention should, however, be drawn to the fact that several other projects such as the construction of roads, storm water drainage, a new sewerage system and the erection of houses and flats are also envisaged but are dependent on the availability of funds

Black townships: population

*14. Mr P. G SOAL asked the Minister of Co-operation and Development·

What was the (a) adult (i) male and (ii) female and (b) child population of (i) the Black township of Cullinan, (ii) Tokoza, Alberton, (iii) Wattville, (iv) Daveyton, (v) Vosloorus, (vi) Kwa Thema, (vii) Ratanda, (viii) Kathlehong, (ix) Duduza, (x) Tembisa, (xi) the Black township of Delmas, (xii) the Black township of Devon and (xiii) Tsakane as at 31 December 1981 and 31 December 1982, respectively?

The DEPUTY MINISTER OF CO-OPERATION (Reply laid upon the Table with leave of House):

31 December 1981

	(a)(i)	(a)(ii)	(b)
Cullinan	880	410	790
Tokoza	23 360	10 885	23 363
Wattville	6 993	3 721	10 059
Daveyton	27 066	24 165	42 037
Vosloorus	24 500	11 483	12 962
Kwa Thema	20 654	19 134	38 151
Ratanda	3 188	2 209	6 426
Kathlehong	29 959	24 867	54 065
Duduza	8 227	6 147	12 379
Tembisa	51 955	24 788	74 212
Delmas	2 887	2 228	3 580
Devon	468	383	835
Tsakane	8 242	8 381	12 878

31 December 1982

Cullinan	950	411	846
Tokoza	25 700	13 433	31 549
Wattville	7 117	3 733	10 222
Daveyton	27 503	24 784	43 120
Vosloorus	25 513	11 796	13 605
Kwa Thema	21 080	19 591	38 543
Ratanda	3 114	2 177	6 572
Kathlehong	34 391	28 146	56 853
Duduza	10 399	7 185	12 781
Tembisa	52 138	24 959	75 200
Delmas	2 898	2 239	3 705
Devon	513	425	895
Tsakane	8 705	8 908	15 162

Kimberley Theatre

*15 Mr G B D McINTOSH asked the Minister of National Education

(1) Whether the Northern Cape Technical College exercises any control over the Kimberley Theatre, if so,

(2) whether members of all race groups are permitted to (a) attend performances and (b) perform at this theatre if not, why not;

(3) whether any requests have been received for this theatre to be open to all races; if so,

(4) whether the College has applied for permission for members of all race groups to (a) attend performances and (b) perform at the theatre, if not, why not, if so, (i) when and (ii) with what result?

The MINSTER OF NATIONAL EDUCATION

(1) Yes

(2) Yes, with the prior approval of the College Council

(3) Yes

(4) An open permit to the College Council to allow members of all population groups to attend performances, was granted by the Department of Com-

Suburbs without water for up to four days

By MONTSHIWA MOROKE

THOUSANDS of residents of Thokoza and Katlehong townships near Alberton, have been hit by water cuts lasting at least two days, and yesterday hundreds of women and children were walking long distances to fetch water

Some of the worst affected were doctors' surgeries and businesses, where there was no drinking water and flushing toilets would not operate

Vehicles were seen carrying 10 and 20*l* containers and some drivers were known to be selling water at 10c a litre.

In Thokoza, some people interviewed said they had gone without water from last Thursday. Others said their water supplies were cut on Monday morning as they were preparing for work and school.

Groups of women and children carried containers of all types — from pails to 20*l* cans — and walked a kilometre or more to the neighbouring industrial area of Alrode where they fetched water from businesses.

A Thokoza woman said residents had received notices last Wednesday saying there would be cuts during Thursday and Friday However, the water supply was cut the same day and they had had no water since.

The reservoir in the township had also dried up.

In Katlehong, a resident said they had been warned by the East Rand Administration Board to expect water cuts between Wednesday and Friday

"But strangely enough, they did not take our water away on those days but when they did do so on Monday, we were not notified We have been fetching water from the post office and the beerhall where the supplies were said to be diminishing.

"This morning, my husband went to Natalspruit Hospital where he has friends, to wash. Everything has come to a standstill Toilets are not working. We are in a mess," she said

installed in Duduza, Nigel, if not, why not, if so, (a) when, (b) what is the estimated cost and (c) in what manner is it to be financed,

(2) whether any problems have been experienced in this regard; if so, what is the nature of these problems,

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

The DEPUTY MINISTER OF CO-OPERATION

(1) A sewerage system for Duduza has been designed

(a) The installation of the system was commenced with in October 1982

(b) The estimated cost of the system was R1 433 813

(c) The sewerage system was to be financed through increased site rentals which were to be introduced in three phases starting 1 November 1982, 1 April 1983 and 1 April 1984

(2) Yes. Work on the installation of the sewerage system has been suspended as a result of a resolution of the Community Council on 1 December 1982 that the installation be suspended with immediate effect

This resolution was as a result of the fact that it became evident to the Community Council during October 1982 that the residents were not prepared to pay for the installation of the sewerage system which had been approved by the Community Council on 22 March 1982.

(3) Yes The Community Council is at liberty to re-instate the scheme in the event that it can be paid for by the users

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Duduza: sewerage system

*18 Mr P G SOAL asked the Minister of Co-operation and Development

(1) Whether a sewerage system is to be

Mr P G SOAL Mr Speaker arising out of the reply of the hon the Deputy Minister, is he aware that when these people were moved to Duduza from Charterton some 20 years ago, they were promised a sewerage system and that they feel that that promise has been broken since they are required to pay for the sewerage system in the form of increased rentals?

The DEPUTY MINISTER Mr Speaker, there is nothing unfair in their bearing the cost of the sewerage system because it is the duty of everybody to pay for his facilities

Mr P G SOAL Why were they promised?

The DEPUTY MINISTER They certainly were not promised that the Government would pay for this

National Manpower Commission: report

*19 Mrs H SUZMAN asked the Minister of Manpower

(1) Whether he has received the report of the National Manpower Commission on the conditions of employment in farming operations and domestic service in private households; if so,

(2) whether this report will be laid upon the Table during the current session of Parliament?

†The MINISTER OF MANPOWER

(1) No

(2) Falls away

Rent hikes will pay for sewage

THE Government will instal a sewerage system in Dudnza township, Nigel, when local residents approve a three-phase rent increase to be used towards completion of the scheme.

This was the reply from the Minister of Co-operation and Development, Dr Piet Koornhof, when asked in Parliament why there had been a delay in the installation of the system in the area.

Answering a series of questions by Progressive Federal Party MP Mr Peter Soal, Dr Koornhof said work on the installation of the system was suspended because of the local community council in December last year.

Mr Soal took up the issue after The SOWETAN highlighted residents' complaints about the "big stink" caused by the bucket system in the township.

The council was forced to suspend the scheme — which had already been designed — because residents refused to fork out money for its installation. Instead, the community suggested that they be levied for using the system — not for its installation.

Dr Koornhof said the system was to have a cost estimated at R1,4 million with residents expected to foot the bill. To finance the system, a three-tier rent increase totalling R23 would have been effected over a period of 12 months.

"The local community had initially approved the scheme but changed its decision after residents said they were not prepared for its installation. However, the council is at liberty to reinstate the scheme in the event that it can be paid for by the users," Dr Koornhof added.

Benoni bars 'non-whites' from park

No bicycles, no blacks

THE BENONI Town Council has placed a ban on blacks entering the town's Bunny Park, unless they are accompanied by whites.

By MZIKAYISE EDOM

A sign at the entrance to the park in Rynfield states: "This park belongs to the citizens of Benoni and is under their protection. No dogs or pedal or motor cycles are allowed in this park. Miniature boats or model planes are not permitted in this park.

"Non-whites are not allowed in this park except when accompanied by whites or whilst in charge of white children and any person who shoots, disturbs or removes any bird or animal, or damages any plant, shrub or tree will be prosecuted," the sign states.

The community of Daveyton, through the local community council, have sent a telegram to the mayor of Benoni, Mrs Ella Till, strongly objecting to being classified as dogs and toys. The telegram states: "Please help to remove this derogatory sign."



CHAIRMAN: Mr Boya.

Mr N Botha, the Benoni Town Clerk, said yesterday: "There is no way we are going to allow blacks to enter the Bunny Park. The park is situated in a white residential area in Rynfield and it will only cater for whites. The only blacks we are going to allow in are those in charge of white children and those accompanied by whites."

Mr Tom Boya, chairman of the Daveyton Council, said his council would ask the mayor of Benoni and the town council to allow blacks in the park. He said Benoni was supposed to be the most liberal town on the East Rand but he was surprised and shocked to see the town council practising racial discrimination and promoting apartheid.



MOVING FORCES. Two former "mayors" of the Vaal Triangle, Mr George Thabe (left), the El Supremo of the South African National Football Association (Safa), and Mr Knox Matjila, the man who played a big role in getting a reprieve for Sharpeville.





UNHEALTHY PLAYGROUND: Children frequent the rubbish dump because of a lack of playing facilities in the area.

LOOKING AHEAD

SPOTLIGHT ON SHARPEVILLE

By MONO BADELA

SENIOR citizens of Sharpeville are determined to see their little township in the Vaal Complex develop into a modern metropolis despite the declared clampdown on its future growth by the Government.

This was said this week by two prominent businessmen in Sharpeville and the Vaal Complex, Mr Samuel Kolisang, a garage owner in Sharpeville, and Mr Knox Matjila, former "mayor" of the Vaal-Triangle

Soon after the Sharpeville shootings in March 1960, the Government decided to ecommunity councillors like Mr Knox Matjila, a dark cloud hung over the township

REPRIEVE

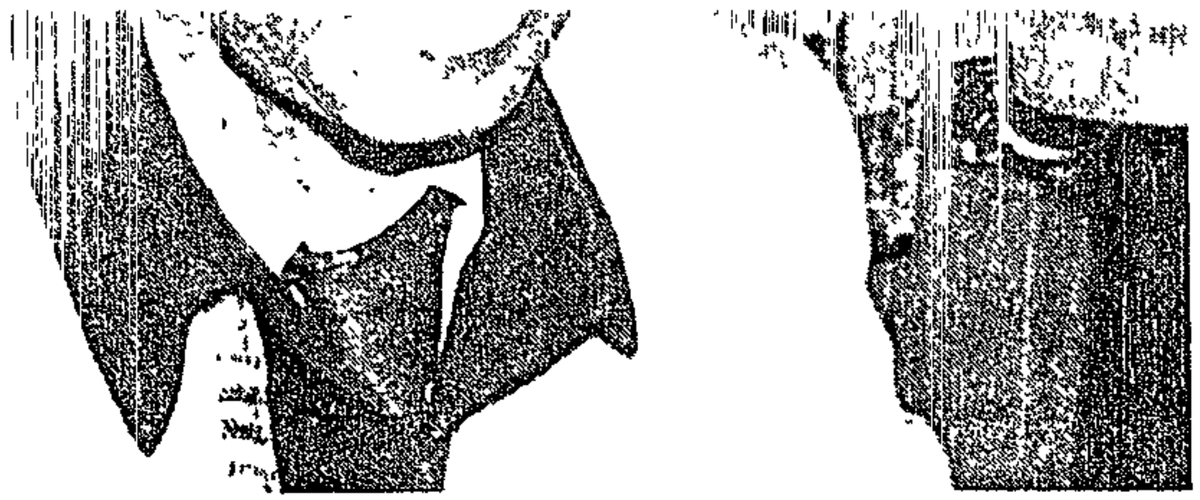
Mr Matjila told The SOWETAN that one of the conditions why Sharpeville gained a reprieve in 1981 was that the boundaries of the township would not be extended. This he interpreted as implying that the Government was not prepared to build houses on a larger scale. He also said that the Government was not prepared to engage itself in capital works in the township.

He said the Governfices despite the Government's decision" he said.

Mr Matjila said that this would be done because Sharpeville was strategically situated in relation to nearby work centres. He said several houses were built last year and there was a need to build more

place was completely overhauled, would the businessman in Sharpeville ever make the grade.

"The shopping centres are to be totally replaced to match up with the white giants surrounding them," he said.



VETERAN LEADER: Mr Samuel Kolisang of Sharpeville will fight for improvement of the shopping complex in the area.

eville shootings in March 1960, the Government decided to remove Sharpeville from the map of the country and decided that the people of the township were to be removed to the nearby township of Sebokeng. Between 1960 and 1981 when Sharpeville got a reprieve following some strong opposition from

capital works in the township.

He said the Government had, however, conceded that services in the township would be upgraded. "We interpret that by "services" the government means provision will be made for the building of more houses. We shall continue to knock at the door of the Government's of-

houses were built last year and there was a need to build more schools in the area. He said most children in the area attended schools in Sebokeng.

"The long term plan is to have all ideal and adequate facilities for the residents of the place," said Mr Matjila. He said that not until the business complex of the

said.

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He urged the people of Sharpeville to stop clowning about: "They must get a better type of leadership who must and can echo the aspirations of the residents quite clearly and without flinching."

His feeling concerning the plight of the businessman in Sharpeville were also sounded by Mr Adam Kolisang. "Sharpeville needs better and more modern shopping facilities. Our black traders have been tossed into the background by the big supermarkets within reach of the township."

Mr Kolisang said the health services in the area also needed to be overhauled. "We have one clinic in the area with one doctor and the other doctor works part-time. The incident of TB is high and many other ailments suffered by residents needs prompt attention." he said.

He said there were other, more important, priorities than the night club which had been built near a beerhall in the area. "Housing is still our number one priority." he said.

Mr Matjila said the Sharpeville Stadium was the only recreational facility they could boast of. He said there was a big need for a proper community centre where residents could engage in healthy discussions and other community activities.



POORLY EQUIPPED: One of the only two play grounds for children in Sharpeville. Nearly 50 000 people live in the area.

Public/recreational facilities

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1039 Mr P G. SOAL asked the Minister of Co-operation and Development

(1) Whether there are any (a) public and (b) recreational facilities in any townships falling under the control of the Western Transvaal Administration Board, if not, why not if so, what is the nature of these facilities in each specified township.

(2) whether any additional facilities are to be provided in these townships, if so, (a) when and (b) what facilities in each of the above categories?

The MINISTER OF CO-OPERATION AND DEVELOPMENT

(1) Yes

	(a) Public facilities	(b) Recreational facilities
Potchefstroom	1 Community hall 1 Bioscope	1 Soccer field 2 Netball courts 2 Tennis courts with practice wall
Stilfontein	1 Community hall	1 Soccer field 2 Tennis courts 2 Netball courts
Klerksdorp	1 Community hall	1 Soccer stadium 3 Tennis courts 1 Practice field (soccer)
Wolmaransstad	1 Community hall	1 Soccer field 2 Tennis courts 1 Temporary athletic track 1 Netball/athletic track
Lichtenburg	1 Community/recreation hall	
Zeerust	1 Community/recreation hall	1 Soccer field 1 Practice field (soccer) 1 Tennis court
Ramosa Riekert		1 Soccer field 1 Netball court 1 Volleyball court 1 Athletic track
Swartruggens		2 Soccer fields 2 Netball courts

(2) Yes.

(a) During this financial year.

(b)

Potchefstroom	Improvements to recreation hall 2 Tennis courts (all-weather)
Stilfontein	1 Tennis court (all-weather) Changing rooms and toilets Improvements to recreation hall
Klerksdorp	Changing rooms and toilets
Wolmaransstad	1 Tennis court (all-weather) Improvements to recreation hall
Lichtenburg	Improvements to recreation hall
Carletonville	Changing rooms and toilets 1 Tennis court (all-weather) Improvements to recreation hall
Ventersdorp	Levelling of sports fields 1 Tennis court Improvements to recreation hall
Hartbeesfontein	Levelling of sports fields 1 Tennis court (all-weather)
Koster	Levelling of sports fields 1 Tennis court (all-weather)
Leeudoringstad	Levelling of sports fields 1 Tennis court (all-weather)
Makwassie	Levelling of sports fields 1 Tennis court (all-weather)
Ottosdal	Levelling of sports fields 1 Tennis court (all-weather)
Schweizer-Reneke	Levelling of sports fields 1 Tennis court (all-weather)
Bloemhof	1 Tennis court (all-weather) Improvements to recreation hall
Christiana	2 Tennis courts (all-weather)
Coligne	2 Tennis courts (all-weather)
Fochville	2 Tennis courts (all-weather)

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(b) Between 1980 and 1983

(c) Between 1983 and 1984

	Administration Board	*Private sector*
(d) Sebokeng	2 150 Houses	837 Houses
Evaton	478 Core-houses	44 Houses
Bothaville	945 Core-houses	20 Houses
	200 Shell-houses	
Kroonstad	1 000 Core-houses	0
Zamdela	0	120 Houses
Bethlehem	0	6 Houses

The following sites are available for self-build:—

Evaton	—	10 000
Residensia	—	500
Zone 3	—	30
Zone 7	—	Nil
Zone 10	—	1 668
Zone 14	—	95
Zamdela	—	300
Refengkgotso	—	10
Arlington	—	57
Bethlehem	—	250
Bothaville	—	520
Cornelia	—	30
Edenville	—	358
Frankfort	—	Nil
Harrismith	—	52
Heilbron	—	1 273
Kestell	—	Nil
Koppies	—	156
Kroonstad	—	2 600
Lindley	—	259
Memel	—	30
Oranjeville	—	276
Parys	—	1 291
Petrus Steyn	—	69
Reitz	—	686
Steynsrus	—	196
Tweeling	—	60
Viljoenskroon	—	Nil
Villiers	—	309
Vrede	—	431
Vredefort	—	502
Warden	—	78

(3) Yes.

	(a)	(b)
Sebokeng		2 150
Evaton		478
Bothaville		1 145

Family housing units

1017. Mr. P. G. SOAL asked the Minister of Co-operation and Development:

(1) How many family housing units (a) were built in 1982 in each specified township falling under the control of the Orange Vaal Administration Board by (i) the said Administration Board and (ii) private owners and (b) were there in each of the above-mentioned townships as at the latest specified date for which figures are available;

(2) how many of these units are being built at present by (a) the Orange Vaal Administration Board and (b) private owners?

The MINISTER OF CO-OPERATION AND DEVELOPMENT:

(1) (a) (i)

Sebokeng	—	899
Bothaville	—	100
Frankfort	—	200

(ii)

Arlington	—	2
Bethlehem	—	47
Bothaville	—	532
Clarens	—	1
Frankfort	—	22
Harrismith	—	22
Heilbron	—	16
Kestell	—	14
Koppies	—	4
Kroonstad	—	111
Lindley	—	15
Parys	—	1

Petrus Steyn	—	24
Reitz	—	9
Steynsrus	—	1
Viljoenskroon	—	18
Villiers	—	2
Vrede	—	5
Evaton	—	18
Sebokeng	—	151
Sharpeville	—	3
Zamdela	—	2

(b) As at 17 June 1983:—

Evaton	—	5 000
Residensia	—	309
Zone 3	—	2 899
Zone 7 A	—	2 156
Zone 8	—	478
Zone 11	—	2 087
Zone 12	—	3 115
Zone 13	—	3 812
Zone 14	—	2 842
Sharpeville	—	5 933
Boipatong	—	2 095
Bophelong	—	1 407
Zamdela	—	1 240
Refengkgotso	—	175
Arlington	—	342
Bethlehem	—	3 385
Bothaville	—	800
Clarens	—	81
Cornelia	—	128
Edenville	—	222
Frankfort	—	1 076
Harrismith	—	1 822
Heilbron	—	1 015
Kestell	—	209
Koppies	—	344
Kroonstad	—	6 200
Lindley	—	581
Memel	—	122
Oranjeville	—	73
Parys	—	1 944
Petrus Steyn	—	420
Reitz	—	918
Steynsrus	—	380
Tweeling	—	156
Viljoenskroon	—	750
Villiers	—	400
Vrede	—	857
Vredefort	—	363
Warden	—	496

(2) (a) 2 874 Houses.

(b) 1 307 Houses

99-year leasehold scheme

1019. Mr P G SOAL asked the Minister of Co-operation and Development

(1) Whether any persons in any townships falling under the control of the Orange Vaal Administration Board have applied for leases in terms of the 99-year leasehold scheme from its inception to 31 December 1982; if so, how many in each specified township.

(2) whether any of these applications have been granted, if not, why not; if so, how many in each case?

The MINISTER OF CO-OPERATION AND DEVELOPMENT

(1) Yes

Sebokeng	—	243
Zamdela	—	145
Sharpeville	—	21
Kroonstad	—	11
Viljoenskroon	—	3
Frankfort	—	2

(2) Yes

Sebokeng—204 Granted, 39 Cancelled by applicants due to financing problems

Zamdela—120 Granted, 25 Cancelled by applicants due to financing problems

Sharpeville—Nil granted, 11 Pending

Kroonstad—Nil granted, 11 Pending

Viljoenskroon—Nil granted, 3 Pending

Frankfort—Nil granted; 2 Pending

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Public/recreational facilities

1021. MR P. G SOAL asked the Minister of Co-operation and Development

(1) Whether there are any (a) public and (b) recreational facilities in any townships falling under the control of

the Orange Vaal Administration Board; if not, why not; if so, what is the nature of these facilities in respect of each specified township;

(2) whether any additional facilities are to be provided; if so, (a) when and (b) what facilities in each of the above-mentioned categories?

The MINISTER OF CO-OPERATION AND DEVELOPMENT:

(1)

	(a) Public facilities	*(b) Recreational facilities*
Sasolburg	1 Community hall 1 Bioscope	3 Tennis courts (all-weather) 1 Soccer stadium 4 Soccer practice fields
Vrede	1 Community hall 1 Bioscope	1 Soccer field 1 Tennis court (all-weather) 1 Practice wall
Bethlehem	1 Community hall 1 Bioscope	1 Soccer stadium 1 Practice field (soccer) 2 Tennis courts (all-weather)
Heilbron	1 Community hall 1 Bioscope	1 Soccer stadium 1 Practice wall 1 Soccer field 1 Athletic track
Viljoenskroon	1 Community hall	2 Tennis courts (all-weather) 5 Soccer fields
Bophelong	1 Community hall	1 Sports centre 1 Tennis court (all-weather) 2 Practice fields (soccer) 1 Soccer field
Boipatong	1 Community hall	1 Soccer field with pavilion 1 Soccer field 2 Netball courts 1 Tennis court with club house
Sharpeville	1 Community hall 7 Recreation halls	1 Sports complex 3 Netball courts 2 Tennis courts (all-weather)
Sebokeng	3 Community halls	3 Soccer fields 19 Practice fields 8 Tennis courts (all-weather) 1 Golf course
Sasolburg		3 Tennis courts (all-weather) 1 Soccer stadium 4 Soccer practice fields
Denysville		1 Soccer field

	(a) Public facilities	*(b) Recreational facilities*
Oranjeville		1 Netball court 1 Soccer field 4 Soccer practice fields
Villiers		1 Soccer field
Memel		1 Soccer field 1 netball court
Harrismith		1 Soccer stadium 2 Tennis courts (all-weather) 4 Practice walls
Warden		1 Sports complex
Frankfort		2 Tennis courts (all-weather) 1 Soccer field
Tweeling		1 Tennis court (all-weather)
Reitz		1 Soccer field 2 Practice fields 1 Tennis court (all-weather) 1 Recreation hall
Kestell		1 Soccer field
Clarens		1 Soccer field
Port Arlington		1 Soccer field
Lindley		1 Soccer field 1 Practice field 1 Tennis court (all-weather)
Petrus Steyn		1 Tennis court (all-weather) 1 Soccer field 1 Netball court
Koppies		1 Tennis court (all-weather) 1 Practice field
Edenville		1 Soccer field
Kroonstad		4 Tennis courts (all-weather) 6 Practice walls 1 Soccer stadium
Vredefort		1 Tennis court (all-weather) 1 Soccer field
Parys		1 Soccer stadium 1 Practice field (Soccer) 2 Tennis courts (all-weather) 1 Golf course (9 holes)

	(a) Public facilities	*(b) Recreational facilities*
	Evation	1 Soccer field 2 Tennis courts (all-weather) 14 Temporary practice fields

(2) Yes.

(a) During this and the next financial year

(b)

Sasolburg	4 Netball courts (all-weather) 1 Athletic track
Denysville	1 Tennis court (all-weather) 2 Netball courts 1 Soccer field with athletic track
Villiers.....	1 Athletic track 1 Tennis court (all-weather) 2 Netball courts
Cornelia	1 Athletic track 2 Netball courts
Vrede	2 Netball courts 1 Soccer field with athletic track, changing rooms 1 Practice field (soccer)
Memel	1 Athletic track 2 Netball courts
Harrismith	2 Practice fields (soccer) 4 Netballcourts
Warden	1 Tennis court (all-weather) 2 Netball courts 1 Athletic track
Frankfort	4 Netball courts 1 Trimpark
Tweeling	2 Netball courts 1 Athletic track
Reitz	3 Netball courts
Bethlehem	Floodlights at stadium 2 Tennis courts (all-weather) 4 Netball courts
Kestell	2 Netball courts
Lindley	2 Tennis courts (all-weather)
Petrus Steyn	1 Tennis court (all-weather) 2 Netball courts

(a) Public facilities	*(b) Recreational facilities*
Heilbron	2 Tennis courts (all-weather) 4 Netball courts
Koppies . . .	Fence around sports fields
Edenville .	2 Tennis courts (all-weather)
Kroonstad	5 Tennis courts (all-weather)
Viljoenskroon . .	Toilets and ticket offices 1 Volleyball court 4 Netball courts
Vredefort	1 Soccer field 1 Tennis court (all-weather) 2 Netball courts
Parys	4 Netball courts 2 Practice fields (soccer)
Bophelong	4 Netball courts 2 Tennis courts (all-weather) 1 Soccer field
Boipatong	4 Netball courts 1 Tennis court (all-weather) 1 Athletic track
Sebokeng	5 Athletic tracks 10 Netball courts
Evaton	10 Netball courts 2 Soccer fields.

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Fish-Sundays River Canal Scheme

1025. Mr E K MOORCROFT asked the Minister of Environment Affairs and Fisheries:

(1) (a) What progress has been made towards completing the high level canal in terms of the Fish-Sundays River Canal Scheme at Somerset East and (b) what was the total amount spent on this canal as at the latest specified date for which figures are available;

(2) whether his Department intends to proceed with this high level canal project; if not, (a) why not and (b) when was it decided not to proceed with it; if so, when is it anticipated that the project will be completed?

The MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AFFAIRS AND FISHERIES

(1) (a) The high level canal has been completed up to the chute where the water is discharged into the Little Fish River as well as from the pumping station at Wellington Grove to the Schoenmakers River. The chute, Little Fish River and the Wellington Grove pumping station link these two parts of the canal

(b) R49,4 million up to 31 March 1983.

(2) No

(a) The completion of this canal was

subject to a decision by ESCOM regarding the construction of a hydro-electric power station at Elizarand but as ESCOM has since indicated that it is no longer interested therein, the high level canal is no longer an economic proposition.

(b) During 1982.

Orange-Fish River Irrigation Scheme

1026. Mr. E. K. MOORCROFT asked the Minister of Environment Affairs and Fisheries:

(1) (a) What progress has been made towards completing the Orange-Fish River Irrigation Scheme as scheduled for the area which falls in Region D of the Regional Development Plan and (b) what (i) was the total amount spent on the scheme in this region as at the latest specified date for which figures are available and (ii) is the estimated cost of works that remained to be completed as at that date;

(2) whether a target date has been set for the completion of the scheme in this region; if so, what is the date?

The MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AFFAIRS AND FISHERIES:

(1) (a) The major structures of the Orange-Fish Scheme have essentially been completed. The outlet works of the Grassridge Dam are at present being enlarged.

(b) (i) R268,1 million up to 31 March 1983 including the cost of the Hendrik Verwoerd Dam.

(ii) R500 000.

(2) Yes, October, 1983.

Public/recreational facilities

1027. Mr P. G. SOAL asked the Minister of Co-operation and Development:

(1) Whether there are any (a) public and (b) recreational facilities in any townships falling under the control of the Northern Transvaal Administration Board; if not, why not, if so, what is the nature of these facilities in each specified township;

(2) whether any additional facilities are ot be provided in these townships; if so, (a) when and (b) what facilities in each of the above categories?

The MINISTER OF CO-OPERATION AND DEVELOPMENT:

(1)

	(a) Public facilities	*(b) Recreational facilities*
Soekmekaar:	1 Beerhall 1 Clinic	1 Soccer field 2 Netball courts 2 Volleyball courts 1 Athletic track
Louis Trichardt:	1 Beerhall 1 Clinic	1 Sport stadium 1 Soccer field with athletic track 3 Soccer practice fields 2 Netball courts 1 Trimpark
Messina:	1 Beerhall 1 Clinic	1 Soccer stadium 1 Soccer practice field

	(a) Public facilities	*(b) Recreational facilities*
	1 Community/ Recreation hall	2 Netball courts 2 Volleyball courts 2 Tennis courts (all weather) 1 Trimpark
Steilloop:	1 Beerhall 1 Clinic	1 Sport stadium 1 Soccer practice field 2 Netball courts 2 Volleyball courts
Roedtan·	1 Beerhall 1 Clinic 1 Community/ Recreation hall	1 Soccer field with athletic track 1 Netball court 1 Volleyball court
Naboomspruit	1 Beerhall 1 Clinic 1 Community/ Recreation hall	1 Soccer stadium 2 Soccer practice fields 2 Netball courts 2 Volleyball courts 1 Tennis court (all-weather) 1 Tenniquoits court 1 Trimpark
Nylstroom.	1 Beerhall 1 Clinic	1 Sport stadium 2 Soccer practice fields 2 Netball courts 2 Tennis courts (all-weather) 2 Volleyball courts 1 Trimpark 2 Tenniquoits courts
Vaalwater:	1 Beerhall 1 Clinic	1 Soccer field 1 Volleyball court 1 Tenniquoits court
Duiwelskloof:	1 Soccer field 1 Netball court	
Ellisras	1 Beerhall 1 Clinic	1 Soccer field 1 Tenniquoits court 1 Volleyball court

(2) Yes.

(a) During this and the next financial year

(b) Soekmekaar

1 Pavilion
2 Tenniquoits courts
2 Volleyball courts
1 Athletic track

	(a) Public facilities	*(b) Recreational facilities*
	Louis Trichardt:	Floodlighting: Soccer stadium 1 Athletic track 1 Trimpark 2 Netball courts 1 Volleyball court 2 Soccer practice fields Dressing rooms Extra pavilion 2 Tenniquoits courts
	Messina:	2 Soccer practice fields 1 Athletic track 2 Tenniquoits courts Floodlighting: Soccer stadium 1 Netball court 2 Volleyball courts Improvement of recreation hall Improvement and completion of sport stadium 1 Recreation hall 2 Tennis courts
	Roedtan:	Improvements to soccer field 2 Netball courts 1 Volleyball court 2 Tenniquoitas courts Alterations to pavilion
	Naboomspruit:	1 Recreation hall Water supply to sports field 2 Soccer practice fields Floodlighting: Soccer field Alterations to pavilion 1 Trimpark 1 Volleyball court Improvements to hall
	Nylstroom:	1 Trimpark Improvements to sports staduim 1 Recreation hall 1 Boxing ring 2 Soccer practice fields 2 Volleyball courts 2 Netball courts
	Vaalwater:	Improvements to pavilion 1 Volleyball court 2 Netball courts Practice field (soccer)
	Ellisras:	1 Soccer field 1 Pavilion 1 Volleyball court Practice field (soccer)

	(a) Public facilities	*(b) Recreational facilities*
	Duiwelskloof.	Alterations to soccer field 2 Netball courts 2 Tenniquoits courts 2 Volleyball courts Construction of pavilion
	Tzaneen	2 Tenniquoits courts 2 Volleyball courts Improvements to recreation hall
	Agathabos:	1 Swimming pool
		Sport stadium and recreation hall

Request to build hotel gains approval of board

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By ALINAH DUBE
Soweto

AN APPLICATION for a R1,8 million Mamelodi hotel has been approved by the Central Transvaal Administration Board.

Announcing this at the community council's monthly meeting an official of the sports and recreation department, Mr Peet Pretorius, said there was a question as to who would pay for the rezoning of the allocated site. The hotel is to be built by a group of local businessmen but it was discovered late last year the site would not be ideal for the project because it encompassed part of the sport grounds.

Mr Pretorius said R106 580 would be needed to repair the existing three fields, toilets and lights. "What I have to clarify is that the board has no money for the project at this date," he said.

The chairman of the council, Mr W M Aphane, said the board had nothing to worry about as the businessman concerned had indicated their willingness to help pay for part of the expenses incurred in the re-zoning of the site.

the judges felt this would aid All teams entering the December.

Petty apartheid: Now you see it, now you don't...

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APARTHEID in Randburg is disappearing but hardly anybody has noticed.

And this despite the initial outcry by many residents who were hotly opposed to opening amenities to blacks.

Municipal amenities such as the library, parks, clinics, community halls, and some drive-in theatres have been open to all races since February

Amenities still to be desegregated are swimming pools, public toilets and the bus service

People in Randburg said this week that everyday life in the town was no different from normal

And some, mostly blacks, did not even know that the by-laws had been changed

"I have always gone to the park," one black domestic worker said "We have not been told that we can now go to the library or clinics"

The management committee chairman, Mr Bill Sewell, said that as far he knew, only a few blacks made use of facilities such as the library and clinics

"We have made the opening of amenities public through the Press," he said. "Later, we intend asking the Randburg Chamber of Commerce to publicise the fact to their workers"

A recent decision by the Progressive Federal Party-controlled management committee has also allowed businesses to decide for themselves whether their toilet facilities should be segregated

Randburg has a population of 110 000 of whom 20 000 are black and a few Indian and coloured.

The PFP caused a major stir when it instituted the changes and many people opposed the move

The National Party representatives on the council protested that the changes were made secretly, and in the following months hundreds of residents voiced their disapproval — some even signing a petition to express their opposition.

The local newspaper, the Randburg Sun, conducted a survey to find out what people felt about the issue and many said they were against desegregation

But now most people seem to have forgotten the arguments and go about life as before

Mrs Audrey Hughes, who left Zimbabwe two years ago, said "I have not noticed any difference at all — people go about life as usual I have no objections to any further desegregation either"

Mr Neville Montgomery, a Randburg resident for 18 years, said "I have been studying in Cape Town and when I returned recently I noticed very little change

"People get used to mixing with other race groups — it is inevitable."

A woman who works in Randburg, Mrs Stella Ngoako, said she had not even heard about the change in the local by-laws — "and neither has anyone I know".

Another Randburg worker, Mrs Beatrice Ramothine, who has worked in the area for just over a year, was also surprised.

"I have not heard about this change of law," Mrs Ramothine said.

A minority of those interviewed — were not in favour of the opening of amenities and said the changes had been obvious and to whites' disadvantage.

"Ever since they have done this the blacks have taken over our parks," said a resident who did not want to give his name. "I believe that each group should have their own amenities."

Another resident, Mr George Oosthuisen, said the PFP had made the wrong decision "It is not fair to expect us to share with them (other race groups) anyway.

"They will end up taking over everything that belongs to us. This should not be allowed — they have their own towns and homelands to go to," he said.

The council is awaiting a Human Sciences Research Council (HSRC) report on people's attitudes towards further desegregation

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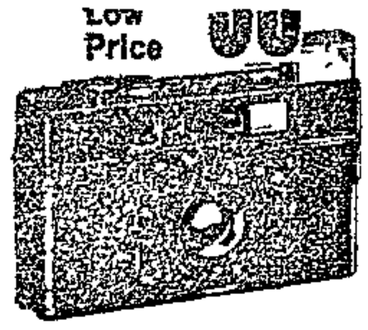

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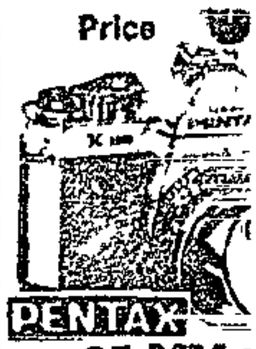

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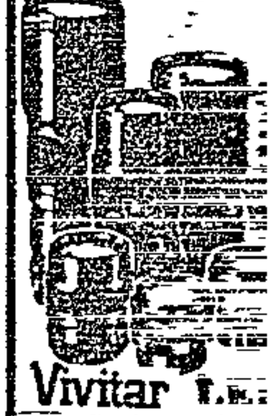

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What you pay for electricity after switch on

HOME FRONT

By LIN MENGE

CONFLICTING statements from officials in Soweto have raised questions about the cost of electrification and how and when this is paid.

HOMEFRONT readers have been warned repeatedly that whether they rent or buy, their monthly repayments for site rental, services, water use and electricity will continue, and are likely to increase. On June 2 we explained the monthly charges and the need for people to understand them. On June 25 we reported the eviction of several families in Zondi because they had ignored the new electricity levy imposed in their area in February.

Yesterday we asked Mr Steve Burger, Director of Community Services for Wrab, to give us a full breakdown of who pays what for electricity and why.

● The basic electrification of Soweto is complete. What is still being done is the reticulation of electricity to the different parts of the township complex. There are many mini substations, each of which caters for about 100 houses. When the cables have been connected and the houses wired around one of these substations, the registered tenants are informed that their houses are now ready to be "energised" or electrified.

● The cost of this whole operation — from the primary reticulation down to the wiring of each house and the connecting of each house to the cables outside — is being paid with that R212-million loan raised by the councils of Soweto, Diepmeadow and Dobsonville.

● The repayment of this loan is being spread across all households in the form of a compulsory R12-a-month levy. This levy was reduced from R20 but it will increase annually until it reaches an economic level.

● This levy comes into effect only when electricity becomes available in that particular area. But then everyone in the area must start paying it, whether they intend to use electricity or not. Their houses will in any event all be wired and connected to the local electricity supply.

● It is expected that all the houses will be electrified by April next year.

● This R12 a month payment comes into effect one month after a person's house is ready for "energising".

● If the householder is going to use the electricity, he has to pay a R30 deposit.

● After that his house is "switched on" and he pays a monthly bill in accordance with the amount of electricity he uses.

● The wiring and connecting of all houses, which were Wrab property in May 1979, is being done by contractors for Wrab.

● What happens in the case of people who bought their houses from Wrab before May 1979 and did their own wiring and/or connections? They also have to pay that R12 a month levy, but they get a rebate. If they wired the house themselves, they will pay only R8 a month. And if they connected their house to the local supply as well as wired it, they will pay only R4 of the levy every month. This also applies to people who have built new houses and had them wired and connected at their own expense.

● What about persons who bought their houses from Wrab before May 1979 but did not do anything about electrification? They must get them wired and connected so that they can be switched on when electricity becomes available in their area. They can either hire and pay a private contractor, or they can ask the Wrab contractors to do it while they are in the area. They can then pay a lump sum — if they can afford it. The wiring will cost them R420 to R480, with a further R480 for the connection. Total: approx R900. Or they can simply pay the R12 a month levy like everyone else.

Mr Burger stressed that electrification has nothing to do with the mass sale of houses. People pay the electrification levy whether they rent or buy. If they buy their houses on the discount sale they will have to pay the sale price of the house, plus R600 in leasehold and survey charges. Details of both amounts will be given in the letters Wrab will soon be sending out to each tenant of a saleable house, he said.

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HOMEFRONT welcomes news about houses for blacks, but not the way it appeared in a Delmas welder's advertisement in Rapport last Sunday.

The ad was for farm sheds, factories — and "Bantoehuise".

Just what is a "Bantoehuis"?

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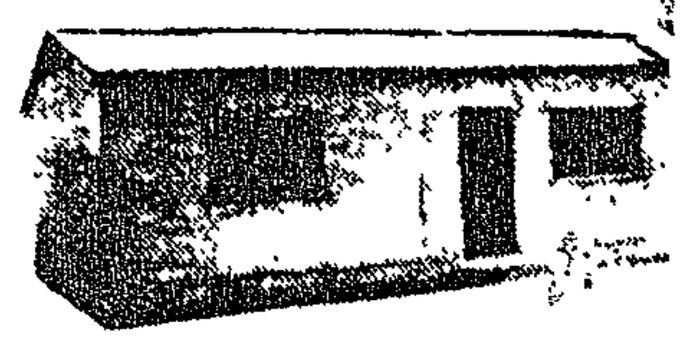

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EXPRESSCOPE LOOKS AT A GROUP AREA

Three-way rule equals chaos in Lenasia

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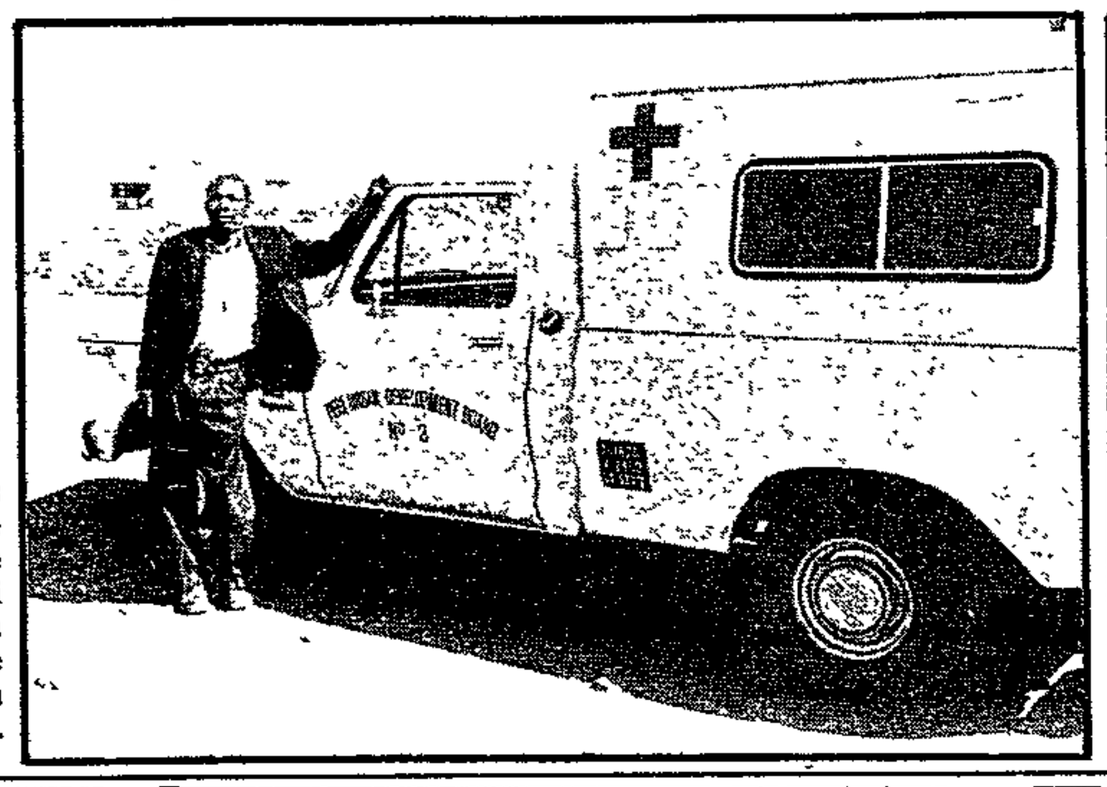
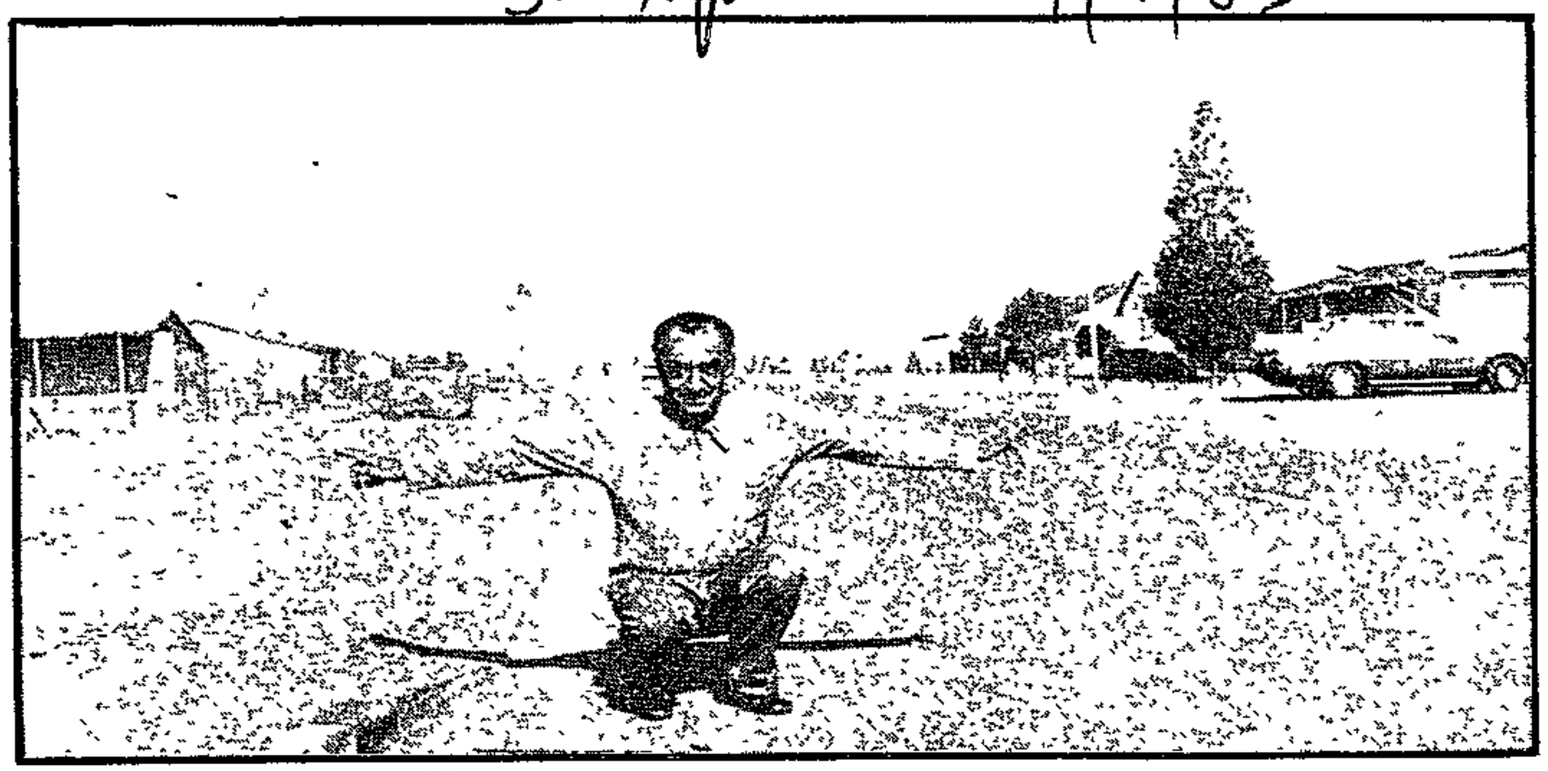


● Mr James Ndhovu, the driver of the only Peri Urban ambulance operative in Lenasia.



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

Reports by STEPHANIE VENTER Pictures: PAUL VELASCO

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

Being controlled by three bodies has meant that Lenasia's residents living in different areas have had to pay different tariffs to different bodies, and make do with different facilities

● The Johannesburg city council administers the older extensions 1 to 7.

● The Peri Urban Board (PUB) administers the newer extensions 8, 9, 10 and Lenasia South (about 25 000 people).

● The city council and the PUB share the administration of Extension 11.

● The Department of Community Development controls housing.

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

Since PUB took over the administration of some of the sections from the city council in January, residents were subjected to immediate w[illegible]

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

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

Some PUB areas have no street lighting, roads or drainage There are no roads linking Extension 11 with other areas

Apart from a dusty field or two, there are no recreational facilities

Lenasia's bus service had to be withdrawn from some areas because of the bad roads.

People living in the PUB sections have to travel between 5km to 10km to the nearest store to buy basic provisions.

Pensioners who could not afford their rent had half paid for them by religious and welfare organisations and the other half from a city council fund

This grant has also fallen away.

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

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

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

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



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

It's so different across the road

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

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

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

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

Lenasia as a whole, with its population of over 90 000, has no fire-fighting service, one post office, one small police station and a growing crime rate.

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

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

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

pay increased PUB rates for electricity and water.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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No water as the battle for a bathroom goes on



HOME GROAN

By LIN MENGE

MOST black township houses do not have inside water — they have a tap and a toilet outside Of the houses being offered for sale by Wrab in Soweto, only about 3 000 have inside bathrooms

That suggests that many people will want to add on bathrooms to their houses once they have bought them

HOMEFRONT wishes them good luck We are still trying to get that bathroom built for Mrs Edith Shongwe in Klipspruit We've had hassles with plans and tenders, the builder who came to our rescue, Neumann Design and Construction, couldn't get bricks, now the trenches are ready, the builders want to cast the foundations but — there is no water

In fact there has been no water to the house for almost two months Mrs Shongwe's family has reported the matter again and again, and her employer, Mrs Jennifer Sugden, has pleaded for action Mrs Shongwe, meanwhile, is terribly ill with bone cancer Back in hospital now, she has been lying in that little house, with no water supply — inside or out

Yesterday Mr Peter Neumann told HOMEFRONT "Let us know when the water supply is restored — and we'll be back" The township manager took Mrs Sugden's telephone number and told her he had 7 000 other houses to worry about

That may be, but if it is so difficult to get one bathroom added to one house in just one township, and so difficult to get a water problem solved for one desperately ill woman, then we can't see employers rushing to help solve the housing crisis

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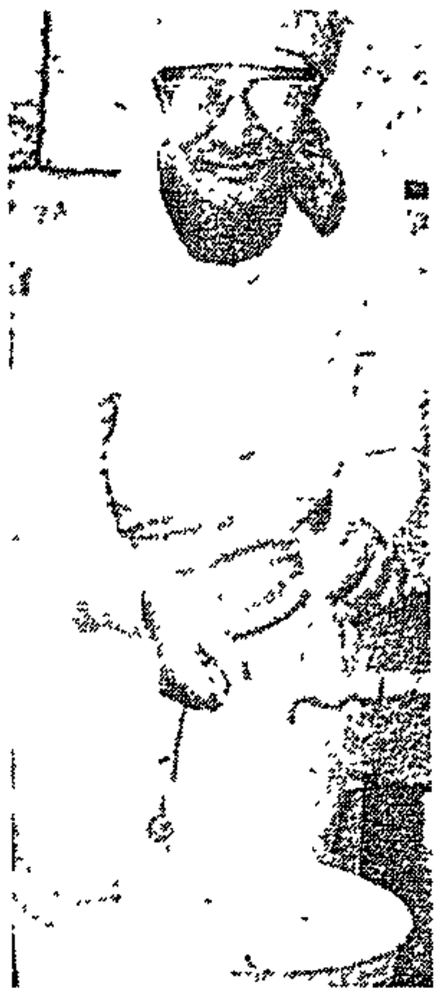
THAT mass survey of black urban residential stands is being speeded up Originally the Government made R28-million available for the survey to be completed, countrywide, over five years Mr Johan Kruger, coordinator of the Big House Sale, told HOMEFRONT the five-year funding period has been lifted — the surveyors can get on with the job just as fast as they can

That is good news and will, we hope, speed up the introduction of a similar mass survey of stands for other race groups

● In the meantime those 128 stands in Newclare, which could do so much to relieve the coloured housing shortage in Johannesburg, lie vacant and unsold — waiting to be transferred from the Department of Community Development into the name of the city council Only then can they be sold

For the third time we show you Mr Gerald Adams, whose family of five must live in a one-roomed flat, standing on one of those vacant sites where he could have built a home years ago



MRS SHONGWE
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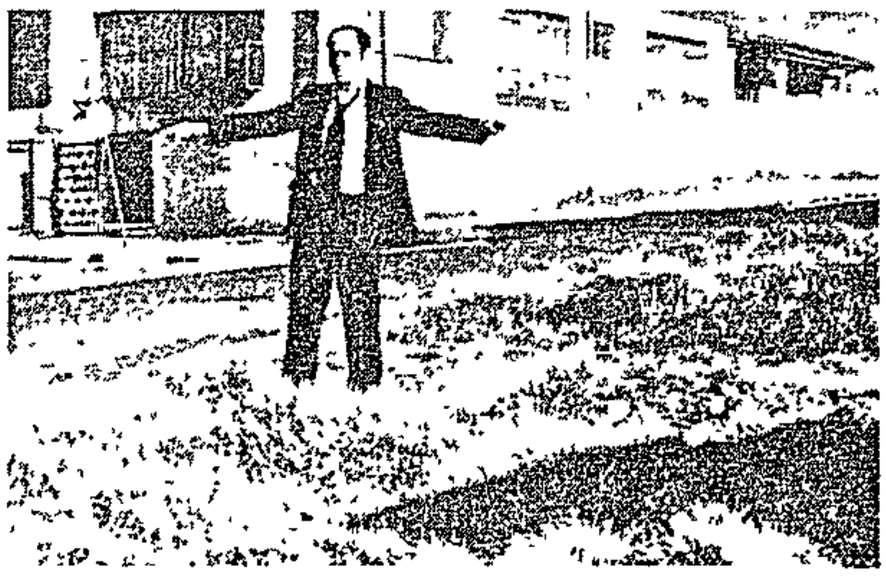

Mr Adams ... empty space where he can't use it

All-race services: Report due soon

By MIKE CADMAN

SECTIONS of the long-awaited Human Sciences Research Council (HSRC) report on the opening of public amenities to all races in Randburg have been handed to the town's management committee.

But the findings are being kept secret until the the Progressive Federal Party (PFP)-controlled management committee has studied the full report.

The chairman of the management committee, Mr Bill Sewell, said this week he hoped to receive the remainder of the report within the next few weeks.

"The researchers have had to wait their turn for computer time and this has caused the delay," Mr Sewell said.

The survey was due to be completed in February.

The PFP raised a storm earlier this year when it announced that it intended opening public amenities to all race groups.

It also requested the HSRC to conduct a survey in the town to establish the public's attitude to the move.

National Party members of the council have consistently complained that the decision to open public amenities and to conduct the HSRC survey were taken without discussion in open council.

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Petty apartheid goes — but life is no different

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PETTY apartheid in Randburg is disappearing but hardly anybody has noticed.

And this despite the initial outcry by many residents who were hotly opposed to opening amenities to blacks.

Municipal amenities such as the library, parks, clinics, community halls, and some drive-in theatres have been open to all races since February.

Amenities still to be desegregated are swimming pools, public toilets and the bus service.

People in Randburg said this week that everyday life in the town was no different.

And some, mostly blacks, did not even know that the by-laws had been changed.

"I have always gone to the park," one black domestic worker said. "We have not been told that we can now go to the library or clinics."

The management committee chairman, Mr Bill Sewell, said that as far he knew, only a few blacks made use of facilities such as the library and clinics.

"We have made the opening of amenities public through the Press," he said. "Later, we intend asking the Randburg Chamber of Commerce to publicise the

By MIKE CADMAN in Randburg

fact to their workers."

A recent decision by the Progressive Federal Party-controlled management committee has also allowed businesses to decide for themselves whether their toilet facilities should be segregated.

Randburg has a population of 110 000 of whom 20 000 are black and a few Indian and coloured.

The PFP caused a major stir when it instituted the changes and many people opposed the move.

The National Party representatives on the council protested that the changes were made secretly, and in the following months hundreds of residents voiced their disapproval — some even signing a petition to express their opposition.

The local newspaper, the Randburg Sun, conducted a survey to find out what people felt about the issue and many said they were against desegregation.

But now most people seem to have forgotten the arguments and go about life as before.

Mrs Audrey Hughes, who left Zimbabwe two years ago, said: "I have not noticed any difference at all — people go about life as usual. I have no objections to any further desegregation either."

Mr Neville Montgomery, a Randburg resident for 18 years, said: "I have been studying in Cape Town and when I returned recently I noticed very little change.

"People get used to mixing with other race groups — it is inevitable."

A woman who works in Randburg, Mrs Stella Ngoako, said she had not even heard about the change in the local by-laws — "and neither has anyone I know".

Another Randburg worker, Mrs Beatrice Ramonthine, who has worked in the area for just over a year, was also surprised.

"I have not heard about this change of law," Mrs Ramothine said.

A minority of those interviewed — were not in favour of the opening of amenities and said the changes had been obvious and to whites' disadvantage.

"Ever since they have done this the blacks have taken over our parks," said a resident who did not want to give his name. "I believe that each group should have their own amenities."

17 Pretoria parks go white by end of year

Pretoria Correspondent

Seventeen of Pretoria's parks will be fenced off and closed to blacks before the end of the year.

In October a five-man team from the parks department will start putting up 1.83 m (six foot) wire mesh fences around them.

By December they expect to be finished, and noticeboards informing the public that these parks are reserved for whites — and blacks looking after white children — will be erected.

The notice in English, Afrikaans and North Sotho will read **Only whites and non-white nursemaids who accompany white children.**

The cost of the fencing and noticeboards is expected to be about R130 000. Another R70 000 is to be spent later in the year on the "problem" parks — Church Square, Burgers Park and Arcadia Park.

Black traffic officers on patrol at the Belle Ombre station will later be moved to the 17 closed parks as well as the 14 others forwhich the council has called for better supervision and control.

They will act as "relations" officers dealing with members of the various black groups in connection with unauthorised entrance, behaviour and littering.

Pretoria parks were opened to all races shortly before the 1973 mixed South African Games in the city, and ever since this has been one of the most controversial issues in local politics.

Petitioning to close the parks was started soon afterwards.

In the municipal election last year, HNP councillors campaigned strongly for the closing of the parks.

In April this year the city council finally voted 23 to seven in favour of reserving 17 parks for whites and blacks looking after the white children, and for better supervision and control in 14 others.

The Church Square lawns will be closed off with ornamental picket fencing when an alternative site has been be found to accommodate people who use the square.

All but one of the gates at Burgers Park are to be locked to ensure a limited and controlled access. The future of Arcadia Park is still to be decided.

Petitions, including those signed by university academics and schoolchildren, were not considered by the council's parks committee but referred to the management committee.

Blacks vow to fight 'sad' council plan

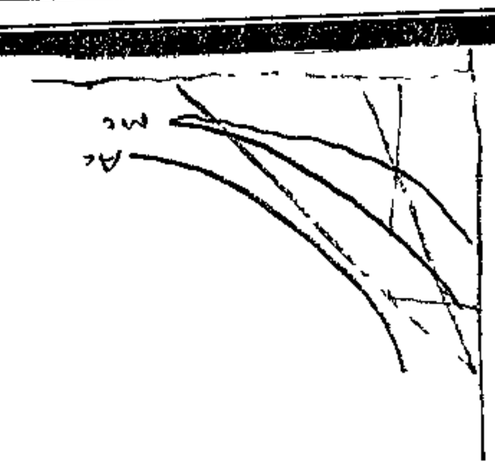
Pretoria Correspondent

Black community leaders in Pretoria have pledged to reverse the city council's decision to ban blacks from 17 parks.

Mr Willie Hoods , chairman of the newly formed Pretoria Civic Association, said it was sad that the council had decided to go ahead with its plans to close the city's parks to blacks.

The association, which represents the management committees of Eesterust and Laudium and community councils of Mamelodi and Atteridgeville , would continue to try every possible means to get the decision changed, he said.

Mr Hoods said the council decided to spend R130 000 on implementing a racialist decision, but had not been able to find the money to improve parks in the black areas under its control. The decision would harm race relations in Pretoria and would create a poor impression abroad, he said.



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Mixed bus plan thwarted

By Lucille McNamara,
Municipal Reporter

Moves to integrate the Randburg municipal bus service have been thwarted by Johannesburg City Council's National Party/Independent Ratepayers' Association coalition.

The chairman of Randburg's Progressive Federal Party-controlled management committee, Mr Bill Sewell, has been informed that Johannesburg — which provides the town with a bus service on an agency basis — is unable to accede to his request.

Randburg will now negotiate a contract with a private company.

"I am disappointed that it is not possible for Johannesburg's management committee to allow Randburg to open its bus service to people of all race groups, but can understand their reluctance to be seen to be submitting to progressive trends," Mr Sewell said.

TERMINATE ITS CONTRACT

In a letter from the city secretary, Mr Sewell has been informed that Johannesburg would be prepared to terminate its agency contract before the June 30 1984 expiry date. This applies if Randburg Town Council is able to negotiate a new contract for a racially integrated service with a private company.

Mr Sewell described this decision, taken at a Johannesburg management committee meeting last Friday, as a compromise.

Randburg pays Johannesburg just under R1 million annually for its bus service.

Mr Sewell said Johannesburg ran its own internal bus service at an annual loss of R14 million which he believed was mainly attributable to its non-integrationist policies.

"Our next step will be to negotiate a contract with a private companies which will allow us to offer the best possible service for all our people," he said.

Randburg says yes to amenities for all races

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By Shirley Woodgate

Randburg residents want the town's amenities to be opened to all races, according to a survey by the Human Sciences Research Council.

The Progressive Federal Party (PFP) in Randburg has won a major political victory with the announcement today of the results of the survey which shows that more than 56 percent of whites and nearly 92 percent of blacks canvassed approve of the removal of race barriers in municipal services and amenities.

Only 31 percent of white respondents said they would oppose and refuse to accept such a move while 13 percent said they did not know how they would react.

Heading the list of individual amenities which should be opened up now or in the distant future are educational facilities for adults (nearly 78 percent of whites in favour with 16 percent against and 6 percent not sure).

This is followed by library services, sports facilities, cultural gatherings, theatres, health clinics and, significantly, municipal transport (73,5 percent in favour).

Conversely, amenities which are given the lowest priority by whites are mixed cemeteries (24,5 percent against) followed by municipal swimming baths, creches, nursery schools and public toilets (20 percent against).

Elated

The PFP is obviously elated at the result, particularly as it is known that senior members of the party were worried that the survey could boomerang.

Certain facilities could be legally opened to all races almost immediately.

Professor J van der Vyver, of the University of the Witwatersrand, says that integration in swimming pools and municipal cemeteries cannot be prevented by the Administrator.

The professor believes segregation of buses cannot be enforced by the province but only by the Transportation Act.

Standards

Nearly half of those who objected to the immediate opening of facilities indicated they would drop their objections if assured that the Town Council would maintain existing standards.

If certain amenities were opened to all races, nearly 39 percent of the respondents who opposed the move said they would leave the town.

In Cape Town today the Leader of the Opposition, Dr F Van Zyl Slabbert, welcomed the results of the survey and said it was a vindication of PFP methods.

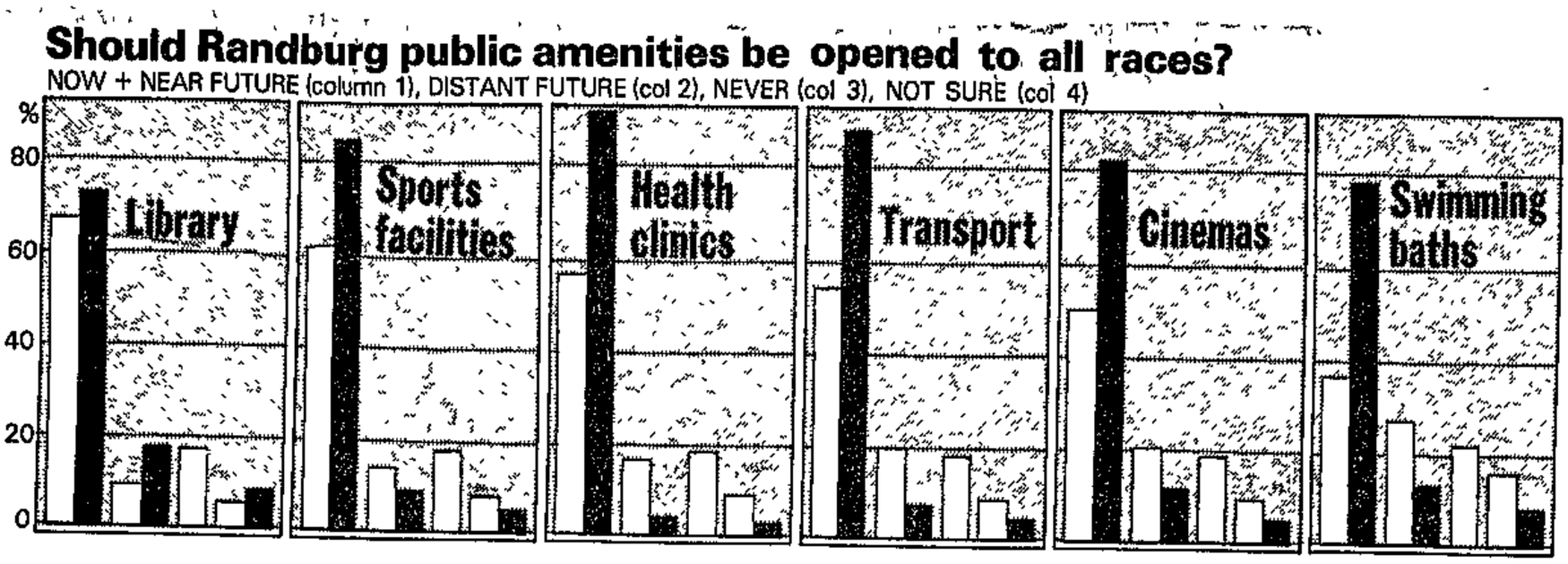
Sporting facilities low on list

According to the findings of the Human Sciences Research Council survey in Randburg, about half the residents who partake in sport play outside the town.

Only one in four respondents felt certain sporting facilities are lacking or inadequate. Facilities needed the most are for squash, golf, gymnasium sports, club tennis and competitive swimming.

More than half the residents interviewed virtually never visit a local cinema or library. Seven out of 10 residents hardly ever visit a community centre while nine out of 10 practically never use municipal health clinics.

Threequarters of the residents either own swimming pools or make use of friends' pools.



Randburg — in black and white

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By JEANETTE MINNIE Municipal Correspondent

THE senior research officer in charge of the HSRC's "Randburg Commission" report — Dr Nic Rhoodie, of the Institute for Sociological and Demographic Research — has declared himself satisfied that the methodology used in the survey has produced an accurate reflection of the views of Randburg residents ... both black and white.

The HSRC survey was conducted at no cost to Randburg ratepayers, as the HSRC absorbed half the cost because it wished to use the report as part of a nationwide survey into group attitudes.

The remaining costs were funded by private businessmen in the Witwatersrand area.

Two different questionnaires were prepared for black and white residents, because of socio-economic differences, in order to achieve a high degree of clarity and validity.

The provisional report of the institute — released yesterday — contains three subsections for both black and white groups ... demographics, current utilisation of amenities and future needs and attitudes towards the opening of public services and facilities to all races.

Section two of the black and white reports — current utilisation and future needs for amenities — were designed and supervised by Professor M S Badenhorst, a specialist in urban studies at the University of Pretoria.

Professor Johan van der Vyver, of the law faculty of the University of the Witwatersrand, also prepared a report on the legal obstacles that might obstruct the official opening of public amenities to people of all races in the Randburg municipality.

In a summary to his extensive report, Prof Van Der Vyver says that, surprisingly, there are no parliamentary legislation or provincial ordinances which apply to local authorities in the Transvaal which outright prohibit the integration of public municipal amenities.

However, there are conditional prohibitions, such as certain provisions of the Group Areas Act.

Two instances where blacks could be punished because of their presence are at public municipal amenities used for the staging before a live audience of any of the performing arts or cinema shows, and at public municipal amenities where blacks would be present for a period exceeding one day.

Also of importance is that all municipal by-laws intended to integrate amenities are subject to the approval of the Administrator.

Segregating buses or seating facilities on buses can also be imposed by virtue of the Transportation Act.

The Administrator may also invoke the Reservation of Separate Amenities by Local Authority Ordinance to force a policy of apartheid on to local authorities, but Prof Van Der Vyver says it could be argued that this ordinance only applies to amenities already integrated in 1958.

A total of 1 023 questionnaires were sent out to white members of 660 houses, 296 flats and 44 plots living in various socio-economic circumstances.

When the questionnaires were collected, 75% were returned, with 74% of the total suitable for processing.

Some 9% refused to fill in questionnaires, while 15% could not be traced or had not completed their questionnaires after three visits.

Of this sample of white people — aged between 18 and 64 — 390 were males and 340 females, which include 17,9% Afrikaans speakers, 71,2% English speakers and 10,9% people from other language groups.

In the black group, 755 people who sleep in Randburg — at 517 houses, 112 flats and 126 plots — were sampled, although as many as 956 residential units had been visited and questionnaires handed out. In total, 656 questionaires could be processed.

The sample of black people — also aged 18 to 64 — comprised 39,1% males and 60,9% females. The dominant language group was Tswana (35,4%), followed by Northern Sotho (25,3%) and Zulu (11,6%).

Randburg survey: 55% in favour

Residents say yes to all-race facilities

By JEANETTE MINNIE
Municipal Correspondent

MOST white Randburg residents have indicated they are in favour of racially integrated public amenities in the town, according to a provisional Human Sciences Research Council report released yesterday.

In reply to a "gut-level" question on how respondents would feel about all amenities being opened to all races, 55,2% of whites said they would accept the move, while 92,9% of black respondents supported them on a similar question

Separate questionnaires were drawn up in the HSRC survey for blacks and whites.

Only 30,8% of whites interviewed said they "would oppose such a move and persist in refusing to accept it", while 13% said they were not sure. Only 2,9% of blacks opposed integration while 4,5% said they were not sure.

The far-reaching HSRC report released yesterday was commissioned by the Progressive Federal Party-controlled Randburg management committee in June last year, shortly after the PFP wrested control of the town from the National Party in the municipal elections

The chairman of Randburg's management committee, Mr Bill Sewell, said yesterday: "It is the future of South Africa that we are dealing with and I am proud to be associated with this report."

The management committee will discuss the ramifications of the report at a meeting on Monday and the town council will debate the implications at its monthly meeting the following week.

Until now the NP opposition in the Randburg council has not issued a policy statement on the issue of opening up public amenities and the NP leader on the copuncil, Mr Olaus van Zyl, has said he would only do so once the HSRC report was released

More than 57% of black respondents in the survey indicated overwhelmingly that the effect of integrating public facilities would improve race relations, against the 17,4% black respondents who thought it would cause tension. Only 12,7% of blacks thought it would bring about no change in race relations, while just over 2% said they were not sure.



MR BILL SEWELL
Country's future involved

At the other end of the scale, white Randburg "conservatives" indicated that 38,8% of those who were totally opposed to integration would leave the town in protest if amenities were to be opened.

But 46,5% of this conservative group replied in another question that they would drop their objections if they were assured integration would not lead to a lowering of standards.

The accent on supervision and standards was endorsed by black respondents who indicated that 45,4% were in favour of increased supervision at open public toilets and 33,2% in favour of additional controls at public swimming pools. Overall only 24,8% of blacks were opposed to additional controls at integrated amenities.

The Randburg management committee is to recommend to the town council that the preferences and priorities of residents — as reflected in the HSRC report — be used for planning and budgeting new and improved municipal services and amenities

The final "Randburg Commission" HSRC report is expected about the middle of next month.

Randburg in black and white
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The SDN's role as a residual employer of older workers is easily appreciated from figure 2 which depicts the relationship between age and median duration of unemployment spell for male workers.

Figure 2 - Median Duration of Unemployment by Age; Males[1].

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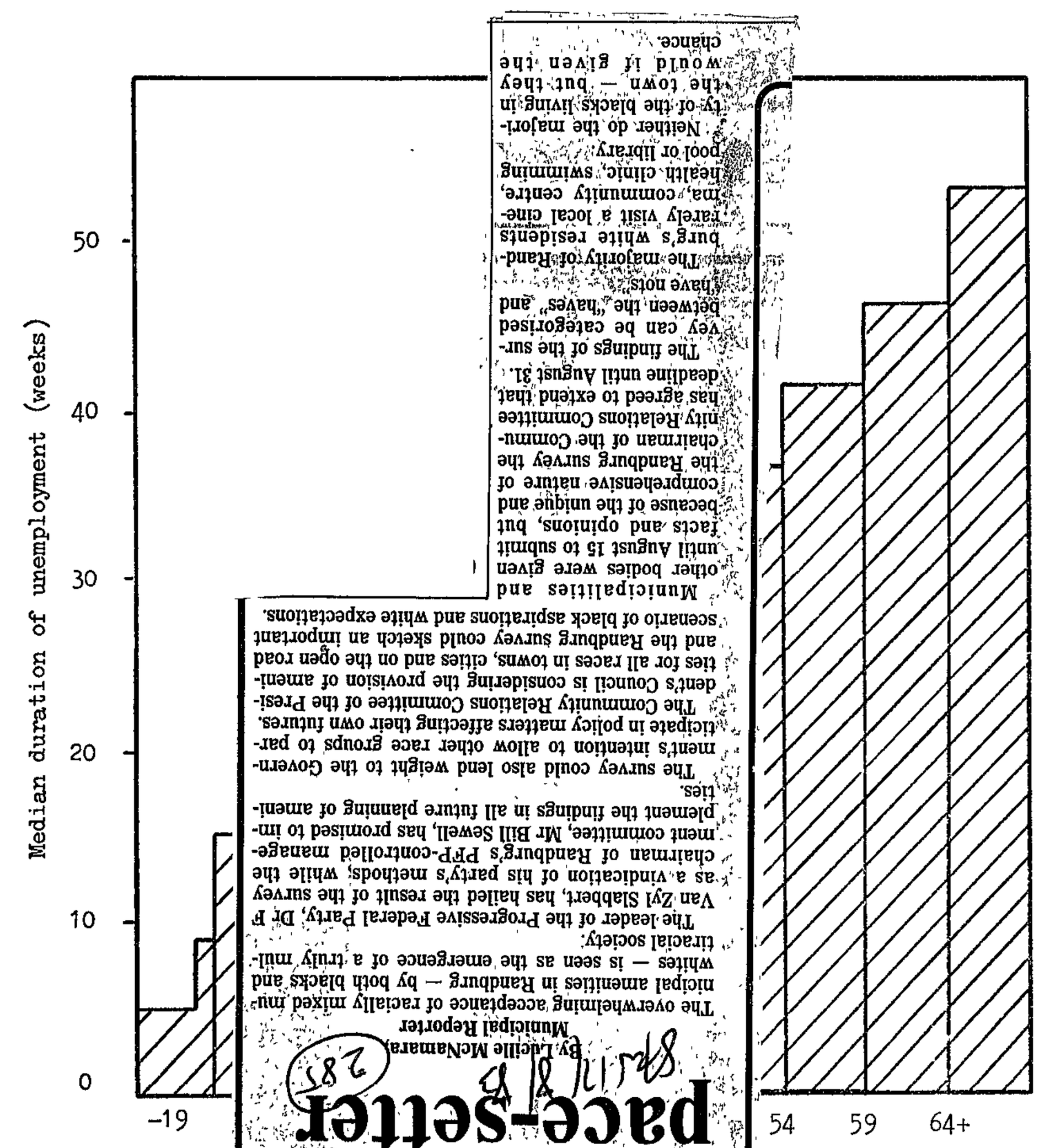

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Randburg a multiracial pace-setter

By Lucille McNamara
Municipal Reporter

The overwhelming acceptance of racially mixed municipal amenities in Randburg — by both blacks and whites — is seen as the emergence of a truly multiracial society.

The leader of the Progressive Federal Party, Dr F Van Zyl Slabbert, has hailed the result of the survey as a vindication of his party's methods, while the chairman of Randburg's PFP-controlled management committee, Mr Bill Sewell, has promised to implement the findings in all future planning of amenities.

The survey could also lend weight to the Government's intention to allow other race groups to participate in policy matters affecting their own futures.

The Community Relations Committee of the President's Council is considering the provision of amenities for all races in towns, cities and on the open road and the Randburg survey could sketch an important scenario of black aspirations and white expectations.

Municipalities and other bodies were given until August 15 to submit facts and opinions, but because of the unique and comprehensive nature of the Randburg survey the chairman of the Community Relations Committee has agreed to extend that deadline until August 31.

The findings of the survey can be categorised between the "haves" and "have nots".

The majority of Randburg's white residents rarely visit a local cinema, community centre, health clinic, swimming pool or library.

Neither do the majority of the blacks living in the town — but they would if given the chance.

Nats silent on Randburg's 'open' line

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By MAURITZ MOOLMAN

THE Human Sciences Research Council report which found that most residents in Randburg were in favour of opening almost all amenities to all races, was widely welcomed yesterday, but Nationalists prefer to remain silent for the time being.

Mr Wynand Malan, Nationalist MP for Randburg, said from Cape Town that he would only be able to comment on the HSRC report after studying it. He said he expected to get the report via a courier today.

And Mr Hein Kruger, Director of Local Management in the Transvaal Provincial Council, said he could not comment because some of the issues involved might end up on his desk for a decision.

He could therefore not commit himself at this stage by making statements to the Press, Mr Kruger said.

Afrikaans Nationalist newspapers yesterday complained that Nationalists on the Randburg Town Council had not been consulted before the survey was undertaken.

Die Vaderland accused the Progressive Federal Party of "autocratic and insensitive" behaviour while Beeld said that, by failing to take the Nationalists into consideration, the PFP had shown a lack of "statesmanship".

But Professor Lawrence Schlemmer, president of the Institute of Race Relations, hailed the move by the PFP-run council as "an example to the rest of the country on how other municipalities can approach the issue of sharing facilities".

Mrs Sheena Duncan, national president of the Black Sash, said the Black Sash was not surprised at the result and found it "encouraging".

Mr Sam Moss, leader of the PFP in the Johannesburg City Council, said his initial reaction was that the survey had shown that South African whites were "not as reactionary as some politicians would like us to think".

He said the result of the survey had shown that the exclusive use of facilities was a a thing of the past.

Prof Johan van der Vyver, of the University of the Witwatersrand law school, who researched the legal aspects of open amenities for the Randburg Town Council, said yesterday there was nothing in the South African constitution to prevent Randburg from opening its amenities to all races.

Randburg in favour of mixed buses — survey

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Municipal Correspondent

THE "Randburg Commission" Human Sciences Research Council survey into the opening of public amenities to all races reveals that 54% of white Randburg residents interviewed are in favour of integrated municipal transport "immediately or in the near future"

This comes at a time when the Johannesburg City Council — which provides Randburg with a bus service — has refused a request from Randburg's PFP management committee that integration of the bus service be allowed

The HSRC statistics counter a claim by a Randburg NP opposition councillor, Mr Frans Lourens, that there was no independent study to back the PFP request for mixed buses

The NP opposition in Randburg is likely to point out that 37,7% of the survey respondents indicated that buses should only be integrated in the "distant future"

The survey says that the "distant future" category includes "never" responses as well as non-responses

In the HSRC's questionnaire for blacks sleeping in Randburg, 88,4% said that public transport should be integrated now or in the near future, with only 7,2% in favour of integration in the distant future

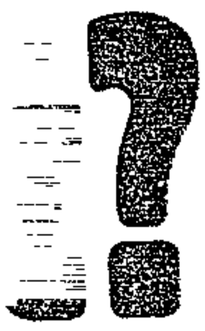
Black respondents indicated a strong preference for the opening of sports amenities — basketball (40%), tennis (25,1%), netball (24,2%) and soccer (22,3%)

Almost 43% of blacks said they would like to use sports facilities currently reserved for whites

Almost 62% of white respondents are in favour of integrating sports facilities now or in the near future

Other public amenities favoured by the majority of whites for integration include library services (67,3%), cultural gatherings (64,6%), theatres (59,2%) and health clinics (56,7%)

But white resistance to integration on other levels were evident from "distant future", "never" or non-responses to facilities such as public toilets (44,3%), creches (40,4%), nursery schools (40,4%), and municipal swimming pools (44,8%).



Old age group needs R7m

Mail Reporter

THE RAND AID Association for the Aged said this week it needed more than R7-million to relocate three homes to accommodate 200 men patients

Expropriation has forced three of the association's major homes to be relocated to Wedge Gardens, Edenvale, at a total cost of R8 500 000 million

The association needs donations to help pay for the move after receiving only R1 400 000 in compensation

Of the R7 100 000 remaining, part will be financed by a National Housing Commission loan, but this will have to be repaid

Rand Aid said this week that fund-raising projects this year would include a Bramley Morning Market, to be held at the Bramley Complex, on the corner of Kelvin and High roads, Bramley, on Saturday, October 29

Medical officers and nursing staff at one of the association's service homes this year carried out clinical trials on medication to help the aged

Nursing staff and doctors at another home undertook further studies on nitrous oxide administration Negotiations are well advanced to take part in further clinical trials in association with a European pharmaceutical group

Poll to test moves for mixed amenities

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By JEANETTE MINNIE
Municipal Correspondent

THE Randburg Town Council will have an opportunity to test the effects of the Human Sciences Research Council's report into the integration of public amenities on the municipal electorate in a by-election expected to take place next month

The by-election is the result of the resignation of Progressive Federal Party councillor Mr Julian Reed in Ward 12 The ward, in the town's northern suburbs, includes Jukskei Park, Johannesburg North, Sharonlea, Northwold and North Riding

Mr Reed announced his resignation yesterday because he was building a house in Sandton and would move there when it is completed

Although he may technically remain on as a Randburg councillor, because he owns a property in Johannesburg North, Mr Reed said yesterday that "in line with with the PFP's policy of honest, clean government and in the direct interests of residents of my ward, I regret to have to announce my resigation'

It is expected that the National Party opposition in the Randburg council will also welcome the opportunity to campaign against the HSRC report in which 56,2% of the white Randburg residents canvassed for the survey said they were in favour of integrated public amenities

NP sources in the town have said that the 700 questionnaires returned to the HSRC for its survey were too few to gauge the attitudes of the 75 000 white residents in the town.

NP sources have also said the PFP-controlled management committee should have resigned to contest the issue of integrated facilities in an election, or they should have held a referendum

During his 17 months in office Mr Reed was responsible for launching the successful North Riding agricultural holdings water scheme and also instituted a road construction policy for the town which ensured that most untarred roads would receive priority in the tarring programme

Women workers faring badly

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London Bureau

LONDON — Although one-third of the Western world's workforce are women, a recent International Labour Organisation (ILO) study reveals that in some countries men earn more than twice as much as women in the same jobs, and the number of women in low-paying jobs is three to four times greater than the number of men

The study found that women tend to be segregated to a small number of sectors and occupations in which they often hold unskilled repetitive and stressful jobs, offering little stability and few career opportunities

Of the 9 200 000 part-time workers in the European community, eight-million are women However, women part-time labourers are often the first to be laid off when business is slow and they are usually given the more mundane positions

Women's participation in trade unions and the process of collective bargaining is weak, due to their "lack of time, owing to an overburdened schedule (at work and at home)", and other reasons

Therefore, demands affecting women, such as equal pay, access to training and career opportunities, or the establishment of day nurseries, are not pressed hard enough by union representatives

The study concludes that women should increase their participation in collective bargaining to attain better jobs and equal pay for equal work

METRO MAIL

Make sure your pool complies with the law

THE Benoni Town Council has appealed to property owners who are having swimming pools installed for the coming summer not to leave the legalities to the contractors The council quoted the example of a half-built pool which had to be moved because, although plans had been approved by the council, it had been placed in the wrong position and interfered with services and sewerage pipes

Bring a plant to talk

BRING along a plant for discussion is the message from the Transvaal Horticultural Society The society's annual general meeting of the cactus and succulent section will be held in Room 75, Johannesburg Public Library, Market Square, at 8 o'clock tonight

Braai for Town's old boys

THE braai at Boys Town, Magaliesburg, on September 25 is only for old boys and their families For further information phone Boys Town at 01462/16

Talk on 'Beggars' Opera'

THE Friends of the Opera are presenting a lecture on John Gay's "The Beggars Opera" on Monday at 8pm Mr Stanley Peskin will illustrate his talk — to be held at Basement 4, Senate House, University of the Witwatersrand — with musical excerpts and Hogarth slides.

Warsaw ghetto uprising

MR HAROLD SEREBRO, who recently returned from a commemmoration in Warsaw of the ghetto uprising, will talk at the Johannesburg Women's Zionist League fortnightly forum on Tuesday night at 8pm at 55 Gardens Road, Orchards This will be followed by slides on "Shtetl life in Poland" All are welcome

New Year gifts for sale

THE Johannesburg Women's Organisation for Rehabilitation and Training (ORT) is offering a selection of beautifully presented gifts for the Jewish New Year at prices ranging from R6.95 to R37,95 They are on display at ORT House, 93 Iris Rd, Norwood Telephone 728 2795 or 728 7154, and at 110 South Avenue, (786 6724), 55 4th Road, Hyde Park (788 5021) and 74 Primrose Drive, Victory Park (782 8387) Delivery is free of charge in the Johannesburg area and proceeds go to charity

Israeli group performs

ON SUNDAY afternoon, the final concert of Israel's Or Akiva Song and Dance Group is holding a concert at the Yeshiva College, cnr Long Avenue and Ridge Road, Glenhazel, at 3pm The group comprises singers, dancers, actors and musicians between the ages of 17 and 25 All are welcome Admission is R1

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It's just not on — unions

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Mail Africa Bureau

LUSAKA — The Zambia Congress of Trade Unions (ZCTU) has decided to "go it alone" over the stalled controversial 10% wage ceiling in protest against the "carefree" attitude by the special committee appointed by President Kenneth Kaunda and chaired by Premier Nalumino Mundia to study and analyse the impasse

Announcing this yesterday, a disappointed ZCTU chairman Mr Frederick Chiluba also called for an emergency ZCTU general council meeting on Saturday to map out a strategy for "approaching the whole issue again from a fresh perspective".

"The ZCTU is extremely disappointed with the slow pace the special committee chaired by Prime Minister Mundia is working We won't wait any longer because we are depriving the workers of the right to

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Soweto: water meters

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*11. Mr P. G SOAL asked the Minister of Co-operation and Development:

(1) Whether water meters are to be installed at houses in Soweto; if so, (a) when, (b) how many and (c) who will pay for the (i) meters and (ii) cost of installing them;

(2) whether Soweto residents are to be charged for water consumed; if so, at what rate;

(3) whether water meters are to be installed in any other Black townships; if so, which townships?

The DEPUTY MINISTER OF CO-OPERATION:

(1) Yes.

(a) and (b) 20 000 water meters are currently being installed as part

of the upgrading of services in Greater Soweto. The balance of approximately 80 000 meters will be installed as funds become available.

(c) (i) and (ii) The community will bear the cost of the water meters as well as the cost of the installation thereof.

(2) Yes. Soweto residents are at present being charged for water consumed and this procedure will continue The rates are as follows.—

Unmetered consumption· R10-50 per household per month.
Metered consumption: First 25 kℓ per month at 28,12 cents per kℓ. Consumption in excess of 25 kℓ at 32,12 cents per kℓ.

(3) Full information regarding this question has not yet been received from all the administration boards and a reply can therefore not be furnished at this stage.

teachers. Picture:

Mixing to be 'phased in'

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By ANTON HARBER
Political Reporter

RANDBURG would phase in the opening of municipal facilities to all races only after careful consultation with ratepayers' associations and council officials, the chairman of the management committee, Mr Bill Sewell, said yesterday.

And, where possible, those who did not want integration would be given the choice of using segregated facilities, he said.

Mr Sewell was commenting on the Randburg Town Council's decision this week to eliminate racial discrimination in all municipal facilities.

There were a minority of potential rabble-rousers who had already confronted him and told him they would stop the plan

"There will be tensions, but we want to monitor and control them," he said

"We will phase it in in a systematic, carefully controlled and monitored way so that it will improve race relations and not increase the tensions," he said.

He had already met municipal department heads to discuss the technical issues involved and try to predict problems that might occur

He would also look at the suggestions made by residents in the recent Human Sciences Research Council survey of attitudes He had called for a fuller analysis of the results, he said

Mr Sewell also said he would consult with ratepayers' associations to discuss problem areas and officials in other areas who had integrated services.

"This is a consolidation period now and after that we will decide on the programme for opening up the facilities.

"We will be doing away with forced separation, but we suspect there are people who want the choice of who will treat them at the clinics, for example

"Our thinking is to give people the choice of separation wherever possible so that they will not think they are being forced to integrate," he said.

The only facilities that remained to be integrated were buses, toilets, clinics and swimming pools. Randburg was also hoping to have a cemetery jointly managed with the Sandton Town Council and at least part of this would be integrated.

There was no room to give people the choice of segregated buses, but they would have the choice in clinics, toilets and the cemetery, he said.

The cemetery would have an integrated section, and different sections for people who wanted to be buried only with others of the same religion or race.

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Former SADF chief hits at Pretoria parks ruling

By Sheryl Raine
Pretoria Bureau

The former head of military intelligence in the SADF, Lieutenant General H du Toit, last night criticised the closing of Pretoria's parks to blacks and called it an example of negative form of national strategy.

Although General du Toit said he did not believe a charter of human rights could be implemented in South Africa at present, a scaled-down version of such a charter, like a law banning anything which could lead to racial friction, should be investigated.

Delivering the ninth H F Verwoerd memorial address for the SA Bureau for Racial Affairs (Sabra) to commemorate Dr Verwoerd's birthday, General du Toit said:

"As a born Pretorian I am not proud of my city's decision to close its parks to blacks.

"Realism and rationality played no role in the manner in which this matter was handled."

The retired general, now a professor of strategic studies at the Rand Afrikaans University, spoke about the need for.

- Afrikaner unity and the fact that South Africa's national spirit could not be mobilised properly unless Afrikaner unity formed an important part of it
- A national strategy to counter real threats.
- Development of black homelands in the interests of national security.

After paying his respects to Dr Verwoerd, General du Toit said South Africa's policy of separate development on ethnic grounds was correct in principle and had been so successfully implemented that no government would succeed in undoing it.

General du Toit urged Sabra to do more for urban blacks because over the years the impression had been created that Sabra worked only for whites.

Sabra should extend practical aid to urban blacks who experienced problems with the confusing bureaucracy which ruled their lives, he said.

The city that tears down kids' swings — IN APARTHEID'S NAME

By MARTIN WELZ

THE Pretoria city council plans to rip out children's swings and other equipment from parks set aside for blacks so blacks will not be attracted to them.

The council will also surround the lawns of Church Square with swimming pool security fencing to keep blacks, a council source told the Sunday Express.

Church Square is technically to be an 'international' park. But in effect it will be closed to everyone.

The congregation of blacks there during lunch hours has long been a thorn in the flesh of verkrampte councillors.

Stripped of benches and with its lawns surrounded by 1,5m 'ornamental' fences, only narrow pedestrian paths will be open to the public.

Even the statue of Paul Kruger is to be fenced off to prevent people sitting on the pedestal steps to enjoy their lunchtime sandwich

The square is controlled by the city coucil in terms of a grant made by King Edward VII, who donated it to the "inhabitants of Pretoria for their use and enjoyment".

"By fencing the lawns the council could be depriving Pretoria's inhabitants of their rights," a senior academic lawyer told the Sunday Express. The new arrangement may, therefore, be challenged in the courts.

Unprecedented measures have been adopted to hide the plans to segregate the parks from public scrutiny.

The council has budgeted an extra R200 000 this year to enforce parks segregation. Of that amount R70 000 will be spent on discouraging blacks from using the central city's two most popular open spaces, Church Square and Burgers' Park.

For the past three months a special committee of six councillors has been meeting behind closed doors to work out details of the plan To prevent information leaks they are summoned to the meetings at short notice by telephone.

Only once the meeting has started are they handed numbered files with an agenda and notes for discussion. They are obliged to hand the files and all notes to the town clerk before leaving the meetings.

The committee originally had eight members but the two HNP councillors withdrew last month soon after a Sunnyside park was divided in two, with the 'black' half falling in an HNP councillor's ward, and the white half in the ward of a councillor belonging to the Nationalist Federation of Ratepayers' Associations.

A council source this week said the division had not been an intentional slight to the HNP. "His half just happened to already have a toilet for blacks," the source said.

The parks have been divided into three categories. 'International Parks' open to all races, segregated parks (which are to be divided with fences into separate areas for blacks and whites) and parks reserved for whites only

Each councillor was required to designate one park in his ward as a 'problem' park, which is to be placed under sporadic surveillance by the council's specially appointed security staff.

When the three PFP councillors refused to do so, council officials went ahead and made the designations themselves.

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New amenities survey slammed

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By MAURITZ MOOLMAN

THE chairman of the Randburg Management Committee, Mr Bill Sewell, yesterday criticised attempts by Randburg businessmen to discredit the Human Sciences Research Council report on open amenities by doing their own survey.

An action committee, consisting of Mr Conrad Plange, a defeated National Party candidate in Randburg and an electro-technical engineer, Mr Rudi Schwacke, proprietor of Pi Po Press, and Mr Bruno Ragghianti, a cinema manager, have distributed a questionnaire in Randburg.

A recent survey by the HSRC has found that the majority of Randburg residents were not opposed to the opening of most public amenities in the town.

Mr Schwacke, chairman of the action committee, said yesterday that the committee had been called into existence after calls by "thousands" of ratepayers who were apprehensive about the plan of Randburg's PFP town council to open amenities to all races.

The survey, which will cost about R20 000, was drawn up by a statistician, Dr S G Reinach, known by the Randburg Management Committee to be strongly opposed to the opening of public amenities to all races. Dr Reinach will also analyse the survey with Professor H H Lemmer.

Mr Sewell said the accuracy of the private survey would be highly doubtful due to the known bias of the persons responsible for it and the way in which it was being conducted.

The HSRC conducted personal interviews because people who return questionnaires tended to belong to the vocal minority group, Mr Sewell said.

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Blacks kicked out of 'open' park

By DIRK VAN ZYL

BLACKS have been kicked out of an "open" park in Pretoria, highlighting once again the festering controversy surrounding the use of the capital city's 300 public parks.

According to a municipal spokesman, the action resulted from a "misunderstanding" among security officials, who have since been told the true position.

The race issue in Pretoria's parks came to a head in April with a city council decision to close 17 "problem" parks to blacks — allowing in only nannies of white children.

The decision — widely condemned — is to be implemented as soon as fencing and "whites only" notice boards have been put up.

The future of a further three parks — Church Square, Burgers Park and Arcadia Park — was referred to the council's executive committee for special investigation. They remain "open" pending a decision.

Barred

But last week blacks using Arcadia Park, about 2km from the city centre, were told by municipal security officials to get out — and those wanting to walk across it were barred from entering.

An incensed Pretoria University post-graduate student, 28-year-old Mr J W Pretorius, who lives opposite the park, remonstrated with officials, but was told by one: "I am just doing my duty."

Mr Pretorius said this week: "In the two and a half years I have lived here, there has never been any trouble from blacks and this action is not good for race relations."

At a city council meeting this week, an Herstigte Nasionale Party motion that all Pretoria parks be closed to blacks was defeated — as was a Progressive Federal Party one that they all be opened to all races.

Lawyer's race-row victory

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A BLACK attorney has won the first step in a racial battle to secure premises for his practice in the centre of a white group area.

Mr Moses Mohlahledi's application for a permit that would allow him to earn his living in Krugersdorp's central business district set the cat among the pigeons at the town council's monthly meeting.

The vote to allow him to work in the town reached a stalemate when six councillors voted for and six against.

That was when the mayor, Mr Wiets Botes, exercised his right to tip the balance with his casting vote — and he chose to allow the black lawyer to stay.

He said: "I'm sure I made the right decision. There is an Act providing that any lawyer must have his offices within a radius of eight kilometres from the magistrate's court that he serves.

A non event

"That is why he needs an office urgently."

This means that the council can now recommend to the Department of Co-operation and Development that Mr Mohlahledi be allowed to set up practice in the white group area.

But Mr Mohlahledi is unimpressed by the council's decision.

By CHARMAIN NAIDOO

"Basically it's a non-event. Why should the practising of my profession be determined by bodies outside my profession?" he asked from his plush office in the centre of town — which he already rents from Anglo American.

Mr Mohlahledi decided that there was a strong need for a lawyer in the Krugersdorp area, and at the beginning of October resigned from the Johannesburg firm where he worked to open his own practice.

He describes himself as a "businessman turned lawyer" and says that Krugersdorp is his home and that is where he intends to live and work.

"I was born here, and despite the three major moves that the Government has forced on my family — moving us from township to township — I consider this my home and I'm staying."



MR MOSES MOHLAHLEDI
Unimpressed

He added that it was better for his practice that he remained in the town.

"It's more convenient — I'm not only closer to other attorneys but I'm a 10-minute walk from the courthouse."

His home is in the nearby township of Kagiso, and the argument put forward by the chairman of the management committee, Mr Sakkie Nel, was that he should practise there as well.

"I recommended that Mr Mohlahledi not be allowed to work in Krugersdorp. The National Party has earmarked Kagiso for an independent council so how can we accommodate these people in a white area?

"And, if there are no facilities in the township, then it's time someone started building them," he told the Sunday Times.

At the first council meeting held in September, the application was forwarded and the recommendation from the management committee was that it be turned down.

Ten councillors were present, and five voted for and five against. The mayor, Mr Botes, decided that he could not use his casting vote because all the councillors were not present at the meeting.

He then asked that the management committee look into the matter again, and at the October meeting they again proposed that it be turned down.

This time, all councillors were present — but there was still a split in the vote and Mr Botes used his casting vote.

Mr Bill Greyvenstein, who initiated the amendment that would allow Mr Mohlahledi's application, explained his reasons.

"Human rights are important to me. My brief was that we had made provision for other coloureds and that we needed a black lawyer in town," Mr Greyvenstein said.

He added that Mr Mohlahledi had been "honest enough to apply".

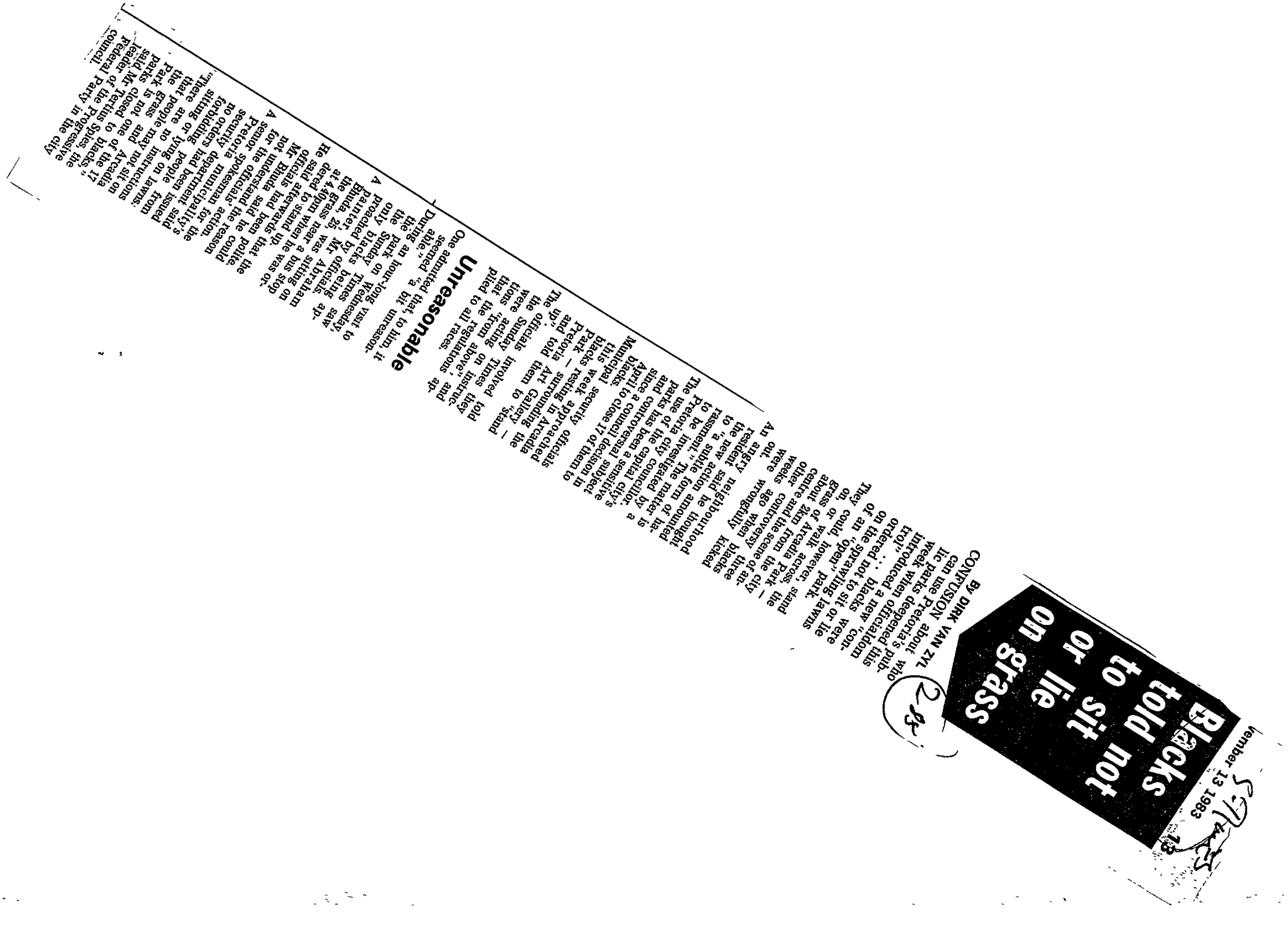
"If he'd crept in, no-one would have said anything."

At the second meeting, Mr Greyvenstein said he told his colleagues that they were always telling blacks to get themselves qualified and to improve the quality of their life.

"Here's a man who has tried hard. I don't know him, but I feel it only right to grant him a permit."

Meanwhile, Mr Mohlahledi is not prepared to commit himself as to what he will do if his application is turned down by the Government.

"I'll cross that bridge when I come to it," he said.



Blacks told not to sit or lie on grass

By DIRK VAN ZYL

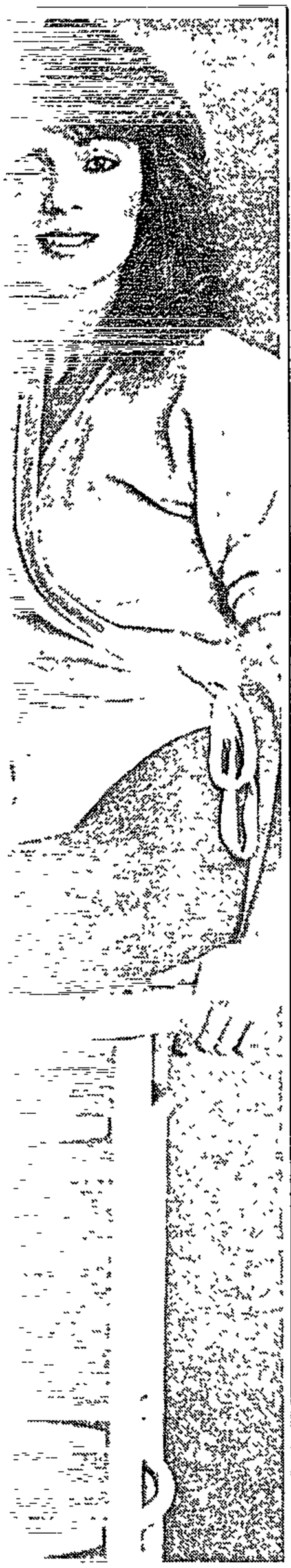
CONFUSION about Pretoria's public transport deepened this week when officialdom ordered that "open" parks were not to be used by blacks for sitting or lying on the grass.

The order, which came into effect on Monday, was issued by the Pretoria Municipality's Park Department.

Mr Bruno Arcadia, the director of parks, said the order was issued to "avoid embarrassment" to blacks using the parks.

He said the order was issued after a number of incidents in which blacks had sat on the grass in open parks.

Mr Arcadia



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PRETORIA PRESSES ON WITH PARKS PLAN WITHOUT APPROVAL

No time to waste over fences of apartheid

THE Pretoria city council has embarked on its R70 000 project to keep blacks out of parks without bothering to wait for the Transvaal Provincial Administration's approval.

The Pretoria parks controversy erupted in April when the council voted to close 17 parks to blacks

Although fences have been built around four of the reserved parks, blacks may still relax on the lawns until the amended by-laws are gazetted

At least eight more parks are in the process of being fenced. More will go up "as they get the material", a council spokesman said.

He said the fencing was proceeding "in preparation for when the by-laws are gazetted" and confirmed the closure of the parks was still subject to TPA approval

At this stage R70 000 has been budgeted for fencing costs

A spokesman for the TPA's department of local government said the matter had not been finalised

Asked to comment on possible approval of the amended by-laws, the spokesman would only say "It could be a yes or a no. It depends on the application and what form it takes."

There has been some clarity on the fate of three other parks in the capital city — described as 'problem parks'.

- Arcadia Park will remain open to people of all races
- Burgers Park will be open to people of all races but not to pedestrians taking short cuts Four of the five entrances will be closed to ensure this.
- Church Square will eventually be closed to everyone when a suitable alternative open space has been found



● Blacks, not welcome in the Pretoria parks, will have to relax elsewhere Picture. DEENA SHAPIRO

By DANIELA WYSZKOWSKI

Confusion arose last week when blacks were ordered by a council security guard not to sit or lie on the lawns of Arcadia Park.

Three weeks earlier blacks were also wrongfully kicked out of the park

The council spokesman said the security guard concerned had acted on his own accord "He had no instructions to prohibit blacks from entering the park It was a misunderstanding which was set right that afternoon," he said

A second incident at the same park was also described as a "mistake"

The spokesman said guards were on duty 24 hours a day "mainly because of the problem of homosexuality".

Although there was a municipal by-law prohibiting people from lying on the lawn, it was not enforced, he said.

Residents living near the park were divided over the confusing issue

Mr Fred Rothman of Johann Street said "I'm not concerned with blacks and whites mixing — that's all over — but black people each take up a whole bench It's deliberate They're paying us back for what we're doing to them"

Mrs A E Thomas, of Wessels Street, said "They (the blacks) work around here, they have every right to make use of the park."

She said the park should remain open.

But Mrs A van Wyk, 69, of Maple Avenue, Sunnyside, said the park was for whites She said security guards had told blacks they couldn't lie on the grass and "eat and mess"

"Look at the stompies!" she said

Security guards on duty in the park refused to discuss the incident and referred the Sunday Express to the council's liaison office

New key to the bedroom door

Sunday Express Correspondent

LONDON — Next time you are at a party you could, at the touch of a button, find out your most suitable partner in the room

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Oom Paul's return

● At home ... with the President of the Transvaal Republic

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Survey finds most residents against all-race amenities

By Shirley Woodgate

The results of the privately sponsored Randburg opinion survey on shared amenities indicate that 72 percent of the residents who replied to a questionnaire are against opening certain facilities to all races.

The Action Committee survey was commissioned and paid for by three local businessmen, Mr Rudi Schwacke, Mr Conrad Plange and Mr Bruno Raggh-ianti, who challenged the Progressive Federal Party interpretation of a 56 percent "yes" vote in favour of open amenities in the provisional report of the Human Sciences Research Council.

The methods employed for the survey were criticised by Dr J G Garbers, president of the HSRC, who said the results would be strongly biased in favour of those dissatisfied by the HSRC report.

The survey was conducted by sending out nearly 23 000 reply-paid questionnaires to property owners and tenants in Randburg, with users and non-users of certain amenities canvassed separately. Altogether 6 023 replies were returned. House dwellers accounted for 32 percent of the responses and 12 percent were from flat tenants.

In his analysis of the results, statistician Professor H H Lemmer (who conducted the survey with Dr S G Reinach) stated there was strong resistance to opening creches (60 percent), nursery schools (60 percent), swimming pools (68 percent) and public toilets (67 percent) to all races.

For buses (52 percent) and recreation centres (54 percent) the reaction was fairly strong, while for health clinics (40 percent), sports facilities (43 percent) and public libraries (37 percent) resistance was minimal.

Mixed theatre decision put off

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By Melody McDougall,
Vereeniging Bureau

A motion to open the Vereeniging Civic Theatre to all races was postponed until the next meeting of the town council on a point of order raised by one of the councillors last night.

Mr Willem Rossouw objected to the item, which was included in the urgency report tabled with the council agenda, on the grounds that he wanted more time to gather information before the matter was debated.

Mr Rossouw also objected to the fact that a memorandum containing statistics concerning the theatre was not circulated with the agenda.

Dr Mario Milani, chairman of the management committee, argued that a copy of the memorandum was handed to each councillor a month ago.

He also stated that this was the first time in the 12 years he had served on the council that an urgency report was postponed until the next meeting.

He said that Mr Willie Smuts, Mayor of Vereeniging, was setting a precedent regarding the postponement of urgency reports in the future by his decision to postpone this item.

He said that the council had received a letter from Pact (Performing Arts Council of Transvaal) stating that it would not be able to supply the theatre with shows in future if it did not go multiracial.

The matter will now be debated at the council's next meeting on December 13.

Private poll on open amenities seen as 'biased'

Municipal Correspondent

THE Randburg management committee has released a statement saying that "it has a duty to put the facts straight" regarding a private opinion poll concerning the proposed opening of public amenities to people of all races.

The private poll, conducted through the post and paid for by three businessmen who are opposed to the policies of the PFP management committee, found that 72% of the respondents were opposed to the opening of amenities and 28% in favour, in a polling percentage of only 27%.

The Randburg businessmen are Mr Rudi Schwacke, Mr Conrad Plange and Mr Bruno Ragghianti.

The results of the private poll have been played up against the 56,2% overall response in favour of open amenities, as found in a Human Sciences Research Council survey a few months ago.

The HSRC survey also found that only 30,8% of its respondents were totally opposed to open amenities.

The statement was released yesterday, along with a letter from the president of the HSRC, Dr Johan Garbers, which describes the private survey as biased, said:

"In the interests of truth and progress towards reform in South Africa the real result of the private survey is that only 18% (of the overall number of ratepayers approached) felt strongly enough about sharing public amenities to bother about registering their negative attitude.

"The vast majority of ratepayers, 73%, (who did not respond to the survey), don't regard open public amenities as an issue any longer and they showed this by ignoring attempts to stir up racial feelings again."

The statement pointed out that far less contentious surveys, such as the recent street lighting survey, attracted a much bigger reponse of 40%, than the private open amenities survey.

"The latest data (the private survey) shows that the number of hard core conservatives are dwindling and that the moderate majority is growing and ready for future changes," the statement said.

The statement quoted a letter from Dr Garbers saying the HSRC would certainly not have used a postal questionnaire for such a complex emotional survey because the results would have been "strongly biased".

Dr Garbers said postal surveys met with much lower responses than the personal surveys, and that the responses of postal surveys could not be analysed adequately.

Dr Garbers also said that the opening paragraphs of the postal questionnaire, as well as the request for financial assistance, would strongly point to biased responses.

The statement also said, "we will continue to move forward step by step to play our part in the elimination of costly, hurtful, apartheid.

"Consultation and open communication are the key aspects of our policy. So we again invite residents and ratepayers to contact us if they are concerned or if they have constructive ideas."

They came in their thousands from all over the country . . . and were turned away at the gate

Blacks barred!

Ruffled feathers at the Bird Park as giant concert is called off



☐ Bird Park proprietor Nick Boshoff who lost R4 000 on the concert cancellation

THOUSANDS of blacks who travelled by carload and busload from all parts of the country for an almighty party and music festival in Krugersdorp last weekend were turned away.

Officialdom intervened and stopped the shindig, which was to raise money for black education.

Police and officials of the Krugersdorp Bird Park turned away the crowds who began arriving the day before the scheduled concert They were even refused entry into the park which admits whites, coloureds and Indians only

Organised by the shebeen owners of the Taverners' Association, the concert was cancelled just a day before the event when a permit for the function was refused.

In terms of the Illegal Gatherings Act a permit must be obtained from [illegible]al ma[illegible]e for



into the black communit in return."

Mr Nick Boshoff, pro prietor of the Krugers dorp bird Park, has los R4 000 he spent on prepa ration for the gathering.

Amid the multi-racia crowd in his park Afri cans are conspicious b their absence, this de spite the large nearb township of Munsiville

Fight

Questioned on this, M Boshoff said: "God mad the sun to shine on every body and I would like t open my park to blacks. But if I did I would b closed down as I jus don't have the facilities.

"One can't fight th Government. And imag ine if I advertised i Soweto. I would have a least 20 000 people her every Sunday and the would close me down as just don't have the facili ties."

People come from a far afield as Randfontein Hillbrow and Modderfon tein to enjoy the facilitie

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□ ABOVE: White, coloured and Indian children play happily together in the park BELOW: Rans Gomba and Miriam Khumalo travelled from Mafikeng for the concert . . . and were refused entry to the park



By KAY TURVEY

event the Krugersdorp police insisted he obtain a permit "They were worried about so many blacks being in a white area," said Mr Michaels.

Their subsequent application for a permit was refused by the Krugersdorp magistrate, leaving Mr Michaels a day in which to notify the public of the cancellation.

The concert was to be held at the park in the heart of the prosperous white suburb of Randendal.

"It seems our numbers constituted the problem I must warn my people that we must not be so many," said the Shebeen King sardonicallly

"Up until just before the refusal it was all green-lighted for the go-ahead," he said.

He said the function was to promote the Taverners' Association. "It was to show that we are not just money-gobblers, but put something back

On the lawn the I found the Kahn family playing cards; they interrupted their hand to greet the proprietor. They told me they come to the park every week.

Best

"It is the best place to come, there are no hassles and we never any problems"

Further on Mrs Nola Ponsonby sits enjoying an icecream with her children

"What happens there?" she says, indicating the vast wooden stage that stands empty in the grounds

"It was cancelled as there was no permit," replies Mr Boshoff looking at the empty wooden structure that rises high above the crowd like an monument to an event that wasn't.

any meeting other than a religious gathering.

Angry

This applies where more than two people are gathered together.

More than 15 000 people were expected to attend the concert. Top names were due to participate, including Margaret Singane, Steve Kekane, Sakhile Peace and Hotline.

A bitterly disappointed Mr Lucky Michaels, chairman mf the Taverners' Association, said officialdom's action had not only made him angry, but also poorer.

He had put up R74 500 towards the event, in advertising, the erection of a stage, tent-hire and general preparation of facilities. His losses could not be recouped.

Shortly before the

Above board!

New shebeen laws that could change the drinking habits of South Africans

By Barry Streek

SOUTH Africa's new shebeen laws could pioneer the development of the neighbourhood pub, South African-style, and change drinking habits.

At present, the licencing of "taverns" — the official name for shebeens — is only beginning, slowly, in black areas.

It is also starting in many of the homelands, except in Bophuthatswana where President Lukas Mangope's moral convictions permit the development of casinos and Sun City but not the licensing of shebeens.

In September, KwaZulu's Minister of Health and Welfare, Dr Dennis Madide, told the first annual Natal and KwaZulu Tavern Association conference that the liquor laws and zoning requirements in the homeland would be amended to make it easier for shebeens to be legalised.

And in a recent Government Gazette in the Ciskei, for example, five applications for tavern licences were published — for Sasa's Tavern, Thou's Tavern, Lady's Tavern, Sis' Marion's Tavern and Sis' Zet Tavern.

The Liquor Act in the Ciskei simply says: "A tavern licence shall be granted or authorised by the licensing authority only if it is satisfied that the applicant keeps or proposes to keep upon the premises a public house which, but for such authorisation as aforesaid, would constitute a shebeen."

In the Ciskei, attorneys have said they have been inundated with requests from clients applying to have their shebeens legalised.

Other licensing laws are presumably similar and they could pave the way for the development of pubs outside black areas.

There is certainly nothing in the law which restricts the legalisation of shebeens to black areas although, clearly, some of the existing shebeens in the so-called white areas will never be approved.

But the thrust of the move to legalise shebeens is official recognition that they exist — and, with some control, should be encouraged. Which means that black areas are slowly getting legal neighbourhood pubs.

The National Liquor Board has instituted an inquiry into the delays in the applications for tavern licences; there were only 36 applications in 1981/2 and a further 22 are being investigated.

The National Tavern Association says shebeeners want to be legalised but are having problems filling in the forms.

Clearly, knowledge of the legal procedures is a problem and because experts are required to complete application forms and other formalities, the legalisation process is being hampered.

With luck, these problems will be overcome and the open neighbourhood pub will become an increasing reality in black areas.

But can this development be denied to places outside black residential areas?

People with bottle store and hotel licences can be expected to resist this move to protect their interests, but, in the end, the demand for the local pub by white consumers, long starved of small, intimate and local drinking holes, could be as great.

After all, why should licensing laws not be the same for everyone?

Indeed, white shebeens, could result from the new laws.

Christmas delays parks ban

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By DANIELA WYSZKOWKSI

CHRISTMAS has delayed the project to keep black people out of 17 of Pretoria's parks.

Twelve have already been fenced off A spokesman for the Pretoria city council expected the R70 000 fencing job to be completed early next year.

Pretoria's parks became the centre of controversy earlier this year when the council decided to reserve 17 of the capital city's parks for whites.

Black nurse maids accompanying white children will still be admitted.

But the regulation cannot be enforced until the new park ordinance has been approved by the Transvaal provincial authority. The spokesman said this would still take some time and he had no idea when it would be gazetted

Until this happens, signs forbidding blacks entrance cannot be erected.

Fencing material was ordered by the city council from different factories but the holiday shut-down has caused a delay in delivery.

In the meantime council workers will repair fencing around three of the remaining five parks.

Park violence may lead to entrance fees

A call to charge an entrance fee at Johannesburg parks has gained support after last Friday's violence at two parks which left at least three dead and 30 injured

A man was stabbed to death, two men drowned and 17 people were admitted to hospital with stab and slash wounds after picnickers went on the rampage at Gillooly's Farm in Bedfordview.

Eight buses were also badly damaged by stones and bottles and police had to use teargas to disperse the revellers.

Riot police were called in at the Zoo Lake after drunken brawls broke out Several people were injured and police arrested some picnickers for disturbing the peace

The Progressive Federal Party's MP for Edenvale, Mr Brian Goodall, said he was in favour of charging an entrance fee at parks

"The money can be used to provide security at Gillooly's Farm.

"Bedfordview's ratepayers cannot be expected to provide the funds for that The alternative is to close the park — and then everybody will suffer"

Johannesburg's parks and recreation committee chairman, Mr Danie van Zyl, said a report on park security would be released next year.

"A delegation was sent to the United States earlier this year to study American methods of handling the problem," he said.

Reports earlier this year said the Johannesburg City Council was considering charging an entrance fee at some parks to improve security.

If that was introduced the parks involved would be fenced off and patrolled by security guards and dogs

A police spokesman said about 25 000 picnickers were bused into the Gillooly's site, from as far afield as Ermelo, for their annual picnics.

The man who was stabbed to death there has not been identified yet. The two who drowned were Mr Solomon Louw of Mokgogala Section, Vosloorus, Boksburg and Mr Elijah Kanjawa of Skosana Section, Katlehong, Germiston

The Witwatersrand Divisional Commissioner of Police, Brigadier Jan du Plessis, said today he would not put his men on foot patrol at Zoo Lake in future

"The public should know how to behave If there are any problems, men are available to sort things out. We can also call on the Riot Squad to assist if necessary.

"Zoo Lake is a public place and we cannot stop people having picnics there but they must behave themselves," Brigadier du Plessis said.

A Chamber of Mines spokesman, Mr John Imrie, said he found it difficult to believe that the mines had bused in workers.

"The mines provide some of the finest facilities for their workers," he said

Goodall wants mines to offer facilities

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By MARGARETHA GOOSEN
Mail Reporter

A CALL on the mines to provide their own facilities for their workers has been made by Mr Brian Goodall, PFP MP for Edenvale, in the wake of Friday's violence at Gillooly's Farm

Payment for the use of recreational areas, and heavy fines for drinking in public, were also two of the ways suggested yesterday to prevent a repetition of the trouble at Zoo Lake and Gillooly's Farm, in which two people died and 30 others were injured

Yesterday, the police and public representatives appealed for calm over Christmas and the New Year.

Mr Goodall said he found it strange that mineworkers were being transported from far away to picnic at Bedfordview.

"Mines should surely be responsible for the provision of such facilities to their workers

"The mind boggles if one thinks that more than 50 000 people — Bedfordview's residents count between 15 000 and 20 000 — visited Gillooly's Farm

"As a Bedfordview citizen I am irate over the fact that such a disturbance was being created among our residents"

Mr Goodall said similar incidents occurred last year, and that his plea at the time for more recreational facilities went unheeded

Mr Danie Malan, chairman of Johannesburg's parks and recreation committee, said the problem was "a thorny one". His committee was preparing a report on the best use of parks and open spaces

One recommendation would be the charging of an entrance fee to keep out unwanted elements.

He also said that the control of the inflow of liquor to recreational areas seemed feasible

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4 die in Rand picnic fighting

JOHANNESBURG. — Tough crowd control measures at popular parks were urged yesterday after violence had flared among thousands of black picnickers around Johannesburg on Saturday.

Four people died — two by drowning — and more than 30 were injured in the bloody fighting that turned peaceful Zoo Lake and Gillooly's Farm into battlegrounds

Reacting to Saturday's outbursts, the Progressive Federal Pary MP for Edenvale, Mr Brian Goodall, said: "This kind of behaviour is deplorable, and unacceptable from any race group.

"A similar incident occured last year and I anticipated something like this happening again, but my warning went unheeded."

He said there were inadequate facilities at Gillooly's Farm, which fell in his constituency, and the only solution would be to charge an entry fee to limit the number of people admitted.

"These funds could be used to improve facilities and tighten security to protect people living in surrounding areas"

A Johannesburg City Councillor, Mrs Molly Kopel, said that both incidents were "extremely unfortunate, especially at Christmas when goodwill should abound".

She said: "A law should be introduced prohibiting the use of alcohol in all public places."

Residents in the Zoo Lake area of Parktown have expressed anger and concern over the violence at what used to be "a peaceful haven for picnickers and boaters".

The police were called to the Zoo Lake area by a Parktown resident who complained that picnickers were disturbing the peace. The riot squad was called in to assist and several arrests were made.

Drunken picnickers helped one of the arrested people escape from the police van. The man jumped over a wall in an attempt to get away, landed on broken bottles and cut his back and legs. His thigh was severly lacerated and he bled to death on the way to hospital.

Eleven others were arrested for disturbing the peace.

At Gillooly's Farm widespread fighting broke out between employees of two mining groups who arrived for a Christmas picnic.

Several hundred people were involved in the fighting in which one person was killed and 17 injured.

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Talks on park violence issue

By JEANETTE MINNIE
Municipal Correspondent

THE Bedfordview Village Council met the Johannesburg City Council yesterday to discuss immediate interim measures to curtail violence and maintain law and order at Gillooly's Farm during the festive season.

It is understood the issue of the sale of the picnic spot to Bedfordview was also on the agenda.

The chairman of the village council, Mr Geoff Midlane, said yesterday he would comment today after he had received word from the Johannesburg town clerk, Mr Alwyn Burger, about proposals made to the city council.

He would not reveal what the proposals were.

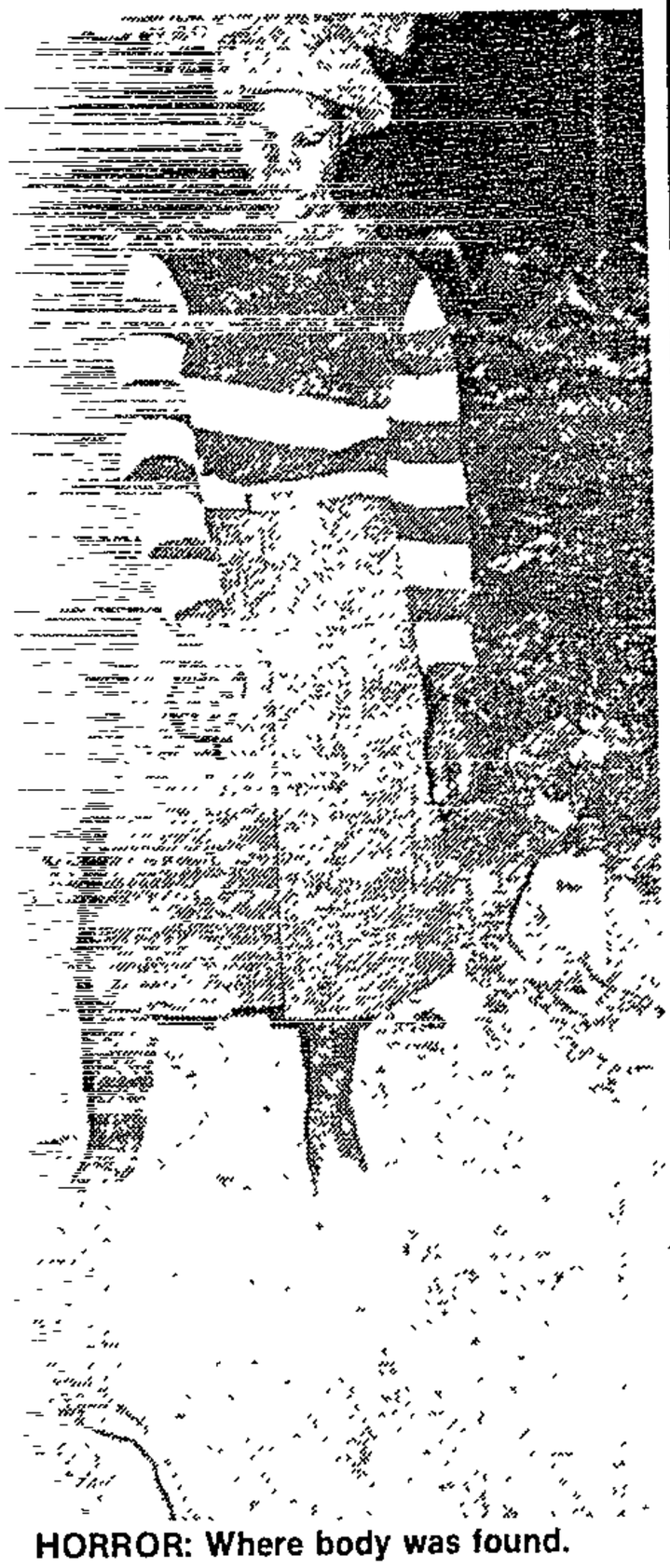
The meeting was held at Mr Midlane's request after violence at Gillooly's Farm on Friday, the Day of the Vow, left one person killed and 22 people injured. Two others drowned in the Gillooly's lake.

Although Gillooly's falls within the Bedfordview municipal border, the park was left to Johannesburg in a will and the city council is responsible for administering it.

After Friday's violence Mr Midlane indicated his displeasure with the Johannesburg City Council's administration.

The city council last year offered to sell Gillooly's to the village council, but the village council refused the offer.

Instead, it urged the city council to step up its responsibilities in terms of stringent controls and the provision of adequate toilets.



HORROR: Where body was found.

Infant's body found on dump

A GROUP of women and children scavenging on the outskirts of Soweto this week were left in shock and horror when they dug up the body of a baby on a rubbish dump.

The body, found wrapped in papers and placed in a small box, was discovered in a heap of rubbish near Orlando on Monday afternoon.

According to residents, a mysterious man carrying a box had been spotted earlier by locals around the area.

Said one woman. "One of the children searching through the rubbish heap saw the box first. Thinking that there was something valuable inside, he emptied the box. The next thing I heard these children screaming in horror, saying they had found the body of a baby."

By late Monday night, the body had not been removed and local residents expressed fear that dogs would maul it.

Deaths at farm spark action call

EAST Rand residents have called for tough action to deal with unruliness at Gillooley's Farm, near Bedfordview, during picnics and festive periods.

By MZIKAYISE EDOM

At the weekend two people drowned and one was stabbed to death. The stabbing was after a quarrel between scores of picnickers which also saw 22 admitted to hospital.

Since the violence and deaths, people have demanded strong action — some even calling for the closing of the picnic spot.

Reactions have come from all sectors of the community as people recall that the spot has been problematic in past years.

Yesterday the Bedfordview Village Council was due to meet with the Johannesburg City Council and police to discuss the matter. At the time of going to press we had not established the outcome of the meeting.

But all parties agreed that strong action needs to be taken to curb the violence.

Brigadier A Smith, the PRO for the East Rand Police, confirmed the drowning of the two people and the killing of the third person. He said police investigations were continuing, and no arrests have been made. He said the names of the dead would only be released after their families have been contacted.

Last Friday, a number of people, mainly supporters of Kwikot Benoni Football Club, were injured when fighting broke out between picnickers from various townships on the East Rand. According to information received by The SOWETAN, none of the persons assaulted was seriously injured.

Last year at the same spot about five people drowned and four others were murdered. Early this year two people drowned and two others were killed. In past years a number of people have drowned in the farm's lake and others have been killed or seriously injured after fights.

A number of East Rand residents interviewed by The SOWETAN yesterday, called on authorities to close down the farm or improve security. Mr Joshua Manana, chairman of the Katlehong Chamber of Commerce and Industries, said liquor and dangerous weapons should be barred from the farm.

Mr Gilbert Mothlaping, former "mayor" of KwaThema, called on the government to open more parks and provide more facilities for all races.

Two bomb blasts rock KwaMashu

TWO bombs exploded at the KwaMashu township offices near Durban on Monday night smashing hundreds of windows and blowing out a section of the roof as well as a main outside wall.

Nobody was injured in the blasts which happened in quick succession at about 10.16 pm.

The offices, in the same complex as the KwaMashu Police Station, are over the road from rows of residential houses which escaped damage.

Two watchmen on duty at the time of the explosions were uninjured.

Indications were that the bombs had been placed outside on the southern and eastern sides of the building.

The explosions were heard in Durban and Pinetown.

"It was very lucky that no one was killed or injured and also fortunate that very few of the records were destroyed as they had been locked up," said KwaMashu township manager, Mr V E Breetzke.

South African Police were yesterday searching for clues in the area which had been cordonned off.

No arrests have been made.

Meat parcels for gr

By KAIZER NGWENYA

THE National Taverners' Association (NTA) will give away to township grannies more than 7 500 packets of meat left over after its annual fund-raising picnic was washed off by heavy rain at Bundu Inn in Dennilton at the weekend.

Michaels, said the meat was stored in deep freezes and was going to be donated as NTA's Christmas present for grandmothers.

People from the West Rand can collect meat packets from Mr Arnold Maxoki who lives at 2676 Bhekuzulu Street in Kagiso 2.

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Festive picnicking as usual as . . .

Bid to close Gillooly's Farm fails

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By JEANETTE MINNIE
Municipal Correspondent

A PROPOSAL by Bedfordview that Gillooly's Farm — scene of four deaths and ugly incidents last Friday — be closed until after the New Year, has been rejected by the Johannesburg City Council because it could lead to further trouble.

It is understood the city council turned down the proposal after advice from the police and the East and West Rand Administration Boards.

The advice, apparently, was that turning people away, or restricting entry, especially to those who have travelled long distances, could antagonise members of the public and lead to more violence.

This means there will be no restriction on entry and controlling the numbers of people to the picnic spot.

Although the farm will remain open to all as usual, the chairman of Bedfordview Village Council's management committee, Mr Geoff Midlane, has appealed to pepple not to flock to Gillooly's during the coming public holidays.

In another development following talks between the two councils, the city council is to sell Gillooly's Farm to the village council.

The farm will be sold for R350 000.

Meanwhile, police have discovered the body of a third man in the Gillooly's stream and the bodies of two other men who drowned on Friday have been identified.

They are Mr Solomon Louw of Vosloorus, Boksburg, and Mr Elijah Kanjawa of Katlehong, Germiston.

Gillooly's Farm to be open over festive weekends

Gillooly's Farm, the scene of violence on the Day of the Vow last Friday, will remain open to picnickers over the Christmas and New Year weekends.

The town clerk of Johannesburg, Mr Alewyn Burger, met the police and representatives of the East and West Rand Administration Boards yesterday to discuss security measures at the park.

The chairman of Bedfordview Village Council's management committee, Mr Geoff Midlane, confirmed "the status quo would remain" at the park.

Police would not stop visitors from entering the park and would adopt a low profile.

He denied reports that Bedfordview had sought to have the park closed over the festive season.

Gillooly's Farm is a popular picnic spot with black people on the Reef but reports of violence have frightened many away.

One person died of stab wounds, three people drowned and 17 were admitted to hospital with stab wounds after picknickers went on the ram page after fighting broke out last Friday.

The third man who drowned in the stream at Gillooly's Farm has been identified.

He is Mr Jacob Bongwe (21) of 41 Tikusah Street, Kwathema, Springs.

Mr Bongwe drowned on Friday but his body was only recovered from the stream on Tuesday afternoon.

The two other men who drowned were Mr Solomon Louw of Vosloorus and Mr Elijah Kanjawa of Katlehong.

– since the start of the month

reliable'

Other "unexplained anomalies" in Benso's demographic estimates include sudden population decreases in Ciskei and KaNgwane between 1970 and 1971

He has also called into question the definition of GDP applied to the "homelands" by Benso and says these estimates do not represent the true production capacity of these regions

Certain sectors are included which are financed by external sources, he says Only 60% of Transkei's GDP in 1980 was attributable to payments generated within the homeland" and he estimates that 25% of the GDP in fact came from South Africa.

ack make-up

they see a man parading the streets dressed up to poke fun at them We do not want this kind of thing in Liverpool, where we are constantly trying to break down long-established racial prejudice

"I am not a kill-joy There must be plenty of other costumes this outfit could use without degrading black people," she said.

SA schoolboy tour

they were not party to the Commonwealth agreement on sport and the controversial tour would continue

"The tour goes on," said the secretary of the Welsh Youth Rugby Union, Mr Morris Davies, as the opening game in Wales of the South African under-19 team was called off because of a waterlogged pitch

"Our business is youth rugby in which young boys can get together to play rugby football, and that's what we are trying to promote," Mr Davies said yesterday

The WRU secretary, Mr Ray Williams, has also spoken out in support of the schoolboy tour.

Boputhatswana Transport Holdings bus and a Geen and Richards Furnishers truck collided at a four-way stop street near the Merafe Station in Mabopane about 8pm

Ga-Rankuwa police yesterday said three of the victims were Mr Mabulaleni David Masango, 44, of 1653 Maseko Stand, Winterveldt, Mr Samuel Matjeke, 44, of New Eersterust, Moretele, and Mrs Maria Maake, 30, of 1207 Kubheka Stand, Winterveldt.

The Rand Daily Mail's Cape Town correspondent reports that Mr Jonathan Chadwick, 20, of Durban North, a seaman due to complete his training at the end of the month, died yesterday when the car he was in mounted a kerb on the corner of Main and Church streets and crashed into a lamp pole at 3,40am

A trainee teacher, Miss Caroline Munnik, 20, of Kohling Street, Tamboers Kloof, was seriously injured, but is in a "stable" condition in a Groote Schuur Hospital intensive care unit Caroline is the daughter of Mr and Mrs Michael Munnik Her sister, Janet, 18, and Miss Helen Rose-Innes, 17, of Ethel Road, Claremont, both Westerford High School matriculants, are in a "fair" condition

Search for pup Thandi

Mail Reporter

AN EIGHT-WEEK-OLD bull terrier-cross-mongrel puppy was lost at the Carols by Candlelight at Zoo Lake last Thursday night

The owner, Miss Sandy Labe, of 46, 7th Avenue, Parktown North, Johannesburg, said she had only had the dog for about a week but had "waited for months for it".

The dog, a bitch named Thandi, had been left in a yellow Datsun bakkie at the Park and Ride area while Miss Labe attended the event.

The puppy, which is dark brindle in colour and has a white vest, is thought to have escaped through a partially opened window of the car

Miss Labee feels that the puppy might be with one of the children who took part in the nativity play

She added that the dog does not respond to its name, it does not have a collar, and has not yet been innoculated

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Putco doubles bus charge

By JEANETTE MINNIE

THE PUTCO bus company has doubled its charge for hiring buses to Gillooley's Farm, in Bedfordview, on Christmas Day and New Year as a form of insurance to cover damage to its buses

A public relations spokesman for Putco said yesterday that some buses which transported passengers to Gillooley's last Friday on the Day of the Vow — where four people died and 22 were injured when several hundred people began fighting — had been damaged

The spokesman could not provide details of the extent of the damage, or examples of how bus hiring fees from different areas would be affected

The assurance was given, however, that half of the hiring fee would be reimbursed on the return of the buses if they were not significantly damaged

The spokesman also said that so far "very few" buses had been booked for Gillooley's on Christmas Day and New Year

It was possible that the doubled hiring fee had played a part

Police sources said 180 buses had arrived at Gillooley's on the Day of the Vow, as well as numerous minibuses, transporting an estimated 25 000 people

Putco said that it had 91 buses booked for Gillooley's on the Day of the Vow

The chairman of the Bedfordview Village Council's management committee, Mr Geoff Midlane, has also appealed to people not to flock to Gillooley's on the forthcoming public holidays

At a meeting between Bedfordview, in whose area Gillooley's is situated, and the Johannesburg City Council, who owns and administers Gillooley's, it was decided that Johannesburg would sell Gillooley's Farm to Bedfordview for R350 000

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Punters, here's you

Mail Reporter

NOMINATIONS for the J & B Met Competition Handicap at Gosforth Park on January 7 close on Wednesday and then it will be over to Mail readers to win a fabulous weekend in Cape Town.

The Rand Daily Mail, J & B Meet at the Met competition promises two return air tickets to Cape Town, accom-

Readers will be given full details of this competition as soon as the nominations and final acceptances become available

The great Wolf Power is currently favourite to win the J & B Met at Kenilworth on January 21 and this could be a last opportunity to see him LIVE in action His trainer Ricky Maingard has already nominated him for

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Rip-off alleged at top picnic spot

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By MAURITZ MOOLMAN

AN independent television company is to ask the Johannesburg municipality to lay charges of fraud against four black men who were caught illegally charging visitors to Gilloo-ly's Farm on New Year's Day.

Visitors to the popular picnic spot in Bedfordview claimed they were charged R1 each entrance fee while the Mayor of Johannesburg, Mr Alan Gadd, recently said the park would remain open to all free of charge.

About 7 000 people visited the park, which is situated in the Bedfordview municipal area but run by the Johannesburg municipality, on Sunday.

A number of visitors told the film crew that four black men, armed with sjamboks and knobkieries, who claimed they were from the police, would not let anyone through unless they paid the R1 entrance fee.

An ice-cream vendor said he was charged R5.

The company, Channel Eight, was filming a programme on the relaxation of racial segregation at the park when the film crew accidently stumbled onto the alleged fraud, Mr Ian MacCleod, a Channel Eight producer, said yesterday.

The crew filmed an interview with one of the alleged defrauders who told them they represented a security company and were not charging anything.

But they were filmed running away into the bushes when the interviewer produced witnesses — leaving behind a car in which they were noticed earlier.

Mr MacCleod, who replayed the film for the Rand Daily Mail yesterday, said it would be made available to assist in investigations.

When the Mail visited the picnic spot yesterday it was virtually deserted.

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Pretoria has spent R130 000 on . . .

THE FENCES OF RACIAL HATRED

THE PRETORIA City Council's campaign to bar blacks from the city's parks is almost complete — and the new year will see blacks once more on sidewalks or street corners.

The SOWETAN recently had a check on the city's parks, and the fences — Berlin Walls — have been erected and the exclusion of blacks from the city's parks is not fait accompli

Built at a cost of R130 000 the fences are the culmination of months of wrangling in Pretoria The figure, R130 000, was mentioned in October last year but could have increased because of the rising cost of building materials

This fence issue also created a storm in political circles as it emerged just when the government of P W Botha was projecting its "verligte" policies and wooing the international fraternity in terms of business, sporting and cultural links But the conservative streak in the Pretoria City Council won the day and now the fences are up.

DEFY

Black leaders have come out against the move.

The deputy-chairman of the new Mamelodi Town Council, Mr Zikhali Ndlazi, has called on black people to go on using the parks from which they have been banned and also to defy the Pretoria City Council's ruling when it is implemented next year

Reacting to reports that a fencing project estimated at a staggering R130 000, Mr Ndlazi said people should ignore the regulation He called on the black community to be prepared to challenge such cases in law courts.



THE FENCE that will soon have another sign saying "NO BLACKS ALLOWED".

By Alinah Dube

"Whites have for a long time been pretending they did not know blacks also had the same rights as theirs to have proper facilities in the country. Now, for them to go many years backwards is not going to do anything else except breed hatred between the two groups," said Mr Ndlazi

The move to close the parks to blacks was met with anger by many white and black people who said it "will jeopardise the interest of the country as a whole."

Among those who protested were the University of South Africa's academics. In the petition which they signed last year they had stated that the move.

- Was bound to be seen by the majority of South African citizens as further proof that no progress towards racial justice can be expected from the government in the foreseeable future,
- can lead to despair abroad among people who hoped for peaceful change in South Africa;
- denies dignity and acceptance to a large number of fellow citizens and can be seen as the worst form of rejection. To designate by implication a whole race group as potential criminals is an insult, and
- contradicts the heart of Christ's message It is shocking that the capital city of a country whose leaders repeatedly proclaim adherence to Christian values should make such a decision

Some of the community leaders saw the decision as "a very sad thing that the council decided to spend R130 000 on implementing a racialistic decision — especially as it had not been able to find the money to improve parks in the black areas under its control "

In his statement early last year, the chairman of the Management Committee, Dr Gerhard Davidtsz, said the situation in the city's parks had been thoroughly investigated and that after all the facts were considered, his body had no other option but to recommend that some parks be reserved for whites, and that in other parks, stricter supervision and control be exercised

The national organiser of the General Workers' Union, Mr Donsie Khumalo, said drastic action was to be taken should such a regulation be implemented. He said his organisation would apply a serious eye to the problem which, he felt, was racialistic

"One finds it hard to reason why the whites won't learn that black people should not only be used as tools but should also enjoy the fruits of this country The very people they use to create those tight fences, are the people who will, in the near future, be taken to courts because of having been found there visiting their wives or sisters who work as domestic servants in the suburbs," said Mr Khumalo

According to the regulations, only black nursemaids accompanied by white children will be allowed into the parks

All the parks will however remain open until the council's amended parks by-laws are approved by the Transvaal Provincial Administration, and new notice boards erected at the 17 parks.

At a park already fenced off in Silverton, a group of shoppers who had come from Dennilton were seated outside the park having lunch. Some of the people employed at neighbouring shops said they had previously used the park to enjoy meals during lunch. Now they have nowhere to go

"It is surprising to find there are some authorities who consider black people as animals. What angers us most is that we are said to be violent only when it comes to sharing the wealth of this country with the whites," said one of the men outside the park

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Mr Frans Matsapola

Pretoria set for parks apartheid

Pretoria Bureau

PRETORIA is poised to close 17 of its parks to blacks.

The city is only waiting for the go-ahead from the Administrator of the Transvaal, Mr Willem Cruywagen, before notices prohibiting entrance to blacks go up.

The move is seen as an embarrassment for the South African Government, as there are many foreign embassies and political observers in the city.

Municipal workers were busy fencing off the third park to be closed to blacks, in Sunnyside, yesterday.

A white foreman objected to the Rand Daily Mail taking pictures of their progress, saying the city council did not like to have its property photographed.

The parks are being closed to blacks because the city council heard that whites visiting them feared for their safety, municipal spokesman Mr Jan Bezuidenhout said.

Blacks allegedly committed rape, became drunk; assaulted people and played soccer in the parks.

Yesterday blacks relaxing and having lunch in the shade of trees in some of the parks to be closed said they were saddened by the council's decision.

Loophole is sought

Pretoria bid for 'white' parks falters

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The Pretoria City Council had shown itself powerless to implement its whites-only parks decision, which went against Goverment policy.

This was the reaction of the Herstigte Nasionale Party opposition group in the council to the news that the Transvaal Provincial Administration was unwilling to approve a proposed amendment to the city's parks by-laws which would make it possible for the council to close 17 parks to blacks.

The council now hopes to implement its whites-only decision in terms of provisions of the Separate Amenities Act.

Spokesman for the HNP in the city council, Mr Piet Rudolph, said his colleagues had resigned from the council's parks committee because they knew the council would never get the parks reserved for the exclusive use of whites. The HNP would continue to fight tooth and nail to have all Pretoria's parks closed to blacks, he said.

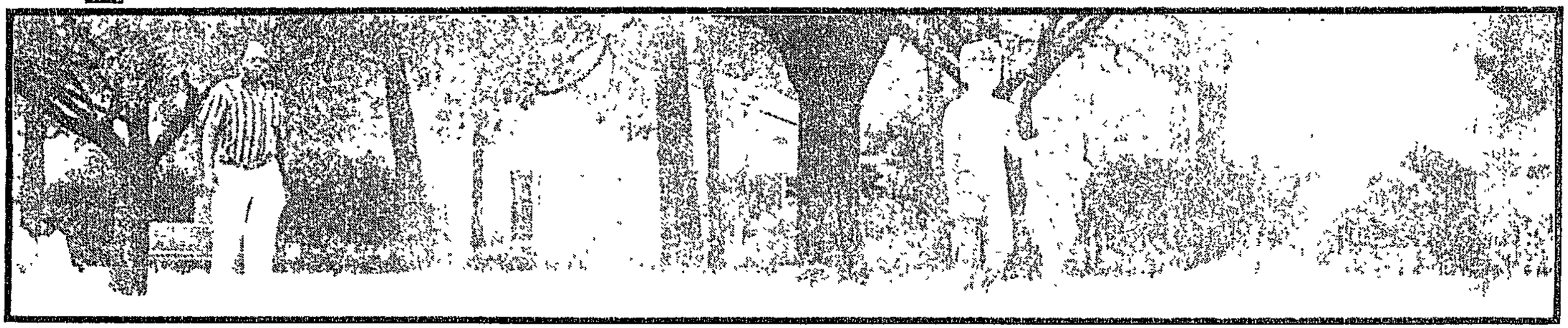
Leader of the second opposition group in the city council, Mr Tertius Spies of the Progressive Federal Party, said if the Separate Amenities Act was used to implement the council's apartheid policy, it would reflect very badly on the Government and its current reform policies.

Mr Spies said it would be very difficult for council officials to enforce the policy because of their limited powers, adding that they would have to rely on the police to prosecute offenders.

In a report to the council in November 1982 by the Town Clerk, Mr Piet Delport, reference was made to the fact that municipal officials were not legally empowered to arrest or evict anyone from a park.

However a city council spokesman said the council was currently investigating ways of making it possible for municipal officials to be vested with these powers.

Spot the casual stroller ...



● Some of the many people who visit Pretoria's parks each day . . . will they know which by-law or Act regulates their presence there?

... who won't stroll here much longer

THE Transvaal Provincial Administration has left the Pretoria city council uncertain over its controversial parks policy.

Instead of the expected approval of the council's proposed by-laws — which would effectively keep blacks out of 17 of the capital's parks — the Department of Local Government this week suggested that Pretoria turn to the 1953 Separate Amenities Act

Last year, when the parks issue came to a head, the council applied for an amendment in the by-laws to allow it to reserve 17 parks for whites

The Department of Local Government's suggestion was described by city councillors as an attempt

By DANIELA WYSZKOWSKI

to save the Administrator of the Transvaal, Mr Willem Cruywagen, considerable embarrassment

Most of the 17 parks have already been fenced to keep black people out and the council has been awaiting the TPA's approval of the proposed by-laws before erecting 'whites only' signs

Suggestions that the council had been put under pressure to withdraw the discriminatory clauses in the by-laws were dismissed by Mr Callie Reynecke, Director of Local Government of the Transvaal, who said it was pointless passing by-laws when there was an existing Act which would do the "same thing"

The department was not backing down on the issue, Mr Reynecke said The implementation of the Separate Amenities Act was "more logical"

But Mr Tertius Spies, leader of the opposition in the council, said the system was bound to break down as only police — and not municipal officials — could act in the event of contraventions.

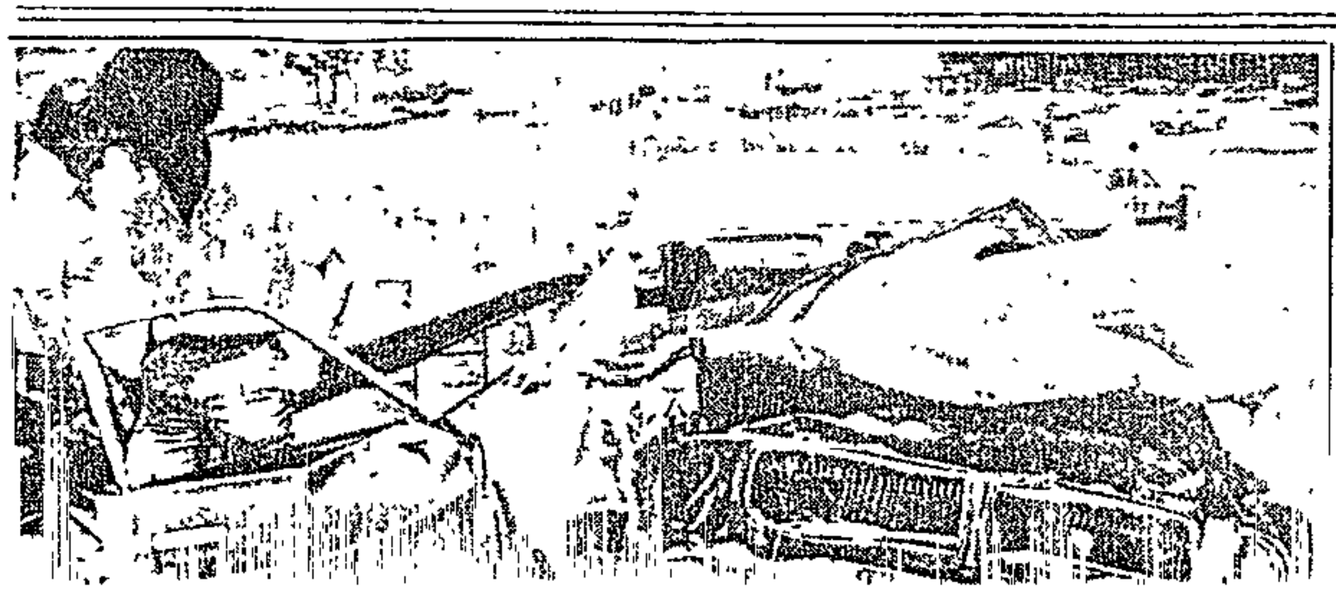
Mr Spies said the TPA had opted for "the easy way out" by advising the council to resort to existing legislation

One of the first Bills the coloured and Indian chambers in the new tricameral Parliament would attempt to have scrapped was the Separate Amenities Act, Mr Spies said

A council spokesman said the Act was not subject to approval by any other authority and could be implemented by a council majority vote 'Whites only' signs were still being made and the wording would not have to be changed.

However, Mr Spies said the signs would have to indicate which by-law or Act would keep blacks out

Recommendations that the 1953 Act be implemented will go before the management committee this month



Pieter Grundlingh turns to matchstick art in jail

MURDER accused Mr Pieter Grundlingh has filled his long days of waiting with a new pastime until his trial resumes next month

Mr Grundlingh, charged with murdering four people,

By DEBBIE REYNOLDS

servation period is over and she will be returned to the Maritzburg prison this week

The 20-year-old mother of

The trial took three weeks last year

However, state prosecutor Mr J van den Bergh will not take his usual place in the court when the hearing re-

Man killed as reservists open fire

Staff Reporter

AN UNIDENTIFIED man was shot dead when police reservists opened fire in London Street, Alexandra, early yesterday.

Top-level talks on Pretoria's 'white' parks

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Pretoria loses first round in parks battle

By Sue Leeman,
Pretoria Bureau

The Pretoria City Council has lost the first round of its fight to prohibit blacks from using 17 of the city's parks.

In terms of amendments to the Pretoria parks by-laws published in today's provincial gazette, the council has effectively been denied the right to prohibit access to any park for specific race groups.

It had included an amendment to this effect in its general revision of parks by-laws submitted to the Transvaal Provincial Administration. With this door slammed in its face, the council is hoping to push through its controversial decision in terms of the Separate Amenities Act of 1953 but it is not clear whether the city fathers will be empowered to do so.

Municipal officials are not authorised to take action against those caught contravening the Act.

Management committee discussions on the issue, scheduled for last Tuesday, mysteriously ground to a halt.

The city's 12-man parks committee is under increasing pressure from some councillors who are gathering "ammunition" in the form of residents' complaints and are urging the closure of further parks to blacks.

The TPA has been tight-lipped on the issue but it is believed the administration is reluctant to give the Pretoria City Council its way on something which is contrary to Government policy.

The City Council nevertheless went ahead with fencing some of the 17 parks early in December.

Municipal security officials have also been reported to be ordering blacks off the grass in a park adjacent to the Arcadia Art Gallery.

Pretoria's parks were opened to all races in 1973 but the row over the admission of blacks has flared intermittently since then.

City councillors, notably those from the HNP caucus, have pressed for the closure of parks to blacks, saying residents had complained of blacks gambling, drinking excessively and overcrowding the parks.

At a meeting last year, the council decided to appoint a parks committee to investigate the closure of certain parks, using fences and security officials with dogs to enforce the ruling.

Pricing urged for amenities

By David Braun,
Political Reporter

The Association of Chambers of Commerce (Assocom) is in favour of differentiated pricing to prevent overcrowding and racial friction at public amenities.

"This would be in addition or an alternative to gradually eliminating racial discrimination at such amenities," the association said in a report in a recent Johannesburg Chamber of Commerce Chamber Bulletin.

The report is based on Assocom's written submission to the President's Council on the question of providing amenities for all races.

Assocom recommends that amenities such as public transport, national museums, parks and theatres be open to all.

However, local communities and privately owned facilities should be able to decide to whom they should be made available, it says.

A JCC spokesman said such a pricing system did not mean that different race groups would be charged different fees. It was an economic device in which a particular amenity would set its prices to cater for only certain income levels.

Pretoria poses race test for new council

THE Pretoria parks issue may give the recently-formed Council for the Co-ordination of Local Government Affairs its first real test.

The council, chaired by the Minister of Constitutional Development and Planning, Mr Chris Heunis, is the "highest statutory forum" on regional, metropolitan and local government affairs for whites, coloureds and Indians in terms of the new constitution.

By DANIELA WYSZKOWSKI

It will hold its inaugural meeting on January 30

Professor Willem Kleynhans, head of the political science department at the University of South Africa, said the scene was set for a genuine test of the government's promises of reform.

Closure of some of the capital's parks to blacks was an issue on which the co-ordinating council would "stand or fall".

Professor Kleynhans said that since it was an advisory body, it would be interesting to see what advice it gave the government on parks apartheid.

Meanwhile, speculation about the Pretoria city council's next move increased when discussions on the issue, scheduled for Tuesday's management committee meeting, were postponed.

A recommendation by the city treasurer, Mr H W Schoeman, that the 17 parks be closed to blacks in terms of the 1953 Separate Amenities Act, was to have been discussed by the committee. A council spokesman said Dr Gerhard Davidtsz, chairman of the management committee, had given no reason for the postponement.

Last week it was announced that the Transvaal Provincial Administration had rejected the proposed amendments in the council's revision of parks by-laws.

Schooling: Private or State?

● **Are private schools worth all that extra boodle?**

Turn to LIVING

Pretoria persists in its attempts to close parks

Pretoria Bureau

The fences around some Pretoria parks are to stay while the city council deliberates on the possibility of barring blacks from using the facilities in terms of the Separate Amenities Act.

Attempts to amend the council's parks by-laws have been dropped.

In terms of amendments to the by-laws published last week in a provincial gazette, the council has effectively been denied the right to prohibit access to any park for specific race groups.

A municipal spokesman said a council vote in favour of implementing the Separate Amenities Act of 1953 was all that was needed to prohibit blacks from using certain parks. Seventeen of the city's parks have been singled out for the exclusive use of whites.

The spokesman said although municipal officials were not empowered to arrest people found using amenities reserved for other race groups, they were authorised to warn offenders or issue a summons to appear in court.

"In the beginning, while people are still getting used to the idea of reserved parks, warnings will probably be issued.

"But at a later stage summonses will be handed to offenders."

He pointed out that all amenities reserved for particular race groups in terms of the Act had to be fenced and clearly marked as territory forbidden to people of other groups.

Last Tuesday management committee discussions on the possibility of implementing the Separate Amenities Act were postponed without reasons being given.

It is understood that the committee intends to scrutinise the Act.

The council decided last year that initially 17 city parks be reserved for white residents, who were complaining that blacks were using these faclities for drinking parties and gambling sessions.

Fences have already been erected around most of the parks.

Govt can't afford to allow the capital city to flout wishes of NP leaders

Parks pose dilemma for Pretoria

By David Braun, Political Reporter

Pretoria's Management Committee is expected to sit next week to find a graceful way of extricating itself from the political dilemma over its controversial decision to close 17 of the city's parks to blacks.

The committee finds itself in a quandary since the provincial administration last week blocked an attempt by the city council to reserve the parks for whites.

On the one side the committee is pressured by the strong Herstigte Nasionale Party faction in the council to close the parks. There is also its need to maintain the prestige of the council as an autonomous body.

On the other hand, the provincial blocking action conveyed how seriously the Government's disapproval should be taken by the council.

The reservation of 17 of the capital city's 300 parks for whites would have severe repercussions at home and abroad.

National Party policy clearly states that where amenities cannot be duplicated (and it is doubtful that Pretoria is capable or willing to supply an equal number of parks for blacks in the affected suburbs), they must be shared.

The Government cannot afford to allow Pretoria, a Nationalist-dominated city council, to flout NP policy, especially when it is known that such action is against the wishes of party leadership.

If Pretoria closed the parks the consequent publicity would do much to damage internal race relations and undermine the chances of the coloured and Indian parties who are in favour of taking part in the new political dispensation.

The country's image overseas would be further eroded at a sensitive time when disinvestment in South Africa threatens to become an issue in the US Presidential election.

The city council voted last April to close the parks after a campaign by rightwing members who said their voters had complained about blacks using the parks.

So sure was the council of its authority in this matter, that after the decision was taken, but before it was approved by the provincial authorities, work was started on fencing these parks and making notice boards prohibiting blacks entry (unless they were nannies accompanying white children).

An amount of R70 000 was set aside in the city's last budget for this purpose.

But last week, in a move widely interpreted as the result of deliberate pressure by the Government, the provincial authorities published amended legislation making it impossible for the Pretoria City Council to close the parks under a municipal by-law.

The city council, however, says that an agreement was come to in which the council accepted that it was not necessary to pass a by-law to close the parks Its tactic is to invoke the powers local authorities have under the Separate Amenities Act of 1953 to reserve any facility under its control for a particular race group.

Mr Douglas Gibson, leader of the Progressive Federal Party in the provincial council, has hailed the provincial decision to block the original by-law as a breakthrough — "the first time in my experience on the council that the provincial executive has used its power to limit apartheid instead of extending it".

Mr Gibson suggests that now the NP leadership should use its influence, even if it's behind the scenes, to dissuade the Pretoria City Council from closing the parks under the Separate Amenities Act. Failure to do so, he says, will signify that the Nats only pay lip service to moving away from discrimination. Success would demonstrate a genuine desire for reform.

A spokesman for the HNP caucus in the city council says the provincial action to block the council was not unexpected. The HNP, he says, remains committed to having the 17 parks closed, and thereafter more and more parks until all 300 are for whites only.

"We are not too worried about the implications of the provincial authorities' action because, under the new political dispensation, parks are an 'own affair' and we may close them to other race groups if we so wish," he said.

The Rev Allan Hendrickse, leader of the coloured Labour Party, has said he believes that if Pretoria goes ahead with closing the parks under the Act, and that Act comes under fire in the new Parliament, then the city council will have precipitated political confrontation in the highest councils of the land.

PFP, black leaders urge open parks

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Pretoria Correspondent

Local black leaders and the Progressive Federal Party today called on the Pretoria City Council to leave all parks open unconditionally to all people.

This follows the announcement yesterday of the management committe's decision temporarily to postpone the implementation of the council decision to reserve 17 parks for whites.

Leader of the PFP in the council, Mr Tertius Spies, said he was pleased the management committee had "come to its senses" and had realised that any problems in parks could be solved by simple supervision.

However, the management committee should have withdrawn the closed-parks decision unconditionally.

Local black leaders endorsed this.

Mr Willie Hoods, chairman of the Eersterust management committee, said the council should stop "dilly-dallying, should drop the whole issue, and allow free access of all people to all public facilities".

Mr Alex Kekana, Mayor of Mamelodi, said he was happy there was still a chance of open parks, but resented the implication that the "problems" were caused by blacks.

The management committee decision is expected to spark off heated debate in the full city council meeting today, with Herstigte Nasionale Party and other right-wing councillors objecting strongly to the decision and the fact that they were "the last to know" of it.

A spokesman for the HNP group, Mr Piet Rudolph, said he was shocked that the management committee could "shamelessly" put such a change-of-policy decision before the council.

The HNP would insist that all Pretoria's parks were closed to blacks.

Room in the sun for everyone?

By Sheryl Raine,
Pretoria Bureau

The management committee of Pretoria's City Council has recommended that a decision to close 17 of the city's parks to blacks be temporarily suspended.

In a carefully-worded statement, the committee spells out a system of full-time control and supervision at the parks aimed at making them safe for all races.

However, if the system of control fails to make the parks safe, the management committee says it will have no option but to reserve the parks for whites in terms of the Separate Amenities Act.

The management committee's recommendations comes after a slap in the face for the Pretoria City Council from the Transvaal Provincial Administration. The province rejected an amendment to the city's by-laws which would have closed 17 so-called problem parks to blacks.

The management committee's recommendations will go before the full city council at a meeting today.

It has carefully avoided placing the blame for Pretoria's park problems on any particular race group.

Pretoria shelves parks apartheid

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Pretoria Correspondent

The Pretoria City Council, after a fiery three-hour debate in which the management committee was called on to resign, has voted to postpone for the time being the implementation of reservation in 17 parks.

The three-strong Progressive Federal Party group, though disappointed that the management committee had not recommended a reversal of the whites-only parks decision, joined the 22 councillors of the ruling Federation of Ratepayers' Associations to vote for the postponement. Five Herstigte Nasionale Party and three Conservative Party councillors present voted against the management committee decision.

The HNP leader in the council, Dr Piet Barnard, proposed in an amendment to the management committee decision that the council decision last April to reserve 14 parks for whites only be implemented and that immediate attention be given to the future of other parks in the city.

Qualified support for the management committee recommendation to introduce control and supervision of 14 problem parks, instead of immediately going ahead with plans to close them to blacks, came from the PFP leader in the council, Mr Tertius Spies.

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Absent Venter keeps colleagues guessing

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so far he has failed to do so.

Mr Venter has refused to comment on the issue, but the new leader of the NP, Mr Jan Burger, said he believed Mr Venter would resign.

There was speculation at yesterday's meeting that Mr Venter may try to stay on the management committee with the support of the independent councillors.



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and Sue van der Merwe are seen with an 18th century peephole fan valued at R440. The exhibition will run until the end of February.

Council agrees on need for more parks

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By Colleen Ryan, Municipal Reporter

The Johannesburg City Council has agreed to take certain steps to provide more parks and recreational facilities for city residents

The council approved a motion urging the management committee to make money and facilties available to explore the need for more open areas.

The motion passed at yesterday's monthly council meeting expressed deep concern about "the tragic events and disturbances which occurred at Zoo Lake and at Gillooly's Farm during December 1983".

It also expressed dismay about the "alleged malpractices involving the collection of admission charges at Gillooly's Farm over the New Year holiday".

The original motion, proposed by PFP city councillor Mr Ian Davidson, also slated the management committee for its failure to provide sufficient open spaces for the city's inhabitants.

After lengthy debate, an ammended motion was passed which expressed appreciation for the way in which the management committee had attempted to provide facilities

Mr Davidson said the council must take steps to prevent a repetition of violence at Johannesburg parks.

"I believe that if control had been exercised the tragic events would not have occurred," he said

He warned that the demand for park land would increase and that the city council must adopt long term measures to resolve the situation

Mr Johan Fick, National Party councillor, said Johannesburg was paying for policy errors made by the Government in the past.

"Central government is largely responsible and local authorities do not have the funds to resolve this problem on their own," he said.

Ex-MP declared dead

A former MP for Soutpansberg, Mr Erasmus Johannes Smit, was yesterday declared dead by the Pretoria Supreme Court

In an affidavit before the court, his son, Mr Abraham Smit, described his father as senile and said he disappeared from his farm in the Tzaneen district on September 27 1976.

Despite a three-day search his father was never found.

Mr Erasmus Smit was physically a healthy person for his age, but he would have been unable to care for himself

In 1974 a curator was appointed by the Supreme Court to control his affairs. The court found him mentally unfit to look after his estate. — Sapa.

Pretoria may impose entry fees to parks

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By Sue Leeman,
Pretoria Bureau

The Pretoria City Council's management committee would seriously consider the possibility of charging admission fees to 17 city parks at the centre of a dispute over their use by different races.

This was revealed during yesterday's Provincial Council session by the committee's deputy chairman and MPC for Waterkloof, Mr Steyn van der Spuy.

He declared that the committee would not hesitate "to do what ever is necessary to reserve these parks for the use of residents".

The charging of entrance fees, he said, would help the council assert stricter control over access to the parks.

Mr van der Spuy's announcement was another salvo in the battle which has raged since the council voted last year to reserve 17 parks for white use.

The council was routed recently when it was asked to remove a clause allowing for the closure of parks from draft legislation submitted to the Administrator for approval.

Fences had already been erected around most of the "trouble spots" and municipal security officials were seen patrolling one park late last year.

The management committee then considered invoking the Separate Amenities Act, but there was some confusion over whether municipal officials were empowered to enforce it.

Meanwhile, an ad-hoc parks committee heard further evidence from residents who claimed blacks were using parks as gambling and drinking venues.

SENSITIVE

Mr van der Spuy said yesterday that parks were becoming a sensitive issue as South Africa's growing population sought somewhere to relax.

He pointed to recent unrest at Gillooly's Farm and Zoo Lake in Johannesburg, saying this was evidence parks were no longer "just places for pretty flowers".

The PFP leader in the council, Mr Douglas Gibson, congratulated the Administrator and the provincial executive committee for opposing what he called the Pretoria City Council's "racist" decision.

His party would give its wholehearted support to this decision and others like it which were in the national interest.

However a move that the PFP could not support was the Government's past attempt to incorporate kaNgwane and Ingwavuma into Swaziland "without so much as a by-your-leave".

The residents of these areas must be consulted.

The PFP was opposed to schemes like this which seemed to be aimed at ensuring "that there are no black South Africans".

He asked whether the executive committee had been asked to give evidence before the Rumpff Commission on the matter, and if so whether they would inform the whole council of their stand before doing so.



CENTRE: Part of the three thousand people at the opening of Ipelegeng Community Centre in Soweto.

COMMUNITY CENTRE 'HERALDS NEW ERA'

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By JOSHUA RABOROKO

MORE than 3 000 people from all parts of the Witwatersrand attended the official opening of the R1¼-million Ipelegeng Community Centre in Soweto yesterday.

The glittering occasion, punctuated by classical music, rendered by several local Anglican Church choirs, was solemnised by the Bishop of Johannesburg, the Right Reverend Timothy Bavin.

Among the guests was an executive member of the Soweto Committee of Ten, Mr Legau Mathabathe, the former Soweto "mayor" Mr David Thebehali, Mr G M Pitje, a lawyer, the Rev Simeon Nkoane, Bishop Desmond Tutu and Mr and Mrs D M Glennie, the architects of the centre.

The centre, which was built using financial resources from Germany, Canada and local donors, is designed to help people from Soweto and other areas, regardless of their church affiliation.

In his address, Bishop Tutu said the centre was a symbol of how the hands of black and white people in South Africa can work together.

It was essential that the people of Soweto should use this project to the best of their ability so that they could improve themselves and prove their worth in the country.

The Rev David Nkwe said that the building of the centre was an indication that blacks were no longer regarded as "temporary sojourners in black residential areas."

"The project could not get off the ground about 12 years ago when the government refused us permission to build it because they said such facilities could only be built in the so-called homelands.

"Today," he added, "the project has become a reality and it is up to every member of the black community to develop his or her skill in this centre," he said.

"The project disproved the false impression that the future of blacks was outside the urban areas as was portrayed by those who were in power during the Information scandal," Bishop Bavin said.

The centre, which has sporting facilities, a library, several accommodation blocks, a conference and working group centres, will be used for the aged, teaching and tuition meeting.

Speaker after speaker praised the courage which Mr Nkwe had in starting the project, which will herald a new era for the unemployed and under-privileged people of Soweto.

Water shortage goes on

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THE serious water shortage at the East Rand townships of Katlehong and Thokoza, which started last week, may continue for another two weeks.

East Rand Administration Board officials have blamed "technical problems in the water supply system".

Both townships are now using water tankers for their daily supply, but residents are finding these inadequate. Erab has now promised to supply more tankers in order to meet the residents' demands.

The water problem in the townships started last week after the completion of a new water reservoir and the laying on of new water pipes.

Mr F E Marx, the chief director of Erab said: "After the completion of the reservoir and the laying of the new pipes, pressure tests were conducted and immediately after water had passed through the new pipes, they burst."

Mr Marx said that the technical department of the board and the contractors were working around the clock to fix the problem and that if all goes well, the water supply in both townships would be back to normal within the next two weeks.

PACE IN PHASE TWO

R6-m has now been spent on Soweto's top college

THE opening of the second phase of Pace Commercial College last week means that already R6 million has been spent in the construction of the most modern school in Soweto.

By SELLO RABOTHATA

Mr John F Akers, president of the International Business Machines (IBM) officiated at the dedication ceremony, which was attended by a number of diplomats and the British Ambassador to South Africa, Mr E A J Fergusson.

Pace — an acronym for Planned Advancement of Community Education — is a privately supported commercial high school for blacks, which owes its existence to the initiative of the American Chamber of Commerce (AmCham) in South Africa, and the continued support of both American and South African companies.

The first phase of the project, which consisted of the construction of a junior high school, was completed in 1981 and cost R4 million. The second phase, the senior high school, cost another R2 million and was commissioned last month.

Pace has as its objectives: to provide opportunities to help each individual child to achieve his or her fullest potential, and to move into the works with confidence and pride; to aim at standards high enough in school leavers to be competitive across all dimensions of race in the job market; and to allow the community at large access to the facilities whenever possible in order to help uplift the quality of life in Soweto.

The history of Pace goes back to 1977 when AmCham and its member companies embarked on a project, in close consultation with black businessmen and community leaders, to construct a model commercial high school, offering the highest quality of education with the emphasis on commerce and general careers in administration.

The first graduates of the school will matriculate in 1985 and it is expected that a number of these matriculants will pursue further education. However, some of them will immediately enter commerce and industry as eager and well prepared school leavers. The first intake of 120 Standard Six pupils took place in July 1981. They will become the school's first matriculants next year, by which time it is expected there will be 600 young boys and girls attending the school.

Innovative

As a private school, Pace has been able to be innovative in the educational process. It was the first school in Soweto to have a fully equipped theatre, the first to introduce physical education into the curriculum, the first to have a computer-based teaching system, the first to serve from its own kitchen a balanced midday meal to all pupils, and the first to plan regular student visits to actual work situations in commerce and industry, to ensure acquaintance with actual work situations in order that confidence may be built up before choosing a career.

Mr Akers said: "As a businessman I am delighted with the growing success of Pace. For our business people know very well that the future of their interprises depends on a steady stream of trained, educated young people. Without them all our business plans would come to nothing. In my experience there is a direct correlation between solid education and economic success."



OFFICIATED: Mr John F Akers, president of IBM



IN CHARGE: Mr Rex Peddington (headmaster) and his deputy Mr Oswald Mtshali in the foyer of Pace Commercial College.

Another 6 weeks of thirst

RESIDENTS in the East Rand townships of Katlehong and Thokoza may face another six weeks without water while the East Rand Administration Board (Erab) battles to repair their burst water pipes.

The water problem in both townships started three weeks ago after the completion of a new water reservoir, when the new water pipes were tested but burst immediately after water had passed through them.

The situation is so serious now that residents in both townships have to walk about 8km to get water because the three water tankers presently provided by the board to supply water, are inadequate. The tankers are supposed to supply more than 45 000 residents in Katlehong and Thokoza, daily.

Mr F E Marx, the chief director of Erab, told **The SOWETAN** yesterday that his board was still experiencing problems in repairing the burst asbestos pipes with steel ones "because at the moment we are still running short of material and we hope to have our stock delivered during this week or early next week.

"We also hope to increase the number of the tankers to at least six in order to cope with the demand of the residents."

He said the tankers will supply water thrice a day instead of twice.

The situation in the two largest sections of Katlehong — Nhlapo and Shongweni — worsened recently, while the southern sections of the township, which suffered a severe shortage in the past three weeks, were now receiving water at least twice a week, during the week only.

Both townships are dry over weekends and rely on the tankers for their supply.

Mr Marx said he hoped the problem will finally be solved in six weeks' time and that the board will then move further and upgrade the sewerage system, which has been breaking down, time and again, for the past three years.

He said: "The money for this project is already available and we hope to start at the end of April."

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Krugersdorp bars lawmen

AN APPLICATION by two black attorneys to practice in the central business district of Krugersdorp has been turned down by the Krugersdorp Town Council.

The two attorneys, who are in partnership, Mr Maropeng Joseph Kuaho and Mr Aubrey Khanyile, were refused permission to practice, although a precedent was set last year when Mr M B Mohlahledi was granted permission to practice.

The council's decision has now been forwarded to the Commissioner of Co-operation and Development, Mr M Koster.

The two attorneys moved to suites in Astor Building, Princess Marina Street, near Krugersdorp Station, last October.

Deadlock

Messrs Kuaho and Khanyile's application is in terms of the eight km radius from the existing local magistrate's court.

With the previous applicant, Mr Mohlahledi, the council reached a deadlock. After a lengthy debate the then mayor, Mr Wiets Botes, refused to use his casting vote — five councillors were in favour and five against the granting of the permit.

After a second deadlock with six councillors against and six in favour, Mr Botes exercised his casting vote.

"I'll be neglecting my duty if I do not use my casting vote," Mr Botha said then before casting in favour of the amendment.

Another councillor, Mr J Bait, said the council should not lose sight of the age of the applicants — Mr Kuaho is 26 and Mr Khanyile is 32. — Sapa.

Art centre sparks racial row

By CLARE HARPER

AN ART centre to be established in Jeppestown, Johannesburg, to provide advanced teaching for blacks has been opposed by Mr Hennie Bekker, National Party MPC for the area, on the grounds that it would incite racial friction

"While I believe in the upliftment of blacks, I am against the art centre in the middle of a white residential area," Mr Bekker said yesterday

"Jeppe is not a rich community It is an area where the income ranges from middle to lower-middle income groups. If a multiracial art centre is to be established, it should be in Houghton or the so-called grand areas

"My question is, why must this happen in a white residential area? I don't want it to happen in a white residential area, where residents are against it," he said

Mrs Irene Mennell, Progresive Federal Party MPC for Houghton, said yesterday

"I am appalled that they (the National Party) are still living in the middle ages Johannesburg is a multiracial city and amenities should be used where and when they are available, in the interests of developing the talents and skills of all South Africans."

If the art centre goes ahead, it will combine professional training in the fine arts and employable skills, such as welding, print making and basic carpentry

The proposed art centre will be run by the African Institute of Art on the premises of the old St Mary's School, in Berg street.

Mrs Mennell said it was nonsense to suggest that such a facility would incite racial friction.

"That is a barbaric response to a very civilised project," Mrs Mennell said

However, Mr Bekker said "My view is that if people such as doctors and professionals have been educated on the same level, there is less racial friction But the rubbing of shoulders on a broad spectrum will create friction

"Can you guarantee that those people will be all post-matric, or that they won't cause an influx of spectators," Mr Bekker asked

He said the policy of the National Party was "own residential areas remain for the people living there".

"I am not prepared to experiment with things like that in an area that is already under social pressure," he said.

The former PFP constituency chairman for Jeppe, Mr Kobus van Staden, said yesterday

"I have canvassed for years in Jeppestown and I have never experienced any racial problems in the area"

Ms Sandy Summerfield, project developer for the African Institute of Art, said

"I have found that the overwhelming majority of responses of local residents are favourable and supportive of the project"

But Mr Bekker said "I have pledged my support for the centre, but it must not happen in Jeppe."

To Miami by Concorde

London Bureau

LONDON — British Airways started a new supersonic service yesterday, flying Concorde from London to Miami via Washington

Three flights a week will be operated in each direction

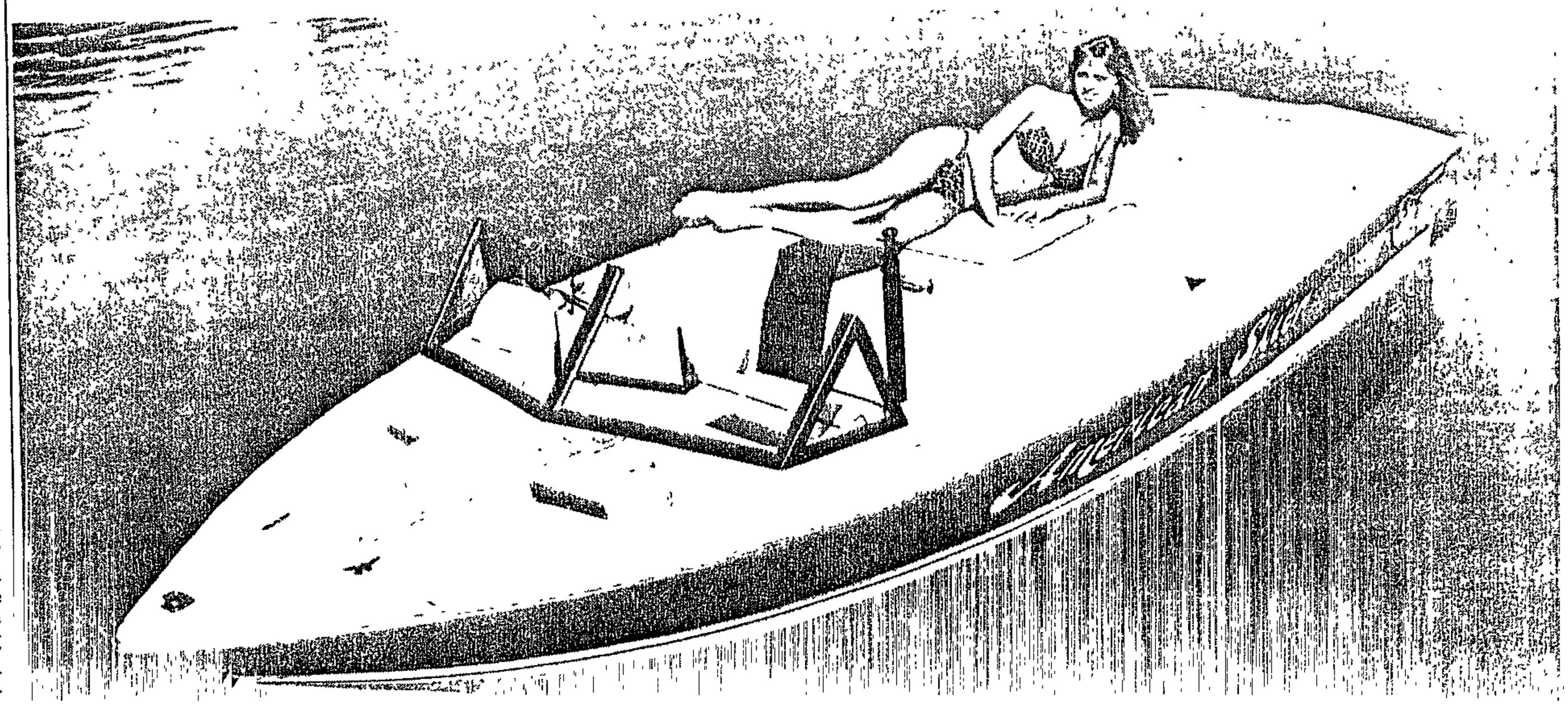
The new service will be up to two-and-a-half hours faster than non-stop subsonic flights between London and Miami, providing a time from London, including the Washington stop, of 6 hours 35 minutes for the 7 800km journey. From Miami the journey will take 6 hours 15 minutes

Nyangas refuse to point fingers

PIETERSBURG. — Witchdoctors in the Pietersburg area are becoming reluctant to "smell out" people "responsible for lightning strikes," in the wake of bloodshed and court cases

Two cases in which people are being tried for killing "lightning engineers" pointed out by witchdoctors after lightning killed villagers, are at present being heard

Lightning strikes are, however, very common in the Northern Transvaal, and following another lightning strike on March 7 which killed a 14-year-old boy near Seshego, vil-



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NO AMBULANCE - SO 2 DIE IN TEMBISA

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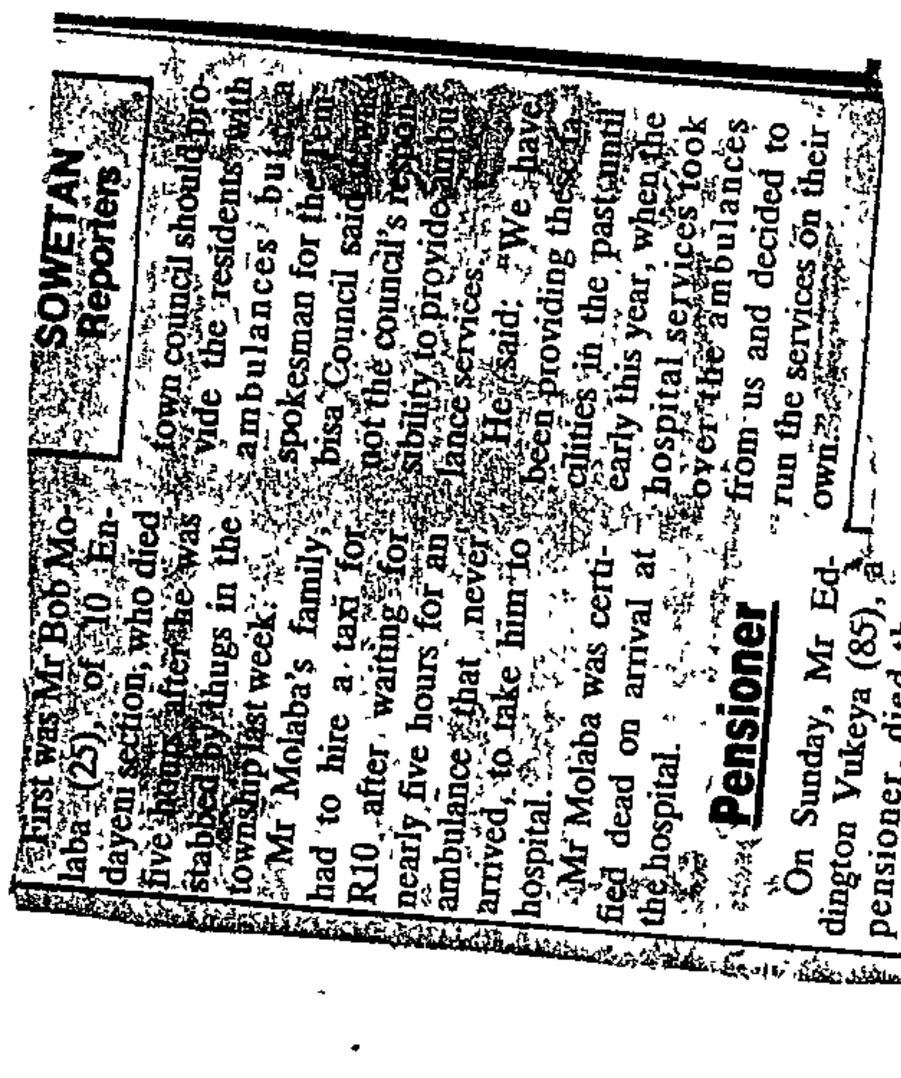
TWO people — one a pensioner — have died in Tembisa, near Kempton Park, in the past nine days after they could not be rushed to hospital because the township's two ambulances are out of order.



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First was Mr Bob Molaba (25), of 10 Emdayeni section, who died five hours after he was stabbed by thugs in the township last week.

Mr Molaba's family had to hire a taxi for R10 after waiting for nearly five hours for an ambulance that never arrived, to take him to hospital.

Mr Molaba was certified dead on arrival at the hospital.

Pensioner

On Sunday, Mr Eddington Vukeya (85), a pensioner, died three hours after his relatives had telephoned to take him to hospital. His family tried to get alternative transport but he died three hours later before any transport could be found to take him to hospital.

The superintendent of the Tembisa Hospital, Dr J B C Slieringa, confirmed yesterday that the only two ambulances at the hospital had broken down and had been out of order for the past three weeks.

He also said: "It is the policy of the hospital not to fetch patients from their homes or streets in the ambulances. The residents have got to organise their own transport to come to hospital."

Dr Slieringa further suggested that the local

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Tembisa meeting

THE Tembisa People Voice Party will hold a meeting on Sunday in the township to discuss the shortage of ambulances in the area which has resulted in two people dying over the past two weeks.

The meeting, which will start at 8am, will be held at the Isiziba Higher Primary School in Isiziba section Mr J S Pitse, chairman of the party, has called on the residents to attend the meeting.

Soweto shebeen owners get OK

ABOUT 27 Soweto shebeen owners are to be granted licences to operate legally.

Mr Ephraim "Peggy Bel Air" Senne, an executive member of the National Tavern Association (NTA) said that shebeeners will definitely be granted their licences after a meeting of the Liquor Board on April 16. He said he foresaw no problems in them getting the licences.

Mr Senne is one of the successful applicants.

The shebeeners who will be allowed to operate legally, satisfied all the requirements of the National Liquor Board.

The National Tavern Association launched its fight to have the shebeens licenced about four years ago.

In October last year the Soweto Council and the West Rand Administration Board recommended that 37 shebeens be legalised to sell liquor for consumption on the premises.

Where a residential site has been rezoned for "on consumption" liquor purposes and the owner wishes to use a section for residential purposes a dividing wall must be built

The shebeen should have separate toilets and ablution facilities for men and women.

An enclosed drinking area must be provided.

A wall 2m high must be built around the area.



"PEGGY BEL AIR" SENNE: No problems.

New train services for PWV

THE South African Transport Services (SATS) has announced that it is to introduce a revised suburban train service in the Pretoria-Witwatersrand-Vereeniging (PWV) area with effect from today.

The public relations department of SATS, in a statement, said this service is designed to be more regular and reliable, and that it will coincide with the proposed passenger fare increase announced by Mr Hendrik Schoeman, Minister of Transport Affairs, earlier this year.

Peak hour

Suburban train sets on the Randfontein-Springs service will be lengthened from eight to 11 coach train sets or to 12 to provide additional accommodation. Furthermore, scheduled running times of trains will be altered to provide a frequency of one train every hour during late hours and early hours.

During the off-peak period, during the day, the frequency will be increased to a half-hour rate. The normal peak hour period service will be maintained with only slight changes to the scheduled running times of the trains.

Passengers

The Soweto train service will have all suburban train sets increased to 14 coaches. On the Pretoria-Leralla route the train sets will be lengthened to 12 passenger coaches and additional trains have been scheduled to operate on the Daveyton and Kwesine lines. Natalspruit will also have a suburban service operating.

Another improvement to the service involves the minimising of delays experienced by commuters who have to change trains to reach a specific destination.

Connecting trains will now be available within seven minutes. In Residensia the suburban service has been improved so that the trains run hourly.

Arrangements have been made to assist passengers in planning their journey timeously. A timetable has been published and will be available at a number of distribution points at stations; Condensed timetables will be displayed at prominent places on all stations; Pamphlets will be distributed to commuters; Employees of SATS as well as the Railways police will be on duty on stations to provide information where necessary; Regular announcements in regard to running times of trains will be made over the public address systems on stations.

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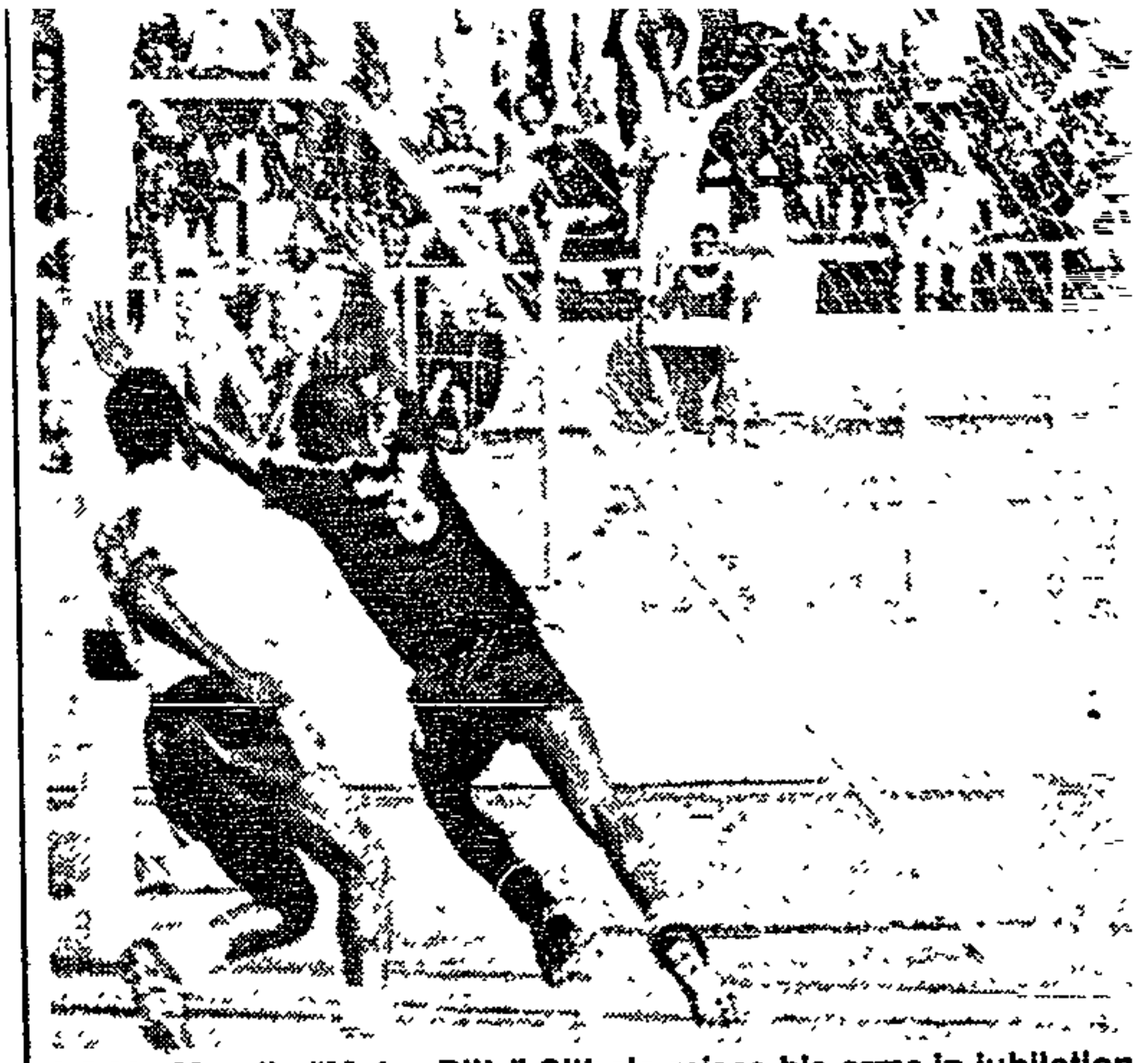
Soweto owes R2-million



GOAL: Mandla "Metro Blitz" Sithole raises his arms in jubilation Swallows. See pages 8, 9

Electricity, water in arrears

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SOWETO RESIDENTS are in arrears of more than R2 million for electricity and metered water, a report of the Soweto Town Council has revealed.

In an effort to recover the money, the council has sent out urgent notices to residents who are in arrears, and if the residents do not pay, many households could be without electricity.

By ZWELAKHE SISULU

The report, tabled at the council's monthly meeting last week, showed that Soweto residents owed R2 257 473 for electricity and water at the end of November and, it is estimated, the figure may have shot up over the festive season.

According to the report, the November figure was a drop of R21 596 from the amount owed at the end of October.

Most townships are in arrears of four months consumption. In Orlando East arrears have increased from six months consumption to eight months while in Zola arrears decreased from three months consumption to two months.

The meeting was informed that the Department of Co-operation and Development had sent a letter to the council advising it that houses would no longer be sold under the 30-year home ownership scheme.

"One of the main reasons for moving away from the 30-year system in favour of the 99-year leasehold is that under the 99-year leasehold the private sector has an opportunity to become involved in the housing action," the report stated.

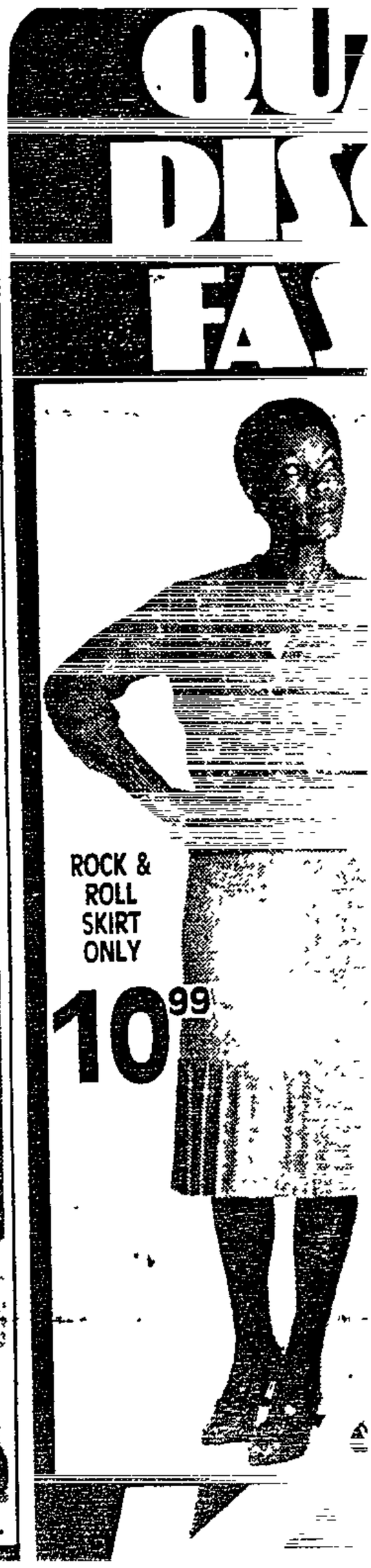
The council also decided to rezone the Zondi "koppie" for residential purposes. The town planner of the West Rand Administration Board has been requested to prepare a layout plan of the area.

All residential sites in the area would be in excess of 1 200 square metres each This will be used as a pilot project and if it succeeds more rocky areas will be developed into residential sites.

The toll gate system moved a step nearer implementation when the council recommended that a memorandum should be sent to the Minister of Co-operation and Development. Dr Piet Koornhof detailing the council's plans



THE MAYOR: Mr Ephraim Tshabalala.



Two new ambulances for Tembisa

THE East Rand Administration Board (Erab) will be given two new ambulances within the next two weeks by the Department of Hospital Services to help solve the acute shortage of ambulances in Tembisa, near Kempton Park.

According to a source close to Erab, the ambulances will replace the two in Tembisa which have been out of order for the past four weeks — resulting in two people dying in the past three weeks after they could not be taken to hospital in time.

The source added that the Department of Hospital Services would increase the number of ambulance replacements in the East Rand during the next financial year.

These ambulances will be given to Erab who will then distribute them in East Rand townships, according to their needs.

Meanwhile a meeting called by the Tembisa People's Voice Party yesterday to discuss the shortage of ambulances in the township failed to take place. The meeting was to have been held at the Isiziba Lower Primary School in Isiziba Section at 8.00am.

The chairman of the party, Mr J S Pitse, could not be reached yesterday to explain why the meeting failed to take place.

Tshabalala is told:

RESIGN NOW

By SAM MABE

SOWETO'S mayor, Mr Ephraim Tshabalala, was yesterday asked to be honest enough to resign his position and dissolve the council, because he cannot fulfil the promises he made before being elected last year.

Mr Curtis Nkondo, executive member of the Transvaal United Democratic Front (UDF) and president of the National Education Union of South Africa (Neusa), said Mr Tshabalala had hoped that after coming into power, he would perform miracles to turn Soweto into a paradise.

He commended Mr Isaac Buthelezi, deputy mayor of Soweto for admitting in a report which appeared in an afternoon newspaper this week that things were not as rosy as they appeared to be before the Sofasonke Party, led by Mr Tshabalala, was voted into power in November's elections.

"The decent thing for the Sofasonke Party to do now is to tell the people that they are sorry and that the promises they made are unfulfillable. They should then resign and leave Koornhof to see what to do with the Black Local Authorities Act," said Mr Nkondo.

Mr Buthelezi, in the report, said his party had promised to lower rents because it had hoped to swell its coffers by asking the Government to give a portion of the General Sales Tax to the Soweto Council.

The council had also hoped to subsidise rents with money collected from Soweto car licences and to buy all Soweto bottle stores from the West Rand Administration Board (Wrab).

But so far, nothing seems likely to come of all those hopes, and it is believed that sooner or later, the Soweto Town Council may announce rent increases to meet the ever-escalating costs of running the near bankrupt treasury of the four-months-old city council.

Riot

On suggestions of introducing a toll-gate system, Mr Nkondo warned that the system would only serve as a recipe for another riot which could be worse than that of 1976.

"The whole thing makes no sense at all," he said.



TSHABALALA: Asked to be honest.

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LAWYER'S FUTURE IN GOVT HANDS

THE fate of the two Krugersdorp lawyers refused permission to open an office in the town now depends on the decision of two other Government bodies — the Department of Community Development and the office of the Chief Commissioner of Co-operation and Development (Witwatersrand).

This was disclosed yesterday by the Krugersdorp Co-operation and Development Commissioner, Mr M C Koster, who told **The SOWETAN** that he had already received a letter from the local town council stating its reasons for refusing to allow the black lawyers to start a practice in the town's business centre.

By LEN MASEKO

The two attorneys are Mr Maropeng Joseph Kuaho and Mr Aubrey Khanyile, who applied in accordance with the Group Areas Act for permission to open offices in town. The council, however, turned the application down.

According to the law, lawyers are required to have their offices within a radius of eight kilometres from the nearest magistrate's court. The local township, Kagiso, is out of question for the two attorneys because it falls outside the required radius.

Mr Koster said yesterday: "I cannot reveal the contents of the council's letter because this is confidential. I will be forwarding this letter to the Chief Commissioner of the Witwatersrand, Mr J Korf, who will in turn pass it over to the Department of Community Development."

Among persons or bodies required to submit recommendations in such an application — especially that of a black applying to open an office in a white area — is the local magistrate, police station commander and a local authority.

Meanwhile the two attorneys are temporarily practising in Krugersdorp town while their application is being processed.



MR KHANYILE: Still waiting.

The Krugersdorp Town Clerk, Mr J J L Niewoudt, yesterday refused to state the reasons advanced by his council to Mr Koster, saying it was "up to him (Mr Koster) to decide whether the council's reasons should be made known to the public."

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Boy in centre of hospital row

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By LEN MASEKO

AN injured Springs boy released from the Far East Rand Hospital "without being properly treated" is in the centre of a blazing controversy after it was later discovered that the hospital had failed to detect a "serious" fracture on his elbow.

Eight-year-old Sifiso Masuku (8) was playing with schoolmates when he broke his right arm on Thursday last week. His family immediately took him to the hospital where, to their astonishment they were told an x-ray examination showed no fracture on the boy's arm.

Sifiso's father, Mr Albert Masuku, told The SOWETAN yesterday: "It was when the boy's arm started swelling the following day that we decided to take him to a private doctor. The doctor recognised immediately he had a fracture and advised us to go to a private radiologist To our shock, the radiologist's X-ray check revealed a fracture of a serious nature".

Sifiso — accompanied by the doctor — was taken back to the Far East Hospital where a second X-ray examination revealed that, in fact, the boy was injured

"This sort of thing should not be allowed to continue unchecked. How many similar cases have occured at hospital before this happened, one should be asking himself," Mr Masuku told The SOWETAN.

"There must be something wrong in that hospital My son could have been crippled for life had we not decided to take the matter up with a private doctor I had to part with a lot of money in doctor's fees to check if my son had a fracture."

The hospital's superintendent, Dr Dion Cloete, said yesterday that the family should have first lodged a complaint with him "instead of running to the Press "

"We are not 100 per cent perfect. I have investigated the matter and the boy is now being treated by the hospital free-of-charge. Sometimes it is possible — especially in cases where children break their bones — that fracture is not visible during the initial X-ray check," Dr Cloete said.

Asked what double-check measures the hospital employed in cases where an X-ray examination revealed no injury to ensure this was in fact so, Dr Cloete said: "Unfortunately, people only come once for treatment. I would advise people to come to hospital again if pains persist.

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Funda Centre: A unique first for SA adults

FUNDA means LEARN — and this is exactly what the Funda Centre, next to the St John's Eye Hospital in Diepkloof is all about.

Funda, an adult education facility, is a project of the Transvaal Region of the Urban Foundation The building of the centre started in June 1982 and was completed in October 1983 at a cost of over R3,5-million

The centre was started after discussions and negotiations with a variety of concerned community figures, private sector sponsors and relevant authorities over a period of four years. The Research Unit for Education Planning Systems at the University of the Orange Free State conducted research for the Urban Foundation This laid the basis for the multi-purpose nature of the centre.

The centre began to operate in February this year. The total number of students and participants in programmes conducted in the various components of the centre has steadily increased to around 200 per day This is well below Funda's capacity, although preferred at present because growth in numbers is expected gradually. The maximum number of people who can make use of the centre per day is about 1 500 and this, it is hoped, will be reached by the end of the financial year in March, next year



DIRECTOR: Mr W J Bill Davies, the director of Funda Centre.

The director of Funda Centre, Mr Bill Davies, said. "Funda's main objective is associated with the education and training of teachers and trainers in the broadest sense, although other activities are not necessarily excluded. Basically the centre is to train trainers. It is an adult education centre and does not cater for the everyday formal education provided by normal schools."

Important

The centre has four important teaching and training related areas which are autonomous centres responsible for their own programme development, implementation and financing These are:

- The Teachers' In-Service Training Centre;
- The Adult Education and Training Resource Centre,
- The Teachers' Centre; and
- The Arts Centre.



SCIENCE CENTRE: Soweto teachers attending a science enrichment programme.

There are three main policy objectives that Funda will pursue

- The development of programmes and activities that will promote integration and interaction among the formal, non-formal and informal components of education as indicated in the De Lange Report,
- To focus attention on the education and training of teachers and trainers, thereby gaining the maximum effective impact in the community,
- The investigation and implementation of innovative methods of financing a private educational institution like Funda

Funda is a unique venture of co-operation between the private and public sectors on the one hand, and a broad spectrum of education and training on the other In addition to the teaching and training-related components at Funda, there are three service-/support facilities

Library

- A comprehensive library which will cater for the needs of the users of the centre,
- An auditorium which is a multi-purpose facility for the use by the centre's users and the community;
- A canteen facility which will be operated by a private entrepreneur

The total operating budget for the centre for 1984/85 amounts to about R700 000 and a number of important private sector contributions have been secured to meet these costs

Mr Davies said they at Funda have a problem. "We have come to identify a considerable amount of duplication of effort in the various courses that are being offered by the different groups, agencies and organisations The most important problem in duplicating is that you may find up to five organisations or agencies coming up with the same programme. When it comes to the financing side you can see that they should have got together and saved

"We are very much aware of the vested interest and great deal of inter-group and suspicion around. Nobody should feel threatened. We should rationalise and justify entry into Funda," he said.

He said a number of programmes are still in the pipeline and these would be introduced at the centre soon.

Mr Davies said another of his problems is that facilities at the centre are not being used in the mornings.

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Council agrees on show grounds

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THE SOWETO Town Council has approved the rezoning of the open ground outside Jabavu Stadium as a permanent showground for the holding of the annual Soweto Homemakers' Festival.

This was announced by Ms Adele Lucas, head of the Adele Lucas Promotions, who said she would be going to America next week to raise funds for the development of the site.

Ms Lucas said a multi-purpose community centre will be built in phases over a period of five years.

Money

"We want to make one of the finest community centres in the country where all the people of Soweto, starting from the little child to the ageing grandmother will meet for all sorts of activities," she said.

She added that it was difficult to say how much money would be required for the development of the site since "this will be an ongoing development expected to be spread over five years."

She also said that the idea of seeking a permanent showground was prompted by the success of last year's homemakers' festival held at Mofolo Park and attended by over 200 000 people.

Students

The centre to be put up at the area will include:

- Library and study centre for students.
- Art gallery which will include an artists' workshop for the production, exhibition and selling of art work
- Roller rink and a
- Permanent restaurant.

A permanent home improvement exhibition centre will be built to provide information to Soweto residents on all matters related to home improvement and building services.

Work is expected to start by the end of this month to prepare the site for this year's festival which will be held in September.

Outcry over bucket system

BEKKERSDAL residents are up in arms over a decision by the local council that it is to purchase 1 200 new toilet buckets costing a total of R10 000.

The residents are angered by the fact that it is still the only township under the jurisdiction of the West Rand Administration Board (Wrab) using the bucket system.

They say they found it ridiculous that it has been decided to spend such a lot of money on the buckets when what is needed was a proper sewerage system.

Improve

According to the West Rand News, a local newsletter, the purchasing of the buckets as well as three big trucks worth R55 000 and a big tanker, also costing R55 000, was to improve the present nightsoil removal system and cleansing service in the township.

Mr Richard Mzimela, chairman of the newly-formed Bekkersdal Residents' Committee, said it was unbelievable that the council can claim to be improving the township by still using an outdated system

He said what the residents wanted was a flushing type system of toilets and he did not believe that people would be unwilling to pay a little extra for an undertaking of such a project.

He said because there has been no word from the local authorities that a proper sewerage system will be introduced, this only strengthens the uncertainty that hangs over the township about its future.

Exhorbitant

"The bucket system is an embarrassment not only to us but also our visitors, despite that we pay exhorbitant house rent. The township is the most backward in the West Rand because there has been no development for a long time," he said.

Mr Vic Milne, acting chairman of Wrab, yesterday said the new buckets were to be bought to replace the old ones. He said they were presently busy investigating the implication of providing a proper sewerage system.

"However, the council and the community will have to decide if they want the waterborne system The community will have to be prepared to also contribute to the costs because it will need a lot of money," he said.

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A R150m Swiss loan for huge Soweto complex

By CAMUEL DIKOTLA

A HUGE residential and entertainment centre is planned for Soweto, to be built with the aid of a R150-million loan from a Swiss banking consortium.

Soweto's deputy Mayor, Mr Isaac Buthelezi, told the Rand Daily Mail yesterday that after protracted negotiations on the international money market, his council had clinched a deal with an unnamed Swiss banking consortium for the loan.

However, Mr Buthelezi declined yesterday to disclose details about the consortium and how the loan had been secured. Johannesburg-based Swiss banking circles were yesterday in the dark about the deal.

The scheme, in the heart of Soweto, will involve a 12-storey hotel, a high-density residential area and an indoor stadium which will serve as a sports and entertainment centre.

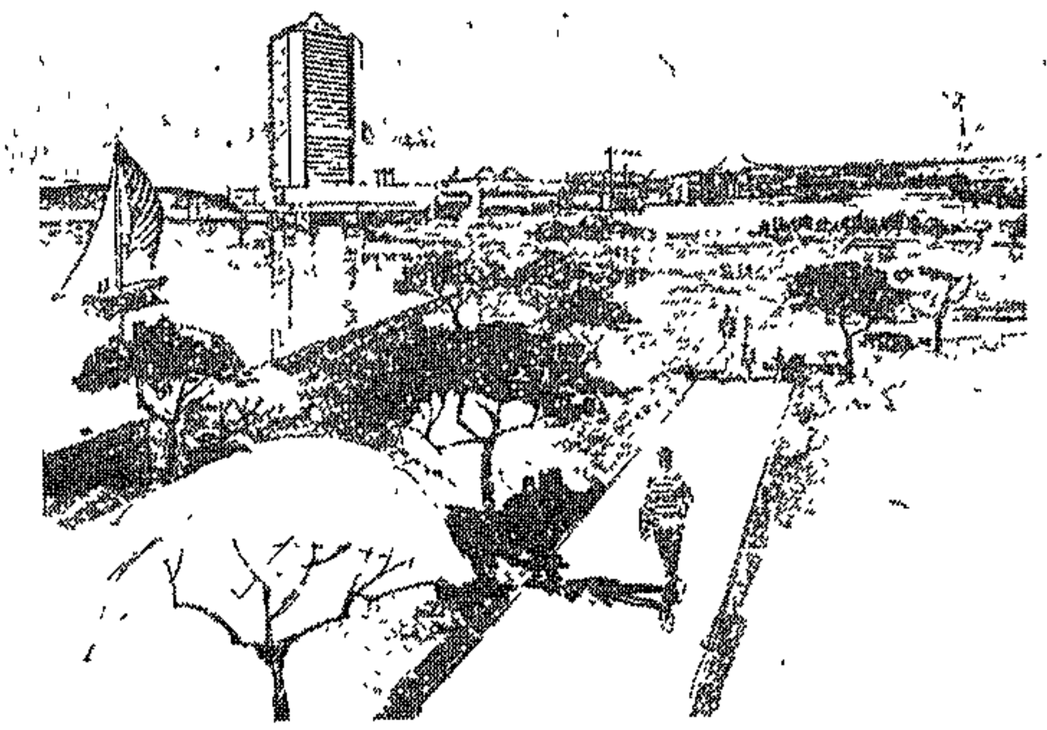
It was shrouded in a degree of mystery yesterday and while Soweto Council sources were enthusiastic about it, banking and other sources knew nothing about it.

The Rand Daily Mail established yesterday that in order for such a loan to succeed, the borrower would need to obtain permission from the Reserve Bank and the Treasury after negotiating the loan.

A Government guarantee would then be required but a spokesman for the Department of Finance was unable to confirm the loan last night.

He referred the Mail to the Minister of Finance, Mr Owen Horwood, who could not be reached.

The centre is not seen as a rival to the giant Crown Mines scheme,



An artist's impression of the new Soweto complex.

about 10km away and which is to house the new Rand Show complex and a football stadium.

At its monthly meeting last week, the Soweto Council accepted the loan, subject to Ministerial approval.

The development will take place at the Levin and MacDonald farms. The area is bounded by the Old Potchefstroom road, the Cape railway line, and Dlamini township.

An application for approval in principle of the loan has been sent to the Minister of Cooperation and Development, Dr Piet Koornhof.

Mr Buthelezi said the loan would be repaid over 15 years at an interest rate of 6% or R9-million a year.

"The loan interest rate offered by the consortium impressed us greatly. We did not want to look back. We have agreed in principle to accept the loan and are awaiting a decision from the Minister.

If the loan goes through, it will be the second raised by the council on the international capital market.

Last night, the council's Town Clerk, Mr Nico Malan, said a number of dramatic developments would take place should the minister approve the loan.

Among them would be:

● A 12-storey hotel with conference facilities, restaurant and ad -

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Jaycees help build BMX cycle track for Sowetans

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The Johannesburg Jaycees and the Sowetan Self-Help Paraplegic Association are to build a BMX track of international standard on a site within the grounds of the Paraplegic Association at Mofolo Park.

The launch of the BMX track will take place on Saturday at 10 am at the grounds of the Paraplegic Association.

The Jaycees said they took this step to protect the lives of young people who, by riding their BMX bicycles on the streets of Soweto, were a danger to themselves and to motorists.

The Jaycees also intend to assist in the formation of a Sowetan BMX club which will be affiliated to the national BMX association "so that in future the stars of Sowetan BMX riders can compete in national and international events".

The BMX bicycles are the latest craze in Soweto. After school, the youngsters take to the streets on their bicycles.

Motorists have complained that they are a hazard on the busy streets of Soweto.

The motorists also complained that the cyclists were not conversant with the traffic rules and failed to observe stop streets and yield signs.

Families without water in Tshiawelo

ABOUT 60 Tshiawelo families have been without water for the past seven days.

Water supplies in some parts of the township have been cut since Tuesday last week, and by yesterday taps in the area were still dry. Scores of bucket-carrying women and children had to travel up to a kilometre to draw water in the neighbouring townships.

The affected families told The SOWETAN yesterday that they had not been informed of the water-cut. This was not the first time this had happened, supplies in the area were cut occasionally, a resident said.

A resident, Ms Granny Mahlalela, said the water-cut had caused serious problems for the local families. Residents in the townships that were not affected by the cut "refuse to come to our rescue", she said.

"In many cases residents fear that, by letting us get water from their homes, this would result in them getting high water bills. So, others lock their gates to prevent us from entering their yards," Ms Mahlalela said.

Ms Laura Tshililo expressed concern about the state of toilets, which have been out of order since the township's taps ran dry.

"Our area will soon be pervaded by an unpleasant smell. Something should be done about this, and quickly," she said.



WATER: Some of the Tshiawelo residents who were forced to fetch water from neighbouring townships as a result of water-cuts in the area.

Outcry over water cuts

PART of Tshiawelo Ext 3 residents were without water at the weekend following a cut since Friday afternoon until Monday evening.

Euphony Legae, a journalist who lives in the area said: "It makes things hard for people with toilets inside the houses. Water cuts are made without a warning and this is not the way to treat people."

Another resident, who refused to be identified, said he was threatened by children who came with five and ten litre buckets asking for water.

Mr G W Kemp, the township manager said, he never knew about the water cuts and people should immediately inform Wradebo. When residents contacted the water department they were told that there was a broken pipe in the area which would be fixed soon.

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New HNP bid to shut blacks from parks

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Argus Correspondent

PRETORIA. — A renewed call is to be made for Pretoria's parks to be closed to blacks.

In a two-pronged attack on Pretoria's parks — which have for more than 10 years been open to all races — HNP councillors will, at a council meeting next week, table a petition and a motion, calling for all the city's parks to be closed to blacks.

A spokesman for the HNP group in the council, Mr Piet Rudolph, said he would table a motion, signed by the 20 neighbours of the park in Thabazimbi Street, Wespark, calling for a whites-only park.

These residents, he said, had complained of blacks "lying around, drinking and littering", car races and car repair work in the park, and of the poor condition of playground equipment.

Fenced

He said they had asked in the petition that the park be fenced off and closed to blacks.

The park was not one of the 17 identified as "problem" parks by the City Council last year, and was not one of those which was to have been closed by the councilat the end of last year.

In January this year the council decided that all Pretoria's suburban parks, including the 17 "problem parks", would remain open to all — for the time being.

The management committee said the decision was not a result of political objections, but of security staff patrols in the parks.

Bid to close Pretoria's parks to blacks fails

The Herstigte Nasionale Party's latest bid to close all Pretoria's parks to blacks has failed.

Nevertheless, a petition from residents of Wespark, calling for a park in the suburb to be closed, is still to be considered by the council's management committee.

Also to be considered is a petition signed by 1 500 Pretoria residents and submitted by Progressive Federal Party councillor, Mr Tertius Spies, which calls for all the parks to remain open to all.

A motion calling for the reservation of parks for whites, tabled at the council's Tuesday meeting by Mr Joseph Chiole of the HNP, was rejected after a division by 21 votes to nine.

The voting followed a 45-minute debate and the PFP sided with the ruling Federation of Ratepayers' Associations against the right-wing block of HNP and Conservative Party councillors. — Sapa.

Report calls for fees in city parks

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By Colleen Ryan,
Municipal Reporter

A potentially explosive report which suggests entrance fees at city parks and higher charges for "non-residents" has been approved by the Johannesburg City Council's management committee.

The Progressive Federal Party opposition in the council has slammed the report and remains strongly opposed to the principle of charging for the use of public open spaces.

PFP leader Mr Sam Moss said the principle of differentiating between residents and non-residents smacked of discrimination.

"It is completely unrealistic to ask people for residential qualifications," he said. "People in neigbouring areas such as Soweto and Lenasia are an integral part of the city and should not be discriminated against."

Although the management committee supported the principles in the report, there would be a careful investigation of each park before any changes were made, said the chairman of the council's culture and recreation committee, Mr Danie Malan.

The Parks and Recreation Department report was written after a delegation from the council visited the United States on a study tour in July last year.

Mr Malan said the report recommendations included:

- Charging entrance fees at certain parks as a means of raising revenue and for "crowd control".

Theme parks

- Charging higher fees for non-residents as a crowd-control measures. He said this system was employed in many US parks.
- Developing more recreation facilities and creating revenue-earning "theme parks".

"Johannesburg will be the laughing stock of South Africa if it tries to distinguish between non-residents and residents," said Mr Elliot Kretzmer, a PFP member of the culture and recreation committee.

Mr Kretzmer said the PFP had no objection to charging admission fees at special theme parks, but was opposed to the general entrance fee principle.

Park facilities are also a contentious issue in Pretoria, and right-wing elements in the Pretoria City Council have made several attempts to have certain parks closed to non-whites.

Leaders slam plan for entry fees at parks

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By Colleen Ryan, Municipal Reporter

Community leaders have expressed anger and disappointment at a Johannesburg City Council report which suggests there should be entrance fees at parks and higher charges for "non-residents".

The National Party/Independent Ratepayer's Association management committee this week approved a Parks and Recreation Department Report written after a delegation visited the United States last year.

The principles accepted by the management committee amounted to blatant racist discrimination, said Mrs Leah Tutu of the Domestic Workers' and Employers' Project.

Black workers would be hardest hit if the recommendations were implemented, she said.

Mr Muntu Myeza, of the Azanian People's Organisation, said charging entrance fees was a "very sick way of raising revenue".

The Progressive Federal Party opposition in the council is strongly opposed to the recommendations.

If entrance fees are introduced it would mean fencing parks and creating controlled entrances, said a PFP member of the culture and recreation committee, Mr Elliot Kretzmer.

The chairman of the culture and recreation committee, Mr Danie Malan, said the report called for a "pricing system". This could involve charging entrance fees at certain parks, with higher tariffs for non-residents.

The report also favoured the idea of developing revenue-earning "theme parks", he said.

It is not known yet where charges will be made, but some of the parks which have come under the spotlight recently are:

● The Zoo Lake — a popular 45 ha resort in the north of Johannesburg where there was violence on the Day of the Vow last December. There were calls for crowd-control measures to be introduced.

● The Wilds — an 18 ha scenic expanse in Houghton where at least six violent attacks or rapes have taken place in the past few years.

● Gillooly's Farm — a 45 ha park in Bedfordview which has been the scene of crowd violence. The council was anxious to rid itself of the problem and agreed recently to sell the park to Bedfordview Village Council for R300 000.

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In 1974 Management Committee Chairman Mr Francois Oberholzer said: "We had not realised previously the deepness of the hurt petty apartheid has caused"

it is clear that his plan is offensive to black people.

"The Treunichts and the Verwoerds would be thrilled by this plan," commented Mr Muntu Myeza from the Azanian People's Organisation.

Crowd control at city parks has always been a controversial issue and the latest report is known to have cause in-fighting in the ranks of the National Party.

One senior NP councillor who asked not to be named described the report "as not worth the paper it was written on".

This astounding criticism is typical of the difference of opinion that exists on the parks question.

Crowd violence at some popular Johannesburg resorts in recent years has put the spotlight on the lack of security in parks and the council has conducted several investigations into this problem in the past few years.

Various measures have been suggested, such as:

- Fencing parks and charging entrance fees.
- Using patrolling park wardens.
- Banning parking in streets adjacent to major parks.
- Allowing limited parking facilities in park grounds.

The question of park security has obscured the real issue which is that there is a desperate shortage of recreation areas in the Johannesburg-Soweto area.

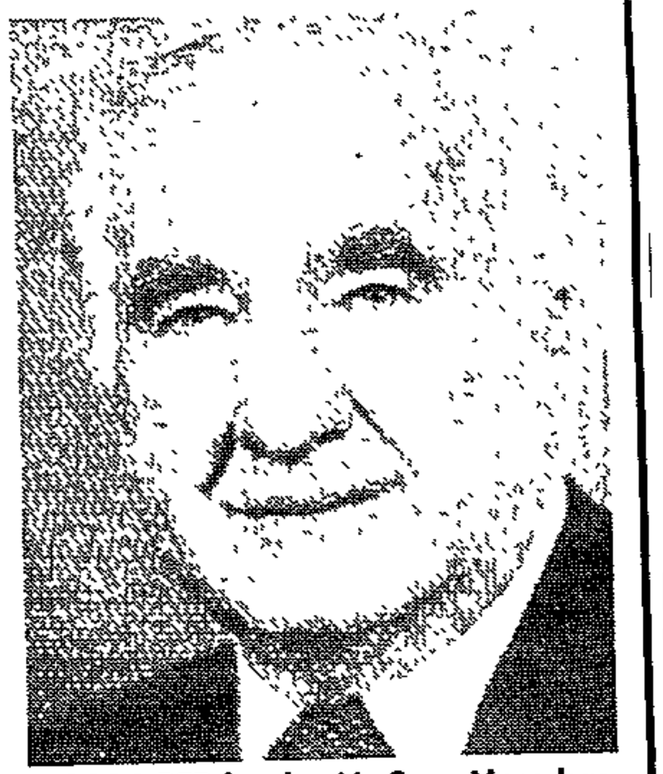
A Metropolitan Parks and Open Spaces Report released last year estimated that Johannesburg would be short of 1 961 ha of parkland by the year 2000.

"People in Soweto do not have facilities where they can relax in their leisure time," said Mr Myeza.

"Soweto must not be condemned for its soaring crime rate. If you keep people cooped up in matchbox houses with nowhere to go, anything can happen," he said.

Mrs Harris said it was inevitable that existing facililties would be overcrowded because of the dearth of facilities in black areas.

She said it was grossly unfair to charge black people entrance fees at city parks when there were no developed parks in their own residential areas. □



In 1984 PFP leader Mr Sam Moss has branded the report as foolish and impractical. It was "stupid" to try to distinguish between residents and non-residents.

A quick swing back to 10 years ago

TEN YEARS ago the Johannesburg City Council was lauded for its decision to open its parks to all races, but this week it came under strong criticism for attempting to go back on this policy.

On Monday the council's National Party/Independent Ratepayer's Association coalition management committee accepted a Parks and Recreation Department report which supports the principle of charging entrance fees in city parks with higher charges for non-residents.

People in the neigbouring areas of Soweto, Lenasia and Eldorado Park would probably fall into this category.

The decision is seen by black community leaders and the opposition Progressive Federal Party in the council as an attempt to restrict the number of blacks entering city parks.

When the Johannesburg City Council decided to abolish petty apartheid in 1974, the Chairman of the Management Committee, Mr Francois Oberholzer, made this comment. "We had not realised previously the deepness of the hurt petty apartheid has caused and how black people over the years have had to school themselves to accept without protest offences to their dignity inflicted in the name of what is called the South African way of life."

The vice president of the Black Sash, Mrs Joyce Harris, has warned that the introduction of the proposed measures would create unnecessary hurt and friction.

PFP leader Mr Sam Moss has branded the report as foolish and impractical.

He said it was "stupid" to try to distinguish between residents and non-residents, adding that people in neigbouring areas such as Soweto were an integral part of the city.

This week the Johannesburg City Council's Management Committee gave its approval to the principle of charging entrance fees in city parks with higher tariffs for "non-residents".
Community leaders see the move as discrimination against blacks and a reversal of the council's 1974 decision to do away with petty apartheid by opening parks to all races.
The council insists that overcrowding and violence at some parks has made it essential to have some "crowd-control" measures.
Municipal Reporter COLLEEN RYAN reports.

The chairman of the council's Culture and Recreation Committee, Mr Danie Malan, has insisted that the measures were not designed to keep blacks out of parks, but merely to regulate crowds on busy days of the year.

He said the principle of higher charges for non-residents was accepted in some cities in the United States as a way of collecting revenue from people who would otherwise not contribute to the upkeep of parks.

Although Mr Malan may be perfectly sincere,

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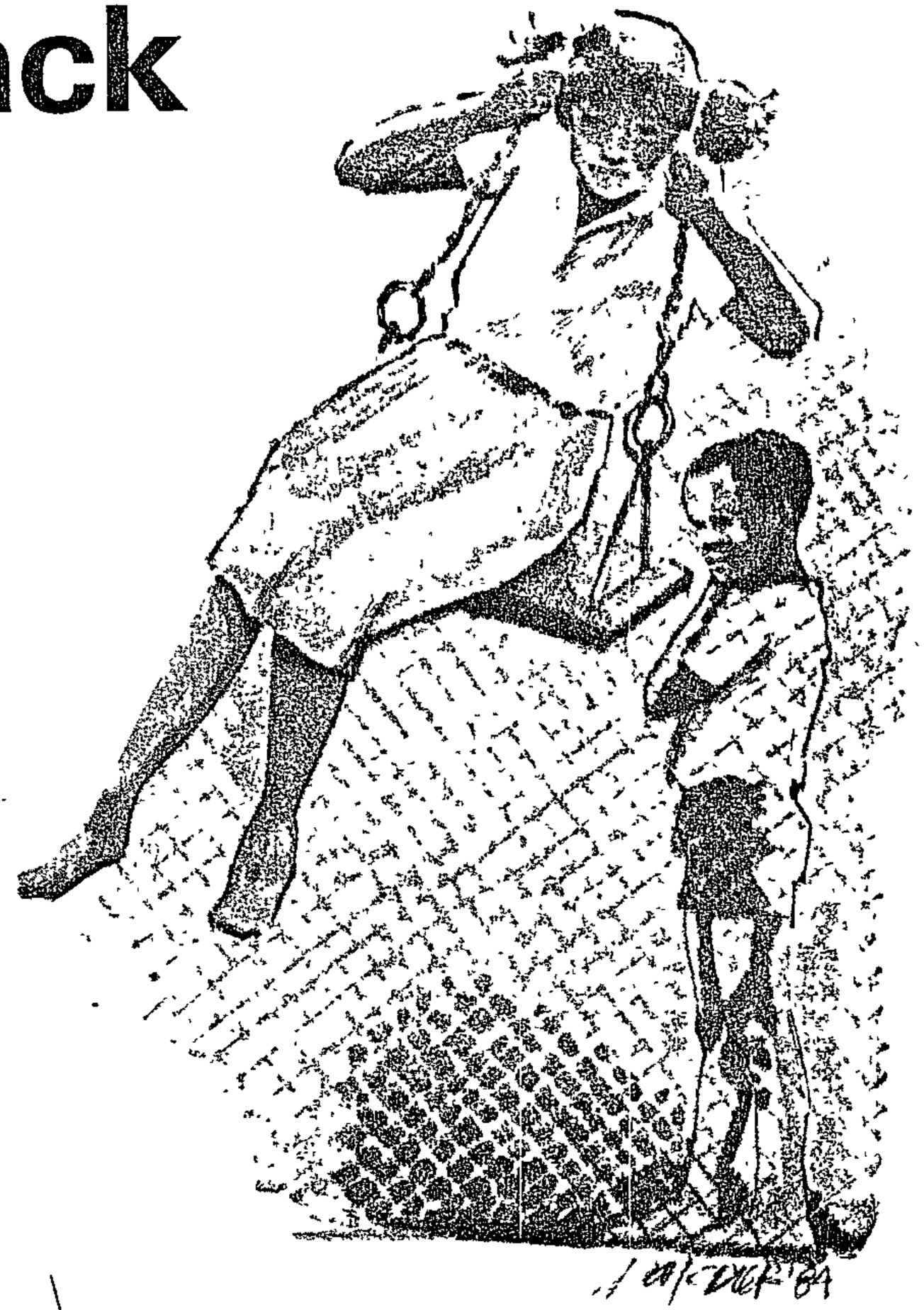

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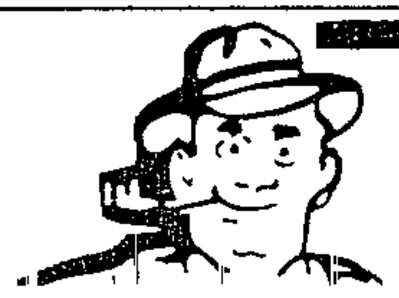

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Foreign blacks also fall under blanket racial bar in Pretoria city libraries

PRETORIA — The Pretoria Municipality says no blacks — foreign or local — may use white municipal facilities in the city unless they have diplomatic status.

This follows an incident earlier this week in which a black man, who claimed he was an American with diplomatic status, was asked to leave the Pretoria City Library.

A US embassy spokesman in Pretoria said none of the embassy's staff had been involved in any incident of this nature, and the man's identity remains unknown.

At the time, however, the staff at the Pretoria library professed to be "in the dark" as to whether "foreign" blacks were allowed to use their facilities.

"We do not know whether blacks from so-called homelands are regarded as foreign or not, and there have been several embarrassing incidents.

"A while ago some army officers came in here, and one of them was black. Of course we had to ask him to leave, but it was quite humiliating," one of the staff said.

Deputy Chief Librarian Miss E M Hansen said she found the incidents highly regrettable, and admitted she was unsure whether all blacks were prohibited from using the facilities there.

Miss Hansen said all blacks were politely asked to leave if they were unable to produce documentation proving they had diplomatic status.

She said she was unsure whether black tourists were allowed to use the library.

"Coloureds and Indians have their own separate libraries in their own suburbs, and all races are entitled to use the State Library which is next door to the City Library."

Mr Jan Bezuidenhout, spokesman for the Pretoria Municipality, pointed out that in terms of the City Council's bylaws a specific library was reserved for whites only, and for people "who are working, living or at school in the Pretoria area".

"However, no blacks, even if they come from Bophuthatswana or the United States, may use the whites-only facilities unless they have diplomatic status," he emphasised. — Sapa

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der Wath, mainly because Mr Laurenco only had a temporary work permit and he felt there was a strong possibility Mr Laurenco would flee the country.

Mr Laurenco's lawyer, Mr C.W. Jordaan, told the magistrate yesterday Mr Laurenco had since been granted permanent residence in South Africa and that the Portuguese consul-general had given an undertaking not to issue a passport to Mr Laurenco without the consent of "a competent court"

The hearing was postponed to November 21.

Randburg row: PFP councillors walk out

By Shirley Woodgate

Three Progressive Federal Party members walked out of the Randburg Town Council's monthly meeting last night in protest at what Mrs Del Kevan referred to as the National Party's "blatant racism, hypocrisy and arrogance".

The item under discussion was the Human Sciences Research Council survey into attitudes towards opening amenities to all races

It was proposed that the NP-controlled council would use the report as a planning document and reiterated that toilets, creches and swimming pools would not be open to all races

Mrs Kevan expressed her disgust at "the NP misleading residents by actively opening toilets while making an issue of the matter in council". She also accused the NP of dragging politics into council affairs, and adhering to petty apartheid

Mrs Megan Leathwite and Mr Frank Baleta also left the chamber while Mrs Pat van Rensburg, the fourth PFP member, remained to put her case

Denying a split in the PFP caucus, she said her decision not to walk out was merely a matter of differing strategy

She said she was proud she had initiated the HSRC report but blamed "shortsightedness of different people and organisations" for generating susupicion which led to the discrediting of the survey.

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Mr Kirstein said most well-off private patient in provincial hospitals paid R45 a day, but the cost of the service to the province was up to R145.

He added that wards would not be closed down

Newspaper by-laws adopted

By Shirley Woodgate

By-laws were adopted by Randburg last night aimed mainly at the growing number of children delivering and selling newspapers there.

This follows Traffic Department courses to train youngsters travelling on roads on newspaper rounds.

The by-laws apply to children aged from 12 to 16 (under-12s are not allowed to deliver papers).

They may not deliver on Sunday, Christmas Day or Good Friday or before 5 am or after 8 pm on any other day

They may not take leave from school or make deliveries an hour before school starts

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Passing sentence, Mr J J B Esterhuyse said the deceased had been trespassing on Dale's property.

He described Dale as a decent, sensitive, respectful man of great self-possession who had suffered a great deal from the incident.

Dale testified that at about 9.45 that evening his wife was naked in their bedroom as she had just had a bath.

The bedroom curtains were half-drawn. Their cat was on the windowsill and appeared agitated so he switched off the bedroom lights.

It was dark outside but he saw what seemed to be a pair of white shoes.

After switching on the outside lights, he said, he saw a figure moving near a tree in the garden. He then switched off the outside light but turned it on again to fire the shot.

Dale said he warned the intruder to leave. He fired because he felt threatened, aiming to the left of the figure and above the tree.

The magistrate found that Mr Rose, who was wearing black clothes, a black balaclava and tackies, knew he had been spotted but did not approach the house.

He found that Dale, who has since moved house, should have realised it was dangerous to fire in that direction.

Colour-bar ruling 'embarrasses' Rabie

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By Sarah Lombard,
East Rand Bureau

The leader of the Labour Party in the Transvaal, Mr Jac Rabie, who was refused admission to the Wild Waters water park on Sunday, described the incident as "extremely embarrassing" and said he may take the case to Parliament.

Mr Rabie said that his family saw the official opening on television on Saturday and decided to visit the park on Sunday.

"On our arrival, however, I was handed a copy of a letter explaining that only whites could use the facilities.

"The letter explained that the park is at present classified as a swimming pool, which restricts entry. It also said that the park's management is having discussions with the authorities and hopes that the park will soon be open to everybody."

Mr Rabie said that it was rather embarrassing as he had to explain to his son, Allen (14), and a friend why they were not allowed in. "I intend taking the case further and have already been in touch with a representative from Wild Waters.

"I would like to know excactly who the 'authorities' are and, if necessary, I will ask for the co-operation of my white colleagues in Parliament," he said.

He also said that the advertisements in various newspapers were misleading and that at no stage did anybody mention that the facility was not open to all races.

"This is the type of discrimination we can all do without," Mr Rabie added.

Mr Ray Swart, acting leader of the Progressive Federal Party (PFP), said: "It is ironic that a member of Parliament who ranks equally with other parliamentary members, should be refused admission on grounds of the colour of his skin.

"As long as discriminatory laws exist there will be a repetition of this kind of incident, which makes a nonsense of the new dispensation and indicates how far from real reform we really are," Mr Swart said.

The acting Town Clerk of Boksburg, Mr Johan Coetzee said that the Boksburg Town Council had no say in the matter as Wild Waters is a private development. He said the Government would have to issue a permit allowing the admission of all races.

The incident was described as "sensitive" by Mr Jonty Sandler, one of the directors of the park. He was not prepared to give more details and told *The Star* that he had an appointment with the Boksburg Town Council to clarify the matter.

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'non-whites'

'Nothing's changed' say embarrassed

By Yussuf Nazeer

Queues of Indian and coloured people — some from as far away as Ermelo, Nelspruit, Rustenburg and Pretoria — who went to the Wild Waters "sea park" resort on Saturday and Sunday were refused entry.

Families said they were embarrassed to be turned away in front of the queues of whites.

Mr Rafique Khota, a senior cricket administrator from Fordsburg, said his family and friends who went there and were turned away had taken it for granted that "we were now living in a South Africa where amenities were open to all".

But most embarrassed was Tricameral Parliament House of Assembly Minister, Mr Jac Rabie, who was turned away with his family on Sunday.

Mr Rabie said no mention was made in the media, nor were there signs up at the resort to warn "non whites" that the resort was open only to whites. He said he was going to take the matter up at cabinet level.

Mr D B Patel from Pretoria said: "It appears that nothing is really changing in this country as far as the colour bar goes, despite the fact that we have coloureds and Indians sitting next to whites in Parliament."

Coloured civic spokesmen said if the resort was closed to non whites because of "white racists" complaints about swimming with blacks, developers of such amenities should apply for State aid to build a similar amenity for other races as well, and so prevent racial ill-feelings.

"We have neither the funds nor the land to put up a similar sea-like resort in the Transvaal for our people," a member of the Johannesburg coloured management committee said.

A spokeswoman for Wild Waters told *The Star* that an application had been made by the resort owners to the Boksburg Town Council to allow other races, "but we have not heard from them yet, so until then no non-whites are allowed".

The Boksburg Council said it had no say in the matter as the resort was a private development. The applications to admit mixed races had to be made to the Government.

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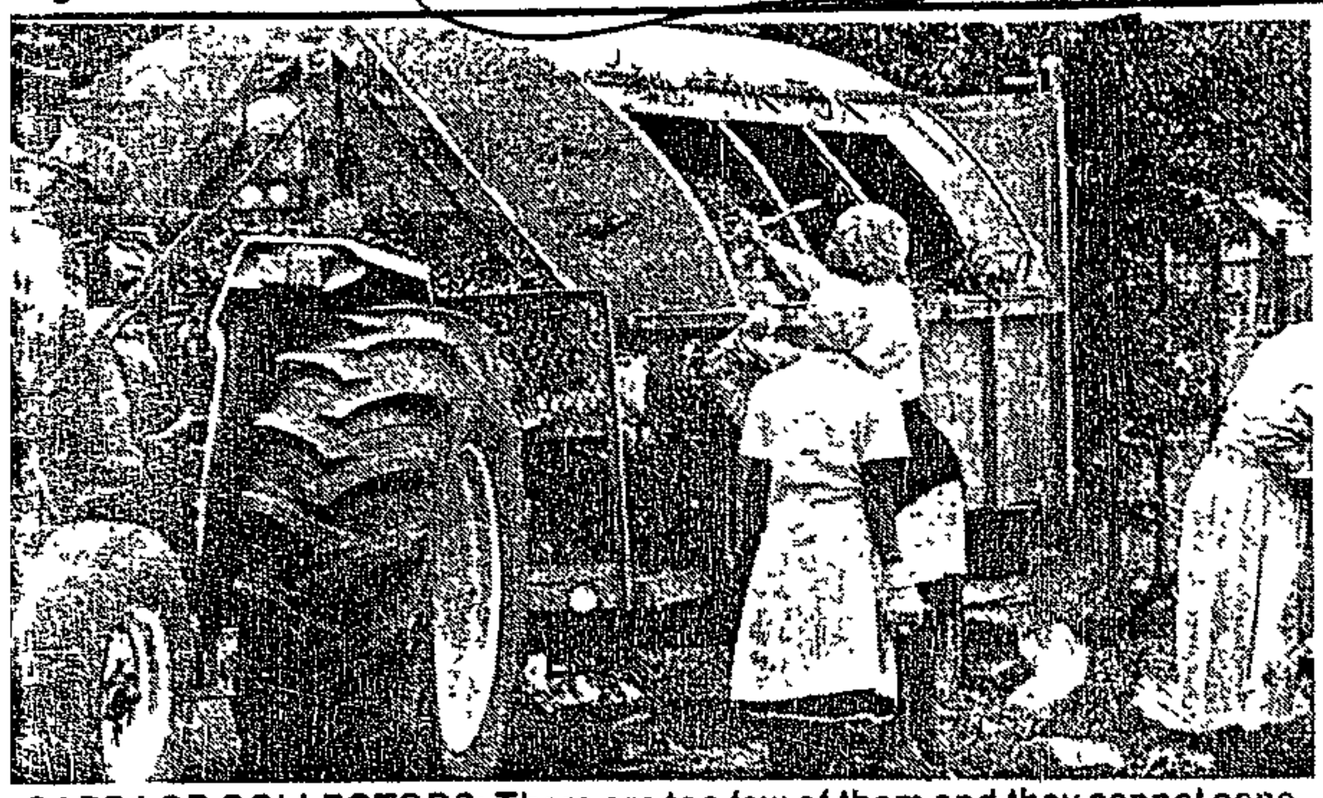


GARBAGE COLLECTORS: There are too few of them and they cannot cope.

Soweto dirt row rages

SOWETO is wallowing in dirt and filth, and the situation appears to be worsening by the week. Already environmentalist Japhta Lekgetho has threatened legal action if nothing is done.

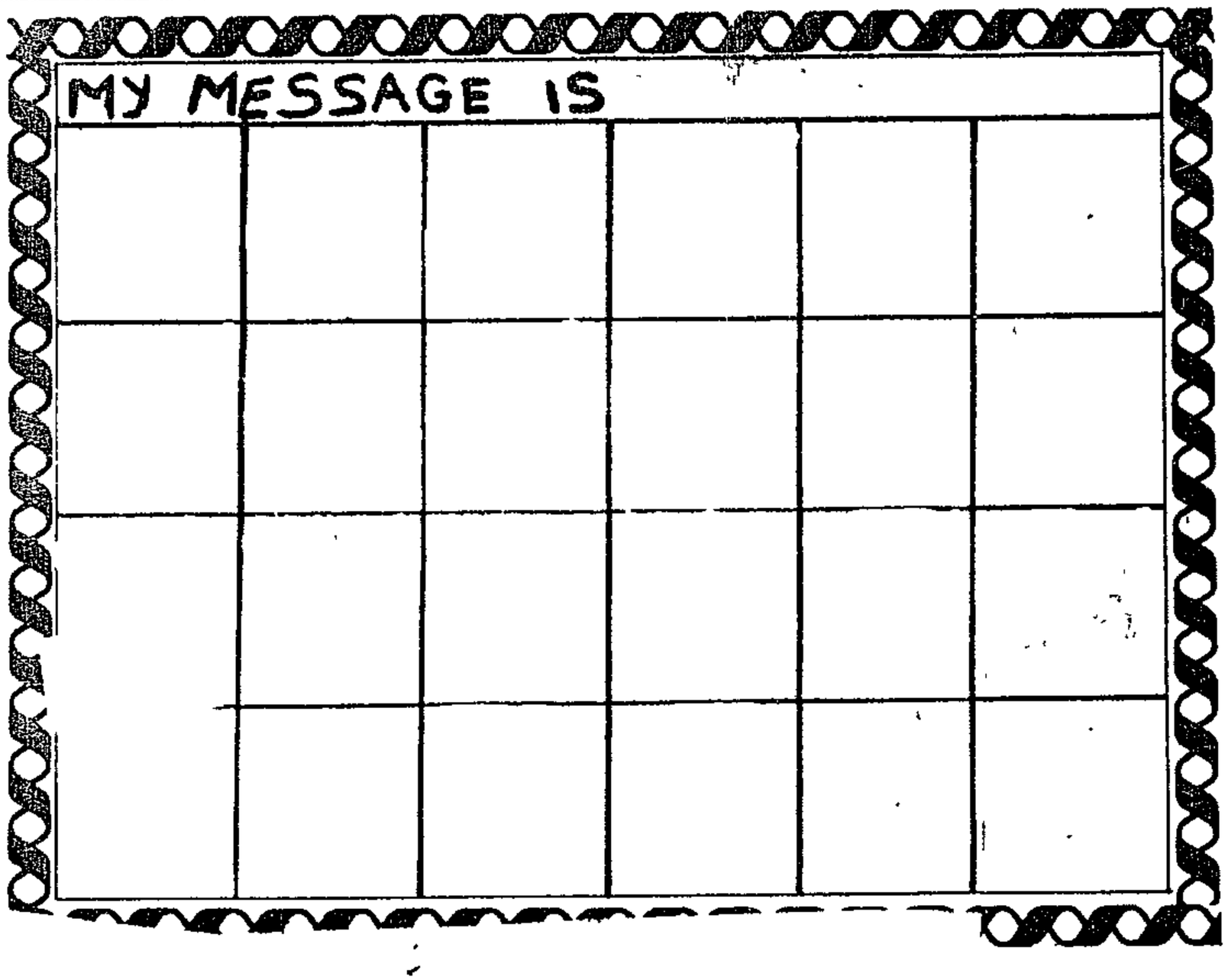
A drive in the area has found the area unbearably dirty with rubble, garbage and dead animals lying all over the place.

The problem has been rife for a long time, and the National Environmental Awareness Council (NEAC) and the Keep Soweto Clean campaign have all failed to get the relevant authorities out on the situation.

Several people feel that there has got to be a campaign whereby the residents will be taught how to handle garbage — how often and where to dump the garbage because there are places put up especially for that.

There was garbage strewn all over in empty spaces, and it was apparent that people were dumping the garbage at any open space they found near them.

Soweto Council's City Engineer, Mr Bob Coney said that the cleansing department was overloaded. "As a result we find it difficult to cope up with the demand. I also feel that the council has got to upgrade the resources which I think are very limited".



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Township facing its 20th winter without electricity

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By Michael Tissong

Rumblings of discontent are being heard in Riverlea Extension One, a township about 10 km to the west of Johannesburg, because residents are preparing for their 20th winter without electricity.

A civic association has been formed in the area and it has written to the Johannesburg City Council urging the council to do something about the lack of electricity.

The Riverlea Extension Civic Association (RCA) said that despite the fact that Riverlea Extension One has been in existence for more than 20 years, electricity had not been installed in the township.

"This is beginning to cause great consternation among residents. This township is the closest so-called coloured township to Johannesburg yet areas much further afield have been electrified," said an association spokesman.

The council's director of housing, Mr Thys Wilsnach, said the township was not electrified because it is a sub-economic area "and the National Housing Commission does not provide funds for the electrification of sub-economic areas".

He said the township would be electrified if the Johannesburg Centenary Association found a sponsor to instal electricity in the area. The estimated cost would be about R435 000.

"Over the years about R600 000 has been used in developing the township. This included the installation of bathrooms in the houses. More money is needed to electrify the area. If a sponsor is found it would be at no cost to the householders. If the council has to do it, it would mean an increase in rents," said Mr Wilsnach.

RCA said that "as the result of the lack of electricity people have been forced to use candles paraffin lamps, paraffin refrigerators, gas stoves and petrol-driven generators.

"The use of the fuel-operated items is causing people respiratory and other health problems. In addition to the health problems, scholars find it extremely difficult to study under these conditions," the RCA adds.

"Some artisans brought here from Cape Town to work on State projects are living in temporary accommodation ir the township and have electricity in their dwellings. The new showgrounds which are a short distance away have got electricity. The road to the showgrounds which bypasses Riverlea Extension has street lights.

"The older residents of the township paid a deposit towards the installation of electricity but nothing has come of it.

" However, we are still trying to resolve the whole thing amicably," said the RCA spokesman.

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Pretoria Council gives tacit nod to all-race swim galas

Multiracial school galas at municipal swimming pools have been given tacit approval by the Pretoria City Council.

Last night the council voted 20-7 in favour of the management committee retaining its delegated powers to decide on such galas.

The committee's decision last month to allow an inter-school gala — which included a number of black participants — at Hillcrest swimming pool led to an outcry from right-wing councillors who claimed that such a gala could lead to racial integration and friction.

Mr Joseph Chiolae of the Herstigte Nasionale Party called in a motion for the delegated power by means of which the committee approved the gala to be withdrawn because it had been "misused".

He said that while English-speakers were in favour of racial mixing, Afrikaners were opposed to it, and the Afrikaner Nationalists' view was that racial peace could be achieved only if mixing were avoided.

He claimed that the decision to allow the gala was influenced by pressure from leftist sports bosses who had called for multiracial sport in South Africa from school level up.

Mr Piet Rudolph, also of the HNP, said the council's concession to the school gala was an attack on the principle of self-determination and would eventually lead to more concessions until whites were forced to abdicate their position.

Speaking on behalf of the ruling Federation of Ratepayers' Associations, Professor Fanie van Jaarsveld said the management committee decision was taken in terms of the FRA policy that each race group had the right to decide on the use of its facilities (such as swimming pools) by other groups, and did not represent a change in council policy.

Mr Deon Malherbe, also of the FRA, sketched the background to the management committee decision, referring to the fact that although the council had in earlier years turned down applications for the used of Hillcrest for galas which would include black participants, it had recognised the realities and changed circumstances of the day and made the necessary adjustments.

He said the gala had been successful and there had been no tension. His amendment to Mr Chiolae's motion was carried after more than an hour's debate.

Right-wing councillors from the HNP and Conservative Party also used the meeting to express objections to a number of other multiracial activities during March which had been approved by the management committee.

They dissociated themselves from any Youth Year activities — including the recent youth festival weekend in Pretoria North, and there were objections to the multiracial Pretoria High School Old Boys' Club marathon and the Harlequin Harriers road race.

Dr Piet Barnard of the HNP objected to the luncheon held in honour of President Botha on March 8 on the grounds that the President no longer fulfilled a ceremonial role, but had a political function.

He objected further to the approval given to a new branch of the off-course tote at Belle Ombre Station, not only because the HNP was opposed to gambling but because it would entice more blacks to the area.

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Employees piqued about race rule

By Stuart Flitton, Municipal Reporter

White employees of a Johannesburg company are considering boycotting the Braamfontein Municipal Recreation Centre after their non-white colleagues were refused permission to use the centre.

Mr Gordon Silver, an information systems manager at a Braamfontein timber company, said the company decided recently to make a regular block booking at the centre's squash courts and to allow employees to play free of charge.

He said officials at the centre told them the facilities were reserved for whites.

"The employees are now deciding whether to refuse to use the centre or to protest to the city council that they change the rules," Mr Silver said.

He said the banning of non-whites from the recreation centre was particularly ludicrous as it was next to an international hotel, which was open to all races.

"People of different races can now marry but they are not allowed to play squash together," Mr Silver said.

Mr Victor Sibeko, a company employee, said he regularly ran at lunchtime with the managers and used the same changing rooms.

"We decided to change our training schedule by playing squash on some days but then we were told only whites could use the courts.

"I am very disappointed. I run with the big bosses in executive marathons and feel part of the company," Mr Sibeko said.

Mr Paul Loubser, general manager of the city council's parks and recreation department, said it was council policy to reserve all recreation centres for whites.

Progressive Federal Party city councillor Mr Mike Sutherland said he would protest about the policy at the next council meeting.

Pretoria bars Arcs yet again

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By DENNIS CRUYWAGEN

THE Pretoria City Council has again turned down an application from NSL first division club Arcadia to use Caledonian Stadium for its home games.

This is the fifth time in a row the council fathers have refused to let Arcadia return to the Caledonian Stadium.

The council first barred Arcs from using the ground in 1980 to keep black people out of the city centre – after the club had used the ground for years.

Arcadia chairman Saul Sacks said his club had applied in January to use Caledonian Stadium through the Northern Transvaal Football Association, which leases the ground from the PCC.

"But our application was turned down because the management committee said it could not cope with big crowds in the city centre," Sacks said.

But there would not have been large crowds in the city centre had Arcadia been permitted to use Caledonian Stadium, he said.

"We stressed that we would only play certain matches at the ground. According to our estimates these matches would have drawn an average crowd of 2 500," said Sacks.

Disappointed by the latest rejection, Arcadia – which ironically enough trains at Caledonian Stadium – has shelved plans to apply for approval to take professional football back to the ground.

The PCC's decision smacks of racism – for Currie Cup rugby matches draw crowds in excess of 10 000 to the city centre, causing far more of a traffic problem.

It was generally expected that the PCC would adopt a more enlightened attitude – especially after the Johannesburg City Council gave Rangers the go-ahead to play its home matches at Rand Stadium, which was once closed to professional soccer.

But after all, Pretoria is a city that closes its parks to black people.

Tricky problems block way of bus integration

Should Johannesburg have a multiracial bus service? The chairman of the city's transport committee, Mr Danie van Zyl, recently challenged the Progressive Federal Party to open the bus routes in three wards represented by PFP councillors. The PFP accepted the challenge, agreeing to its implementation in Parkhurst, Dunkeld and Bellevue-Yeoville, but insisted that certain conditions be met. The city's transport department has since been instructed by Mr van Zyl to draw up a report on the practical detail of integrating the three routes. HANNES DE WET looks at the issues involved in opening buses to all races.

Instant integration on buses in Johannesurg does not seem to be the answer to the city's uneconomic transport service.

This emerged from extensive discussions with people involved in bus transport in Johannesburg.

But it is necessary to consider these facts:

- Nearly-empty white buses drive past long queues of black commuters during the day because they are not allowed to pick up black passengers.
- A white person wants to catch a bus late at night and has to watch as black buses drive past him. White buses stop running at that time of night because there are too few white passengers to justify a late evening service. But black buses are not allowed to pick up white passengers.

In both cases the solution seems obvious. Open the city's bus services to all races.

But according to transport officials it is not that simple. They don't doubt that Johannesburg will ultimately have to look at a multiracial service. The question is how to get an open service which will work in practice.

There are definite financial considerations which favour a fully multiracial service.

During the past financial year the city lost R15,7 million on its bus services. The white service was responsible for R13,7 million of this loss, and the black service only for R2 million.

The reason is that the black service is much better utilised. Income from black fares cover between 74 and 80 percent of expenditure.

For the white service the figure is only 58 percent because of poorer utilisation. During non-peak hours about 70 percent of the white buses are idle.

Black buses are much better used during off-peak hours. On some routes they are overloaded while white buses are running nearly empty.

Integration would partly cut this wastage. But only partly.

At the moment the transport department runs 376 white buses on 100 routes and only 70 black buses on 12 routes. The rest of the city's black commuters are carried by trains and Putco buses.

Financially the black service is only a drop in Johannesburg's bus transport bucket. Instant integration would thus not necessarily be an instant financial solution.

Doubts have also been voiced in the past about whether black commuters would be prepared or able to pay the higher fares which an integrated bus service would bring about.

Mr Les Pettey, general manager of the city's transport department, dealt with the issues involved when asked to comment on the possibility of a fully multiracial service.

"Although to integrate might appear to be the best way to improve economic viability, a careful study would have to made to ensure that high standards of security, safety and comfort are maintained. Otherwise large numbers of white passengers would find alternative transport — particularly as 70 percent are females."

The transport department had already received telephone calls from passengers in Dunkeld, Parkhurst and Bellevue-Yeoville who were apprehensive about reports that buses on these three routes might be opened to all race groups.

Mr Pettey, however, pointed out that empty buses are a headache for transport officials. They dream about a better spread of passengers during non-peak hours on all routes. The only way to achieve this would be to open all buses to all races.

He provided recent figures showing that there is a definite percentage of black commuters who are willing and able to pay more for a better service.

These figures relate to the number of blacks who daily use private combi taxis from townships to the city.

Although more expensive than the normal bus service, the combi taxis are preferred by a considerable number of people because they offer more comfort and security.

The cost of these taxis is roughly double the train fare and 50 percent higher than the bus fare.

According to Mr Pettey about 13 700 black commuters (or 7 percent) use the combi taxis on a daily basis.

"This shows that a certain percentage of blacks are prepared and able to pay more for a better service."

Putco spokeman Mr Pat Rogers confirmed that its buses are getting competition from combi taxis.

"We have lost about 5 percent of our customers over the past two years Although the economic situation might have played a role, we largely attribute this to the increased use of taxis."

Transport officials dream about a better spread of passengers during non-peak hours on all routes.

Putco has also been receiving complaints from white-collar black commuters about overcrowding and dirty buses.

"We are aware of the fact that there is a middle-class group of blacks who are prepared to pay extra to get extra," Mr Rogers says.

At the other end of the scale are whites who want to use black buses.

"I have been getting calls from whites wanting to use our buses because it would be more convenient for them. Of course I had to say no, we are only licensed to carry black passengers," said Mr Rogers.

Mr Paul Asherson, PFP city councillor for Wanderers, also tells of a recent meeting in his area where ratepayers called on Putco to open their buses to white passengers.

If straightforward integration is not the solution, what then?

The PFP in the city council seems to be thinking of a system which makes a lot of sense in view of the preceding facts

Mr Max Neppe, PFP councillor on the transport committee, doesn't want to go into detail at this stage, but indications are it is based on a two-tier system which boils down to economic segregation.

In other words, two bus services with different fare structures; a more expensive A bus and a less expensive B bus.

Such a system would cancel out the potential problem of overcrowding All passengers of all races would have access to both services, depending on which one they could afford. And there would be a better spread of passengers.

What does Putco think about it? "If one were arguing pure economics, it would be a sensible step. In such a system we would want to provide only one tier," said Mr Rogers.

But the present economic climate precluded Putco from upgrading the overall comfort standards of their buses

Transport officials believe a two-tier system could be a viable solution. It would have to be run by a co-ordinating body which would ensure that certain standards were met in both tiers. This could be established once the new Regional Services Councils come into being.

But Mr Danie van Zyl, an NP councillor and chairman of the city's transport committee, isn't in favour of a two-tier system.

"The two-tier idea is only so-called integration. My view is that we should experiment with one bus service for all races on the Bellevue-Yeoville, Parkhurst and Dunkeld routes — with white passengers paying the lower fare black fare. If this proves successful we can take another look at the general situation."

Mr van Zyl says the transport department's report on the three routes should be ready for the next management committee meeting towards the end of the month.

Blacks will pay more for service

Sandton buses to be integrated

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Sandton's white bus routes will be officially integrated within two months — if the Town Council accepts the management committee's recommendation.

The decision to recommend opening buses to all races follows the report of the De Leeuw Cather Public Transport Study, which found that over 50 percent of bus users favoured the idea and only 37 percent were opposed to it, chairman of the management committee, Mr Schalk Visser, said yesterday.

"The decision was partly philosophical — the Progressive Federal Party does not believe in a segregated bus service. White buses are underutilised and we can't afford the cost of running a segregated service," he continued.

Blacks will pay a higher fare on the white routes than on those operated by Putco — but will benefit by a better service with stops closer to their place of work, Mr Visser said.

Fares on these 17 routes — which operate as the "POTS" services, run by Putco and heavily subsidised by the Sandton City Council — can be as much as R1,25 more than fares for similar trips on the Putco-operated buses.

The management committee recommendation will be discussed with the chairmen of the Sandton ratepayers associations before it is put to the council at its August meeting.

Reaction to the announcement was mixed. Former president of the Parkmore Ratepayers' Association, Mr J de Villiers, said the announcement was "hot air and that Sandton buses have been quietly integrated for the past three years."

"I'm totally delighted at the news," said former chairman of the management committee, Mr Ricky Valente.

Independant Sandton counciller, Mrs Jo Marais, said she had "no problem" with the recommendation. "If blacks want to pay those fees, there is no reason why they can't use the service," she said.

Another independent councillor, Mr Edward Coote, said he agreed in principle with the integrated buses, but asked if it was "equitable" to give only blacks the choice of an alternative bus system.

Pietersburg church lifts ban on blacks

Northern Transvaal Bureau

PIETERSBURG — The church council of the Pietersburg North NGK congregation has rescinded a decision barring blacks from worship services.

The turnabout is thought to have occurred because of pressure from church members and regional synod leaders.

The Rev J C Carstens, one of three ministers at the church, who was the central figure in the controversy involving the previous decision, has refused to comment on the matter.

In May, Mr Carstens announced during a Sunday service that blacks would not be permitted to attend worship services in the church.

The announcement came after five black university students unexpectedly attended a service at another NGK congregation in town.

The new decision has been widely welcomed in Pietersburg church circles.

Final steps under way to open CBD to all races

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Municipal Reporter

The final steps which will allow trading by all races in central Johannesburg are expected soon, the Central Business District Association chairman, Mr Nigel Mandy, has said.

In terms of the Group Areas Amendment Act, which was implemented at the end of May, interested parties have applied to the Government for Johannesburg to be opened for trading to all races

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Mr Mandy said this intention would be soon advertised in newspapers to allow for comments and objections

If no objections are received, the Minister of Constitutional Development and Planning, Mr Chris Heunis, must next either appoint a Group Areas board to consider the matter or recommend to the State President that the area be opened to all races.

Mr Mandy said the city council and groups representing business and professional people had strongly suggested to Mr Heunis that a Group Areas board was unneccessary for Johannesburg.

MAKES

"If Mr Heunis makes a recommendation to the State President, the Provincial Administrator must first be consulted before Johannesburg is opened

"It will merely regularise what has already been happening in Johannesburg for some time, but it is important that this happens," Mr Mandy said



Mr Laurence de Graeff, who has been in the milling business for nearly half a century, examines a handful of freshly ground maize meal

Machadodorp miller has maize meal in his veins

Lowveld Bureau

MACHADODORP — Machadodorp miller, Mr Laurence de Graeff, has maize meal in his veins.

After nearly half a century in the milling business, 75-year-old Mr de Graeff considers himself one of South Africa's oldest active millers.

His antiquated mill, started by his father shortly after the Anglo-Boer War, has been in existence for 80 years.

Apart from the power supply, which was converted from steam to electricity, the system has not changed much.

And, says sprightly Mr de Graeff, the equipment still has many working years ahead.

Mr de Graeff took over from his father in 1937

In those years, he recalls, Machadodorp was a bustling village and his clients came from the surrounding mines, farms and the Kruger National Park.

The old mill, capable of handling five to ten bags an hour, operates on a belt and elevator system.

Although the equipment seldom breaks down, Mr de Graeff is on constant standby for any emergency.

The smell of freshly ground maize meal and the constant noise caused by machinery and belting have become a way of life for the gentleman miller.

But one thing worries him.

"I am not as young as I used to be and I cannot go on forever," he says.

And as much as he dislikes the idea, Mr de Graeff realises the time has come for him to give up his first love — milling.

"Through the years the old mill has provided well for me and my family but, if the right person were to come along, I will certainly seriously consider selling," he says sadly.

Sandton opens bus routes to all pending approval

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By Janine Simon

Blacks will officially be able to use any route on Sandton's Pots bus service pending the town council's expected approval of a Management Committee recommendation at the monthly council meeting on Monday night.

Desegregating the Pots services is one of 18 recommendations — based on the findings of the De Leuw Cather Public Transport Study — which the Management Committee will submit for the improvement of the Pots and Putco services in the town.

However, the Management Committee recommendation on desegregation overtakes the study which suggested blacks should only travel on certain trips of certain routes.

Pots services — consisting of 17 buses on nine radial routes from the Sandton suburbs into central Johannesburg — were previously open to Coloured and Indian passengers.

Sandton's Management Committee set up a Section 59 committee on public transport and commissioned the study into all aspects of public transport in the town in August 1983.

The study recommended.

- The introduction of a route for blacks in the Bryanston west area.
- A trial off-peak bus service from Fourways to Sandton City.
- Combining certain Pots routes to increase frequency, extending them to reach areas not served and re-routing them to serve the Carlton Centre.
- Not to develope park-and-ride facilities in the town.
- Black taxis should be provided when improved bus facilities are provided and strict control should be maintained on the number of taxis using the facilities.

'Jo'burg may be open to all traders by December'

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A Government proclamation allowing traders and businesses owned by all races to operate in Johannesburg may be made by November, according to Mr Nigel Mandy, chairman of the Central Business District Association (CBDA).

Mr Mandy was reacting to a newspaper notice published today in which the Department of Constitutional Development and Planning asked for representations on the subject by October 11. 30/8/85

"Mr Chris Heunis (the Minister of Constitutional Development and Planning) will then either appoint a Group Areas Board to consider the matter or will make a recommendation directly to the State President," Mr Mandy said.

He said he would make representations to the Government that appointing the Group Areas Board was unnecessary and the final proclamation should be made as soon as possible.

CHRISTMAS PRESENT

He said he hoped the proclamation would be made in time for matters to be settled with final implementation in December.

"It will be a nice Christmas present for Johannesburg," Mr Mandy said.

He said the proclamation would allow non-whites to open businesses in the city and open cinemas to all races.

"I am soon going on a lecture tour of North America and I was hoping to be able to say that our city was open, but I now have to say it is in the process of being opened," Mr Mandy said

"There are many old factories and offices which are being under-utilised, and these can be occupied by black businesses," Mr Mandy said

Non-racial luxury bus service to run between Randburg, Pretoria

Transport Reporter

A non-racial luxury bus service is to be introduced between Randburg and Pretoria on Monday, Greyhound Bus Lines has announced.

Luxury coaches — with air conditioning, reclining seats, a cloakroom and a hostess serving refreshments — will make four trips a day in each direction

The service will run via Sandton and passengers will be able to buy tickets to any stop along the route.

The travelling time between Randburg and Pretoria will be 55 minutes and 40 minutes between Sandton and Pretoria

The single fare between Randburg and Pretoria will be R3,40 Commuters will be able to buy a monthly season ticket with a discount of up to 20 percent In addition, monthly ticket holders will be able to reserve specific seats

The announcement of the new Greyhound service follows the introduction by Putco last month of a multiracial bus service between Johannesburg and Pretoria

SEASON TICKETS

Putco buses make five trips a day in each direction A single ticket is R3,80 Season tickets are also obtainable.

The Randburg-Pretoria service is Greyhound's third inter-city service

About 15 months ago it introduced the Durban-Johannesburg service and recently a service between Johannesburg and Nelspruit.

Inter-city bus services are a controversial subject at present.

Next month the National Transport Commission will complete hearing applications for the establishment of nationwide inter-city bus services.

The applicants are Greyhound Bus Services, the Bloemfontein-based Jakaranda Busdiens, City Tramways of Cape Town and South African Transport Services' road transport division.

SATS, which applied for 23 national routes in January, surprised the private companies when it told the NTC hearing that it was opposed to any form of inter-city coach service.

However, if the NTC decided there was a need for such a service, SATS should be given an exclusive permit, it said

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Benoni to open its CBD to all races

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The Benoni Town Council will open its central business district to all races.

The council has called on its neighbours, the Daveyton and Wattville town councils, to do the same.

Council secretary Mr C H Boshoff said he could not at this stage say when the opening would take place.

"We are going to submit an application to the Government on the matter. The State President, after consultation with the Administrator of the Transvaal, will take a decision on the matter," Mr Boshoff said.

He confirmed that the Daveyton and Wattville town councils had also been called upon to open up their areas to all races on a *quid pro quo* basis.

The Mayor of Daveyton, Mr. Tom Boya, said the issue was a sensitive one and he would have to study the report before he could comment.

The Mayor of Wattville, Mr Noel Mlokoti, could not be reached for comment.

All-race suburb planned

PORT ELIZABETH — A Ciskeian-based company is negotiating the rezoning of prime undeveloped land near Plettenberg Bay, pending its development as South Africa's first multiracial residential area.

If the rezoning application is successful, 150 hectares along the beach and lagoon near the Keurbooms River mouth will be offered for sale to developers of the country's first "controlled area".

According to a brochure issued by the Ciskeian-based company, Amcor Property Trust Company, details of the rezoning are being resolved with the government.

DISPATCH

Amcor says the project is of "profound political significance" because it will have full international status. According to the company, groundwork and a market survey have been completed. — DDC.

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Handicapped kids barred from 'whites only' park

AN out-of-term outing for a group of mentally handicapped children had to be cancelled because they were barred from using a "whites only" park.

The principal of the Laudium Training Centre (LTC), Mr Bob Chetty, said he had planned to take the 26 handicapped children to the Fountains — a popular picnic park in Pretoria — on Thursday.

By BOETI ESHAK

But he was informed that Indians were not allowed at the park

This was confirmed to the Sunday Times by the Pretoria City Council's PRO, Mr Jan Bezuidenhout

He said although the city council had opened its parks to all races, the three regional parks — Fountains, Derdepoort and the Wonderboom Nature Reserve — were reserved for whites

"On previous occasions I went to the Fountains with a child and I was not turned away There were no hitches then," Mr Chetty said

"Another teacher on my staff also went to this picnic area with his child and they, too, were allowed in

"We decided it would be an appropriate way for the handicapped children of the LTC to spend an end-of-term outing

"Then a female staff member told me to check as she was turned away on July 21 She was told the park was reserved for whites only

"The chairman of the city council's management committee, Dr Gerhard Davidtsz, also confirmed that it was reserved for whites only

"The director of the parks department told me if a written application was submitted, it would be considered."

This, Mr Chetty said, would take up time by which it would be too late.

"This is an embarrassment for our society and one can imagine how the children would have felt if they were turned away at the gates of the Fountains," he said

"This incident clearly illustrates that talks of reform are a sham

"How can there be reform if innocent handicapped kids have to suffer? Apartheid still exists, no matter what anybody says"

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Krugersdorp undecided on open CBD

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By Karen Bowes, STAR
West Rand Bureau

"We are busy hitting one of the final nails in Krugersdorp's coffin. There is no growth in the central business district," town councillor Mr Gert Visser said last night at the council's monthly meeting, supporting a motion to open certain areas of the town to businessmen of other races.

He was referring to a recommendation to open parts of the central business district, as well as portions of Burgershoop and Paardeplaats, to all races as a free enterprise area.

By turning this down, the council would lose their CBD. Westgate, the recently opened R72-million West Rand shopping complex, was already attracting many Krugersdorp shoppers, he said.

Mr Chris Viljoen disagreed, saying: "Trade is not everything. It is your skin that counts. Laws are falling away. In three years we are breaking down what took 300 years to build up. Let him (Mr Visser) open his business there."

ASIAN TRADE CENTRE

Mr Bill Greyvenstein, chairman of the management committee, commented: "We don't want to open the whole town for trade, but times have also changed. Earlier ideas were to develop an Asian trade centre like the Oriental Plaza, but this will never be developed. They won't, the State won't and we can't."

Mr Visser said the management committee should investigate the item again with special consideration to the daily decline of numbers of people in the town centre.

"I don't want to make a decision on the basis of skin colour, but I don't want to see the town fall, while around me other towns grow," he said.

Mr Viljoen suggested a referendum, saying the matter was for the public to decide, not 12 councillors.

Mr Sakkie Nel said the council should not allow their decisions to steamroll. "State officials identified these areas with the council," he said.

The management committee agreed to take the item back and to arrange a special council meeting later this month, at which those people affected would have the opportunity to comment.

Protest over move on hunting game

By Karen Bowes,
West Rand Bureau

A recommendation by the management committee of the Krugersdorp Town Council to maintain the laws on culling game in the Krugersdorp Game Reserve was accepted despite strong protest at last night's monthly meeting.

A report before the council listed the advantages and disadvantages of capturing game live, or alternatively of allowing people to shoot game under the guidance of trained personnel, as had been done in the past.

Opinions from various private game farmers, the Department of Nature Conservation and the National Parks Board were tabled in the report, from which the management committee concluded that game had to be thinned out to maintain the correct balance between male and female animals.

MORE PROFITABLE

The management committee found that trophy-hunting was more worthwhile than selling game shot by game reserve personnel.

No more profitable alternative could be found to get rid of superfluous male animals, unless the animals were rare species which could be sold at auctions. The game reserve does not have an excess of rare game.

Shooting accidents among hunters were not impossible and, although animals could be wounded or maimed during hunting expeditions, it was also found that game and the game reserve personnel were injured during captures.

Capturing game was also more expensive than hunting.

DISMISSED

At last night's meeting Mr Chris Viljoen dismissed the opinions of private game farmers, saying they were only interested in financial gain.

"Trophy-hunting is murder. At an expedition at Bloemhof Dam it was found that 60 percent of the 'hunters' could not even set their gun sights properly.

"Why are private hunters brought in? The game belongs to the ratepayers. Nature conservation has the know-how, let them help us," he said.

The Rev Arrie van Wyk replied: "If this is murder, then surely we should not be eating meat? The possibility of shooting accidents has been investigated and all precautions to prevent this are taken.

"The thinning out of game is essential and financially advantageous to the council. People who wish to hunt are tested beforehand and hunt under supervision. If an animal is wounded, it is followed and killed so there is no suffering."

we give blacks one chance"

Red tape but cinemas go colour blind

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While official approval for multi-racial cinemas is still tied up in red tape, black people have begun attending central Johannesburg cinemas regardless

The two main cinema chains recently won approval from the Government to "make individual application" for cinemas to be multi-racial STAR

Although both chains had already campaigned for the opening of cinemas in central business districts, they went through the motions of applying again once the Government announcement was made

In the meantime, cinema managers in central Johannesburg seem to be turning a blind eye on mixed audiences Managers contacted by the *The Star* confirmed that they were doing nothing to discourage black cinema goers 26/6/85

Mr Willie Dhlamini, who attended a cinema this week, said it was "as though it had always been like this"

TOOK NO NOTICE

"None of the other patrons took any notice of us We stood in the queue, bought tickets and, after the show, we bought cold drinks in the shop No one said anything to us. It seemed as though it had been that way for years"

The director of land allocation for the Department of Community Development and Planning, Mr A Nell, said he was trying to meet the requested deadline of November 1 for the official approval.

But the applications were scattered among the department's regional offices, which were investigating each of them, he said

After regional consideration, they would be returned to the department's head office but it was not known how long this would take

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Reef towns quietly drop park apartheid

West and East Rand Bureaux

Quietly, without any fanfare, most Reef towns have dropped apartheid in their parks.

This came to light when *The Star* asked town officials to comment on Johannesburg city councillor Mr Mike Sutherland's suggestion that neighbouring towns should open parks to all races to avoid a repetition of last year's festive season chaos at Gillooly's Farm and Zoo Lake.

East Rand towns' spokesmen denied that holiday overcrowding in Johannesburg parks was due to people commuting into the city from their areas.

Boksburg's town clerk Mr Leon Ferreira said: "We doubt that our residents make use of any other towns' facilities — we have more than enough facilities of our own. There have been no complaints from anyone and all our parks have been open to all races for a long time."

Brakpan town clerk Mr Gerrie Swart said: "Our recreational facilities are open to all races and in the past few years we have not had any problems."

Edenvale town clerk Mr Frik Mulder said: "Our people are definitely making use of our own facilities."

While in Germiston, management committee chairman Mr Stan van Eeden said: "Most of our workers return to their homelands for the festive season.

On the West Rand, Roodepoort town clerk Mr Werner Zybrands said: "Roodepoort has never experienced the problems referred to by the councillor."

A Krugersdorp Town Council spokesman, Mr Johan Breedt, said his council had no comment on the issue.

Randfontein's PRO, Mr Mauritz Zietsman, said his town was not responsible for overcrowding in Johannesburg, as all race groups made full use of local facilities.

Councillor challenges golf course bannings

By Shirley Woodgate,
Municipal Reporter

The banning of three Indian players from Huddle Park golf course has been taken up by the ward councillor. He has challenged management committee chairman Mr Francois Oberholzer to order that playing tickets be issued to all fee-paying golfers of all races.

Mr Geoff Stark (Progressive Federal Party) has also offered to help any golfer barred from the course on racial grounds to take legal action.

Contrary to the official attitude, the park is open to all races and the superintendent acted outside the golf course by-laws, which state clearly that no one is banned from playing because of race, so long as he pays the appropriate fee, Mr Stark claimed.

"These by-laws must be read with the Parks, Gardens and Open Spaces by-laws, which contain an iniquitous provision that nobody without council authority may enter or remain in any recreation ground, which by council resolution and by notices posted within the ground, say it is set apart exclusively for people of a different race group."

He said council officials had told him that this was the provision that set Huddle Park aside for whites. But officials had not been unable to show him the relevant resolution dated February 1972, nor did he believe it existed.

If the reply to his allegation shielded behind the Group Areas Act, Liquor Act, Black Urban Areas Consolidation Act, or Reservation of Separate Amenities Act, he warned that he would produce a 75-page memorandum prepared by Professor J D van der Vyver, of the faculty of law at the University of the Witwatersrand, stating that none of these Acts prevents the opening of public sports facilities to all population groups.

Mr Oberholzer said he had no comment to make at this stage.

Krugersdorp park bars multiracial school group

—By Susan Pleming

The Krugersdorp Game Reserve told the deputy principal of a Johannesburg multiracial school this week that the Standard 8 geography class could not visit the reserve because black children would be included in the group.

The deputy principal of Marist Brothers School in Linmeyer, Mr Mark Honeywill, was told that buses carrying black children were barred from the reserve.

The headmaster, Mr S Silcock, said he was "deeply annoyed" by the discrimination against his black pupils.

"What harm can a group of children do at a game reserve? I think it is absolutely disgusting that my pupils have been denied entrance."

Mr Honeywill said the visit to the reserve formed part of a three-day field trip to the Magaliesberg area.

"We thought it would be a good idea to stop off at the reserve on our return to Johannesburg so the children could see the animals. We had not even planned to get out of the bus."

An employee at the Krugersdorp Municipality who takes bookings for the reserve confirmed that the children were denied entrance to the reserve.

"Black buses are only allowed into the reserve on Wednesdays," he said.

The spokesman said white children were allowed into the reserve "any day of the week".

When asked why buses carrying black children were not allowed in any day of the week, the spokesman said: "I do not know. The municipality makes the rules and we have to adhere to them."

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Support for open cinemas

The Sandton Town Council last night came out in favour of opening the eight cinemas in the town to all races.

It resolved to advise the Department of Constitutional Developement that the council strongly supported such a move.

The Metro 1 and 2 cinemas at Hyde Park Corner Shopping Centre and the six cinemas at Sandton City would be affected.

Management committee member Mr Peter Gardiner said the department would probably accept the application because of the council's support."

Hotel apartheid alive and well in Jo'burg

By Rich Mkhondo and Claire Robertson

Few Johannesburg hotels seem to have heard of the Government's hush-hush scrapping of race restrictions in hotels, bars, restaurants and accommodation establishments by a promulgation in the Government Gazette this week.

Admitting black people is now subject to normal rights of admission — but still not widespread. It would have made little difference if they had, for the hotels that denied two *Star* reporters service last night did not do so on the grounds that one of us was black.

They had "nothing against blacks personally, but ... ", or the bar had "just closed" as we sat down.

In the first we visited, the Cardiff Hotel near Joubert Park, we were stopped at the door by the concierge who asked where we were going.

After a confused explanation of the amending of the pertinent section of the Liquor Act — not helped by his weariness, our trepidation and hissing from passing patrons — he told us the bar and advertised "dancing nightly" were upstairs.

Upstairs we were again stopped, by what appeared to be a bouncer, but who claimed to be the manager.

He told us we could not enter the pub because "the police had told him not to allow blacks entry" after a "bad fight last week".

While he insisted to the white half of the team, ignoring Rich's questions, that the fight had involved only black patrons, several burly men appeared at his side. They alternately stared at us, and exchanged comments with a growing band at the pub entrance.

"She must be colour-blind," opined a woman to guffaws from the crowd.

We left more than a little intimidated. Shouted obscenities followed us. The bouncer had been adamant — he had nothing against black people, but their prescence in his pub led to fighting. He knew nothing, and cared less, about the new law.

BAR CLOSED

The next bar lounge, in the Hotel Monte Carlo in Claim Street, was a quiet place with few (white) late-night drinkers. We sat down at 10.50 pm. Five minutes later a waiter approached to tell us the bar was now closed. It closed at 11 pm, he told us with a grin.

A middle-aged man who heard the exchange promised to get us drinks but by then the bar really had closed.

Downstairs we asked if a black-white couple could get a room in the hotel. "If there is a room, no problem," said the desk clerk. Unfortunately they were booked solid that night.

Thirsty and dispirited, we arrived at the Rand International Hotel in Bree Street. This 18-year-old hotel acquired "international status" four years ago and we anticipated no problems.

In the comfortable bar we were served, along with a 50 percent-black clientele — a haven until a Portuguese regular called a Zambian hotel guest a "bobbejaan" and stalked out.

"I am not from here, I am from a proud country," the Zambian called after him.

A tiff over a (black) woman, said our barstool neighbours. "One too many," said the unflappable and charming barman.

"Nkosiyami (My God), he called you 'bobbejaan'," another customer said, head in hands.

The (white) man next to him patted him on the shoulder: "Please, forget it. Let me buy you a drink."

W Tvl resort no utopia for coloured family

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By Janine Simon

Utopian holidays are off limits for coloured people — at least at the Utopia Holiday Resort, which overlooks the Buffelspoort Dam in the Western Transvaal.

This was the rude discovery made by a coloured woman from Fleurhof, Roodepoort, who was asked to leave the "whites only" resort shortly after checking in late on Friday afternoon.

Mrs Priscilla Jackson had intended spending four days at the resort with her children, Portia (13) and Anita (12), and a friend, Mrs Ruth Petersen, and her 10-year-old daughter Samantha.

The first indication that admission would be refused came on their arrival at the resort shortly after 4 pm on Friday, after a two-hour drive.

After passing through the entrance gate — which confirmed her booking — Mrs Petersen was instructed to drive to a second office to pay for the accommodation. She noticed a "whites only" sign and was then confronted by two Afrikaans-speaking men.

"One said he was the owner and told us he had a problem," Mrs Jackson said. Despite the women's protestations, the owner said there was nothing he could do and asked them to leave the premises.

The two women and their children were forced to spend the night and the following day in a nearby hotel.

"There I was stranded in the middle of nowhere, in the late afternoon, with my children. How could I explain this to my children, who go to a multiracial school?" added Mrs Jackson, who works for an international construction company.

"The country is supposed to be moving away from this. It has never happened to me before — now I understand the bitterness black people feel."

Mrs Jackson said she should have been informed of the restrictions before arriving at the resort.

DEPOSIT

She made a telephone booking with Utopia on Thursday and confirmed her place by making a deposit with Computicket the same day.

A spokesman for Utopia, which is on the Rustenburg/Krugersdorp road, said today the resort was privately owned and that it reserved the right of admission "There is no law forcing us to admit all people", the spokesman said.

Computicket's general manager, Mr Aubrey Louw, said his company had subsequently refused a request from Utopia management to check the race of people making deposits for stays at the resort, as this conflicted with Computicket policy.

Civic Centre tours offered

Municipal Reporter

Open days for the public are to be held at Johannesburg's Civic Centre from today as part of the city's centenary celebrations.

Two films will be screened and visitors will be taken on tours of municipal departments. Highlights will be the mayor's parlour and the council chamber as well as the council's local government and law libraries with their unique collections

Tea will be served in the 16th floor Civic Panorama. The tours end at the Centenary Festival offices where souvenirs will be on sale. Anyone wanting to join a tour should telephone Christa Claasen at 777 1111 extension 2198.

Recreation race bans are to be challenged

By Shirley Woodgate, Municipal Reporter

Johannesburg's "all-white" recreation centres have been accused of acting illegally by refusing to allow Indians, blacks and coloured people to become members.

After an investigation into the city's by-laws, Councillor Geoff Stark has offered to take up the issue and make it a test case for anyone turned away from a centre because of race.

Only the Braamfontein centre has been desegregated, and his action follows two recent complaints lodged with Councillor Claire Quail about discrimination at Paterson Park Recreation Centre.

One involved two Indian men whose application to join a first-aid class run by the Red Cross was turned down; the other a young coloured woman refused entry to an aerobics class.

Mrs Quail approached management committee chairman Mr Francois Oberholzer, who agreed to make an exception by granting special permission for the coloured woman to join the exercise classes.

Mr Stark explained his stand by saying that recreation centres were controlled by committees acting according to constitutions drawn up by the council.

These stipulated the "whites only" rule — but this was not backed up by any by-laws passed by the council, nor had he been able to trace any Government or Provincial laws compelling municipalities to reserve recreation centres for whites.

The matter could come up for discussion at next week's council meeting.

Govt set to overrule Pretoria on cinemas

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GOVERNMENT is expected to sweep aside any Pretoria City Council opposition to the opening of cinemas to all races.

Constitutional Development and Planning Deputy Minister Piet Badenhourst made it clear earlier this week he would decide ultimately on multiracial cinemas.

However, he said it was policy to consult certain bodies, including local authorities and the local Member of Parliament, on Group Areas Act issues.

He said Pretoria had not applied for multiracial trade in its CBD. In an open CBD, cinema-owners could decide whether to open their cinemas to all races.

His decision on Pretoria cinemas would be made soon after comment had been submitted by the council and other interested parties.

GERALD REILLY

Badenhorst said he resented the suggestion that he was using Pretoria MPs to put pressure on the council to open cinemas.

UIP-Warner MD Tim Ord has suggested the problem be solved by granting cinemas the same right of admission as that granted to bars, hotels and restaurants.

"Pretoria carries a heavy responsibility if it continues to adopt a negative approach," Ord said yesterday.

"Not only will local cinemas be forced to close, but the supply of films, TV programmes and videos to SA will be jeopardised."

CBD to open to all races

The Verwoerdburg Town Council last night voted unanimously to declare the central business district a free trading area.

At the same time, the cinemas in the town have been opened to all races.

Verwoerdburg has been more willing to fall in line with Government policy on open CBD's than has its bigger neighbour, Pretoria, where the opening of the city centre is the subject of heated argument.

Verwoerdburg Management Committee chairman, Dr J P Naudé, said there had been little debate on the opening of the town's CBD as all councillors agreed this was the right move.

This will come into effect as soon as the proclamation has beem signed by the Minister of Constitutional Development and Planning, Mr Chris Heunis. — Pretoria Bureau.

All-race cinemas - over to council

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THE opening of Pretoria cinemas to all races has now been found dumped into the lap of the city council.

The council has received applications for the opening of at least eight indoor cinemas and four drive-ins from the Department of Constitutional Development and Planning, and must now give its comments.

The department has been sending the applications through since last week, when it was reported that the council had not been approached, although the first applications had been directed to the department as far back as July last year.

It is understood the applications have been delivered by hand to the office of the town clerk, Mr Piet Delport.

The chairman of the management committee, Dr Gerhard Davidtsz, told a representative of the department last week that if the department had received applications for the opening of cinemas it should send them to the council for comment.

A city council spokesman, Mr Jan Bezuidenhout, said yesterday the

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applications would be discussed by the management committee soon.

Close

A major South African film company, Ster-Kinekor, said last week its Pretoria cinemas would have to close if they were not open to all races soon.

The Department of Constitutional Development and Planning, when approached the next day, said the opening of cinemas to all races fell under th jurisdiction of the department's deputy Minister, Mr Piet Badenhorst.

Although he would only decide after local authorities had made their recommendations, these recommendations need not necessarily be followed.

A Press statement that came after Mr Badenhorst confirmed it was "standing policy" to consult "certain persons and institutions", including local authorities and MPs, also said the authority to decide on applications rested with him.

Randburg wants cinemas for all

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By Janine Simon

Randburg has again come out in support of opening cinemas in the town to all races.

At its meeting last night the town council resolved to recommend to the Department of Constitutional Development and Planning that four Ster-Kinekor cinemas in the town be declared open to all.

The council was asked for its view on the film company's application to the department to open the Velskoen Drive-In and the Cine 1, 2 and 3 at the Cresta Centre. The final decision will be taken by the department.

TWO PREVIOUS APPLICATIONS

According to a Press statement, the Randburg Town Council has also backed two previous applications to open cinemas in the towns.

In June 1982, the then Progressive Federal Party-controlled council voted to recommend that the Willows and Five-Star drive-ins be opened.

In February this year, in view of Randburg's application to declare its CBD a free trading area, the National Party-controlled council supported applications to open the Cine 1 and 2 in Sanlam Centre and Metro cinemas.

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Call for opening of eight cinemas

Pretoria has been asked to open eight of its cinemas to all races.

The chairman of the management committee, Dr Gerhard Davidtsz said this week that the council would decide its policy before July 1. The council says it has received no applications.

However, the Department of Constitutional Development and Planning has passed on requests for the opening of at least eight cinemas. — Pretoria Bureau.

'Open' cinema report

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Pretoria Bureau

Municipal officials are compiling a report on the opening of the capital city's cinemas to all — and the council has promised a decision by the end of June.

A Pretoria council spokesman said today that the report, once complete, would go before the management committee.

The cinema controversy has raged for some months, with the council saying it had received no applications to open cinemas. However, a number of applications have now been forwarded by the Department of Constitutional Development and Planning.

Councillors themselves are understood to be split on the issue and a number — including the small but vociferous Herstigte Nasionale Party caucus — are known to oppose opening cinemas to all races.

However, major film companies have threatened to stop supplying films to cinemas in Pretoria if these facilities are not allowed to be desegregated.

Oberholzer defeats PFP call for open amenities

City lambasted on apartheid stand

STAR 28/5/86

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By Shirley Woodgate, Municipal Reporter

The Johannesburg City Council was lambasted last night for perpetuating apartheid in toilets, swimming pools and recreation centres — in spite of President Botha's statement that apartheid was dead.

Speaking during his motion calling for all council facilities to be opened to all races, Mr Geoff Stark of the Progressive Federal Party said that not one of national laws relating to the mixed amenities supported the council's present policy.

He said apartheid existed because the council chose it He offered to represent in court any person turned away from amenities for reasons of race



City councillor Mr Geoff Stark (PFP) last night raised the issue of apartheid in public toilets and "... introduced in toilets like these at the City Hall where black or white pictographs subconsciously ... facilities.

'Nat bedfellows'

He was supported by Mr Les Dishy (PFP). "The management committee accepts integrated services and knows it is essential and right, yet it opposes the motion"

Mr Elliot Kretzmer (PFP) said: "Blacks have become an intrinsic part of our society and it is our duty to provide for their leisure activities."

Mrs Molly Kopel (PFP) said. "We want to see a totally open city ... the sooner we eliminate racism the sooner we can survive."

Mr Ian Davidson (PFP) accused management committee chairman Mr Francois Oberholzer of having lost his courage because of his National Party bedfellows.

Mrs Claire Quail (PFP) said a survey had shown that less than 10 percent of the people in Pietersburg supported mixed swimming pools — "but we are not Pietersburg".

Mr Tony Leon (PFP) said there was nothing more degrading ... because of skin colour.

Only Mr Oberholzer spoke on behalf of the ruling coalition

He said the realities and the responsibilities should be considered. The State had its back to the wall — "Must we rock the boat?"

The choice about opening facilities should be a local one. "Councillors should consult their ratepayers, and this management committee will listen with a sympathetic ear if they have a mandate."

Mr Oberholzer added that if they preempted blacks' wishes, there would be nothing to negotiate on concessions.

Independents Mr Ron Selley and Mr Lionel Keenan left the chamber before the vote.

Mr Stark's motion was defeated. Mr Oberholzer's amendment was adopted. It took note of President Botha's statement that "we have outgrown apartheid" and supported him in his initiative for change.

Mamelodi homes project

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THE Mamelodi Town Council has approved plans for the development of a new multi-million-rand suburb in the area.

The council yesterday approved plans that will allow building contractors to develop 1155 residential sites and to build sub-economic houses for the township's lower income group.

This was at the council's monthly meeting.

A spokesman for the council said a new technical secondary high school and two creches would also be built at the buffer strip area near the Eerste Fabrieke railway station.

The council also announced that developments were at an advanced stage for another multi-million rand suburb — "Mamelodi Gardens". The local mayor, Mr Bernard Ndlazi, yesterday said contruction companies were laying roads and sewerage and water pipes.

The new area near the Eerste Fabrieke station, according to the council's planners, would comprise 1155 residential sites, eight church sites, for business stands, two creches, four primary and pre-primary schools, a technical high school, eight parks and a garage.

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'Open up facilities in PFP areas'

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By Shirley Woodgate,
Municipal Reporter

The chairman of Johannesburg's management committee has been challenged to open all council facilities in 23 of the city's 47 wards where voters put Progressive Federal Party councillors into office.

This challenge by PFP councillor Mrs Claire Quail comes in response to Mr Francois Oberholzer's offer this week to lend a sympathetic ear to councillors who had consulted residents and found they were prepared to open facilities.

Mrs Quail said PFP members were given that mandate four years ago when they were voted into office, and accused Mr Oberholzer of using delaying tactics by asking them to canvass opinion again.

In the 1982 elections the PFP polled a total of 38 895 votes to the NP's 21 854, the IRA's 8 979, the Herstigte Nasionale Party's 3 911, the Ratepayers' and Independents' 5 076 and the NRP's 3 400.

OPPOSITION

Despite the PFP having received 47 percent of the votes, it was relegated to the opposition benches while the NP/IRA held the reins.

Mrs Quail said Mr Oberholzer had taken the cowardly way out by offering to open facilities in one suburb only.

She appealed to all businessmen, from the big mining houses to corner shops, to put pressure on their councillors to bring about change.

Pretoria to get open cinemas

Pretoria Correspondent

The Transvaal Board for the Development of Peri-urban Areas has given the Government the green light to open the first cinemas in Pretoria to all races.

A spokesman for the Peri-urban board, Mr Henning Visser, said the board had told the Department of Constitutional Development and Planning it had no objection to the opening of the Lynnwood and Jakaranda drive-in theatres.

The department sent applications for the opening of the two theatres to the board in April.

At the same time, application for the opening of four drive-ins and a number of indoor cinemas was sent to the Pretoria City Council for comment.

The PFP candidate in the municipal by-election in Ward 15, Mrs Mary Hammond-Tooke, expressed delight over the Peri-urban board's move.

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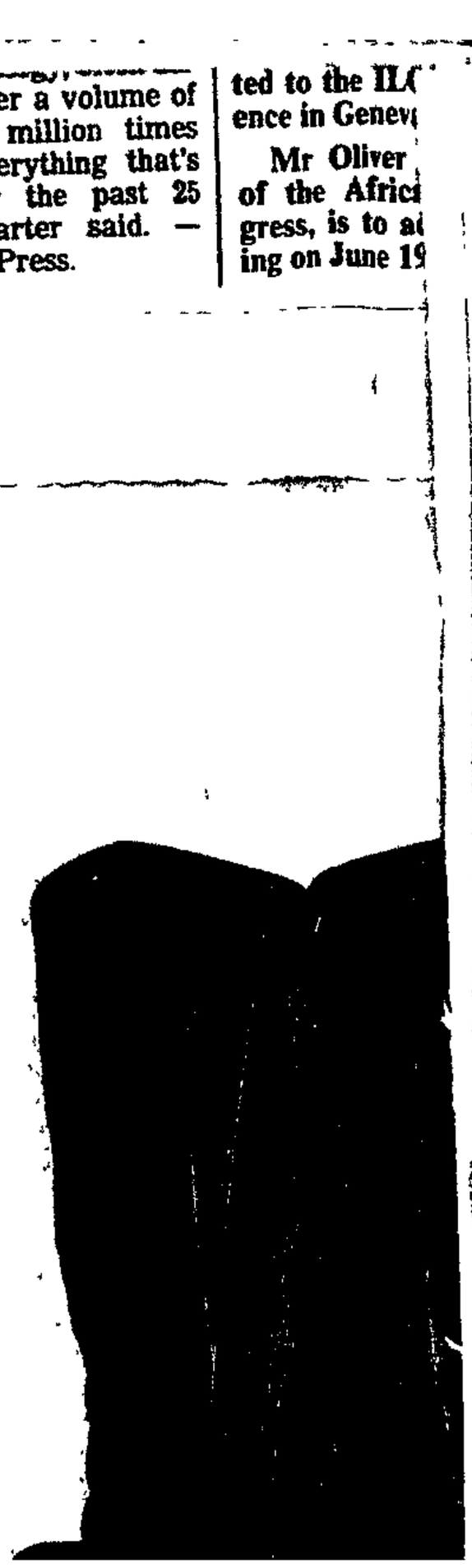

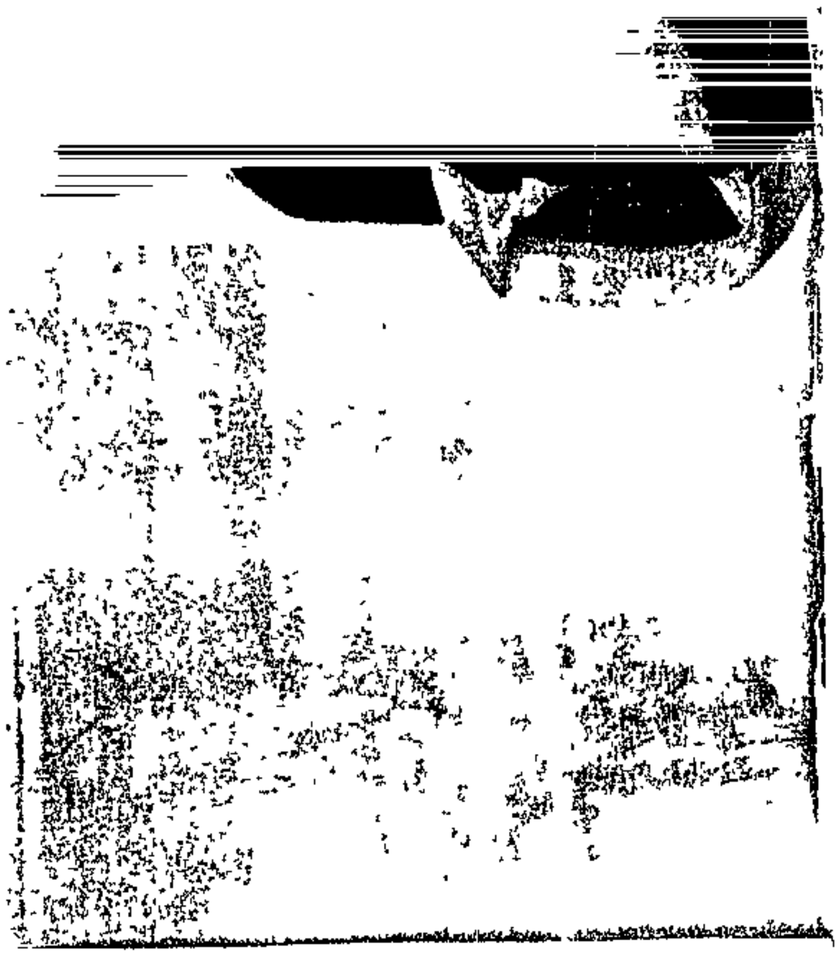

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Pressure on Oberholzer to boot out apartheid

By Shirley Woodgate,
Municipal Reporter

Pressure to abolish petty apartheid in Johannesburg is building up after Management Committee chairman Mr Francois Oberholzer offered to turn a sympathetic ear to opening council amenities to all races.

He said in last week's council meeting that, if councillors brought proof that ratepayers wanted open facilities, the Management Committee would listen sympathetically.

Hard on the heels of yesterday's call by the Johannesburg Chamber of Commerce to open all council facilities comes renewed pressure from CBD councillor, Mrs Molly Kopel.

"My ratepayers, the businessmen who pay the bulk of the city's rates — which filters down to the householders whose rates bill would otherwise rocket — have repeatedly stated their views

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"Only last week the executive council of the Association of the Chambers of Commerce (Assocom) urged the Government to speed up the removal of the remaining restrictions contained in the Group Areas and Land Acts.

"The previous week Mr Nigel Mandy, chairman of the Central Business District Association went on record stating Johannesburg is not a white city and cannot be run as a white 'own affair'.

"What more proof does Mr Oberholzer want of the proven mandate by the ratepayers in the CBD?

"Or does he want to go down in history as Johannesburg's Neville Chamberlain, unable or unwilling to face the challenges of change?" she asked.

'No justification for City apartheid'

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By Shirley Woodgate, Municipal Reporter

There can be no justification for the continued segregation of any council facility in Johannesburg's central business district, says president of the Johannesburg Chamber of Commerce Mr Pat Corbin.

Reacting to last week's report of the petty apartheid debate in the Johannesburg City Council, he said a great opportunity had been lost to move further along the path to opening all council facilities to all race groups.

"Good progress has already been made, in this our centenary year, with the opening of the CBD to all.

"Rapid orderly steps must now be taken to open council amenities in the rest of Johannesburg.

"We strongly disagree with the reported contention of management committee chairman Mr Francois Oberholzer that the removal of mixed racial barriers is in any way a 'concession' to be negotiated.

"In our capacity as major ratepayers, we would remind the council that the wellbeing of all the citizens of this dynamic city is directly linked to the prosperity of the business community — already negatively affected by international pressures against South Africa.

"Johannesburg, with its cosmopolitan population, is ideally placed to lead in the reform process, heralding the way for rapid, orderly change throughout the country."

Alberton council to fight open cinemas

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By Shirley Woodgate, Municipal Reporter

Alberton is to defy the threat to close down "whites only" cinemas and has challenged the cinema companies to build separate facilities in the townships.

This is the reply of management committee chairman Mr Johann van der Merwe to the recent warning by the managing director of Ster-Kinekor, Mr Philip McDonald, that cinemas in areas where local authorities do not allow multiracial audiences will simply be forced to close down.

"Our cinema is well patronised and if we open up to all races it will be flooded," said Mr van der Merwe.

He added: "They are welcome to close down this venue."

Krugersdorp and Alberton are the only two towns on the Witwatersrand where cinemas are officially decreed "whites only".

All other Reef towns have approved open cinemas and Krugersdorp's management committee chairman, Mr W A Greyvenstein, said the matter would come before his council at the end of June.

He said the final decision would be made by the full council.

Mr Timothy Ord, MD of UIP-Warner, said he hoped "commonsense would prevail in these two towns", adding that no problems had been experienced in any cinemas since they had been desegregated.

As expected, there had been no rush by "other" races to the "white" cinemas, and the pattern of slightly higher attendances by blacks, coloureds and Indians who had been deprived of first class cinemas would only change when they altered their habits, Mr Ord said.

Opening up cinemas to all — but by halves

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Own Correspondent

Pretoria City Council

Pretoria city council is to recommend to Government that 12 of 24 Pretoria cinemas become multiracial and only part of the central business district (CBD) be opened to traders of all races.

The council decided at last night's monthly meeting to recommend Sterland's eight cinema theatres, Metro Menlyn's three theatres and Zwartkop drive-in be open to all.

The Department of Constitutional Development and Planning referred applications for the opening of four Pretoria drive-ins and 20 indoor cinemas to the city council for comment in April.

The theatres concerned are the Zwartkop, Fountains, Uitspan and Wonderboom drive-ins as well as Cinerama, Transvalia, Metro Menlyn 1, 2 and 3, Metro Village 1 and 2, Kine 1, 2 and 3, Sterland 1 to 8, Metro and Metro Oscar.

The decision was approved by 21 votes to 11 after a heated debate during which HNP speakers challenged the Federation of Ratepayers' Association councillors to resign.

Mr Joseph Chiole said HNP members would then also resign, and the ensuing election should be fought on only three issues: open cinemas, open CBDs and acceptance of regional services councils.

The two PFP councillors were not present at last night's debate.

MAIDEN SPEECH

Dr Bertus van Rooy of the National Party, who voted with the Federation of Ratepayers' Associations, said in his maiden speech other facilities at the Menlyn shopping centre were open to all races. It would be inconsistent to reserve cinemas there for whites.

On the CBD issue, the council decided in favour of opening the area bounded by Boom, Du Toit, Vermeulen, Bosman, Struben and Potgieter streets to traders of all races.

It added the condition, however, that section 27 of the Group Areas Act, which concerns property rights, should not be abolished in the area.

Town clerk, Mr Piet Delport, said in a report that people of colour (anderskleuriges) should not be allowed to acquire property rights of residential stands there, because this would lead to "gradual residential encroachment by people of colour."

The report said the entire central business district should not necessarily be opened, but the opened area should be linked to the core of the CBD.

The council was told that a petition against opening the CBD, signed by 42 business and professional men, had been submitted by HNP Councillor Mr Joseph Chiole.

Letters in favour had been received from the Small Business Development Corporation and Mr Peter Rose, on behalf of Pretoria Traders' Association.

The city council had earlier indicated it would not oppose the opening of four other areas in Pretoria — but retaining section 27.

These are two sections of the Asiatic Bazaar, the area bounded by Bosman, Christina, Jacob Mare and Scheiding Streets and the area bounded by Mitchell, Carl and Buitenkant Streets in Pretoria West.

MP: Pretoria City Council delays reform

Own Correspondent

A Pretoria MP has called for the immediate opening of all cinemas and other facilities in the city to all race groups.

Reacting to the city council's recommendation that 12 out of 24 Pretoria cinemas should become multiracial Mr Boetie Abramjee, MP for Laudium, said today it was strange that only half the cinemas should be opened.

"As the capital city, we should set an example," he said.

As for the city council's recommendation that only part of the central business district (CBD) be opened to traders of all races, with certain conditions, Mr Abramjee said the entire CBD should be opened.

He called on the city council to move fast towards reform, as reform was inevitable.

"Delaying tactics and restrictions can only cause further friction and polarisation," Mr Abramjee said.

JOHANNESBURG

Heart of stone

Johannesburg is the vital engine of the Witwatersrand economic powerhouse. Yet this leadership role is at odds with its civic image, which is depressingly conservative, hesitant and dusty.



After nearly a decade of reform noises by government, and with apartheid widely discredited, it is absurd that SA's leading city has chosen to retain racial discrimination. It is there in its municipal bus services, clinics and swimming pools; in most of its recreation centres and some sports facilities

The reason is not hard to find. Since the 1982 municipal elections, the city has been run by an alliance of the National Party (NP, 17 seats), J F Oberholzer's Independent Ratepayers Association (IRA, 5), and two other independents. These 24 wards have been sufficient to keep the Progressive Federal Party (PFP), with 23, in opposition

PFP leader Sam Moss argues convincingly that the city has effectively experienced NP rule for four years, that the coalition has never departed from the parameters of government policy, and has even fallen behind government thinking on reform.

This means, in a time of great political turmoil, that few encouraging signals have been sent to the blacks of Soweto and other townships — and they made their sense of rejection perfectly clear when it came to celebrating the city's centenary. The silence is made more emphatic by the reformist voices now heard in Durban and Cape Town, in particular, and even Port Elizabeth and East London

Since 1982, a "gentleman's agreement" between the NP-IRA alliance and the PFP has ensured the rotation of the mayoral office among the three groups. It is accepted that the mayor is above politics and will not even use his casting vote on voting deadlocks The mayoral voice has been even more tentative since Ernie Fabel's unfortunate gaffe on Nelson Mandela, and press suggestions that a PFP mayor (Harold Rudolph) was better suited to presiding over the Centenary. The contrast with other cities is stark, when one considers the high political profiles of, say, Durban's Sybil Hotz and Neil Macfennan, and Cape Town's Leon Markovitz.

Despite the precarious balance of power, the position is not likely to change in the near future. In recent months the PFP has failed to break into the southern wards, even in areas which should favour it (The Glens), and it battled to retain a traditionally safe seat (Bellevue) against a strong NP challenge The council deadlock has kept caucus morale and determination high, but the national swing to the Right since 1982 indicates that a PFP majority is not on the cards.

Municipal elections, due in 1987, have been put back a year by government, apparently to blend with the regional services council (RSC) arrangements For the next 18 months at least, the city will probably be stuck with the present management committee Compromise is unlikely· in 1982 the PFP was offered three seats on the management committee, and declined because it did not want its caucus to be hamstrung. Thus the majority party has no real voice in the running of the city.

A more liberal approach by the NP-IRA alliance seems unlikely Observers estimate that up to eight wards in the west and south are vulnerable to the Conservative Party. It would be understandable if the alliance is constantly keeping a watchful eye over its right shoulder.

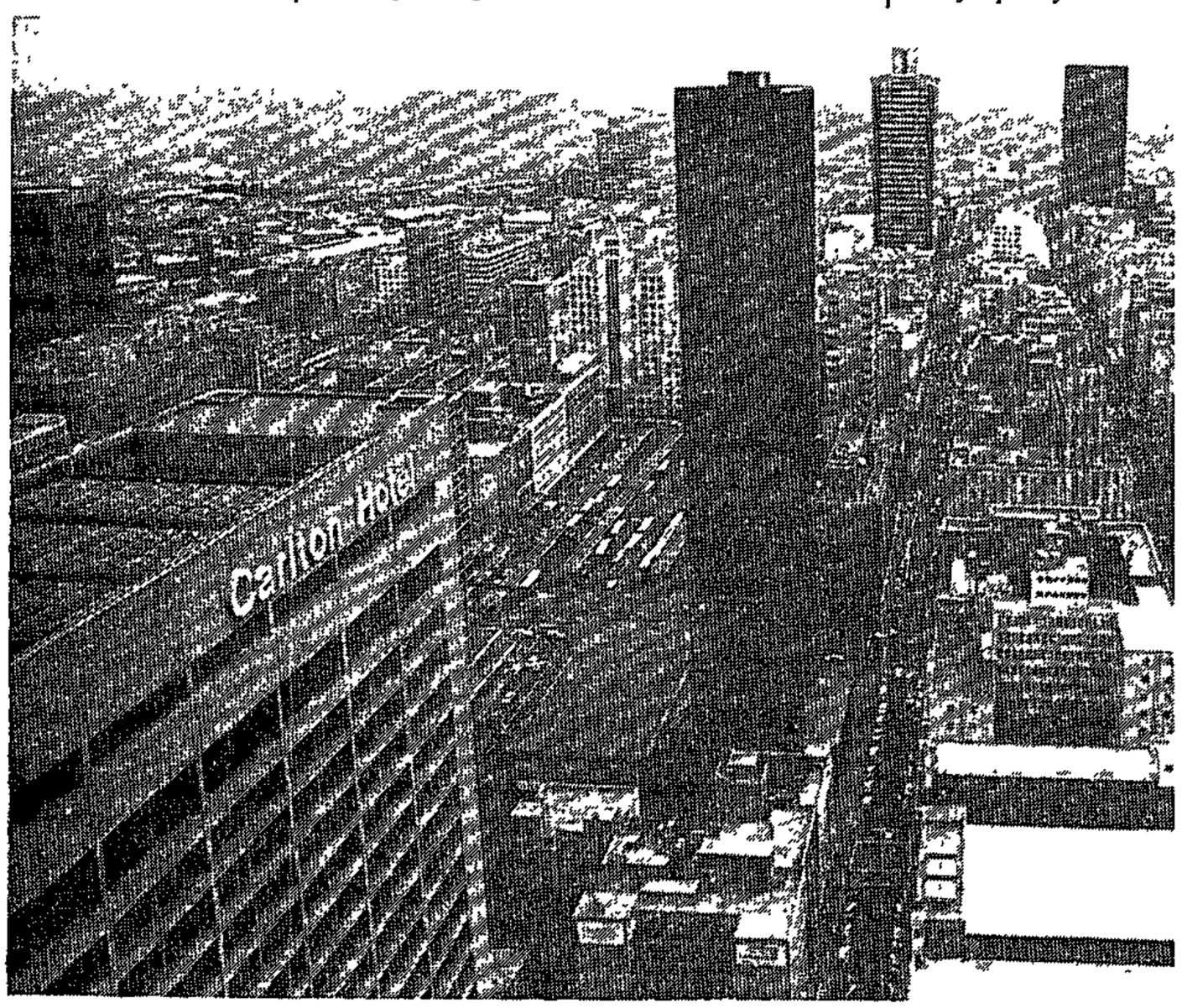
Perhaps this helps explain Oberholzer's reluctance to abolish the remaining apartheid restrictions In the face of consistent PFP pressure over the past year, Oberholzer has been quoted as saying that amenities should not be opened to help the State President; that he did not wish to relinquish all the chips that could be used for bargaining with blacks, that Johannesburg should not rock the boat Such statements have been scorned by his opponents The alliance has stalled PFP proposals for the formation of a top-level multiracial committee, drawn from all groups and sectors, to further urgent discussion on reform

Oberholzer's caution is strange. after all, he opened the city's parks and libraries to all races in 1975, when such reforms were unfashionable and virtually unprecedented In May last year, he supported the opening of the CBD to all businessmen, and said recently that he foresaw the day when the CBD would also be open residentially. And he claims to be sympathetic to opening amenities — if councillors can provide evidence of a mandate from their wards to do so.

However, Oberholzer did not call for such a mandate when he opened the parks and libraries, and the fact that 23 wards are represented by the PFP, is a mandate in itself.

Sympathy without action — this entails the survival of ridiculous and hurtful apartheid In recent months, Indian golfers have been barred from the municipal course at Huddle Park, a coloured woman had to get special permission to attend an aerobics class at a recreation centre Only 13 municipal toilets and two recreation centres (Braamfontein and Jabula) are open to all races, swimming pools remain unequivocally white, and buses are still officially segregated

Of course, in practice, apartheid has been breaking down The Group Areas Act has long been a dead letter in certain suburbs Council sources



Even on that level, some strange decisions have been taken. While the city's contribution to culture and the arts must be acknowledged, its judgment in these areas has often been ridiculed.

In this field Oberholzer has proved particularly inept.

The council attracted bad publicity over the refusal to allow black-dominated professional soccer at the Rand Stadium; and it looked very silly with its policy of awarding special maternity benefits to female employees whose husbands were doing military service. The intention was not malicious, but the discriminatory implications should have been glaringly obvious.

Nevertheless, all political factions agree that the city is blessed with an excellent civil service — loyal, experienced and efficient. In general, professional department heads are respected in their fields, and many of the usual gripes against local authorities do not arise. For its white citizens, it is a well-run city — and Oberholzer must take much of the credit for that. There is no question that he has the welfare of the city at heart, and his vast knowledge and experience make him a valuable asset.



Arnold Pronto

Open library ... a reform not followed through

But it is clear that Johannesburg has lost its flair, its capacity for innovation In some senses, it is the laughing stock of the country. No one is clear about the form the new RSCs will take — but it is vital that Johannesburg influences its own composition and role as much as possible At the moment, the signs are extremely discouraging. If, as seems likely, the city is still ruled by the NP-IRA alliance when the confusing transition takes place, we can only urge that this moribund and hesitant collection of individuals gets its act together

Johannesburg is a city built on risk. It prides itself on its bustle, its energy in so many fields. Now its civic leaders must stop talking the political language of the Sixties and Seventies, and learn to take chances instead of squandering opportunities. Its citizens, black and white, and the country itself, deserve much better.

Politically, Johannesburg must adapt swiftly to changing circumstances, and stop behaving like an obscure rural municipality. ■

CULLINAN

More than hanging in

A refractories partnership formed three years ago with Iscor, and successful expansion in electrical fields, has shielded Cullinan from recession and made an earnings advance for 1986 likely.

Earnings prospects for Cullinan Holdings underline the advantages that can be gained from having a well balanced industrial portfolio, especially under depressed economic conditions. The group recognised some years ago that it was overly reliant on its dominant refractories business It developed a strategy to achieve a wider spread of profit sources, and pursued investments in sectors which did not follow the same business cycle as refractories.

Not all of the diversified areas became as profitable as management would have liked. As the economy buckled, certain Cullinan divisions came under severe pressure. In particular, the contribution from the property and building bricks divisions dropped dramatically. Two years ago they contributed more than half of group earnings (before interest, which is charged against group profits); now their contribution is little more than 10%. However, strong demand in other areas of the business more than compensated and earnings continued to grow. And while the economy stills shows little sign of improvement, Cullinan's immediate outlook remains favourable overall.

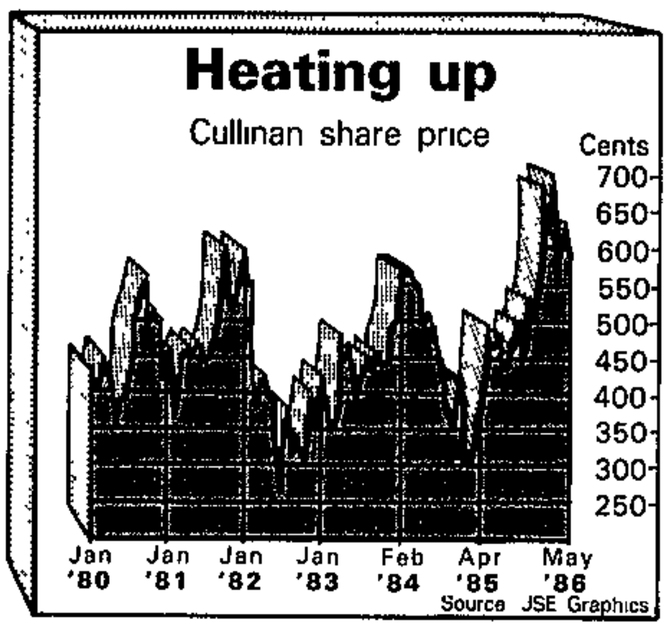
The single most strategic action ever taken by the company — its history dates back to the turn of the century — was the formation of its equal partnership with Iscor in July 1983. At that stage, severe recession in the local iron and steel industry had taken a harsh toll. In the year to end-June 1983 refractory profits dived to their lowest in years. Their contribution to earnings per share (EPS) dropped to 6,5c from 54c in 1982. The division's major refractory competitor, Anglo-American controlled Vereeniging Refractories (Verref), was not immune either Verref's operating profits practically halved to R5,1m from R10,5m, and fell below this level in the next two years. It took higher exports to improve Verref's refractory profits to R5,5m in 1986.

By contrast, Cullinan's refractory earnings gained strength from the merged interests. In the following two years, earnings almost doubled annually (see table) The upward trend continued, although at a slower pace By the end-December interim, refractory profits were 60% of the total for the 1985 year.

Chairman Neil Cullinan tells me that Cullinan was the initiator of the partnership. "It was one way we could diversify more quickly with the capital that we had." Certainly, capital resources were strained at the time. At 0,64, gearing was above the group's revised self-imposed limit of 0,60. Further, lower profits and rising interest rates had squeezed interest cover from 3,2 to 1,5 times in 1983 The partnership immediately benefited the balance sheet: R25m of Cullinan's borrowings were shifted into the partnership, which continued under the name of Cullinan Refractories The result was that by end-December 1985, Cullinan's gearing stood at a far more comfortable 0,20

There is no doubt the partnership was extremely successful, with Cullinan cornering a major share of the refractory market. Inevitably, perhaps, Cullinan's business with Highveld fell. But, says Cullinan, "we still do business with Highveld just as Verref still does business with Iscor " Nevertheless, Verref refers to "the loss of a major proportion of the company's traditional sales to Iscor" in its 1986 annual report Despite gains in the export market, and the boost the low rand has given local steel producers, its plants remain severely under-utilised.

Capacity utilisation at Cullinan has improved, with production restored to more economic volumes. Although local demand for steel remains low, Iscor has replaced the loss in the domestic market with exports Says Cullinan. "Iscor is very busy just as we are very busy." With the rand set to remain



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All-race cinema soon for Pretoria

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Pretoria Correspondent

Pretoria cinemas recommended for multiracial status by the city council may be officially opened to all races before the end of the month.

A spokesman for the Department of Constitutional Development and Planning said the film companies' applications could be approved two days after the council's recommendations were received.

Deputy Minister of Constitutional Development and Planning Mr Piet Badenhorst, who would have to give final approval, was on leave but would be back by the middle of July.

THEATRES

A council spokesman said its recommendation for opening Sterland's eight theatres, Metro Menlyn's three and Zwartkop drive-in to all races was posted to the department last Thursday.

Its recommendation for the opening of part of the central business district to traders of all races was being posted this week.

The Department of Constitutional Development spokesman said opening part of the CBD was a lengthier process.

Its regional office had to investigate the matter, reports had to go to head office and the director-general, and public comment had to be invited and investi-gated.

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Pretoria cinemas open to all

STER-KINEKOR has announced that the Sterland cinema complex in Pretoria is to become multi-racial.

Ster-Kinekor MD Mr Philip McDonald says: "We see this as a major breakthrough in normalising cinema attendance in South Africa. Sterland, with its eight cinemas and serving approximately 800 000 patrons a year, is the largest and most successful cinema complex in the country."

Ster-Kinekor applied for all cinemas to be made multi-racial in November last year, and to date 88% of cinemas have been "opened".

No incidents or problems have been reported from those cinemas that became multi-racial in January this year and it is hoped that remaining venues will open soon.

Potchefstroom, Krugersdorp and Vereeniging cinemas still remain closed to black audiences.

Bus apartheid alive and kicking

DESEGREGATION of the Johannesburg bus service to the northern suburbs is on the cards, but no offical anouncement has yet been made by the National Transport Commission.

Meanwhile, apartheid is thriving on certain Johannesburg bus routes.

If you're white, coloured or Asian, you can travel on a municipal bus, but if you're black, legally the bus driver can refuse to let you on.

A fortnight ago, a regular passenger on the Judith's Paarl bus watched a white

By SUE FOX MENOF

driver turn away black passengers and declare. "I don't let blacks on my bus"

Johannesburg theatre publicist Dorothy Watkins saw the driver's action on the No 29 bus for Judith's Paarl on Thursday, October 30, about 4pm

"It was my day off," said Miss Watkins. "I went to a movie, left at the interval and caught the bus in Eloff Street.

"At one of the stops, a black man put his foot on the step and asked if the bus was going to Braamfontein. The driver said 'No' and then turned to a passenger and added 'Even if I was going to Braamfontien, I wouldn't take him. I don't want blacks on my bus'.

"A few stops later, at the corner of Twist and Plein streets, he refused to allow an elderly black couple to board the bus The woman protested and said she always caught the Judith's Paarl bus at this time The driver said. 'I don't take blacks on my bus'.

"I was shocked because there are always blacks on our bus."

Miss Watkins called the city transport department to complain

"I was told coloureds and Indians were allowed on the buses, but admitting blacks was at the discretion of the driver."

The spokesman said it was because blacks, in the event of an accident, had no legal recourse"

Mr Ed Curtis, acting general manager of the transport department, said that it was illegal for a driver on a designated "white" route to carry blacks.

"The driver is responsible for enforcing the law in this respect, and he's breaking it by not complying with it.

"But it is the policy of this department to try to avoid racial friction," said Mr Curtis, who could not confirm that desegregation of the city's bus service was on the cards. Neither could the chairman of the management committee, Mr Francois Oberholzer.

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MAYOR Mr Morgan Sibaya of Ratanda holding the map of the proposed picnic resort. Work will start this month, he said.

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Ratanda to get resort

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By NKOPANE MAKOBANE

THE Ratanda Town Council has approved the development of a picnic resort on the south-western side of the township.

The first phase of the project will cost R3,5 million.

Mr Morgan Sibaya, Ratanda's mayor, said work would start this month.

Pools

Structures to be built first include an amphitheatre, swimming pools, chalets and a conference centre.

"We know that Katlehong and Vosloorus also have pleasure resorts, but we intend to make this one the most attractive on the East Rand," he said.

Initially, the new resort will be run by the Transvaal Provincial Administration. According to Mr Sibaya, the council is not ready to manage the project.

"However, we hope to later take total control of the resort as has been the case with Ratanda Council which is manned by a black staff," he said.

Mr Sibaya said he aimed to satisfy all the needs of the Ratanda community such as housing, waterborne sewerage, tarred roads, and sport facilities.

He said his council planned to build houses for low-income people.

Ramekane funeral

MRS Winnie Mamabudisha Mapetlwane Ramekane, who died on January 3, will be buried at Avalon Cemetery on Saturday January 10.

Mrs Ramekane (80), of 3730 Orlando East, Soweto, died at Baragwanath Hospital after a long illness.

A service will be held at the Faith Mission Church in Orlando East. The cortege will leave for the cemetery at 2 pm. Mrs Ramekane is survived by six children.

Pretoria cinemas may be opened

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Pretoria Correspondent

All Pretoria cinemas may soon be opened to all races.

A city council spokesman today said the management committee would consider a written representation from a major cinema group that all city cinemas that have not yet been desegregated be opened to all races.

He could not say when this would happen, but pointed out that the management committee's first meeting of the year would take place on January 15.

Ster-Kinekor ultimatum

Ster-Kinekor's marketing director, Mr David Isaacs, was today reported to have said the company would close all its cinemas and drive-in theatres that were not opened to people of all races by the end of the month.

Theatres in Pretoria, Roodepoort, Potchefstroom, Krugersdorp and Vereeniging are said to be involved.

Although the city council does not have a final say in matters of this kind, the Government asks local authorities for a recommendation before making a decision.

At the end of June 1986 the city council recommended that 12 out of 20 Pretoria cinemas be opened to all races. This was approved by Government.

It is understood that a report by the Group Areas Board regarding the opening of all business premises to all races have been handed to the Deputy Minister of Constitutional Development and Planning, Mr Piet Badenhorst.

Mr Badenhorst said in a statement last year that the Government intended to allow all businesses — including cinemas, hotels and restaurants outside free trade areas — to open their premises to all race groups.

The Group Areas Board was asked to investigate the position and to make recommendations to him regarding the amendment, or even repealing, of proclamation R17 which restricted admission to premises outside open central business districts.

This would make it possible for businesses outside free areas to take the decision themselves, he said.

Mr Badenhorst said it would appear that owners of businesses in free trade areas, which were no longer subject to the restrictions of the Group Areas Act, had succeeded in exercising control.

It had therefore been decided that consideration should be given to extend this right to all owners of facilities that were still subject to control.

Big integrated stayaway 'to protest crossing plan'

By Dirk Nel, Northern Transvaal Bureau

Pietersburg cinema owner Mr Sidney Segal has started to collect signatures for a petition to save his business, in the face of the town council's refusal to allow him to open the cinema to all races.

His problem has arisen due to the stated intention of major film distributors not to supply films to segregated cinemas.

Ironically, Mr Segal's cinema has been admitting black and coloured people for many years, but has never been officially desegregated.

The cinema, which opened in 1941, has been owned and managed by the Segal family for 45 years, and recently had a record run with "Jock of the Bushveld".

Leading businessmen in town have described the council ban as gross interference in free enterprise.

The council is controlled by a marginal majority of Conservative Party members. The town clerk, Mr Jack Botes, said the council's decision was not due for reconsideration at this stage.

With the councillors' zealous protection of "Afrikaner interests" likely to result in the closure of one of the town's most popular entertainment centres, rightwingers do not seem to mind.

"We have a right to insist on whites-only entertainment," said a young man sporting an Afrikaner Weerstandsbeweging badge.

Cinema race row petition

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AS the controversy surrounding moves to desegregate Pietersburg's only cinema rages on, the owners have bought space in a local newspaper calling on white residents to come forward and sign a petition.

By MATHATA TSEDU

Mr Sydney Segal, Astra Cinema's manager, said yesterday he was appealing to white residents to come sign the petition which is to be submitted to the town council calling on it to reverse its earlier decision. It refused permission for the cinema to open to all races.

Mr Segal's problems started when major film distributors informed all cinemas country wide that they would no longer supply films to cinemas with racially exclusive attendances

Although Astra has admitted both races for a long time, there are two separate entrances — blacks use a "back yard" entrance and sit in a separate gallery.

Mr Segal applied to the Conservative Party controlled town council for permission to open all doors to all races but this was turned down.

Pietersburg was the only area in the whole country to vote "No" in the tricameral referendum. Mr Segal then drafted a petition which is currently being signed by white patrons calling on the town council to reverse its decision.

Over 1 000 signatures have been collected so far, Mr Segal said. The petition is to be submitted next week before the town council meeting on January 26

Mr Segal said he was hopeful that "reason would prevail and that the decision would be changed. If not, we will have to close down and Pietersburg's people will suffer. I am caught between the devil and the fire and the petition is the most I can do," he said.

Black patrons interviewed in a random survey yesterday supported the move to desegregate

Miss Grace Ramano (23), who works at a hair saloon in town, said "two doors are outdated and if they open all doors to us it will be much better The space in the gallery was very small".

Miss Maggie Letsoalo (21), an advice office worker, said separate entrances "made me feel unwelcome. In fact I had stopped going there but if they open the front door to us then I will go back. At least now they are trying".

Mr Mochecha Ledwaba, a Turfloop student, said while he appreciated the effort, "it is nothing to get excited about. They should have done that long ago and not waited for film makers to bother them. In any case it does not make material differences to us as our struggle is not for minor things like bioscope".

Indian family barred from reserve

AN INDIAN family was barred from visiting Pretoria's historic "Wonder Tree" on Sunday.

Soobia Naidoo from Laudium, an Indian township near Pretoria, said yesterday that municipal officials barred his family from visiting the nature reserve containing the tree.

This is the second discriminatory incident in the city. Last week an Indian national serviceman was ordered off a municipal bus.

Naidoo said: "My children learned about the tree in their geography textbooks and told me they would like to see it. They were very disappointed."

City Council spokesman Fanus Bothma confirmed that blacks were barred from the reserve and two other parks.

Said Naidoo: "We felt so humiliated."

Afterwards the family drove to a nearby roadhouse.

Naidoo said the owner sold them ice-creams but would not serve them milkshakes because he did not want them to drink from his glasses. — Sapa.

Vereeniging cinemas opened to all

JOHANNESBURG — Both of Vereeniging's cinemas are to be opened to all races.

This was decided at a management committee meeting of the Vereeniging Town Council on Monday evening.

Columbia Pictures in the United States had said they would not supply films to South African cinemas and drive-ins that were still segregated after the end of this month. It is not possible for cinemas to remain in business on local films alone.

Previous to Monday's decision only one of Vereeniging's cinemas, in a free trading area, was open to all races. Permission for the other to be opened to all races had been refused as it was in a white area.

This decision was repealed on Monday.

Other cinemas still to open to all races are in Krugersdorp, Pretoria, Potchefstroom and Roodepoort. — DDR

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Vereeniging cinemas now open to all

Own Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG. — Vereeniging's whites-only cinema is to be opened to all races.

This was decided at a management committee meeting of Vereeniging Town Council on Monday evening.

Columbia Pictures have said they would not supply films to South African cinemas that were still segregated after the end of this month.

Before Monday's decision only one of Vereeniging's cinemas, in a free trading area, was open.

Other cinemas still to open to all races are in Krugersdorp, Pretoria, Potchefstroom and Roodepoort.

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CIC to close whites-only cinemas in Pretoria

The Argus Correspondent

PRETORIA. — Four Pretoria cinemas are to be closed because of the City Council's refusal to recommend their opening to all races.

Cinema International Corporation (CIC) announced in Los Angeles that it was taking the step in the wake of the city's refusal to sanction racially integrated audiences in cinemas.

Further reaction came today when the council's management committee was slammed by an opposition councillor for "dragging its feet" on the issue, which resurfaced earlier this month when film companies petitioned the council to open the city's remaining closed cinemas.

CIC, owned jointly by two of Hollywood's largest studios — Paramount and Universal — said it would close down the Metro, Oscar and Village 1 and 2 cinemas in Sunnyside, but did not say when.

DEPLORED BY PFP

The leader of the Progressive Federal Party (PFP) in the Pretoria City Council, Mr Tertius Spies, said today the PFP deplored the fact that the management committee did not regard the opening of the remaining cinemas in Pretoria as a matter of urgency.

The coming general election is thought by observers to be the reason for the management committee's reluctance to consider the issue because it did not wish to offend Pretoria's conservative element.

The chairman of the management committee, Mr Servaas Venter, said he could not comment because the council was still "looking at" requests by film companies that the city's cinemas be opened to all races.

There are only seven municipal areas where cinemas are still segregated. All are in the Transvaal.

Although city councils do not have the final say in matters of this nature, the Government asks local authorities for a recommendation before making a decision.

'Closed' cinemas to close

LOS ANGELES — Cinema International Corporation (CIC) has announced it will close three cinemas in Pretoria because the city council has refused to allow them to be opened to all races.

CIC, owned jointly by two of Hollywood's largest studios, Paramount and Universal, said it would close the Metro, Oscar and Village cinemas in Sunnyside, Pretoria's cafe and entertainment district.

According to the showbusiness bible, *Variety*, this week, CIC ran 16 other theatres in South Africa, all of which were desegregated last year with Government approval.

Ster-Kinekor has also warned that it would shut its theatres in Pretoria and elsewhere if, by the end of this month, conservative councils refused to lift white-only restrictions.

Cinemas to close

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PFP calls for debate on cinema closing in Pretoria

The Progressive Federal Party is to ask for an urgent debate at Monday's monthly city council meeting on the imminent closing of four Pretoria cinemas.

Mr Tertius Spies, PFP leader in the council, said yesterday that, "if we succeed in getting a discussion," he would propose that all Pretoria cinemas be opened to all races and that the council make the decision "there and then".

Mr Spies said his phone did not stop ringing yesterday with calls from angry Pretorians, "not all of them PFP supporters", who pointed out that no racial incidents whatsoever had occurred at those city cinemas which had been opened since August last year.

The city council's management committee did not discuss requests from CIC as well as Ster-Kinekor calling for the opening of all their cinemas in Pretoria at the two meetings it had this month. This was in spite of warnings that the theatres which remained segregated would be closed down.

ALL RACES REFUSED

Cinema International Corporation (CIC) announced in Los Angeles on Thursday it would close four movie theatres in Pretoria because the city had refused to allow them to open to all races.

It planned closing down the theatres — the Metro, Oscar and Village 1 and 2 in Sunnyside — on February 5.

Ironically, the last film to be shown at one of the "threatened" movies, the Metro, is a searing indictment of racial oppression in South Africa — "A Place of Weeping".

The film opens at the theatre this weekend.

'White' cinema faces crunch

Northern Transvaal Bureau

Residents of Pietersburg will be showing greater than usual interest in proceedings at today's town council meeting when the issue of the possible closure of the town's only cinema because of the council's "whites-only" decision is likely to be raised.

The town has been abuzz since news leaked out that two overseas television teams were planning to film material surrounding the controversy.

The owner of the cinema, Mr Sidney Segal, has handed the council a petition with more than 1 000 signatures. But the matter does not appear on the official agenda for today's meeting.

The cinema is likely to be closed if the council does not reverse its whites-only decision, taken late last year, because overseas distributors have said they will cut off supplies of films to segregated theatres.

Statements made during the past week by the mayor, Mr Hennie van Vuuren, indicate that the council is unwilling to reconsider the matter. Conservative Party supporters have a 5-4 majority in the council.

The president of the Pietersburg Chamber of Commerce, Mr Leon van Rhyn, has stated the chamber's view that businesses should be left to decide whom they wish to admit to their premises. It said the council's attitude was "gross interference".

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Axe looms as councils evade cinemas issue

The Argus Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG. — Pretoria and two Transvaal towns may lose cinemas in the face of city council opposition to international film distributors' demands that they either open their doors to all races or have their supply of films cut off.

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Formally

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The Pietersburg cinema owner, Mr Sidney Segal, submitted a petition to the council signed by more than 1 000 people but the matter received only passing attention at yesterday's council meeting.

Nationalist councillor Mr Lodewyk Snyman asked the chairman of the management committee, Mr Nic du Preez, a Conservative Party supporter, why the cinema issue had not been put on the agenda

Mr du Preez said the petition had not been submitted formally to a management committee meeting but had been handed to the town secretary.

He said the issue was "sub judice" as it had been referred to the Department of Constitutional Development and Planning for a final decision.

The mayor, Mr Hennie van Vuuren (CP), ruled that the matter be closed.

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In Pretoria, Cinema International Corporation says it will close four cinemas if they are not open to all by February 5.

But yesterday Pretoria's mayor, Mr Steyn van der Spuy, barred the city council from discussing a Progressive Federal Party motion on the technical grounds that it had been submitted late and was not correctly drafted.

In Krugersdorp, where Satbel and Ster-Kinekor are threatening to close down two cinemas at the end of the month, councillors yesterday reached a 6-6 voting stalemate after nearly two hours of debate.

Mayor Mr C Peyper refused to use his casting vote.

The Rev Arrie van Wyk said the matter of open cinemas was another communist attack on South Africa.

Segregated cinemas: Looks like it's tickets

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ON THE WAY OUT . . . Scenes like this may no longer be seen in Pietersburg and Krugersdorp. (Clint Eastwood and Mario van Peebles in *Heartbreak Ridge*)

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During the stormy meeting, Nationalist councillor Mr Lodewyk Snyman asked the chairman of the management committee, Mr Nic du Preez (a Conservative Party supporter) why the cinema issue had not been put on the agenda, in view of the fact that such a large number of people had signed the petition, and because the matter had been dragged into the national political arena

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Later during discussion of another topic a CP councillor Mr Hannes Engelbrecht was severely reprimanded by the mayor when he launched a bitter attack on Councillor Schalk Schalkwyk (NP) in connection with a letter written by the latter to a local newspaper

The mayor had to use his mallet to call Mr Engelbrecht to order and he cautioned Councillor Snyman for making an interjection Both councillors apologised to the mayor

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In Pretoria Cinema International Corporation has said it will close four cinemas if they are not desegregated by February 5

However the management committee and council both of which are controlled by a coalition of councillors with National Party sympathies are apparently not treating the threat to close the cinemas as a matter of urgency

On Monday Pretoria's mayor Mr Steyn van der Spuy, barred the city council from discussing the issue during its monthly council meeting

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While the debate was in progress a group of 23 black people including Dr Nthato Motlana of the Get Ahead Foundation was watching the matinee performance of the film *Back to School*

Councillor Ds Arrie van Wyk said the matter of open cinemas was another communist attack on South Africa

The Press is only concerned with sensationalism and is South Africa's worst enemy, he said

Mr Chris Viljoen said he feared that hordes of Munsieville residents would stream to the cinemas and said that cinemas should be built in the free trade areas — some fifty metres away from the cinemas in the Kruger Rand Centre

However Mr Roy Martin said he had conducted surveys among Krugersdorp residents and that more than 70 percent in each area voted for open cinemas

The council's comment will be referred to the Department of Constitutional Development and Planning who will make the final decision

Cinemas decision in 10 days

Pretoria Bureau

The Administrator, Mr Willem Cruywagen, is expected to decide within 10 days whether to open seven segregated Transvaal cinemas to all races.

Four theatres in Pretoria and two in Krugersdorp face closure unless they are desegregated. Pietersburg's only cinema has been closed as a result of the dispute.

Film distribution companies have said they will no longer supply the cinemas with films unless they were open to all races.

However, the three councils have been dragging their heels on the matter.

Attempts to resolve the problem were stymied at meetings of all three this week.

ELECTION ISSUE

The matter is threatening to become an election issue with right-wing parties taking a strong stand against open cinemas.

The public relations officer for the Provincial Administration, Mr Archie Byrne, has confirmed that jurisdiction over the opening of cinemas to all races had been transferred to the Administrator.

The Department of Constitutional Development and Planning had sent all applications for the opening of cinemas to Mr Cruywagen's office for attention.

Applications were being considered, he said.

Pretoria dodges fast, furious apartheid issues

PRETORIA. — Apartheid issues have descended on this city fast and furiously of late.

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Meanwhile, the council decided this week to ban the use of a sports ground in Pretoria because a function there would be multiracial

A fun run for young married and single people — which would include 18 "non-white" participants — could not be allowed because, said the vice-chairman of the management committee, Mr Servaas Venter, it was council policy that suburban sport areas may not be used for multiracial events.

And at least 15 congregations of the Dutch Reformed Church in Pretoria are rebelling against the General Synod's decision to open the church to all races.

"So far and no further," said the chairman of the Continuation Committee of Dissatisfied Members (CCDM), Professor Willem Lubbe.

"Thousands of people in the church do not want to worship with blacks," he said.

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Meanwhile, Johannesburg City Council's monthly meeting broke up in disarray on Wednesday night when the Progressive Federal Party walked out in protest over a report on the Regional Services Council.

The walkout came after an urgent report call for nominations for representatives to serve on the Regional Services Council (Central Witwatersrand).

The report was handed to councillors at 9.30pm. When the PFP protested at having to put forward nominations at such short notice, Councillor Danie van Zyl, vice-chairman of the management committee, said the meeting would adjourn for half-an-hour to give them time to discuss the issue.

Tearing his copy of the report in half, Councillor Alan Gadd of the PFP said: "I treat this report with absolute and utter contempt. The stupidity of it is ridiculous. If we act on this then we are a bunch of irresponsible councillors."

Mr Van Zyl, of the National Party, said yesterday that by its actions the PFP had ruined any chances it had of gaining representation on the RSC.

The management committee is likely to call a special council meeting next week to discuss the report. — Sapa

Apartheid rumbles stir up Pretoria

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Date set for Pretoria's cinemas to be opened to all

FOUR Metro cinemas in Pretoria have been given until February 6 to open their doors to all races, deputy GM of CIC Theatres Graydon Fry said yesterday.

The ultimatum, issued by UIP Warner, stated that after the deadline none of the films they distribute may be shown in cinemas that are not multi-racial.

JANET GILL

UIP Warner are distributors for United Artists, Paramount, Universal, MGM and Warner Brothers.

Fry said without the films from UIP Warner there would be nothing to show and the cinemas would have to close as CIC did not get films from anywhere else.

He said CIC was not blackmailing the Pretoria City Council, but if the application was not approved by next Thursday the cinemas would have to close.

The cinemas concerned are all in Sunnyside: the Oscar, Metro and the Village 1 and 2.

There had been a lot of apparent "buck-passing" over the issue, with the council claiming it did not have the jurisdiction over the matter

He, in turn, referred the matter to Mr Griffiths of the MEC, Fry said.

"I do not know how long it will take, or on what basis the final decision will be made," he said.

If the cinemas are closed they will be reopened as soon as multi-racial permits have been granted.

CIC has been appealing for years for a permit to open the cinemas to all races.

☐ Potchefstroom town councillors voted earlier this week to allow Ster-Kinekor's two cinemas in the town to be opened to all races.

Six more cinemas open to all races

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Two Roodepoort drive-ins and Vereeniging's four cinemas were opened to all races last night.

The decision to declare the cinemas "open" was taken at council meetings.

A Roodepoort city council spokesman said that the decision was taken unanimously in closed session after very little debate. The Hillfox and Sterlig drive-ins are open to all with immediate effect, joining the centre's two cinema complexes at Westgate and the Flora Centre.

The opening of Vereeniging's cinemas to all races was confirmed by Dr Mario Milani, chairman of the management committee, following the Vereeniging Town Council's monthly meeting last night.

No reference was made to the matter during the meeting, as the management committee, according to Dr Milani, had already decided on January 19 to recommend the opening of the cinemas.

This recommendation was unanimously approved by the town council, he said.

Dr Milani added that the council had previously turned down applications from the two Ster-Kinekor cinemas in Three Rivers as well as the two Vaal cinema theatres in the Mark Park shopping centre.

But after the town council approved the opening of the central business district to all races in November last year, "the council decided to await re-applications from the cinemas before changing its stance on multiracial status for the theatres".

The Ster-Kinekor drive-in in Vereeniging and its cinemas in Vanderbijlpark have been open to all for some time.

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The city council has raised objections and the matter has gone before the Administrator of the Transvaal.

The dispute over whether to open Krugersdorp's cinemas has also been referred to the Administrator.

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Whites only cinemas close on Monday

JOHANNESBURG — Ster-Kinekor is to close the Kine 1 and 2 cinemas in Krugersdorp from Monday "until such time as these cinemas are granted multiracial status", Ster-Kinekor's chairman, Mr Ian Heron, announced.

However, Pretoria has won a reprieve — of a few weeks

Ster-Kinekor has taken the initiative over the past two years in negotiating with the Government and local authorities for the opening of its cinemas to all races.

During this period considerable progress was made to the extent that all cinemas in the Cape Province, Natal and the Free State have been granted multiracial status.

At the end of last year, 15 cinemas in the Transvaal out of a total of 183 countrywide remained segregated. These cinemas were in Pretoria, Krugersdorp, Potchefstroom, Vereeniging and Roodepoort. Negotiations have been conducted with the local authorities in these centres.

Vereeniging, Roodepoort and Potchefstroom this month decided to open their cinemas to all race groups.

In Pretoria a decision will be made towards the end of February within the time limits set by Ster-Kinekor.

In November, 1986, Ster-Kinekor was advised by certain of its overseas suppliers that the films under their control would not be permitted to be shown in segregated cinemas with effect from May 1, 1987.

To ignore this instruction would lead ultimately to the withdrawal of most films available to SA.

In the case of Krugersdorp, the council reached deadlock on the issue and the chairman decided against using his casting vote. The cinemas therefore remain officially segregated. The matter has been referred to the Administrator of the Transvaal. — Sapa

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2 Krugersdorp cinemas close

JOHANNESBURG. — Ster-Kinekor yesterday said its two cinemas in Krugersdorp will close on Monday and stay shut until they admit all races.

Six cinemas in Roodepoort and Vereeniging will remain open following decisions by the town councils to open the cinemas to everyone.

The Ster-Kinekor move follows a deadlock in the Krugersdorp town council.

A spokesman for Ster-Kinekor said it that it had no alternative other than to close Kine 1 and 2 on Monday.

Pretoria theatres that are currently for whites only have until February 5 to decide whether to desegregate or close. — UPI

Parliament in Cape Town yesterday.

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By Gien Elsas,
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The council's debate and recommendation was sent to the Department of Constitutional Development and Planning for a final decision and Ster Kinekor announced yesterday that the cinemas would close as no answer had been received.

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Cinema ultimatum to Krugersdorp whites

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JOHANNESBURG—Krugersdorp people went to the cinema for the last time at the weekend, unless their town council changes its mind and decides to desegregate the cinemas.

The town council was under a January 31 deadline from Ster-Kinekor to allow all races to use the cinemas in the town shopping mall or have them closed. The council had twice voted for the status quo.

On Monday last week they voted 6-6, and referred the issue to a central government official, who said he would review the decision.

Ster-Kinekor's chairman, Mr Ian Heron, said yesterday that the issue had been discussed for two years and Krugersdorp had run out of time. The cinemas would be closed today, he said, to protect the rest of the company's 183 cinemas and drive-ins from a boycott by American film distributors.

After Mr Heron's statement, Krugersdorp's Mayor, Mr Christo Peyper, called for a second meeting tomorrow night to discuss the issue again. Usually the council meets only once each month.

Mr Heron said Ster-Kinekor, which controls the majority of the drive-in and cinema screens in the country, had been making applications for the past two years to open its facilities to all races.

Local councils have the option of making such decisions, then asking the Provincial Administrator, a central government official, for final approval.

Ster-Kinekor's campaign succeeded in the Cape, Natal and the Free State, where all its cinemas were non-racial by the end of 1986.

The company announced in November that its American suppliers had given a May 1 deadline for all Ster-Kinekor facilities to be integrated or the company would get no more films from those sources.

By the end of December, 1986, only 15 of the companies cinemas or drive-ins, all in the Transvaal, remained segregated, Mr Heron said. The company had negotiated with the city councils of Pretoria, Krugersdorp, Potchefstroom, Vereeniging and Roodeport, but felt it was necessary to set a deadline only in the case of Krugersdorp. — (Sapa)

Pool is for Indians only

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NON-Indians — mostly Africans and "coloureds" — have been barred from using a swimming pool in Nirvana, the Indian suburb of Pietersburg, writes MATHATHA TSEDU.

According to the local consultative committee which is responsible for the administration of the suburb, it was decided that only the suburb's ratepayers be allowed to use the pool. However, Indians from other areas will be allowed to use the pool.

Africans and "coloureds" from nearby townships have been using it in the past as there are no swimming pools in their areas. Whites have never used the pool as they have several of their own in the white areas.

Dr Solly Gani of the consultative committee said there were 25 "coloured" and five white families staying in Nirvana and said this proved that the pool was not restricted to "Indians only". He said the pool was very small and could not even accommodate the residents of Nirvana.

Complaints

"I received numerous complaints about the presence of the other groups at the pool. I have also received plenty of complaints from the Indian residents about the presence of the other races who were residents in Nirvana. But I just ignore these complaints. The decision regarding the swimming pool was taken by the town council but the swimming pool is available for use for all residents of Nirvana," he said.

Asked how residents were identified at the pool, Dr Gani said the pool's superintendent knew all the residents of Nirvana. "If he has doubt about anyone, he allows them in," he said.

But people from the neighbouring "coloured" township of Westernburg who had used the pool previously did not agree with Dr Gani.

"They told us that the pool was for use by residents of Nirvana only. But that is just a sophisticated way of saying Indians only. It is horrible that blacks should practice discrimination against fellow blacks in this subtle way," said one Westernburg resident.

Mr T V van der Merwe of the Park division at the Pietersburg Town Council, last week refused to comment on the matter.

CP has all-white plan for cinema blackout

THE Conservative Party (CP) has devised a mini-master-plan to fight the cinema blackout imposed on whites-only audiences.

Johannesburg CP regional chairman Clive Derby-Lewis said yesterday: "We are trying to get people interested in opening in opposition to Ster-Kinekor.

"We envisage starting on a small scale in hired halls once a week and extending as our patronage grows.

PATRICK BULGER

"It's all very preliminary. You don't organise things like this overnight," he said.

"But there are a lot of people who are concerned about the degeneration of the films shown in SA — people in the churches and concerned citizens' groups."

He said he felt the movement would not be long catching on once Krugersdorp Town Council — which has vehemently rejected desegregation but which meets today to reconsider its decision — reversed its decision.

"I'm sure it won't take long then. People have been conned into believing that the whole of the US wants open cinemas here."

Back to future as row opens cinemas

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Post Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG — Krugersdorp's two Ster Kinekor cinemas have been thrown open to all races.

The Town Council, in a majority vote at a stormy meeting last night, decided in favour of all races being able to attend the cinemas.

The decision followed a motion from Mr Bill Greyvenstein, chairman of the Management Committee, that the council supported the opening of the cinemas to all races.

The motion was supported by seven councillors and opposed by one — the Rev Arrie van Wyk, who said he was doing it for the people of his ward.

Four councillors who last week opposed the motion, stormed out of the meeting before the vote when they heard they had been outnumbered.

The last to leave the chambers, Mr Chris Viljoen, declared that the council meeting was *sub judice*, because a charge against Ster Kinekor had been lodged with the police.

His statement was ruled to be irrelevant.

Mr Viljoen was referring to the action of Mr Clive Derby-Lewis, chairman of the Conservative Party in Johannesburg, who had lodged a complaint of intimidation in terms of Act 72 of 1982 against Ster Kinekor.

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Krugersdorp opens cinemas to all, Pretoria closes four

The Argus Foreign Service

JOHANNESBURG. — Krugersdorp's two Ster-Kinekor cinemas have re-opened to all races after a majority vote decision at a special Krugersdorp council meeting last night while in Pretoria four cinemas are to close.

A proposal to support the opening of the cinemas to all races was handed in to the Krugersdorp council by Mr Bill Greyvenstein with the signatures of seven councillors, including the mayor's

Mr Kobus Meiring asked who signed the proposal and then excused himself from the meeting He was followed by Mr Thys Steenkamp and Mr Sakkie Nel.

Mr Chris Viljoen told the council a complaint of intimidation against Ster-Kinekor had been lodged with the Hillbrow police by Mr Clive Derby-Lewis, the Conservative Party's Johannesburg area chairman and a possible parliamentary candidate for Krugersdorp.

While the council was in committee, Mr Derby-Lewis told the Press the complaint against Ster-Kinekor had been lodged under the intimidation laws

He said· "Ster-Kinekor are trying to force people to vote for the opening of the Krugersdorp cinemas. They are being threatened with the closure of the cinemas and they say that pensioners and children will suffer if the cinemas are closed"

Referring to surveys conducted by councillors before last week's council meeting, he said "Surveys showed the majority of residents in Krugersdorp are against open cinemas."

Jobs lost

A survey carried out by Mr Roy Martin, which showed overwhelming support for open cinemas, was rejected by Mr Derby-Lewis who said "Mr Martin only left forms at businesses He did not go from door to door."

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Pretoria's management committee met yesterday, but did not discuss the cinema issue and the committee's vice-chairman, Mr Servaas Venter, said today he did not know when the issue would be discussed

A change of mind on all-race cinemas

Krugersdorp Town Council has reversed a previous decision and will allow the reopening of two Ster-Kinekor cinemas to all races.

The turnaround, after a vote at a special council meeting last night, sparked a walkout by four councillors — Mr Kobus Meiring, Mr Sakkie Nel, Mr Thys Steenkamp and Mr Chris Viljoen.

Last to leave was Mr Viljoen who declared the matter sub judice as, he said, a charge of intimidation had been laid with the police against Ster Kinekor.

Desegregation became a burning issue last month when international film distributors demanded that cinemas either open their doors to all races or have their supply of movies discontinued.

After twice rejecting desegregation, the council voted again on January 26. The result was a 6-6 deadlock and the mayor, Mr Christo Peyper, declined to cast a deciding vote.

The issue was referred to the Department of Constitutional Development and Planning but, when no answer was received before the deadline set by the distributors, the cinemas closed.

SEVEN SIGNED

Mr Peyper then called the special meeting and, last night, a proposal stating that the council supported the opening of the cinemas to all races was handed in by Mr Bill Greyvenstein. It was signed by seven councillors, including the mayor.

Mr Viljoen told the council that a complaint of intimidation against Ster-Kinekor had been lodged with the Hillbrow police by Mr Clive Derby-Lewis, the Conservative Party's Johannesburg area chairman and identified candidate for Krugersdorp.

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Film company accused of blackmail

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Mr Derby-Lewis said a suggestion in the meeting to open only one of the cinemas had led to "sniggering" in National Party ranks.

About 20 permanent staff members and a number of temporary personnel will lose their jobs as a result of the closure of four Sunnyside, Pretoria, cinemas tomorrow.

The company has been told by its US suppliers that it may not show any of their films in whites-only theatres as from February 6.

The deputy general manager of CIC (SA), Mr Graydon Fry said only five staff members would be kept in the company's employ.

"The rest will be temporarily out of work until such time as the cinemas can be opened again," he said.

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CP slams cinema tactics

Business Day Reporter

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Indian serviceman kicked off Pretoria bus

SOPHIE TEMA 5/12/87 B/Day

AN INDIAN national serviceman on leave from the border was not allowed to travel on a whites-only Pretoria bus, and city authorities have no regrets.

Rather than apologise to Nicholas Narayansamy, 19, of Verulam, outside Durban, officials said yesterday they would explain their racial ruling to him and tell him to keep off whites' buses — provided he complained to them.

Narayansamy was not allowed to travel with two other servicemen on the virtually empty bus because he is Indian.

Pretoria City Council assistant PRO S A J Bothma said yesterday: "Our Director of Transport is unaware of the incident because no official complaint has been received.

"We became aware of the matter only after it had been brought to our knowledge by several Press people who had queried us about the incident.

"The bus driver was not at fault; he was acting on policy and cannot go against it or change it."

Sapa reports Narayansamy as saying yesterday: "I was disappointed when it happened. I knew there was apartheid in Pretoria but I didn't expect it to affect servicemen."

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CALL it marketing, call it promoting — selling is what we're talking about and David Isaacs, 37, Marketing and Allocations Director of Ster-Kinekor, does it extremely well. He spoke to CHARLOTTE BAUER about Ster-Kinekor's stance in the light of its mission, not quite accomplished, to render each and every one of its outlets non-racial.

In the battle with the Krugersdrop Town Council over the desegregation of its local cinemas, Ster-Kinekor has, by carrying out its threat to close them, forced the council to back down. Your three-theatre complex in Pretoria is still holding out, pending a city council decision later this month. Is Ster-Kinekor's stand against apartheid any more than a reaction to pressure from major US suppliers?

The fact that our suppliers have indicated that they will not supply movies to segregated cinemas in future is only half the story. This industry has wanted desegregation for a long, long time. Our decision was based on this company's beliefs and secondly on outside pressure — in that order.

What are Ster-Kinekor's beliefs in this regard?

That all population groups in this country should be given the opportunity to frequent all public places of interest. The freedom of choice should be an individual one with socio-economic factors deciding whether people may or may not go.

Why then did Ster-Kinekor wait for foreign pressure to become the catalyst for change and not respond more aggressively to the issue of segregated audiences years ago?

We had been applying for multi-racial status for 10 years before getting it in November 1985. Of course, we'd all like to turn back the clock ... but genuine reform in South Africa has only really come to the fore in the last couple of years, presenting us with the obvious time to start putting pressure on locally. Foreign pressure has since added to the momentum.

As a business exercise, how has Ster-Kinekor profited from its new black market?

It will take more time and marketing for the masses to start regularly using the product, but we hope the numbers will grow both from the public point of view and — let's not kid ourselves — from our business point of view.

What steps is Ster-Kinekor taking to market its movies to potential black audiences?

We use promotions, public screenings, advertising in papers like *City Press* and *The Sowetan*, direct mail, promotional give-aways in the townships at stations, etcetera .. in much the same way we would market an "art" movie to an "art" audience or a "Jewish" movie to the Jewish community, so we direct all the elements of the marketing mix at this developing market.

The cultural boycott has profoundly affected most of the performing arts in South Africa. It doesn't seem to have had the same effect on the commercial film industry. Why?

It's had very little effect. There is Woody Allen, of course, and a couple of small English businesses who refuse to allow their films to show here. But the US studios, which control the largest slice of the industry that is of interest to us, realise that showing US movies is a help, not a hindrance to the situation. It is very sad that people feel that the cultural boycott will bring about change. To deprive a population of culture is going about it the wrong way.

CIC will be stung by closed cinemas

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THE closure of four Pretoria cinemas today would cost Cinema International Corporation, the controllers of Metro outlets, "tens of thousands of rands" over the next few years, deputy GM Graydon Fry said yesterday.

Films were shown at the cinemas — Oscar Sunnyside and Metro Sunnyside, and Village 1 and 2 — for the last time last night after a Pretoria City Council decision not to allow them to open to people of all races.

But, said Fry, the empty cinemas still had to be maintained.

"The cinemas will remain closed until they have been granted multiracial status. We are going to lose tens of thousands of rands because we still have to pay rent and lights and water."

CIC leases the cinemas and, in the case of those at the Village, which opened in 1981, the lease is valid until 1996.

PATRICK BULGER

Fry said UIP-Warner in London — which supplies films to distributors — had set a deadline of February 6 for outlets which screened its films to be opened to all.

In spite of police confirmation that they were investigating charges of intimidation against Ster-Kinekor (SK) for threatening to close Krugersdorp's cinemas if they were not opened, an SK spokesman said police had not contacted the cinema group.

The office of the Administrator of the Transvaal yesterday ruled out a last-minute reprieve for the Metro cinemas.

SAPA reports that the MEC for Local Government, John Griffiths, said Pretoria had "responsible community leaders who know how to act".

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Most cinemas now open to all

A survey of 36 Transvaal towns conducted by The Star yesterday found that most municipal councils have allowed desegregated cinemas and drive-ins, in accordance with Ster-Kinekor and CIC (South Africa) directives stating that films will not be supplied to whites-only cinemas.

In Klerksdorp, Potgietersrus and Pretoria, where there is still segregation, the councils are still debating the issue.

The Klerksdorp Town Clerk, Mr Jan Muller, said members of Ster-Kinekor management would begin discussions with the council on February 16 on the desegregation of the local Meirings Park drive-in. He said the final decision would be announced on February 23.

A source in the Potgietersrus municipality said the Potgietersrus drive-in was still segregated. "The problem in the Northern Transvaal is that if cinemas are opened to blacks, the local white communities will stage boycotts of the facilities," she said. No comment could be obtained from the town council.

Four suburban cinemas in Pretoria, the Metro, Oscar and Village 1 and 2, closed yesterday after a decision by the Provincial Executive to pass the matter back to the Pretoria City Council.

They will remain closed until the council finally decides whether to desegregate them.

Two Krugersdorp cinemas were reopened this week after the town council voted in favour of desegregation. The Conservative Party's Johannesburg regional chairman, Mr Clive Derby-Lewis, claims to have laid a charge against Ster-Kinekor for using intimidation to have cinemas desegregated.

Police have denied any knowledge of the charge and Mr Hans Hawinkels, a director of Ster-Kinekor, had no comment on the claim.

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Business big 3 may face union 'a



Two teenagers outside a Krugersdorp cinema — due to be closed because the town council reached stalemate over desegregation. They subsequently changed their decision

Picture: ANNA ZIEMINSKI, Afrapix

Flicks first, volk second

By ADRIAN HADLAND

RIGHTWING opposition to the desegregation of cinemas suffered another blow this week with the re-opening of two Krugersdorp movie houses to all races.

The decision to re-open was made at an emergency meeting of the Krugersdorp Town Council on Wednesday where a previous stalemate over Ster Kinekor's "open to all or we'll close you down" policy was overturned in favour of accepting non-racial cinemas.

The meeting however saw four councillors — Kobus Meiring, Sakkie Nel, Thys Steenkamp and Chris Viljoen — walking out, calling the decision "unethical" and the meeting "illegal".

They based this on the fact that the motion had already been signed by seven councillors — a majority in the 12-member council — before the meeting had started Councillor Chris Viljoen also claimed the meeting was *sub judice* because a charge against Ster-Kinekor for intimidation had been lodged by the chairman of the Conservative Party in Johannesburg, Clive Derby-Lewis.

The Ster-Kinekor policy, which materialised mainly as a result of the pressure from foreign film companies such as Columbia, has also seen to the opening of cinemas to all races in Vereeniging, Potchefstroom and Roodepoort

The last remaining major stalwart in the cause for whites-only films, the Pretoria City Council, had four of their cinemas in Sunnyside closed last week by CIC (SA) Ster-Kinekor will shut down three more cinemas and three drive-ins by the end of the month if the shows are not desegregated.

The closures have caused indignation within the ranks of the right-wing Clive Derby-Lewis, self-appointed hero of the whites-only faction, has laid charges of intimidation, called the desegregation policy "blackmail" and failing that will devise a plan aimed at starting white cinemas in opposition to the established companies.

The plan envisages starting on a small scale in hired halls before acquiring former Ster-Kinekor outlets and creating a loose association of independent segregated cinemas

For the moment this plan is still far from fruition and, with the major companies vowing to exert pressure on the small independent venues in the near future, it looks like segregated cinemas could soon become a thing of the past.

Kitskonstabels in court

THREE *kitskonstabels* appeared in the Grahamstown magistrate's court yesterday in connection with a shooting incident earlier this week in which four people were killed

The trio, recipients of a controversial three-week crash course in police methods, were not asked to plead and are due to appear in court again today.

They are Mzamo Nyaka, 31, and Madoda Piki, 26, both of Fort Beaufort, and Vuyo Habane, 24, of Alicedale.

Their appearance follows an urgent police investigation into the shooting incident on Monday night while a group of *kitskonstabels* was guarding a school in Grahamstown's Tantyi township.

A police spokesman said three *kitskonstabels* had been fired at from a

NUM to court over 2 200 sackings

By SEFAKO NYAKA

THE National Union of Mineworkers is taking Anglo American to court over the dismissal of 2 200 workers at President Steyn gold mine in Welkom last Monday.

NUM representative Marcel Golding said his union was only consulted after the workers had been dismissed

He also questioned Anglo American's initial insistence that the workers had resigned.

"Resigning is a voluntary action and it is clear the workers did not resign — they were fired."

Anglo representative John Kingsley-Jones, who said earlier this week that the workers had resigned, admitted late yesterday that the workers had actually been dismissed.

He said, however, that this had only happened after President Steyn management "faced with the prospect consequent loss of life, was left with no alternative but to ask workers to either return to their normal duties or terminate their employment".

He said the majority of workers returned to work, and those who didn't were dismissed

Kingsley-Jones ascribed the tension on the mine to "differences between Xhosa and Sotho employees which emerged in mid-December last year". Since then, he said, 39 employees have lost their lives and 177 have been injured.

"Continued efforts have been made by management to resolve these differences, including several meetings with representatives of the governments of Lesotho and Transkei.

"In addition, the local and regional Mineworkers were asked how these differences could be resolved Despite the efforts of all these parties, these tensions persisted "

He said recruitment started on Monday "through our traditional channels" but has not been completed yet

The NUM has partly blamed an overt anti-union organisation known as FITO for the violence But Anglo has denied any knowledge of FITO.

Golding also accused Anglo of intransigence, saying the dismissals are "typical of a high-handed management which has failed to address issues giving rise to conflict on the mine".

NUM said it was "perturbed that Anglo believes it can settle conflict by dismissing workers instead of addressing the issues that give rise to

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Shut cinemas to cost thousands

Dispatch Correspondent

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"We are going to lose tens of thousands of rands because we still have to pay rent and lights and water," Mr Fry said.

CIC did not own the cinemas but leased them from the owners. In the case of the Village cinemas which were opened in 1981, the lease was valid until 1996.

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CLOSED Silent movies ...

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Cutting 8/2/87

By SOL MORATHI

OUR Pretoria cinemas ll be closed today – be- use the city council re- ses to open them to all ces.

The cinemas are the letro, Oscar Village 1 and , and a Sunnyside theatre.

Cinema International orporation – jointly wned by two of Holly- vood's largest studios, Paramount and Universal – said it would close the cine- mas today as the council did not want to sanction racially integrated audi- ences.

The Pretoria and Pie- tersburg councils have re- jected applications by cine- ma owners to desegregate their theatres.

Pietersburg's only cine- ma has already closed as a result. Owner Sydney Segal submitted a petition signed by over 1 000 people to the council, but was told by the town secretary that "it would not serve any pur- pose".

An attempt by Progres- sive Federal Party council- lors to save the Pretoria theatres failed when the mayor turned down their request for an urgent de- bate on the issue at the council's monthly meeting on January 26.

Pretoria Mayor Steyn van der Spuy said he re- ceived a written request signed by PFP councillors Tertius Spies and Merle Karp 18 minutes before the beginning of the meeting.

Van der Spuy turned the request down as, he said, according to the council's standing rules he should have received the request at least an hour before the meeting.

The PFP feels the Pre- toria Management Com- mittee is reluctant to deseg- regate the cinemas because of the coming general elec- tions.

"The committee does not wish to offend the conser- vative elements before the elections," said a PFP spokesman.

South African theatre owners have intensified their push for multiracial licences after pressure from US film distributors.

Columbia, for one, has told SA theatre owners it would stop supplying films to socially segregated the- atres after May 1.

Two major SA cinema companies – Ster-Kinekor and CIC (SA) – said last month that they had written to the Pretoria City Coun- cil to ask for the opening of their cinemas to all races – but had received no reply yet.

'Run off, please'

By SOL MORATHI

THE Pretoria City Council has banned sports lovers from using a Wonderboom ground for a fun run on March 21 – because it will be a non-racial event.

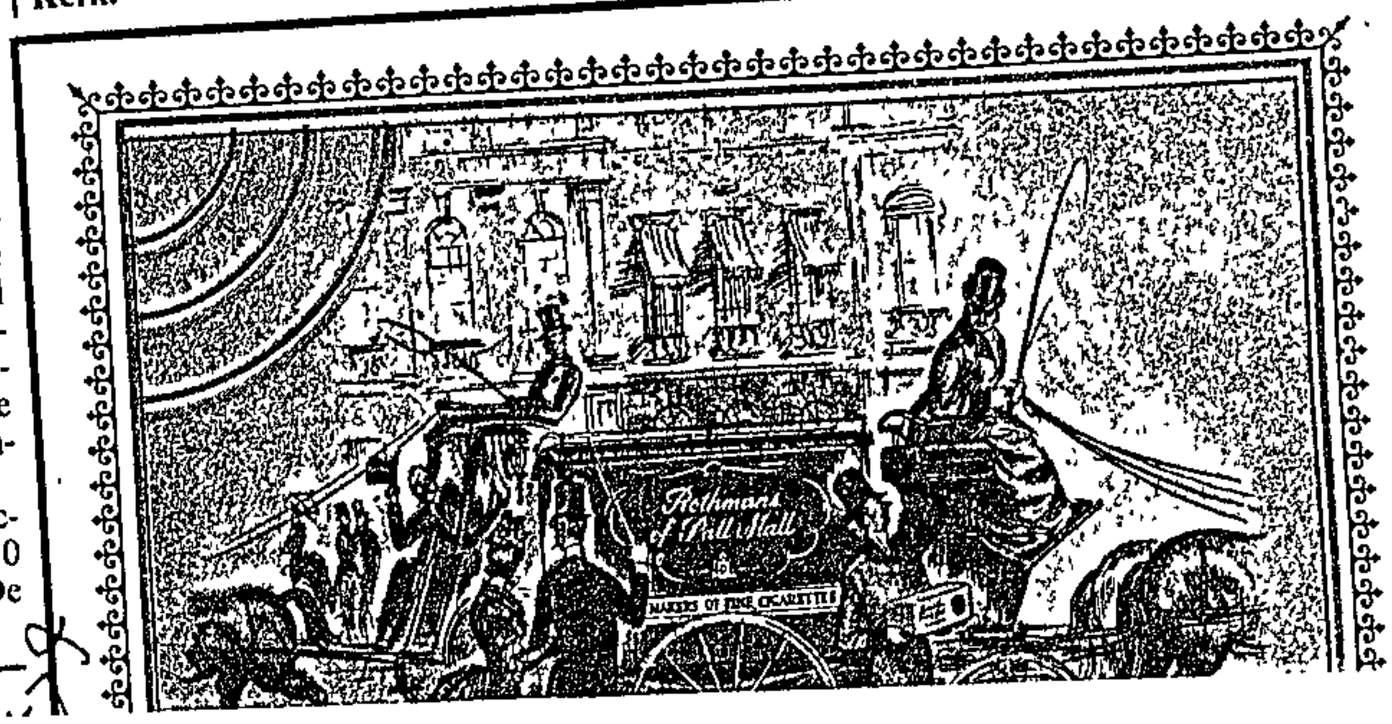
The move comes within days of its refusal to recommend the opening of its cinemas, churches and municipal buses to all race groups.

Pretoria Management Committee chairman Servaas Venter said he would "not allow the white suburbs to be blackened". Fun run organising committee member Bertus de Villiers said Venter told him it could be against his election manifesto as a city councillor to agree that the ground be used for non-racial activities.

The fun run is organised by a local NG Kerk organisation.

A similar fun run was held at Wonderboom Hoerskool last year – but headmaster Daan Ferreira has refused permission for the school to be used again.

The fun run will now be held at the Wonderboom NG Kerk.



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Race law bars family from Wonder Tree

PRETORIA — Hard on the heels of a "non-white" national serviceman being ordered off a municipal bus in Pretoria, an Indian family was told they could not visit Pretoria's historic "Wonder Tree" because of their race.

Mr Soobia Naidoo from Laudium said in Pretoria yesterday that municipal officials barred his family on Sunday from the nature reserve containing the tree.

"My children learned about the tree in their geography textbooks and told me they would like to see it. They were very disappointed," Mr Naidoo said.

City Council spokesman Mr Fanus Bothma confirmed in Pretoria yesterday that blacks were barred from the reserve, and from two other parks.

Said Mr Naidoo: "We felt so humiliated. We thought apartheid was being scrapped."

Afterwards the family drove to a nearby roadhouse in their vehicle.

The owner sold them ice-creams but would not give them milk-shakes "because he did not want us to drink from his glasses," Mr Naidoo said.

"White customers there laughed when we told them what had happened." — Sapa



NKULULEKO SKWEYIYA competing at King's Park, Durban, today.

Bok athlete furious at banning of 'Squeegee'

JOHANNESBURG — An avalanche of criticism has descended on Menlo Park High School in Pretoria over the decision to bar the black Natal pupil, Nkululeko "Squeegee" Skweyiya, of Kearsney College, from competing in an athletics meeting there today.

Among the latest developments is the threat by one of South Africa's greatest Springbok athletes, Gert Potgieter, former world 400 metres hurdles record holder, to take his daughter away from the school.

Mr Potgieter, who is head of sports development at Pretoria University, said he was so furious he was strongly considering taking his daughter, Inge-Maud, away from the school. She is one of the top athletes at the school.

He said: "I was competing with and against black athletes in the 1950s and it took nothing away from me as an Afrikaner."

Menlo Park has produced more Springbok athletes than any other school in SA in the last decade and a group of 30 former pupils has signed a letter to the headmaster calling the decision "shortsighted and rude".

Leading the criticism against the decision are South Africa's top school sports administrators, parents of pupils at Menlo High and the pupils. Government spokesmen have also come out against it.

Dr Carel van der Merwe, the headmaster, has steadfastly refused to comment.

A former Springbok hurdler, Francois du Toit, offered to fly "Squeegee", a former Woodridge College pupil, to the meeting — even if only as a guest. But the black athlete took part in a meeting at King's Park, Durban.

His parents, Mr and Mrs Louis Skweyiya, said that while they appreciated Mr Du Toit's offer, their son was committed to take part at King's Park.

"A number of the pupils who refused to go to Pretoria in support of 'Squeegee' will be competing at King's Park and our son will be with them."

Mr Du Toit said his children would still be competing at the meeting, but this did not mean he or the other parents supported the decision on "Squeegee".

He also disclosed that the decision was taken by eight people on the school's management committee.

"They used their positions to make a political issue. I can assure you that they will not be in office for long. At least 80% of the parents and an even higher percentage of children wanted 'Squeegee' in Pretoria."

Coenie van Beek, the Menlo Park athletics captain, said "Squeegee" was a good friend and he had no objection competing against him.

"I played rugby against him during the Craven Week. We are great friends," he said.

The news has hit the headlines overseas and been featured on the main TV networks of the world, damaging the country's already battered image.

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Menlo parents take action

PRETORIA — Menlo Park High School's management committee will be ousted from office if a meeting of parents this week approves a motion of no confidence in the committee.

The convener of the meeting, Dr Stroebel Hoffmeyer, said he believed the majority of parents deplored the action of the committee in barring the black Natal athlete, Nkululeko "Squeegee" Skweyiya, from a sports meeting at the school.

A motion to be submitted to the meeting accuses the committee of failing in its educational task of furthering healthy race and group relations and claims the committee acted improperly to an extent where it is considered "permanently incompetent" to be the mouthpiece of the school, the parents and pupils.

The motion calls on the chairman and committee members to resign within seven days. If they refuse the Administrator, Mr Willem Cruywagen, will be asked to dissolve the committee.

The weekend athletics meeting went ahead without a hitch — except that there were no trophies or medals to be awarded after the withdrawal of the sponsor, the Southern African Sport Foundation.

Most of the 79 Durban and District High Schools' Association athletes who boycotted the meeting took part in an "alternative" meeting at King's Park in Durban on Saturday.

Spectators and competitors gave Squeegee, who turned 18 yesterday, a round of applause when he arrived to take part in the long-jump event in which he came second.

"Initially, my banning because I was black was a real slap in the face. I could not believe it. I felt a little humiliated but my parents prepared me for this kind of thing.

"The government spends millions on an Australian cricket tour trying to prove that sport is non-racial and that Omar Henry is a Springbok then something like this happens," said Squeegee.

The issue has drawn international attention and the vice-chancellor and principal of Natal University, Professor Peter Booysen, has called on the State President, Mr P. W. Botha, to speak out and reprimand those guilty of shunning the Kearsney athlete.

● The Conservative Party in Natal has backed the management committee's decision, saying it is "in line with the generally accepted principle of separate schools and separate school recreation".

Team members die in crash

PRETORIA — Nine people, including a child, were killed in an accident near Ogies at the weekend when the mini-bus in which they were travelling collided with a heavy truck and trailer.

Police said there were 10 people in the kombi and the adults were all members of a Witbank jukskei team. — Sapa

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Hendrickse slams Squeegee's ban

PARLIAMENT — The banning of a Natal schoolboy, Nkuleuleko "Squeegee" Skweyiya, from participating in national school sport at Menlo Park High School ridiculed the National Party's concept of "local option".

This was said yesterday by the chairman of the Ministers' Council in the House of Representatives, the Reverend Allan Hendrickse.

He likened the incident to Prime Minister B. J. Vorster's "rash decision" to prevent Basil d'Oliviera from playing test cricket for England in South Africa. It caused irreparable harm to cricket and resulted in South Africa's sport isolation.

Mr Hendrickse complimented the Minister of Home Affairs, Mr Stoffel Botha, on his statement condemning the action but said he wanted "to draw the attention of the National Party to the ridiculousness of what they term 'local option'.

"The Labour Party believes that the more young people can get together, play together and school together, the greater will be the understanding across colour lines and the greater also the investment for the future of the country."

The school board's decision had caused harm to relationships among South Africans, destroying any existing goodwill and giving ammunition to critics who maintained reform was cosmetic, he said.

The Hoërskool Menlo Park's management board was to be asked at a planned special meeting of the board in Pretoria last night to explain, in a public statement, how the Kearsney College matriculant came to be barred from the meeting.

An organisation called the Free Youth League telephoned a Pretoria newspaper yesterday to claim responsibility for spray-painting slogans on the school premises, one saying "racism takes a high jump".

● A claim by a Conservative Party spokesman that Kearsney College had tried to create an embarrassing incident in the Transvaal over the selection of Skweyiya for the weekend athletics meeting was yesterday described by the headmaster, Mr Colin Silcock, as utterly false. — Sapa

All-race theatres are likely to be an election hot potato

Pretoria cinema issue

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By Claire Robertson and Dirk Nel

Pretoria is set to move a step closer to a decision on opening its cinemas to all races with the management committee due to discuss the issue today.

The committee should make a recommendation on which the city council will vote at its February 25 meeting.

And, in the Northern Transvaal town of Pietersburg, which saw the closure of its only cinema after a refusal to allow admission to blacks, National Party councillors are pressing to have the matter placed on the council agenda.

It was discovered recently that the Conservative Party discussed the matter behind closed doors after being asked by the Transvaal Administrator, Mr Willem Cruywagen, to reconsider its stance

The cinema was closed last month when the town council, which has a CP majority, refused to support an application by the owner, Mr Sidney Segal, to open it to all races.

In Pretoria four cinemas have already been closed because they were not allowed to admit blacks Ster-Kinekor, which controls the remaining whites-only theatres, has given a May 1 deadline for the rest to be opened to all races.

Pretoria councillors were silent yesterday about the likely nature of the recommendation but said there was far more at stake than moviegoers' choice of cinema.

Dr P J Barnard, leader of the Herstigte Nasionale Party in the council, said "We suspect that the cinemas are going to be opened — and we will fight such a decision."

The party is set to capitalise on the issue in the battle for Pretoria seats in the general election in May and in the municipal elections next year.

With the polls in mind, a source in the management committee hinted at a compromise The management committee could recommend that the council open some of the closed cinemas to all races and allow blacks to be admitted to some of the others now under threat of closure.

Pretoria has a few "mixed" cinemas already

Sunnyside, the movie centre of Pretoria in which the four cinemas were closed this month, is the prize in a four-cornered fight with the CP, Progressive Federal Party, HNP and National Party all fielding candidates for the seat in the general election.

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Happy mixing at Umtata school

Dispatch Reporter

UMTATA — While a race row has erupted over Menlo Park High School, there is one government school under the Cape Provincial department of education that is completely non-racial — and has been so for the past 10 years.

The Umtata High School has pupils of no less that 36 nationalities and 19 different religions who study and play together.

And one pupil, Jeremy Roberts, 13, described how the pupils broke into applause when the principal, Mr Alan Webber, referring to the Menlo Park affair, said UHS did not have such problems.

Born and bred in East London, Mr Webber stressed the non-political nature of the school.

"It's not political like Menlo — it just works. We only get better."

Although there were some schools which did not want to play sport with Umtata High School, other schools wanted to play with the school because of its multi-racial nature.

It is the only school under the Cape Provincial department of education which has black prefects.

"People take a great interest when they see our yearbook because we are multi-racial. We look happy and it is working and some people are amazed by this," Mr Webber said.

Mr Webber said he would not go anywhere else to teach after his 17 years here, 13 of them as principal.

The pupils received the advantages of having a student body of all types, particularly when a pupil came from a part of the world under discussion.

"For example, when discussing the Iran-Iraq war, one Iranian pupil in the class was actually in the harbour when it was attacked and took cover in a bomb shelter. When we talk about the cold and what it is like, those from that part of the world can share their experiences."

He said a child could walk into a classroom and find from six to a dozen different nationalities in the same room with each child bringing their unique experiences.

Mr Webber said the school was successful because it was in another country. The first three black pupils enrolled in 1977 were the children of the now Mininster of Commerce, Industry and Tourism, Mr T. T. Letlaka.

Mr Webber said fears of what would happen when the school went multi-racial never materialised, and the school had kept growing.

"We could be much bigger but we do not have the space. We receive hundreds of applications a year we have to turn down."

In fact, the school, which now has 740 pupils, received more than five hundred applications from parents and probably another five hundred from students.

In 1977 the school had 485 pupils.

Mr Webber said people from all over the world "popped in" to see the school, when they were visiting in the area, out of curiosity.

The different religions of pupils at the school included Muslim, Bahais, Hindu, Greek Orthodox, Anglican, Baptist, Jehovah Witness, Jewish, and Catholic to name a few.

Due to the presence of many cultures, many humorous things happened, he said. The school has been in the same site for 98 years and the first mention of the school appeared as far back as 1879.

School imposes new race ban

Dispatch Correspondent

PRETORIA — Menlo Park Hoerskool's verkrampte management committee has banned two black Christian Brothers College students from using the school's squash courts.

This follows the council's banning of a black schoolboy athlete from Kersney College in Natal from taking part in an athletics meeting at the school last weekend.

Outraged Menlo Park parents said last night that the council would be called upon at a special meeting of parents at the school tomorrow night to justify its decision to close the squash courts to the two young black players.

The meeting will confront the council with an ultimatum — either resign en bloc, or the administrator of the Transvaal will be asked to dissolve the council.

The decision to convene the meeting was taken after the banning of the Natal schoolboy athlete.

The chairman of the Northern Transvaal Schools' Squash Association, Professor Toni Lamont, said at a meeting last night that the association condemned the school's move.

"We decided the Menlo Park school courts will no longer be used for matches arranged by the association Alternative courts will be found."

Prof Lamont said the association will continue trying to persuade Menlo Park school to return to full participation in Northern Transvaal school squash

He said that in the past the school had reluctantly agreed to the courts being used by the two black pupils

Both have represented Northern Transvaal schools.

Another resigns P13

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Menlo Park body didn't know of race controversy

PRETORIA — The management council at the Menlopark High School heard last Thursday for the first time of the controversy surrounding the participation of a black athlete at a meeting at the school.

Until then, only the headmaster, Dr Carel van der Merwe, and the organisers, knew of the matter.

This appears from a lengthy document providing information on the incident that was due to be supplied to parents yesterday.

The management council officially reacted on Wednesday night for the first time to the furore surrounding the refusal to allow Nkululeko Skweyiya to participate in the meet.

In the document, Mr Adriaan Lotriet, chairman of the management council, said the team manager of Durban and South Districts asked the organiser of athletics of Menlo Park last Tuesday whether the school could accommodate an additional 40 pupils on its team.

The problem was sorted out but the team manager then said his counterpart in the Durban and North districts had included a black athlete.

The team manager apparently clearly said this was against decisions taken at a meeting of Durban and Districts.

The athletics organiser and the Durban and Districts team manager agreed there could be problems if a black athlete was included.

They agreed the black pupil should not be part of the team, the document said.

The team manager also said he advised Durban and Districts North not to include the black athlete. — Sapa

Motion carried P17

MP urges Menlo council to resign

PRETORIA — The MP for Waterkloof and Deputy Finance Minister, Dr Org Marais, is leading a renewed cry for Hoerskool Menlo Park management council members to resign after Thursday night's vote by parents to oust them.

Dr Marais said the members had "a moral duty to resign".

"My question is: Do they have a mandate to continue in office?"

Dr Marais said if the council refused to resign, the Minister of Education and Culture, Mr Piet Clase, would have to decide whether it had properly fulfilled its duties as defined in its constitution.

The department is understood to be studying whether it is empowered to disband the council.

● Meanwhile, letters informing the Hoerskool Menlo Park management council of the overwhelming call by parents on Thursday night that they should quit are "on their way" to council members.

Motion proponent Dr Stroebel Hofmeyr said arrangements were being made to inform the six council members, who had declined to attend the protest meeting at the school, of the call for their resignation.

The management council's chairman, Mr A. H Lotriet, would not commit himself on the matter last night.

He said he would await information from Dr Hofmeyr's ad hoc committee.

Mr Lotriet has resigned as a director from the Pretoria engineering company Van Wyk and Louw, after refusing to heed a request by the board that he resign as chairman of the school's management council.

He also turned 50 last Friday, as the debacle over Nkululeko "Squeegee" Skweyiya's exclusion from an all-white athletics meeting was assuming a momentum of its own. — Sapa

Parents angered by council's refusal to resign

PRETORIA — The refusal so far of the Hoerskool Menlo Park's governing body to resign is angering parents and prominent National Party politicians.

Last Thursday night parents voted overwhelmingly against the board continuing in office after it had barred a black pupil from Natal from taking part in its annual sports meeting.

Parents estimated that not more than 15 per cent of them supported the board's action.

The chairman of the board, Mr A. H. Lotriet, said whether or not the board would resign would probably be discussed at its next meeting He would not say when the meeting would be held.

The chairman of the parents' action committee, Mr Stroebel Hofmeyr, said letters had gone out to members of the board officially informing them of the result of last week's meeting.

The deadline for the board to make a decision is the end of the week. If they refuse to resign the Minister of Education and Culture in the Assembly, Mr Piet Clase, will be asked to dissolve the board.

The acting Administrator of the Transvaal, Mr Fanie Schoeman, said after being approached on the matter that the province had no control over white education and the issue was one for the "own affairs" education ministry.

Meanwhile, Mr Lotriet has been given the choice of resigning from his position as a director of a large Pretoria engineering firm or resigning from the board.

It has also been reported that he resigned from his church because the church hall was made available to blacks for Sunday afternoon services. — DDC

DDC

Pretoria council eager to shed 'racist' label

By Claire Robertson, Pretoria Bureau

Pretoria City Council is due to decide at its monthly meeting tonight whether the city's cinemas may admit blacks.

If it does not allow it, more of the city's cinemas will darken in the next few months. Four cinemas have been closed because they were not allowed by the council to admit blacks.

Pretoria has a few "mixed" cinemas already and Ster-Kinekor, which controls the remaining whites-only theatres, has given a May 1 deadline for the rest to be opened to all races.

BRACED FOR GLOVES-OFF DEBATE

Pretoria is the only large city in South Africa to cling to the concept of whites-only cinemas and with the council eager to shake off the "racist capital" label given it recently, it is believed the management committee will recommend that the council allow all cinemas to admit black people.

Whatever the recommendation, the council is braced for a gloves-off debate tonight.

Councillors have pointed out that there is more at stake than open cinemas, and the issue is sure to feature in both the general election and next year's municipal elections.

Expecting that the cinemas will be opened, the Herstigte Nasionale Party in the council has warned it may call for a no-confidence debate in the body after the vote.

Pretoria votes for all-race cinemas

Pretoria Bureau

All South Africa's cinemas and drive-ins — except for one in Pietersburg — are multiracial after last night's decision by the Pretoria City Council to desegregate city cinemas.

In Pietersburg, the town's only cinema has been closed following the town council's refusal to allow it to open its doors to all races.

The Pretoria vote — 22 in favour of the management committee recommendation that cinemas be opened to all races and 10 against — came after four cinemas were closed down three weeks ago because they did not admit black patrons.

It beats a May 1 deadline set by Ster-Kinekor.

The council decision has to be ratified by the Administrator of the Transvaal, Mr Willem Cruywagen.

Pietersburg Town Council is sticking by its decision to see the town's cinema closed rather than admit blacks, but there is speculation that Minister of Constitutional Planning Mr Chris Heunis may intervene to overturn the council decision.

Mr Heunis has overruled two previous council decisions.

In a heated, four-hour debate in the Pretoria council chamber last night, Dr Piet Kruger warned councillors to remember that the eyes of the world, not just South Africa, were on them.

Pretoria opens cinemas to all

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PRETORIA. — The Pretoria City Council last night decided to allow all races at all remaining whites-only cinemas in the city.

The Nationalist-backed majority, with support from PFP councillors, overcame noisy and strong opposition from HNP and CP councillors.

The council gave the go-ahead to reopen the four cinemas which were closed on February 5 and also decided to scrap segregation at 11 other cinemas.

The four cinemas were closed after the council had been unable to give the go-ahead for multiracial performances demanded by American film distributors who then stopped supplying films

The city council decided in June last year to allow selected theatres as well as one drive-in to become multiracial.

Last night's recommendation by the management committee sparked an often noisy debate — with the Mayor, Mr J J Steyn van der Spuy, threatening to give councillors less time if they interjected.

No racial incident

The opening of the cinemas was proposed against the background that there had not been a single racial incident at any of the open cinemas.

It was also noted in the recommendation that throughout South Africa all cinemas were open to all races except for two Transvaal towns and 11 in Pretoria of the city's 26

Two cinemas in Krugersdorp were closed last month following a deadlock in the town council and the Pietersburg council this week reaffirmed its decision not to open the town's cinema to all races.

Speaking in favour of desegregation, Mr Ernie Jacobson said the council had long accepted in principle that cinemas could be open, and the fact that there had been not incidents vindicated the council.

It had admittedly taken time for the council to get all the information needed for the final decision and the matter had to be considered very carefully because of and in the interests of the welfare of the community as a whole, Mr Jacobson said.

The opposition HNP leader, Dr Piet Barnard, said management committee members had gone back on their election manifesto of 1982 in which they proclaimed that they stood for whites-only facilities.

Dr Piet Kruger warned councillors to remember that the eyes of the world were on the council.

Just as the Menlo Park incident had boomeranged on South Africa and Pretoria, so a wrong decision on the cinema issue could boomerang, he said — Sapa

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Pretoria to open cinemas after long, noisy debate

The Argus Correspondent

PRETORIA. — The Pretoria City Council has voted to open all cinemas here to all after a noisy debate lasting more than four hours — during which a councillor was ordered to leave the chamber.

The recommendation will be passed on to the Administrator of the Transvaal, Mr Willem Cruywagen, for a final decision.

The Conservative Party leader in the council, Mr Paul Fouche, was ordered out of the chamber by the mayor, Mr Steyn van der Spuy, after he refused to withdraw a remark that Transvaal MEC Mr John Griffiths and the Administrator, Mr Willem Cruywagen, were "too slack to take a decision themselves."

OTHER AMENITIES

"Now for the opening of other amenities — such as the bus service and all parks," a delighted Mr Tertius Spies, Progressive Federal Party leader in the council, said after the meeting.

"I am very pleased the council has decided to open all cinemas But I regret it has taken such an extraordinarily long time," he said.

"Because of the delays the image of the capital city and its race relations have suffered irreparable harm. I hope this decision will heal the breach"

The issue was described as "a comedy of errors", "too little too late" and "much ado about nothing" by PFP councillor Mrs Merle Karp, who spoke near the end of the debate, in which 20 councillors took part.

POLITICS OF PARANOIA

"Tonight we have once again seen a combination of the politics of paranoia and the theatre of the absurd," she said.

"All this could easily have been avoided if the decision had been made to open the cinemas to all from the start, in line with the rest of South Africa.

"By using fence-sitting tactics, dragging their heels and letting the debate simmer on for so long, this council has done untold harm to our image."

She said some employees of the cinemas that had been shut for not admitting all races had lost jobs and others had lost income at a bad time.

HNP "DISAPPOINTMENT"

Dr Piet Barnard, the Herstigte Nasionale Party leader in the council, voiced "deep disappointment" in the management committee, while HNP councillor Mr Joseph Chiole said the foreign film companies' next step would be to threaten closure of theatres if they were not open on Sundays.

Dr Pieter Kruger, of the ruling Federation of Ratepayers' Associations, said South Africa could not survive in isolation from the outside world.

"Pretoria is hopelessly out of step with the rest of South Africa. We, in the capital, should set the pace"

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Only one cinema is not open to all races

Post Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG — All South Africa's cinemas are now open to all races — bar one.

That is the cinema at Pietersburg.

It remains shut after a refusal by the Town Council to sanction a bid by the owner to have it opened to all.

This week two conservative bastions fell.

The Pretoria City Council voted by 22 to 10 in favour of a Management Committee recommendation that the cinemas be opened to all.

Movie buffs had been starved of films at four cinemas for three weeks.

Last night Edenvale Town Council also voted at its monthly meeting to open its cinema to all races.

Cinema issue: 'cost will be counted at polls'

By Claire Robertson, Pretoria Bureau

As the dust settles on the Pretoria City Council's decision to recommend the opening of cinemas to all races, firms are left counting the cost of the closure of four theatres that preceded the decision.

Cinemark, which controls all movie advertising in South Africa, lost at least R40 000 in cancelled advertisements and lost sales, said director Mr Ray Botha yesterday.

Mr Graydon Fry, deputy general manager of the company which owns the four cinemas closed down three weeks ago, said the loss to the company ran close to R100 000.

The firm does not yet know when it will be able to re-open the cinemas as the distribution company, UIP-Warner, may hold out for a permit from the provincial authorities before supplying films.

"There was no revenue coming in for three weeks, but those cinemas still had to pay the leases on the buildings and neon signs, the salaries of the staff they kept on and severance pay for others, electricity and telephone bills."

However, Mr Fry agreed that while the cinemas had been closed due to the supply of films drying up and not in an attempt to force the council's hand, this had been a factor in the decision to desegregate all cinemas.

ON STANDBY

The 20 full-time and 12 temporary staff members who lost their jobs with the closure are on standby to start work again as soon as the supply of films is resumed.

The political cost to particularly the National Party-leaning Federation of Ratepayers Associations (FRA) grouping in the council will only be known in May when white South Africans go to the polls.

Opposition parties predict that the cost will be high.

"The whole election will be run on the issue of integration," said Mr Paul Fouche, leader of the Conservative Party in the council.

"This decision must backfire on the NP. People are confused about their policy — in Pretoria you cannot ride on the bus in daylight for a few minutes sitting next to a black person, but you can sit for hours next to a person of another colour in the dark," he said.

When Pretoria's municipal elections are held next year the desegregated cinemas would "really be an issue", said Mr Fouche.

"The image of the FRA in the council chamber last night is one that will be carried to every ward in the city next year," he said.

ELECTION

Because the FRA was "known to be a front for the NP" the cinemas issue would become just another nail in the coffin of that party in the May election, said Herstigte Nasionale Party council leader Dr P J Barnard.

But the real effect would be felt in the municipal elections, he said.

"I doubt whether the FRA will retain its majority in the council after the municipal elections," he said.

"What with the parks issue, the opening of the CBD to all races and now this cinema vote, they have strayed too far from their election promises.

"The parties on the right will assume power next year," he said.

The chairman of the FRA caucus, Mr Deon Malherbe, however, does not think "it will make any difference this year or next year".

"The FRA is also busy with reforms. We have the NP in the governing seat (in South Africa) and we must follow their lead. We cannot do otherwise, nor can we stand still. We must go forward," he said.

Parents call for sackings

PRETORIA—The Menlo Park High School Parents' Action Committee is to ask the Minister of Education, Mr Piet Clase, to fire the school's management council

The committee's chairman, Dr Louis Raubenhiemer, said last night that this was the next step after the management council had failed to resign by yesterday's 5 30 p m deadline

Dr Raubenheimer said the action committee had tried to get the council to have informal discussions without success

It was a management council decision to bar black Natal athlete Squeegee Skweyiya from taking part in a national schools athletics meeting at the school which caused a furore in South African and international sporting circles — (Sapa)

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Move to open swimming pools to all races

DIANNA GAMES

THE battle for multi-racial amenities is set to move from cinemas to swimming pools with a recommendation to open all public amenities to all races currently before the Johannesburg City Council.

The motion, proposed by PFP councillor Les Dishy, is to be voted on later this month.

With cinemas finally opened to all races after a battle of nearly two years, public swimming pools and recreation centres are two of the remaining pillars of the Separate Amenities Act.

The President's Council is to submit a report to government later this year recommending changes to both the Separate Amenities Act and the Group Areas Act.

The opening of the city's facilities is to be decided on by the relevant local communities, said Johannesburg Management Committee chairman Francois Oberholzer.

But Johannesburg's public swimming pools were built for whites only and would not be able to accommodate the flood of people resulting from the admission of all races, he said.

John Griffiths, MEC of local government with the Transvaal Provincial Council, said the council was not relaxing its stand on the granting of permits for multi-racial premises but the approach in past years had been to try and normalise the situation.

"The issue of the cinemas really should have been addressed some time ago," he said.

He added that that the low number of applications for permits generally indicated that there were few areas where they were still required.

Permits are required where amenities are not automatically opened with the proclamation of free trading areas.

Focus on squash row

Pretoria Bureau

The Hoërskool Menlopark board has been challenged on another school sports race issue as a result of barring non-white children from its squash courts.

After the controversy over the ban on a black athlete from attending a school athletics meeting, parents have turned attention to the squash decision.

It meant the school's 26 teams had to leave the multiracial Northern Transvaal Schools Squash League as they could not offer home courts for all matches. Until then, Menlopark dominated the league.

Dr Louis Raubenheimer, chairman of the Parents' Action Committee, said today his group had asked the board to reconsider. It is believed teachers have also challenged the decision.

After the board's refusal to resign this week, Dr Ruabenheimer said parents would watch specific issues and singled out the squash courts decision.

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'No multiracial gatherings on school grounds'

Menlopark board bans mixed sport

By Claire Robertson, Pretoria Bureau

White pupils may not play against schoolchildren of other races on Hoërskool Menlopark's grounds, the board of the eastern Pretoria Afrikaans high school announced yesterday.

Board chairman Mr Adriaan Lotriet said in a letter to parents that the board had informed the principal and personnel that they might not arrange mixed gatherings on school grounds.

"One of the board's duties and powers is to decide on the use of school buildings and grounds outside school hours," the letter says.

From the letter it is clear the motivation behind the barring of Natal athlete Nkululeko Skweyiya from taking part in a sports meeting at the school recently was his colour.

The board has been silent on the issue so far, as other interested parties claimed red tape and Transvaal Education Department (TED) regulations were behind the ban.

The mixed sport ruling effectively keeps Menlopark pupils from playing in multiracial, non-TED leagues, as they cannot offer home grounds for certain fixtures.

The letter says "junior sport" events such as Craven Rugby and the Hyperama's national schools tennis tournament are not school activities and the board cannot rule on the participation in these of individuals or groups of pupils.

But it points out that use of the grounds is subject to the ruling on no mixed sport.

The school withdrew from the tennis tournament last week.

"The school serves the parent community which has different views on mixed sport and mixed events which give rise to unnecessary publicity, tension and divisions," the letter said.

"The school grounds will not be available for incidents whereby educational activities are politicised."

The letter also announced the election to the board of three members to replace those who resigned over the Skweyiya affair. They are Hervormde Kerk minister Dr J P Naude, Mr W P van den Berg and Mr H P J Bruwer.

Parents' Action Committee chairman Dr Louis Raubenheimer said several parents had contacted the committee to voice their displeasure at the contents of the letter.

"We will certainly take the matter further," he said.

Phatudi starts hospital storm

RIGHTWING whites in the Transvaal town of Pietersburg are up in arms over the admission of Lebowa Chief Minister Dr C N Phatudi, to the white section of the local hospital.

Dr Phatudi, a diabetic, was admitted on Friday for a routine check-up, according to Dr E du Plessis. He said the Lebowa Leader had always been admitted in the white section. The hospital has two sections, one for whites and one for blacks.

Weekend reports said Dr Phatudi's wife was admitted into the black section of the hospital a week ago.

Newly re-elected Conservative Party MP for the town, Dr Willie Snyman, has condemned the presence of Dr Phatudi in the private ward of the white section and said he should be removed.

"The CP believes in separate facilities for the different population groups — patients prefer to be cared for by their own people," he said.

But a furious National Party chairman, Mr Lodewyk Snyman, told Pressmen that the calls were "political bigotry.

"I, together with all responsible and mature voters in Pietersburg resent this ridiculous attitude of the Conservatives. Next thing these people will be saying a so-called white ambulance should drive past an accident if only blacks are involved," Mr Snyman said

Dr du Plessis said the hospital had not received any calls for the transfer of Dr Phatudi from the white section and added that he expected him to be discharged in a few days' time.



CEDRIC Phatudi

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Mixed school catches the world's eye



Mr Michael Buerk . . . documentary touched many viewers.

By Therese Anders

WITBANK — A television documentary on the St Thomas Aquinas School in Witbank, filmed recently by the BBC's Michael Buerk, has led to "an outpouring of global love towards the school and towards South Africa", it is claimed.

The headmistress of the school says the documentary was shown to millions of viewers in the Western world in March.

"Judging from the response — more than 150 letters from overseas and numerous international phone calls — there is still a feeling of empathy and goodwill towards South Africa," said Sister Sofie Sirch.

Mr Buerk has been ordered to leave South Africa by Sunday, when his work permit expires.

Sister Sirch said the programme, showing the plight of a committed nonracial school in the middle of a verkrampt platteland town, had touched many viewers.

"Seeing our school with its black pupils and white pupils happily learning and playing together represented a ray of hope," said Sister Sofie.

She believes the programme has done more good for South Africa internationally than millions of rands spent on advertising.

"Some writers said they were surprised to see blacks and whites at one school. They said they were touched to see the children playing happily together."

The programme was shown in Britain, Europe, Canada, the United States, Australasia and Hong Kong.

Not only do the letters come from every corner of the world, they come from as varied a selection of viewers as possible.

Wrote a woman in Scotland: "My fears about your country and its future have not come to pass — not yet. There seems little to offer hope of peace except places like your school."

An English educationalist wrote: "It is my hope that St Thomas will continue to flourish and to receive support from people of goodwill to enable it to educate South Africa's greatest resource — its children of all races."

Couple fined for sitting in white park

JOHANNESBURG. — A black couple were arrested on Sunday for sitting in a whites-only park in Primrose, Germiston, jailed overnight and fined R100 each on Monday.

Mrs Elka Mnculwana, 42, a domestic worker who lives in Primrose with her husband Robert, 43, said: "My husband and I were relaxing in the park after being given the afternoon off. I was crotcheting and we sat on the grass chatting.

"Police drew up in a van and asked us what we were doing. We said we were just relaxing. They said we were not allowed to be there and bundled us into the van.

"We were taken to the local police station and my husband and I asked to use a phone. Police refused to let us use a phone and placed us in different cells," Mrs Mnculwana said.

"They next day we appeared in the Germiston Magistrate's Court and were charged with trespass. We saw no sign in the park saying we were not allowed there.

"We agreed we were in the park and were fined R100 or a month's jail."

A spokesman for the Police Public Relations Division in Pretoria said that police went to the park after complaints that "blacks were sitting in a whites-only park".

"There is a large sign which states that the park is reserved for whites. At the police station they asked a policemen to phone Mrs Mnculwana's employer. The number furnished was dialled but there was no response.

"The fact that they were convicted and fined indicates that they were lawfully charged," the spokesman said. — Sapa

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Couple jailed for rest in park

JOHANNESBURG — A couple were arrested, jailed and fined R100 for sitting in a "whites only" park in Germiston this week.

Mrs Elka Mnculwana, 42, a domestic worker who lives in Primrose with her husband Robert, 43, said: "We were relaxing in the park after being given the afternoon off.

"Police drew up in a van and asked us what we were doing. We said we were just relaxing. They said we were not allowed to be there and bundled us into the van.

"We were taken to the local police station and my husband and I asked to use a phone. Police refused to let us use a phone and placed us in different cells.

"They next day we appeared in the Germiston magistrate's court and were charged with trespass. We saw no sign in the park saying we were not allowed there.

"We agreed we were in the park and were fined R100 or a month's jail."

A spokesman for the police public relations division in Pretoria said police went to the park after complaints, adding that there was a whites-only sign at the park.

He said the Mr Mnculwana's employer's number had been furnished but there had been no reply when they telephoned.

"The fact that they were convicted and fined indicates that they were lawfully charged," he said. — Sapa



Mrs Elka Mnculwana and her husband Robert ... the "whites only" sign that led to their being fined is to be removed today

Couple's arrest, fine anger lawyers

By Shirley Woodgate and Anna Louw

Outrage has erupted over the arrest of a middle-aged black couple who were jailed and fined after being arrested last week for sitting in a "whites only" park in Germiston.

The offending sign is to be removed today according to the councillor for the ward, Mr Fanie Coetzee, a management committee member.

UP IN ARMS

Informed sources indicate that the members of the Johannesburg Bar are up in arms over the incident involving Mrs Elka Mnculwana (42) and her husband, Robert (43), who are the parents of four children.

Strong feelings have been voiced in legal circles over the arrest, and the sentence imposed by the magistrate.

The fine is more than half Mrs Mnculwana's monthly salary of R160 as a domestic servant. Her husband earns R300 as a sewing-machine mechanic.

Several readers of The Star, which highlighted the incident last week after it had been reported by Mrs Mnculwana's employer, Mrs Eli Konstant, have offered to pay the fine.

Some have asked to remain anonymous, but all have expressed feelings of disgust and shock at the way the couple was handled.

CALLOUS

Mr G Hirschfeld referred to the "insensitive and callous treatment which they received for the apparantly heinous crime of relaxing in a public park".

He enclosed a cheque of R50 "to help alleviate their distress" and to assure them that he and many other people were deeply ashamed at what had been done to them.

Mr Coetzee said numerous complaints were received about blacks playing soccer and making a noise in the park.

"Often they buy lunch from a corner cafe and leave litter strewn all over the place," he said.

"The main problem is that there are no toilet facilities for blacks in the park," he added.

NATIONAL

Offending 'whites only' sign to go

The Argus Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG. — The "whites only" Germiston park where a black couple was arrested is to be opened to all races — to bring it in line with other "open parks" in the city.

Ward councillor, Mr Fanie Coetzee, has promised that the offending sign will be removed and the park opened to blacks today.

The acting town clerk, Dr Cora Erasmus, said that all parks were multiracial in Germiston.

Mrs Elka Mnculwana and her husband, Robert, were jailed overnight and fined R100 each by a Germiston magistrate last week.

LAUGHING STOCK OF WORLD

Independent councillor, Mrs Winnie Haveloh, said Germiston had been made the laughing stock of the world by the Mnculwana incident.

"Apartheid was supposed to have died years ago. Former MP Dr Piet Koornhof, who represented Primrose, the very same constituency where this shocking incident occurred, said it himself.

"Since the matter was brought to the attention of the public my telephone has not stopped ringing. People are bitterly disappointed that Germiston is still so backward. All we need now is the horse and cart," Mrs Haveloh said.

'Let them off!'

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Magistrate pleads for couple fined for sitting in 'white' park

The Argus Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG. — The case in which a couple were fined R100 each for sitting in a "whites-only" park in Germiston is to be referred to the Rand Supreme Court.

Mr John Gildenhuys, chief magistrate of Germiston, said it was possible Mrs Elka Mnculwana and her husband Robert were wrongly charged and he had already drafted a letter asking the Supreme Court to set aside the conviction and sentence

He had also asked that the combined fine of R200 be refunded.

He denied the magistrate had erred in sentencing the couple. They had pleaded guilty to charges of trespass and, on the evidence produced in court, he could not fault the magistrate.

The signboards stating that Potgieter Park was restricted to whites had been left there by mistake when racial boards were removed throughout the city.

The signs had now been removed, indicating that Germiston City Council did not intend the park to be reserved for whites.

Public outcry

The offence fell away with the removal of the signboards, said Mr Gildenhuys.

The incident in which police put the middle-aged couple into a van and jailed them overnight has led to a public outcry. Letters of protest, cheques and offers of reimbursement have been sent to The Star.

Mr and Mrs Mnculwana allegedly were sitting in the park at midday on Sunday, May 24, when the van raced up to where they were relaxing on the grass.

They were held overnight in the cells and appeared in court the next day. They were each fined R100 or a month in jail.

They had to borrow money to pay the fines.



OUTSIDERS: Mr Robert Mnculwana and his wife Elka outside the 'whites-only' park where they were sitting when they were arrested for trespassing.

Top Indian snubbed by white club



CASSIM BADAT
"I won't re-apply"

A PROMINENT Indian businessman has been given the thumbs-down by a whites-only Natal country club — and the committee that voted against his application included some of his own white friends.

Now keen golfer Mr Cassim Badat, 32, refuses to have anything more to do with the Ixopo Country Club, despite hints that he should re-apply for membership.

By SHAUN HARRIS

Mr Badat, a man of high standing in the farming town of Ixopo in southern Natal, is already a member of a mainly white squash club.

When a storm of criticism broke over the decision to keep Mr Badat out of the country club, a meeting of the club's committee was called this week. It was obliquely suggested that he should re-apply.

"I'm not going to put myself through all that humiliation again," Mr Badat responded angrily.

'Careful'

"Some of the people who voted against me call themselves my friends — I know who they are and they know that I know," he said from the office of the supermarket and general trading store he runs in the middle of town.

He says the incident will not affect his relationship or attitude to the white people he knows, "although I'll be a bit more careful about those people who claim to be my friends in future".

In an ironic twist, it has been revealed that Mr Badat has been co-sponsoring an annual golf tournament at the club for several years.

Club chairman Mr Roger Foster, who proposed Mr Badat's application, said: "Naturally I'm very disappointed about what's happened here.

"Mr Badat was not that well-known among the members. If he applies again, I'm sure something can be worked out."

But Mr Badat says he will not re-apply.

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'Racist' PO policy under fire

POSTAL workers plan to put pressure on the Post Office authorities to change their "racist" policy of barring black pensioners from drawing their pay from the post office.

By LANGA SKOSANA

The president of the Post and Telecommunications Workers' Association (Potwa), Mr Vusi Kumalo said yesterday one of his association's demands during their three-week strike recently was that black pensioners should not be discriminated against.

He said this problem had not been resolved.

He said: "The post office facilities are open to white, coloured and Indian pensioners but not black. Why? We want to know why our fathers and mothers are being made to suffer and stand in long queues in all sorts of weather simply because they are black. The post office must answer this one."

Other community-based groups have voiced their anger at the Post Office for practising apartheid and have sworn to pressurise it to abandon its racist policy.

Last week the Progressive Federal Party member of Parliament for Houghton, Mrs Helen Suzman, attacked the Government for providing few postal facilities for blacks in an area such as Soweto, where about 40 000 pensioners would have to get their pay from only five post offices.

A National Council for the Aged social worker, Miss Khosi Lisa yesterday said banks and building societies have refused to pay out pensions to blacks. She said one bank pointed out that it was the post office's duty to pay out black pensions.



MR VUSI Khumalo . . . president of Potwa.

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TO ADVERTISE ON THIS

Judge overturns park trespassing sentence

Magistrate bedevilled work for peace

JOHANNESBURG — The deputy judge president of the Transvaal yesterday set aside the conviction and sentence of a black couple arrested for trespassing in a "whites only" Germiston park and strongly criticised the officials involved in the affair.

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Any right-thinking person would baulk at this incident and the persons subjected to these actions had every right to be very angry, Justice Coetzee said.

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They were given the opportunity of paying an admission of guilt fine. They could not raise the money and spent the night in jail before appearing in court the next morning.

They were fined R100 (or one month) each The judge ordered that their fines be repaid.

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He was shocked and decided to launch his own investigation, as he was empowered to do.

The question of why the signboard had not been removed was a mystery, he said.

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Offences for trespassing were occurring more frequently. After inquiring into the couple's personal circumstances, he did not find the sentence shocking.

The magistrate did not inquire into the circumstances of the offence because of the provisions of the Criminal Procedures Act. — Sapa

Judge sets aside fine for blacks on white bench

Own Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG. — The fines imposed on a black couple arrested for sitting in a Germiston park last month were set aside by the Deputy Judge President, Mr Justice Coetzee, in the Rand Supreme Court yesterday.

Delivering the review judgment, the judge said he was so shocked at the arrest of Mr Robert Mnculwane and his wife Elcah that he had decided to use his powers of review under section 304(2) of the Criminal Procedure Act.

Because the Mnculwanes had pleaded guilty, no evidence was led and a R100 admission of guilt fine had been imposed on each of them. They were unable to raise the money immediately and were detained for the night.

Mr Justice Coetzee, who ordered the State to repay the R100 fines, said no offence had been possible, as the zoning laws in terms of which the couple were charged, had been repealed in February 1986.

"Any right-thinking person would balk at this type of incident, which not only bedevils every effort to achieve racial harmony, but has an extremely negative effect on South Africa's international image." He said the country would get nowhere if officials were "elephant-footed" in their actions.



SITTING PRETTY . . . Mr Robert and Elcah Mnculwane and his wife Elcah outside the Rand Supreme Court yesterday.

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Park couple cleared in court, but still angry

By Don Holliday

The couple whose conviction and sentence for trespassing in a "whites only" park were set aside in the Rand Supreme Court yesterday said they had felt very angry at being treated like common criminals.

The Deputy Judge-President of the Transvaal, Mr G A Coetzee, strongly criticised the Germiston council, the policemen and the officiating magistrate for what he described as their "elephant-footed" actions in the affair.

Mr Robert Mnculwane (42) and his wife, Mrs Elcah Mnculwane (43), both of Germiston, were fined R100 each (or one month's jail) on May 25 for trespassing in a Germiston park which displayed a "whites only" signboard.

The park had been opened to all races in February last year by the Germiston council, but the sign had not been removed.

Mr Mnculwane, a sewing machine technician who earns R300 a month, said he and his wife, a domestic worker earning R160 a month, entered the park on the afternoon of Sunday May 24.

She sat in the sun and busied herself with crochet work, while he relaxed in the shade.

Neither saw the sign.

They had been there less than 15 minutes when two policemen arrived, told them they were trespassing and drove them to the local police station where they were offered the option of an admission-of-guilt fine.

They could not raise the money and spent the night in jail before appearing in court.

"I felt terrible in jail. My children did not know where we were. We were allowed to make a phone call but could not reach anyone," said Mr Mnculwane, a father of four.

He said he was grateful for the intervention of the Rand Supreme Court but said he was considering further legal action.

● See Page 6.

'Righteous anger' leads to justice

By Shirley Woodgate

Lost somewhere in the chain of events that saw justice done to Mr and Mrs Robert Mnculwana, is Mrs Eli Konstant (42), the Germiston woman who triggered the action.

A conviction against the couple for trespassing in a "whites-only" Germiston park was set aside yesterday.

Mrs Konstant, who employs Mrs Elka Mnculwana as a domestic servant in her Fishers' Hill home, said: "It took righteous anger, not courage, to make a complaint to The Star.

"We all talk about (injustice), but suddenly I was confronted with it. A decent couple whom I considered my friends had been wrongly jailed.

"So I picked up the phone and dialled."

Mrs Konstant came to South Africa in 1974 from Rhodesia, and leaves in August for England.

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Mr Justice Coetzee said he had read of the incident in newspaper reports last week. He was shocked and decided to launch his own investigation, as he was empowered to do.

He contacted the Attorney-General to find he had already conducted an independent investigation.

When this type of incident was reported in the overseas media, it had a negative effect, and caused international harm to South Africa's image, said the judge.

However good the officals' intentions were, the country would get nowhere if it was "elephant-footed" in its actions.

The question of why the signboard had not been removed was a mystery. This was the start of the unfortunate chain of events.

Why the police considered it necessary to arrest the couple was incomprehensible. Was it necessary to bundle them into a van? Why were they not simply told to leave the park?

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The magistrate did not inquire into the circumstances of the offence because of the provisions of the Criminal Procedures Act.

Mr Justice Coetzee said a trespassing offence could be either trivial or a serious breach of private property rights.

The failure of the magistrate to question the couple on the circumstances of the matter resulted in his not being able to impose a proper fine.

These considerations cast doubt on the wisdom of the provisions of Section 112 of the Criminal Procedures Act, which allowed the magistrate's discretion, in certain instances, on whether or not to question people about whether they understood all the elements of the charge to which they were pleading.

Mr Mnculwane said yesterday he was glad about the decision and felt it was right that the newspapers had written about his predicament as it would ensure such mistakes were not repeated.

Another man fined for sitting in 'white' area

By Shirley Woodgate

With Mr and Mrs Robert Mnculwana in the dock in the Germiston Magistrate's Court on May 24 stood Mr Elias Thuma.

Like the Fishers Hill couple whose conviction was set aside yesterday, he faced a charge of trespass in Potgieter Park on Sunday May 25.

A police spokesman said Mr Thuma was also was fined R100 or a month in jail for sitting in a "whites-only" park.

He too borrowed money to go free.

No one took up the cudgels on his behalf and Mr Thuma now sits with a criminal record — and R100 poorer.

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Couple in a park

THE case of Mr and Mrs Mnculwane, the black couple arrested last month for sitting in a Germiston public park, revealed a significant polarity in white sentiment on the Rand and raised a very interesting question: which of the two white sentiments so uninhibitedly displayed is the more typical of South Africa today?

● On the one side was the faceless white person who complained to the police about blacks using the municipal park; and then there were the policemen themselves who actually went out and arrested the couple — she was crocheting, he was relaxing — bundled them into a police van and kept them in jail overnight. And then there was the magistrate who fined them each R100 with a month in jail as an alternative. He did not ask for details of the offence but had he done so he would have found the Mnculwanes had broken no law because the park had been open to all races since February 1986. The council "forgot" to remove the apartheid notice. Unfortunately the actions of these three parties — the complainer, the policemen and the magistrate — are precisely what has given South Africa's whites their image of being heartless, arrogant and hopelessly prejudiced.

● But then the Mnculwanes met up with another side: there was Mrs Mnculwane's employer who telephoned The Star which printed the story; the people who then offered to pay the fine and expressed disgust; the Attorney General who spontaneously ordered an investigation and finally Mr Justice G Coetzee who launched his own investigation, had the sentences reversed and criticised the magistrate and the police.

Which of these two quite different outlooks is typical of South Africa today? Which of the two is taking us into the future?

Draw comfort from the fact that the sentiments of the latter prevailed.

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'Racist' bus ban keeps boy from school

By BOETI ESHAK

THREE young schoolchildren — two coloureds and an Indian — have been banned from using a municipal bus after travelling on it for two years.

They were ordered off the Roodepoort City Council bus after several white parents were said to have complained.

This week, Mrs Fadilla Hartley said her son, Zunaid, 11, and two coloured children — all pupils at a private school in Roodepoort — had been travelling on the same bus for two years without any problems.

"On Tuesday morning the driver told Zunaid that he would not be allowed on the bus again," she said

"He was in tears when he came home

"When I asked the transport manager for an explanation, he said he had received complaints from the parents of some of the white girls who travel on the bus.

Mocked

"They said the boys had been making unpleasant remarks to the girls.

"This is laughable. Schoolchildren all over the world make fun of each other.

"In fact, Zunaid was mocked about his religion during Ramadan.

"I think this is just an excuse to get rid of the 'non-white' children."

Mrs Hartley said that since her son had been banned from the bus, he had not been able to go to school.

However, the Roodepoort Transport Department manager, Mr K van Rensburg, said the incident should not be viewed as racial.

"Anybody, irrespective of colour, who causes trouble on the bus is refused entry.

"Our buses are licensed to carry whites only — the driver took it on himself to admit the other children

"We turned a blind eye until Roodepoort residents threatened to withdraw their patronage."

Park couple are innocent

By MARTIN NTSOELENGOE

THE EAST Rand couple arrested for sun-bathing in a whites only park earlier this year were found not guilty of any offence, the Acting Judge President of the Transvaal, GA Coetzee, has found.

Robert Mnculwane, 42, and his wife Elka, 42 – arrested in Fisher Park in Germiston after complaints to the police – were made to spend a night at the Germiston Police Station.

They appeared in court the following day and they were found guilty and fined R100 each.

Coetzee, sitting with Judge Le Grange, strongly criticised the arrest and subsequent fine of the couple and ruled that the couple were wrongfully arrested and ordered that they be given their R100 fines back.

The judge criticised the Germiston City Council for failing to remove all "whites only" signs from the park after it had scrapped the by-law which previously forbade other race groups from using the parks.

The magistrate who found the couple guilty also came under heavy criticism from the judge who accused him of failing to question the couple.

The judge said if the magistrate had asked questions, he could have realised why the two were not guilty.

"If a person pleads guilty it is the magistrate's duty to ask why he or she is pleading guilty.

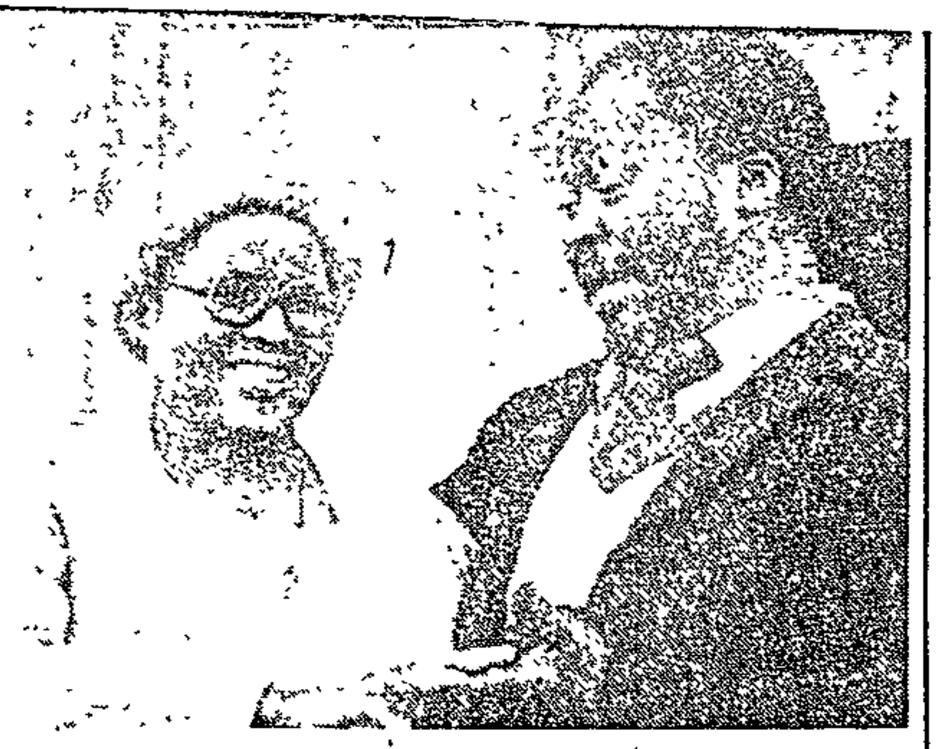
"The accused did not understand the element of the offence and did not know there was such an offence or law.

"They may have been asked by an interpreter whether they were in the park or not and they may have answered yes.

"And the magistrate took it they were pleading guilty without asking them whether they were guilty or not.

"The magistrate was unimpressive to say the least," said Coetzee.

Coetzee went on to say that the police should have warned the couple to leave the park, instead of humiliating them by arresting them.



A delighted Robert and Elka Mnculwane after they were found not guilty of any offence.

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The Reserve Bank also ordered the forfeiture of R1.9-million accredited to Maubane's estate.

All the monies are to be deposited into the State Rev-





Black and white mingle freely in queues and inside the cinema and owner Mr Sydney Segal says business has never been better.

Pietersburg's Astra opens to all races

Bart Marinovich

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Black and white mingled freely in queues inside and outside the cinema and Mr Sydney Segal, owner of the cinema which has been managed by his family since it first opened in 1941, said he was "thrilled with the way things had turned out".

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PATRONS ARE PLEASED

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Movies being shown at The Astra this week are "Crocodile Dundee", "Heartbreak Ridge" and "Liewe Hemel — Genis".

Mr Segal said about 40 percent of his patrons during the matinee shows were black. This figure dwindled to about 10 percent at night time, he said.

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Rembrandt

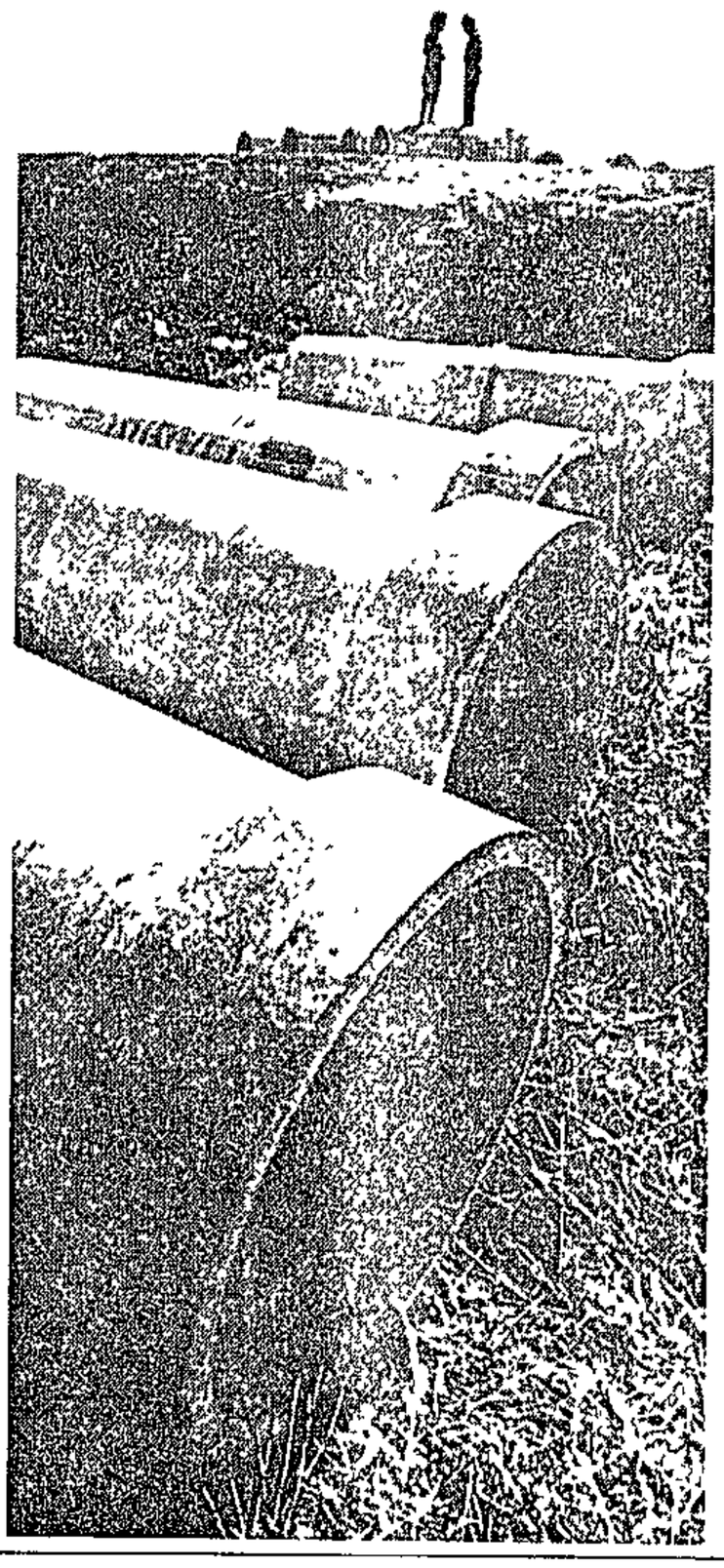
Lenasia sewer pipe death leads to call for play areas



Above: Brenda and Victor Padayachee mourn the death of their eldest child and only son Jason (10), who died last week after being crushed by a concrete pipe. His photograph is displayed on the side-table. Bottom left: Jason Padayachee hugs his sister in a family photograph. Bottom right: The heavy pipes lie next to a three-metre-deep trench into which Jason fell.

● Pictures by Ken Oosterbroek.





By Janine Simon

The death of a Lenasia boy last Thursday, crushed by a concrete sewer pipe, has brought calls for improved recreational facilities in the area.

Jason Padayachee (10) was the eldest of five children and the only son of Mr and Mrs Victor Padayachee of Godavari Road, Extension 11A.

Jason's parents said he and three other children had been playing on the pipes in an open piece of land near their home at about 11 am on Thursday The pipes had been offloaded only days before, close to a 3 m open trench which traversed the area

"The children said Jason climbed on top of the pipe about three times Then he fell into the ditch and it rolled on top of him," Mr Padayachee said The children often played in the area, he said.

Mr Padayachee said Jason, a Standard 3 pupil at Libra Primary School, had been an "active and naughty" child.

Inadequate

A community worker for the Johannesburg Indian Social Welfare Association (Jiswa), Miss Sabura Bobat, said the incident highlighted the inadequate recreational facilities in Lenasia.

"The tragedy concerns us as a welfare organisation

"Authorities need to look at proper planning, development and upkeep of recreational facilities," she said

An official from the Peri-Urban Board, which controls that section of the land, said the sewers were placed there by a firm of contractors as the first step in providing reticulation for a major development.

They had been placed on level ground and eight were found in the trench after the incident. "It was an unfortunate, tragic accident," he said

Mr James Crosswell, the consulting engineer at the site, said he was deeply sorry at what had happened

"The pipes are very difficult to move and it is normal practice to unload them on the ground close to where they are to be laid"

Mr K Cunningham-Scott, acting director of Johannesburg City Council's housing department, which controls Extension 11A, said the council had fully developed all parks in its part of Lenasia A recreation centre was under construction in Extension 11A

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Former race-row cinema has cause to celebrate

By Dirk Nel,
Northern Transvaal Bureau

PIETERSBURG — The controversial Astra cinema welcomed guests of all races at a glittering celebration recently, to mark the completion of its three new mini-theatres.

Invited guests mingled freely at a cocktail party and then moved into the theatres for three simultaneous free movie shows.

The cinema was closed for three months earlier this year after the town council opposed the owner's application for an all-race licence. The town's mayor, Mr Mars de Klerk, although a critic of the multiracial plans, spoke at the official opening.

Mr de Klerk's four Conservative Party colleagues on the council were not present, but all four Nationalist councillors accepted invitations to attend.



Cinema owner Mr Sidney Segal announces the opening of the complex. Pietersburg Mayor Mr Mars de Klerk (left) mingles with guests.

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Bus drivers called 'apartheid pawns'

By Shirley Woodgate,
Municipal Reporter

Johannesburg bus drivers had been reduced to apartheid pawns by the council which had forced them to sit in judgment on their passengers' skin colour, said PFP city councillor Mrs Claire Quail.

Accusing the management committee of cowardice, she said its refusal to take a stand on bus apartheid had placed the drivers in an impossible situation.

"The council is hiding behind its drivers who are left to make sensitive decisions about the colour of a passenger's skin — yet they are not empowered to ask for identification.

"Certain drivers are regularly coming under fire for throwing blacks off 'white' buses," she said.

Mrs Quail has received numerous complaints about incidents involving black passengers travelling on white buses in her suburb

Buses on only three selected routes are open to all races: Parkhurst (79), Craighall (78) and Parktown North (79a). The northern suburbs routes were "rationalised" by the council on an experimental basis in December last year.

On these routes blacks are allowed to use white buses charging a higher fare, and whites are allowed to use the black buses charging the lower fare. The stops are still segregated.

On all other routes permits allow all coloureds and Indians to travel on white or black buses, but whites and blacks cannot travel on the same buses.

Mr Les Pettey, general manager of the transport department, said drivers had been asked to use their discretion, but those who felt strongly about race differentiation were placed in an invidious position when they knew they were legally correct.

He said his department was involved with the Department of Transport and consultants in the northern suburbs bus project. The next phase — probably in August — was the integration of bus stops on the three routes while retaining higher and lower tariffs.

Residents' and commuters' views would being taken into consideration. Points to consider included the strong views held by householders on the siting of bus stops, and the possible preference by commuters for paying more to ride in less crowded buses.

The aim was to provide an economic and efficient bus service.

Two 'open areas' planned for Vaal

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Own Correspondent

STANDERTON — Two multi-racial recreational areas are planned for the Standerton area — at the Grootdraai Dam and along the Vaal River.

At present "whites-only" recreational facilities are available at the two spots. These will continue to exist when the new areas are opened. Black people do not have a recreational outlet on the Vaal at Standerton or at the dam.

The Standerton Town Council approved the idea last October and is now waiting for the necessary State funds to start work.

R150 000 PROJECT

The council has plans to lay out braai spots, plant trees and grass, install tables and chairs, fencing, canopies, toilets and a kiosk on municipal land bordering the Vaal River. This will cost at least R150 000.

Besides facilities for day visitors at the Grootdraai Dam, a caravan park, sports facilities and a swimming pool will be opened. The council controls this land, although it is owned by the Department of Water Affairs.

The dam is 10 km outside the town. The new pleasure spots should also draw people from Evander, Sekunda and Heidelberg.

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Apartheid goes on in Jo'burg

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JOHANNESBURG is not considering opening all public amenities to all races, says city council Management Committee chairman Francois Oberholzer.

The President's Council report on group areas recommended that all amenities should be opened.

Oberholzer says the opening of amenities is a matter of local choice.

However, it is not being considered in Johannesburg.

Although some public amenities such as libraries have been opened, almost all swimming baths and recreational facilities in the city are still segregated.

Multiracial town plan

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PLANS have been drawn up and submitted to government for approval of SA's first multiracial township, to be established on the northern borders of Randburg.

The area stretches from Roodepoort to Lanseria and covers some 1 100ha. It includes an initial 7 500 stands and has the potential, should it ever be developed, of becoming the country's first "open city".

The development has provisionally been labelled Kosmos City, and is the brainchild of Pretoria property developer Theuns Bester, who the land from Tuckers Land Holdings when the latter was placed in liquidation.

According to Bester, application for registering the open township was lodged with the Department of Development Planning three years ago.

The application was turned down at the time. No reason was given, but it was presumed to be because the development had been geared to be open to all race groups. Nothing has materialised since.

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But it is now learnt that the plans for Kosmos City could be resuscitated following government's new approach to the Group Areas Act, enunciatated by President P W Botha in Parliament some two weeks ago.

It is believed to be one of a number of similar developments now being looked at collectively by the Department of Development Planning.

In view of the potentially controversial nature of the schemes officials are refusing to release more information. But indications are that they will be treated more sympathetically now than in the past.

A ploy to raise cash which will penalise the poor, says PFP

fe parks plan under fire

By Shirley Woodgate, Municipal Reporter

Johannesburg's plan to stop violence in parks by charging entrance fees and fencing off certain amenities, seen by the city's management committee as a way of preventing outbreaks of violence such as occurred on Kruger Day, has drawn strong criticism from some quarters.

Last night the management committee recommended that certain parks be fenced, entrance fees of up to R3 be charged, the numbers of people entering these parks be restricted and additional park wardens be appointed at weekends and public holidays.

If the recommendation is adopted by the council, the entrance fees would be applied at weekends and public holidays, and entry would be restricted to one person for 20 sq m of usable space, said deputy management committee chairman Mr Danie van Zyl.

Pensioners will be admitted free, special tariffs will be determined for clubs and reduced rates will be announced for seasonal use.

The management committee also plans to get tough on people who contravene the liquor bylaws controlling drinking in public.

The proposed solution is likely to be adopted at the next council meeting by the majority National Party/Independent Ratepayers' Association coalition which controls the council.

Progressive Federal Party city council members and some ratepayer organisations have condemned the proposed moves as being "a ploy" to raise cash through entrance fees, penalising the poor.

Prejudiced

PFP councillor Mr David Neppe said today: "It will hit the lower income groups hardest, prejudicing the very people who use the park."

Mr Garth Strong, chairman of the Parkview Residents' Association, said fencing and charges would, in effect, be imposed only to stop fears of violence on five public holidays a year.

PFP councillor Mr Ian Davidson said today it was ironic that two of the parks where violence broke out on Saturday — Rhodes Park and Bezuidenhout Park in the eastern suburbs — were already fenced.

Although the management committee has not stipulated which parks could be affected by its recommendations, there were incidents and complaints at several parks last Saturday.

Among the parks where fencing will be considered are Emmarentia Dam, Pioneer Park at Wemmer Pan; Patterson Park in Orange Grove.

'Inept' council blamed for park violence

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By Shirley Woodgate, Municipal Reporter

Residents' associations and city councillors have reacted angrily to allegations by Mr Sam Bloomberg MP for Bezuidenhout that the cause of Saturday's violence was "truckloads of blacks descending on Rhodes Park with vast quantities of liquor, apparently with the intention of causing trouble".

Council ineptitude has been widely blamed for the recurring problems in the city's parks.

Mr Bloomberg's appeal to the Johannesburg City Council to "stop its political bickering" and urgently resolve the crisis of the parks has also been slated by the Progressive Federal Party which has blamed the National Party-controlled management committee for the latest chaos.

Mr Bloomberg referred to "political picnicking" and said: "Some people were picnicking but there was a far greater number of organised young people than picnickers. It was no coincidence that this was the flashpoint on Saturday".

SUGGESTIONS

Mr Don Walton, PFP councillor for Kensington, said: "All levels of government associated with everything to do with parks and Ellis Park are NP-controlled.

"Mr Bloomberg seems to be suggesting, however, that the NP is not in control."

The PFP had consistently suggested policies to deal with the problems, but as recently as November last year the management committee said control measures over weekends were adequate," said Mr Walton.

1982 RIOTS

Mr Garth Strong, who heads the Parkview Ratepayers' Association, also pointed a finger at the city council.

He said he was still awaiting a council reply to suggestions for improving park safety after the 1982 riots at Zoo Lake.

"Trouble in the parks is due to a lack of council planning before the event. Instead they react after the outbreak.

"The solution is not fencing, it is a task for the municipal police who appear to turn a blind eye to public drinking and then call in the South African Police when matters get out of hand," he said.

Mr H Crichton, chairman of the Kensington Residents' Association said the problem started after the parks were opened to all races and busloads of blacks descended on parks on public holidays. He believed lack of control had led to repeated incidents in Rhodes Park.

Mr Ian Davidson, PFP city councillor on the Parks and Recreation Committee, blamed laxity by the city's Traffic and Security Department for the violence.

He said that having mobile wardens with two-way radios was inadequate provision for patrolling all the parks in Johannesburg.

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Too many people — too few parks

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☐ **HOW IT SHOULD BE . . . people peacefully relaxing on a Sunday in a Johannesburg park**

cater for the number of people," Walker said.

Against this background the Johannesburg City Council will spend up to R3m fencing at least five parks in the near future. The fencing for Rhodes Park alone may cost up to R550 000, according to parks general manager Paul Loubser.

The city council has been arguing about fencing parks and charging entrance fees for years. In 1984 a proposal to do just that was dropped amid opposition from the Progressive Federal Party, which claimed this would be apartheid in an economic guise.

Solutions

Interestingly, the municipality has looked to America for solutions. Loubser said the experience in American parks shows "user-pay" parks do "work".

In the case of Johannesburg — with an estimated 12 "busy days" a year — visitors' entrance fees may contribute about half of the expenditure needed for the upkeep of parks. Johannesburg Zoological Gardens, for example, attracts an estimated 600 000 visitors annually. They contribute R622 000 towards its R1,8m upkeep.

Asked why people came from far and wide to Johannesburg parks, Loubser said: "In our immediate

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area on the Reef there are not many parks of a major size."

He believes racial mixing in itself has not contributed towards crowd violence. "I do not believe racial mixing is dangerous as long as we can keep out the type of activities that result in bad tempers and intolerance. But if the density is too high it is inevitable that tempers will become frayed.

"But I do not believe having different race groups together will necessarily lead to clashes. At Rhodes Park on Kruger Day there were about 6 000 people in a park designed for 3 000."

But if Johannesburg authorities are insistent that they are not practising apartheid in a modernised form by fencing and introducing fees, Motlana believes it will be difficult to convince blacks of this.

"They will interpret this as racism," Motlana said.

Motlana believes the council should conduct an in-depth inquiry into exactly what happened on Kruger Day before taking the "precipitous step" of fencing parks.

"Nothing should be done until an inquiry has got to the bottom of the story. Let us find out what happened before we lay the blame on anybody," he said. "I am terribly disappointed by the decision to erect fences. I cannot help but condemn it. The poor people of SA will not be able to spare the money for a day in the park."

Instead he called for security to be stepped up. He said he visited Central Park in New York recently. There were thousands of people — but there were also dozens of guards who "looked the sort who would take no trouble from anybody".

"We all want that. We all want decent behaviour in the parks."

Extra strain

Johannesburg authorities claim the extra policing necessary will be too expensive. They argue that non-ratepayers — predominantly blacks — must contribute towards the upkeep of parks. Policing would simply put an extra strain on municipal ratepayers.

Ironically, nobody actually died in a Johannesburg park on Kruger Day. The two people who died were killed outside Ellis Park in the evening in circumstances the precise details of which remain hazy. This small fact has not deterred the politicians, who say the white public want fences, and fences they will get.

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Workers boycott canteen

By ALINAH DUBE

MORE than 400 National Union of Metal Workers of South Africa members employed at the African Telephone Cable plant in Brits are boycotting canteen facilities because of alleged discrimination.

A Numsa spokesman said yesterday that the boycott has been on for three weeks. The canteen serves blacks only.

The Numsa spokesman said this violated company policy.

He said: "Repeated attempts by the union to get management to open all facilities to all racial groups have been unsuccessful We have also tried to get the company to give us their code of conduct.

Cheque

"It has also come to our attention that some white employees received a 13th cheque while blacks were told that the company did not have such a benefit."

Other Numsa complaints include management's refusal to increase the workers' minimum rate from R3,74 to R4,82 an hour and the deadlocked negotiations for a R1,50 across-the-board hourly increase.

Mr Jan Nel, the company's human resources manager, confirmed that there has been a deadlock in negotiations with Numsa. He, however, stated that he would not give further details as negotiations were still to continue.

Mr Nel said: "We have always made our stance clear: we do not believe in discrimination. Seeing that all the issues involved in this matter are still under discussion, I find it not wise to make further Press statements."

PARK VIOLENCE

Now the backlash

Two events on Kruger Day — violence and murder in Johannesburg suburbs, and a call from the Afrikaner Weerstandsbeweging (AWB) to fight a "holy war" to "keep SA white" — may herald a time of increased violence and racial tension.

The violence (two people were murdered and nine wounded) appears to have been non-political (**See *Face to face* with Roelf Meyer**), police spokesman Lt Pierre Louw says liquor abuse seems to have been the cause. But it could well have serious political consequences.

There has already been talk of residents wanting to form "vigilante groups," and a rightwing backlash remains a possibility. As PFP law and order spokesman Helen Suzman tells the *FM*: "There is always the danger that mindless violence from one side will give rise to vengeful action from equally violent groups on the other."

She does not believe this incident will change government's view on Group Areas, as "government has already made up its mind," but she admits that interracial friction "will enhance government's thinking on separate accommodation Rightwing elements will use this as an excuse to justify segregation, but frankly, it is quite unrelated."

The violence is high-octane fuel for the white Right, as they feed the racist fire yet again. And they've received welcome support from certain government media.

To suggest, as the Transvaal NP mouthpiece *Beeld* does, that serious thought should again be given to open amenities — that is, close them — is really missing the point. And to ask how people will ever be able to live together in open residential areas if they cannot even mix peacefully in parks, is an example of how Pretoria and their supporters have for years misunderstood the problem.

The perpetrators of last weekend's violence are certainly not those who will be buying the first properties, once certain areas are declared open. And it's reasonably certain that black, coloured or Indian residents would defend their properties in the same manner as whites. (Which provides yet another argument for the total repeal of the Group Areas Act.)

Violence (especially in areas where one expects to relax with one's family) is to be abhorred. What happened was the sort of thing we can do without, says chairman of the Soweto Civic Association, Dr Ntatho Motlana.

Meanwhile, the Johannesburg City Council has announced that it is to fence in certain parks, charge entrance fees, and only allow "a safe" amount of people to enter them. There will be strict action against alcohol consumption in parks, and tighter control

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No bioscope on a Sunday

Johannesburg City Council management committee has turned down a request by Ster Kinekor to open certain cinemas on Sundays.

Mr Danie van Zyl, deputy chairman of the management committee, said the move was unacceptable to ministers.

English and Afrikaans clerics who had been consulted by his committee before taking the decision had unanimously given the thumbs down to the request.

RSC to investigate 'neglected' parks

24/10/87

By Shirley Woodgate, Municipal Reporter

The Central Witwatersrand Regional Services Council last night decided to launch an investigation into the development of parks and recreation facilities throughout the entire region.

This follows a decision by Johannesburg's management committee to recommend to the city council that some parks be fenced and entrance fees charged after violence on Kruger Day left two dead and at least nine people injured.

Details which came to light in the report placed before the RSC highlighted a shocking neglect of parklands in black townships, even though land was set side for this purpose when the townships were Although 12 percent of greater Soweto was planned for public open spaces, only 240 ha of the available 1 000 ha has been developed for parks.

A 10 ha centenary park, planned last year for the Klipspruit Valley near Soweto, fell away when the sponsor withdrew.

The situation in Alexandra, where only 4 ha out of 17 ha set aside has been developed for recreation, was only slightly better, with a 3,5 ha recreation resort planned on the eastern bank of the Jukskei River and another 5 ha available once the river's tributaries have been canalised and decked.

Part of the R50 000 from the R1 million allocated by the RSC for investigating open spaces and recreation facilities was specifically voted for looking into the problem of developing parks.

Mr Frans Lourens (Randburg) said it was obvious from a study that there were enough recreation facilities for whites.

Mr Gerrit Bornman, chairman of the Central Wits RSC, agreed that housing was the top priority in black areas, but recreation facilities occupied land unsuitable for this purpose.

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Witbank restaurant refuses to serve black

Own Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG. — A senior black trade unionist was refused service at a Mike's Kitchen restaurant at Klipfontein, outside Witbank, recently.

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Mike's Kitchen GM Gabriel Meenaham stressed the restaurant chain's policy was one of non-racialism and said he would look into the incident.

He said, however tragic, it was true that restaurants faced problems in some areas.

Violence 'an obstacle' to liberation

Business Day Reporter

BLACK-ON-BLACK violence was the greatest obstacle to the struggle for liberation in SA, Kwazulu Chief Minister Mangosuthu Buthelezi said on Friday.

At a Press conference on his return from a 10-day visit to West Germany, during which he held talks with Chancellor Helmut Kohl, Buthelezi said blacks should get their house in order.

He said even if President Botha were to begin negotiations to dismantle apartheid tomorrow, "we blacks would still be butchering each other".

On the ongoing violence in the Maritzburg region between supporters of Inkatha and the UDF in which at least 25 people have died recently, he said Inkhata was committed to peaceful change.

TECHNIKON'S BAN ON CITY HALL AFTER RACE BAR

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By JANINE LAZARUS

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OPEN AREAS SOON REALITY

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JOUBERT Park, Doornfontein, the Central Business District, and almost certainly Hillbrow and Mayfair, are set to become Johannesburg's first official open areas.

One of the prime movers behind the campaign to get clarity and finality on the future of these troubled areas is the National Party, it emerged from the party's recent Transvaal congress.

Should the areas be opened in terms of future legislation flowing from the recent President Council recommendations on group areas, the intention would be to enforce strictly health and spatial regulations in order to eliminate overcrowding and unhygienic conditions, according to Nationalist sources. Sowetan 16/11/87

The strategy behind opening the suburbs, once the Government has enacted enabling legislation during next year's session of Parliament, is to legalise the position of thousands of people of colour currently residing there in contravention of the Group Areas Act.

800 TGWU members in work dispute

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HUNDREDS of Transport and General Workers' Union (TGWU) members are involved in a work stoppage at South African Security Services (Sass) in Springs.

The TGWU members downed tools last week, demanding the reinstatement of seven colleagues dismissed by the company.

TGWU information officer, Miss Kelly Foster, said union members were on the verge of returning to work on Wednesday, but rescinded their decision after 10 shop stewards were detained.

"Our attempts to meet management to resolve the matter have been unsuccessful. Our negotiation team was turned away by management this week," Miss Foster said.

The union has put the number of security guards on strike at 800, while management says half the number were involved in the industrial action.

Solidarity

A Sass spokesman confirmed that the company's employees were involved in a stoppage, saying "massive intimidation has been keeping honest working people from work and depriving their families of the daily bread."

The Unemployed Workers' Co-ordinating Committee has expressed solidarity with the striking security guards

• A northern Natal official of the TGWU, Mr Nkosinathi Nhleko, has been detained, the union said.

Miss Foster said the TGWU organiser was detained in Empangeni last weekend

Another senior TGWU official, Mr Albert Ndlovu, is still in emergency detention, according to the union. He was detained in the trouble-torn Maritzburg area on October 10.

Barbed wire and fees for Rand parks

JOHANNESBURG — Barbed wire fences and entrance fees will be introduced in parks in several white Johannesburg suburbs following violence blamed on blacks last month, the City Council said.

The council decided last night to impose a charge of R2 for adults and 50c for children during weekends and holidays, and to fence six major parks with wire mesh and barbed wire.

On a public holiday last month, seven people were injured and 14 blacks arrested during violent incidents in several parks.

Police and whites living near the parks blamed unruly blacks for the incidents. — Sapa.

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Jhb approves strict steps for park control

JOHANNESBURG. — Drastic crowd-control measures, including fencing and entrance fees, at several Johannesburg parks were officially approved by the city council last night.

The wide-ranging measures were approved despite vigorous PFP objections to entrance fees.

Three parks — Rhodes, Bezuidenhout and Pioneers — would be fenced and entry points installed as a priority, and another three — Zoo Lake, the Wilds and Van Riebeeck — have been marked for similar measures.

A tariff of R2 for adults and 50 cents for children will be levied on public holidays, school holidays and over weekends.

Residents living near the affected parks can apply for free passes.

Several control points will be installed at each park and people entering will be searched for alcohol.

The council also agreed to appoint 32 wardens to patrol the parks.

The capital cost of installing the new crowd-control measures is estimated at R938 000 and operating costs will amount to R933 650 annually.

Last night's decision follows violence at several city parks last month on Kruger Day. Chairman of the council's culture and recreation committee Mr Danie Malan said entrance fees could be lifted if they were found to be unnecessary.

Since 1983, a minimum of 10 people a year have been killed in Johannesburg parks. "We have neglected our duty," he said.

Mr Eliot Kretzmer (PFP) said the council was duty-bound to provide parks for its residents free of change.

PFP caucus leader Mr Sam Moss described the measures as "a short-term palliative". — Sapa

SERVICES AND AMENITES FOR BLACKS —

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Mother thrown out

A well known Atteridgeville, Pretoria, mother who gave birth to a son five days ago was allegedly forcefully discharged from a private hospital yesterday — a few hours after being informed that her son was suffering from jaundice.

Mrs Thembeka Moropane of Ramasodi Street, whose husband is a regional sales manager of a liquor company, said she was discharged from the Marifont maternity home in Sunnyside, Pretoria at noon yesterday. She was also asked to leave her sick baby behind.

Sister Ancillia, who is in charge at the hospital, yesterday denied the allegation and described Mrs Moropane's husband, Mr Jackson Moropane as being "full of nonsense and a downright nuisance." She added: "If he continues complaining like that we will stop admitting blacks at the hospital."

Claim of racialism at shopping centre

By Inga Molzen

Trainee teachers were barred from shops at the Flora shopping centre in Roodepoort and ushered out of the cinema's back entrance when they attended the screen version of Dalene Matthee's novel "Fiela se Kind" on Monday, lecturers claim.

Vice-rector of the Soweto College of Education, Mr Jan Prinsloo, has pledged that he "won't let rest" what he calls a series of unpleasant racial incidents at the centre.

Afrikaans lecturers organised the outing so that the group of 450 students from the college could watch the film based on the novel which they had studied as a set work.

The lecturers claim that after the show the students were ushered out of the back exits of the Ster-Kinekor cinema by the centre's security staff, who had been called in by cinema management.

Earlier in the day, as students wandered around the centre before the film show started, they were allegedly barred from certain stores and told by some shop owners to "get lost".

Regional general manager of Ster-Kinekor, Mr Dave de Villiers, denied claims that the cinema's manager, Mr Andre Pretorius, was rude to the students.

Mr de Villiers denied that Mr Pretorius told the audience: "Would the blacks please sit still."

"For all our shows it is normal proceedure to ask patrons to use the back exits when there are a lot of people waiting in the foyer for the next show," said Mr de Villiers.

Afrikaans lecturer, Mr le Roux Liebenberg said: "I cannot accept it is normal proceedure at all Ster-Kinekor cinemas to ask cinemagoers to use the back exits so as not to 'block the cinema foyer'."

Bara' twins' operation is postponed

Medical Reporter

An operation to separate Baragwanath Hospital's Siamese twins has been postponed because the twins have contracted a skin infection, a hospital spokesman confirmed yesterday.

Mpho and Mphonyana Mathibela, joined at the back of the head, were due to undergo the third in a series of operations to separate them later this month.

Now the 14-month-old babies have developed a "light" skin infection on their heads and the operation has been put off until it clears.

The spokesman said the infection was not serious and was not related to any previous surgery the twins had undergone.

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Cinema visit causes uproar

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JOHANNESBURG — A West Rand shopping centre saw unpleasant racial incidents when a few hundred Soweto Teachers' Training College students came to view the cinematic version of Dalene Mathee's Fiela se Kind, the Vaderland reports.

Students were chased from some shops and forced to leave the theatre through a side exit. A restaurant also refused to serve them.

The Vice Rector, Mr Jan Prinsloo, said that the college was considering an official complaint to the Flora Centre.

An Afrikaans lecturer who helped organise the outing, Miss Linda Fourie, said the students were looking forward to viewing Fiela se Kind.

"They are reading the book in class, but following yesterday's incident we had to apologise for the whites' behaviour," an upset Miss Fourie said.

The students behaved extremely well, according to other attending staff members.

The manager of the centre said the "entire shopping centre" had complained.

At one point an English speaking woman asked Miss Fourie to "remove" her students.

Some students were despondent upon finding that they could not sit down and eat anywhere.

According to a lecturer, Miss Alet du Toit, the students behaved themselves as any other student group would and "resigned themselves to the bad treatment" they received.

Yet another lecturer at the college, Mrs Zyda Brits, said the theatre manager had ordered students to occupy the front rows.

When West Ridge High School pupils entered the cinema, he had said: "Will the blacks please sit still now." —Sapa

Toilet case sequel — Red Cross makes offer

THE South African Red Cross Society, which has fired a black employee for allegedly using a toilet reserved for whites, has given the employee's union until March 14 to accept a six-month wage offer.

The deadline is contained in a letter from the Red Cross Society to the SA Black Municipal and Allied Workers' Union (Sabmawu), dated February 23.

A Southern Transvaal Red Cross Society official, Mr Nigel Carman, has declined to comment, saying the union and the organisation had agreed not to issue Press statements about the matter. But the union has denied the claim.

At the centre of a row between the two parties is the dismissal of Ms Dorah Hlapolosa, who lost her job at the Society's Vanderbijlpark branch after she was allegedly found in a toilet reserved for whites.

A letter from the Society to Sabmawu read in part: "I (Mr Carman) regret that the Conciliation Board which met on February 23 was unable to settle this dispute.

"I confirm, however, that the Society has offered to settle this matter on the basis that it will pay to your member an amount equivalent to six months' wages, less the usual deductions.

"This offer is made without prejudice and without conceding in any way whatsoever that the Society acted unfairly or unjustifiably or that it is in any way obliged to make the offer," the letter read.

The Society, in the letter, urged Sabmawu to table this offer before the union's hierarchy "as it would be a pity if this dispute could not be settled purely because the Executive Committee of the Union was not prepared to review in the light of changed circumstances, a decision previously taken"

Sabmawu has rejected the offer, saying it was "a disgrace that an organisation of the Society's reputation should pay an employee R70 a month — an amount which is 300 percent below the poverty line."

A six-month wage offer would result in Ms Hlapolosa receiving about R380, according to Sabmawu.



MR BENNY Alexander ... slammed Red Cross.

Council objects to non-racial concert at Yeoville venue

By Inga Molzen

A "whites only" restriction imposed by the Johannesburg City Council on the organisers of the city centre's first "alternative" Afrikaans rock concert has forced them to find another venue.

Die Eerste Alternatiewe Afrikaanse Rock Konsert was to have been held at the Yeoville Recreation Centre tomorrow.

The booking was made a month ago and confirmed on Monday.

According to organiser, Mr Boogy Gottsman, the concert was moved to the Pool Club in Von Wielligh Street after they heard that no blacks would be allowed to perform at the concert or to attend it. Changing venues cost about R500 in advertising expenses.

Mr Gottsman said: "It would be offensive to exclude someone from the evening's entertainment because of his colour. Most of the bands who will be performing have at least one black artist.

Yeoville a grey area

"Yeoville is multiracial. It is very much a 'grey' area.

"A city council employee was even approached to man the door to ensure that it remained a 'whites only' event. We have never had watchdogs posted at the door to prevent blacks from entering," said Mr Gottsman.

Mr Johannes Kerkorrel of the Gereformeerde Blues Band said: "I will not perform in a place under such circumstances."

Questioned about the "whites only" restriction, the deputy general manager of Johannesburg's Parks and Recreation Department, Mr Faan Smuts, replied: "The general policy of the city council is that the recreation centres are only for the use of whites."

Mr Smuts said other restrictions had also been imposed — such as a ban on liquor being sold at the venue and that the function ends at 11.30 pm because of the "noise factor".

Temporary liquor licences

Mr Gottsman said temporary liquor licences had been approved for previous functions at the recreation centre.

The recreation centre management, he added, asked for 25 percent of the takings at the door — a nominal fee which usually goes to the artists and towards the hire of the PA system — on top of the R200 fee for hiring the hall.

The organisers claim the city council's objection to the presence of blacks at functions staged at the recreation hall was a "very recent development".

"Winston's Jive Mix-Up" — a band with black members — played there two weeks ago, said Mr Gottsman.

'Rowdy' blacks evicted from whites' park

West Rand Bureau

Teargas was used to evict a group of allegedly rowdy black picnickers from a Roodepoort "whites only" park after they refused to leave the area yesterday afternoon.

About 50 black men, women and children arrived at the Roodekrans Park in Roodepoort at about 11.15 am, and according to an eyewitness, "started to liven things up".

A young mother of two daughters, who refused to be named, said her group was seated fairly close to the blacks.

She, and other park users, said the blacks were drinking alcohol. "The situation became unbearable and someone phoned the authorities and ask for assistance at about 2 pm," the woman said. "After all, we also wanted to enjoy ourselves and could not with their behaviour."

Several officers of the Roodepoort Traffic Department and a member of the municipality's security staff arrived.

They asked the leader to leave and to go to another park open to all races.

The blacks then started screaming and shouting at the officers, the woman said. Teargas was used when one of the black women allegedly slapped a traffic officer.

A traffic department spokesman would not comment until he had a full report.

nature of this control and (d) what is the name of the hotel,

(2) whether any stipulations or recommendations are applicable to this hotel in respect of the (a) provision of accommodation and (b) serving of (i) meals, (ii) drinks and (iii) other refreshments; if so, what stipulations or recommendations,

(3) whether there is any differentiation in respect of provision of services to potential customers on the basis of race or colour, if so, (a) what differentiation (b) why,

(4) whether any (a) other hotels and (b) resorts controlled directly or indirectly by a Government Department or a statutory body practises discrimination on the basis of race or colour, if so, (i) what hotels and resorts and (ii) why,

(5) whether consideration is being given to changing this state of affairs, if not, why not, if so, what steps are being considered in this regard?

The DEPUTY MINISTER OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS AND TECHNOLOGY (Dr T G Alant):

(1) Yes

(a) The Board of Public Resorts (Overvaal) which falls under the Provincial Administration of Transvaal.

(b) 1 October 1974

(c) The hotel is managed and controlled by the Board of Public Resorts

(d) The Royal Hotel, Pilgrim's Rest.

(2) (a) Yes.

(b) (i), (ii) and (iii) Yes.

The normal conditions and restrictions pertaining to all hotel liquor licences

(3) and (4)(a) and (b) The Liquor Act, 1977 (Act 87 of 1977) or conditions pertaining thereto do not contain any discriminatory provisions as far as race or colour is concerned and the admission to licensed premises falls entirely within the discretion of the licensee or authority holder The manner in which that discretion is exercised, is unknown The supplementary questions under paragraphs (3) and (4)(a) and (b) fall away

(5) No. In the light of the replies to the previous paragraphs.

Mr K M ANDREW Mr Chairman, arising from the hon the Deputy Minister's reply, may I ask him whether he is aware of a newspaper report according to which guests who were not White were turned away from being offered food and refreshments at that hotel?

†The DEPUTY MINISTER: Mr Chairman, I am not aware of that, but as I have said, this hotel falls under the control of the Board of Public Resorts. I think it will be best if the hon member possibly again raises this question when the provincial budget for Transvaal is being considered

Galeshewe, Kimberley: investigation into death of certain person

*24 Mr J B DE R VAN GEND asked the Minister of Law and Order

(1) Whether, with reference to his reply on 6 October 1987 to Question No 17, standing over from 29 September 1987, the investigation into the death on or about 21 August 1987 of a certain person in Galeshewe, Kimberley, whose name has been furnished to the South African Police for the purpose of the Minister's reply, has been completed, if not, why not; if so, (a) when, (b) what were the findings and (c) what is the name of this person,

(2) whether an autopsy has been carried out on this person; if not, why not, if so, (a) when, (b) what was the cause of death, (c) how many bullet wounds were found in his body and (d) where was each bullet wound located;

(3) whether an inquest has been held into the death of this person, if not, why not; if so, (a) when, (b) at which magistrate's court and (c) what were the findings,

(4) whether any further action is to be taken regarding this incident, if not, why not, if so, what action?

†The MINISTER OF LAW AND ORDER.

(1) to (4)

The investigation into the death of the person has been completed and the case docket is at present with the Attorney-General for his decision. Therefore, the requested information is not furnished, as it could anticipate the judicial process.

*25. Mr J B DE R VAN GEND — Constitutional Development and Planning. [Reply standing over.]

Natal: new nuclear power station

*26 Mr R J LORIMER asked the Minister of Environment Affairs:

(1) Whether his Department has been consulted concerning the possibility of siting a new nuclear power station in Natal, if so,

(2) whether an environmental impact study has been conducted in this regard, if not, why not; if so, what are the implications of such a project for the (a) environment in general and (b) marine life in the area concerned in particular?

†The MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AFFAIRS

(1) No The Department of Environment Affairs has been closely involved in a project of Eskom for the identification of areas along the South African coast which may possibly be considered for the siting of nuclear power stations

(2) Yes. Environmental factors have been taken into account along with economic, technological and other considerations since the inception of this project. Consequently, the entire process of selection of suitable areas, which is presently underway, can be regarded as the initial phase of a comprehensive planning exercise. This exercise is aimed at the determination of the most acceptable alternative, from an environmental, economical and social point of view, for electricity generation through nuclear power along the South African coast. Instead of using the term "environmental impact study" this process should rather be referred to as integrated environmental management

(a) & (b) Experience at Koeberg has shown that the environmental implications of a project of this nature are minimal.

Town clerk of Milnerton Municipality: inquiry into allegations of misconduct

*27. Mr R R HULLEY asked the Minister of Constitutional Development and Planning:

(1) Whether he and/or the Administrator of the Cape Province has been informed that a retired appeal court judge was recently asked to hold an inquiry into allegations of misconduct on the part of the town clerk of Milnerton Municipality; if so,

(2) whether this inquiry has been completed; if so, (a) when and (b) what were the findings; if not, when is it anticipated that the inquiry will be completed;

(3) whether the said municipality has taken any steps as a result of this inquiry; if not, why not; if so, what steps;

(4) whether the findings of the inquiry will be made public, if not, why not; if so, when?

The MINISTER OF CONSTITUTIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING.

This information was furnished by the Cape Provincial Government:

(1) Yes, the Administrator was informed.

(2) Yes

(a) November 1987.

(b) The Committee of Enquiry was of the opinion that the town clerk was guilty of a charge of misconduct.

(3) Yes, after the findings of the investigation were available the Municipal Council of Milnerton requested the Administrator to effect the dismissal of the town clerk in terms of the provisions of the Municipal Ordinance, No 20 of 1974 Before the above-mentioned action could be carried out the town clerk handed in his resignation

(4) This is a matter which rests entirely with the Municipal Council of Milnerton No indication has, however, been given to date whether the findings will be made public or not.

Failure of certain person to report presence of ANC terrorist: investigation

*28. Mr J B DE R VAN GEND asked the Minister of Law and Order

commercial systems/apparatus or variations thereof is not customary and was therefore not considered.

(ii) Falls away

(b) Yes.

(aa) All courseware as specified in the contract, viz· Mathematics Std 8, 9 and 10.

(bb) Date of purchase

(cc) Unlimited.

(dd) No additional amount was paid. The Department negotiated copyright without additional cost

NOTE. The relevant clause regarding (1)(b)(aa) reads as follows·

"6 0 COPYRIGHT OF COURSEWARE

6.1 All copyright in and to the courseware, referred to in this quotation will become the sole and exclusive property of the Department of Education and Training.

6 2 The copyright referred to in 6 1 shall, however, not extend to or cover any future, new and/or innovative courseware developed by Learn Tech."

(2) (a) No.

(b) No

(c) No.

NOTE· The HSRC is, according to a contract with the Department, evaluating the courseware and as such has access to the courseware. Learning Technologies has informed the Department that it is testing the Department's Std 9 and 10 Mathematics courseware on a new IBM hardware network. Communication in this regard is taking place to confirm that courseware on which the Department holds copyright be used for testing purposes only.

(3) Yes, enquiries were received.

(a) The Chairman and the Project Manager of the Council of the body referred to

(b) 3 July 1987 and 7 July 1987.

(c) The Deputy Director: Computer Based Education was approached by representatives of the body referred to, to enquire about the Department's approach to Computer Assisted Instruction and its attitude towards working with outside bodies Mr Metrowich supplied the necessary information as is done in the case of all such enquiries. Since the dates referred to in (3)(b) no further enquiries were received from the body referred to Representatives of the body referred to, viewed the system on 6 May 1987 and 13 August 1987 at the College for Continuing Training.

(4) No

(a) and (b) fall away.

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Pilgrim's Rest: accommodation/meals for different race groups at hotel

*11. Mr K M ANDREW asked the Minister of Constitutional Development and Planning:

(1) Whether, with reference to the reply of the Minister of Economic Affairs and Technology to Question No 23 on 3 May 1988, (a) his Department and/or (b) the Transvaal Provincial Government has issued any instructions or laid down any guidelines regarding the (i) provision of accommodation and/or (ii) serving of refreshments to visitors of different race groups at the Royal Hotel, Pilgrim's Rest; if not, by whom were these instructions issued and/or guidelines laid down, if so, (aa) what instructions or guidelines, (bb) when, (cc) why and (dd) in terms of what statutory provision, regulation or other specified authority;

(2) whether a review of such instructions or guidelines is being considered; if not, why not, if so, what are the relevant particulars;

(3) whether visitors of all races are able to obtain (a) accommodation, (b) meals, (c) drinks and (d) other refreshments at this hotel, if so, since when, if not, (i) why not

and (ii) who is responsible for this decision;

(4) whether his Department and/or the Transvaal Provincial Government is taking any steps in this regard; if so, what steps?

†The DEPUTY MINISTER OF CONSTITUTIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING:

This matter vests in the Administrator of Transvaal and he furnished the following information.

(1) (a) No

(b) No.

(i) No

(ii) No. The Board for Public Resorts exercises control over the Royal Hotel as part of Pilgrim's Rest Public Resort

(aa) A resolution by the Board which provides that the dining room of the Diggers Den as well as that of the Royal Hotel be opened to the different race groups

(bb) 21 November 1987

(cc) In response to requests to meet the food requirements of the different race groups

(dd) Public Resorts Ordinance (18 of 1969)

(2) Pilgrim's Rest has, in accordance with the Cabinet decision, now been classified as a general affair and has been entrusted to the Transvaal Provincial Government. This implies that the position of Overvaal Resorts in Pilgrim's Rest must now be re-evaluated by the Transvaal Provincial Government with a view to the future handling of the whole conservation project as a general affair

(3) (a) No for the present, except in special circumstances

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(b) Yes.

(c) Limited to dining rooms during meals

(d) Yes
Effective from

(a) 1 October 1974.

(b) 21 November 1987.

(c) 1 October 1974.

(d) 1 October 1974

(i) Falls away.

(ii) Board for Public Resorts.

(4) No

House of Representatives: houses for Ministers' Council

*12. Mr P G SOAL asked the Minister of Public Works and Land Affairs·

(a) How many houses are being built for members of the Ministers' Council of the House of Representatives in Walmer Estate, (b) what is the total cost involved, (c) when is it expected that they will be completed and (d) in respect of what date is this information furnished?

The MINISTER OF PUBLIC WORKS AND LAND AFFAIRS.

(a) Five for members of the Minister's Council and two for Deputy Ministers.

(b) The total estimated costs are R4 426 970,00 which amount includes construction work, site works, services like roads, water, sewerage, stormwater drainage and electricity as well as security measures and recreational and garden facilities.

(c) September 1988.

(d) 30 April 1988

William Andrew Hofmeyer: detention

*13. Mr S S VAN DER MERWE asked the Minister of Law and Order.

(1) Whether a certain person, whose name has been furnished to the South African Police for the purpose of the Minister's reply, has been detained by the Police, if so, (a) when, (b) why, (c) in terms of what statutory provisions or regulations, (d) where is he currently being held and (e) what is his name,

(2) whether this person is to be charged with any offences, if so, (a) when and (b) with what offences?

New area for free trading

An area to the north of Klerksdorp has been declared open to free trading in a notice in the Government Gazette.

The area is bounded by the freeway to the north, Voortrekker Street in the south, Park Street in the west and railway terrain in the east. It includes an Indian trading centre.

Certain sections of the Group Areas Act will not apply in the area "in order that members of all population groups may occupy, use or acquire the buildings, land or premises in the area provided they are occupied or used for trading, commercial, professional or religious and educational purposes in terms of a town planning scheme which is in operation or binding under any law in that area". — Sapa.

School wins case to keep its black pupils

By CHARMAIN NAIDOO

A CONSERVATIVE town council has lost its expensive legal battle to kick black pupils out of a non-racial church school operating in a white residential area.

In a precedent-setting judgment, a Supreme Court judge ruled that the Vereeniging municipality had overstepped its powers by ordering the shut-down of the Kingdom School on racial grounds.

Legal and education experts say this judgment will have far-reaching consequences for racially integrated private schools throughout the country.

The point at issue in court was the validity of section 22 (c) of the Vereeniging Town Planning Scheme, which purports to allow the municipality to regulate land use on a racial basis.

Mr Justice Edward Stafford ruled that it was out of the municipality's jurisdiction to make that decision, adding that that particular section of the ordinance was "null and void".

And during argument the judge said it appeared that it was acceptable for a seven-year-old to be employed to pick up "stompies" in the playground, but unacceptable for his nine-year-old brother to attend class to improve his education.

Said the Rev Mark Blatt, whose church houses the Kingdom School: "It's a tremendous judgment, but a shallow victory.

"It shocked me that the God-fearing men in the municipality took us to court. But scriptually, any person who interferes with children is on a short wick — God is colour-blind," Mr Blatt said.

It has been estimated that the case cost between R90 000 and R100 000 for each party. The municipality has been ordered to pay all costs.

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Keep-fit fans kicked out of 'white' club

By MOLEFI MIKA

BLACK keep-fit fanatics have been kicked out of the white-owned Olympic Health Centre because Germiston is still "very conservative," according to Mr Gary Fulton, manager of the centre.

Mr Fulton was reacting to accusations that his decision to bar blacks from using the centre was racially based.

Mr Godfrey Mosepele from Katlehong, said: "The club was opened to blacks in 1986. But for some reasons blacks preferred to use the third floor of the building with whites using the fourth floor. But that did not mean that blacks were against mixing with whites or vice versa."

The centre changed ownership in May and things took a new turn, according to Mr Mosepele.

"In July we were told by a black employee that as from August 15 we would not train at the centre. We later confronted Mr Fulton and he confirmed that he was going to open an aerobics' club for white ladies on the third floor since we did not generate enough money for him. He refused to allow us facilities at the fourth floor," said Mr Mosepele.

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Bus discrimination

I feel it necessary to highlight once again the discrimination practised by the Roodepoort City Council's bus service.

My friend's wife, a radiologist at a nursing home in Johannesburg, has used the Roodepoort bus for quite a while now without any problem, because she usually travels with her colleagues who happen to be white — she is Indian.

However, one day she was alone and the driver refused to let her use the bus, claiming it was not for Indians. The utterly humiliated woman looked at the rest of the passengers expecting a reaction, but in vain.

She tearfully walked back to work, arranged a lift and got home three hours later than usual.

At the grand opening of an Indian-owned store in Roodepoort the mayor paid glowing tribute to the Indians' contribution to the development and upliftment of Roodeport, but we are not good enough to use its buses. I challenge the mayor to put his money where his mouth is, or is he also just paying lip-service like the rest of the powers that be?

They call Roodepoort the "Summit" city. They are so wrong, because it is right at the bottom.

Black Taxpayer

Roodepoort

Hospital 'turns away blacks'

Pretoria's 1 Military Hospital has apparently stopped treating the dependants of black Permanent Force (PF) members and instead refers them to provincial hospitals, according to a newspaper report.

The report said in the past two weeks a number of dependants of black PF members were turned away and sent to the over-extended Kalafong Hospital in Atteridgeville.

Mr Nic Olivier, PFP defence spokesman, said he was "shocked and disgusted". He said he would investigate. — Sapa.

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litical work for the ANC.

CP MP sues over NP advert

By Gien Elsas,
West Rand Bureau

"Johannesburg is a fully integrated and almost international city that has a need for mixed facilities that will have to be provided for the black businessman to use," said a CP MP who testified in a defamation case in the Krugersdorp Civil Court yesterday.

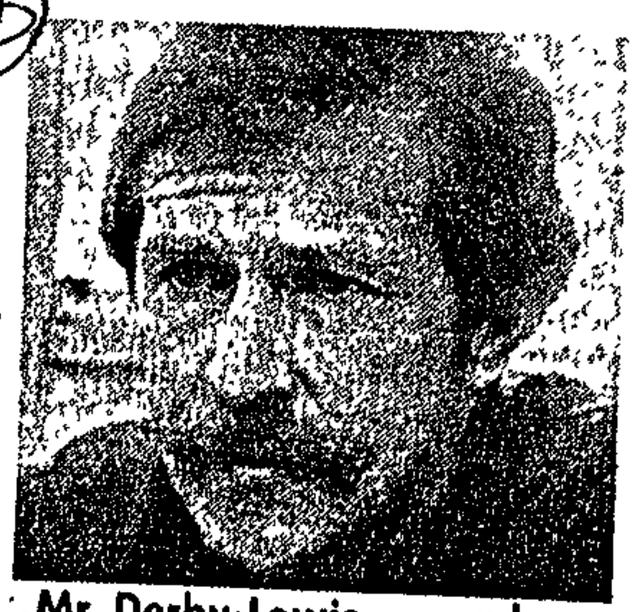
Mr Clive Derby-Lewis is claiming R5 000 in damages from the Deputy Minister of Law and Order, Mr Leon Wessels, the National Party and Mr L van Rooyen after an advertisement in the *Krugersdorp News* before the general election in May last year.

Mr Derby-Lewis said the advert incorrectly quoted him as advocating compulsory sterilisation in an attempt to decrease the black population and so relieve the housing problem.

He claimed the damages, the costs for the trial and any further legal costs.

He said the advertisement had harmed his reputation and compelled several PFP members, who would have abstained from voting, to vote for the NP.

On the second day of the trial Mr Derby-Lewis, cross-questioned by counsel for Mr Wessels and the NP, testified that facilities would have to be created in Johannesburg for mixed races but there would be no "grey" cinemas.



Mr Derby-Lewis . . . advocates separate lifts.

He was against the opening of theatres, trains and buses, and advocated separate lifts as integrated lifts caused a security problem. This was not founded on racism but was natural as every nation's customs differed and should be respected.

Whites had been "brainwashed by the Government into voluntarily reducing their population so that it now showed a negative growth rate".

The case was postponed to a date to be arranged.

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Black court staff boycott canteen

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By Stan Hlophe

The deputy general manager of the Public Servants Association, Mr C van Rensburg, yesterday denied that the black staff of the Johannesburg Magistrate's Court were discriminated against, despite claims by the staff that there was a dispute over the use of the canteen.

Mr van Rensburg's denial is a sequel to the boycott of the canteen by black staff because they say they are not allowed to sit and eat in the restaurant.

Black staff interviewed by The Star yesterday said they had a take-away facility only.

They said the boycott would continue until they were allowed to share the facility with their white colleagues.

"If it is not discriminatory, what is it?" said one staffer.

A notice on the door of the canteen reads "In order to obtain a better flow during lunch hours, take-away lunches will be served through the service hatch between 12 and 2 pm. Your co-operation will be appreciated."

Mr van Rensburg said it was the policy of the Public Servants Association to treat all public servants equally.

He attributed the boycott to misunderstanding and frustration among black staff and said it was caused by the long queue.

He said the building of a hatch to facilitate the moving of the long queue was misintepreted as aimed at the black staff.

More tills would be brought in to solve the problem, he said.

"It is not true that blacks are being discriminated against. We treat all our public servants equally."

City hairdressers give Karoo girl a racial brush-off

Reports and picture: DE WET POTGIETER

A COLOURED hotel receptionist from the Karoo's new life in the Transvaal turned sour this week when she came face to face with racism.

Rosemary Ohlsson was shocked at what was happening when hair salons in Pretoria refused to cut her hair.

"Sorry, we don't cater for coloureds," was the reaction before being shown to the door.

"I couldn't believe this is the South Africa freed from apartheid, as the Government is trying to convince the international world," a tearful Rosemary said.

Cried

"It was my weekend off and I was looking forward to a day of shopping and sightseeing in Pretoria," she said. "After my ordeal I just went back to my hotel room and cried my heart out."

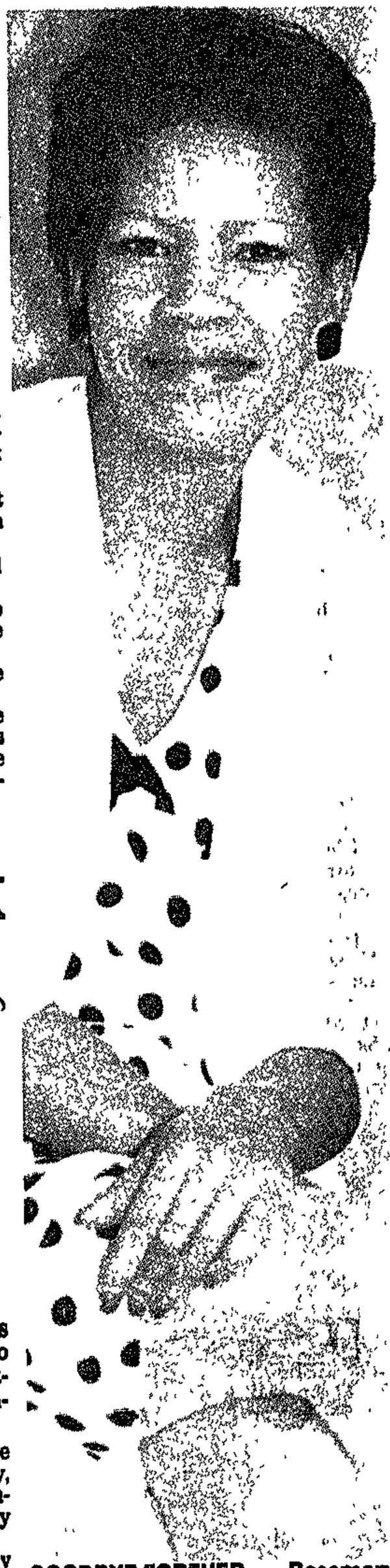
Miss Ohlsson arrived in the Transvaal for the first time a month ago, and started working as a receptionist at a Pretoria hotel.

In her small hometown, Beaufort West, she had never experienced discrimination.

"I could go to any hair salon in Beaufort West to have my hair done without any trouble," she said.

And when she left the Karoo for the big city she had no inkling of what she could face.

"One thing is for sure, Pretoria will never see me again — I've learnt the hard way that there is still a long and tough road ahead of us before we will be treated as equal fellow South Africans."



GOODBYE FOREVER . . . Rosemary Ohlsson has vowed never to see Pretoria again

Menlo Park parents kick out school's rightwing

IN AN unprecedented show of force, parents of pupils at Pretoria's prestigious Menlo Park Hoërskool this week broke the rightwing stranglehold on its management committee.

"We've had enough of the disgrace these people brought on our school — not only locally, but also the shame we had to suffer internationally," a group of jubilant parents told the Sunday Times.

Parents packed the school hall on Thursday night when attempts by the rightwing faction to ensure another three years' reign were crushed. Not a single member of the controversial rightwing group was re-elected.

"We wiped the floor with them, but from now on we'll have to walk the road ahead together," said Dr Louis Raubenheimer after the overwhelming victory.

Dr Raubenheimer, spokesman for the parents' action committee, was elected to the new management committee.

He said the time had come for everybody to work together for the school.

Athlete

"There are good men among those rightwingers, and we're going to need their help and support to get the best for Menlo Park," said Dr Raubenheimer.

The school made international headlines last year when the management committee refused a talented black athlete from Natal permission to compete in an invitation meeting at the school.

Concerned parents tried in vain to disband the committee and elect a new one. Indications were that the management committee was out of touch with the wishes of the parents.

Hiding

Not only parents complained about the way the school's name was dragged through the mud. Several teachers voiced concern about the effect the political abuse could have on the academic achievements of pupils.

The Sunday Times learnt reliably that the headmaster, Dr Carel van der Merwe, would soon have to account for certain actions before the new committee.

The new committee members are: Dr Raubenheimer, Dr Dave Beyers, Mrs Erika Theron, Dr Bingle Kruger, Mr Frik Steynberg, Mr Nick Campbell, Mr Touw Greyling and Mr Blignaut Gouws.

"Those people living in cer, in 1983. erties in Harare.

Pietersburg is no longer a 'citadel of conservatism'

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DIRK NEL

PIETERSBURG is not about to put up "whites only" boards everywhere and will not be segregating the local cinema, or moving towards the deproclamation of free trading areas.

It is no longer the so-called "citadel of conservatism". In fact, the Conservative Party (CP) regime in the town is clinging rather precariously to its throne.

Indeed, it is clear to any neutral observer that the CP influence in the capital of the north has reached its ceiling. Increasing urbanisation, with its accompanying influx of English-speakers from the cities, is turning the tide in favour of open-minded attitudes

When Mr Pik Botha's meeting here was disrupted by the Afrikaner Weerstandsbeweging (AWB) four years ago, Pietersburg received worldwide coverage as the heart of conservatism.

But today any tourist would have difficulty in finding any trace of old-style apartheid. The local cinema, restaurants and hotels are open to all. There is no segregation in businesses, banks, post offices, at municipal counters, on inter-city bus services, in parks or public conveniences.

Pietersburg whites have largely accepted the situation and recognise the role played by the black buying power.

Pietersburg's CP mayor, Mr Hennie van Vuuren, said this week: "The town council does not want to antagonise anyone". This statement and a strong anti-CP stance by the Afrikaanse Sakekamer and Chamber of Commerce, plus the town's dependence on black trade, make "whites only" signs highly unlikely.

Not much



Boksburg back to 'whites only'

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By Anna Louw,
East Rand Bureau

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The Conservative Party majority on Boksburg Town Council has closed Boksburg Lake and other amenities to non-whites.

The council at its monthly meeting yesterday ruled that "Whites Only" signs be put up until the lake was fenced. It also passed a recommendation that all the town's tennis clubs be restricted to whites except that in the coloured township of Reiger Park.

Halls may no longer be hired out to "other races" and multiracial audiences will not be allowed.

The municipal swimming pool is to be reserved for whites only. The exception will be when a swimmer from another race representing another country takes part in an international gala.

Leader of the National Party in the council, Mr Chris Smith, who opposed the decision, said the town should be far-sighted and should think of the children and grandchildren of South Africa.

Mr Gideon Fourie, chairman of the management committee, said there was a great similarity between the policy of the NP and the PFP.

Mrs Dawn Jacobs, a Nationalist-backed Independent, said the council was creating a dangerous situation for the residents of Boksburg.

Now the squash men take action

The Squash Rackets Association (SRA) of southern Africa has banned Boksburg squash club members from all events run under its auspices following the CP-dominated town council's decision to introduce petty apartheid.

The national under-23 championships, which were scheduled to be held in Boksburg, have been changed to another venue.

Leon lashes 'pathetic' NP response

A Conservative Party attempt to "do a Boksburg" in Johannesburg by introducing racially segregated amenities in the city "as soon as practically possible" was heavily defeated at last night's council meeting.

This amendment was the response of CP council leader Mr Jacques Theron to a PFP motion calling on Johannesburg to sever ties with Boksburg.

PFP leader Mr Tony Leon also urged the city's Transvaal Municipal Association representative to push for the abolition of the Reservation of Separate Amenities Act which empowered Boksburg to racially segregate its facilities.

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Instead, a watered down NP mendment expressing "disquiet" over the CP's irresponsible actions in Boksburg was adopted.

In a scathing attack on the NP, Mr Leon labelled its handling of the CP action as "pathetic".

Mr Theron warned there was a white groundswell in South Africa for the creation of a white state. There are only two options: no discrimination and one man, one vote, or partition, he said.

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Opposition leaders today urged the Government to repeal the Separate Amenities Act as soon as possible, saying the CP was acting within the law but should be stopped by Government interference.

But Government sources indicated that the abolition was definitely not on the cards.

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Among the latest CP actions to reintroduce apartheid at municipal level was a decision by Pietersburg CP-controlled town council to boycott the Northern Transvaal RSC because it was multiracial.

Last night, the Minister of Constitutional Development and Planning, Mr Chris Heunis, threatened that Pietersburg would no longer remain the seat of the Northern Transvaal RSC.

Boksburg syndrome a threat to 12 towns

By Claire Robertson and Esmaré van der Merwe

Boksburg-type apartheid threatens to halt economic reform in almost two-thirds of the Transvaal towns which had hoped to open their trading centres to all races.

The Conservative Party controls 12 of the 19 Transvaal areas whose applications to be declared free trading areas, or non-segregated areas for trading purposes, are still pending, according to lists supplied by the Department of Constitutional Development and Planning.

The CP has vowed to do its utmost to see these towns' CBDs stay white.

At least six of the town councils involved have decided to fight their pending desegregation, a CP spokesman said yesterday and the rest are likely to follow suit

The towns affected are Carletonville, Lichtenburg, Randfontein, Rustenburg, Middelburg, Swartruggens, Wolmaransstad, Balfour, Boksburg, Heidelberg, Secunda and Standerton.

Applications from the previous town councils for open trading areas are still under investigation by the Group Areas Board

The new town councils may submit extra reports likely to contradict those submitted by the previous councils.

But the Boksburg drama will not necessarily be repeated in other towns.

Spokesmen for various CP-controlled councils say that, because separate amenities have been the rule rather than the exception in their towns, the councils did not have to reintroduce apartheid, it is still alive and well.

Mr David Swanepoel, chairman of the Delmas management committee, says the CP-dominated council has accepted a resolution that the town hall be used by whites only in future.

The two NP members on the council support the recommendation, he says.

Nylstroom's town clerk, Mr Burger Pienaar. "In the Waterberg things are going very well indeed, thanks to the vision of the previously NP-controlled town council."

Separate amenities already exist.

See Page 11.

Don't point fingers, says CP

The Conservative Party has now pointed a finger at the National Party-run Pretoria City Council for the "still existing" separate amenities in the capital city.

According to CP adminstrative secretary Mr Andries Beyers, the furore concerning the decision by Boksburg Town Council to apply petty apartheid laws is "a storm in a teacup, brewed by the Nats".

"Apartheid is still rife in Pretoria. Look at the swimming pools, libraries and buses, they are not multiracial. The Nats mustn't come preach to us."

The CP head office in Pretoria has fielded leader Dr Andries Treurnicht to add the final touches to the Boksburg decision.

Dr Treurnicht will address a public meeting in Boksburg Town Hall tomorrow night and "once and for all stipulate the CP's policy", Mr Beyers said.

Mr Beyers said head office fully backed the town council's decision to close amenities.

Kuruman gets Capab play snub

CAPE TOWN — Capab has refused to include Conservative Party-controlled Kuruman in its forthcoming platteland tour of "Die vonkel in haar oog" because the council has decreed that its town hall is for white audiences only.

The general director of Capab, Mr Gé Korsten, said yesterday: "It has been our policy for years to play only to open audiences."

He said that Kuruman was not the only town.

Mr Korsten said there had been problems with Oudtshoorn in the past. It was not on the schedule for the current tour, but if its town hall was not opened to all races it, too, would be off Capab's list of venues.

Council backing for apartheid

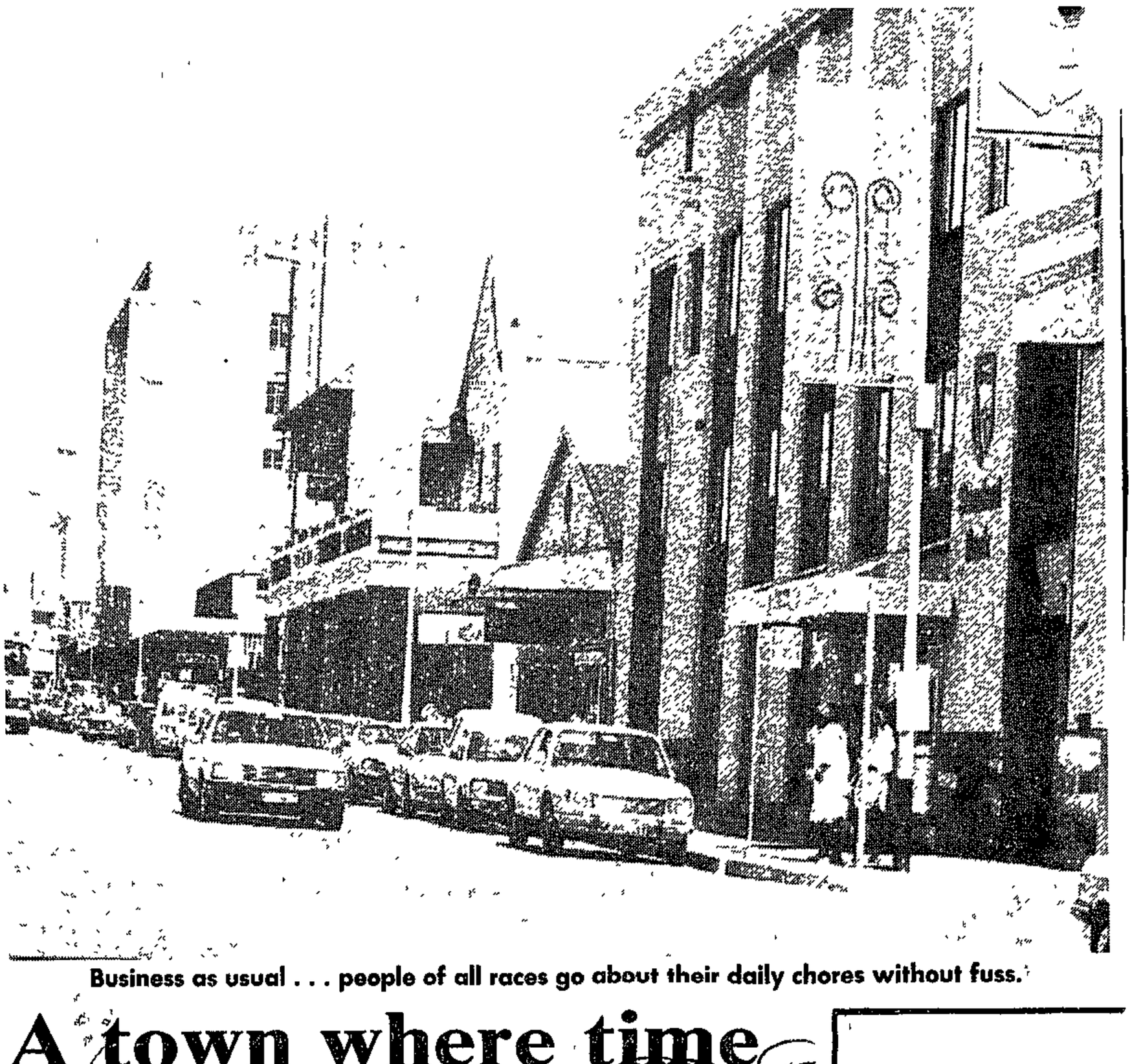
SCHWEIZER RENEKE — The Schweizer Reneke Town Council has come out in full support of Boksburg Town Council.

The mayor, Mr Joey Fourie, said in a statement yesterday that because no open business or community areas had existed in Schweizer Reneke in the past, the status quo was being maintained.

"Should any new developments take place, we will act within the framework of the Conservative Party," said Mr Fourie.



Welcome to Boksburg . . . the East Rand town which made world headlines this week. ● Pictures by Alf Kumalo.



Business as usual . . . people of all races go about their daily chores without fuss.

A town where time marches backwards

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The decision of Boksburg council, now controlled by the Conservative Party, to reintroduce petty apartheid in the town has shocked people nationwide. **ANNA LOUW, of The Star's East Rand Bureau,** reports.

When the Conservative Party press conference on the reintroduction of petty apartheid got under way in the Boksburg council chamber at noon on Monday, the clock above the mayoral chair was five hours behind.

But, to many, the council, by re-introducing petty apartheid, had put Boksburg years behind.

The storm over the CP's move to close amenities to races other than white broke at the first council meeting under CP rule last week.

Boksburg, which has been described by a well-known local figure, Mr Issy Kramer, as "a town of peace and goodwill", until the CP decision shook it to the roots, lies in the heart of the East Rand.

Industry in the area has been thriving.

Between 10 and 20 major national companies are based in Boksburg and the town is rich in history.

The tranquility of Boksburg Lake was undisturbed this week as people of all races went about their business without fuss.

Boksburg today still has a strong mining flavour. Yellow mine dumps are dotted everywhere and ERPM recently put up a new headgear to sink a new shaft.

There are also plush areas in Boksburg such as Sunwood Park and Parkrand.

Boksburg celebrated its centenary in great style last year and is synonomous with names such as former world heavyweight boxing champion, Gerrie Coetzee; cricket star Clive Rice and movie producer Jamie Uys.

Once termed the mother town of the East Rand, Boksburg housed the only government seat which served surrounding municipalities and districts.

To the south of the town lie the black township of Vosloorus and the coloured Reiger Park where leading residents have vowed to shop elsewhere after Boksburg's "whites only" decision.

CP-controlled councils may reintroduce old laws 'to protect whites'

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Curfew threat in Tvl towns

By David Braun, Political Correspondent

Black South Africans could soon be banned from the streets of Conservative Party-controlled towns at night as the far-right party's actions to reinstate apartheid gather momentum.

The CP-controlled Carletonville Town Council management committee is already investigating the introduction of curfews for blacks.

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The Government has come under growing pressure to scrap

How this little filly aims to be a winner in the racing world



Riding high . . . Cathy Dalton, who left South Africa three years ago to fulfill her dream of becoming a jockey, is back. And the girl who had to leave home as the South African Jockey Academy doesn't train women is now licensed by the Jockey Club. Cathy completed her training in Kentucky in August. While she is in SA, her sponsor, J&B, hopes to secure her a ride in its Metropolitan Stakes and other races. © Picture by Karen Fletcher.

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Squatting Bill likely to become law

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Enior Government sources said today that the Government, although not wedded to the Act, would be crazy to scrap it because this would enable the CP to blame the National Party for obstructing its plans

Mr Pik Botha, Johannesburg chairman of the NP, said he won a parliamentary by-election in Westdenein 1977 on the basis that he was not prepared to have public conflict for the sake of apartheid signs

He said "Ever since that day we have come a long way in removing apartheid signs in many fields of our lives

'An insult'

"The process is not yet completed, but what has been done has, I think, been achieved in such a way that it has been acceptable to civilised South Africans who have their country's interests at heart, and who do not wish to insult other people

"I realise there are still signs (a reference to CP allegations that Johannesburg's buses are still segregated), but the important point is we are in a process of removing them.

"The CP knows very well it is endangering white security by doing this They are contributing to the polarisation of society They are going to harm white business and the economy of the country.

"Their own supporters will in the near future have to pay the price for their unnecessary emotional outburst of racism," said Mr Botha

Transvaal NP leader Mr F W de Klerk said today he would not comment until an opportune time

Cape Times, Thursday,

Heunis hits out at CP

By BARRY STREEK
Political Staff

THE government last night slammed the Conservative Party for restoring petty apartheid, but stopped short of saying what action, if any, it planned to take.

The Minister of Constitutional Development and Planning, Mr Chris Heunis, criticised the CP for its "ill-considered" decisions and said its actions had "resulted in the nurturing of dissatisfaction and resentment in communities where there is order and peace".

"No government can allow its policy to be sabotaged at a local level," said Mr Heunis, but he did not say what action the government would take to stop the CP reimposing petty apartheid in white towns under its control.

All Mr Heunis said was: "Through their defiant actions the CP city councils can prejudice the transfer of more authority to local authorities.

"It will, therefore, have to be considered anew over how functions and authority can be entrusted to local government with the assurance that the policy of the country will be taken into consideration."

In a recent speech, Mr Heunis stressed that the government wanted local authorities to have greater powers provided they agreed to operate within the framework of official policies.

Mr Heunis said last night that the government was committed to eliminating discrimination. All communities would be treated on a non-discriminatory basis with the protection of individual and group rights.

"It will not be tolerated that we move backwards towards practices and customs that have long since been abolished," he said.

NP slammed for apartheid 'hypocrisy'

National Party attempts to claim moral high ground in its ongoing apartheid squabble with the Conservative Party backfired yesterday when opposition groups condemned Government "hypocrisy" over the controversial Separate Amenities Act.

Political parties, anti-apartheid groups, business and industry, churches and sports bodies are united in the strongest outcry yet against the Act.

They have pointed out that despite strong NP condemnation of the CP's plans to reintroduce petty apartheid, facilities in most NP-controlled towns are segregated.

The bitter row between the two parties took a new turn with the CP accusing the NP of adhering to segregation in bus services, libraries and other facilities

The Progressive Federal Party's Transvaal leader, Mr Douglas Gibson, challenged the Transvaal NP leader, Mr F W de Klerk, to take the initiative in scrapping the Act.

He said the Boksburg apartheid drama had highlighted the "stupidity" of both the CP and NP

"While National Party MPs are expressing shock and horror at CP attempts to reintroduce segregation in Boksburg, those same people have remained strangely quiet about towns and cities ruled by Nats, where exactly the same bigotry and selfishness is tolerated and condoned"

Independent Party leader Dr Denis Worrall urged the Government to do "something quite dramatic" to stop the CP — which he said was acting within the law.

The Labour Party also placed the blame for the CP actions squarely at the door of the NP Spokesman Mr Peter Hendrickse said the NP had made the rules, and paved the way for CP action He said it was ironic that the NP were condemning the CP when racial segregation was par for the course in the constituencies of several high-ranking NP Cabinet members

The NP-controlled Johannesburg City Council yesterday distanced itself from events in Boksburg

Last year State president Mr PW Botha refused to accept a President's Council recommendation to scrap the Act

Secunda considers restoring apartheid

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By Therese Anders, Highveld Bureau

SECUNDA — The eastern Transvaal petroleum town of Secunda is the latest Transvaal town whose Conservative Party-controlled council is to look into barring blacks from public amenities, including toilets and the town's green belt.

The council has also been asked to consider closing a black disco in the CBD.

The proposal, put forward at last night's council meeting, came only two days after a special meeting when it was decided to revoke a decision by the previous council to have the CBD opened to all races.

A decision on the apartheid restrictions will be made in January after investigation by the management committee.

At last night's meeting, CP councillor Mr Anton van der Westhuizen asked that the Separate Amenities Act, which provided for the closing of toilets and residential parkland to "other races", not be ignored.

Another CP councillor, Dr Isak Bester, said the noise from the Las Vegas disco kept people awake and dogs barked all over town when patrons went home late at night.

During the meeting, the mayor, the Rev Casper Breedt, expressed the council's support for the Boksburg Town Council on its imposition of racial restrictions.

Boksburg business hits back at CP

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Opposition to the re-introduction of petty apartheid in Boksburg is growing rapidly in the town's business community.

At least 27 Boksburg shop and business owners have signed a petition calling on the Conservative Party-controlled town council immediately to rescind its discriminatory laws.

A survey of businessmen conducted by The Star revealed widespread anger with the council and fear that their businesses would be adversely affected.

One of the men behind the petition, Mr Pierre Strydom of Bus Centre (Pty) Ltd, said the petition would be placed as an advertisement in two consecutive issues of the weekly *Boksburg Advertiser* in a bid to get more people to sign it before it is presented to the council.

The petition reads. "We, the following companies in Boksburg, call on the Boksburg council to rescind all decisions to re-introduce apartheid, and all by-laws based upon discrimination on racial grounds.

"We, as concerned businessmen, industrialists and property owners, believe that the decisions taken by the Boksburg council are an affront to basic and fundamental human rights. The decisions represent an alarming trend towards bigotry, inequality and discrimination based on racial differences.

"We believe that the future of South Africa rests in the equal participation of all people in the legislative, economic, sporting and cultural activities of this country. We regard the action of the town council of Boksburg counter-productive to sound intercultural relations and a safe future South Africa.

"We call upon all residents of Boksburg and all concerned South Africans to let the Boksburg Town Council feel their contempt for a return to a segregated society."

Of 20 business owners The Star called at random yesterday, 18 gave the Conservative Party move the thumbs down.

Mr O M L Neil of the Boksburg Animal Hospital said it was sad to go back on something that had changed.

The manager of a Boksburg pharmacy, Mr H L Zets, said it was bad news for business. "In fact, it can ruin business."

A manager of Boksburg Auto Alignment (Pty) Ltd, Mr Michael Cohen, said his business was already affected.

"We don't like it, it should never be done. I am very much against this CP move. If blacks do boycott us, a lot of businesses will go broke, no doubt about that.

"Yesterday, we only had three cars here, when we usually have between 15 and 20 cars a day," he said.

One businessman said apartheid had to be scrapped. The CP move would have "a very big effect" on the business sector locally and internationally, he said.

Mrs J Brown of Boksburg Estate Agents (Pty) Ltd said the by-law was ridiculous and revealed the CP's hypocrisy.

The manager of Boksburg Meat Market, Mr W Green, said the CP move did not worry him at all. If blacks boycotted white business in Boksburg, they would eventually come back when they could no longer afford to buy in far-away cities. Only 20 percent of his customers were black, he said.

Mrs C Bester of Boksburg Scrapyard said she and her husband were happy with the town council's laws.

"We don't think it's bad at all. We think it is a very good idea. You must understand me now, we are not against blacks, it's only that we want to be with our own people," she said.

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By Kaizer Nyatsumba



Mrs Charlotte de Klerk, mayoress of Boksburg, receives a gift from two-year-old Leah Manyaka, who took part in a Christmas pantomime at a Boksburg shopping centre yesterday. Mrs de Klerk, whose husband is the mayor of the Conservative Party-controlled town, handed out the prizes in a nursery and primary schools Christmas tree decorating competition which followed the pantomime.

● Picture by John Hogg.

Five-month high for rand-dollar rate

Finance Staff

The rand yesterday rose to its highest level against the US dollar in five months to reach R2,2993. Dealers said continued intervention of the Reserve Bank over the last few weeks had changed negative exchange rate perceptions held by most dealers and investors.

But the rand was also boosted by a rise in precious metal prices yesterday. Both gold and platinum rose on the back of higher oil prices, which worsened inflationary fears in the industrialised nations.

Platinum rose above $600 to an afternoon fix of $606 in London yesterday, $20 up on the day, while the gold price firmed to $525 at the opening in Hong Kong today. Bullion closed at $422,60 in London yesterday.

Vaal town maintains status quo

Vereeniging Bureau

Vanderbijlpark's Conservative Party-dominated town council has decided to maintain the status quo for the time being, continuing to enforce segregation of all sports facilities and recreational amenities, as was the case under the control of the former National Party council.

A final decision regarding the issue would be taken at the council's next meeting in January, Mr Cas Pieters, chairman of the management committee, announced last night.

Stating that the town's sports facilities and parks had always been reserved for whites, Mr Pieters said the soccer fields at the Cecil Oldridge Park were the only exception where allowances were made for people who were not white.

The contract with the soccer club concerned had expired, he said.

Mr Pieters admitted that he personally supported the aims of the Boksburg Town Council.

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'Sacu will withdraw subsidies'



Dr Ali Bacher . . . two town councils had done "incalculable harm" to South Africa.

The South African Cricket Union (Sacu) will withdraw all cricketing subsidies and coaching from schools and clubs that practise race discrimination.

Sacu managing director Dr Ali Bacher said today he "deplored" the decision by the Brakpan and Boksburg town councils to reintroduce petty apartheid, and said the councils had done "incalculable harm" to South Africa.

"These decisions have come at a time when it has become vital that all people of South Africa should be getting together to work out a common future based on mutal co-operatioin and respect. Anything less is retrogressive and the consequences will be terrible."

He said the recent moves had deemed it necessary for the union to reiterate its policy of non-racialism.

"The Sacu believes in freedom of association whereby those who play cricket can do so against whom and with whom they choose.

"But if this choice is made on the grounds of discriminating against people of colour then that is in direct opposition to the constitution of the SACU and will have serious consequences," Dr Bacher said.

Apart from having subsidies and coaching withdrawn from schools which practised racism, players would not be eligible to join teams that were selected under the auspices of the Sacu on provincial or national levels.

"In the case of clubs, players would be barred from participating in leagues, would have no official coaching programmes and players would not be eligible to represent teams at any level," Dr Bacher said.

No cricket under the Sacu's control would be played at municipal or private grounds where laws barred spectators or players on the grounds of race.

Storm cuts

Sponsors threaten pull-out

By Dawn Barkhuizen

Major sport sponsors are considering withdrawing support from events in Boksburg and others are refusing to back events at segregated venues countrywide.

Mr Jimmy Hill, chairman of Boksburg Athletics Club, said sponsors had expressed horror at the reintroduction of petty apartheid in Boksburg

First National Bank and SA Breweries said they were "just not interested" in sponsoring events at venues not guaranteed as non-racial.

SAB spokesman Mr Gary May said his company opposed racial discrimination and supported the views of the sporting unions which had banned participation.

Mr Hill said First National was concerned about backing any more road race events in the town.

Boksburg Athletics Club, which is home to about 100 black members, has vowed to fight the council "with every means at our disposal".

● The South African Formula 1 Powerboat Association has decided there will be no further racing or support of public shows or events by the association in areas controlled by local authorities that enforce apartheid.

Threat of night curfew in the Transvaal

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More CP councils clambering aboard

By JOSHUA RABOROKO

MORE Conservative Party-controlled municipal towns in the Transvaal have followed the example of Boksburg in banning blacks from using public amenities in their areas.

The town councils of Pietersburg, Brakpan, Ermelo, Springs and Schweizer Reneke have become the latest towns to make changes at local level amid protest from the Government, business and various organisations.

Pietersburg decided at its monthly meeting that it would no longer negotiate with the Northern Transvaal Regional Services Council for the funding of its projects

The chairman of the management committee, Mr Mike de Klerk, said the decision was in accordance with CP policy

In Schweizer Reneke

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the mayor, Mr Joey Fourie, said because no open business areas or community areas had existed in the town in the past, the status quo was being maintained.

CP sources said they would be introducing curfews in towns where the councils believed they had a security problem for their citizens.



Mkhonza jailed

By MANDLA NDLAZI

A SOWETO shebeen queen, in whose premises a row over a Scorpion machine pistol led to the murder of two men and attempted murder of two others, was yesterday sentenced to 10 years imprisonment by a Rand Supreme Court judge.

Priscilla Lindiwe Mkhonza (29), of Zola 3, had been convicted of murder at an earlier hearing. Her co-accused, Alex Seheri (33), had at an earlier hearing been convicted of two counts of murder, two of attempted murder and unlawful possession of an AK47 rifle, a Scorpion machine pistol and ammunition

In his arguments for a jail term in the sentencing of Mkhonza, the prosecutor, Mr B Sheer, said a "lengthy prison term would be appropriate and the interests of society would have been served"

Mr Sheer said Mkhonza had urged Seheri to kill one of the victims so as to wipe off evidence

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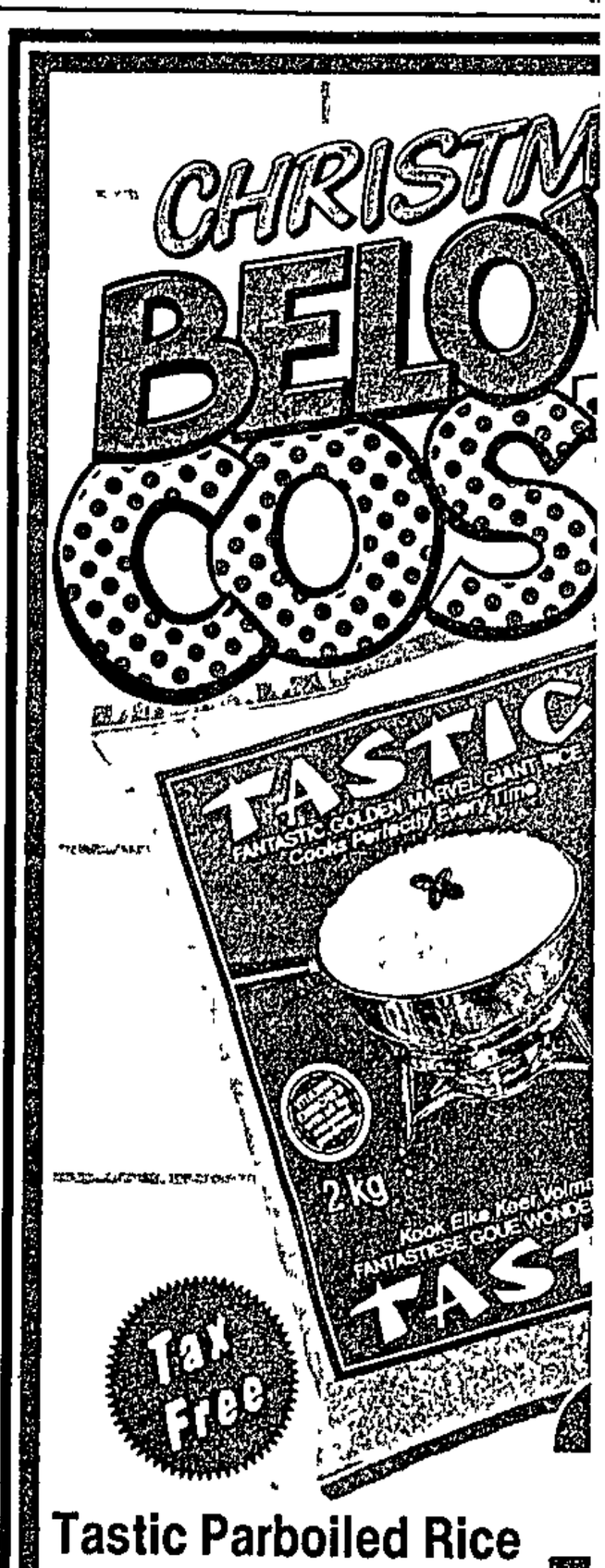
Xmas time again

IT'S Christmas time again and Mrs Maggie Makhudu, principal of Thabiseng Creche, directs her children in a Nativity play during their Christmas party on Tuesday.



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South African Philips responding to the barring of non-white people from utilizing public facilities in Boksburg

The company wishes to make the following statement:

This action of the Boksburg Town Council is an assault upon the dignity and self-respect of South Africans of all races.

The company is fully committed to a policy of equality in its attitude towards its employees and a code of behaviour which makes no distinction on the basis of race.

South African Philips operates a factory in Wadeville and a large number of employees are resident in Reiger Park, Vosloorus and surrounding areas. We therefore deplore the action of the Town Council as a retrogressive step in the development of human and community relations.

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White shops, public transport to be shunned

Defiant blacks plan Boksburg Lake lunch

Boksburg's black community has responded to the withdrawal of facilities to blacks by planning a sit-down at Boksburg Lake today.

The announcement of the sit-down comes in the wake of a decision by the community to withdraw its buying power from "white" Boksburg and to refrain from using public transport.

Mr Butch Jantjes, chairman of the management committee, told a large press conference held in Reiger Park yesterday that people would go to the lake at 3 pm and "sit down and have a late lunch enjoying themselves at the lake"

He denied that blacks were boycotting the CBD "How can we boycott when it is asked that the town be white and we are merely granting that wish by withdrawing our buying power?" he asked.

By Carina le Grange and Lloyd Coutts

Mr Jantjes also announced that Reiger Park management committee had not resigned and had no plans to do so. "We must join forces to break down the ungodly laws of apartheid but dissociate from all forms of violence," he added.

It was agreed at a meeting in Reiger Park on Wednesday night that residents would continue to work in Boksburg but would refrain from patronising its shops or using public transport. At the meeting, Reiger Park MP Mr Jac Rabie came out in full support of the action. Messages of support from trade unions and other communities were read out.

Residents were told that a centre had been set up at the St Anthony's Catholic training centre to help those needing advice on making hire purchase payments, collecting pensions and making bond repayments without going into Boksburg.

Residents would negotiate with a taxi association to provide transport to and from work, it was said.

Residents were urged to:

- Keep Boksburg white by staying out of the town.
- Shop in towns where they are welcome.
- Close their accounts with Boksburg shops or, alternatively, request shops to collect their monthly instalments in the townships.
- Not to use petrol stations or buy cars in Boksburg.
- Support all sport and cultural organisations that have decided not to organise further sport and cultural events at Boksburg venues.

26 Akasia traders affected

The newly installed Conservative Party town council of Akasia, near Pretoria, has made its first move towards old-style apartheid and called for whites-only trading areas.

A decision was taken at the council's first meeting to apply to the Department of Constitutional Development and Planning to have the town's free trade areas closed.

The curb will affect 26 black traders in Rosslyn Plaza and an Indian in Wonderpark.

Akasia mayor, Mr Nic Oosthuizen said big business concerns had said they would not consider moving.

He said the management committee had met Nissan "They are not concerned with small politics, only with making their millions." — Sapa.

Free trade areas face CP threat

PETER DELMAR

FEARS have been expressed that the CP could undermine government's free trade area programme, much of which has been planned for CP strongholds

Free trade areas have been declared in 85 municipalities around the country and a further 52 are currently under investigation.

CP-controlled councils in Boksburg and Krugersdorp have came out strongly against opening their CBDs to all races On Wednesday the council of Akasia, near Pretoria, decided to apply to the Department of Constitutional Development and Planning to have its free trade areas closed.

At a meeting with CP leaders this week Assocom urged the party to give a clear statement of policy on free trading areas and separate amenities.

Assocom CE Raymond Parsons warned yesterday that investments in existing and planned open CBDs were being put on ice pending clarification on the matter.

"In certain towns such as Phalaborwa, open trading areas have been created under CP control. In other towns, CP councils are strongly against opening up their CBDs. The whole question needs clarification," Parsons said.

Investigated

He said said CP leader Andries Treurnicht would have an ideal opportunity to state his party's policy on the issue when he addressed a public meeting in Boksburg next Thursday

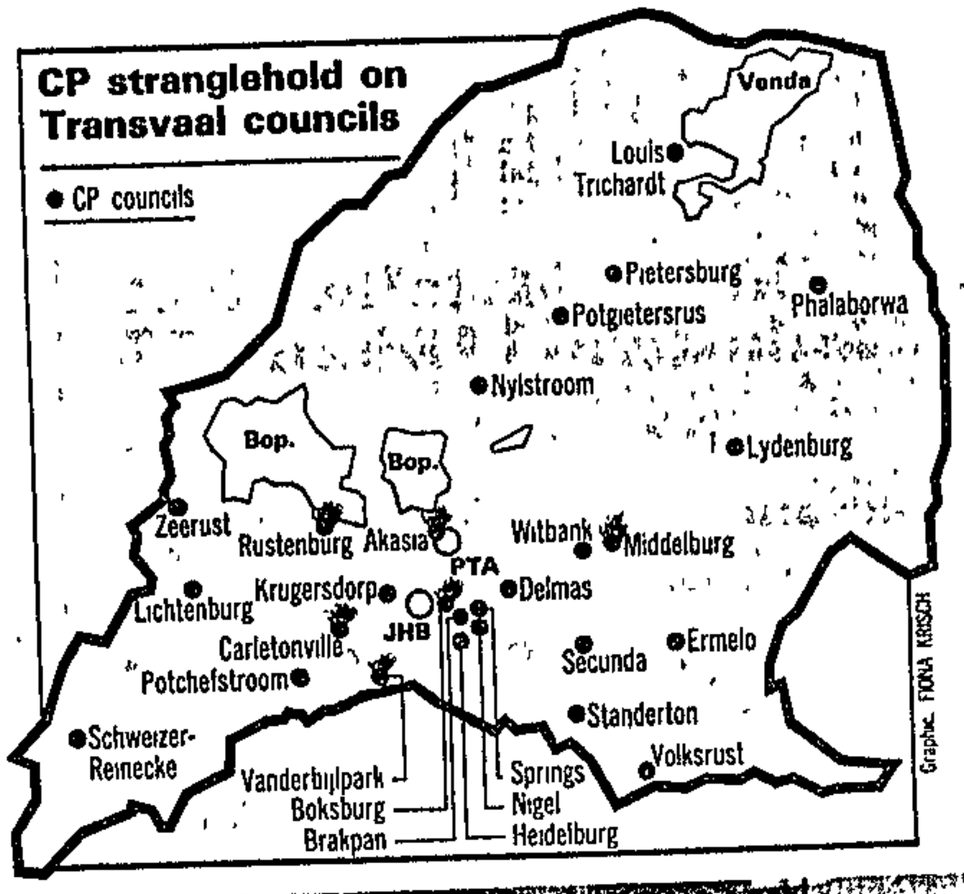
Several of the areas being investigated for proclamation as free trading areas are in CP-controlled towns, among them Sasolburg, Lichtenburg, Rustenburg, Heidelberg, Standerton, Middelburg and Richards Bay.

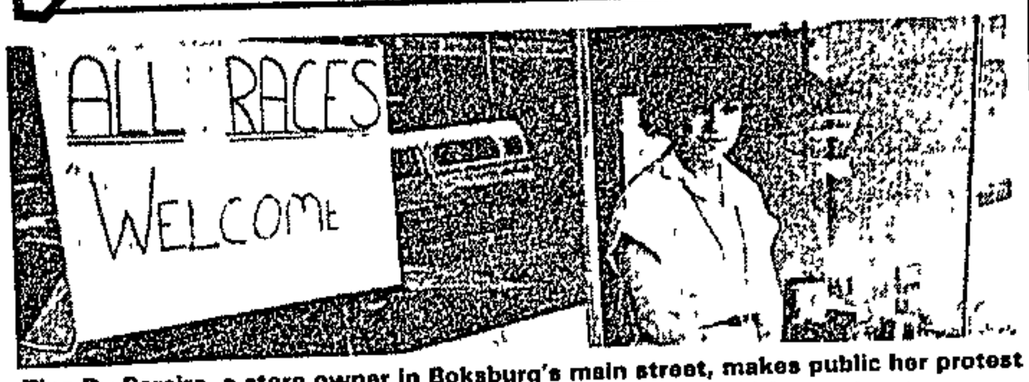
CP spokesmen acknowledged yesterday that although municipalities were required to give recommendations on free trade areas, they could be overruled by Constitutional Development and Planning Minister Chris Heunis.

CP economic affairs spokesman Clive Derby-Lewis said there was an incorrect impression that the CP would evict blacks doing business legally in open trading areas

However, the CP would not hesitate to take action against those trading illegally.

Government spokesmen were not available for comment yesterday but statements by Heunis and other ministers indicated government was determined not to let CP local authorities interfere with its reform plans





Tina Do Pereiro, a store owner in Boksburg's main street, makes public her protest against CP measures to reintroduce petty apartheid in the town
Picture ROBERT BOTHA

. . . and party vows to wreck RSCs from within

PETER DELMAR

CP-CONTROLLED councils would work within the RSC system to bring it down, CP local government spokesman Pikkie Coetzee said yesterday

Coetzee was speaking after the Pietersburg CP town council's decision not to negotiate with its RSC on allocation of funds and to order the RSC offices off its premises

Several CP leaders canvassed, including Coetzee, said they were unable to say precisely how many of the Transvaal's 12 RSCs the party now controlled

The Transvaal Provincial Administration is expected to "punish" Pietersburg by removing the seat of the Northern Transvaal RSC to Tzaneen It is understood three towns have applied to take over the RSC headquarters — Messina, Louis Trichardt and Tzaneen

Another CP-run council, Middelburg, could also lose its position as capital of the Highveld RSC if it follows Pietersburg's example, an official said He added nearby Witbank, another CP stronghold, would not get the honour

Provincial authorities were not taking the CP threat to RSCs seriously yesterday One official said Pietersburg received the largest allocation from the RSC's capital budget of about R5m Its decision meant there would simply be more money for other communities, Transvaal MEC Fanie Schoeman said

Although CP boycotts could have a disruptive effect, CP towns are not legally able to stop collection of RSC levies from businesses in their areas

In terms of legislation, any RSC member, regardless of voting strength, can appeal to a special board chaired by the Administrator It is likely the board will overrule any CP attempts to prevent funds being allocated to black, coloured and Indian local authorities.

□ The CP is investigating implementing curfews in towns under its control, chief secretary Andries Beyers disclosed yesterday

Why the fuss, asks councillor

By Anna Louw
East Rand Bureau

Under National Party rule Springs had not opened its amenities to other races and nothing was ever said about that, according to the Town Council's CP chairman, Mr Gert Parsons.

He also said that the State President's photograph would not have been taken down at the civic centre last week had Mr Botha been wearing his presidential regalia.

"The photograph was the same one used by the NP on all its election posters and therefore depicted Mr Botha as the leader of the NP, not the head of State," said Mr Parsons.

"I respect Mr Botha as the State President, but he is not my leader."

Blacks break Boksburg's race rules

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BOKSBURG. — Ten South African black town councillors showed their contempt for new apartheid rules here yesterday by using a whites-only public toilet.

Trailed by newsmen, the councillors strode through a lakeside park flouting rules laid by the new Conservative Party council.

"We are just taking a walk because we feel that as South Africans we have the same right as any to be here," the group's leader, Mr Tom Boya, said before entering a toilet marked "For Europeans".

"They (the Boksburg council) are trying to turn the clock back."

The protest had been billed in advance as a mass sit-in, but black officials from nearby townships said poor organization was responsible for the low turnout.

Yesterday, Conservative Party MP Mr Koos van der Merwe denied rumours that three CP party members in Boksburg were about to defect.

He called on all 12 Conservative members of the Boksburg council, who were in the chamber, to stand up and declare their loyalty to the party. This they did, to cheers from dozens of spectators.

● A bomb exploded yesterday outside a tax office in Boksburg. Police said no one was injured — Sapa-Reuter.

● No CP councillors defect — Page 5

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8 000 deaths

KHARTOUM — Hunger and disease killed nearly 8 000 people in the south Sudanese town of Aweil between June and September this year, relief workers said.

The officials said the town needed nearly 30 000 tons of supplies.

Businessmen feel losses of up to 50%

w/c ARGUS 3/12/88

ALMOST overnight Boksburg has been turned into a town of racial strife, confusion and shame. It leapt into the front pages of world newspapers even before bewildered local residents realised just what had hit them. It has become the main focus of a political battle unleashed by the Conservative Party's new drive to restore petty apartheid in towns under its control. Amid racial boycotts and heated arguments, warnings have come that the town could be turned into an economic wasteland. Weekend Argus Correspondents were on the scene this week to see what is happening.

BOKSBURG's economic equilibrium has been shattered, with some businessmen suffering losses of up to 50 percent

Furious shop-owners have united in their bid to fight the CP, as black and coloured customers united in their bid to teach the town the sort of lesson that hurts most.

All across town businessmen cursed the CP and its decision to close amenities to blacks and coloured people, as the merry sounds of cash registers faded into a mere memory

Hardest hit were the smaller business concerns, many of which rely heavily on black and coloured customers for their livelihood

Turnover

In the town's main street, the oldest established furniture shop on the Reef, E S Myer Furnishers, was almost deserted and the owner, Mr George Green — who described himself as "a very liberal South African, but one who has been draad-sitting for years" — reported a drop in turnover of 30 percent.

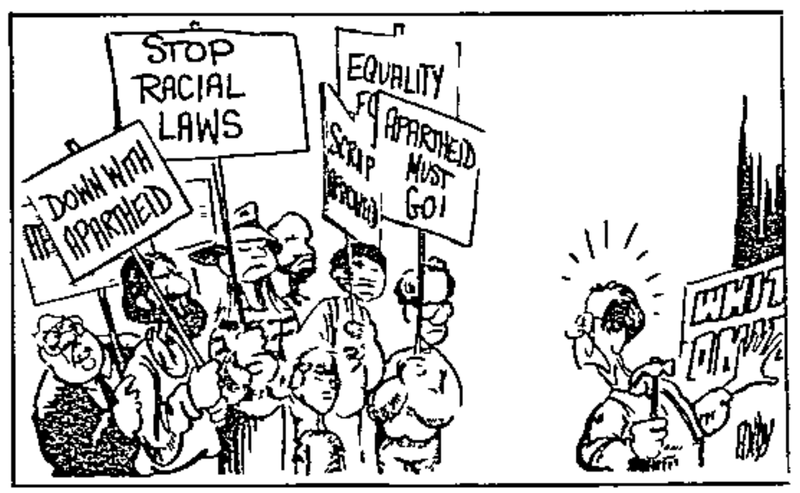
Mr Bob Delport, owner of Delport Motors, saw a drop in his trade of 7 000 litres of petrol in seven days

There is a black taxi rank only one block away from him but the taximen had not bought a single drop of petrol at his garage the whole week.

Mr Delport, who has run his business in the town for 19 years, said his custom was comprised of 85 percent blacks and coloured customers, and the rest white.

"The town is dependent on its black and coloured citizens We have retrogressed 30 years in the past five weeks," he said

At a packed meeting of businessmen and other interested people this week, National Party MP Mr Sakkie Blanche received tumultuous applause when he said the CP had given the town a bad image around the world.



Mr Raymond Parsons, chief executive of Assocom, warned that Boksburg — "indeed the whole of the East Rand" — would be turned into an economic wasteland

At a special Press conference at the height of this week's drama, the CP reinforced its intentions to carry out its policy at local level and tried to show up the hypocrisy of the National Party which has led the chorus of outrage against the CP in Boksburg

"Open public libraries in NP-held towns Open swimming pools, parks and pleaure resorts," CP Information chief Mr Koos van der Merwe taunted

The CP, it was clear, was completely unmoved by the worldwide storm bursting around it after its decision to close amenities in Boksburg and other towns to blacks.

Either the NP should accept his challenge and open amenities in their own towns, "or shut your mouths and never criticise the CP again," Mr van der Merwe said.

Correspondent Jon Qwelane reports My trip to Boksburg did not exactly begin on a high note

A small car with two elderly men and a fat bespectacled tannie drove on our right side and the tannie, noticing the relaxed conversation I had with my white colleague, Hettie, could not contain herself

She lowered her window, glared at us for a moment, and her heavily painted lips parted to spew forth a litany of abuse The car moved on.

Someone from the black community remarked. "It is very painful to know you are unwanted"

Boksburg's CP cadre still intact

Weekend Argus Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG — In a show of strength all 12 Conservative Party members of Boksburg Town Council yesterday scotched rumours that three were considering crossing the floor and affirmed their "enthusiastic support" for their party's policies.

Chairing an open meeting in the council chambers, the Conservative Party MP for Overvaal, Mr Koos van der Merwe, said talk that there was dissent in the Boksburg caucus was "balderdash" and the product of National Party "disinformation"

At the request of the chairman each of the 12 CP councillors stood when their names were called and emphasised their support for CP policies

Earlier NP councillor Mr Chris Smit said Mr T J Ferreira and two others would cross the floor, thus denying the CP a majority in the council. Mr Ferreira has denied making these remarks

To shouts of "Hoor, hoor" Mr van der Merwe challenged the Transvaal National Party leader, Mr F W de Klerk, to open parks, swimming-pools, libraries and holiday resorts to all races in his constituency of Vereeniging or else "to shut his mouth and never criticise the CP again".

In the wake of Boksburg's Mayor, Mr Beyers de Klerk, losing his NBS agency because of his politics, Mr van der Merwe cautioned the building society not to pursue "this boycott action".

"If businesses want to boycott us we will be forced to retaliate and withdraw every cent from the NBS But I hope this will not be necessary"

He said the CP had started a fund which would help any businessman whose livelihood was threatend because of his conservative principles.

Mr van der Merwe appealed for calm He said events in Boksburg over the past few days were "a storm in a teacup" Policies suggested by the CP were practised by "every second town in South Africa"

"We are prepared to give money to help people of colour to upgrade their facilities, but we want our own areas for ourselves"

It was time to expose the hypocrisy of the National Party, who should stop criticising the CP and start to open facilities in Pretoria such as the Fountains, Wonderboom, the swimming-pool and beaches throughout the country.

Earlier yesterday afternoon the United Municipalities of South Africa (Umsa) chairman, Mr Tom Boya, stood in defiance of CP whites-only policy on the banks of Boksburg Lake and read a statement detailing Umsa's response.

Among the small group at the lake was Mr Issy Kramer.

Cancellation of golf tourneys welcomed

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SUN CITY — There has been wide support and praise here for the decision to cancel two events on the professional winter tour in retaliation for the Conservative Party's "petty apartheid" policy in Boksburg and Brakpan.

The events that have been cancelled are the R50 000 ERPM Classic at Boksburg in July and the East Rand Classic at Brakpan in September.

Sam Feldman, head of Showtime International, organisers of the winter tour, said the decision to cancel had been a correct one.

Feldman, who is also tournament director of the Million Dollar Challenge which opened on Thursday before a 5 000 crowd, described the Conservative Party policy as a "pathetic turnabout" in the South African situation.

Immeasurable damage

He said said the actions of the "Boksburg brigade" would lead to immeasurable damage to South Africa's image.

Feldman travels extensively overseas promoting the Million Dollar Challenge.

Professional golf spokesman Jimmy Hemphill, executive director of the South African Professional Golfers' Association, was non-commital.

He said professional golfers were not politicians and did not wish to become involved in such issues.

They played for money and if the money on offer was right, the Professional Golfers' Association committee would decide where or whether they were prepared to play.

GRAHAM REES

The man at the helm of amateur golf in South Africa, Mr Brian Churcher, lashed out yesterday at the Conservative Party's policy on petty apartheid.

Mr Churcher, president of the amateur South African Golf Union, is certainly the man in the hot seat.

He lives in Brakpan and plays his golf in Boksburg.

He warned that no national or provincial amateur tournament would be played in any area adopting the CP's racial position.

"This is a tragic and retrograde step.

"The country is already 40 years behind the times.

"Now the Conservative Party wants to make it 140.

"The country has not yet reached 1948 and now they are trying to put us back to 1848."

Mr Churcher said he was pleased that the ERPM gold mine, which owns the ERPM club in Boksburg, had taken a strong stand with others in bringing pressure to bear on the Conservative Party.

The SAGU policy had always been firmly multiracial and the ruling on national and provincial tournaments was binding on provincial unions, Mr Churcher added.

Mr Jimmy Metcalfe, a past president of the South African Golf Union, who emphasised he spoke in a personal capacity only, described the CP policy as a "great tragedy".

South African amateur golf had an excellent image overseas, but the CP policy could do great damage.

Most clubs had a totally "open" policy, he said.

SAWHA WILL NOT ACCEPT SEGREGATION

CAPE TOWN — The South African Womens' Hockey Association has condemned the Boksburg and Brakpan decision to reimpose petty apartheid.

"The association is most concerned about the decisions taken by these new councils," association president, Mrs Elsa Malherbe, said in a statement in Cape Town yesterday.

She said there were a few hundred hockey players of colour in these areas, who played in provincial indoor and field hockey leagues at several venues.

"Womens hockey is integrated. There are eight non-white womens plus numerous mixed clubs in these areas and the members have always played and mixed together harmoniously without incident. (285)

"A mutual respect has developed and through contact in the sport, bridges have been built.

"Surely the municipal playing facilities cannot be removed without replacement?" Mrs Malherbe asked.

The SA Womens Hockey Association was not prepared to return to any form of segregation among its players.

Mrs Malherbe appealed to the Boksburg and Brakpan councils to revoke their decision. — Sapa.

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Burger rejects Leon's call for open amenities

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JOHANNESBURG'S "rich northern suburbs voters who buy their apartheid" have been warned not to try to force desegregation on people who do not have their own swimming pools or cannot afford to travel to work by car.

This is the reply of Mr Jan Burger, deputy leader of the National Party in the city council, to demands by Progressive Federal Party council leader Mr Tony Leon that all municipal facilities be opened to all races in the city.

"Despite my council's condemnation of the Conservative Party's petty apartheid moves in Boksburg, Mr Leon has tried to make political capital in Johannesburg to keep his own party from falling apart.

"But, while he hammers on the desegregation of swimming pools and buses, he ignores the reality that apartheid is dead in virtually every other sphere of life in this city.

"The simple truth is that, if you walk in Johannesburg's streets and parks or in Hillbrow, or go into any shop, restaurant or library, you can see it is for all practical purposes a multiracial city.

"Our policy is to supply as many parks, sports fields and swimming pools in the areas where they are needed — in Lenasia and recently in Noordgesig where we built a R1 million swimming pool — so that people do not have to travel long distances to find recreation.

"My council is awaiting the result of the experimental bus project in the northern suburbs and the last traces of apartheid will be removed only when the time is right We will not be bulldozed into irresponsible action," Mr Burger said.

But . . . the clock never moved in the first place

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takes a walk on the wild side to find out what all the fuss is about

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IT took me just an afternoon in Boksburg this week to end up wondering what all the fuss is about.

Amid the hullabaloo over "whites only" signs, Boksburg's detractors may have overlooked one thing — the East Rand town does not really need such signs. They are still displaying "non-Europeans only" signs from the Verwoerdian era.

Anyway, here is my story of a day in what has suddenly become the most talked about part of South Africa.

Driving down one of Boksburg's busier streets, my first experience was nothing one would have expected.

A courteous traffic officer let me off with a warning after a minor violation. I wondered as I drove off whether the municipality in this new citadel of apartheid would have accepted "non-white" money had I been fined.

Placid

The scene at the Boksburg lake was rather placid. There were no rabid racists chasing blacks away with clubs.

But there were black municipal employees working hard; pruning trees and mowing the lawns to keep the park spruced up so the white voters who voted in the Conservative Party can have a lovely picnic this weekend.

At the public conveniences they have weather-worn signs that say "non-European toilets".

I am non-European all right, but I thought the white residents of Boksburg were also not Europeans. I always thought they were more South African than me, which is why they have the vote and I do not. But sure as hell, they do not use the non-European toilets.

At the Masonic Hotel, black staff, anxious to spare me embarrassment, warned me at the door that black customers were not welcome.

The two men looked rather serious about this. "Yesterday they would not serve a black gentleman here."

The message was loud and clear. If your business is to scrub floors and make tea, come right in, but as a guest you cannot be served the food your black brothers and sisters are cooking for whites in the kitchen.

The warning by the men at the door was not lost on me. I have had my fair share of being prevented from supporting the economy by being thrown out of eating places and other establishments.

On the sidewalks, they still rub shoulders with blacks. This week's furore has at least forced some enlightened white people to show a friendly face in the street. A few smiles were flashed in my direction.

I left Boksburg with a strange feeling.

Here was a council supposedly putting back a clock which had never moved in the first place.

I could not bring myself to be agitated, if anything I was happy for Boksburg.

They have, by applying the law to a T, just woken up the rest of the country to the realities of our situation — that the Separate Amenities Act is still in the statute books. If you discriminate against blacks the laws of this country are on your side, notwithstanding Mr Pik Botha's shrill protestations about Boksburg.

The CP has just created the ideal climate for some serious soul-searching. One would expect councils like Johannesburg to mind the dirt in their backyard before they rush out to censure Boksburg.

Honest

I would rather be in Boksburg where they are at least honest about their racist stand, than be in Johannesburg where there are no "whites only" signs on buses but I cannot ride anyway.

You are better off to be in Boksburg where you know you are not wanted, than, for instance, be in the "friendly city" of Port Elizabeth where you get thrown off some of God's beaches because you are black.

Thousands of black families around the country live in neighbourhoods where they are at the mercy of their white neighbours. You have to think twice about taking your neighbours to task about their dog barking through the night.

One complaint to the relevant authorities would set the group areas machinery, which may soon get even sharper teeth, into motion.

While grand apartheid exists, it is perhaps better to have overt petty apartheid than to have it in covert fashion — lest we forget.

CAUGHT IN THE ACT

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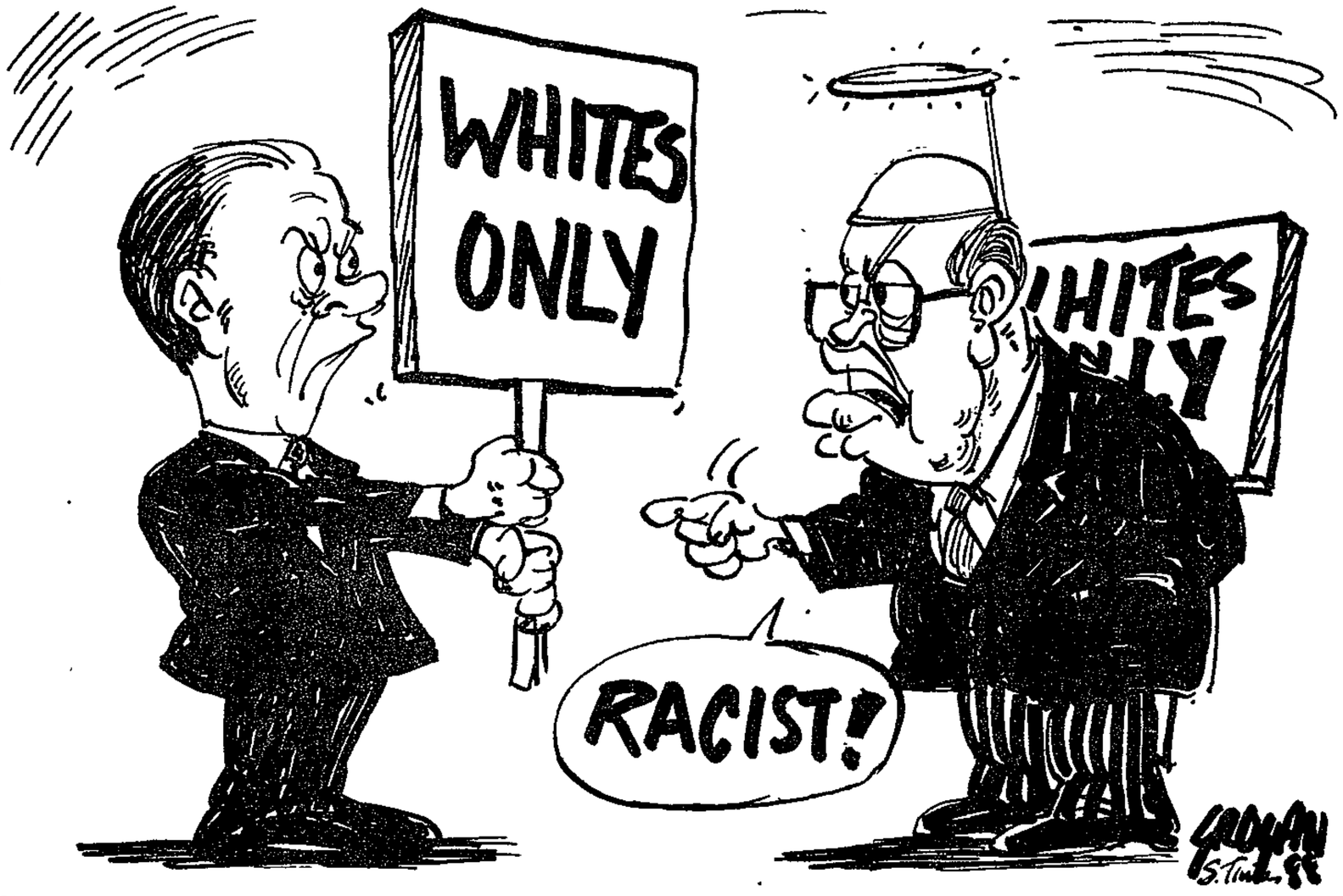
Economic muscle may yet be CP's undoing



by John Kane-Berman



executive director of the South African Institute of Race Relations

TODAY Boksburg is notorious. Tomorrow it might be famous — if local sanctions thwart the town council's attempts to reimpose apartheid in areas where it has disappeared.

The Reservation of Separate Amenities Act of 1953, upon which the council is relying, has notorious origins.

It was enacted because the courts had ruled that if separate facilities were provided for different races, they had to be equal.

The Act empowers anyone in charge of public premises or vehicles to reserve them for a particular race. It stipulates that such reservations may not be set aside by the courts "merely" because similar facilities have not been provided for the excluded people

The Act was one of the earliest steps by Parliament to undermine the principles of equality in South African common law.

The South African Institute of Race Relations said at the time that it was a "blot" on the statute book. So it remains — although the Government has been "investigating" it since 1981.

Two years ago President P W Botha said at the Cape National Party congress that the Act was not practical. Had he then scrapped it, the Boksburg town council would not now have the power to turn back the clock.

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strophic consequences"

Given the recommendations of the PC and the HSRC, it is tragic that the Government should be so dilatory in crossing so small a Rubicon as getting rid of the Act

Experience over 15 years suggests that the initiative in bringing about change in discriminatory laws has increasingly been taken by black people.

Black people organised trade unions; created the kombi-taxi industry, increasingly ignored the pass laws, and steadily undermined [illegible]

There have been several signs this year that the party is not as monolithic as might appear

Shortly before the municipal elections, for example, CP officials admitted that desegregation in Hillbrow had gone too far to be reversed Perhaps the CP will now learn the hard way that this is also true of Boksburg.

Several critical questions arise, however

One is whether the black people who contribute to Boksburg's well-being are, in practice able to [illegible] with their feet and take [illegible]

the Government that the way to neutralise the CP is to change fast enough to enlist them as allies against it.

Emergency regulations prohibit calling for consumer boycotts, but the Government may find itself secretly glad to see at least this one succeed — provided violence does not force it to intervene.

One of the abiding tragedies of South Africa is the inability of black groups to rise above their political and strategic differences. Will the Boksburg CP now be the catalyst for united black action?

If blacks can sustain what could be a drawn-out process of attrition, the CP's capture of Boksburg may yet turn out to be a hollow victory as the party comes up against the reality of economic interdependence in South Africa.

An extended period of attrition could lead to lay-offs The ability of retrenched people to find jobs in other towns is now less than it might have been, in that international sanctions have reduced the employment-generating capacity of the economy.

The capacity of black consumers to hurt the CP depends on a shift in the balance of consumer spending power from white to black people.

This in turn depends on rising employment and rising wages in the economy as a whole, neither of which is possible in the context of international sanctions, which risk removing from black people in Boksburg and elsewhere the single most important weapon they can wield for change — greater economic leverage



Dries van Heerden

A vote for CP honesty

HATS off to the town fathers of Boksburg. And power to those — black — arms that will hammer the "whites only" signs back into the ground.

At least they will be striking blows for honesty in politics

In a time when the words of politicians have become a cent a dozen, here you have some men who are prepared to deliver on their election promises

The good folks of Boksburg, Brakpan and Vanderbijlpark knew what they were in for when they voted the Conservative Party into power

Like it or lump it, everybody knew what the CP stood for. It is a concerted policy of returning to apartheid signs, white-by-night suburbs, social separation of races and petty apartheid excesses.

And the CP is not even coy about it It is quite prepared to practise what it preaches even if it is making a public fool of itself in the process.

It is overt racism compared with the covert variations firmly in place in municipalities controlled by the National Party.

In CP-run Boksburg a black man cannot dive into a municipal swimming pool — but neither can he in NP-controlled Pretoria.

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On the East Rand it is a sign preventing him, in the Jacaranda City it may be a muscular lifeguard.

Same policy, different methods of enforcing it

Now for a quick quiz. May a black man swim in a Bloemfontein pool, play tennis on a municipal court in Pretoria or ride on a municipal bus in Kroonstad?

No, no and no again. And all three councils are controlled by the National Party.

Perhaps the only good thing coming out of the Boksburg rumpus is that it may shake ordinary, decent, peace-loving folk out of their apathy.

Instead of staying home next time they will hopefully be at the polls to vote against the CP lunacy.

Is it asking too much that even the Government now wakes up to face the reality of the Frankenstein monster it has created and nurtured over 40 years?

It is common knowledge that Mr Robert Mugabe did not need a single new law to suppress opposition and stifle criticism when he took power in Zimbabwe He is still using those laws conveniently bequeathed to him by the Ian Smith government

What will the CP do with the National Party's laws if it wins an election next year? One shudders to think.

Give President Botha's unfettered powers to President Andries Treurnicht and see where the country is going to be 12 months later

Make Mr Eugene Terre Blanche the Minister of Police and let him administer the state of emergency, the Internal Security Act and the Police Act. Guess where Mr Adriaan Vlok and his benign securocrats will be the morning after?

Stiffen the media regulations and succumb to Mr Botha's wishes to force newspapers to reveal their sources on legitimate, innocuous stories like Cabinet reshuffles. Then put a member of the AWB in charge and watch him ban the Burger.

Politicians should heed the golden rule of politics Govern others as you would wished to be governed

If Boksburg can jolt NP politicians back to reality and force them to take a long hard look at the quality of laws and regulations they are passing through Parliament, then something good may still come out of this sordid mess.

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for the President's Council recommended outright repeal, but Mr Botha said that alternatives would have to be considered before "adjustments" could be made.

Legislation to amend the Act was promised for 1988, but did not materialise.

Down the years the Government has said that segregation is necessary to prevent racial friction. In making this claim it has taken into account the views of conservative whites only, and ignored the feelings of everybody else.

In 1985 the Human Sciences Research Council said that South Africa's conflict potential was high because of the division of its inhabitants by official segregation.

It warned that delays in addressing issues of relations between groups would have "catagating the Government itself more and more to the sidelines.

Is this now going to happen in Boksburg, as the local authority and the black victims of its policies square up to one another?

Even as the Government continues to dilly-dally about the Separate Amenities Act, will blacks in Boksburg render it unworkable anyway? Perhaps in the long run the final liberation of Boksburg from Verwoerdian apartheid will be achieved by black people.

As long as the Act remains on the statute book, the town council has the law on its side, but blacks have economic muscle, and they are already beginning to exert it — with the support of white business.

Their combined threat of sanctions against Boksburg could yet lead to second thoughts among at least some CP supporters. This would not be surprising.

custom elsewhere — over a sustained period if necessary.

Tragedy

There is also the question of what transport systems are available for an effective re-direction of consumer spending. For its part, the CP is pooh-poohing a black consumer boycott.

Further, there is a risk of conflict. Consumer boycotts have been effectively deployed in the past, notably in the Eastern Cape and on the East Rand, but they were sometimes attended by coercion, which undermined community cohesion.

Violent coercion in Boksburg would also enable the CP to drive a wedge between blacks and the white businessmen who are themselves also taking practical action against the CP.

Several black leaders have told

Swing away from rightwing 'embarrassment'

THE Conservative Party would probably be toppled from power in Boksburg if a municipal election was held tomorrow.

That was the opinion of political observers and residents in the controversy scarred town who said the CP-controlled town council had become "an embarrassment".

Several voters questioned at Wednesday's municipal by-election, where the CP lost its deposit, said they would have voted for Dr Andries Treurnicht's party a month ago. But they said they had since changed their minds. The sharp dip in the CP's popularity — which is likely to be reflected in other East Rand towns where the CP has control — comes as Boksburg's hardline verkramptes patched up a split which threatened to oust the CP in the town this week.

The pact ended 48 hours of behind-the-scenes political drama which began when two of the three CP councillors, who subsequently denied they planned to defect from the party, showed signs of "disillusion" at the town council meeting on Thursday last week. Mr T J Ferreira — whom the National Party said was going to head a three-man breakaway which would have cost the CP the control of the council — walked out of the council chambers when the closing of the Boksburg North swimming pool to "non-whites" came up on the agenda.

National Party officials refused to give the names of the other two alleged defectors. But the Sunday Times has established they were Mr Koos van der Merwe (no relation to the MP) and Mr Charles Hawkins.

But Mr Koos van der Merwe (the MP this time) denied there was a swing away from the CP, although his party polled only 12 percent on Wednesday.

The victorious by-election candidate, Mr Issy Kramer — who had the support of the NP and the Progressive Federal Party — said the CP would be beaten "comfortably"

The usually busy Commissioner Street in Boksburg was deserted yesterday with blacks staying away from the business district.

● CP warns of curfew

● Businesses urge opposition

● Consumer boycott starts

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BLACKLASH

As the residents say no to petty apartheid

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By CHARLES MOGALE, KERRY CULLINAN AND HAPPY ZONDI

AN all-out confrontation is looming in Boksburg following the town council's decision to reintroduce old-style petty apartheid.

Tension reached fever-pitch this week with the Conservative Party unyielding in its decision to apply apartheid wherever possible.

The CP this week stood steadfast by its decision to bar non-whites from all municipal amenities.

Leaders of the party remained unshaken by a joint protest coalition by big business, the communities of Vosloorus and Reiger Park – which constitute 80 percent of the town's buying power – and the ruling National Party.

Yesterday chairman of the Reiger Park Management committee Butch Yanjies said black people in the Boksburg area were disgusted at the CP reinstatement of petty apartheid.

"To promote harmony in South Africa, people must not be separated," he said, pointing out that the CP's action had united blacks as never before.

Residents of Reiger Park and Vosloorus will be holding a sit-in at the Boksburg Lake.

"People are determined to bring the things they have bought elswhere and enjoy them at the lake," he said.

Among the developments this week:

● The town councils of Vosloorus and Reiger Park officially announced a consumer boycott of the town by the townships' residents.

● The CP warned that it was considering imposing a night curfew for blacks in towns under its control.

● At least 27 firms, among them NBS, Checkers and Colgate Palmolive, condemned the CP council and urged Boksburg residents to unite in opposing it.

● The CP was trounced in a council by-election won by an "anti-racist" NP-backed independent, Issy Krämer, who won the Parkdene Park constituency against this CP opponent, JJ van Ryssen.

Fears for an all-out consumer boycott in Boksburg reached a peak this week with some businessmen displaying signs saying: "All races still welcome".

CP spokesmen have countered that they are merely putting into practice NP policies drawn up in 1948.

This was echoed by Progressive Federal Party MP for Green Point, Tiaan van der Merwe, this week.

Van Der Merwe said the government was equally to blame for the "crazy" trend of the CP.

"The public ought to be reminded that the CP is applying the laws of the NP," he said.

The fact, he said, was that the NP had the power to undo all the harm the CP was doing in towns like Boksburg, but was unlikely to do so because it lacked the commitment to abolish apartheid.

It was the NP that had introduced the Separate Amenities Act

While the furore in Boksburg was raging, the town councils of Brakpan, Carletonville and Vanderbijlpark threatened to follow Boksburg's lead

CP spokesman on privatisation and administration, Clive Derby-Lewis, said the furore surrounding the party's decisions would subside

. Budget Minister in the House of Assembly, Kent Durr, who arrived this week from a three-week tour of Europe, said the impression overseas was that "the news from Boksburg is very bad news for South Africa indeed"

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Storm brews over racist Boksbur

By OBED MUSI

BOKSBURG, the oldest town on the Reef, is heading for "ghost town" status in the wake of its Conservative Party-controlled management committee decision to bring back old-style apartheid.

The East Rand town council is defying a considerable local and international outcry over its persistence in reintroducing racially-segregated amenities.

Among Boksburg's facilities that are again being reserved exclusively for whites" are the Boksburg Lake, tennis courts, swimming pools and other municipal-owned amenities.

In a move to isolate the white town, 50 000 coloured residents of nearby Reiger Park have cancelled their annual gala at Boksburg Lake This means a loss of thousands of rands for white businessmen who stood to make the money from selling pies, ice-creams, candy-floss, and other children's goodies at the gala.

Another threat to white profits has come from the residentsof Vosloorus Residents of this local black township supplies the muscle that provides Boksburg with labour for industry, commerce and households have said they will not tolerate the new moves.

The mood of the people was spelled out by the chairman of the East Rand Chamber of Commerce, Justice "Doom" Radebe, a prominent businessman

"We have taken a lot from the verkrampte whites of Boksburg over the years. Our people are tired of being treated as second-class citizens.

"We have the R6-million Lesedi shopping complex to show that people from Vosloo don't have to go to town for their groceries and other requirements."

But, under the emergency regulations, it is illegal to advocate a consumer boycott.

The other group of people whose livelihood is in the balance are the 60-odd taxi drivers who ferry workers between Vosloorus – some 24km from Boksburg – and the town

They have been told not to park their taxis in town

Said one: "We have been told to be ready to get out of town and find a place where our people can ride taxis out of the sight of whites

"What we would like to know is where are we going to have a taxi rank We have enough competition from Putco and pirate taxis and now we have to get the heck out of town What are we going to do now?"

He was not on the only person frustrated by the verkrampte move.

Many white businessmen feel they might as well as close shop Such a man is George Weeks, who runs a hardware business in the town.

Speaking of the proposed "buy in a CP-free town only" campaign, he told *City Press:* "It affects us grossly

"If this kind of boycott comes off, I might as well close my doors, as my business is largely dependent on black and coloured trade"

Meanwhile, Ali Bacher, chief of the South Africa Cricket Union, this week said his union would "boycott" any exclusively white venue. He was referring to Prince Georges Park in Boksburg, a mixed sporting venue which the Boksburg management committee in a surprise somersault declared would not be subject to any apartheid regulations.

Danie Craven, president of the SA Rugby Board and the man behind the ANC rugby talks had this terse response: "There is absolutely no room for apartheid".

He added that he hoped action would not be necessary as all local unions had been willing to comply with the board's anti-apartheid rules in the past.

Speaking in his capacity as chairman of the SA Swimming Union, Kramer said he was committed to open competition and parcipation.

"We will move our competition to unresticted areas if we are precluded from using facilities," he said.

He was referring to mixed schools like St Dominic's, a private Roman Catholic school in the town which admits pupils of all races, and the Christian Brothers College which follows a similar policy.

Other CP-controlled municipalities have also followed a verkrampte line.

The Brakpan Town Council also unanimously voted to ban blacks from all municipal parks, toilets and sports facilities.

SHAME: REPORTS BY DAVID JACKSON, SHAUN HARRIS, RUTH GOLEMBO, DRIES VAN HEERDEN, BILL KRIGE, PIETER VENTER, MARK SMIT AND RUSTY VAN DRUTEN

BIG BUSINESS MUSCLE HAMMERS BOKSBURG CP ONTO THE ROPES

He said: "All the council set out to do initially was to fence off the local lake and make it safe.

"What has developed in the wake of this move has hit us like a bomb.

"Now we even have petrol companies threatening to take away their franchise from two of our members who own garages in Boksburg."

Other CP-controlled Transvaal councils, such as Brakpan and Springs, are watching developments warily before plunging ahead with their own "back to apartheid" plans.

In other moves to crush the Boksburg CP action:

- Multi-national giant, Colgate-Palmolive, situated in Boksburg for 57 years, announced it was applying to be re-zoned from Boksburg and has approached central government to intervene and stop the CP action.
- The company's managing director, Mr Gerry Nocker, promised "moral and financial support" to any Boksburg group who wished to protest through legal means;
- The Anglo American Corporation issued a statement expressing extreme concern saying the actions by the Boksburg council "appear to reverse gradual moves towards a more normal society";
- Mr John Wilson, executive chairman of Shell, said in Cape Town his company would "brook no interference" with its policy of having retail outlets open to all.

"If any of our service stations, or indeed its black dealers, operating in white CBD's are threatened, the matter will be taken to the highest courts in the land," Mr Wilson said;

- SA Cricket Union president Joe Pamensky called on the Government to change its Separate Amenities Act and to make attempts to re-introduce petty apartheid illegal;
- The Northern Transvaal Cricket Union's president, Willie Basson, said if clubs on the East Rand could not guarantee that their facilities would be open to all races, they would have to find other facilities or forfeit their right to play under NTCU auspices.

Some of the clubs in danger of being affected by the East Rand conservative backlash would be the Boksburg, Brakpan, Springs, ERPM and police cricket clubs, who do not own their own grounds;

- Golf maestro Gary Player called on South Africans of all races to "stand together and ignore the petty apartheid spawned by the East Rand conservatives who seem determined to take SA back to the days of the ox-wagon."

He said: "Apartheid is a cancer and the sooner it is stamped out, the better";

- In Cape Town, a city bus operator and supermarket owner has cancelled a R300 000 order for two buses made in Boksburg.

Mr Clarence Ratangee, managing director of Clarries Passenger Service in Eerste River was due to take delivery of two 60-seater buses on Friday.

Now, Mr Ratangee has asked his Johannesburg agent to purchase two buses from a Natal company instead — at a higher price.

Further developments are that a branch of Checkers in Benoni now has 10 times more black customers than two weeks ago, said manager Leon Botes. Most other businesses are recording a 20 percent increase in trade.

Says Reiger Park councillor Buchanan Jantjies: "They (the Boksburg whites) wanted their town white, they are going to get it white. It should be a white Christmas for them."

On Wednesday, representatives of about 150 000 blacks in the Boksburg area made a similar pledge.



SHOPPING AROUND ... Razak Abdul in his shop rented from Boksburg's CP Mayor Beyers de Klerk

The research director of the bureau for market research at the University of South Africa, Professor Johan Martins, this week released startling results of a survey undertaken into black buying habits.

Professor Martins said blacks in the Boksburg area would spend more than R322-million this coming year.

"If the town council is prepared to see local white business interests going bankrupt, then it should continue with its actions," Professor Martins added.

It's anyone for tennis after race bar is aced

By BOETI ESHAK and ALAN DUGGAN

A WHITE tennis club in the Eastern Transvaal has opened its doors to other races after a warning by the SA Tennis Union about its racial policy.

Mr Mohamed Minty, a prominent Indian businessman, has succeeded in joining the previously whites-only Nelspruit Tennis Club.

"Recently I was advised that my application was successful," said a happy Mr Minty.

"I have been welcomed as a member and enjoy all the facilities.

"My application was in no way politically motivated. I am only interested in playing tennis and using the facilities."

He was reluctant to discuss the circumstances surrounding the refusal last year.

The chairman of the Nelspruit Tennis Club, Mr Brent Pirow confirmed Mr Minty's membership.

He said when Mr Minty originally applied, in November last year, the club turned him down.

But his second application this year was accepted by all the club members at a general meeting.

"He was unanimously accepted and Mr Minty is now a full member," Mr Pirow said.

Letter

The South African Tennis Union (SATU), to which the NTC is affiliated, said any club that practised racial discrimination would be expelled.

Mr Johan Barnard, president of the SATU, said in Cape Town this week: "It began when Mr Minty complained in writing about being denied membership.

"We investigated the matter through the North-Eastern Transvaal Association and later made it clear to the club that if Mr Minty had been barred on racial grounds, this was a violation of the SATU's rules."

Although the SATU had not made any overt threats to the club, said Mr Barnard, it was clearly aware that it risked being dropped from league competition, among other things.

"Apparently the committee then resigned, a new committee was elected, and Mr Minty was invited to join the club."

Black shoppers stay away from Boksburg

Stay 3/12/84 By Jovial Rantao (285)

Black communities of Vosloorus and Reiger Park, who normally shop in Boksburg, stayed away at the weekend. They went instead to Benoni on buses laid on by the Reiger Park-based Committee of 12, which was elected last Wednesday.

The Vosloorus shopping centre was a beehive of activity as residents began their month-end and Christmas shopping.

Evident at most shops in the two townships of Reiger Park and Vosloorus were discount signs displayed by many stores in a bid to attract more customers. Long queues at some shops in Vosloorus indicated the determination of hundreds of black shoppers to support local businessmen.

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THE BIG CHILL SETS IN

BLACK communities at the weekend began their boycott of white businesses in Boksburg in earnest, and vowed to continue shopping in Benoni and Alberton for as long as the Conservative Party-run council remains adamant in its decision to close public amenities to people who are not white.

By MOJALEFA MOSEKI and SAPA

Already, a number of filling stations were beginning to feel the bite as hundreds of minibus taxis that daily patronise the outlets take their business away from stations owned by people with CP ties.

Several Boksburg shop windows now display prominent signs reading: "This shop welcomes all races."

Soldiers in trucks and armed units on foot maintained a high profile around the business centre of Boksburg at the weekend and some shoppers said the army's pronounced presence began with the town's racist decision this week.

On Saturday, buses laid out by the Reiger Park-based Committee of 12, elected last Wednesday night at a packed meeting in the township, transported hundreds of shoppers to Benoni from 9am and back after business closed at 1pm.

But the boycott was not total, with pockets of black shoppers seen in Boksburg shops and its streets.

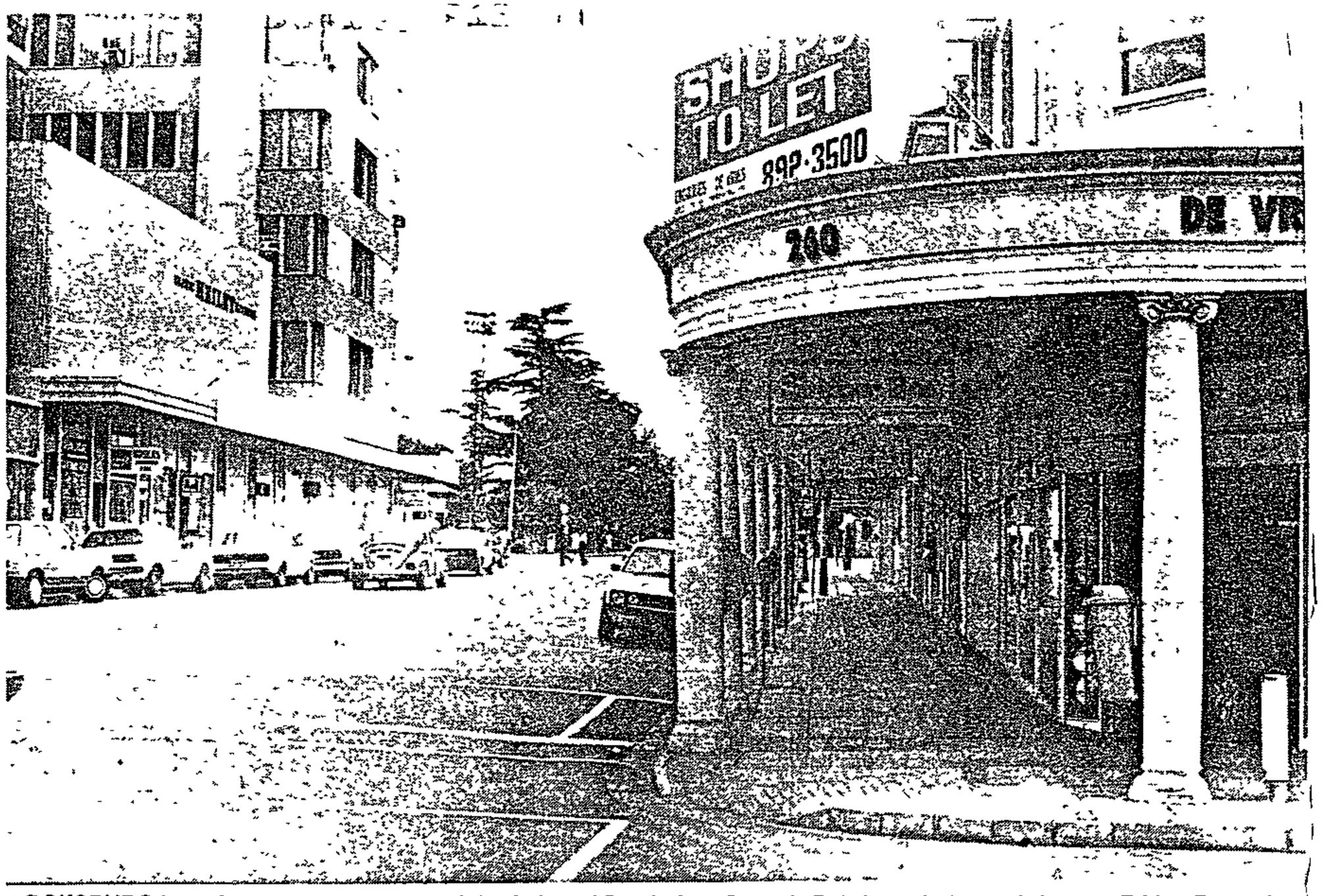
The president of the United Municipalities of South Africa (Umsa), Mr Tom Boya, on Friday afternoon led a sit-in protest at Boksburg where whites-only signs went up last month as the Conservative Party-dominated council re-introduced old-style apartheid

Mr Boya, flanked by nine Umsa members, delivered a speech in which he called on black shoppers to buy at other nearby towns which did not discriminate against them because of their skin colour.

Apartheid

He said both whites and blacks had contributed to the progress of Boksburg He challenged the Government to scrap the Group Areas Act which the CP was using to implement apartheid in Pietersburg, Brakpan and Boksburg.

"If these laws I have mentioned were not there then the CP would have had nothing to defend its implementation of old-style apartheid," said Mr Boya.



BOKSBURG turns into a ghost town overnight. A view of Oosthuizen Street in Boksburg during rush-hour on Friday, December 2 at 4.30pm. The consumer boycott by blacks from neighbouring townships, who allegedly wield 80 percent buying power, has set in . . .



Atteridgeville rents to go up

THE Atteridgeville City Council, which is R5 million in the red, yesterday officially announced rent and service

CP issues challenge to the NBS

By Lloyd Coutts

The Conservative Party has challenged the Natal Building Society to curtail its operations wherever facilities are not open to all races.

It says that failure to accept the challenge will be viewed as a declaration of economic war against the party.

In a statement yesterday, the CP spokesman on economic affairs, Mr Clive Derby-Lewis, said the NBS had seven days to convince the party and South Africa of its consistency.

The CP called on the NBS to act against "all or none".

Mr Derby-Lewis said negotiations by both Mr Tom Langley, on behalf of the Transvaal executive of the CP, and himself, in an endeavour to stop the NBS's "discriminatory action" against CP mayor of Boksburg Mr Beyers de Klerk, had proved unsuccesful.

The CP saw the NBS move as an attempt to hijack the democratic process in South Africa. "What sort of people are prepared to cut off a man's livelihood because he does not toe their big-business line? Is this what they call democracy?"

Upgrade for Yeoville site

A Yeoville, Johannesburg corner shopping block, with CNA as the anchor tenant, has been acquired by an Incity Real Estate syndicate of private investors for R1,5 million.

The deal offers an initial yield of 11 percent with substantial growth potential.

The two-level building is at the corner of Kenmere and Raleigh streets.

Incity will spend R100 000 on remodelling the corner building and another R400 000 on improvements to the R2 million New Orleans property nearby.

The city council plans to turn the Raleigh Street shopping strip into a "user friendly" thoroughfare.

Incity chief executive, Mr Marc Wainer, says: "In giving something back to the community in which we have invested, we would like to see the Yeoville shopping strip acquire a quality of character similar to the traditional English High Street shopping fronts."

Open-area businesses flourishing in Jo'burg

The opening up of Johannesburg business areas to all races in the wake of relaxation of the Group Areas Act two years ago is continuing.

One major property group reports a steady flow of inquiries about and lettings of office space to non-white business.

Old Mutual Properties (OMP), for instance, has acquired 57 black and 24 Indian tenants since the CBD was opened.

Primarily retailers, the Indian tenants occupy 4 400 sq m of space.

"Our 57 black tenants now occupy 3 000 sq m, and 93 percent of that is office space," says Mr Doug van den Aardweg, assistant regional property manager (Witwatersrand) of OMP.

"They account for 2 percent of our CBD portfolio of 155 000 sq m."

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Mr Van den Aardweg sees a growing recognition by black professionals and businesses of the value of a central location and the fact that there is a variety of space available at reasonable rents.

OMP's tenants' profile includes architects, attorneys and accountants to a soccer club, trade unions, a dressmaker and a building contractor.

Rents vary from about R5 a sq m to R14 sq m net, with most tenants paying about R8 a sq m.

On the industrial front, OMP's services manager, Mr Derek Stuart-Findlay, sees the sector's strong recovery over the past two years as an "encouraging illustration of the remarkable resilience of the South African economy."

Over the past 16 months, OMP has let 115 000 sq m, of which more than 70 000 sq m is represented by units larger than 5 000 sq m.

"Industrial rents should remain firm and continue to rise slowly in line with demand, reaching R6 a sq m for 2 000sq m in areas just south-east of Johannesburg," says Mr Stuart-Findlay.

"In the more popular PWV townships such as Wynberg and Strydom Park, the figure could be R9 for 300 to 500 sq m.

"Areas such as Wadeville and Alrode, where heavy industry is located, will continue to have a high vacancy factor for the foreseeable future."

CP's 'all towns or none' challenge to NBS

Star 6/2/88 (285)

By Lloyd Coutts

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CP slams business pressure on Boksburg

The Conservative Party has described as "hysterical" the increasing pressure tactics by companies practising business in Boksburg — and has pledged it will "not give in to money powers the way the National Party has".

Reacting to the latest move by BP — which erected signs in five Boksburg service stations on Friday stating the company's opposition to discrimination — Mr Clive Derby-Lewis, a member of the CP standing committee on trade and industry, said his party did not expect such a "hysterical reaction from people in business".

By Helen Grange

In another development, Reiger Park management committee chairman Mr "Butch" Jantjes, has stalled the efforts of Boksburg management committee chairman Mr Gideon Fourie for a meeting between the two.

"They expect us to jump when they snap their fingers. We are going to let the CP feel the pinch before we start talking," Mr Jantjes said.

Meanwhile, Boksburg councillor Mr T J Ferreira has denied that the consumer boycott has begun to severely affect business in Boksburg.

Mr Ferreira added that he was seeking legal action against (*Beeld*) for reporting that his service station was suffering as a result of the boycott.

Checkers, however, said they were being badly affected at their Commissioner Street store.

Indian businessmen in Commissioner Street reported they were losing up to 90 percent of expected Christmas business and some were contemplating closing shop.

The Urban Councils Association of South Africa has resolved to ask its members to withhold their buying power from Boksburg shops, while the United Municipalities of SA has warned that a complete consumer boycott of all Boksburg businesses could be expected if the council continued its plans.

Boksburg, under normal circumstances, would collect more than R322 million from black consumers next year, according to Professor Johan Martins, research director of market research at Unisa.

"If the town council is prepared to see local business interests going bankrupt, then it should continue with its actions," Prof Martins added.

● The NP opposition on the Boksburg council has commissioned a survey to prove residents oppose the ruling CP administration's return to petty apartheid.

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TURF PROF IS CP MAN

By MATHATHA TSEDU

A PROFESSOR at the University of the North is among the five Pietersburg town councillors who last week voted to kick the multiracial Regional Services Council out of the town.

Prof Willie J Botha, head of the Department of Economics at the university, said he had joined the Conservative Party and the town council in his personal capacity. He declined to confirm that he had voted with the other CP members.

It is however an open secret that the professor voted to pull the Pietersburg Town Council out of the RSC, which is a cornerstone of the Government's tricameral policy. The Conservative Party is against racial mixing and has vowed to disrupt the Government's "reform" policies.

Another councillor, Mr Koos Kempt, is a former lecturer in Northern Sotho at the University of South Africa. Mr Kempt, who owns a bottle store with 99 percent black clients, said he was against "mixed business areas and not against business between races."

Mr Kemp said he was a CP member and said the council decision was in line with CP policy. He said he saw no contradiction in his acceptance of black customers in his shop while he refused to have them as competitors. "They can open their stores in Seshego," he said.

The town council decision, which includes an intended re-introduction of racial segregation signs, has brought the council into direct conflict with the local Chamber of Commerce. The chamber said in a statement that the decision was "purely obstructionist and ideologically motivated."

The chamber met on Friday afternoon and issued a statement vowing to fight the reintroduction of "petty apartheid signs." The statement said businesses in the town had spent money building their concerns and were not going to stand idly by while the "CP councillors persisted with their resolution."

The chamber is also to buy full page advertisement in local newspapers carrying their statement.

A telex inquiry to the University of the North concerning Prof Botha's position had not been responded to at the time of going to press.



A sight in Krugersdorp

A POST-APARTHEID South Africa sight perhaps? No mind is as innocent as that of a child . . . it knows no colour, no discrimination — even in the Conservative Party stronghold of Krugersdorp. These youngsters — a not unusual sight in any other country — were watching athletics at the Bob van Reenen Stadium, Krugersdorp.

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The press after arriving in New York. The world ...

Boksburg businesses facing ruin as trade plummets

CP towns face Govt action

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By David Braun and Graham Linscott

The Government could soon act to clip the wings of Conservative Party-controlled town councils which are reintroducing petty apartheid.

Decisive action is expected from Constitutional Development Minister Mr Chris Heunis, who has already warned that the Government would not tolerate its policies being sabotaged at local level

According to National Party sources, the Government may go further than merely reconsidering the transfer of additional powers to local authorities

It may act to overturn Conservative Party policy to segregate certain amenities which have previously been open to all races, particularly in areas where the reintroduction of apartheid is causing racial friction and harm to community interests

The Boksburg Alliance — a hastily convened organisation representing organised commerce, industry and sports bodies — hopes Mr Heunis will appear personally in the town next week to announce Government action to frustrate the petty apartheid measures

The alliance's appeal to the Government to intervene has been conveyed to Mr Heunis by Mr Sakkie Blanche, National Party MP for Boksburg

Facing ruin

Several businesses in Boksburg could face ruin

They have laid in Christmas stocks, for which they are required to pay within 60 days Without normal Christmas sales, many would not be able to do so

Shops in Boksburg's central business district were almost empty this week Shopkeepers spoke of a fall-off in turnover of 90 percent over two weeks One business is already reported to have been forced to close its doors

Mr Heunis, approached for comment today, would only confirm that he had been approached by Boksburg businessmen through the Member of Parliament

Mr Heunis last week warned that reconsideration may be given to the further transfer of autonomous powers to local authorities which acted in such a way that they created difficulties

Retaliation

According to CP sources today, the business community would burn its fingers if it persisted in its campaign of sanctions against CP-controlled towns

One example mentioned is the threat by the CP-controlled council of Nigel to cancel its contract with Mobil to buy 600 000 litres of fuel a month should the oil company remove its franchise from a CP town councillor in Boksburg

The CP has also threatened to call on its 600 000 supporters thoughout South Africa to withdraw their business from the Natal Building Society unless the institution reinstates its agency to the CP Boksburg management committee chairman

Curfew idea is scrapped

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Black people in Carletonville will not be subjected to a curfew, the town council decided last night

The council decided in November that the possibility of reinstating a curfew in the town should be investigated

Investigation showed, however, that such a measure could not be enforced by law and the idea was dropped

● In neighbouring Westonaria, councillors were given the relevant documentation concerning the expansion of Soweto at a special council meeting in the town last night

Councillors decided that the documents had to be studied before any comment could be made

Another council meeting is expected to be held this week to discuss the matter

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Youngsters rarin' to go as school hols begin



School's out . . . pupils at Jeppe Boys' High in Johannesburg, (from left) Dale Stanton, Alan Rouse, Leon von Honschooten and Mendes, show the joy which will prevail today at the start of the summer holidays in the Transvaal. ● Picture by Karen ...

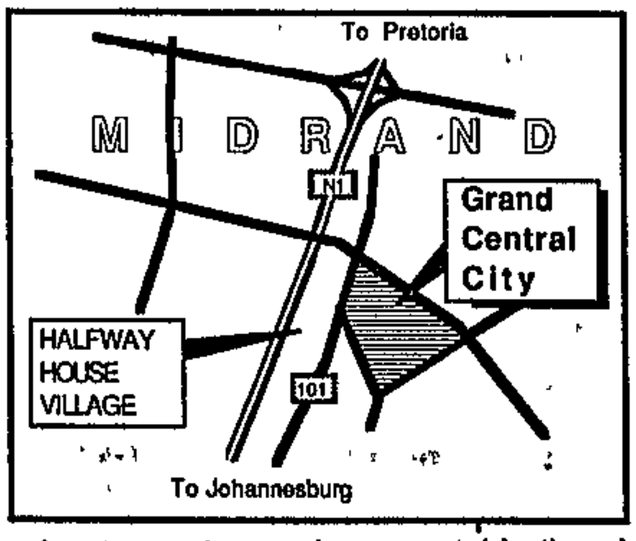
Midrand approves plans for huge new commercial centre

By Michael Chester

Midrand Town Council has voted by an overwhelming majority to create a multibillion-rand "Grand Central City" midway between Johannesburg and Pretoria

The project, likely to cost about R4 000 million by completion, aims at challenging both Sandton and Verwoerdburg as an upper-crust shopping and commercial magnet

It will dwarf the present Halfway House village which it will adjoin on the sprawling 270 ha site surrounding Grand Central Airport



American planning consultants have been called in to design a layout on the lines of the "airparks" which have proved a tremendous success in California These are huge commercial and entertainment complexes with a light aircraft and helicopter airstrip at the hub

The Midrand council is drawing parallels with the Irvine Business Park south of Los Angeles and similar ventures in San Diego

Mr Ian Becker, chairman of the council management committee, said yesterday that the council planned to start construction by the end of next year and complete the first phase by 1991

"The project was first examined in 1983 in a special study carried out by town planning experts, who agreed on its viability The council has listened to, and answered, initial objections and now voted to launch the scheme."

Application was being made to the Administrator of the Transvaal to invite the Townships Board to study proposals Formal approval was expected by the end of March

The Department of Transport was also being asked to expand bus services

An overall consultant would co-ordinate planning with the principal landowner, Old Mutual, which last year paid R18 million to take over 80 percent of the site, and the property company, J H Isaacs, owner of the airport land

The council had heard initial objections that asked questions on whether the operation of an airstrip inside the shopping complex posed any threat to safety, but believed assurances on safety precautions had now been accepted

"With the arrival of so many multinational corporations in Midrand, and with more on the way, we are hoping that official approval will be given for an upgrading of the status of the airport to allow it to run a customs unit to handle import and export business," Mr Becker said

Botswana, SA meet on security

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Political Correspondent

Government delegations from South Africa and Botswana took the first steps in Cabinet-level talks in Pretoria yesterday to devise a security agreement between the two countries as a matter of urgency

It is understood that high-level delegations from the countries' security forces will meet at the end of this week to implement yesterday's agreement

The talks appeared to have made progress on solving long-standing security differences

Foreign Minister Mr Pik Botha met his Botswana counterpart, Dr G K T Chiepe, for several hours

He was accompanied by the Minister of Law and Order, Mr Adriaan Vlok, the Minister of Defence, General Magnus Malan, and senior officials

Dr Chiepe was accompanied by Mr P H K Kedilkilwe, Minister in the office of the Botswana President in charge of public affairs, defence and security

Mr Botha said officials would be entrusted to meet urgently to design and construct an agreement and a method to resolve the security problems between the two countries.



White by night in CP towns

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From MONO BADELA

JOHANNESBURG.— Blacks could soon be barred from the streets of Conservative Party-controlled towns at night as the right-wing party swings into action to resurrect the colour-bar.

The CP-controlled Carltonville Town Council management committee is already investigating the introduction of curfews for blacks.

The CP, the official parliamentary opposition, had also given instructions to more than 90 local authorities under its control to re-introduce segregated amenities

CP leader Dr Andries Treurnicht said Carltonville had the right to ensure the safety of its white citizens.

The town's action follows decisions by the councils of Boksburg and Brakpan on the East Rand to turn back the clock and bar blacks from public toilets and the town library.

However, little has changed in the quiet industrial town of Boksburg since its council took this decision.

The Boksburg council voted last week to re-erect "whites only" signs around the town's picturesque Boksburg Lake

"Although Whites Only" signs have not yet been erected, it may only be a matter of time. Boksburg council management committee chairman Gideon Fourie said they are still waiting on quotes from sign manufacturers.

The owners of the.miniature golf course is also not allowing black customers, but this restriction dates back to before the CP took control, to the time when President PW Botha's National Party still held the reins.

The municipality has so far segregated lakeside toilets, and padlocked those for black use.

But the Boksburg council's attempt to call back the past has brought down a hurricane of protest on the little known town.

Butch Jantjies, chairman of the management committee of Reiger Park, Boksburg's dormitory suburb of 50 000 "coloured" residents, has threatened a black consumer boycott of white businesses - a threat which could put him in jail for 10 years under the country's security laws.

Several sports bodies,have threatened to expel any club using Boksburg's now segretated Prince George Stadium or the municipal swimming pool.

At a Press conference from which foreign journalists were barred on Monday, Fourie said he was "only carrying out CP policy" in terms of the mandate given him by Boksburg's white voters.

None of his council's proposed actions were illegal, he said.

"We are acting in accordance with the laws passed by the National Party."

In Krugersdorp, on the West Rand, the council has postponed plans to throw black businesses out of its downtown business district and to shut down a massive black taxi station.

Where racism hits most — in the back pocket

Star 8/12/88

By HELEN GRANGE

As Boksburg suffers an estimated loss of R150 000 a day and the black consumer boycott slowly drives businessmen out of town, neighbouring shopowners in Reiger Park and Vosloorus are picking up trade by up to 60 percent.

And while Boksburg residents and CP councillors have acknowledged their concern about ailing business in the CBD, the Reiger Park management committee has stalled an urgent call by the council to negotiate the boycott issue.

Reiger Park management committee chairman Mr "Butch" Jantjes said this week that business was not being affected in Reiger Park and therefore there was no need to "jump when the CP snaps its fingers". On the other hand, NP-backed independent councillor Mr Issy Kramer is making a desperate attempt to counter the CP "sabotage of Boksburg and get things back to normal".

The contrasts of Boksburg and Reiger Park were illustrated clearly on visiting the two areas yesterday.

Boksburg businessmen stood despondently at their shop entrances while, only a kilometre away, Reiger Park shopowners were kept busy serving regular customers as well as those who normally shop in town.

Boksburg businessmen say:

"I'm losing up to 75 percent a day in lost business I rely on Christmas custom to see me through the rest of the year, and if things don't improve, I will have to close shop and let somewhere else," said Mr Ahmed Essop, manager of a clothing outlet

Several small, privately owned shops in Commissioner Street have threatened to leave town within the next week if "something isn't done"

"They (the CP) are literally taking the bread from our mouths without a thought Their only concern is that they maintain power, and because they are politicians and not businessmen, they are prepared to sell us all down the river to satisfy their power lust," said a bitter shopkeeper.

Reiger Park businessmen say:

"I have picked up by about 60 percent since the boycott began Business is thriving and I think it's going to be a good Christmas," said Mr N Ismail, manager of Dail's Butchery

TURNOVER UP

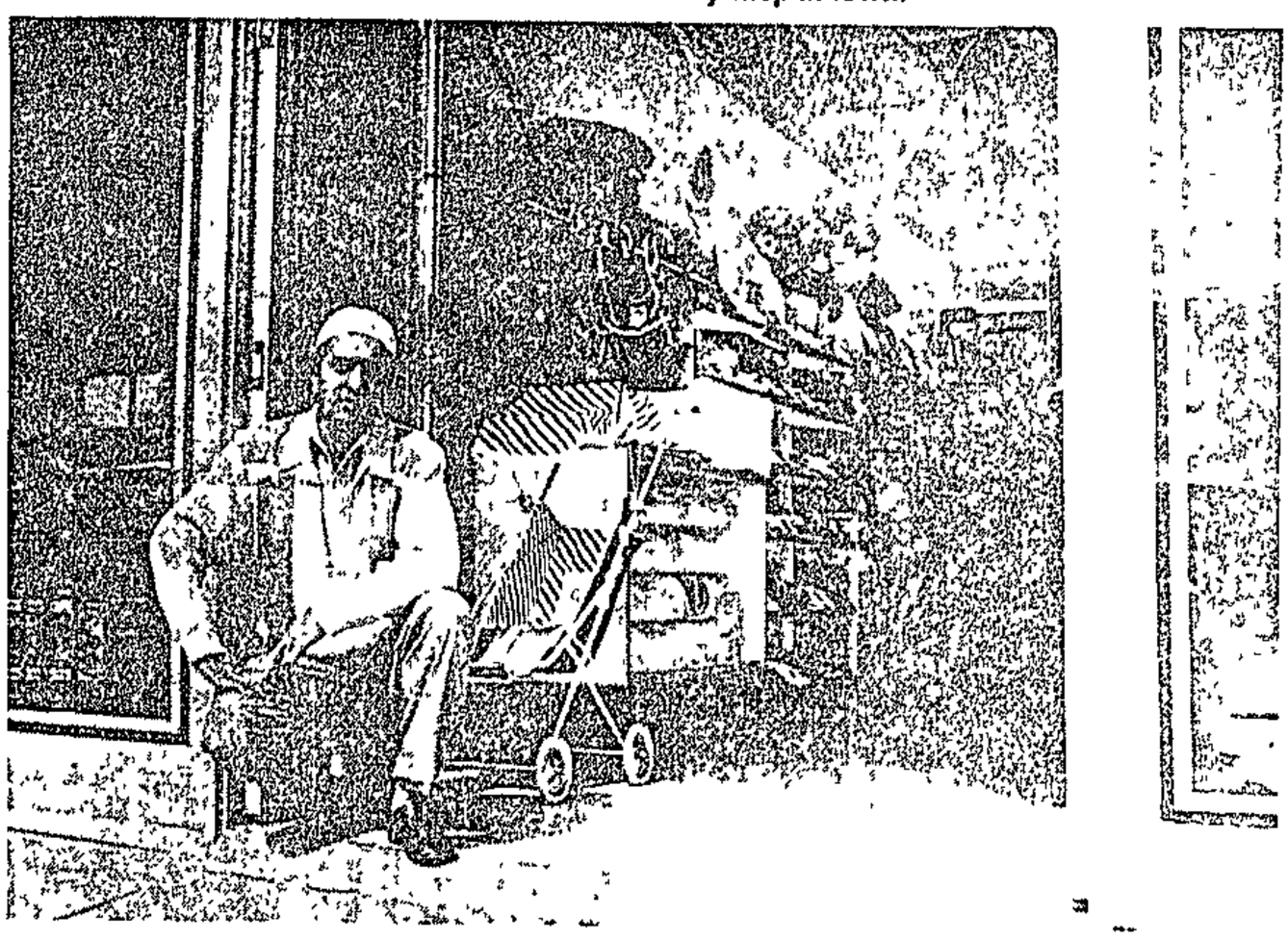
Mr Conrad van Wyk, manager of Blue Lagoon restaurant and general dealers, said he was doing a better turnover than last Christmas, despite the fact there was more variety in town

"People are standing by the boycott, which seems to have worked in our favour," he said.

The managers of Stirtonville Cafe, Robbie's Open Market, and Beyers Fruit and Vegetable shop all reported an improvement in sales



A shop assistant in Reiger Park's Stirtonville Cafe keeps busy serving regular customers as well as those who would normally shop in town.



Mr Ahmed Essop, at the entrance of his empty shop, is planning to close down the moment he finds another shop to let outside Boksburg.

Boksburg's businessmen face cheerless Christmas

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By Helen Grange and Anna Louw

Boksburg has become a nightmare for businessmen and shopkeepers this Christmas.

Many businesses are reporting losses of 50 percent on normal December turnover and the consumer boycott has resulted in the closure of at least one store. Several others are on the brink of bankruptcy.

Mr Joe Annegarn, former president of the Transvaal Chamber of Industries and spokesman for a group of 60 local businesses who have united to fight the Conservative Party move, said yesterday that he had received drastic reports from local shopkeepers who were being put out of business.

He said a large chain store's turnover dropped from R90 000 to R18 000 in one day.

A butchery which had an R8 000 turnover now reported a R800 turnover.

The streets in Boksburg's CBD were empty yesterday morning and shops were slow to open. The businessmen were bored and depressed but said "something has to happen".

"This simply can't go on. I can hardly pay the shop's rent. I am looking for a shop to let somewhere else and the moment I've got one, I'm getting out of here," Mr Ahmed Essop, a clothes store owner said.

Mr Essop's neighbours have already locked up and left.

The owner of a second-hand store, Mrs Elise McIntosh, arrived at work about an hour after normal opening time. "My business is crashing after only eight months of being here. There is no point in going on so, if something doesn't happen, I'm closing shop altogether."

The manager of Skipper Bar in Commissioner Street, Mr Ally Sayed, said he had lost 75 percent of his business as a result of the boycott.

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Now the CP counter-attacks with charges

THE Conservative Party yesterday laid charges against the Natal Building Society, Save Boksburg Committee, SABC and Beeld as pressure mounted on the CP-controlled Boksburg council to abandon its petty apartheid policies.

CP deputy leader Ferdi Hartzenberg said in a statement Boksburg's management committee chairman Gideon Fourie had laid a charge against the Save Boksburg Committee, SABC and Beeld. The charge related to the emergency and media regulations which make it an offence to support a consumer boycott.

PETER DELMAR

Hartzenberg said Boksburg mayor Beyers de Klerk had laid a charge against the NBS in terms of the Intimidation Act.

Hartzenberg said the CP had decided to act because of "the apparent unwillingness or inability" of government to apply the measures.

The NBS declined to comment and the Save Boksburg Committee could not be reached last night. Sapa reports that spokesmen for the SABC and Beeld also declined to comment.

Meanwhile, Boksburg councillors, businessmen and sportsmen opposed to the CP moves are pinning their hopes for a resolution of the crisis on a meeting with Constitutional Development and Planning Minister Chris Heunis.

Boksburg NP MP Sakkie Blanché said yesterday Heunis had agreed to meet the Save Boksburg Committee. The date

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of the meeting was being kept a secret, he said.

NP and independent councillors are expected to move the repeal of the apartheid measures at an extraordinary council meeting tomorrow.

In other developments yesterday:

☐ Boksburg Chamber of Commerce and Industries president Johan Viljoen said estimates that the boycott was costing businesses R150 000 a day were conservative. He described the situation as "extremely critical".

☐ The Consultative Business Movement announced plans to hold a closed meeting next week for business leaders to discuss the CP's "infringement of human dignity and rights".

☐ Sapa reports that the Stilfontein council has begun erecting "Whites only" signs in the town's parks.

It's God's will, says council's 'English Boer'

By MUSA ZONDI and ZEYNEP ERSAN

"I WAS sent to the lost sheep of the house of Israel (Matthew 15 vs 12)," are the words the newly-elected mayor of Boksburg, a staunch Conservative Party member, uses to describe his role.

Beyers de Klerk, proud of his Irish-Scottish heritage, calls himself an English Boer. He believes he has been called by the Almighty to be a mayor.

"I must either do what the world says or what God says; and I am doing what God tells me to do," he says He seats himself behind the big desk in the centre of the office From one of the drawers he takes a Bible.

"If I want to know about your organisation, I would take the document and read it. This is my document."

De Klerk is a businessman, not a politician. He says he was asked several times by Dr Andries Treunicht, leader of the CP, to stand for the council in Boksburg but he always refused, until the day God instructed him to do so.

"There have been several threatening phone calls," he says "I am prepared to lose my life, my wife, my children, my business – everything that I have – to carry out God's will"

The anticipation of losing some of his businesses came to fruition two days ago, with reports that he has lost his building society agency

He believes races have to develop separately in order to keep their own identity.

"We are a minority here We (the CP) are here because we are realists, we want to protect what we have One cannot forever rule people of other colour."

De Klerk says: "Of course some of the people might be offended but the majority voted for segregation. South Africa is a country of minorities

"Zulus should rule Zulus, Sothos should rule Sothos, coloureds should rule coloureds ..." he says

"I am not saying races should not mix " He made a point by saying "Zulus are seen as being as proud as we are".

"If I come to stay in your area I must be prepared to abide by the rules

"We are not chasing anybody away There have been Indians doing business in this town for a long time now. Until such time that a proper place has been set aside for them they will continue trading here "



A Reiger Park resident wishes white Boskburg the compliments of the season He was at a rally called this week to launch a consumer boycott of the town.

Picture. ANNA ZIEMINSKI, Afrapix

A dry, white Christmas — whatever you may call it

By CHARLOTTE BAUER

RESIDENTS of Vosloorus and Reiger Park yesterday delivered their "Christmas present" to "white" Boksburg — a total consumer boycott.

Because boycotts have been outlawed by Emergency regulations, few are prepared to actually say the word. But despite the substitution of gentle euphemisms, the intention is clear: from today Boksburg's black communities will take their business elsewhere until the Conservative Party-controlled town council stops implementing discriminatory by-laws.

At a press conference yesterday, Reiger Park management committee chairman Butch Jantjes delivered this message to the Boksburg town council: "You can have your white Christmas without the snow because your wish has been granted with love from the residents of Reiger Park."

Despite the haste of the black communities' management committees to distance themselves from the word "boycott" their reluctance is clearly a thinly veiled safeguard from possible prosecution.

An anonymous pamphlet doing the rounds in the two townships does not mince words: under the heading "Keep Boksburg White" it calls upon residents to "Boycott Boksburg town ... hold back your buying power and show the racist CP your strength".

While Jantjes insisted that Reiger Park's management committee and other "radical" organisations were "absolutely at one" on this issue, he admitted that in the past councillors had "sat back and let ourselves be kicked around". It remains to be seen whether their structures will gain any long-term credibility in their communities as a result of the CP issue.

One event in the escalating campaign of defiance is a huge sit-in to be held at Boksburg Lake — now officially out of bounds to blacks — this afternoon.

There is no municipal police force in Boksburg and it remains to be seen whether the South African Police will be present.

Storm breaks over Boksburg: but who's the real *'skelm'*?

There's more than a little humbug in National Party's noisy outrage over recent events in the East Rand town, writes CHARLOTTE BAUER

THE Conservative Party has dismissed reaction to what happened in Boksburg ten days ago as a "storm in a teacup, brewed by the National Party" In one sense, the CP is right

There is no doubt that the public has been genuinely shocked by events of the past week in CP-controlled towns But for its outrage to focus solely on the CP is a little off the mark — after all, the party is simply using a law created and maintained for 35 years by the Nationalist government.

About two years ago, when the Boksburg town council was still controlled by the National Party, a representative of the non-racial South African Council on Sport (Sacos) inquired whether it might use the Reiger Park swimming pool for galas

The answer was no The Reiger Park pool was for "coloureds", Sacos was told — not for blacks or Indians

On another occasion in Actonville, the response from the Benoni town council (also NP-controlled) was the same, because the Actonville pool is for Indians — not "coloureds" or blacks

Municipal swimming pools in so-called white group areas have always been out of bounds to blacks — except by special permit for a one-off event

As CP member of parliament, Koos van der Merwe, briskly pointed out this week "The NP has opened so few facilities, there is little for the CP to close "

From the other side of the political spectrum, Sacos' Transvaal spokesman, Agit Gandaby, expressed a similar view "All (the CP) has really done is explode the myth that sport, or anything else in South Africa is, or ever was, non-racial "

While Foreign Affairs Minister Pik Botha spent the week denouncing the CP for its "keep the kaffirs at bay" mentality, it seemed momentarily to slip his mind that the Separate Amenities Act and Group Areas Act had been created by his party for precisely the same purpose

NP members lost no time in seizing on the potential of their new role as good guys simply because some even badder guys had ridden into town

The picture was, if anything, enhanced by the remarks of Boksburg's management committee chairman and former HNP parliamentary candidate, Gideon Fourie, who described the government as "leftist liberals"

But the basic fallacy of this image was neatly, if unwittingly, summed up by Pik Botha himself when he said of CP supporters "(You) still take your black maids along to look after your white children on whites-only beaches "

Again it was the CP's Van der Merwe who put the remark smartly back in its place

"Allan Hendrickse may not swim in the sea, but if we decide he cannot swim in Boksburg Lake, then all of a sudden it is immoral and unchristian "

While Botha, throwing caution to the winds, continued to haul the CP over the coals for discrimination "based merely on the colour of skin" government sources were quoted as saying there was no question of scrapping the Separate Amenities Act.

About the same time, the CP-controlled Brakpan Town Council announced its intention to follow the Boksburg example.

The Johannesburg City Council, meanwhile, had taken pains to distance itself from "the irresponsible actions of the Conservative Party", but would not go as far as dissociating itself from the town councils in question

Johannesburg city councillor for the PFP Tony Leon expressed little surprise

"The city council has always adopted a half-hearted approach to desegregation The last major reform came in 1973 with the opening up of parks and libraries to all races Buses, pools and recreation centres remain closed "

It has been speculated that city council leader Danie van Zyl is treading softly for fear of jeopardising his presidency of the Transvaal Municipal Association, in which the CP now holds a majority

Leon commented that although CP action in Boksburg, Brakpan and Krugersdorp was "the other side of the same coin" it was still "very retrogressive".

It is clear that what the CP-controlled town councils on the Reef have done goes against current Nationalist sentiment rather than policy

Stilfontein next to mount campaign against blacks

Conservative Party-controlled Stilfontein in the western Transvaal has become the latest town to follow Boksburg in enforcing stringent petty apartheid measures.

The mayor, Mr Pieter Groenewald, scoffed last night at possible action by the National Party against CP-controlled town councils enforcing the Reservation of Separate Amenities Act and challenged the National Party "who have many towns with separate amenities, to decide whether they want to be honest or not".

RIGHTS

Included in the measures taken by the council is a decision to erect notices in about 43 parks and public lawns "merely informing people of their rights in terms of the law".

By Dawn Barkhuizen

Mr Groenewald said the council would also:

- Attempt to force a multiracial hotel in the town centre to become a "whites only" preserve.
- Take action against black businessmen with major shares in businesses in the white CBD.
- Build public toilets for whites only.
- Reserve an area with benches and awnings — "not a park" — for blacks to rest between 1 pm and 2 pm in the CBD.
- Consider re-introducing an after-dark curfew for blacks, should the situation warrant.

Mr Groenewald said the action was being taken because white taxpayers felt they were "being pushed out of their own town".

"White residents shop in other centres because the town is being flooded out by blacks."

The CP, which ousted a National Party-dominated council in the municipal elections with a pledge to keep the town white, was merely carrying out a mandate given by the people, he said.

Events in Boksburg did not deter them.

"Most of that is media-hype. But in the event of a boycott, whites will probably stream back to the CBD and business would boom."

'Nannies may not visit parks'

By Therese Anders, Highveld Bureau

MIDDELBURG — The closing of Middelburg's parks to blacks means that some white children will not be going on outings to the swings and merry-go-rounds during the school holidays.

The town's CP council has closed Middelburg's residential parks to all blacks, even nannies accompanying white children, said the town clerk, Mr Peter Colin, yesterday.

Mr Colin said the council had decided that any black person found in a residential park — the town's central Van Blerk Square is still open — would be told to leave by municipal officials.

A mother, Mrs Magda Hilligan, said it was unsafe to allow children into the park without supervision.

"If the maid is good enough to look after children at home, I can't see why they can't be allowed to look after them in the park as well," she said.

Boksburg: a microcosm of SA

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GRAHAM LINSCOTT, an Argus Special Correspondent, reports from Boksburg

THE small East Rand town of Boksburg has suddenly become a microcosm of the debate which has raged for 40 years Can ideology be made to prevail over economic forces?

And — a more recent question — is black consumer power reaching levels where it can substantially influence the political agenda?

In Boksburg the ideology is the Conservative Party's neo-Verwoerdism, and it is being challenged head-on by the town's black and coloured inhabitants — apparently with telling effect.

But is there any reason why these communities should not challenge the modified version of apartheid presented by the National Party? Or, for that matter, the policies of any other future ruling party?

The point should not be overstated The blacks of Vosloosrust and the coloureds of Reiger Park have to shop somewhere At present they are going to adjacent Germiston, Benoni and Alberton Boksburg is almost symbolically shunned It would be much more difficult — if not impossible — to similarly project consumer power on a wider scale.

Coalface of politics

But the blacks and coloured people of Boksburg are going to considerable difficulty and expense to shop elsewhere and they have had impact.

They have thrown Verwoerdian apartheid into question at the most basic level And they have caused a mobilisation of business and other interests which would not have happened spontaneously People are co-operating against the CP council who, only a few months ago, would not even have spoken to one another

Black consumer power in Boksburg has already influenced the local political agenda. Boksburg today is the very coalface of South African politics What happens There could have far-reaching repercussions

The CP in Boksburg are aggrieved that they should be singled out for condemnation and ostracism. And they have a point.

Neighbouring CP-controlled Brakpan has taken a cautious and more pragmatic line in resegregating amenities and has escaped censure CP-controlled Springs has not had to resegregate because in most areas the previous Nationalists never did desegregate

Nationalist-controlled councils such as Vereeniging (constituency o f the party's Transvaal leader, Mr F W de Klerk) still practise the cast-iron racial segregation they always did

Why should the CP in Boksburg be hammered for stepping back into line?

It seems it is because the step has been backward, in the eyes of the national and the international community, harming the country's interests across a range which includes the economy diplomacy, international sport and even internal reconciliation

Meanwhile, Boksburg is under intense pressure

Its shops are empty, estimates of the drop in turnover ranging from 50 to 90 percent. The people of Vosloosrus and Reiger Park have declared that their Christmas bonuses will be spent elsewhere.

There are rumblings that the national chains and even some industries might withdraw The prospects of attracting new industry seem remote Sports bodies in the town are under pressure

The National Bowling Championships have already been taken away from Boksburg.

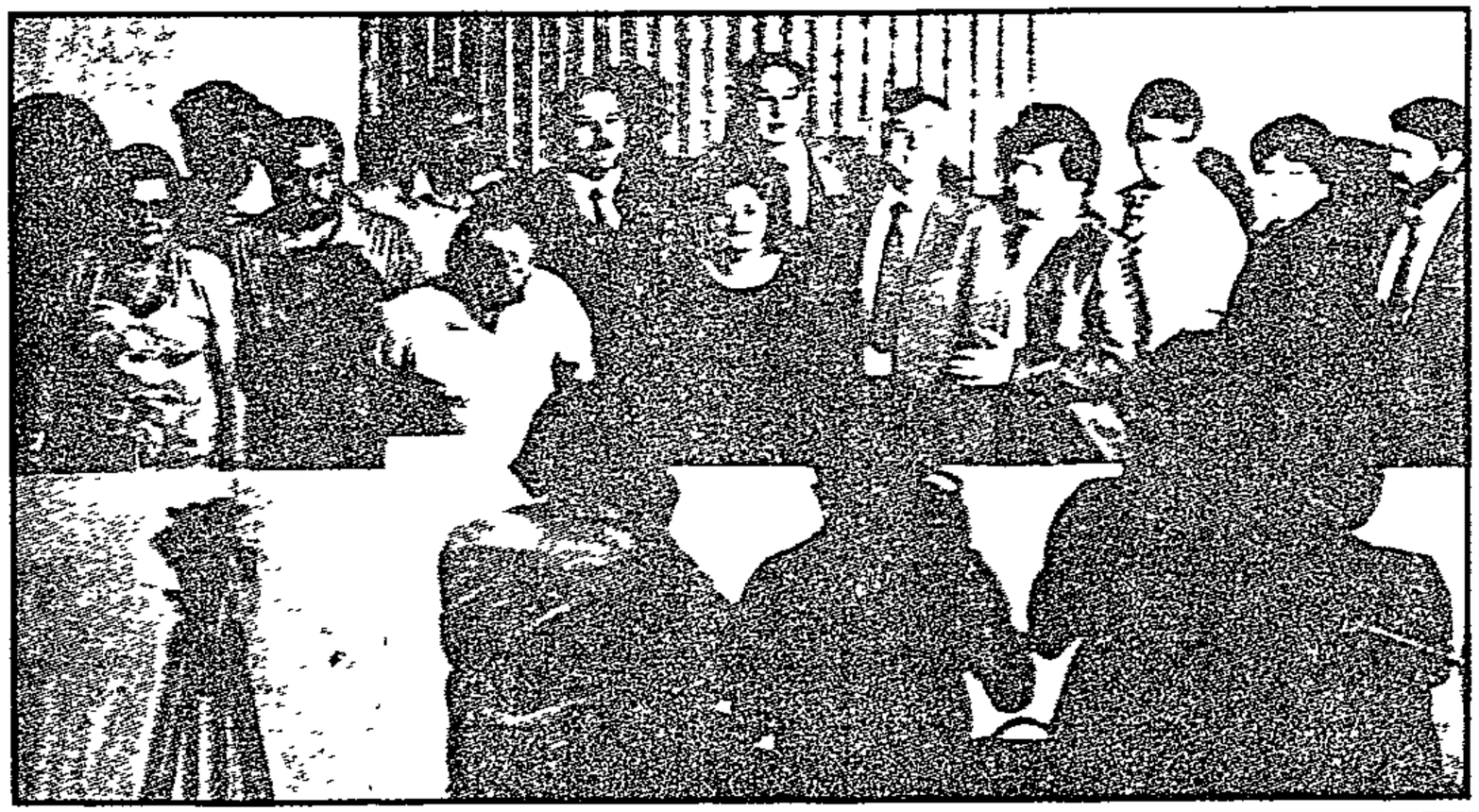
Businesses which stocked up for a Christmas rush which has so far not materialised could face bankruptcy in a few months It is a tough struggle and the community on either side of the political divide is distressed

The CP refuses to give in to what it regards as political blackmail Meanwhile, ordinary people, its own included, are suffering This is life at South Africa's political coalface.

But if there is a positive side, Boksburg could decide, in microcosm, a struggle which would be devastating if repeated countrywide.



BUSINESS BACKLASH A board at a deserted BP garage in Boksburg protests against the CP's discrimination Below The controlling CP councillors in Boksburg stand toogether in defiance at the outcry, but profess their loyalty to the Verwoerdian principles under the gaze of the world's press



Unlovely East Rand town is storm centre

BOKSBURG is one of several small towns in the Transvaal's unlovely East Rand, where the bowels of the earth have been spewed up into mine dumps which share the skyline with winding gear and the apparatus of secondary industry

Yet Boksburg itself, about 20 minutes' drive from Johannesburg, is a pleasant oasis in the midst of all this

The mine dump which overlooks it is an old one which has been grassed to look like a natural hill Between the dump and the town is a small lake ringed with green lawns, willows and poplars and spoiled only by hideous new municipal buildings nearby, in mock granite

The town centre has two long main streets with smaller ones cutting across The shop fronts are old-style and pleasantly mellow

Boksburg is inhabited by 45 000 whites, 65 000 blacks and 10 000 coloured people Many of its shops are run by Indians, but these commute daily from other East Rand towns such as Benoni because Boksburg has no Indian group area

By far the majority of Boksburg's breadwinners are employed about equally between East Rand Premier Mines and industry, which has caught up to mining in economic terms Until the 1950s, Boksburg (and all of the East Rand) was prime Labour Party country — the same Labour Party which pressed for the industrial colour bar

With the demise of Labour, these towns seesawed between the old United Party and the Nationalists for many years, before seemingly going firmly Nat in 1977

Then in the municipal elections this year, Boksburg, Brakpan and Springs fell to the Conservative Party, the Nationalists only just holding on in other East Rands seats such as Germiston

'Disaster course'

THE Conservative Party should consider the disastrous effects of their actions for Boksburg and the whole of South Africa, Mr Rhoan Gardiner, a prominent Boksburg businessman, said yesterday.

Mr Gardiner said in a statement the CP needed to review and clarify their policies and carefully weigh up all the facts.

"They need to consider all race groups on moral as well as economic grounds. I am fighting on moral grounds," he said.

He said legislation controlling the Separate Amenities Act should be scrapped.

"If this isn't adhered to, South Africa will have to pay the price for myopic and unrealistic ideas."

Mr Gardiner challenged the Boksburg City Council to "put their seats at stake and hold a referendum immediately, as 45 percent of the people there "does not give them the mandate".

He criticised Mr Derby-Lewis' recent remarks that black people have no buying power in Boksburg and said "80 percent of Boksburg's buying power is black".

So far the number of Boksburg businessmen to join his stand has increased to 80, Mr Gardiner said.

Council does not expect boycott

THE Pietersburg Town Council does not expect a consumer boycott of the town by black buyers as a result of its recent decision to kick the multiracial Regional Services Council out of the Town Hall.

The chairman of the management committee, Mr Mars de Klerk, said in an interview that the Town Council had no intention to put up racial segregation signs because "blacks here know their place".

One of the councillors attached to the Conservative Party, Mr Koos Kemp, owns the Acasia Bottle Store near the off-tote betting house in the town. More than 99 percent of his clients are black. Mr Kemp has said he also does not expect a backlash by his black customers.

But the local chamber of commerce and industry's reaction shows a fear that the Boksburg experience, where black buyers have deserted the town since the CP takeover, might be repeated there.

By MATHATHA TSEDU

In a statement released after a meeting on Friday, the chamber said "we have spent much time and money building up our businesses through good customer relations and service. We will not accept that this be damaged and possibly destroyed."

The chamber added that "attempts to reintroduce petty apartheid and any measures that will reduce the human dignity of our customers and our staff will be opposed most strongly".

The publicity and information secretary of the Northern Transvaal Peoples' Co-Ordinating Committee (NTPCC), Mr Kgalabe Kekana said "racists like Mr Kemp cannot expect to continue to reap the profits" from blacks whil;e denying them human dignity.

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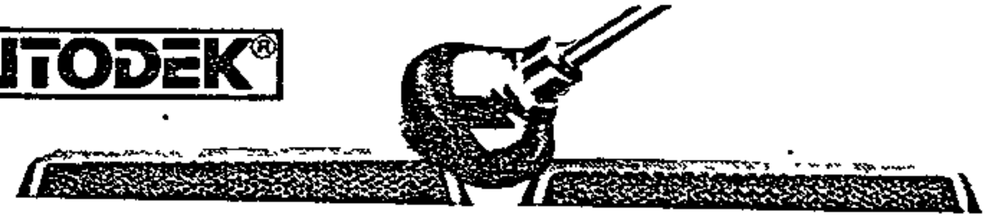

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Boksburg learns a lesson in the business of politics



Signs of humanity in Boksburg shop windows betray a deeper fear — bankruptcy.

People are "talking business" with a difference in Boksburg these days. ROBERT GENTLE attended two meetings at which the crisis over the CP council's return to petty apartheid was discussed.

THE Conservative Party's determination to reintroduce petty apartheid in Boksburg has produced a hitherto unparalleled degree of consensus between white and coloured communities.

And, ironically, this consensus was reached in the finest tradition of apartheid — separately, at two different meetings last week.

Both were held in church halls. Both started 30 minutes late because there were too many people struggling to get in. Both kicked off with a word of prayer by a local priest.

Both heard solemn talk of Man having been created in God's image, and of dignity having been affronted in the most unpardonable manner.

Overflowing

Both heard speakers passionately declare, to rounds of applause, that "we have to stand up and show the CP that we are not going to take this anymore".

The ball started rolling on Tuesday night at Saint Anthony's church in the coloured suburb of Reiger Park, home to about 37 000 people.

An overflowing hall packed with foreign TV film crews heard Henry Jeffenes of the Save Boksburg Committee slate the CP for suggesting that Reiger Park residents were "riding on the backs of white taxpayers" and pointed out that they were in Reiger Park not out of choice but because group areas had uprooted them from Benoni 24 years earlier.

"The CP has stated its view, namely that although black shoppers are not barred from shopping in the CBD, they would prefer it if they shopped within their own residential areas.

"We will heed that call and show them a different kind of power ... We will take our trade to those who recognise us as equals."

The point was made that this was not a fight against the CP, but against the wider problem of general segregation.

"This is not about swimming in 'your' pools, walking on 'your' lawns, dancing in 'your' halls or playing on 'your' sports fields," Jefferies said. "This is about our pride and dignity as human beings."

The following day, the full import of the Reiger Park meeting finally dawned on local shopowners.

Signs in shop windows saying "All races still welcome" hid a much deeper fear — that of going bankrupt.

Salvatore "Zac" Zacchiono, owner of a large clothes shop, summed it up in a terse statement: "There's just over R1 000 in my till right now. Only R12 came from white customers."

Zac recalled a recent survey which found that barely 30% of white Boksburg residents supported their local shops.

With Zac's story repeated the length and breadth of Boksburg's Commissioner Street, the main commercial artery, the huge turnout of concerned white Boksburg residents at the local Methodist Church that night came as no surprise.

The meeting was decidely businesslike. As Boksburg MP Sakkie Blanché said in the opening minutes: "Politics ended yesterday. Now we're talking business."

Representatives from major commercial, industrial and sports associations all confirmed the worst, outlining boycott measures which meant that even marathons were to bypass Boksburg.

An affable black representative from nearby Vosloorus had the white audience in the palm of his hand as he spoke of the boycotts.

"Have you ever seen a bus stop on a highway," he asked, "Well, the CP are trying to build one." He got a standing ovation.

Statistics were cited which showed that that day, December 1, Boksburg's OK Bazaars should normally have turned over around R90 000. The actual figure recorded was said to have been only R18 000

The other figure that should have been cited, but wasn't, concerns the spending power of Reiger Park alone. Assuming that 25 000 of its inhabitants routinely spend a mere R30 a week, the monthly fall-off in revenue would be R3m.

Proud

But crucial as the business statistics were, the political dimension could not be wished away. Mohamed Navsa, a key member of the Reiger Park committee, told the hushed white audience that this protest was all very well, but only a few months ago his community could not use the town hall and other facilities.

"Will it be again permit here, permit there? I want to feel proud of Boksburg, but you've got to make it happen for me."

It was sincere, from the heart, and it hit home. There was a tangible sense of shame in the white audience, a realisation that if and when the CP threat disappeared things could never go back to the way they were.

The goalposts have been shifted. A new local political agenda has been set — and the irony is that residents have the CP to thank for it.

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Black consumer boycott due to start tomorrow

Commercial jitters hit Brakpan shopowners

Black consumers living in and around Brakpan appear set to withdraw their buying power from the town's central business district from tomorrow

A snap survey of the town's businesses — large and small — yesterday revealed a definite change in buying patterns and a rapid decline in commercial morale. Few black people were seen on the streets

Some shopkeepers have already felt the bite — at least two have closed within the past month

Others know it will come, but not when and nobody has any long-term hopes

"Black and coloured people are not buying in Brakpan any more 'It's the Christmas period and the shop should be full. But it's not, it's dead," a sales assistant at a large furniture chain store with a predominantly black clientele, told The Star yesterday.

At a laundrette across the road a black woman told us: "Business is all right now But from Saturday it won't be The boycott starts on Saturday."

The owner of a washing machine repair shop, who did not wish to be named, said he would be forced to close at the end of the month His trade was predominantly black and seemed to have disappeared, he said

He believed the root cause of his troubles lay with the decision by the Boksburg Town Council to reinforce apartheid in the town. His own town council's policies had to

By Lloyd Coutts

shoulder some of the blame, he said

The manageress of a newly opened hardware store next door, who also did not wish to be named, said "Most of our clients are black. If they go, we'll have to close."

Mrs Lalie Fourie, who sells household cleaning materials, said her sales had dropped by about 20 percent. Forty percent of her customers were black, she said.

"Some people in the location have been telling people not to buy. They come to me and ask what's going on and I tell them to go and speak to the council. I'm NP, definitely, and I don't discriminate," she said.

She believed the effects of a black withdrawal would be felt only next month.

Sales drop expected

Mr John and Mrs Lea McIntosh run a second-hand clothing store which caters mainly for black people. They said there had been no noticeable drop in sales but they were expecting it

"We haven't really noticed anything so far But we are very worried We don't know what's going to happen. My daughter-in-law in Boksburg will have to close her shop Her sales are down terribly," Mrs McIntosh said

They, too, thought their woes had started with the Boksburg decision.

"We've heard nothing from this council. We're just sitting here waiting We're afraid to buy Say they boycott us, how are we going to pay our rent ? I spoke to the Indian shopkeeper around the corner and he says he is very worried All we can do is pray," she said

A major chain store, which also sells furniture, was deserted except for the presence of a lone black purchaser

Mr Johannes Motlhebe, of Tsakane, a jobseeker interviewed on the pavement in Prince George Street, said he understood there would be a boycott.

"But I also hear that the white people don't want us to walk around on the streets after dark. But the white people here, if they catch us here at night, they beat us up for nothing anyway"

His friend, Mr Thomas Dhlamini, agreed. "It's very hard for us We struggle. We're looking for work and they're chasing us away"

Brakpan has closed its parks and other amenities to black people. Blacks are also barred from attending functions at municipal facilities

At the time the decisions were taken by the Conservative Party-controlled council, management committee chairman Mr Johan van Aswegen said he did not think the decision would cause any trouble



Brakpan at mid-morning . yesterday's view of the town's main street, normally busy at this time of the year © Picture by Karen Fletcher

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Heunis to meet Boksburg businessmen

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By David Braun,
Political Correspondent

Constitutional Development Minister Mr Chris Heunis has agreed to meet Boksburg's boycott battered business community to discuss the Conservative Party's decision to segregate amenities in the town.

The Minister will see a delegation of the Boksburg Alliance on January 20, according to National Party members in the town.

Mr Heunis might also be presented with a petition which to date has been signed by more than 8 000 of Boksburg's residents objecting to the CP town council's decision to reintroduce apartheid.

The Boksburg Alliance includes businessmen who are opposed to the CP policy and who are deeply concerned at the economic repercussions for the town due to consumer boycotts by the coloured and black communities.

One business has already been forced to close its doors because of the boycott, while others report that turnovers have plunged.

Government sources have indicated some action is likely to be taken to clip the wings of the Boksburg Town Council.

Also on the cards, according to one senior source, is the eventual repeal of the Reservation of Separate Amenities Act, although this is not imminent.

Government policy is to create adequate additional amenities and recreational facilities before the Act can be scrapped, so as to prevent the overcrowding of existing resorts

Until the Act is repealed, it is not clear what the Government can do to override town councils such as Boksburg

There is a school of thought in the Government that it should be left to local communities to put pressure on town councils

Mr Heunis is likely to throw some light on the Government's views when he meets the Boksburg Alliance

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Boksburg publicity wing rebukes CP

THE Boksburg Publicity Association has cancelled all plans for this year's Carols by Candelight which was to be held at Boksburg Lake, in the light of the town council's recent decisions on separate amenities for different races.

A statement by the association said the multi-racial event had been running for the past four years with crowds of about 8 000 people in attendance each year.

Plans for an amphitheatre at the lake have also been shelved by the association, and the monthly tribal dancing displays have been cancelled because of the present legislation.

"It is of vital importance to the present and future image and prosperity of Boksburg that the repugnant actions initiated by the Conservative Party be reversed ... The association distances itself from the decisions which have been taken by the council," the statement said. — Sapa.

Workers warned off lake lawns

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MUNICIPAL authorities are still keeping a vigilant "whites only" policy at Boksburg's lake, with blacks in the area reporting they had been warned to stay away.

Yesterday the green lawns around the lake, usually crowded with workers on lunchbreak, were empty except for the occasional person defying the recently resurrected colour bar.

Mr Boy Mokoallo was sitting on the crash barrier on the edge of the recreation area yesterday after being told that he could not sit on the grass.

"The authoritites came past yesterday and chased us off the grass," he said.

On the other side, a trio of blacks sat quietly chatting. A women who would only identify herself as Bernadetta asked: "What are we doing wrong? Every day we have breakfast here, we never cause any trouble

"But yesterday, policemen in brown uniforms came and chased everybody away."

Boksburg's central business district was again quiet with few shoppers for a pre-Christmas Friday.

Outside a hardware store a sign read "All Races Welcome", but there were no black customers inside.

Now Krugersdorp has reportedly reinstated "Europeans-only" signs outside the toilets at the town library.

But there was no sign yet of any consumer boycott in their bustling central business district yesterday, with shopkeepers in the West Rand town reporting "business as usual and peaking before Christmas".

The real world and the ETs of Africa

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Richard McNeill

reflects on the price of South Africa's isolation



AS a hair-shirt experience to beat them all, may I recommend sitting in London watching a Boksburg town councillor on TV trying to justify the reimposition of petty apartheid?

I don't know who he was — the British TV reporter made an unpronounceable mess of his name — but what he said was inarticulate, unconvincing and deeply depressing. Something like: "The blacks are a different race ... they have their facilities ... we want ours for ourselves."

If only that man, and the rest of the CP councillors beating their breasts over segregation, knew how selfish, alien and indeed baffling he must have sounded to the average European television viewer.

Another nail in the coffin of our international image.

But in fact we *have* become aliens, haven't we? All those adjectives we still apply to ourselves — western, Christian, European, civilised — have no real meaning as accurate descriptions of us any more.

Roots

It's not that we're better or worse people than anybody else. Just that we don't seem to be able to handle ourselves in a way which convinces any reasonable person that we're not a bunch of criminal charlatans.

Perhaps we should just call ourselves Africans, as the Afrikaner has literally done for generations. But, honestly, we're not Africans either, are we?

Our roots are European So are our culture and both our official languages. We live western-style lives in western-style homes. We pursue western-style leisure, playing games inherited from Europe.

Our schools, universities, educational systems and academic life are European. Our business practice, law, medicine and journalism are firmly rooted in European thinking and traditions.

We espouse — or claim to espouse — western ideals of morality and probity.

But to sweep through half a dozen cities in Europe and America, as I have done in the past few weeks, is to feel a chill wind of alienation.

Somehow, maybe without realising it and certainly without intending it, our stubbornness and narrowness of vision have put us beyond the commonality of ordinary people with whom we have many ties and with whom we ought to have much in common.

It's not something they've done to us. It is unrelated to the campaign for sanctions and boycotts. It is something we've done to ourselves.

Stand among the crowds enjoying beer and sausages at Frankfurt's Hauptbahnhof concourse, or watch a juggler amusing pink-cheeked children outside the historic Fateuil Hall in Boston, Massachusetts, or sit in a cafe in Lisbon where they serve hot custard tarts and coffee, or mingle with the throngs enjoying the Sunday street theatre in London's Covent Garden.

To me, there ran through them all a bond of fellowship which transcended the distances and national boundaries and even languages which distinguished them — something akin to the camaraderie of school reunions, even among people who don't know each other.

It is a curious feeling for a South African — like being a child out in the cold pressing its nose up against the window and envying the jollity inside.

Today's Europeans, today's westerners, are identifying more and more ideals and purposes they can share and jointly develop. The Continent itself — even if Britain is dragging its feet — is uniting at a growing pace through its Common Market links and a realisation that it cannot afford ever to go to war again.

Barriers

Canada and the United States have lowered the trade barriers between them. They are already culturally almost one country. Eastern Europe increasingly looks West and even Russia — essentially a Eurocentric land — seems determined to end its own alienatio

It is a wise man, of course, who displays caution about these sweeps of history Europe is a centuries-long story of bloody nationalism Its current chumminess may only be temporary And Russia remains, in Churchill's phrase, a mystery wrapped up in an enigma.

But there is a sense of movement, of coming together, of progress, in which we do not share.

Those who argue that our isolation has been imposed on us by a hostile world which doesn't understand us have to explain away 40 years of squandered goodwill amounting to sheer bloody-mindedness which has characterised our internal politics as well as our relations with the rest of the world.

We have consistently put two fingers up at the international community and at the same time entertained the fond belief that somehow it not only needed us but we were still organically part of it

Tiresome

The hard truth is that the world, especially that ordinary world away from public politics and activist rhetoric, the world of the German beerhall and the London theatre crowds, heeds us little and has all but turned its back on us

We've become a tiresome and self-centred little country with a problem we're making a dog's breakfast over We're another bad TV headline, a set of products to avoid buying.

As our European kin look forward to a future of hope and confidence, we can only look backwards, painfully rooted in our past, spending our creative energies squabbling about superficialities.

Slegs blankes?

The human caravan is moving on and we are being left behind.

Benoni cashes in as boycott hits Boksburg

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CHARLOTTE MATHEWS

RETAILERS in Benoni are benefiting from the black consumer boycott of Boksburg shops, a random Business Day survey has found.

The Benoni branches of Edgars, Foschini, Beares and Jet reported noticeable increases in turnover from black customers, especially on Friday and Saturday, the main shopping days.

"Blacks and coloureds from Actonville, Daveyton, Watville, Vosloorus and Reiger Park, who don't usually come to Benoni, have been in. Turnover has doubled," said a Foschini spokesman.

The Benoni branch of Checkers said there had been no significant increase in turnover, perhaps because the store was in a residential area far from public transport.

Quiet

Shopping trends in CP-controlled Brakpan and Springs indicate they are not subject to boycott action.

In Brakpan, Checkers, Beares and Edgars noticed no significant drop in turnover in the past few weeks. Cuthberts said business was "very, very quiet", but Foschini said business was better than usual, and there had been a lot of black customers last weekend.

In Springs, there did not appear to have been a change in customer patterns. Edgars noticed a few black customers from Brakpan. Most other businesses reported the usual increase in trade at this time of year.

Indian scores a first

By Clyde Johnson,
Lowveld Bureau

Nelspruit businessman Mr Mohammed Minty, who recently became the first Indian to join the town's formerly whites-only tennis club, has expressed his delight.

"I applied for membership for no other reason but to enjoy the facilities and improve my tennis," he said.

Mr Minty, who said the matter had already received enough publicity, refused to discuss it any further.

In the meantime he has been welcomed into the club as a full member.

Mr Minty's first application to the Nelspruit Tennis Club, owned by the local town council, was turned down last year.

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Blacks banned from entering council chamber

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By Therese Anders,
Highveld Bureau

The Conservative Party-controlled Middelburg Town Council's ban on blacks entering the council chamber has thrown the home of the Highveld Regional Services Council — until now Middelburg — into question.

And in another development, Middelburg's Indian community is up in arms after being notified by the council that all decisions made by the previous Nationalist council regarding CBD trading permits will be repealed. Indian traders held a protest meeting on Wednesday night.

Other petty apartheid restrictions introduced in Middelburg since the October 26 election include the closing of parks, municipal playing fields and the intention of segregating Middelburg Dam, which previously was open to whites, Indians and coloureds.

Earlier this week, the Middelburg management committee chairman, Mr John Carlile, said the council would be reserving the council chambers, mayoral reception hall and town hall exclusively for the use of whites. He said there were committee rooms in the building for any necessary multiracial meetings.

NBS facing veiled boycott call from CP

THE CP is expected to make a veiled boycott call against the Natal Building Society within the next few days following the NBS's failure to respond to a deadline set by the party's economic affairs spokesman Clive Derby-Lewis over the society's cancellation of its agency agreement with the CP Boksburg mayor.

Derby-Lewis said the one-week deadline expired last night and he would ask the NBS today whether it would take similar action against its agents in areas under NP control where petty apartheid was still practised.

Failure on their part to respond would signal to the CP that the NBS "has no desire to do business with CP people and we will inform all our CP councils and our people of this", Derby-Lewis said.

Derby-Lewis said he would also write to Colgate Palmolive and Unilever objecting to their threats to quit Boksburg. "We would not dare tell them how to run their businesses and we object to them telling us how to run this country."

Sapa reports Colgate Palmolive MD Gerry Nocker said yesterday his company, which employs 1 200 people in Boksburg, had applied for rezoning to Benoni.

A Volkskas spokesman said the bank had no plans to end its business arrangements with the Boksburg council and was, in fact, installing an ATM in the local civic centre.

□ Boksburg council has budgeted R190m for capital and operating expenditure during the current financial year

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Vaal resort now open to all races

By Melody McDougall, Vereeniging Bureau

A local resort owner has taken the initiative and opened the Boschoek Pleasure Resort, near Daleside, to all races.

This is the first of about 30 holiday and pleasure resorts in the Vaal Triangle area to be declared multiracial.

According to the owner of Boschoek, Mrs Isobel Keyter, the resort has been attracting members of all race groups since the beginning of the month.

She says the decision to open their gates to all followed numerous requests from the black, coloured and Indian communities.

The resort, which nestles near the Suikerbosrand mountain range, is close to Johannesburg and the rest of the towns and cities in the PWV area.

One of its main attractions is a 500-year-old South Sotho kraal and a museum.

Although the resort caters mainly to day visitors, it has facilities for caravans and tents.

Other attractions include a swimming pool, riding, miniature golf course, bird-watching, picnic and braai facilities, and a restaurant.

It's cheaper to shop in town than in township

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The prices of essential commodities in Reiger Park shops are still higher than those in Boksburg, despite calls by community leaders that Reiger Park traders lower prices in sympathy with residents' boycott of Boksburg businesses.

The boycott call was made in protest against the Boksburg Town Council's decision to revive petty apartheid in the town.

A survey by The Star yesterday revealed that some stores in Boksburg and Brakpan were cheaper than those in Reiger Park and that at some supermarkets in the two towns some prices were as much as 100 percent lower than those in the township.

Some examples were:

- 5 kg mealie meal — R3,79 in Boksburg and R4,75 in Reiger Park.
- 2,5 kg sugar — R3,09 in Boksburg and R3,39 in Reiger Park.
- 2 kg washing powder — R7,49 in Boksburg and R8,99 in Reiger Park.
- 2 kg rice — R3,99 in Boksburg and R4,69 in Reiger Park.

Call for Boksburg to change its mind

By Helen Grange

The Consultative Business Movement, headed by Mr Christo Nel, has appealed to the Boksburg Town Council and the Government to reverse its "ill-considered initiatives" in an attempt to normalise business in Boksburg.

At a CBM meeting on Monday night, most delegates said they felt business should not be aligned with the NP in opposing the CP move but act independently to improve relations.

It was felt boycotts would reduce Boksburg to a ghost town.

"Events such as have occurred in Boksburg are possible only because outdated legislation remains on the statute books," Mr Nel said.

Boksburg served as a focus for business's role in contributing to normalising of society by removing all barriers to socio-economic freedom.

For business to fulful its role it would have to apply itself to developing actions that supported the principle of transformation to a non-racial, just society, said Mr Nel.

The challenge for business was to consolidate an initiative to alleviate fear and to re-construct relationships in South Africa.

CP STICKS TO THEIR GUNS

DESPITE immense pressure being exerted from all quarters of the black community the Conservative Party in Boksburg has not altered its policy of petty apartheid.

And indications are that the consumer boycott will be intensified during the festive season following statements by the CP leader, Dr Andries Treurnicht, last week.

Dr Treurnicht, when addressing a public meeting in Boksburg, said the CP-controlled municipalities would refuse to back down on their apartheid stance in spite of threats of sanctions, boycotts and

By JOSHUA RABOROKO

attempts to force whites to capitulate.

Retailers in Boksburg say their economic equilibrium has been shattered in the past two weeks, with some businessmen suffering losses of up to 60 percent as the consumer boycott gains momentum.

The Foundation for African Business and Consumer Services, which includes the largest black- consumer and business bodies in southern Africa, has asserted that it will intensify the action until apartheid was demolished in the CP-controlled towns.

A spokesman for the organisation said they have consulted with their grassroots membership in and around Boksburg to investigate ways to make shopping and the general purchase of goods and services more easily available to the black consumer.

A representative of the Reiger Park Management Committee, a coloured township near Boksburg, Mr Butch Jantjies, yesterday said they were intending to meet the Minister of Constitutional Development, Mr Chris Heunis, this month to discuss recent political developments in Boksburg.

He said matters to be discussed include: the extension of Reiger Park and the effect of the CP-controlled council on business.

Meanwhile, Vosloorus township on the East Rand has turned into a beehive of business activity as thousands of blacks who have withdrawn their buying power in Boksburg flock into the Lesedi City, South Africa's largest shopping centre in a black area, to do business

The manager of the centre, Mr Gray Thathane, said the boycott of Boksburg has come as "a blessing in disguise for most businesses in the centre."

Petition in bank: A-G decides not to act

By Helen Grange

The Attorney-General's office in Johannesburg has refused to act on charges laid by Boksburg CP councillor Mr Koos van der Merwe against the manager of the Wesbank branch in Boksburg.

The charge was laid following the distribution in the bank of a petition against the CP-controlled council.

Police confiscated the petition on Monday.

The petition, initiated by the Boksburg Alliance protest movement, was an "unlawful attempt to make Boksburg ungovernable and to overthrow a legally elected local authority", according to Mr van der Merwe.

Staff at Wesbank in Boksburg have subsequently been reprimanded for keeping the petition form on the premises.

"We wish to make it clear that we are open to everybody," he said.

● The Transvaal Provincial Administration is reported as saying that a political reason for the rezoning of the Colgate-Palmolive factory in Boksburg to Benoni would not be enough to achieve rezoning.

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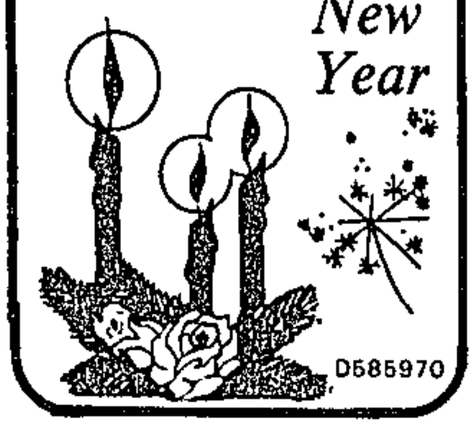

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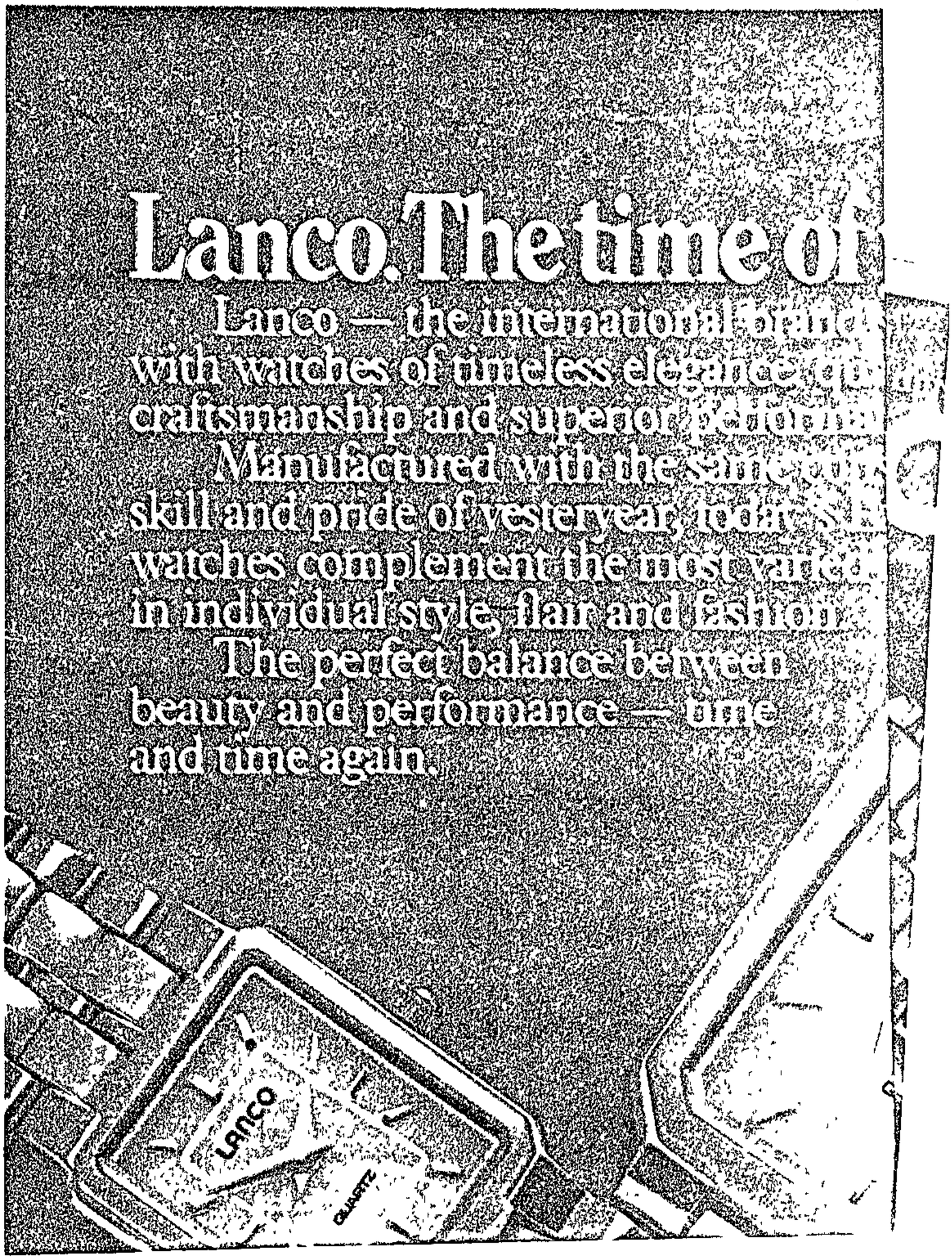

CP letters criticise company actions

By Helen Grange

The Conservative Party yesterday accused Colgate-Palmolive of "intruding in the democratic process in South Africa" in a letter sent to the company by Mr Clive Derby-Lewis, CP spokesman on economic affairs.

This follows Colgate's request to have its Boksburg factory rezoned to Benoni in an attempt to dissociate itself from the CP's reintroduction of petty apartheid.

The letter, sent to the managing director of Colgate, Mr G W Nocker, asked whether the company had made similar representations to NP or PFP-controlled towns where apartheid measures were still upheld.

"Obviously your company is situated in Boksburg, but if your complaint is based on moral objections, surely you would be morally obliged to complain about the application of the Separate Amenities Act throughout the country," said Mr Derby-Lewis.

He asked of Mr Nocker how he knew that the majority of Afrikaans people did not support the Boksburg Town Council's actions.

The CP spokesman said Mr Nocker's attitute towards "the democratic process in South Africa" left much to be desired, and was unacceptable to the party.

It was impertinent of Colgate to set itself up as standard bearers of "what is good for Boksburg residents and for South Africa".

If Mr Nocker called the CP "retrogressive" then he was calling 750 000 South African whites retrogressive. "That is a very serious statement, and we take strong exception to it."

Mr Nocker was asked to remember "that it is the white nation that keeps this country going" and was urged not to be misled by newspaper reports claiming that the African National Congress and/or the black majority would be in power in the future.

The CP also sent a letter yesterday to Mr Brian Short, incorrectly referring to him as Natal Building Society's managing director.

Mr Short is general manager, public affairs, for the NBS. The company's managing director is Mr John Gafney.

Mr Derby-Lewis asked Mr Short whether the NBS would be acting against all towns and cities where the Separate Amenities Act was being applied.

The letter follows the NBS's retraction of its agency status from Boksburg's CP mayor, Mr Beyers de Klerk, in protest at the council's actions.

Mr Nocker and Mr Short were unavailable for comment yesterday.

will swell Star's hamper



By Olga Horowitz

Here is a super idea for a last minute, very reasonably priced Christmas gift — a greening, growing, beautiful snail vine, which produces clusters of delicately perfumed snail-shaped flowers.

Moreover, you'll be helping a marvellous cause — The Star Christmas Hamper Fund for which these special

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R100m setback for Boksburg

PLANS for a R100m Boksburg shopping centre have been shelved until the situation "returns to normal".

And the property market in general has declined since the town council's decision to re-introduce petty apartheid.

The R100m shopping centre, to be called the East Rand Mall and situated on a 42 000m² site near the Pick 'n Pay Hypermarket, has been temporarily put on ice by developers Retail International (RI).

RI MD Joe Bentel said the 200-250 potential tenants, including Woolworths, Garlicks, Clicks, Truworths, Foschini and Ster Kinekor, had been notified and approved of the delay, though Edgars had withdrawn from the project.

Edgars MD Vic Hammond said the decision not to develop a new store, which would cost about R7m to furnish and stock, was a purely commercial one which might be reconsidered if the consumer boycott fizzled out.

Brian Dugmore, chairman of the Boksburg Estate Agents' Association, said the CP stand — together with higher bond and interest rates and the seasonal decline in property sales — had led to a slump in demand for houses. Dugmore estimated a decline of between 30%-50% because of these factors.

People transferred to Boksburg had

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R100m Boksburg shops plan put on ice

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indicated they would rather live in nearby towns like Kempton Park and Benoni than make the embarrassing admission that they were Boksburg residents.

"Generally the market has gone down and there have been far fewer inquiries. A lot of people want to sell, but there are no buyers," Dugmore said.

"No-one wants to stay in a town which is going downhill."

Frankie Giles Real Estates manager Andy Smith said there was a large number of reluctant buyers unhappy about their inability to pull out of contracts.

In another development, residents of Atlasville, which is on the border between Boksburg and Benoni, appear to have revised their opposition to incorporation into Benoni.

Gerrie Wolmarans, NP councillor for Atlasville, said that in spite of higher rates the ward's about 3 000 residents would have to pay in Benoni, all indications pointed to an about-face on the issue.

□ A group of major businesses with concerns on the East Rand has called for the rejection of petty apartheid and racially-based legislation.

In advertisements placed in the Press today, the businesses — BM Group, Colgate Palmolive, EMSA, Kellogg, Tupperware, Joy Manufacturing and Gillette — express serious concern about municipalities which have, or are contemplating, the re-introduction of petty apartheid.

They condemn the decision to re-introduce by-laws based on racial discrimination as an affront to human dignity, immoral and contrary to fundamental human rights.

brought closer by further isolation of South Africa.

could explode at any moment. — Sapa.

We have a right to state our case, says Colgate

By Helen Grange

Colgate Palmolive, lambasted by the Conservative Party for "intruding in SA's democratic process" has retorted that as a major taxpayer it has "every right to have its say in SA's so-called democracy".

The CP's accusations followed Colgate's request to have its Boksburg factory rezoned to Benoni in an attempt to dissociate itself from the CP's reintroduction of petty apartheid.

Mr Clive Derby-Lewis, CP spokesman on economic affairs, asked in a letter to the managing director of Colgate, Mr G W Nocker, whether the company had made similar representations to town councils controlled by the National Party where apartheid measures were still upheld.

He added that Mr Nocker's attitude towards "the democratic process in South Africa" left much to be desired and was unacceptable to the CP.

"As a representative of 57 percent of commerce and industry in Boksburg, we have every right to have a say in the present abhorrent situation," Mr Nocker said

Problems have arisen in Colgate's application to be rezoned after the Transvaal Provincial Administration requested practical reasons — not only political ones — for the rezoning.

"We are being affected by boycotts, and our industrial relations are suffering substantially. These factors are affecting our profit margins," said Mr Nocker.

Discord threatens in Boksburg's CP caucus

By Helen Grange

Discord is developing in Boksburg Town Council's CP caucus as a result of CP councillor Mr Koos van der Merwe's visits to Reiger Park management committee chairman Mr "Butch" Jantjes.

Mrs Danilla Greyling, CP councillor for Ward 8, which includes Boksburg Lake, told The Star she was "sick and tired" of her CP colleagues "doing things without the consultation of other CP councillors".

"I have the impression that some CP councillors are negotiating with the coloured community about a possible sharing of Boksburg Lake and, as I am the councillor for that ward, I am the first person who should know about it," she said

Mrs Greyling said a council meeting held on Wednesday night, which was closed to the media, should have been open and covered by TV and the press.

She added that, as the councillor controlling Boksburg Lake, she would not allow the lake to be opened to all races

"The lake has been a pleasure over the past few weeks and I have no intention of allowing it to be reintegrated," she said.

Armed 'PO gang' ambush Houghton woman

By Craig Kotze,
Crime Reporter



Robbers posing as Post Office workers threatened to cut off a finger of the wife of a well-known Johannesburg doc-

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Gaza Strip. — Sapa-Reuter.

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Amenities law may be changed — Heunis

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The MP for Reiger Park in the House of Representatives, Mr Jac Rabie, said in Pretoria yesterday that Minister of Constitutional Development Mr Chris Heunis had indicated that the Separate Amenities Act would be reappraised next year.

Mr Rabie was addressing journalists after he and members of the Reiger Park management committee at Boksburg had discussed with Mr Heunis the petty apartheid reintroduced in the municipality by the new Conservative Party-run town council.

Mr Rabie said Mr Heunis had told him the issue of the reintroduction of petty apartheid could not really be laid at the Government's door — but it was ultimately the Government's responsibility

Mr Rabie said talks on the Group Areas Act "did not get far" because Mr Heunis repeated that communities should have the right to mediate their own affairs.

Mr Rabie described the talks as having been fruitful. — Sapa.

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CP's apartheid plan documented for municipalities

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Don't act too hastily 'master plan' advises

Special Correspondent

ALL municipal councils under the control of the Conservative Party since the municipal elections have been instructed to "close" all public amenities, council chambers and public halls to people who are not white.

The document was drawn up by Pikkie Coetzee, the CP's MP for Middelburg and the CP's official spokesman on local government and housing. It asks municipal councils under the control of the CP to rescind all council resolutions in towns where public amenities have been opened to all races.

Coetzee has confirmed to *Beeld* that he compiled the recommendations

He said the intention was that the guidelines had to be applied responsibly and with well-planned action and that he was satisfied councils that had already taken certain steps had acted responsibly.

Some of the most important recommendations are:

- Councils must in no circumstances act with haste and try to turn a town around overnight.
- All municipal council chambers and public halls must be reserved for whites only.
- In instances where public amenities are open to all races, such council resolutions must be rescinded.
- Councils must remove photographs of the State President from council chambers
- It is very important to check on the political sentiments of applicants when new council appointments are made.
- CP-controlled councils must publish advertisements of, for example, vacancies and amendments to ordinances in *Die Patriot* (official mouthpiece of the Conservative Party) and not in government multi-racial regional development associations.
- CP-controlled councils previously affiliated with the Urban Foundation, must terminate their affiliation with this "integrationist instrument" and should rather support Sabra.
- CP-councillors must not support racially mixed committees like relationship committees, co-ordinating committees and coloured management committees, because support thereof would render legitimacy and status to such committees
- CP-councillors must, however, nominate a representative to negotiate with other population groups at the request of such groups.
- All previous council resolutions in respect of delegated authority must be investigated and the authority of the CP-controlled councils must be restored.

supporting newspapers. Should councils prefer to advertise on a wider scale, this should rather be done in an English-language newspaper. *Beeld* and *Rapport* must specifically be avoided

- Donations CP-controlled councils previously made to bodies like the SA Foundation and the Federation of Afrikaans Cultural Associations (FAK) should rather be allocated to the SA Bureau of Racial Affairs (Sabra) or the Afrikaner Volkswag.
- CP-controlled councils must ask the SA Police to act in instances where the Group Areas Act is being transgressed and such requests must be publicised for general information by means of Press statements.
- CP-controlled councils must insist that the SA Police act by means of raids against "vagrants" or "footloose" people of colour in white areas.
- CP-members must get representation in bodies like the Transvaal Municipal Association and various regional bodies.
- CP-councillors must withdraw from

Boksburg voters are 'changing their tune'

If another municipal election were to be held in Boksburg, the Conservative Party — which has alienated many white voters with its reintroduction of petty apartheid in the town — would be roundly defeated by the National Party and independents, according to an opinion poll.

Commissioned by the Afrikaans Sunday newspaper, *Rapport*, and conducted among 400 registered white municipal voters, the poll found the CP-controlled Boksburg Town Council's decision to bar blacks from using public facilities in the town did not go down well with the overwhelming majority of residents. Sta 19/12/87

Most of them, questioned during the past two weeks, said they were dissatisfied with the council's move and wanted it changed, according to the poll by Mark- en Meningsopnames.

The poll also found the CP would get fewer votes in Boksburg in a general election than in a municipal election. Only 27 percent of the town would vote CP, and a significant 17 percent of those who voted CP in October said they would switch to the NP in a general election.

According to the poll, if general elections were to be held soon, the votes in Boksburg would be split as follows NP — 43 percent; CP — 27 percent, Independent Party — 4 percent; Progressive Federal Party — 4 percent. The NDM and HNP polled less than one percent each.

When asked how they felt about the town council's move back to old-style apartheid, the residents responded as follows: 285

●Over half, 53 percent were "very or fairly dissatisfied," while 27 percent were "very or reasonably satisfied" and 18 percent said they felt "so-so."

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Carletonville 'dismay' over free trade rule

By Gien Elsas, West Rand Bureau

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— East Rand Bureau.

All 12 CP councillors must resign' — Boksburg group

By Anna Louw, East Rand Bureau

A group of 40 Boksburg businessmen has united in a fight against the town's Conservative Party council on "moral principles, not economics", and hopes to have Boksburg open and made liveable for all races.

A spokesman for the businessmen's alliance, Mr Rohan Gardiner, said a CP councillor, Mr T J Ferreira, indicated last night that he was going to cross the floor and sit as an Independent. It is believed several other CP councillors will follow.

"That is unacceptable to us, we will only accept the resignation of all 12 CP councillors so that by-elections can be held in the respective wards," said Mr Gardiner.

He said Boksburg's mayor, Mr Beyers de Klerk, had lost his NBS agency as a result of his politics. Next on the cards is the withdrawal of support to local garages by petrol companies.

Mr Ferreira is one of the councillors who owns a service station in Lilianton.

Mr Gardiner said the next to come under fire was Boksburg's National Party MP, Mr Sakkie Blanche.

Mr Gardiner said the group would negotiate with Mr Blanche about "opening the whole of Boksburg to all races".

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Shop-owners in Boksburg count Christmas losses

By Kaizer Nyatsumba

With only a few days to go to Christmas, business owners in the Conservative Party-controlled town of Boksburg are already counting their losses, which run to thousands of rands. And some owners are considering closing down next year.

A tour of Boksburg by The Star yesterday revealed that almost all shops were empty, some tills in major supermarkets were unattended and the streets were deserted.

Store-owners — some of whom said they would be forced to close their businesses in the new year if the residents of Reiger Park and Vosloorus townships continued to do their shopping at nearby Benoni and Germiston — said their financial losses were massive and their turnover had dropped by up to 80 percent.

In an attempt to attract black customers, some businessmen displayed signs on their shops reading: "We welcome all races."

Miss Roleen Browne, of Cuthberts, said daily turnover had dropped from R2 000 "during normal time", to a mere R400. By the same time last December the shop had made about R50 000 compared with this year's R8 294, she said.

To survive, some businessmen were taking their goods to shops in other cities "where they will be bought", she said.

All store-owners said they had received no additional support from whites to compensate for the loss of their black customers.

The manager of Boksburg Pharmacy, Mr Harold Zets, said some whites were doing their Christmas shopping in Benoni, Germiston or Johannesburg out of sympathy with blacks. Many others were staying away from Boksburg out of fear.

"This action of protest against the town council's petty apartheid has been very effective," he said.

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Boksburg council still defiant

Drop Amenities Act or shut up, CP tells govt

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DANIEL SIMON

THE CP-controlled Boksburg Town Council has once again challenged government to repeal the Separate Amenities Act, or continue to apply it and stop criticising the CP's application of the Act in Boksburg.

At an international Press conference conducted in Afrikaans yesterday, Boksburg's CP management committee chairman Gideon Fourie said the council found it strange that Boksburg had been subjected to "unprecedented censure" for merely applying legislation already on the statute book

"As representatives of the people of Boksburg, we shall not stand to see this town reviled in the eyes of the world If we were singled out for censure on a point of policy unique to our party, then we would accept such a response without qualms

"But the fact that our community has to be punished for legislation that is applied countrywide is totally unacceptable."

Fourie said the council "failed to understand" why recent decisions taken by the council were condemned while the exact legislation enacted by the NP escaped the wrath of the world at large.

"This situation cannot be allowed to continue," Fourie said

He said amenities at numerous NP-run centres were still segregated and the CP was only "emulating" the situation enacted by the NP

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"We, the CP of Boksburg, have therefore decided to issue our co-applicants of the Separate Amenities Act, the NP, with a challenge

"Either they immediately repeal Act 10 so that a further distinction in our policies can emerge or, they continue to apply it and forego the right to criticise our application of the Act in Boksburg"

Until such time as the NP repealed the Act, the CP would continue to apply its measures

The Department of Constitutional Development and Planning was unable to comment on the CP challenge



Boksburg's city fathers complain that it's all really the Nats' doing. Picture ROBERT BOTHA

PFP asks Administrator to intervene

By Shirley Woodgate, Municipal Reporter

The Progressive Federal Party in the Transvaal has called on the province's Administrator to dissolve the Conservative Party-controlled Boksburg Town Council, using the authority granted to him by the Local Government Ordinance of 1939.

PFP regional chairman Mr Brian Goodall said his appeal was made on the grounds that the Administrator was legally empowered to act if it were alleged that a local authority had acted unlawfully or "was responsible for any act or omission which may result in maladministration".

He called for a commission of inquiry to be established.

Mr Goodall said such a commission could be extended to include not only the possible sacking of the Boksburg council's CP councillors, but also the implications of the implementation of the Separate Amenities Act by local authorities.

"What Boksburg is doing is legal under the Separate Amenities Act of 1953, but the State President should now stand up and say that what has happened there can never again occur in South Africa.

"He can give the people of this country a categoric assurance that the Government will abolish the Separate Amenities Act in the next sitting of Parliament.

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"Then the Boksburg council will be in a dilemma: whether to do away with its racism, or resign and say it refuses to implement non-racial laws in South Africa.

He said the Boksburg council still had the option of voluntary resignation and fighting a new election before any possible action was taken against it.

"If they have confidence in what they are doing they should go back to the electorate immediately to dispel claims that they have lost the confidence of the electorate less than two months after being voted in to power," Mr Goodall said.

OK pulls out of Boksburg plan

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Staff Reporter

The OK Bazaars has decided to pull out of a R26 million shopping centre development in Boksburg after the reinstatement of petty apartheid by the town's Conservative Party town council.

Mr Gordon Hood, managing director of OK Bazaars, said: "We have reluctantly decided that, at this stage, we can no longer see our way clear to continue with our involvement in the new centre planned for the Boksburg central business district.

"There has been a decline in trading in the area during the past month and our existing store has not been unaffected."

Mr Hood said that this provided a clear indication of the effect of recent developments in the area and that under the circumstances a reassessment of expansion activity was necessary.

The OK was to have been the anchor tenant in the centre together with other national chains and smaller line shops.

Construction was due to begin early next year.

It is understood, however, that economic justification for the retail development now appears doubtful, with some other tenants reported to be withdrawing support.

The developer of the centre, RMS Syfrets, confirmed that, without the commitment of the major tenants, the project would not be able to proceed as planned.

Both the OK and RMS Syfrets emphasised that the decision over the centre was entirely a business one, taken in the interests of consumers and shareholders.

The move, they said, was based primarily on economic considerations and was open to review at any future stage.

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Councillor loses agency

By Kaizer Nyatsumba

A car rental company is to terminate its agency relationship with a newly elected Conservative Party town councillor in Brakpan, Mr Billy Olivier, because of the town's apartheid policies, it was disclosed yesterday.

Announcing his company's decision to cease trading in Brakpan through Mr Olivier of Billy Olivier Motors, the executive director of Budget Rent-a-Car, Mr Louis de Waal, said Budget Rent-a-Car was an international company which did business with "all kinds of people".

Their agreement will effectively cease on February 28.

"In the prevailing climate of disinvestment, we believe we cannot be seen to be involved in an agency relationship with a Conservative Party town councillor in Brakpan who promotes the enforcing of separate amenities. We believe that the Conservative Party is, through its office bearers at municipal level, attempting to turn the clock back.

"While the separate amenities legislation that is being enforced was put in place by the Government, it appears that these measures had been 'dying an evolutionary death' until the stance taken by the Conservative Party after the outcome of the municipal elections," said Mr de Waal.

The decision was taken because of loss of business from established clients and "the travel industry.

Attempts last night to contact Mr Olivier or the CP MP for Brakpan, Mr F J le Roux, drew a blank.