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Wariness now over 'signs' of apartheid

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Own Correspondent

PIETERSBURG — The Conservative Party-controlled Town Council is unlikely to put up "whites-only" signs in the town.

Mr Eddy Dikgale, mayor of Seshego near Pietersburg, said in an interview that he doubted that the Pietersburg council would put up such signs except under severe pressure from residents.

"The council fears that such signs could lead to a major consumer boycott, which would result in the town's economic downfall," said Mr Dikgale.

He added that Pietersburg is a major shopping attraction in the Northern Transvaal, whose growth depends mainly on black buying power.

The town experienced a consumser boycott lasting about two months in 1986.

"Whites-only signs would affect sales negatively, and major shops in the town could consider pulling out," said Mr Dikgale.

CP MPs may boycott Budget

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THE CP's 22 MPs are likely to spearhead a boycott action against Budget Rent-a-Car following the company's cancellation of its agency agreement with a Brakpan town councillor.

CP spokesman on economic affairs and technology Clive Derby-Lewis and Brakpan MP Frank le Roux have already returned their rental cards to Budget.

Derby-Lewis said he believed the other 20 members of the CP's parliamentary caucus had contracts with Budget and expected them to end their business with the company.

Budget last week announced it had withdrawn its agency from Brakpan council member Billy Olivier because it did not want to be associated with the council's return to petty apartheid.

Brakpan recently followed the lead of the Boksburg council in reserving amenities under its control for the use of whites. Both East Rand towns have been hit by large-scale black consumer boycotts since their CP councils started implementing their apartheid policies.

Budget CE Louis de Waal was on holiday yesterday and could not be reached for comment.

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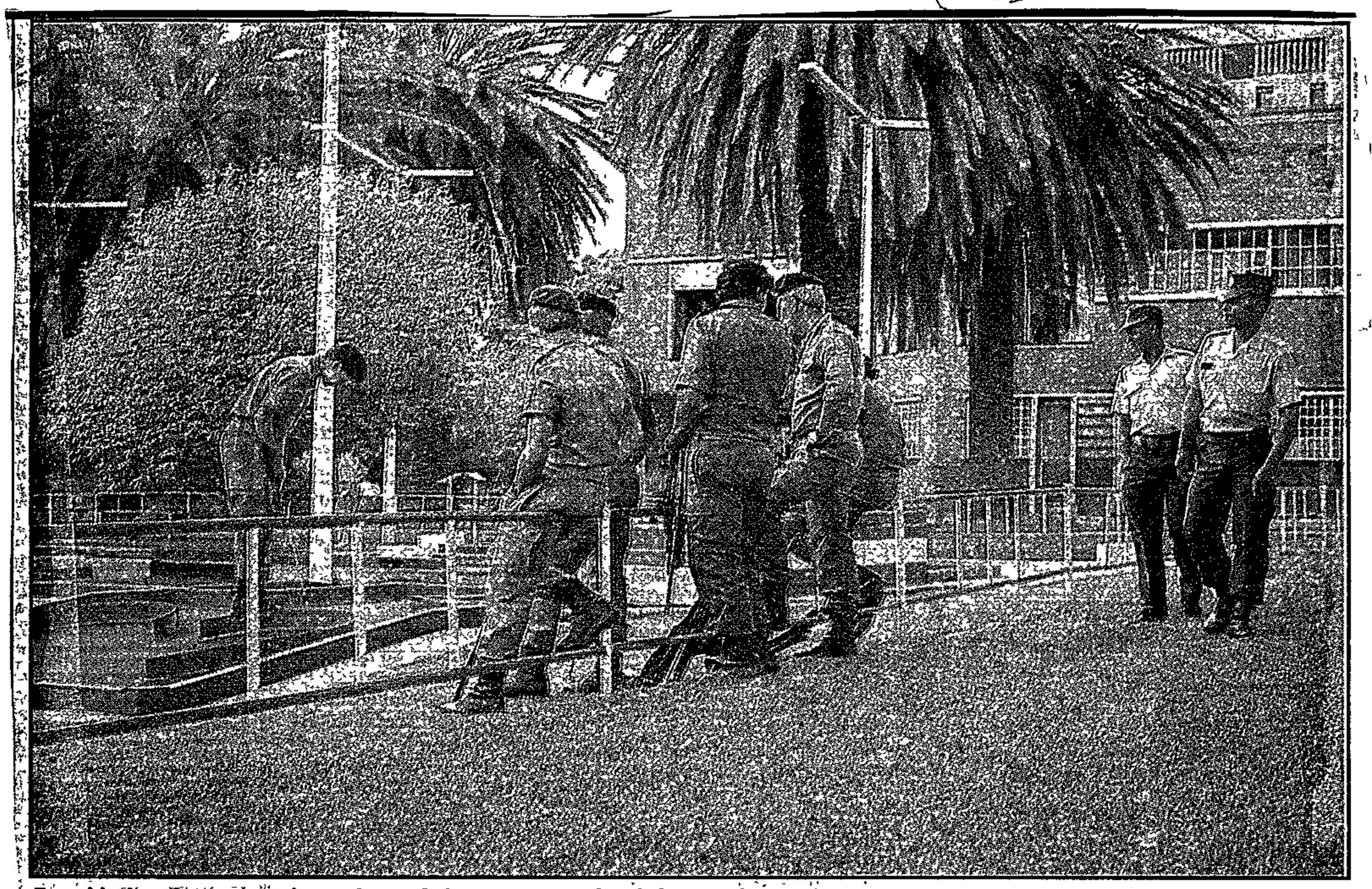

Two black policemen and members of the SADF patrol Boksburg Lake at the weekend. Had they not been on duty, the black men would be trespassing at the "whites only" lake.

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SAP and SADF (285) patrol lake area

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By Kaizer Nyatsumba

Police and members of the South African Defence Force patrolled Boksburg Lake on New Year's Day and yesterday

The area was closed to blacks after the municipal elections in October.

The presence of the soldiers and policemen was confirmed by police yesterday.

Boksburg hit international headlines a month ago when the Conservative Party-controlled Boksburg Town Council reintroduced petty apartheid and barred blacks from using public facilities in the town — including the lake.

According to a police spokesman, about four or five policemen patrolled the area on Sunday and Monday.

SADF members assisted the police.

The Star received information that members of the SAP and SADF were on duty at the lake.

But a spokesman for the SADF was unable to confirm the presence of soldiers.

No incidents were reported.



The policemen seem to compare notes as they watch children playing at the "whites only" Boksburg Lake at the weekend.

● Pictures by Karen Fletcher.

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Boksburg loses business

SIX businesses have closed down in Boksburg on the East Rand as a result of blacks buying in neighbouring towns since November last year.

This follows the decision by the Conservative Party-controlled Boksburg Town Council's introduction of petty apartheid in the town.

The six shops were closed down because of poor sales in the past two weeks.

A source close to the Boksburg Town Council yesterday confirmed that the six shops had closed down as a result of bad business.

There are fears that more businesses would go under if the situation does not improve in the town.

Residents of Boksburg's Vosloorus and Reiger Park townships decided two months ago not to buy in the town until the council scrapped the new laws.

Meanwhile the management committee of the Boksburg Town Council will meet members of the Vosloorus Town Council this afternoon (Wednesday) to discuss, among other things, the recent developments in Boksburg.

8 Boksburg shops close

Sowetan 5/1/89

EIGHT shops have closed down as a result of poor business at the conservative town of Boksburg on the East Rand which re-introduced apartheid about six weeks ago, according to the chairman of the Vosloorus executive committee, Mr Sidwell Mofokeng.

The town, which experienced its "worst ever" Christmas sales this year, has been a target of an intensive consumer boycott by the residents of Vosloorus and Reiger Park townships since the Conservative Party-controlled Boksburg Town Council decided to swing the clock back and re-introduce strict apartheid.

Mr Mofokeng said he was approached by a member of the Boksburg Business Support Committee (BBSC) towards the end of last month who told him that eight shop-owners had informed him they were about to close down their businesses because of heavy losses sustained.

It was feared that more shops would close if the consumer boycott continued longer, he said. (360) (285)

The founder of the BBSC, Mr Rhoan Gardiner who has just returned from vacation, said he knew of two shops which had "definitely closed."

Eight shop-owners indicated to him in the middle of December that they were going to close down their businesses, but he could not say with certainty whether the other six shops were also closed.

The chairman of the Boksburg Alliance, Mr Issy Kramer, said he was not aware of the closure of any stores. The chairman of the Boksburg Chamber of Commerce, Mr Johan Viljoen, could not be reached for comment.

The Boksburg town clerk, Mr J J Coetzee, yesterday said that two members of the Boksburg management committee were going "to take an informal tour" of Vosloorus township this afternoon where they would meet with some Vosloorus town councillors "to discuss certain issues."

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'Whites Only' signs go up in Carletonville

"Whites only" signs have been erected in Conservative Party-controlled Carletonville and local traffic officers are patrolling the town to ensure the signs are enforced. Star 6/11/89

An Afrikaans morning newspaper carried photographs on its front page today of traffic police ordering two black men to leave the town's municipal park where they were eating lunch on the lawn.

Mr Hendrik Fali (45) and a friend gathered up their lunch after they were ordered to leave and went to eat it in the shade of a nearby bus shelter.

The town's Conservative Party-controlled municipality has erected "whites only" signs in three local parks. Traffic police did not prevent blacks from walking through the park but as soon as any of them sat down in the park, they were ordered to leave. 285

Last year, the council considered introducing a curfew for blacks but so far has not implemented the idea.

The council also removed the photograph of President P W Botha from the council chamber and replaced it with Carletonville's coat of arms.

Mr Fali, a messenger, was born in Carletonville.

Payoff to keep Boksburg white

THE Boksburg Town Council is prepared to spend more than R20-million to improve industrial and recreational facilities in Vosloorus, Boksburg.

But the Conservative Party-controlled council would only provide these facilities on condition the residents of Vosloorus keep Boksburg a "white town". Sowetan 6/11/89

The Vosloorus council has agreed on the Boksburg council's proposals.

The two councils met in Vosloorus on Wednesday to discuss ways and means of resolving the controversy surrounding the decision by the Boksburg council of re-introducing petty apartheid in the town.

After a three-hour meeting, which was closed to the press and the public, the two councils announced that they had agreed that the Boksburg Town Council would improve industrial and recreational facilities in Vosloorus on condition blacks kept Boksburg town "white".

It was also agreed that: 285

- Since the Boksburg council had about R23-million in reserve funds, this money could be used to erect a lake at the Inyoni Resort which is owned by the Vosloorus council,
- Upgrade and establish new sporting facilities like sports grounds and tennis courts;
- Additional land be made available by the Boksburg council to the Vosloorus council to establish firms that would serve the community of Vosloorus, and
- Only on condition that blacks keep to their area and whites do the same in town, would these facilities be provided.

The Vosloorus delegation was led by Mr Sydwell Mofokeng, chairman of the council's management committee and the Boksburg delegation was led by Mr Gideon Fourie, chairman of the Boksburg council's management committee.

Mr Mofokeng said he was happy with the outcome of the meeting since they have been negotiating with the Boksburg council for more land in the past three years.

The two councils will hold further meetings in future to discuss how to upgrade the standard of living in Vosloorus to be on the same level with that of "whites in town".

Parks kept 'white' in Carletonville



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MELANIE GOSLING

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The chairman of Carletonville Town Council's management committee, Mr Koos Nel, said yesterday traffic police would continue to order blacks away from the parks with a warning only.

"But from the beginning of next month they will be arrested and charged. The signs are still new so it's not very nice for us to sue them already," Mr Nel said.

The decision to erect "Whites Only" signs was taken in November by the newly elected Conservative Party council. They also considered introducing a curfew for blacks but rejected the idea when advisors said there was no way legally to enforce a curfew

"We had lots of complaints from residents because there were blacks all over the parks making a nuisance and littering. Everything they hadn't eaten and their papers they just left there The residents sent us a signed petition complaining about it," Mr Nel said

Some black people who spoke to The Saturday Star in Carletonville yesterday said they could not read the signs. Others said they did not understand what they meant, but most said they felt bad about them.

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Meanwhile a snap Saturday Star survey revealed most shops in the CBD had experienced a loss of black clientele in the last six weeks Some attributed it directly to the new political move, others claim it was a result of "other reasons" but declined to elaborate

The chairman of the local Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Mr Rodney Lochenberg, said today the business community had called for a meeting to be held to discuss the matter

"There is no organised boycott as such I know there is a lot of bad feeling but can't comment until after the meeting when I've assessed the feeling of the business community," he said.

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Keeping big dam 'white' costs town R400 000

By Therese Anders,
Highveld Bureau

Keeping Witbank Dam for the exclusive use of whites has cost the town's white ratepayers almost R400 000 in the past two years.

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TARIFFS

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Mr Voss said he knew there were white people who complained about the high resort entrance tariff — R7 for a family of four.

He said he knew the right answer was to open the dam to all but he did not want to create the situation "experienced in Durban and elsewhere where the crowds become unmanageable".

"I certainly do appreciate the problem of local black people who have no local resort and we are doing everything in our power to create a separate facility for them at the dam."

The Witbank Council is divided equally between National Party and Conservative Party members. Mr Voss is an independent believed to be a Nationalist sympathiser.

Blacks barred from park

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Schwarz bids for repeal of Amenities Act

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Political Reporter

The Progressive Federal Party MP for Yeoville, Mr Harry Schwarz, has submitted a Private Member's Bill to the next session of Parliament to repeal the Separate Amenities Act.

Mr Schwarz said in a statement the Act should never have been passed and should no longer be allowed to continue.

"The Boksburg situation has highlighted the position once again, but Boksburg should not be regarded as anything more than a symbol of what is wrong as the same problems exist throughout South Africa.

REMAINING

"If there is to be true reform, this is one of the remaining pieces of discriminatory legislation which must be removed."

Mr Schwarz suggested that a penal provision would in future have to be introduced where discriminatory action was taken by public authorities.

A civil remedy which the discriminated person could invoke would also have to be introduced.

His explanatory memorandum to the Bill read that the Reservation of Separate Amenities Act no longer provided for the contemporary needs of the country and did not reflect the value system envisaged in the Constitution.

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'Whites only' war rages between Anglo and CP

By Esmaré van der Merwe, Political Reporter

The reintroduction of "whites only" signs in three municipal parks in Carletonville has led to a war of words between Anglo American Corporation, a major employer in the area, and the chairman of the town's Conservative Party-controlled management committee, Mr Koos Nel.

The National Union of Mineworkers (NUM) has also entered the row, challenging Anglo to cut ties with Mr Nel who has a large business contract with an Anglo mine in the area.

A spokesman for Anglo yesterday said it was considering having talks with the town council.

CHALLENGED

He could not say whether the contract with Mr Nel would be reconsidered in the light of the town's return to petty apartheid. He said the Corporation would rather take up the issue with a town council than with individuals.

Mr Nel lashed back and challenged Anglo to put a stop to discriminatory practices at its two mines in the area, Western Deep Levels and Elandsrand.

NUM general-secretary Mr Cyril Ramaphosa said the union would approach Anglo shortly to discuss the corporation's links with Mr Nel.

Anglo says:

Anglo American Corporation and its associates are committed to equal opportunity in the workplace. For this to be meaningful, it must be accompanied by a move away fron racial discrimination in the communities in which employees live

The Corporation will continue to use all avenues of constructive influence to assist local authorities, irrespective of their political persuasions, to continue to move in this direction.

Where local authorities appeal to the Corporation for assistance and support, the Corporation requires that such assistance and support be applied in a non-discriminatory way.

Non-racialism can only be partly effective if it is practised in a community free of racial discrimination.

The Corporation will sit down and talk with local authorities with which it has a problem. Discussions concerning Carletonville's town council's retrogressive move are about to be considered

As far as the NUM is concerned, we are more than prepared to hold discussions with the union regarding the interests of our employees

Mr Nel says:

Anglo should practise what it preaches Discrimination is rife at the Corporation's two mines in the area, Western Deep Levels and Elandsrand.

It has built a wall around the white residential area on Western Deep Levels Mine to keep the black mineworkers out.

At Elandsrand, security gates have been installed for the same purpose — to prevent blacks living in the hostels from entering white residential areas.

And why does Anglo not act against the Government whose policies differ enormously from its own?

The white residents of Carletonville are happy about the measures the council has taken at three municipal parks where littering and vagrancy have been reported before. That situation has been rectified, much to the satisfaction of the residents.

Carletonville's residents voted in the present council by a two-thirds majority. All the candidates stood under the official CP banner, and we have to fulfil our promises to the electorate.

Anglo does not govern Carletonville, but the council is prepared to discuss the issues with Anglo

NUM says:

It is surprising that Anglo appears to be retaining its contract with Mr Koos Nel.

Anglo must merge words with deeds if it is to be believed to be the liberal organisation as is publicly projected.

The NUM views the measures taken by Carletonville's council in a serious light as it has a large membership in the area.

The municipal facilities must be made available to all communities without discrimination.

Carletonville will cease to exist without the labour of black mineworkers.

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Assocom chief slams Carletonville statement

By Esmaré van der Merwe, Political Reporter

A statement by the acting chairman of Carletonville's Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Mr Rodney Lochenberg — who said the mining town's black community "needed the kind of discipline" meted out by the Conservative Party-controlled town council — has been strongly condemned by Assocom president Mr Sidney Matus.

Mr Lochenberg's remarks, made to The Star this week in an interview following the town council's reintroduction of "whites only" signs in three municipal parks, were "completely out of order", Mr Matus said.

He said Assocom, the umbrella organisation of all chambers of commerce and industry, was totally opposed to racial discrimination.

Mr Matus said the organisation had had talks with the CP about its apartheid policies and had urged the Government to scrap the Reservation of Separate Amenities Act.

'BARBARIC'

Mr Lochenberg told The Star earlier: "People must understand that most of the blacks here work on the mines. They come from the homelands and are still pretty barbaric."

Commenting on the town council's reintroduction of Verwoerdian apartheid, he said: "The blacks here need that kind of discipline."

Mr Lochenberg yesterday telephoned The Star to say he had meant blacks who come from the homelands were still "taamlik rou" (pretty uneducated) in matters of finance and South African laws.

Driver finds hanged man

West Rand Bureau

A 39-year old Mohlakeng man driving to Krugersdorp's Bird Park in Rant-en-Dal found the body of an unidentified man, aged about 43, who had apparently hanged himself.

A West Rand police spokesman said the man saw a white Toyota Corolla standing next to the road at 8.30 am on Tuesday.

When he investigated, the Moklakeng man noticed someone apparently standing next to a tree. Drawing closer, he found the man had a white nylon rope round his neck. He appeared to have hanged himself.

The man who made the discovery contacted the police who are investigating.

No names have been released.

FAMILY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Carletonville confident

EDYTH BULBRING

CARLETONVILLE businessmen remain optimistic about the town's industrial development despite potentially damaging effects with the reintroduction of petty apartheid by the CP council.

The western Transvaal mining town's attempts to attract investors to its new industrial township would not be affected by the implementation of CP policy, said Carletonville Chamber of Commerce acting chairman Rodney Loggenberg.

He added stands were cheap and their proximity to Johannesburg made investment in Carletonville worthwhile.

Town clerk Chris de Beer said the industrial township, Carletonville Extension 6, comprised 50ha divided into 77 stands. Half had been sold in the past two years.

He added sales had fallen over the past four months but attributed this to the economy and not politics.

A m² costs R13,21 and most stands had been bought by industries servicing the mines.

He did not know what effect the return of petty apartheid would have on investments.

Management committee former deputy chairman Derek Laing said he feared the CBD would suffer if miners felt they were not welcome and boycotted the shops.

"Black buying power is phenomenal. The town would bleed to death," he said.

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"I'm taking about R4 000 a day

CP councillors have mine links

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EDYTH BULBRING

HALF of the councillors in the Carletonville CP town council, which has introduced "whites only" signs in its park, have strong employment ties with mining companies in the area, management committee chairman Koos Nel said yesterday.

Nel also said a partner in his business, which has a contract with Anglo American, was Carletonville mayor Gert Jacobs. The two own Mooltuin Garden Enterprises which has a large contract to tend gardens at Anglo's Western Deep Levels mine.

And Councillor Frank Swanepoel said he worked as a stoper for Goldfields' West Driefontein Mine and was a shaft steward for the Mineworkers Union. Councillor Henry Dednam was a night shift cleaner for Anglo's Elandsrand mine, he said.

Local authorities

Councillor Erik Meyburgh, a dentist, is employed by the Mines Benefit Society (MBS), a medical aid scheme for white miners. The Chamber of Mines sudsidises the MBS by 50%.

An Anglo spokesman reiterated the corporation's position regarding its connections with the CP councillors. He said the corporation was concerned with the practices of local authorities and not with specific individuals serving on those local authorities.

He could not say what action, if any, would be taken against those CP councillors in business or employment relationships with Anglo.

Monthly losses leave Shareworld in the red

SYLVIA DU PLESSIS

SHAREWORLD, the R38m entertainment complex south-west of Johannesburg, has consistently sustained monthly operating losses since opening in November 1987, MD Rene Lion-Cachet confirmed yesterday.

After a year of operating, the complex was still in the red, he said.

Full details would emerge when Shareworld's annual report was released in February.

Shareworld's prospectus forecast turnover for the first financial year of R10m, based on the assumption that more than a million visitors would spend an average of R10 each.

Lion-Cachet said he was not sure of the exact figures, but was "not happy" with the number of visitors.

Shareworld's membership club was also not going as well as hoped. He could not supply membership figures.

In addition, Shareworld's eight cinemas were playing to half-empty houses seven days a week, he said.

His assessment was that its problems were of a marketing nature.

"Initially Shareworld was marketed as a black recreational centre. The marketing angle was that this is where a black person can have the same facilities as a white. At the same time, it was called Shareworld, which implied that whites could share it. The emphasis was on blacks," he said.

"The reaction of whites is: 'Lovely! Here's a facility for blacks — let them enjoy it.' This actually frustrated the objective, which was to have proper mixing on a purely natural basis.

"Some people also saw it as an apartheid installation, and construed the rough finish on the buildings — which give a Mediterranean effect — as being less than perfect."

Shareworld was bringing in various experts to upgrade facilities to attract whites and to legitimise it for blacks.

The centre was still the "best-kept secret" in the entertainment world.

"If the truth be known, we'll have half of Johannesburg in our wave pool and the other half enjoying the rest of the facilities.

"No apartheid sign has ever sullied a pole here. The public must see Shareworld as an entertainment facility: not a black, coloured, white or Indian facility."

Britons clamouring for cheap holidays in South Africa

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The Argus Foreign Service

LONDON. — British tourists, lured by the prospect of R4 for every pound, are casting aside any misgivings they may have about political turmoil and returning to the South African sun.

Tour operators report a strong demand for South African holidays since around July last year.

At least part of the pull is a number of tantalising package offers.

A Satour spokesman said figures from South Africa's Central Statistical Services showed that between January and October 1988 79 600 travelled to South Africa, well up on the 69 800 who visited during the same period in 1987.

Ms Frances Griffith, tours director of South African specialists Tempo Travel in London, confirmed that South African tourism was "booming".

Hotels were "booked solid" and it was often a battle to find hotel places for people wanting to travel there.

She said her company had found it could offer speciality packages to South Africa at a cheaper rate than at home.

For example, a week at a health farm in Cape Town, including flights, was cheaper than a week at a health farm in Britain.

One grumble, however, was that South African hotels were not sticking to the R4 to a pound exchange rate agreed with British tour operators. They had become greedy, she said.

The director of Worldspan in Manchester, Mr Peter Russell, said the demand for South African holidays was "out of this world".

The number of British tourists had been growing steadily for the past 18 months, he said. His company had sold "considerably more" South African holidays in the past year than in the previous 12 months.

Favourite spots were the Cape and the Eastern Transvaal, where hotels were sometimes booked up months in advance.

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D-Day for Tom Boya

By MOJALEFA MOSEKI

TODAY is the D-day for former Daveyton mayor and president of the United Municipalities of South Africa, Mr Tom Boya, who was last week given until today to submit a statement over a sit-in protest he led at the Boksburg Lake during December last year.

By midday yesterday Mr Boya had not yet prepared his statement and was to meet his attorneys to determine the response to the security police demand.

He said he was visited by security policemen with orders from Pretoria to tell him that he had contravened the Internal Security Act and charges against him under Section 46 (3) for addressing a public gathering or meeting without the permission of the local magistrate.

Mr Boya said he learned that some Boksburg residents had complained about his protest at the lake which was declared a "whites-only" area by the Conservative Party council which implemented the Group Areas Acts' Separate Amenities Act to the letter.

'White' resort pays dearly for its apartheid

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The Argus Correspondent

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The nearest resort for Witbank's black people is 60km away in Kwandebele.

Mr Naidoo said the council would not be sitting with his huge financial loss if the dam gates were open to all Witbank residents.

Mr Voss was aware of complaints from white people about the high R7 entrance tariff for a family of four.

He said he knew the right answer was to open the dam to all but feared "the experience in Durban and elsewhere where the crowds become unmanageable".

The Witbank Council is divided equally between the National and Conservative parties.

Witbank dam hit the news last year when two domestic workers were turned away from a private party at the dam. The host and hostess told the Press later that they had been "forced to spend most of the night doing dishes" after the festivities ended.

Baby dies in shooting

Staff Reporter

AN eight-month-old baby has been shot in the head at her home in Mitchell's Plain and police are investigating a charge of murder.

Police liaison officer Lieutenant Attie Laubscher said the baby, Jackie Davids, was at home with her mother, Ninville, yesterday afternoon when the shooting took place.

A "friend of the family" went to the house. He walked out to the back garden and fired a shot.

He walked back into the house and another shot was fired.

Jackie, who was lying on a bed, was hit in the head. She died on her way to hospital.

A man in his early 30s has been arrested and will appear in the Mitchell's Plain Magistrate's Court tomorrow.

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Open dam to all, urges bishop

Highveld Bureau

WITBANK — The Roman Catholic Bishop of Witbank, the Right Rev Mogale Nkhumishe, has joined calls for the opening of Witbank Dam to all races.

Bishop Nkhumishe said it was wrong to deprive the town's black residents of enjoyment at the municipal dam, especially as there were no recreational facilities in the local townships.

"This is the only resort in the area. If black people want to go to a dam they have to travel great distances. It is a great loss to all the Witbank community to have the dam racially restricted."

The bishop, whose official residence is in a white residential area of Witbank, said he himself did not know what the resort looked like because, as a black man, he was not allowed to go there.

He said that as a keen fisherman, he struggled to find a place to cast his rod in the area of which he was bishop.

● Witbank Dam has lost almost R400 000 in two years. Witbank's Indian management committee chairman Mr Ram Naidoo said the council's loss would disappear if the dam were open to all.

Controversial sign to stay, says official

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WITBANK — The controversial N4 highway sign indicating an off-ramp to the whites-only Witbank Dam is to stay, says the deputy Director-General of Transport, Mr Louis Kluever.

The sign does not indicate that the resort is for whites only.

Mr Kluever said there would be no whites-only signs on the N4: "We're road builders, not politicians."

● Mr Johan Potgieter, Conservative Party leader of the Witbank Town Council committee investigating the development of the dam, said the dam would not be opened to other races. — Highveld Bureau.

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CP makes mysterious decision

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By Gien Elsas,
West Rand Bureau

A Krugersdorp Council decision taken at Wednesday night's monthly meeting concerning a Medical Association of South Africa (Masa) function which is to be held at the Centenary Hall has caused great confusion among councillors.

The West Rand branch of Masa applied to rent the hall in October last year. A council official said yesterday the applicants did not specify whether people of other races would attend the function.

A letter was received from the Association earlier this month stating that not more than 10 percent of the people attending the function would be of different races.

An initial recommendation by the management committee was that permission for other races to use the hall should not be granted to the Association.

A recommendation was accepted by the Conservative Party-dominated council that Masa could use the Centenary Hall on February 11 in accordance with the conditions on that day.

One councillor who did not want to be named said the whole matter was now in abeyance. "We don't know what the decision means as the application pertinently states that the function will be attended by some 400 whites. No mention was made of other races on the application form. The council appears to have recommended that the hall, as applied for in the application, be rented to Masa."

A reliable source said the function would be for whites only as the application stated there would only be whites at the function.

Mr Sakkie Nel, chairman of the management committee, said he was not able to comment at this stage and added there would be a press conference soon.

CP towns' cold feet over petty apartheid

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TWO CP-controlled towns have decided not to implement petty apartheid policies which have provoked consumer boycotts elsewhere, councillors said yesterday.

Shops in Boksburg have closed their doors in the face of a black consumer boycott.

Now Potchefstroom and Krugersdorp have decided against following Boksburg's lead.

Potchefstroom's CBD had been open to all races for a long time. No attempt would be made to close the area for the use of other races, local party chairman Professor Ben van der Berg told Beeld.

Van der Berg said the party would reconsider an application by the University of Potchefstroom to open its dormitories to coloured women which it turned down in November.

In Krugersdorp, the CP said it would not bar blacks from attending a medical conference next month, reversing a decision by the local town clerk.

"We have withdrawn the town clerk's powers to decide on sensitive issues," party chairman Sakkie Nel said.

Blacks may now hire R3,6-m Potch banquet complex

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POTCHEFSTROOM — Blacks may hire the R3,6 million Andries Hendrik Potgieter banquet hall complex by obtaining special permission.

The town council has reversed a previous decision barring blacks from the town hall.

At its meeting in November last year, the first after the municipal elections when the Conservative Party took control by a 7-5 margin, the council refused the application of an Indian man to hire the complex for a wedding reception.

After the latest resolution was passed, management committee chairman Professor Ben van der Berg said that he did not want members of the public to be under the impression that blacks were not welcome in the complex.

Professor van der Berg referred to Potchefstroom University, which hosted a variety of visitors of all races.

"As we do not want to be dictatorial; hirers can invite guests. We do not want to cause embarrassment to other people," he said.

At the council meeting a management committee recommendation, that the halls not be hired to other races, was defeated.

Professor van der Berg said that the by-laws for the use of the halls stipulated that other racial groups could not hire, occupy or be present in the halls.

This was now being amended by deleting the words "occupy" and "be present", which meant that blacks could hire the halls if they obtained special permission.

Masa banquet dispute as CP tightens screws

Star 28/1/89

GIEN ELSAS

THE Krugersdorp Council will not allow black people at functions in any of the town's municipal halls as the majority of the councillors are opposed to the idea of "other races" using these facilities.

This message was put across firmly at a press conference yesterday by Mr Sakkie Nel, chairman of the management committee. He assured residents of Krugersdorp that "darkness will not fall over the town if the halls are closed for blacks" and said "the lights in the dorp will not die as a result of the council's decision".

The West Rand branch of the Medical Association of South Africa (Masa) booked the Centenary Hall in October last year for its annual function, to be held in February. On the application form, next to the space for the number of whites attending, the association indicated there would be about 400. It left blank the space indicating the number of other races attending, as it was unsure exactly how many would be attending the function.

In January, the association wrote to the council and stated, as an addendum to its application, that not more than 10 percent of the function's patrons would be of "other races".

At the council's monthly meeting this item was debated at length. The council went into committee and recommended that the hall be rented to Masa as per its application of October In other words, about 400 whites would be allowed to attend the function.

When asked what would happen if black doctors and their partners arrived at the function, Mr Nel said the council's policy would then be enforced.

Dr Hannes Grobbelaar, the Association's West Rand president, said after the meeting: "The association will still hold the function. We are holding a meeting early next week and it is probable that we will not make use of any hall which is under the jurisdiction of the council."

Mr J J L Nieuwoudt, Krugersdorp's town clerk, said yesterday the council had accepted an application made by the West Rand branch of Masa to hold its banquet.

He said the council decided at a meeting on Wednesday to grant permission under the terms in which the application was made. According to Mr Nieuwoudt, the application requests the use of the hall for 400 white people

However, Dr Douglas Gurnell, a banquet organiser, has denied that the application was made for white doctors only.

"On the application form, the council asks for the number of people of each race who will be attending the function.

"When our secretary took the application form in to them in October, she explained that we did not know how many of each race would be coming as we still had not sold tickets for the banquet.

"The person she handed the form to said this was not a problem and the number could be filled in at a later stage," said Dr Gurnell.

A letter was, however, sent to the council informing them that "non-white" members would be attending.

The Conservative Party-controlled town council's management committee then recommended that black doctors be banned.

Dr Gurnell said Masa had already paid the deposit on the hall.

"If our black members are banned we will most certainly not carry on with the banquet," Dr Gurnell said.

He said Masa was a non-racial organisation and could not tolerate members being banned for reasons of colour

'Villain' enters Boksburg farce

Weekend Argus Correspondent

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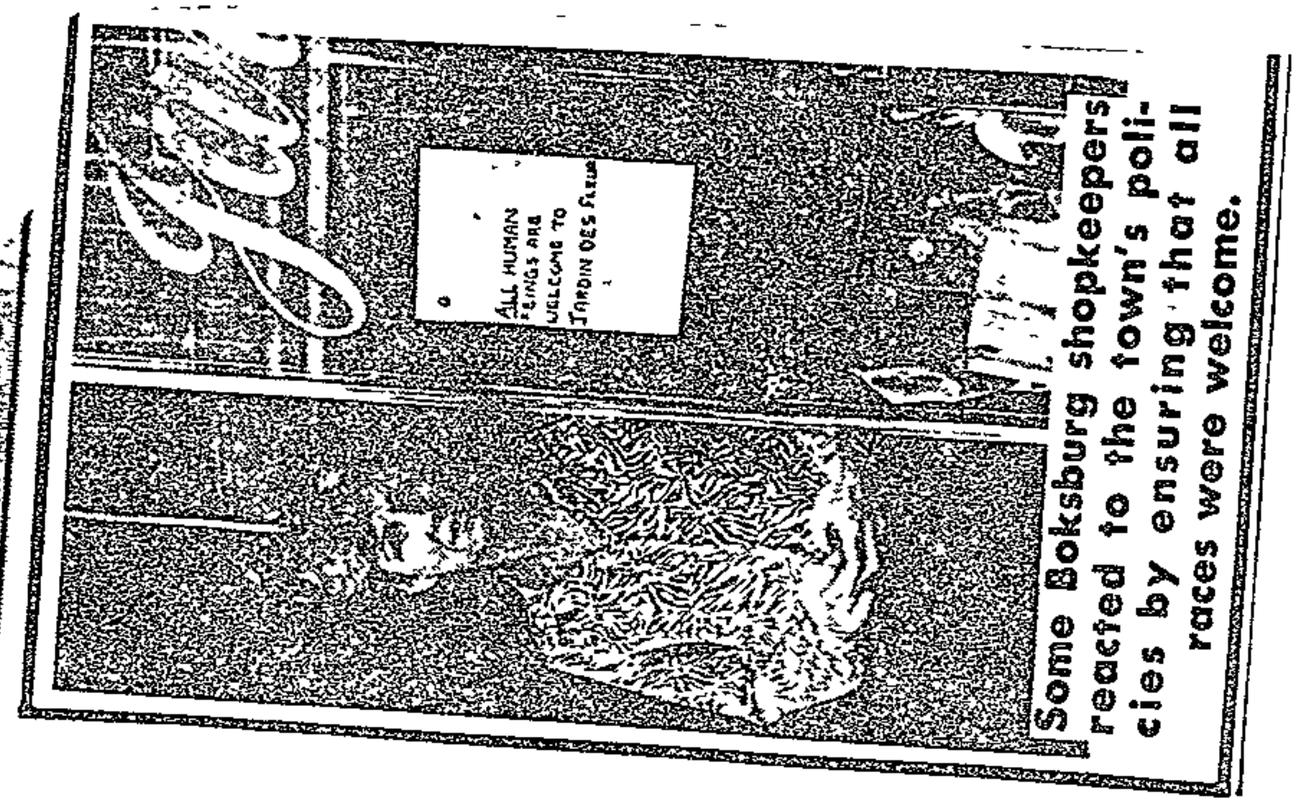

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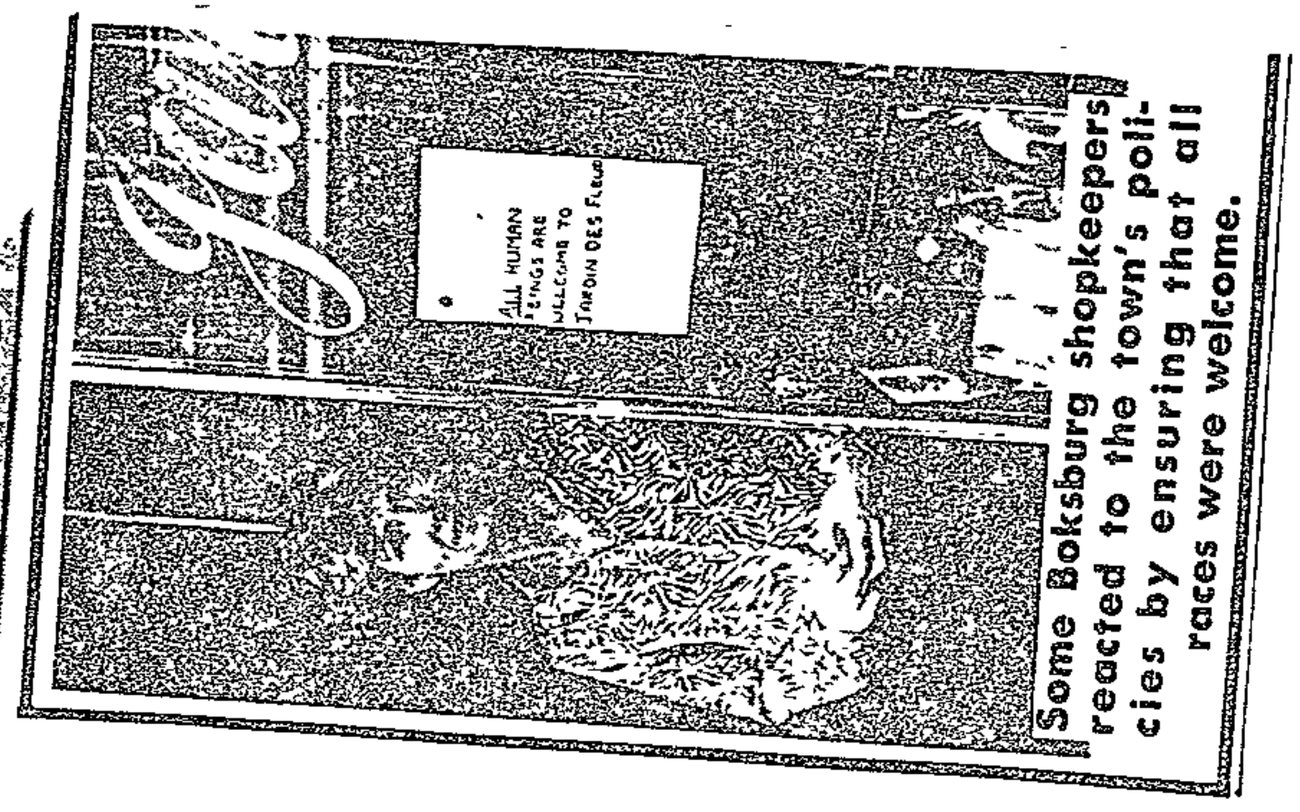

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Row over black doctors snowballs

By Gien Elsa,
West Rand Bureau

A Krugersdorp town councillor last nigt confirmed that he has requested a special council meeting so that "certain irregularities" concerning the debate surrounding the Medical Association of South Africa's renting of a municipal hall for a multracial banquet can be investigated

The Krugersdorp Town Council last week gave permission for 40 white doctors and their wives to attend a banquet in the town, but the Conservative Party-controlled management committee objected to the presence of black doctors.

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Councillor Dr Renoni van Graan said he had formally requested the meeting at the Town Clerk's office yesterday. It is possible that the full council will be called within the next day or two.

He said it would be unethical for him to discuss the matter before the special council meeting, but he said that although Masa would probably not now make use of the hall, the council had to follow the correct procedures.

Dr van Graan also confirmed that a number of Krugersdorp businessmen had offered to sponsor a private hall's rental to negate the "bad vibes the CP council had created in connection with the issue"

He said the businessmen wanted to remain anonymous, because they did not want to be singled out in any way.

Dr Hannes Grobbelar, chairman of the West Rand branch of Masa, said the search for another hall that would be suitable was narrowing down to one or two.

A strong possibility was the Witpoortjie Hall, which falls under the Roodepoort Municipality. Masa will know today which at which hall the function will take place.

Row erupts over Boksburg's Windmill Park

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By Esmaré van der Merwe, Political Reporter

A row has broken out over a delegation which is to meet the Minister of Constitutional Development and Planning next month to discuss the future of Windmill Park, a white residential area in Boksburg considered for Indian occupation.

The chairman of Boksburg's management committee, Mr Gideon Fourie, said yesterday the town council had approached the National Party MP for Germiston District, Brigadier J Bosman, to arrange the meeting with the Minister of Constitutional Development and Planning, Mr Chris Heunis.

However, Windmill Park is situated in the constituency of Mr Sakkie Blanche, the NP's MP for Boksburg.

Mr Fourie said the council had not approached Mr Blanche because he "is not to be trusted".

Mr Blanche reacted by saying he was "getting used to the mentality" of the council and rejected with contempt the council's allegation that he had been "giving away a white residential area".

If Brigadier Bosman had accepted the council's request, he would have to explain his actions to the NP's East Rand regional council, Mr Blanche added.

Brigadier Bosman could not be reached yesterday.

Mr Blanche said the Government had declared Windmill Park a white-controlled area in May last year. Non-whites could apply for occupational permits to live in the area.

He said the previous NP-controlled town council, Windmill Park residents and the residents of neighbouring Dawn Park were satisfied with the declaration

The two areas had been underpopulated for some time, while Windmill Park was "too expensive to be developed as a white area".

"If Windmill Park was to be taken out of the white market, the housing shortage of Indians would be rectified — and we would not have the same problems as in Mayfair."

Mr Blanche said Dawn Park residents had no objections "as long as a satisfactory buffer exists between the two areas".

However, Mr Fourie said there was widespread dissatisfaction among the majority of residents in both Windmill Park and Dawn Park.

He said it was an "infamous lie" that the residents agreed to the white-controlled status of Windmill Park.

Brakpan bars multiracial soccer contest

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East Rand Bureau

An application by the Eastern Transvaal High Schools' Soccer Association to hold a multiracial tournament at Hosking Park in Brakpan this year was refused by the town council yesterday.

The decision affects more than 16 schools.

The Conservative Party-dominated council has also decided to stop Brakpan Rugby Club making arrangements to play against Alra Eagles, a coloured team, at Bosman Stadium.

A senior member of the council said it was CP policy to reserve municipal sports facilities for whites only.

The council has also barred a multiracial women's soccer tournament scheduled for April.

Benoni gives green light to Colgate application

Star 2/12/89 **East Rand Bureau**

Benoni Town Council has agreed in principle to Colgate-Palmolive's application to be incorporated within its municipal area. Its approval is subject to the company obtaining permission from the Transvaal Administrator.

Mr Vic Penning, chairman of the Benoni Town Council management committee, said the council would welcome this move but would not go out of its way to hijack industries.

Colgate-Palmolive, whose plant lies within the Boksburg municipal boundary, has dissociated itself from Boksburg Town Council's petty-apartheid policies and had applied to the Benoni council for rezoning.

The Boksburg council has indicated it will not give any Boksburg-based company permission to be incorporated in another town's boundaries.

Pietersburg firms to fight petty apartheid

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By Dirk Nel,
Northern Transvaal Bureau

PIETERSBURG — The Chamber of Commerce and Industries here, supported by 360 local businesses, has taken a strong stand against the possible reintroduction of petty apartheid by the Conservative Party-controlled town council.

A statement issued by the Chamber yesterday said it would oppose "most strongly" any attempts by the town council to reintroduce apartheid measures "that will reduce the human dignity of any of our customers and our staff".

"We have spent much time and money building up our businesses through good customer relations and service. We will not accept that this could be damaged and possibly destroyed."

The Chamber said it was making the public statement to let its customers, suppliers, employees and town councillors know its strong feelings on the issue.

The 360 businesses endorsing the campaign have listed their names in an advertisement taking up four pages in a local newspaper.

"It is clear that the businesses of Pietersburg do not wish to react when it is too late, but rather to set the record straight up front," says the statement.

All the major chain stores, wholesalers and retailers in the town have given their support to the Chamber initiative.

A spokesman for the Chamber said talks had already been held with the town council on matters related to business issues, and these would continue. He said the talks had been constructively approached by both parties.

The town had certain open business areas, and there was little visible evidence of institutionalised apartheid such as whites-only signs, and the business community did not want to see this situation deteriorate, according to the Chamber.

"Thus far, we have been encouraged by the town council's pragmatic approach to our talks," the statement said.

The Chamber's move comes shortly after the declared intention of four opposition town councillors to introduce a motion of no confidence in the management committee.

This debate is expected to take place within the next 10 days.

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from further harrassment.

Noose photo for Group Areas accused

HOURS before an Indian businessman appeared in court on charges of contravening the Group Areas Act, he found a threat, written in letters clipped from a newspaper, in the letter-box of his Mayfair West home. "*You are next*," it said.

The message, addressed to "The Houseowner", was accompanied by newspaper cuttings about the Doyle family, who were this week hounded out of their Mayfair home by a right-wing lynch mob. Photographs of the noose, hung over the Doyle's front wall, were included.

The businessman, Davechand Ramjee, appeared yesterday in the Johannesburg Magistrate's Court with his co-accused, a lawyer, Lawley Shein.

Shein is charged with unlawfully permitting a "coloured person" to live in his house. Ramjee is accused of unlawfully occupying it in breach of the Group Areas Act.

The case came to court on the same day it was reported that the acting State President, Chris Heunis, was about to announce major changes in the government's group areas policy. These allegedly include the speeding-up of "open areas" and the abandonment of the controversial Group Areas Amendment Bill.

By CHARLOTTE BAUER

The case was postponed due to "lack of time" at the state's request, despite the defence counsel's submission that, because of threats against the Ramjee family, the trial should proceed as quickly as possible. Ramjee and Shein were not asked to plead and the trial was set for March 7.

Ramjee, who lives in the Mayfair house with his wife, two children and elderly mother, has laid a complaint with the Brixton police. He says the family may have to seek protection.

Brakpan chief in talks with Craven

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JOHANNESBURG. — The chairman of the Brakpan Rugby Club (BRC), Mr Martin van Eeden, flies to Cape Town this morning for talks with the president of the SA Rugby Board (SARB), Dr Danie Craven, in a bid to save the club's championship tournament.

Mr Van Eeden's move follows Wednesday night's decision by Dr Craven to cancel the Easter championships planned for Brakpan after the Conservative Party-controlled council refused coloured club Alra Eagles permission to play at the Bosman Stadium. The ground is controlled by Brakpan Municipality.

Clubs of the B Section of the Currie Cup unions were invited to take part in the championship.

"I am going to Cape Town to discuss the matter with Dr Craven and to try to persuade him to hold the tournament in Brakpan," Mr Van Eeden said from his home yesterday evening.

He said there were many facts that the SARB chief was not aware of. Some details had already been faxed to him.

"I am pretty sure the tournament will be going ahead in the Eastern Transvaal but whether or not it will be held in Brakpan I do not know."

Earlier, Eastern Transvaal Rugby Union (ETRU) president Mr Skip Henderson said he had spoken to Dr Craven and the SARB president would take another look at the issue and decide at the weekend.

Mr Henderson said the BRC had in its possession a letter from Brakpan City Council stating that the club championship tournament had been arranged before the CP gained control of the council and if coloured players were taking part, there would be no problem.

"There is no coloured rugby club in the borders of the ETRU at the moment. The Alra Eagles told me on Tuesday they couldn't get a side together and then a representative called me yesterday (Wednesday) and said they wouldn't be fielding a team this season.

"All the trouble is about a fourth-league side that does not exist. The big problem is that the Brakpan municipality did not contact me to confirm whether or not the coloured club existed," Mr Henderson said.

Dr Danie Craven said yesterday that he was not concerned that an "all-white rugby union" might be formed.

Dr Craven told Sapa that people who wanted to go ahead to form such an organisation did so at their own liberty.

It was reported in the morning press yesterday that an all-white union would be formed to counter Dr Craven's SA Rugby Board and allow those who advocated CP policy, to do their own thing.

"If this union is formed, it will show quite conclusively which roads the various factions are following. It will show also that the SARB is continuing its multi-racial policy of promoting the game at all levels for all race groups while the other union will show exactly what their intentions are," Dr Craven said.

Dr Craven made it quite clear that the proposed B Section Club Tournament scheduled for Brakpan at the Easter weekend would not take place. — Own Correspondent and Sapa

'Boksburg council intimidating us'

By Peter Fabricius, Political Correspondent

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The letter was written by the Boksburg town clerk to Mr B J Jantjes, chairman of the Reiger Park management committee, on January 31.

The town clerk said that in the light of a meeting between the town council and the management committee planned for February 6, the decision to withhold powers would be held in abeyance.

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Boksburg putting fence around lake

JOHANNESBURG. — The Boksburg Town Council is erecting a fence around Boksburg lake which could cost about R140 000.

Workmen are busy with the first phase, which will cost R48 000.

Management committee chairman Mr Gideon Fourie said a pedestrian gate would be included in the first phase to allow access to the lake by staff of the nearby Boksburg-Benoni Hospital.

Asked whether "whites only" signs would be erected, Mr Fourie said signage would be "handled within the framework of the law".

Boards would state that entrance to the lake was restricted, which would be "understood by everyone". — Sapa.

Brakpan's council 'calling a bluff'

By Barry Glasspool

South African Rugby Board chief Danie Craven's decision to take the Easter club championship for B Section teams away from Brakpan is because he believes the town council was trying to call a massive bluff.

"Who do they think they are fooling?" the SARB president asked today.

"If they are prepared, as they have said, to give full facilities to any non-whites for this particular event, then why not on a permanent basis?"

The decision to rule Brakpan out as the venue for the championship means that a new venue will have to be found.

Dr Craven was non-committal about the possibility of the event being wiped out now that Brakpan has been ruled out as the venue.

"What is paramount is that there should be no discrimination in rugby. We will not allow it. The SARB have laid it down clearly that discrimination is not on.

He added further that the coloured club, Alra Eagles, who were denied the facilities of Brakpan's revamped Bosman Stadium, were not defunct as suggested earlier.

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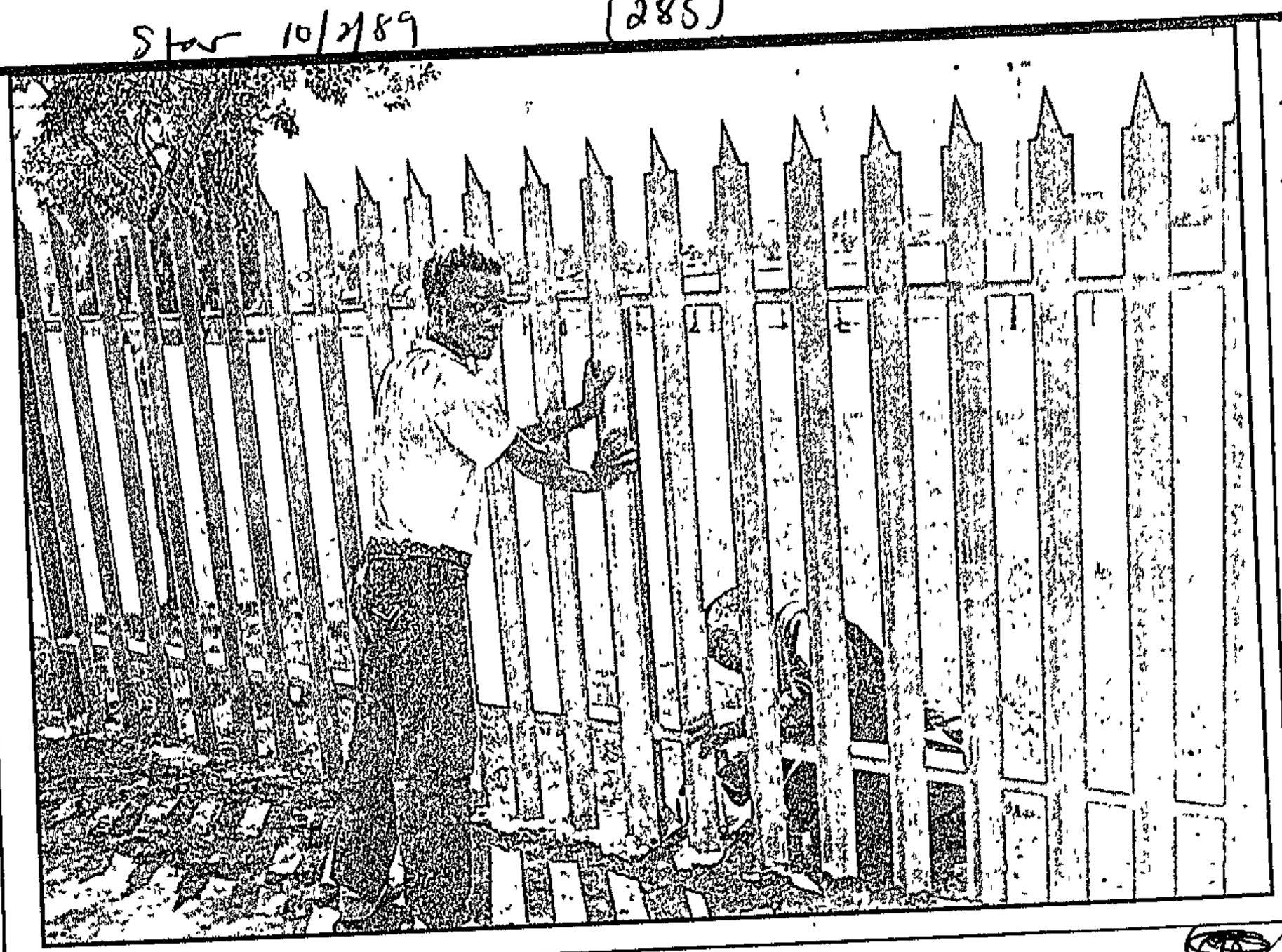

The irony of the Boksburg whites-only lake is highlighted by black workmen erecting a R140 000 fence which will ensure they are kept out — except to clean up after white picnickers.

● Picture by Etienne Rothbart.

Hospital staff go to court over sackings

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The day after a Supreme Court judge ordered workers to be reinstated at the Vereeniging Hospital, 189 of them were told they had been fired. Two of them, Ms Lizzy Theletsane and Ms Sarah Maseola, have applied to have the dismissal declared unlawful. The hearing is before in the Rand Supreme Court.

The application is opposed by the Administrator of the Transvaal, the Director of Hospital Services and the Vereeniging Hospital. — Staff Reporter.

Boksburg's athletes snub racist council

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The Boksburg Athletic Club has abandoned Prince George Park — controlled by the Boksburg municipality — as a venue for meetings.

This decision was taken at a club meeting last night and forms part of a drive to fight the Conservative Party dominated town council's reintroduction of petty apartheid.

The CP council decided last year that Prince George Park and other municipal facilities in Boksburg would not be open to other races following their victory in the municipal elections.

But club chairman Mr Jimmy Hill said the club had now decided not to use the park in future and had opted for private premises. — East Rand Bureau.

Boksburg snub

Top SA club quits

JOHANNESBURG. — Boksburg Athletic Club, one of the most powerful running clubs in the country, has refused to use the town council facilities because blacks have been barred.

Mr Jimmy Hill, chairman of Boksburg AC, said yesterday that the club had called a meeting to discuss two separate issues — whether to continue using the facilities for training and races, and whether to change the name of the club.

"We decided to stand together and will not use the facilities any more as we are a fully integrated club And we will not be staging our races there any more. We'll be using a private venue for training and will probably move our races to another town"

Star runners

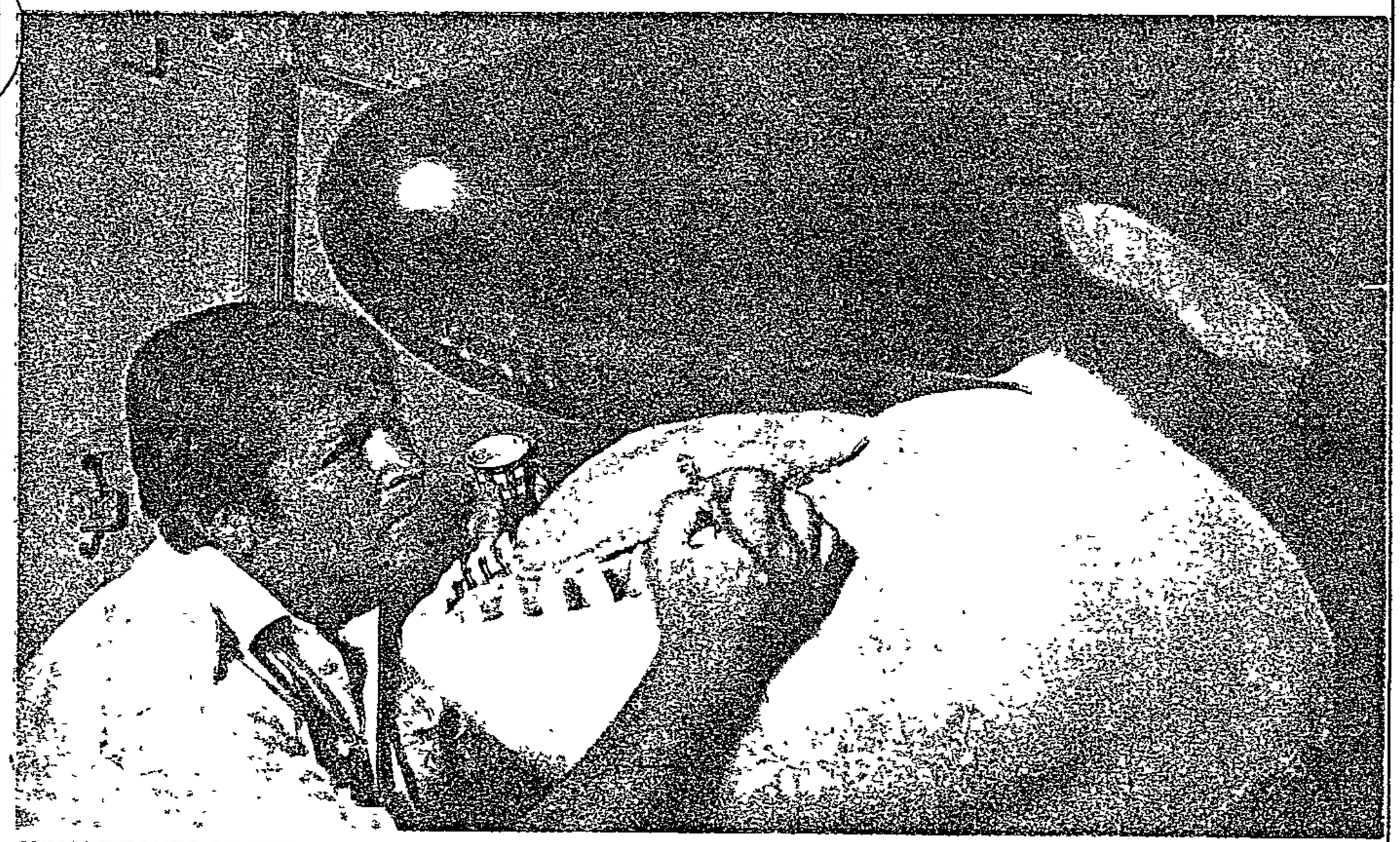
Mr Hill said the question of changing the name of the club had arisen because several black members of the club had been threatened for running in the colours of Boksburg AC.

"But we decided not to change the name," he said

Boksburg AC developed into one of the strongest road and cross-country clubs in the country mainly through their top black runners who represent Transvaal regularly.

Their stars include John Sebata, Amias Phelepe, Sam Tsotetsi, Boysie Ntlwane, Enos Morabe and Wiseman Ngwenya.

Dave Boyd, a Boksburg AC member, is the present chairman of the Transvaal Road Runners' Association. The previous Boksburg chairman was Tommy Malone, a former Comrades Marathon champion, while Clarrie Botha, who serves on the Transvaal AAA, is one of the top veteran runners. — Sapa



WHALE TAKES SHAPE. . . Mr Piet Pretorius of the SA Museum's taxidermy department, applies the finishing touches to the cast of a killer whale, which will be exhibited in the museum's whale well next week. The cast was made from the last whale processed at the Donkergat whaling station near Saldanha Bay some 20 years ago. The partly prepared cast had been storage since then.

Picture ANNE LAING

Hunger strike: Eleven now in hospital

THREE more hunger-striking emergency detainees were admitted to hospital yesterday, bringing to 11 the number now under treatment after the prison protest action began 19 days ago

About 300 of the estimated 1 000 emergency detainees are participating in the strike, demanding to be freed or put on trial The protest began on January 23 at Diepkloof prison and has spread to prisons in at least three other cities.

Archbishop Desmond Tutu and World Alliance of Reformed Churches president Dr Allan Boesak said yesterday that they were considering joining the hunger strike.

"The emergency regulations have paralysed the legal system because detainees cannot challenge their detention in court," Dr Boesak said. "They have had to use this extreme method to

Copters, soldiers

Kerzner: My deals

Own Correspondent

LONDON. — Hotel tycoon Mr Sol Kerzner yesterday defended the operations of his Transkei Sun company, which has been accused by the Harms Commission of issuing a listing prospectus containing false in-

CP-style apartheid in N

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While Boksburg has drawn the ire of South Africa and the world, most towns on the Witwatersrand — including many of which are controlled by the National Party — openly or discreetly bar blacks from using municipal facilities. Political Reporter, ESMARE VAN DER MERWE reports.

The Conservative Party takes pride in its measures to restrict blacks from using municipal facilities, saying vagrancy and littering have effectively been solved by reintroducing "whites only" signs.

Despite a severe backlash by residents of CP-controlled towns, CP spokesmen maintain their councils are fulfilling the party's promises to voters in the municipal elections which put 101 of the Transvaal's 150 local authorities under CP rule.

The NP has gleefully pointed out the disastrous effects of the CP's petty apartheid measures on race relations, local trade and international relations, but has remained strangely quiet about the discriminating practices of its own town councils

An investigation by The Star into (de)segregation in 19 Rand municipalities reveals that Midderfontein, Edenvale, Mid rand and Sandton are the only towns where facilities are totally desegregated.

However, of those, only Sandton — controlled by the Progressive Federal Party — offers a bus service.

Sports facilities

The investigation centred on swimming pools, other sports facilities, libraries, buses, parks, public toilets, central business districts (CBDs) and the hiring of municipal halls and premises.

For graphic purposes, facilities are considered closed if they are not completely desegregated. For example, many councils only allow multiracial competition sport, while non-whites are not allowed to use sports facilities daily.

In Johannesburg, controlled by the NP, desegregated facilities include libraries, parks, toilets and the hiring of municipal premises.

Swimming pools are open for competition sport only, while all recreation centres but one are closed. Buses, except for two routes, are for whites only. Only part of the CBD has been declared a free trading area.

EAST RAND:

Alberton's swimming pools are open for competition sport only. Other sports facilities and parks are desegregated.

A "whites only" bus service is offered. The library is available for local residents regardless of race.

Separate toilet facilities exist, but all race groups may hire halls.

The council, which is not dominated by one political party, has applied for a major part of the CBD to be declared a free trading area, says management committee chairman Mr Johan van der Merwe

All municipal facilities in Bedfordview are open, but the CBD has not been declared open as no applications from blacks have been received. No bus service is offered.

Benoni's swimming pools and sports facilities are open for competition sport, but not for everyday use. Parks and toilets are desegregated, while libraries and buses are reserved for whites only. All race groups may hire the town hall.

The CBD has been declared a free trading area

In Boksburg, segregated facilities include buses, the Boksburg Lake, libraries and toilets No official council decision has been taken on parks, according to Town Clerk Mr J Coetzee.

The municipal swimming pool and other sports facilities are open for competition only.

The former NP-controlled council's application for the opening of the CBD is currently contested by the CP-controlled council.

Brakpan's CP-controlled town council has closed down most facilities which were previously open to all race groups. Segregated facilities include the swimming pool, sports facilities, library, parks, buses, toilets and the hiring of halls.

A small section of the CBD has been declared a free trading area.

Facilities offered by Edenvale's non-political council are fully desegregated

No bus service exists, while swimming pools, parks, municipal offices, toilets and the library are multiracial

The council does not prescribe to sports clubs whether non-whites may take part in sport activities on council sports grounds.

The CBD is open to all races.

Germiston's City Council is dominated by the NP, but management committee chairman Mr Stan van Eeden says the council does not practise party-politics.

Open facilities include parks and toilets, and the hiring of the city hall. The whole CBD is a free trading area.

The council offers a white bus service only, while sports clubs decide whether non-whites may use municipal sports facilities

Swimming pools and libraries are closed, although the main library and one Olympic-sized swimming pool are open.

Kempton Park town clerk Mr H Muller says no "whites only" signs feature in the NP-controlled town.

The CBD is open to trading by all races, while the library and parks are desegregated.

Municipal buses are for the use of whites only and no black bus service is offered.

Although he says other facilities such as the hiring of the town hall, the use of the swimming pool and sports facilities are "basically open", black people's applications are treated at Mr Muller's discretion

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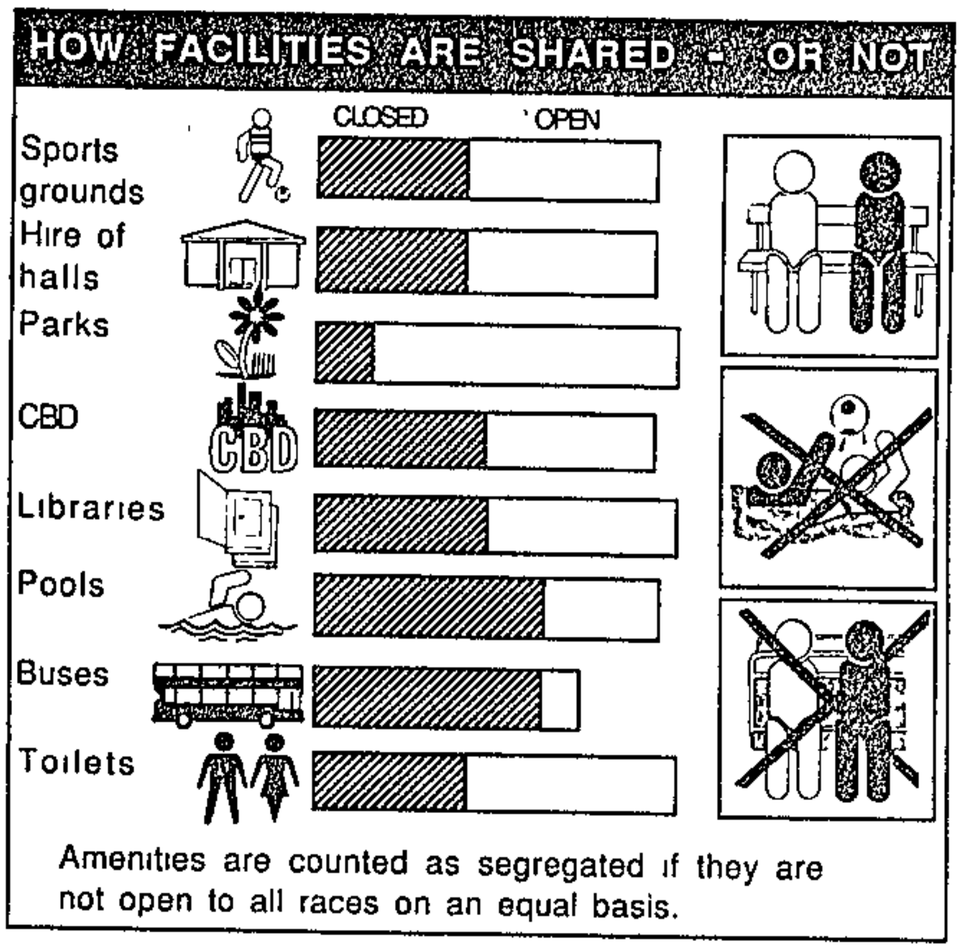

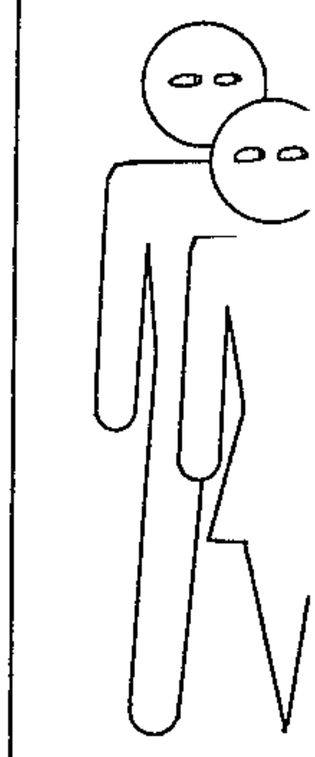

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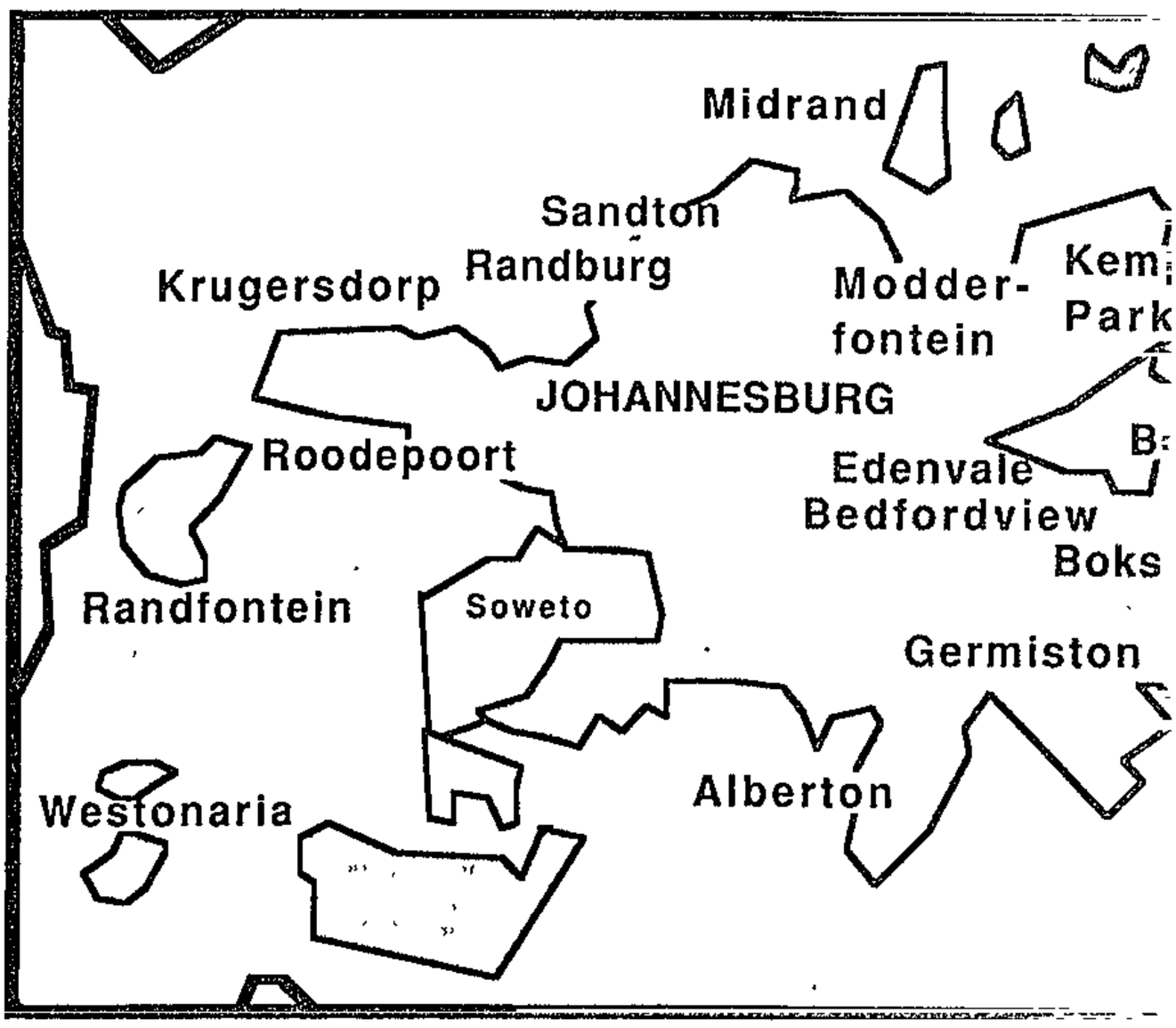

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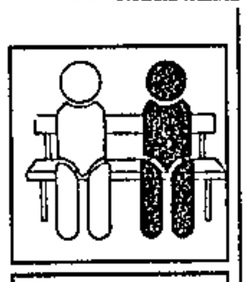

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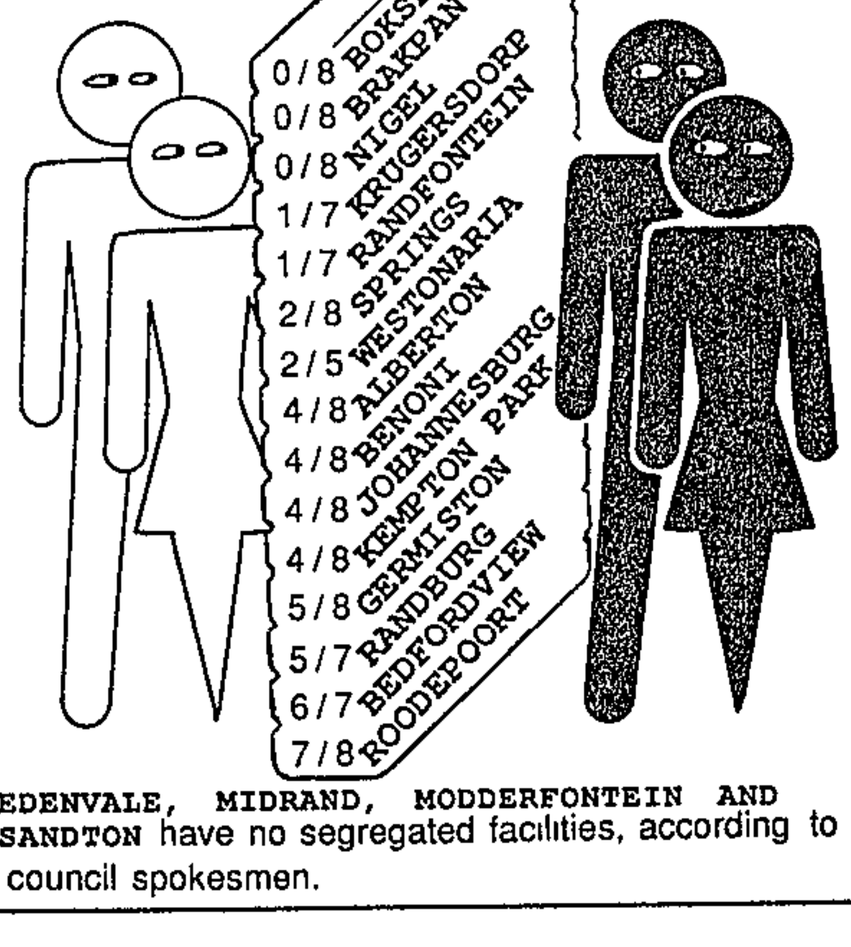
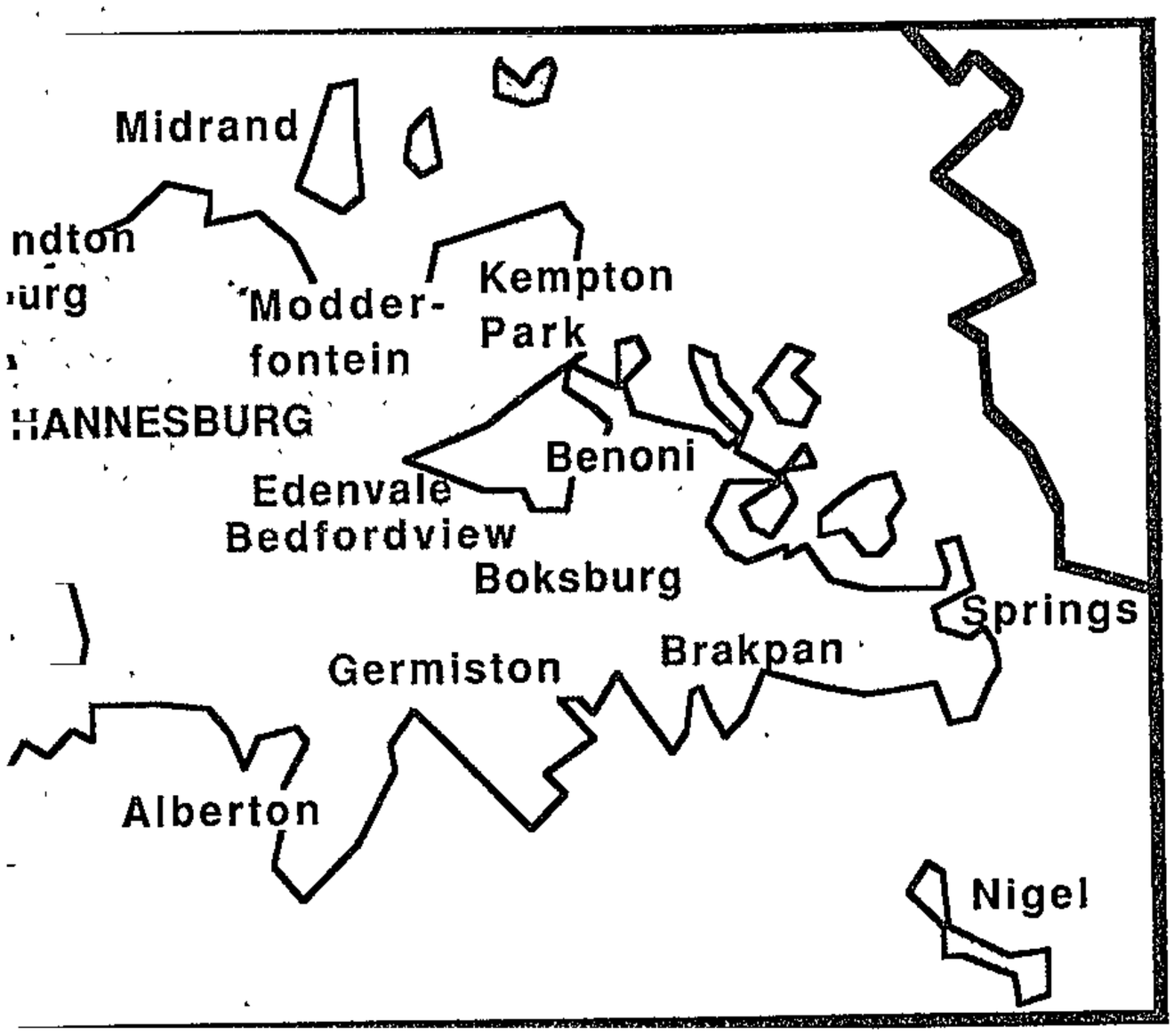


have no segregated facilities, according to council spokesmen.



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All facilities in Modderfontein are desegregated The "non-political" council will apply for the opening of the CBD as soon as the CBD is proclaimed

Most public amenities in CP-controlled Nigel are closed, including the library, city hall, swimming pool, parks, toilet and sports facilities. The council does not offer a bus service for whites, but has one for other race groups Part of the CBD has been declared a free trading area

Springs's CP-dominated town council has not yet formulated its policy, but management committee chairman Mr Gert Parsons says "a formal apartheid policy" will be implemented soon

As the previous NP-controlled council's policy stands, swimming pools, libraries and buses are for whites only, while parks are open and toilets available to blacks only.

A part of the CBD currently is a free trading area.

Sports facilities are let to clubs which at this stage determine their own policies

As far as the hiring of municipal halls are concerned, present policy determines that black people are allowed "if they are in the minority", says Mr Parsons

WEST RAND.

In Krugersdorp, the CP-dominated council wants to reimplement segregation.

Many facilities — including the swimming pool, library and toilets — have always been "whites only" under NP rule, says management committee chairman Mr Sakkie Nel.

School and club sports are segregated, but non-whites are allowed to participate on provincial level.

Municipal halls have always been segregated, while a "quota" policy applies to the civic centre allowing for an audience to be 10 percent black.

No bus service is offered

Parks are desegregated, but "blacks make a nuisance of themselves", Mr Nel says.

The town features two free trading areas — one which forms part of the CBD — but the largest part of the CBD is "whites only".

Randfontein has a non-political council, according to management committee chairman Mr Ray Harris. Separate facilities include swimming pools, toilets, halls and libraries

No bus service is offered, while no "whites only" signs feature in parks, he says.

Blacks' applications to use other sports facilities are treated on "merit".

A decision to have the CBD declared a free trading area is pending

In Roodepoort, toilet facilities and parks are open to all races while a "whites only" bus service is offered by the NP-controlled city council

The reference library is open, but the lending library is reserved for ratepayers only.

Management committee chairman Mr Dave Treleven says a portion of the city's coloured and Indian residents are ratepayers.

Sports facilities are hired to sports clubs, which may admit members of all races.

Swimming pools and municipal halls are primarily for the use of ratepayers, and applications from other race groups are subject to the council's discretion, he says

The CBD has been declared a free trading area

Westonaria's CP-controlled council has not yet taken official decisions on the reservation of most municipal facilities since the mining houses offer sophisticated facilities to their black employees, town clerk Mr J van Niekerk says

The town has no bus service, no swimming pools and no sports facilities The CBD and municipal parks are desegregated, but the library is for white use only.

Blacks only

Municipal toilets are for blacks only

The town hall is let "on merit".

NORTH RAND

Midrand, according to town clerk Mr P Botha is not dominated by any political party. Desegregated facilities include swimming pools, libraries, parks and toilets while the CBD is a free trading area.

The town has no bus service.

Mr Botha says the town hall is let at the discretion of the council which is not opposed to blacks using municipal premises.

Sports facilities are hired to clubs which may determine their own policies

Desegregated facilities include parks, libraries and toilets. Buses are segregated and swimming pools open for competition sport only.

The council, on which no political party has an outright majority, lets other sports facilities to clubs and has no prescriptive policy There are no halls which can be hired.

The CBD has been declared a free trading area.

Sandton town clerk Miss S Mostert says the PFP-controlled town council follows a policy of no discrimination.

Sports facilities, pools, parks, toilets, libraries, buses and municipal premises are open to all races The CBD is a free trading area.

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Top black runners quit Boksburg

The Argus Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG. — Boksburg Athletic Club, one of the country's strongest road running clubs, has been rocked by the shock decision of its leading black runners to form a breakaway club which may move to Benoni.

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As a result the club's top black runners — among them Springbok John Sebata and provincial runners Amos Phelephe, Sam Tsotetsi and Wiseman Ngwenya — felt they had no option but to split.

Several of the club's top white runners have also sided with the group.

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Boksburg bid to be 'human'

JOHANNESBURG. — The CP-controlled Boksburg Town Council has given the go-ahead for council facilities to be used in the multiracial national bowling championships in May.

Council management committee chairman Mr Gideon Fourie said the CP could withhold permission for the tournament, which was given by the previous council, but that this would not be "human".

But he said the council would not give permission for future multiracial tournaments.

Five black teams are expected to take part in the tournament.

Black runners to quit Boksburg club

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By Mark Etheridge

Boksburg Athletic Club, one of the country's strongest road running clubs, has been rocked by the shock decision of its leading black runners to form a breakaway club which may move to Benoni.

The move stems from the decision of the Conservative Party-controlled Boksburg Town Council not to allow blacks to use the training facilities at Prince George Park, headquarters of Boksburg AC.

At a meeting last week, members voted not to change the club's name after black members had expressed fears at running in Boksburg colours because of pressure in the townships.

As a result, the club's top black runners — among them Springbok John Sebata and provincial runners Anios Phelephe, Sam Tsotetsi and Wiseman Ngwenya — felt they had no option but to split and form their own club with its own identity.

Some of the club's top white runners have also sided with the group.

Transvaal Amateur Athletic Association vice-chairman Mr Clarie Botha, also a Boksburg member, shares the same sentiments as the group and said today the new club would, in all likelihood, be known as ERA (East Rand Athletics).

"The simple fact is that the black guys can't still be known as Boksburg members while at the same time knowing that they can't use PG Park.

"I think the formation of this club will be the first time in the history of South African road running and athletics that black and white runners have joined from grassroots level with feelings of mutual respect and friendship."

Race policy affects triathlon

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By Phil Hargreaves

The South African standard-distance swim triathlon championships and Springbok trials to have been held at Murray Park, Springs, on March 12 will now be staged at a different venue.

This is because of conditions imposed on the South African Triathlon Federation (SATF) by the Springs Town Council.

"The SATF's constitution states that all events be open to competitors and officials regardless of sex, race, colour or creed," said Mr Pieter Mulder for the federation, "and Springs Town Council has told us that non-white spectators would not be admitted so we have no choice but to stage the event at a different venue.

"In the past the Springs authorities have been extremely co-operative and helpful and it is a great pity this has happened as the Springs course is one of the fastest in the country."

"The SATF is negotiating for a new venue, our main priority being to maintain the date," said Mr Mulder.

White on black violence

White-by-night beatings: we will not take it!

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By MARTIN NTSOEOLENGOE and SAMKELO KUMALO

A BLOODY and violent white-by-night "sport" is being played in the Conservative Party-controlled western Transvaal mining town of Carletonville

While whites and blacks elsewhere in South Africa are reaching across the colour line to find a common link, white thugs in Carletonville have taken to beating black pedestrians after dark

And the residents of nearby townships Khutsong and Wedela have decided not to take the nightly assaults lying down, according to one of the victims.

A meeting has been called for this Sunday at a venue still to be decided at which black miners, church ministers, taverners and residents of both Khutsong and Wedela are expected to take a stand.

At a similar meeting previously, Khutsong residents and miners discussed a boycott of the CP-controlled town.

But the crunch is expected to come at this Sunday's meeting.

Residents and all other concerned will make a formal decision on how to hit back. They are looking at crippling the CP town economically.

An announcement regarding the beginning of a protracted consumer boycott is expected.

The boycott will most probably start on February 27 – the day from which the CP council has decided no black should be seen in the streets after 7pm.

It is believed Indian traders will also attend the meeting.

However, it is expected their businesses will be exempted from the boycott because they are also seen as victims of the whites.

Stanford "Amen" Monini, a local taverner, told *City Press* that because of the harassment blacks have undergone "since these conservatives took over the town, we have decided to hit back in the only legal way we can".

"They want our money and hands – and yet they do not want us in town at night, even if one comes from work," Monini said.

"They can't eat their cake and still have it.

"We have since decided that the boycott must coincide with their February 27 deadline, when they have promised to turn this town white-by-night, with resultant violence to those found in town at night.

"Already a number of people have been beaten to a pulp by these whites who are known here to be supporters of the 'Wit Wolwe', the AWB and the Conservative Pary.

"Because we want to make this boycott a success along the lines of the Boksburg one, we have enlisted the co-operation of taxi owners.

"We will appeal to them to lower their fares between here and towns on the Reef and Westonaria.

"We will also appeal to local business owners to lower their prices in order to encourage our people to buy locally instead of going to town.

"Workers will also be encouraged to take food from their homes when going to work so that they don't have to buy even a grain of sugar in town.

"The township can be self-sufficient with petrol and there will be no need for our car operators to go to town. Exceptions to the boycott will be people going to their banks, or to pay their debts at shops.

"Let us see the reality of these dreams. If they want a white Carletonville by night and over weekends, then we will go a little further and keep our money in the townships," Monini said.

The victory of Conservative Party candidate Arrie Paulus in the last parliamentary elections was a sign of what was coming.

Last year's municipal elections, in which the CP took control of the town council, led to racial changes in the town: petty apartheid was to be applied to the letter.

"Amen" recalls that blacks and whites shared benches at the local park previously when going to bet at the Tattersalls.

"But now blacks are not only removed – they are ticketed or taken to the police station. Those who can afford to go to the Reef go there in protest against this diabolical treatment."

The regional chairman of the Taverners'

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Association, Dan Mokiti, said he had witnessed an assault on an innocent man at the park near Tattersalls.

"The man had been among the many people who sat in the park. A number of white toughies pounced on him, beating him almost to a pulp.

"There was nothing we could do – but I think people feel it is enough and something must be done, particularly as the police seem to be doing nothing."

Various graffiti slogans have also appeared in Carletonville. In a passage mostly used by blacks near the Anglo-American Training Centre, the following message appeared, in red: "Kill all Kaffers".

A few metres further down the passage another message reads: "The white rules". In-between are signs resembling the letter Q with an arrow at its tail – thought to be the insignia of the "Wit Wolwe".

The passage also leads to the the Carletonville Technical Training Centre – from where much of the violence is believed to be coming. Many blacks say the violence is perpetrated by white youths between the ages of 18 to 26.

Informed sources told *City Press* this week that a "security contingent" in West Driefontein – formed after the 1985 mine strike – has caused all the trouble.

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Conservative Party is still re-introducing apartheid

By SAMKELO KUMALO

COME February 27, Carletonville could be the next Conservative Party-controlled local authority facing economic sanctions from black residents.

It is believed that on that day the CP council might re-introduce white-by-night regulations – curfews on blacks.

The CP has risen fast to be a party to reckon with. It has hardly a decade in existence and yet controls 63 local authorities in the Transvaal alone – all of which might re-introduce petty apartheid.

The exclusion of blacks from amenities in CP-controlled towns started in Boksburg and Brakpan last year.

The following are just a few examples of the CP's efforts to keep SA white.

● October 26, 1988 – the CP so shook the country it was feared that if parliamentary elections were to be held this year they would sweep to power.

● Boksburg threatens to re-introduce petty apartheid.

● October 28 – Dr Andries Treurnicht, leader of the CP, commits his party to reversing the government's policy on open trading areas.

● November 11 – Treurnicht says blacks would be free to buy in white-owned shops, but not to run businesses.

● November 26 – Boksburg re-introduces "Whites Only" signs and bans blacks from many amenities.

● November 29 – black organisations work on strategies to fight the Boksburg council.

● December 1 – The mining town of Carletonville in the western Transvaal takes a decision to re-introduce apartheid signs.

● In Boksburg 27 business owners signed a petition calling on the CP council to rescind its discriminatory laws. Meanwhile, the town councils of Vosloorus and Reiger Park, near Boksburg, whose communities represent about 80 percent of Boksburg's buying power, officially announce a consumer boycott starting on that day.

● January 8, 1989 – in Carletonville, blacks are ordered out of parks. This is the hometown of CP MP Arrie Paulus, who once compared blacks to apes.

● December 10, 1989 – Rodney Lochenburg, acting chairman, Carletonville Chamber of Commerce and Industry, says blacks there need the type of discipline the CP is meting out to them because they are barbarous.

CARLETONVILLE APARTHEID SIGNS TO STAY, SAYS CP

EDYTH BULBRING

THE CP council would not remove "whites only" signs in Carletonville and intended fencing off the parks, management committee chairman Koos Nel said yesterday.

Nel said the CP would not bow to boycott pressure from the residents of Khutsong, who had decided they would withhold their buying power from white shops in the town.

"If we give in once, then what's coming next?" Nel asked. "Black shopping power is a big factor and I would like to keep it. If white businesses are affected I will be the first to admit I'm sorry, but I can't change."

Jazz Stores said blacks formed 98% of its customers. "If the boycott is successful, the company will have to look at retrenchments or close down," manager Deon White said.

OK MD Gordon Hood said blacks had a 34% buying power at the Carletonville supermarket. He said talks would be held with the taxi association with a view to taking black shoppers to OK stores elsewhere.

Pick and Pay's manager Deon van Rensburg said the supermarket would experience a 20% drop.

A Cosatu spokesman said yesterday the tentative date for the boycott, decided at a meeting of 27 organisations co-ordinated by the Cosatu Local Action Committee, was February 27.

□ SIPHO NGCOBO reports that Cosatu's Carletonville local branch yesterday denied there would be a 50c levy on Khutsong residents to pay for legal fees, as reported in Business Day. It also said the organisers of the weekend meeting were called the Cosatu Local Action Committee, and not the Khutsong Action Committee.

Prayers for 'spiritual solution'

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Religion Reporter

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Mighty Move Ministries, under the leadership of Evangelist L P Sinclair, have launched a three-week long campaign of daily church services in Reiger Park to "bring a spiritual solution to the political problems of Boksburg".

The Conservative Party-dominated town council of Boksburg has closed all municipal amenities to blacks, sparking a boycott of shops and businesses by Reiger Park and Vosloorus residents.

The non-racial services are taking place at 7 pm in a tent on the corner of Kosmos and Jobana streets.

A spokesman for the Mighty Move Ministries said this week the services were intended to "put the political problem into a spiritual realm and to help people get relief in a spiritual manner".

Carletonville braced for 'lighter Boksburg'

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Businessmen in Carletonville are alarmed at the decision by black community organisations to stage a protest in the town, but sources say the blow might not be as hard as that dealt to Boksburg.

This is because it is already customary for black shoppers to take their trade to mine and Indian trading stores in the town (both of which are excluded from the protest).

At the weekend, 27 community organisations decided to launch a trade union-backed protest in the town. This follows weeks of friction between black miners and the Conservative Party-dominated town council sparked by the reintroduction of petty apartheid in Carletonville.

A decision by the army of black miners to stage a protest will nevertheless, have a marked effect on business in the town.

"We'll all feel it. We might not go broke, but we will all feel it. The buying power here is in the mines," Mr Trappie de Souza, co-owner of Vince's Cash and Carry said.

He described the actions of the CP-controlled council as "frighteningly short-sighted".

While his stores on the mines would survive, he estimated his outlets in the town would no doubt lose "hundreds of thousands of rands".

O K Bazaars director Mr Allan Fabig hoped there would not be a repitition of the situation in Boksburg where business is down 50 percent.

Unions to back boycott protest in Carletonville

COMMUNITY organisations in Khutsong township — near CP-ruled Carletonville — decided at the weekend to launch a trade union-backed consumer boycott of the town and a defiance campaign similar to that of 1952 in protest against the council's re-implementation of petty apartheid, Business Day reports.

The strategies were adopted at a meeting organised by the NUM and the Khutsong Action Committee, which comprises about 27 community organisations and unions.

The meeting decided the defiance campaign would take the form of sit-ins in the park and other amenities reserved for whites.

Cosatu president Elijah Barayi volunteered to lead the campaign's first group of protesters.

Mr Barayi was convicted and sentenced to three years' jail for leading protesters during the 1952 campaigns.

The meeting decided Indian traders would not be affected by the boycott and the Transvaal Indian Congress (TIC) would liaise with them in the action against the council.

Although no date was given for the start of the campaign, it is expected to start on February 27.

A source said: "We are going to work 24 hours a day to make sure the community knows when and how the campaign is to be effected.

The meeting also focused on alleged attacks by "conservative whites" on black people walking through the town at night. People were urged to walk in groups and to defend themselves if attacked.

Every Khutsong house would be called on to donate 50c towards legal costs and Lawyers for Human Rights were to be approached "to prepare themselves for more cases to come from Khutsong."

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Reaction to detention of Ramokgopa

By Staff Reporters

The detention of Mr Nat Ramokgopa, a key figure in the negotiations to solve the Soweto rent crisis, was a contradiction in terms, Rev Busani Ngubane said yesterday, in a statement on behalf of the Ministers United for Christian Co-Responsibilty (Muccor).

Mr Ramokgopa, a committee member of the Soweto Peoples' Delegation (SPD), was detained by police on February 12.

"He had no AK-47, no petrol bomb, or any weapon whatsover, but it was still deemed right to seize him like a common criminal."

The Soweto People's Delegation (SPD), said yesterday that the detention of Mr Ramokgopa was a direct interference in the process of negotiation to end the rent crisis.

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Stores want to keep Carletonville clients

By Dawn Barkhuizen

Major chain stores desperate to retain black business in Carletonville are exploring various avenues following a decision by community organisations to take consumer action in the town.

Their action follows a declaration by the chairman of the local management committee, Mr Koos Nel, that he would not bow to pressure from community organisations. On Saturday the organisations announced plans of a protest against the council's petty apartheid stance.

OK Bazaars director Mr Alan Fabig said today discussions were underway with taxi associations over the possibility of transporting shoppers to Randfontein at subsidised rates.

Mr Raymond Ackerman of Pick 'n Pay is likely to adopt the same strategy he used in Boksburg — top level meetings with government and the local authorities aimed at stalling the reintroduction of petty apartheid.

Another store, Jazz Supermarket, which has a 99 percent black clientele, is attempting to negotiate with Cosatu, which has sanctioned the planned action.

Jazz Supermarket human resources director, Mr Gideon Engelbrecht, said his shop would be particularly hard hit.

Mr Trappie de Souza, of Vince's Cash and Carry, an independently owned supermarket chain in the town, said he was in the process of negotiating with black community leaders.

Carletonville management committee issued a statement today saying it had no intention of re-introducing a curfew for blacks.

More whites-only signs likely

By Therese Anders

Secunda has until now probably been the most racially open town on the platteland — but whites-only signs could be going up soon.

The town's new CP-led council is to decide at next Wednesday's council meeting on the segregating of the town's toilets and parks.

However it appears as though the town's other non-restricted facilities — the sports stadium and theatre — will remain open.

The reason for this, said the mayor, the Rev Casper Breedt, was because the council had contracts for the facilities with Sasol.

Another unusual feature for a platteland town is that Secunda's plush new library is open to all races as a study centre.

The reason Secunda seemed on the surface a beacon of racial togetherness was "because of Sasol's influence", Mr Breedt told The Star without elaborating.

A Sasol spokesman yesterday denied that Sasol had any control over the town council but confirmed that senior Sasol management regularly had meetings with both the CP council and the previous Nationalist-controlled one.

A Star survey yesterday confirmed that the two burning race issues in the town at present centre on public toilets and parks. Most whites interviewed outside the post office toilets said they wanted the facility segregated.

Several black shoppers would not shop in Secunda if the council introduced petty aparthied.

A number of white women said they wanted the parks closed, but they worried that this would include the maids who collected young children from school.

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Steep fall in trade shown by survey

By Jovial Rantao

Boksburg traders have experienced heavy losses, some up to 90 percent, following consumer action by nearby black townships, a survey conducted on behalf of the Boksburg Alliance has revealed.

The survey also established that business confidence in Boksburg has been seriously damaged by the boycott action.

To gauge the effects on turnover of business during a part of the month of December, questionnaires were sent to a wide selection of traders.

Losses were based on recorded figures for the same period in 1987.

According to the results of the survey, 27 percent of the total sample indicated loss of turnover of between 70 and 90 percent.

The survey also established that most traders experienced a 58,6 percent loss of customers.

'The majority of the respondents were of the opinion that most of their customers had gone to buy at (in order of priority) Benoni, Germiston, Alberton, the Townships, Edenvale, Elsburg and Johannesburg.

The traders also believed they would not be able to recover their losses even if the situation returned to normal.

The traders indicated they might have to cancel some of their supplies from the wholesalers.

Ninety-six percent of industrial respondents said there had been an effect on sales to foreign countries, but the full extent was unknown. The industrialists conceded that their business confidence had also been seriously damaged.

The president of the Boksburg Chamber of Commerce and acting chairman of the Boksburg Alliance, Mr Johann Viljoen, said it was clear that the trader, especially the small trader, had been most affected by events leading up to the questionnaire. "The industrialists by nature are more sheltered because of their wider market," he said.

The drop in turnover was: shoe stores — 30 to 80 percent; boutiques — 25 to 90 percent; garages — 10 percent; chemists — 30 percent; clothing stores — 20 to 73 percent; restaurants — 20 percent; printing — 24 percent; estate agents — 74 percent; general food — 50 to 70 percent, and hotels — 50 percent.

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Boksburg venue sparks resignation of piper

By Kaizer Nyatsumba

A member of the Scottish Piping Society of the Witwatersrand (SPSW), Mr Brian Smith, has resigned from the organisation because of its decision to hold its annual gathering at the Prince George's Park Stadium in Boksburg on Saturday.

Mr Smith, who is opposed to the Conservative Party-controlled Boksburg Town Council's Verwoerdian-style apartheid policies, has also withdrawn his son, Lincoln, from the King Edward High School team which was going to participate in the competition.

Mr Smith says:

In his letter of resignation sent to the president of the SPSW, Mr Allan Munro, Mr Smith said he disagreed with the society's stand, "or rather lack of it, regarding the Boksburg gathering". According to him, the society decided to hold its gathering in Boksburg this year but agreed to review its position next year.

Said Mr Smith: "To accept the present venue as it stands with a warning from the Piping Society to the Caledonian Society (which will host the gathering) that they should review the venue for next year's gathering is, in my view, hoping that the problem will resolve itself prior to next year.

"I feel that the society should have stood up and been counted amongst the numerous other organisations and cultural bodies (which) have made a positive statement against the Boksburg Council's policy of the reintroduction of petty-apartheid controls."

Mr Smith said he spoke to Miss June Fingland, "the lady I believe is the power behind the East Rand Caledonian Gathering", who told him that it would be "inconvenient" to change the venue.

Miss Fingland allegedly told Mr Smith that the Boksburg Town Council had informed her that Prince George's Park Stadium was "fully multiracial".

In another letter to Mr Chris Mullinder, piping tutor at King Edward High School, Mr Smith said his son Lincoln would not be available to play in Boksburg.

Officials say:

The president of the SPSW, Mr Allan Munro, told The Star yesterday that he had not yet received Mr Smith's letter of February 13. When Mr Smith's letter was read out to him, Mr Munro, refused to comment on it.

"I will not respond to Mr Smith's letter. Whatever he wants to say to us he is free to say, but we will not respond to him in public," Mr Munro said.

Mr Munro emphasised that the SPSW was "a cultural society" which had "no axe to grind with anybody". All they were interested in, he said, was "serving the interests of our members".

Mr Munro said the SPSW had seriously considered "the Boksburg matter" and they had decided to participate in the competition on Saturday.

"We will be participating on Saturday, and that's a decision taken after serious consideration. However, our decision does not indicate support for any local policies applicable in the town. We sincerely hope that our action is not misconstrued as support for the retrogressive step taken in Boksburg."

He said he had been informed that Prince George's Park Stadium was multiracial.

Miss June Fingland of the East Rand Caledonian Gathering refused to comment.

The secretary of the Southern African Pipe Band Association (SAPBA), Mr Rob Taylor, said his organisation was non-political and would participate on Saturday.

We'll cut services, warns CP council

By Anna Louw,
East Rand Bureau

The residents of Reiger Park could not expect the CP—dominated council of Boksburg to provide services and facilities to their community if they chose to boycott the town, said the chief whip of the CP in Boksburg, Mr T J Ferreira.

Mr Ferreira said if the people of Reiger Park did not come back and shop in Boksburg they would have to forfeit certain services.

While they shopped in Boksburg the residents of Reiger Park enabled local businessmen to pay rates and taxes and cover their overheads. Mr Ferreira said now that they were boycotting the town, businessmen could no longer afford to pay rates and taxes which helped the council to provide services to the coloured community.

Mr Ferreira said: "The whites in Boksburg have carried Reiger Park to the tune of R1,6 million."

Management committee chairman, Mr Gideon Fourie, at a recent CP Press Conference said Reiger Park had used R16,5 million of white ratepayers money since 1981.

This was a deficit as the cost of services outweighed the revenue from Reiger Park.

Police to halt Amenities Act arrests

By Craig Kotze,
Crime Reporter

Police have been ordered not to arrest people in connection with the Separate Amenities Act because the SAP did not take the detention of people lightly, a spokesman for the Ministry of Law and Order said yesterday.

He was responding to queries about an order issued by Police headquarters in Pretoria to all Divisional Commissioners and other commanders in the country.

The order stipulates that police are not to arrest those contravening the Act but are to investigate the matter and refer it to the local senior state prosecutor.

A statement issued by the Ministry of Law and Order said police arrested people only to ensure they appeared in court on specific charges.

"Because the arrest of someone is not regarded lightly by the SAP, tangible proof must exist that the suspect has in fact committed the offence."

Kempton Park town clerk 'told untruths'

By Esmaré van der Merwe,
Political Reporter

The Progressive Federal Party has lashed out at Kempton Park town clerk Mr Hans Muller for "telling untruths" about petty apartheid signs in the National Party-controlled town.

The PFP chairman in Kempton Park, Mr Andrew Thatcher, yesterday provided The Star with pictures of "whites only" facilities after Mr Muller had previously denied that any petty apartheid signs existed.

Mr Thatcher said: "I wish to correct the untruths told by Mr Muller.

"Old style signs not only appear at public toilets, but also at the municipal motor vehicle registration office."

Interviewed for a survey on petty apartheid in all Reef municipalities, published in The Star on February 13, Mr Muller said that no "whites only" signs featured in Kempton Park.

Mr Muller further said the town's central business district was open to trading by all races.

Mr Muller pointed out that two shopping centres did not form part of the free trading area.

Mr Thatcher accused the council of a "lack of courage" to scrap petty apartheid.

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Boycott probe proposed

THE government and the Deciduous Fruit Board should investigate the proposed boycott in Britain of South African deciduous fruit and look for alternative markets, the Acting Minister of the Budget and Auxiliary Services, Mr Chris April, said yesterday.

Krugersdorp council moves to 'whites only'

By Gien Elsas
West Rand Bureau

The CP-dominated Krugersdorp Town Council put party politics into practice last night by enforcing its "whites only" policy and deferring decisions on several race-related items pending more information.

The council decided that facilities at Centenary Dam and the use of the dam itself would be restricted to whites.

On the other hand, permission would be granted to the Southern Cross Fund to hold its annual West Rand show at Pretorius Park, despite its multiracial character.

Other decisions taken included one that the Southern Africa Black Taxi Association would not be allowed to build its own taxi ranks in Krugersdorp.

Items referred for more information included investigations into the possibility that people of other races were living in two Krugersdorp hotels and an application for about six coloured dancers to take part in the West Rand Festival of Arts this year.

The council also decided that all Krugersdorp sport clubs using the council's facilities would be asked for their opinion concerning membership of other races.

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CP's Carletonville faces 1950's-style Defiance Campaign

BY JONNY MASEKO and PAUL MASEKO

CARLETONVILLE could face a boycott and other action against its whites-only policies in the next few weeks, including planned lawbreaking along the lines of the Defiance Campaign of the 1950s.

Angered by the Conservative Party-controlled town council's implementation of petty apartheid, a host of progressive organisations adopted a hard line at an emotion-charged meeting last weekend.

They took the matter further than their counterparts in Boksburg, who are boycotting white business — they are calling on the community to defy racist laws.

Elijah Barayi, national president of the Congress of South African Trade Unions (Cosatu), has volunteered to lead the first group of defiers.

The meeting, attended by about 600 people, was organised by the Khutsong/Cosatu Local Action Committee Khutsong is the township outside Carletonville.

The decision to take action was the result of a long period of consultation in the region involving church organisations, the Transvaal Indian Congress, businessmen, taxi-owners, teachers, students, youth, the National Medical and Dental Association and the Unemployed Workers' Union.

The Carletonville Town Council has fenced all the public parks in town and put up "whites only" signs. The only black people allowed in the parks are workers who clean and maintain the area for white residents.

The meeting resolved that the community should defy all the petty apartheid by-laws enforced by the town council. This would mean ignoring all whites-only signs and moving freely through the town, they decided.

Barayi offered to lead the first group of defiers after recounting his experiences in the 1952 Defiance Campaign, run by the Congress Alliance.

People were advised not to move around the town at night alone, as people were being assaulted by whites.

They also decided to organise a consumer boycott of all white-owned shops in Carletonville.

No date was set for the start of this action, though February 27 seems to be the likely date.

Black and Indian shop-owners told the meeting they would assist the boycott by keeping their prices reasonable during the protest Taxi-owners also promised not to charge unreasonable fees to carry people to other towns

The plan was enthusiastically accepted by the 600 people at the meeting.

In a statement on Wednesday, the committee said representatives of 27 community organisations had discussed the "withdrawal of buying power campaign" at the meeting

Conservative Party representative Kobus Beyers responded this week with a firm line. "We will not be intimidated by boycotts," he said.

He warned that his party would prosecute the organisers of the campaign for contravening Emergency regulations, which ban the promotion of boycotts.

Beyers insisted that the CP was "merely executing the mandate of the people.

"We spelt out our policy to the electorate," he said, "and on the basis of our manifesto we won (control of) 60 municipal councils in the Transvaal."

The CP wanted "harmony between various population groups" and this was only possible if people of various racial groups did not share the same facilities, he said

He accused the National Party of failing to implement laws which it wrote into the statute book and said blacks should blame the NP and not the CP.

Citing recent developments in Boksburg, where sport bodies cancelled sports tournaments and athletics meetings because the town council insisted black sportsmen were excluded, he said: "We stuck to our guns We are not even afraid of boycotts from overseas."

CP bars Indian wedding in hall

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POTCHEFSTROOM — The Conservative Party-controlled town council has turned down another application by a prominent member of the local Indian community to hire the Andries Hendrik Potgieter banquet halls in the town for the wedding reception of his daughter.

The application was made by Mr E O Hoosen.

According to the chairman of the management committee, Professor Ben van der Berg, the banquet halls were not generally open to other races.

"The Separate Amenities Act is still in force and I am a law-abiding citizen," Professor van der Berg said.

Backlash against petty apartheid denied by CP

By Esmaré van der Merwe, Political Reporter

The Conservative Party's defeat in school committee elections in the Transvaal towns of Pietersburg and Middelburg could be a significant indicator of diminishing CP support, analysts said yesterday.

But they stressed that parliamentary by-elections would indicate more clearly whether the CP was experiencing a backlash from voters over the party's reintroduction of petty apartheid at municipal level. Star 24/2/89

Rand Afrikaans University academic, Professor Albert Venter, said voters, particularly in urban areas, were "backing off". (3640) 285)

But the CP's poor showing in the two school committee elections could be the result of increased National Party efforts "to put the CP in its place".

Professor Venter added: "The CP has one very good argument, namely that it is only enforcing Government policy. It acts within the parameters of existing NP legislation."

Political analyst Professor Willem Kleynhans said consumers' severe reaction to the reintroduction of petty apartheid demonstrated a backlash.

The CP would have to pay attention to voters' reaction and would probably become more careful in its application of petty apartheid.

PFP spokesman Mr Tian van der Merwe said it was still uncertain whether the backlash against the CP was due to moral or economic considerations.

But CP spokesman Mr Moolman Mentz denied that the party's support was diminishing.

"On the contrary, we are gaining support by our firm stance. The voters gave the CP a strong mandate and that's the end of the story."

Springs set to turn back clock

Star 27/2/89 By Esmaré van der Merwe, Political Reporter

The Conservative Party-dominated town council of Springs would reintroduce "a formal apartheid policy" at tomorrow night's council meeting, management committee chairman Mr Gert Parsons predicted today.

But he dismissed rumours of dissent in the CP caucus about the wisdom of such moves as "laughable".

Informed sources predicted that the meeting would turn into "a dog fight", with some of the councillors particularly concerned about the reintroduction of a petty apartheid sports policy.

Mr Parsons refused to elaborate on possible steps that could be taken by the council, which consists of 10 CP, two NP and one independent councillor.

However, in an earlier interview this month he said steps would be taken to close down currently desegregated facilities.

He then said sports facilities were let to clubs which "at this stage determine their own policies".

Mr D H Mateman: boycott action against Brakpan

*4. Mr C J DERBY-LEWIS asked the Minister of Law and Order·

(1) Whether the South African Police have been informed of and/or any members of the Police were present at a meeting held in the community hall at Geluksdal on or about 1 December 1988 during which a boycott action was propagated against the business community of Brakpan, if so,

(2) whether this boycott action was propagated by a certain person, whose name has been furnished to the Police for the purpose of the Minister's reply; if so, what is the name of this person,

(3) whether any charges have been laid as a result of this meeting, if not, why not, if so, what are the relevant details?

B144E

†The MINISTER OF LAW AND ORDER

(1) Yes

(2) Yes The name furnished by the hon member

(3) Yes A case docket has been opened and charges in terms of the Security Emergency Regulations are being investigated This investigation has not yet been completed

Comdt C J DERBY-LEWIS Mr Chairman, arising from the hon the Minister's reply, could he tell us whether it is really his intention to act in terms of the emergency regulations against boycotts, or is this just more legislation to be flaunted as long as it only affects the affairs of Whites?

†The MINISTER. Mr Chairman, I already pointed out that a case was opened and that we are investigating the matter

Groote Schuur Hospital: complaints against Chief Medical Superintendent

*5 Dr M S BARNARD asked the Minister of National Health and Population Development·

Whether any complaints were laid against the Chief Medical Superintendent of Groote Schuur Hospital in Novemebr or December 1988; if so, (a) (i) how many such complaints were made and (ii) by whom and (b) (i) what was the nature of each such complaint and (ii) to whom was each made?

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The MINISTER OF NATIONAL HEALTH AND POPULATION DEVELOPMENT·

In accordance with Rule 95 of the Standing Rules of Parliament, the matter is *sub judice* and I am therefore unable to provide the hon member with a reply

SAP vehicles: differing numeber plates displayed

*6 Mr M J ELLIS asked the Minister of Law and Order·

(1) Whether the South African Police own a vehicle with the number plates NP 47417 and NP 81816 and another with the number plates NP 6062 and NP 71125; if so, (a) why are two differing number plates displayed on each vehicle and (b) who gave permission for two differing number plates to be displayed, if not, who owns the vehicles concerned,

(2) whether any action has been taken against the owners and/or drivers of these vehicles as a result of the differing number plates; if not, why not, if so, (a) what action, (b) against whom and (c) when?

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†The MINISTER OF LAW AND ORDER

(1) and (2)

In combating crime, during clandestine police actions, it is often necessary for the South African Police to make use of vehicles which cannot be identified by means of their number plates or otherwise It is also often necessary in high risk areas because identifiable police vehicles are maliciously damaged by hostile elements, especially when they are parked unguarded.

However, instructions in respect of this matter, which I am not prepared to make known here, are being applied

The honourable member has apparently put this question to me as a result of a letter concerning the matter which was published in the *Natal Witness* recently. In the newspaper concerned, the liaison officer of the South African Police in Pietermaritzburg addressed an invitation to the correspondent to substantiate the allegations which he made in his letter

by means of an affidavit, so that they could be investigated

Up until now no reaction in this regard has been received from the correspondent or from any other person On the contrary, his letter evoked extremely favourable comments from the public regarding the excellent service rendered by the South African Police, Pietermaritzburg. I would therefore like to make an appeal to the hon member — we know the hon member and we know he is a good friend of the South African Police — not to always regard the South African Police with suspicion, but to rather support them positively in the difficult task which they perform.

Mr P G SOAL: Mr Chairman, arising from the reply of the hon the Minister, may I say that while I accept that it might be necessary for the police to be unidentifiable while looking for those who are breaking the law, will he please tell us whether the registration numbers which are used on occasions such as these are numbers which are taken at random, or are they licence registration numbers which are registered with the appropriate authorities?

†The MINISTER. Mr Chairman, owing to the nature of this information, I cannot make it known in public on the floor of the House [Interjections] If the hon member approaches me about that, I am prepared to make it available to him on a confidential basis

Harms Commission: white paper on reports

*7. Mr D J DALLING asked the Minister of Justice:

(1) Whether the Government is considering tabling a white paper on the first two reports of the Harms Commission; if so, (a) when and (b) what is it intended will be the purport of such a white paper, if not,

(2) whether any action arising out of these reports is being considered, if so, (a) what action, (b) against whom and (c) when,

(3) whether any further investigations arising out of these reports are being considered; if so, (a) what is the nature of each such investigation and (b) when is it anticipated that each will be completed?

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The MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS AND OF COMMUNICATIONS (for the Minister of Justice).

(1) At this stage a white paper on the first two reports is not indicated, since the recommendations in those two reports are clear and well defined and have already been given effect to Suffice it to say that the Government's initiatives to expose curruption and unethical business practices support the State President's commitment to clean administration. The Government will therefore continue to pursue the ideals of clean administration in spirit and in deed

(2) Yes The various Attorneys-General are considering possible criminal charges as indicated in the report. The Law Society of the Cape of Good Hope is also considering the report.
The findings of the Commission in connection with certain politcal-ethical issues and the violation of the inter-state relationship with Ciskei were referred to the Speaker of Parliament and the Department of Foreign Affairs, respectively, for possible action.
The Commission also pointed out certain defects in the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1958 (Act 6 of 1958), and recommended that this Act be referred to the South African Law Commission for investigation. I have subsequently requested the South African Law Commission to consider including the matter in its programme
The hon member is furthermore referred to my oral answer on 14 February 1989.

(3) The terms of reference of the Commission will determine the scope of further investigation which is a matter of decision for the Commission.

Cycads: permits for export

*8. Mr R J LORIMER asked the Minister of Constitutional Development and Planning

Whether any permits for the export of cycads were issued by any provincial nature conservation department in (a) 1987 and (b) 1988, if so, (i) in respect of which country in each case and (ii) what was the value of eachsuch export?

B216E

The DEPUTY MINISTER OF CONSTITU-

No 'white by night' curfew in CP town

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CARLETONVILLE — There was no truth in the rumour that Carletonville's Conservative Party-controlled town council would impose a "white by night" curfew on the town, a CP spokesman said today.

The deputy chairman of Carletonville's management committee, Mr David de Ridder, said this would be impossible as it was against the law.

Mr de Ridder likewise said it would be "impossible" for blacks to travel to neighbouring towns to avoid buying goods in Carletonville.

Community leaders in adjacent Khutsong township and an estimated 100 000 blacks began consumer action today in protest against the council's return to petty apartheid.

Mr de Ridder said local black taxi corporations had met to discuss lowering tariffs to aid transport of people to Westonaria and other nearby towns, but the corporations had decided they would not lower their fares, he said.

A spokesman for the Southern African Black Taxi Association was not available for comment.

The neighbouring towns, most of which are also controlled by the CP, have said, however, that discounts offered to Carletonville shoppers at their stores will compensate for the money they spend getting there. — Sapa.

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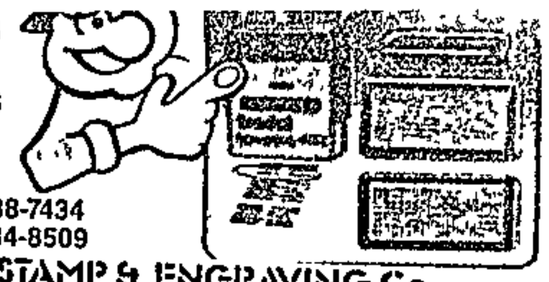

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Shops empty as protest in Carletonville begins

By Stan Hlophe and Dan Side

Carletonville's business district was deserted yesterday as blacks responded to a call by the local Cosatu action committee for protest action against white-owned businesses.

Cosatu is protesting against the reintroduction of petty apartheid laws by the Conservative Party-controlled town council.

The action was sparked by the municipality's decision to erect "whites only" signs in parks and to lock "non-white" toilets

Yesterday white-owned shops were mostly empty of black customers

"Definitely, we are affected," said the manager of Ellerines, who asked not to be named

"This time of the month it would be full by now but, as you can see, the place is empty."

A bottle store assistant manager, who stood at an empty counter, claimed his walk-in trade was reduced by a group of youths who prevented customers from entering

Mr Koos Nel, chairman of the town's management committee, said "a couple of cases of intimidation" had been reported to police, who removed the alleged intimidators, and in some instances shopkeepers themselves chased the interlopers away

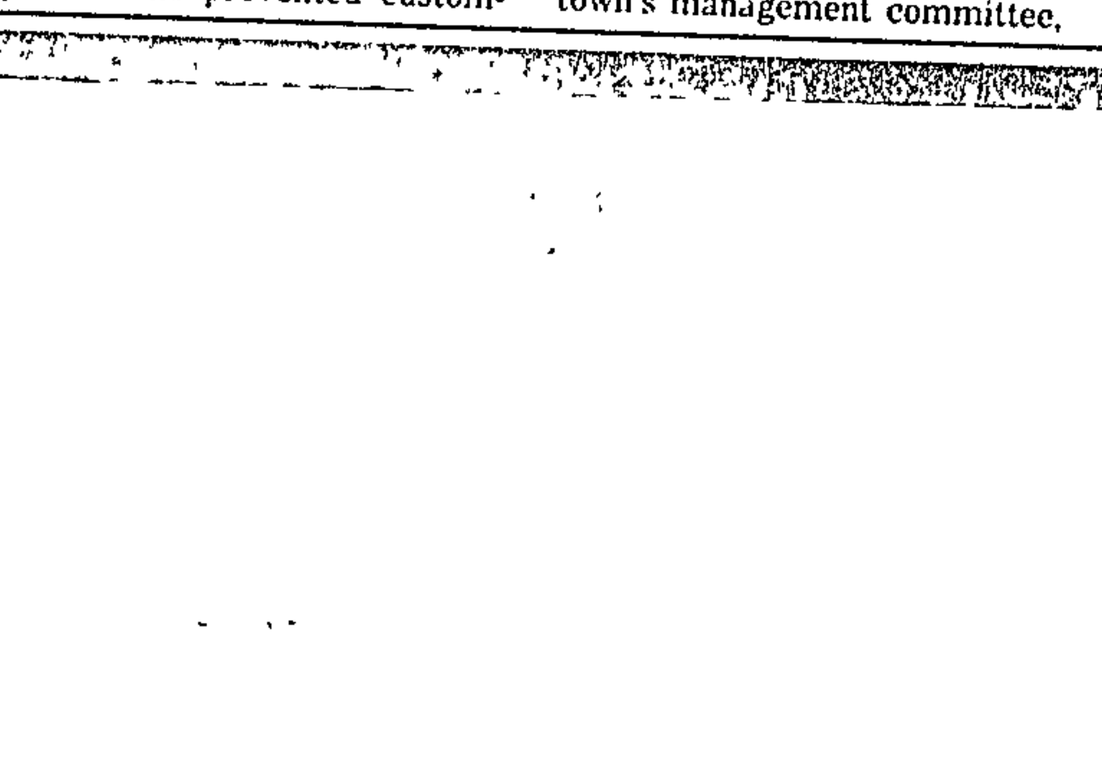
Butcher Mr Danico Sebustino said "If this continues, I will be forced to close shop, pack my bags and return to my home country"

A Scotts fashion shop manageress admitted it was "unusually quiet" for a month-end

General manager for Pick 'n Pay, Mr Aubrey Zelinsky, said possible losses could only be accurately assessed by the end of the week

Mr Zelinsky said businessmen would meet as soon as possible to decide what line of action to take

The CP's Mr Nel said yesterday's action proved nothing because most blacks were "weekend shoppers" and many had stocked up on Saturday



Mr Danico Sebastino, a Carletonville butcher, sits forlornly on his counter waiting for customers. ● Picture by John Hogg.

Consumer action hits Carletonville: 2 held

Staff Reporters

Two black men have been arrested in connection with three intimidation charges in Carletonville, where black consumer action has virtually crippled commerce since the town reintroduced petty apartheid.

Police said a "close watch" was being kept on the situation as the Cosatu-sponsored protest entered its third day.

No reports of violence had yet been received, said police.

Captain Ben van Heerden, police liaison officer for the Western Transvaal division, today warned that intimidation was a criminal offence and that police would take action to prevent it.

No extra police patrols had been instituted to counter intimidation, he said

The Conservative Party-controlled town council of Carletonville was confident that the "positive action" against intimidators had broken the back of the boycott and that trade would return to normal by the weekend.

Mr Koos Nel, chairman of the town's management committee, said today that around-the-clock police patrols had thwarted possible intimidators and black customers were again buying.

Mr Nel admitted the strike had vastly reduced turnovers on Monday, but he said that late yesterday more black shoppers were seen in the business district and more were expected today in line with his prediction that the protest action would be short-lived.

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He said no representations had been received from businessmen, who reported custom down by as much as 70 percent.

Mr Rodney van Loggenberg, vice-chairman of the Carletonville Chamber of Commerce, said yesterday that businessmen were planning to try to persuade the CP-controlled council to abandon its commitment to petty apartheid.

He described the protest as "reasonably strong", saying its consequences for shopkeepers depending on black customers were potentially strong.

Reports received by The Star indicate that business is booming in the neighbouring township of Khutsong and the Carletonville Taxi Association was involved in negotiations to ferry shoppers to neighbouring towns.

Businessmen to call on CP to back down

By Patrick Laurence

Carletonville businessmen were flying distress signals yesterday as the boycott by black consumers in protest against the reintroduction of strict apartheid entered its second day.

Carletonville Chamber of Commerce vice-chairman Mr Rodney van Loggenberg told The Star that businessmen were planning to try to persuade the Conservative Party-controlled town council to abandon its commitment to petty apartheid.

Deserted streets

The businessmen had asked the chamber to support its attempt and the chamber had agreed, he said. A meeting would be held in the town tonight and a committee would be elected to open talks with the CP

Mr van Loggenberg described the boycott as "reasonably strong", saying its consequences for shopkeepers dependent on black consumers were potentially serious His judiciously chosen words belied reports of empty shops and deserted streets.

The CP, dedicated to restoring the maximum possible racial separation, achieved one of its most spectacular successes in Carletonville in October's municipal elections. It won all 10 seats in the town council and, according to Mr van Loggenberg's calculations, about two-thirds of the vote Blue-collar mineworkers form a substantial chunk of the white electorate

Against that, however, a sizeable proportion of the black community in Carletonville work on the mines, many of the estimated 70 000 mineworkers are staunch members of the National Union of Mineworkers, the biggest affiliate of the Congress of SA Trade Unions, which is spearheading the stayaway

Professor Johan Martens of Unisa reckons that blacks control more than 50 percent of purchasing power in the area When purchases on food are isolated, the black share rises to nearly two-thirds, he says.

The Carletonville stayaway is the second major boycott to be directed against a CP-controlled town council since the municipal elections The first, in Boksburg, has been in force for three months Boksburg Chamber of Commerce chairman Mr Johann Viljoen said yesterday· "The stayaway here is still fairly strong. There's been very litte abatement."

The stayaway was reaching a critical period for Boksburg shopkeepers Many had bought Christmas stock on a three-month credit basis in the hope of earning enough money during the Christmas rush to pay their creditors. But, Mr Viljoen said, the stayaway had kept many shops empty, leaving their owners with the problem of paying for unsold stock

Neighbours expect higher sales from boycott

By Stan Hlophe

Neighbouring towns are expecting increased sales following Monday's launch of a black consumer boycott against Carletonville.

The boycott is a protest against the reintroduction of petty apartheid by the town's Conservative Party council.

Randfontein, Westonaria and Fochville stand to gain sales, possibly helped by an undertaking by the Southern African Black Taxi Association to transport shoppers to neighbouring towns at reduced fares

The regional director of OK Bazaars, Mr N Nunan, said an increase in sales in neighbouring towns was expected.

"In Carletonville we felt a slight boycott of about 20% on Monday and we hope that will be offset by the increase of sales in places like Fochville and Westonaria."

A spokesman for Checkers said sales figures would be available only on Monday.

The National Union of Mineworkers said the Cosatu Local Action Committee with church representatives and community organisations had decided to launch the boycott as a last resort

People have been urged not to participate in "activities which might be exploited by the agents of apartheid in order to sow confusion" and not to interfere with delivery trucks, vans and telephone services, as this would result in action by the authorities

Boycott bites after two days so . . .

Carletonville businessmen to take action

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AS THE black consumer boycott began to take effect in Carletonville yesterday, angry businessmen and the chamber of commerce decided to look at ways to form a united front against the CP-controlled town council's enforcement of petty apartheid.

Calling the CP council "out of touch with reality", businessmen said they and the chamber would meet tonight to discuss the matter and see what steps they could take.

Reuter reports that the boycott, launched on Monday, has left Carletonville shops nearly empty — with store owners standing to lose about 70% of their custom.

Turning

Store owners reported normal turnover from white clientele, but a sharp drop in black customers.

Several voiced anger at the CP policies. "They are unrealistic and out of touch with reality," said one.

Some white residents said boycott organisers were turning away blacks who tried to enter shops, but the police would not confirm this.

Sapa reports that CP deputy leader Ferdi Hartzenberg said the boycott was intimidation politics.

He said it was an effort to sway the CP from its course, but the party would carry out its policies.

Carletonville's management committee chairman, Koos Nel, said he doubted if all black people would take part in the boycott.

He said it would be ironical if blacks did their shopping at neighbouring towns, because some of them were controlled by the CP as well.

□ SIPHO NGCOBO reports that Jazz Supermarkets, whose customers are 100% black, said the company had been betrayed by Cosatu.

Jazz MD Kruben Moodliar said his Carletonville branch sales had dropped 92% due to the boycott, in spite of a meeting he held with the boycott organisers, the local Cosatu Action Committee, the NUM and the TIC last Friday.

Moodliar said he was surprised his company was being boycotted because Jazz as a company had shown it understood the problems of blacks.

A Cosatu spokesman said he understood the case of enlightened companies such as Jazz but said it was difficult to make exceptions in a boycott situation.

Pick 'n Pay chairman Raymond Ackerman said the boycott had had a substantial but not crippling effect on his store.

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All-races resort for Witbank

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Highveld Bureau

WITBANK — A privately owned R10 million all-races resort is to be built on the banks of Witbank Dam alongside the Witbank Town Council's controversial whites-only resort.

The new resort, which is expected to be opened before the end of the year, was given the green light by the Witbank council last night.

It is to be built by a local entrepreneur, Mr Neven Matthews, who is now resident for much of the year in the United States.

Witbank management committee chairman Mr Gert Vos conceded that the new resort would further jeopardise the financial feasibility of the council's resort, which this year is expected to lose R300 000.

Evander clinic needs new venue

By Therese Anders, Highveld Bureau

The Evander blood donor clinic is now without a home after this week's decision by the CP-controlled Evander town council to bar blacks from giving blood in the municipal library foyer.

The council decision comes only days after an incident in Evander when eight black donors were turned away from the library by a municipal official.

Following the incident, the medical director of the South African Blood Transfusion Service, Dr Maurice Shapiro, said the SABTS condemned the council official's action.

He said the SABTS would not use the Evander library under those circumstances and was looking for a new venue

A council spokesman said the decision to stop blacks donating blood in the library foyer was taken after members of the public had complained about blacks using the library toilets.

He said the library had always been for whites only.

BOYCOTT DIGS IN

Shops in West Rand town had to close early

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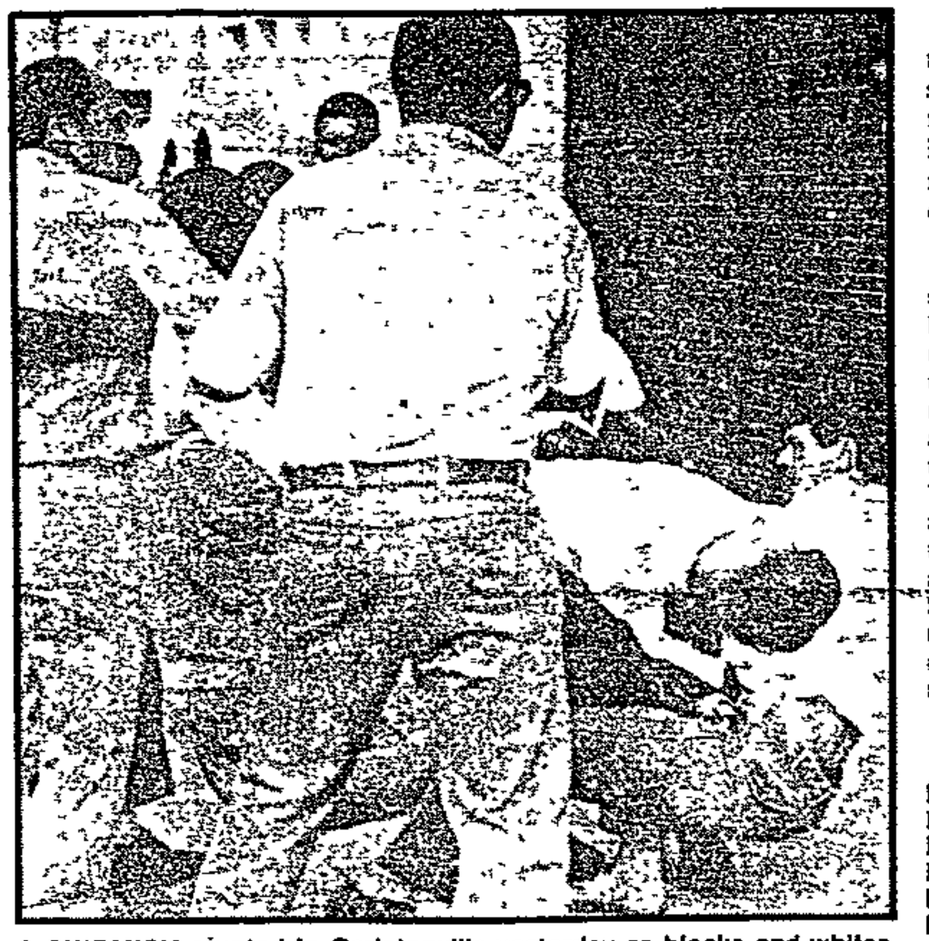
SOME WHITE-OWNED BUSINESSES in the CP-controlled town of Carletonville in the western Transvaal, yesterday closed early as a black consumer boycott of the town entered its second day writes JOSHUA RABOROKO.



A SKIRMISH erupted in Carletonville yesterday as blacks and whites clashed after an argument over the use of a public telephone in the centre

Pic MBUZENI ZULU

But, business in the neighbouring township of Khutsong and the mines was booming as residents and miners spent their end-of-the-month money

The organisation that spearheaded the action has threatened to intensify the boycott until the CP town council removed all the petty apartheid signs in the town The Carletonville Taxi Association was also engaged in negotiations with organisers in an attempt to ferry hundreds of commuters to buy from neighbouring towns It is expected that the association will

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Boycott set for heavy toll in Carletonville

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THE economic equilibrium in Carletonville has been shattered this week so far, with some businessmen suffering losses of up to 80 percent as the effects of the Conservative Party's decision to reintroduce "ox-wagon apartheid" in the town takes its toll.

By JOSHUA RABOROKO

About 50 angry local shopowners were by late last night locked in a tense meeting in their bid to fight the CP, while the black consumers united in their boycott aimed at teaching the town lessons that hurt the most.

The president of the Carletonville Chamber of Commerce, Mrs Annatjie Claasen, yesterday told the *Sowetan* that the effects of the boycott were biting, although no figures of the losses have been counted.

Fears are mounting that many people — black and white — will find themselves jobless if the trade union and community-backed boycott continues unabated.

Mrs Claasen said the purpose of the meeting was to get a mandate from business people concerning their problems with the aim to approach the town council with them.

The chairman of the town's management committee, Mr Koos Nel, yesterday conceded that the action had vastly reduced turnovers since it started on M[illegible]nday.

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3 businesses close after 3 days and more look set to follow

Carletonville feels boycott bite

Staff Reporters

The consumer boycott in Conservative Party-controlled Carletonville has started to bite, after being in operation for three days

Three white-owned businesses decided to close yesterday Others are feeling the pinch and could be forced to close by the end of the week

The boycott, launched by the local Cosatu Action Committee against white-owned stores, is in protest against the resurrection of strict apartheid in the West Rand town

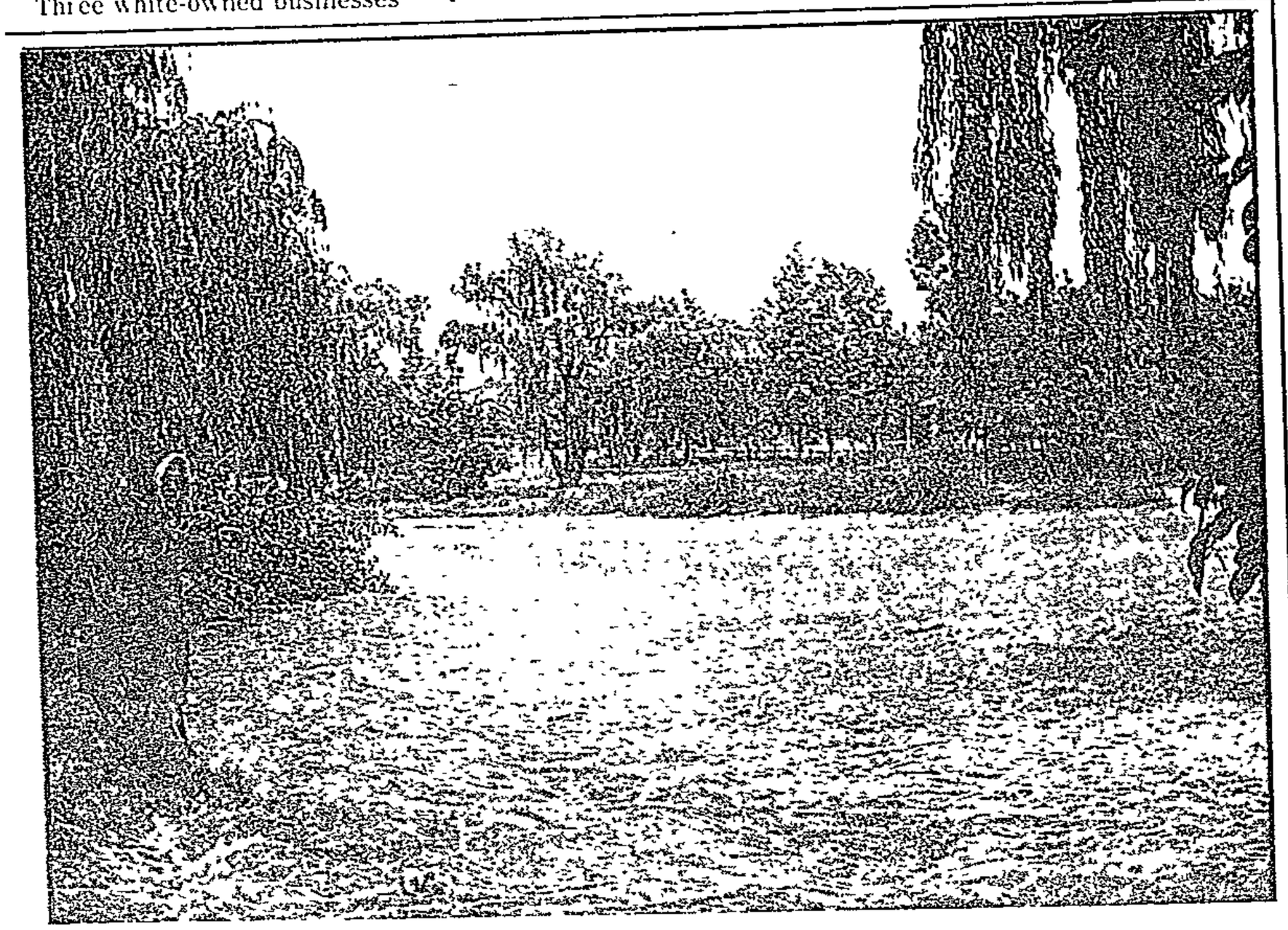
The boycott is hitting Indian traders who have recorded poor sales since the concerted action started on Monday

Mr Donico Sebastino, a local butcher who has had no customers since Monday, has resigned himself to closing his shop tomorrow, paying off his staff and calling it quits

White businessmen attribute the boycott to intimidation by radical youths.

Mr Eddie Greyling, a bottle store owner, said "Although on Wednesday the intimidation had lessened because of police presence, it was very prevalent in the first two days. Many people came to me and said. 'We would like to buy from you, but we can't because we are afraid' Those who dare defy the call have to bear the fury of radicals"

Indian shopkeepers expressed concern about the drop in their business. They attributed the unexpected turn of events to the confusion reigning in the town.



Spread message

They urged the boycott's organisers to clarify the issue.

"Most people, especially mineworkers, did not get the message that the boycott is against white-owned businesses and not those belonging to Indians," said one Indian trader.

"The organisers have to spread the message to outlying areas because many people are confused They don't know what they are supposed to do.

"The local mineworkers are predominantly illiterate people and can't distinguish between white and Indian businesses. If the situation can be fully explained, our business can gradually improve."

Indian shopkeepers ruled out any move to approach the town council, because "they are the ones who killed the goose that lays the golden eggs".

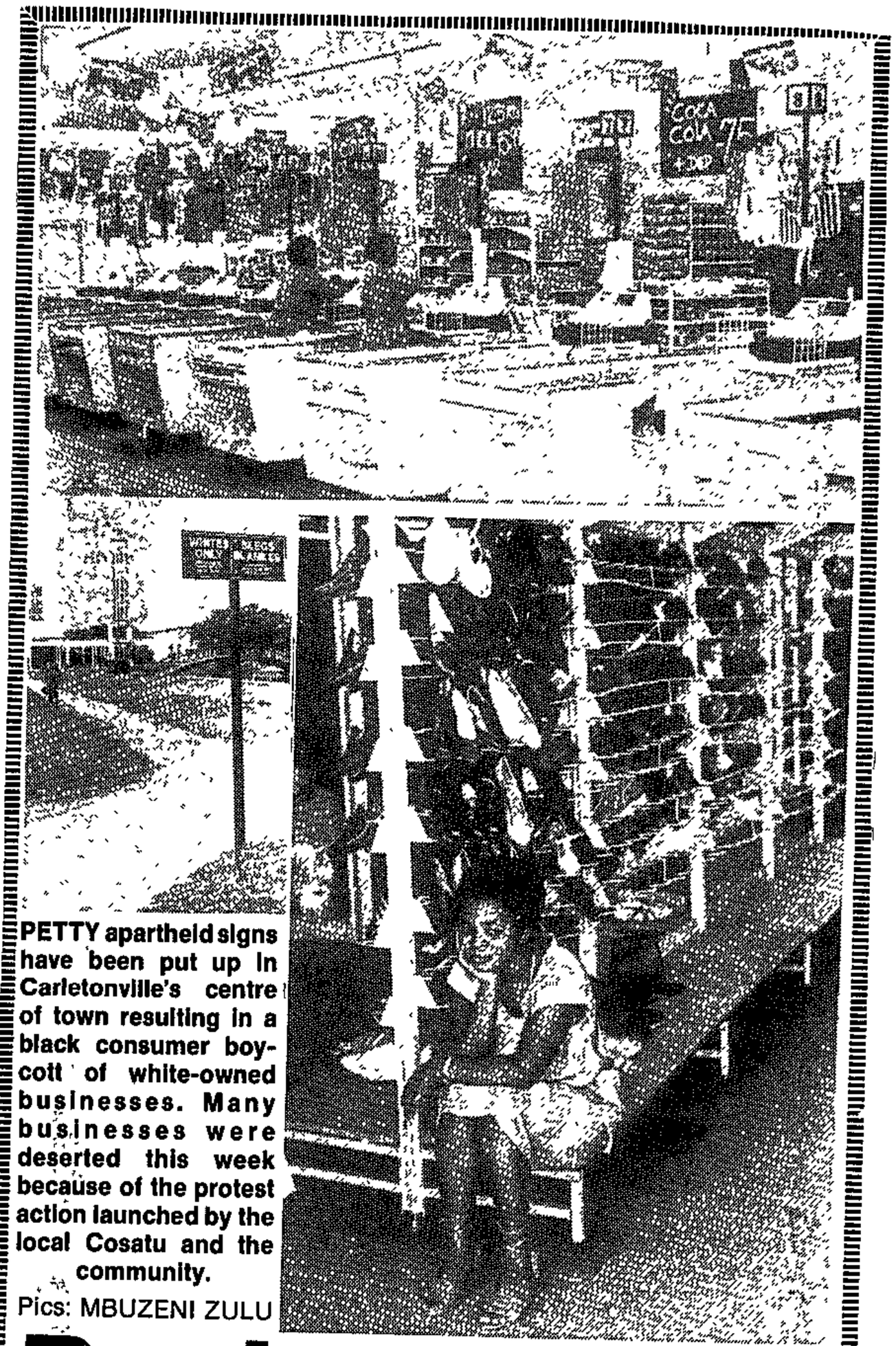
About the white businessmen who face financial losses, they said "They voted the CP into power in the name of loyalty to the *vaderland* and should suffer the consequences."

Carletonville businessmen last night elected a delegation to meet the town council in a determined bid to end the boycott

Business media liaison official Ms Annetjie Claasen said the object of last night's meeting of representatives of 80 of Carletonville's 300 commercial interests, including member-groups of most of the country's leading chain stores, was to formulate a plan of action to end the boycott

Ms Claasen said 98 percent of businessmen had been affected by the boycott, which had resulted in turnover losses of between 10 percent and 100 percent.

Lightning causes a R200 000 blaze



PETTY apartheid signs have been put up in Carletonville's centre of town resulting in a black consumer boycott of white-owned businesses. Many businesses were deserted this week because of the protest action launched by the local Cosatu and the community.

Pics: MBUZENI ZULU

Business plea to CP council

By JOSHUA RABOROKO

A HIGH-POWERED delegation of Carletonville businessmen will today present a strong-worded memorandum to the CP town council in a bid to end the five-day black consumer boycott of white-owned businesses in the town.

This was confirmed yesterday by the Carletonville Chamber of Commerce president, Mrs A Claasen, who said this was a decision of a top-level delegation of business people after a meeting on Wednesday night.

The meeting, attended by some of the big businesses like OK Bazaars, Pick 'n Pay, Checkers and Jazz Stores, was called to draw a plan of action in the wake of the intensification of the consumer boycott by the organisers.

Mrs Claasen said the more than 180 business people at the meeting accepted that a memorandum be presented to the town council with the view to end the boycott that was having "a crippling effect on our businesses".

An Action Committee elected would meet the town council today to present the memorandum and make representations, she said, although she could not give details of the document.

Some undisclosed reports say part of the deal is to recommend to the council to scrap petty apartheid and to mandate the government to remove the Separate Amenities Act from the statute books.

She said the representations have called on the town council to reconsider its action to reintroduce petty apartheid, adding, "we want to co-operate with the council as far as possible because our businesses are suffering."

About 98 percent of businessmen had been affected by the boycott, which had resulted in turnover losses of between 10 and 100 percent, she said.

The boycott, launched by the local Cosatu Action Committee and community organisations, will have serious effects on the Carletonville business at the weekend when most shoppers would stayaway from the town.

CP bars blacks from parks

Sasol pledge to fight Secunda apartheid move

SASOL yesterday vowed to use "all the influence it can bring to bear" to have the Secunda town council reverse its decision to reimpose petty apartheid.

The council decided on Wednesday night to segregate its four public toilets and several parks.

Sasol, by far Secunda's largest employee, said the decision would affect its employees and was in direct conflict with its mission which unequivocally acknowledged the equality of all.

Sasol stressed the council was an autonomous body over whose decisions it had no say.

It said the terms of a contractual agreement between the council and Sasol would ensure the town's theatre and sports stadium would remain open to all.

Meanwhile CP leader Andries Treurnicht said yesterday government's threatened action against CP-run councils which reverted to petty apartheid would be dictatorial and ride roughshod over efforts by whites to protect their own community life.

He was reacting to comments by NP leader F W de Klerk who told a public meeting in Nigel on Wednesday government could be expected to take action against pro-apartheid moves by CP municipalities.

Treurnicht said De Klerk had "once again revealed his party's contempt for its own election manifesto".

ALAN FINE and
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De Klerk told Wednesday's meeting government would take steps within the "foreseeable future" to prevent a continuation of some CP councils' "irresponsible behaviour".

□ Forty-five black tenants of the Southern Hemispere's largest residential building — Ponte City in Berea — have been told to go because they are contravening the Group Areas Act.

Evictions

Confirming the evictions yesterday, S J Steenkamp, a spokesman for the agents, Vincemus Investments, said white residents had complained to the SAP, resulting in an investigation by the Group Areas squad.

The affected tenants occupy about 10% of Ponte's 466 flats.

Local PFP city councillor Lester Fuchs said at least one of the residents would take the matter to court. He questioned why the matter could not be delayed until finality was reached on whether greater Hillbrow would become a Free Settlement Area.

Steenkamp confirmed flats had been let to blacks without them using the so-called nominee system.

Vincemus was being caught in the cross-fire, he said, and had to serve one month's notice on the tenants to forestall possible prosecution.

Govt to remove apartheid signs?

Political Staff

THE government is planning to force CP-controlled councils in Boksburg and Carletonville to take down the apartheid signs they have re-erected at the towns' amenities.

Far-reaching retrospective changes to the Separate Amenities Act that will bar the re-erection of apartheid signs that are removed, and stop any new signs being put up, is under consideration.

This could put an end to attempts by CP councils to turn back the clock and segregate amenities.

As the government moves to woo the Labour Party into supporting a number of key constitutional amendments, several beaches including King's Beach are to be opened.

Despite government moves, there is to be no compromise from Labour who have demanded that the Act be repealed.

Blasts rock Carletonville

CARLETONVILLE. — Two blasts rocked this town early yesterday, police said.

A bomb went off outside Oberholzer Civic Centre soon after midnight, while the second blast occurred at 1.48am at a powerline pylon.

Police said damage was minimal and there had been no injuries.

The first blast, a suspected mini-limpet mine, had been placed outside the centre's banquet hall.

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Council wants to move Bophelong

Special Correspondent

THE CP-controlled Vanderbijlpark Town Council wants to move the 22 000 inhabitants of Bophelong from what the CP calls the town's "white" area.

A request to this effect has apparently already been rejected by Minister of Education and Training and Development Aid Gerrit Viljoen – the MP for Vanderbijlpark – and Constitutional Development and Planning Minister Chris Heunis.

The council has now decided to test its intention in the Supreme Court.

NP council members said Vanderbijlpark would be heading for a bigger disaster than the problems caused by the application of CP policy in Boksburg and Carletonville should the council persist in its plan.

According to the council's CP leader, Cas

We need the land for whites – CP man

Pieters, a 1971 contract stipulates that Bophelong – the oldest black township in the Vanderbijlpark area – would be removed before 1981 and that the township itself would carry the cost.

Since then the people of Bophelong have repeatedly applied for postponement of the removal date.

Until 1987, postponements were granted. Application was then made to move the people in 1991. The council rejected this.

Heunis intervened in 1987, stating that the people of Bophelong would no longer be removed.

"This decision (of the Minister) was never promulgated and can therefore not be enforced," Pieters said.

"Presently building sites are being sold on council property in accordance with the 99-year leasehold, while Vanderbijlpark does not receive a cent.

"We need the land for township development for whites."

Johan Killian, NP leader in the council, said it would be more beneficial for Vanderbijlpark to sell the land to Lekoa, which administers Bophelong. An amount of R1,6-million has already been mentioned.

Killian said while the situations in Boksburg and Carletonville mainly involved the introduction of separate amenities, the Vanderbijlpark council intends to force people out of their homes.

Nats want

Station's racist signs on way out, says Sats

By Therese Anders,
Highveld Bureau

Although apartheid signs have disappeared from most of South Africa's mainline railway stations, they are still in profusion at Witbank.

"Whites only" benches are at one end of the platform, while "non-whites" benches line the other. The restrooms and the under-track tunnels to platforms are also segregated.

But they will not be there for much longer, said Sats' northern Transvaal region public relations manager Mr Marius Butler. "Those signs should have been removed by now," he said. "There must have been a breakdown in communication."

He said efforts to remove signs had been concentrated on main lines. Witbank was on a main line and all race signs would be taken down on the line to the lowveld "within the next few days".

All Sats' amenities and facilities were open to everyone — the class of ticket held was the only criterion for who used which facilities.



A huge crowd of Reiger Park and Windmill Park residents last night joined hands to express their support for a continued boycott of CP-controlled Boksburg. The rowdy audience was asked to "sit out" the threat by the Boksburg Town Council to cut water and lights.

● Picture by Ken Oosterbroek.

Crowded meeting votes to continue Boksburg stayaway

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By Helen Grange

Nearly 2 000 Windmill Park and Reiger Park residents crowded into the Reiger Park civic centre last night to give an overwhelming mandate for the continued consumer boycott of the Boksburg CBD

The chairman of the Windmill Park Indian Homeowners' Association, Mr Clemens Padiachy, called on the rowdy audience to "sit out" the threats by Boksburg Town Council to cut Windmill Park's electricity and water supply and to evict the residents from their houses.

The threat by the town council was made last month in an effort to remove the "illegal" occupants of Windmill Park in terms of the Group Areas Act.

Interrupted by frequent yells of "Viva", Mr Padiachy shouted: "They can cut my lights and water, but they will never kill the fire in me to create a new South Africa."

'BRING THE ENEMY TO ITS KNEES'

Pastor Doug Matthews, spokesman for the SA Council of Churches Human Rights Commission, told the audience that they had the power through the continued consumer boycott to "bring the enemy to its knees".

"You have seen how sanctions have worked. You have done it in Boksburg We must now come together to discuss strategies to do away with our pain and suffering under apartheid We have the advantage of our unity and we must fight this evil. They have no right to withdraw services which have been paid for," Pastor Matthews said

An appeal was made by the chairman of the Save Boksburg Committee, Mr Mohammed Navsa, to avoid the use of violence

He added that his organisation was prepared to "re-negotiate the residents' re-entry into Boksburg", but would not compromise its principles in the process

Mr Navsa added that his organisation had also pledged its support for the consumer boycott in Carletonville

Two petitions were circulated by the Save Boksburg Committee — one to the Acting State President, Mr Chris Heunis, and one to the Administrator of the Transvaal, Mr Danie Hough

The petitions call for an immediate scrapping of the Separate Amenities and Group Areas Acts as well as a commission of inquiry into the Conservative Party-controlled town council's management of Boksburg

Mr Navsa said he was hoping to collect up to 30 000 signatures in the next 10 days

Black action hits shops in Carletonville

About 27 percent of Carletonville shops will soon close if the black consumer boycott triggered by the Conservative Party-controlled town council's re-introduction of petty apartheid continues, the president of Carletonville Chamber of Commerce, Mrs Annetjie Claasen, said today.

The local Chamber will meet the council management committee tonight to discuss the effects of the boycott.

Mrs Claasen said a survey conducted by the Chamber among 139 businessmen on Monday showed that 47 percent of the town's businessmen had recorded a drop in turnover of up to 40 percent, while 53 percent of them claimed a drop of between 41 percent and 100 percent.

"I am optimistic about the outcome of the meeting," said Mrs Claasen.

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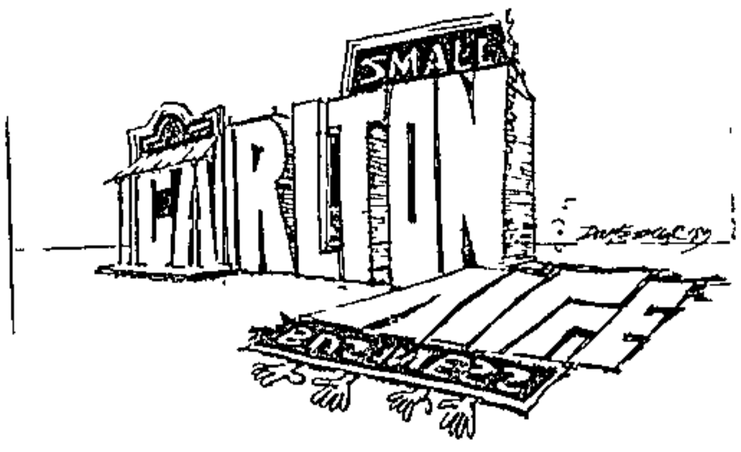

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Traders splutter

"Most of these businesses will have to close down if the situation is not resolved," says Anatjie Klaasen, president of the Carletonville Chamber of Commerce and Industries. She was speaking after a week of the black consumer boycott of the town aimed at the Conservative Party (CP) council bent, as in Boksburg, on strictly enforcing the Separate Amenities Act, which government last week in effect suspended.

Armed with "the facts and figures," Klaasen was due to meet management committee chairman Koos Nel's council on Thursday evening to discuss the crisis, and what the CP intends to do about it — a question the local chamber last Friday specifically asked the council to reply to. The CP is, however, undeterred. An immovable CP combined with an irresistible boycott would seem to spell doom for the town.

The toll of the boycott hit home only two days after it was launched on February 27, when Klaasen reported that 98% of local business was affected by losses of between 10% and 100% of usual turnover. Some companies threatened that they might have to dismiss workers as a result, but the chamber advised them to hold fire pending this Thursday's meeting with the council. "If we don't sort it out, then I don't know," admits Klaasen, emphasising that while there are still blacks to be seen in town "they are not buying in Carletonville at all."

Instead local black spending is going to Randfontein, Westonaria, Fochville and Johannesburg, with assistance from the kombicabs of the United Taxi Association of Carletonville.

The fact that the boycotters are diverting their spending power to CP-run Fochville and Westonaria "really makes me laugh," says Carletonville's MP Arrie Paulus (CP). He wonders why blacks do not boycott "white" towns nationally since, like Pretoria under the National Party, all their facilities are segregated. Paulus blithely claims the boycott "is already resolved; people are starting to buy again." He says darkly that "there were a few people behind it" but their action is "backfiring on them."

On Tuesday, however, Klaasen released the results of a survey of 139 major traders among the town's 350 retail outlets. This reveals that 53% have experienced turnover losses of between 41% and 100%; while 47% say they've lost nothing or up to 40%. A further 27% said they will have to close down; 45% said they are going to discharge staff; and 60% would have to cut their buying. Many said they could hold on — provided the problem is resolved.

The boycott of Carletonville is organised by an action committee formed at Khutsong township on February 18 at a meeting of 27 community organisations and trade unions convened by the Cosatu local action committee. The meeting was the culmination of a series to consider a consumer withdrawal of buying power from the town. The fact that the area has such a highly unionised black population — including 100 000 miners — probably explains why the boycott appears to be even more effective than Boksburg's.

The boycott is "part of a broader campaign against the CP's bold assertion of white power in the town." A meeting of the committee last Saturday resolved "to defy apartheid laws imposed on us; to defend ourselves against assaults by white conservatives in the towns and the mines; withdraw our buying power from white-owned business, small and big."

Anglo American's alleged dealings with "apartheid town councils" was singled out for criticism at the meeting, which also resolved to "continue the struggle against apartheid as a whole and to support mineworkers against repression."

Action committee member and NUM local organiser Hlubi Biyana, said it was regrettable that the town's 60 Indian traders, too, are affected, since they were "exempted" from the boycott. The reason was its "spontaneous" nature Whether this means the Indian businessmen will now feel they needn't fulfil an earlier undertaking to recognise May Day and June 16 as paid holidays and allow workers the freedom to join unions, remains to be seen.

Another target that is "a mistake," says Biyana, is the local Jazz store, a major employer and a "progressive" one, since it has long recognised union holidays, and even undertaken to pay workers detained under the emergency. Even so, committee feeling is that "it is not enough for businessmen merely to present a memorandum (as they did last week) to the council." Yet ways of excluding certain businesses from the boycott are being looked at.

One idea is to give them special stickers of approval, which presumably could then also be used by buyers on their Carletonville purchases — enabling them to evade those who "monitor" the boycott by intimidation. A committee spokesman says about 25 people have been arrested for intimidation (eight according to the police), but adds that they probably acted "spontaneously," and not according to the "mandate."

Meanwhile, on the other side of the Rand, at Boksburg, the consumer boycott has entered its fourth month. A public meeting at Reiger Park on Monday gave a resounding vote in support of its continuance, in spite of the council's threat to cut essential services to the coloured town if the boycott continues.

Save Boksburg Committee spokesman Henry Jeffries counters that Reiger Parkers' services do not come from their purchasing power in the town; they pay rates and taxes and therefore expect services to be provided.

Government, meanwhile, seems to be enjoying the CP's predicament. The question is whether it will scrap the separate amenities law before going to the polls, or make it an issue at the next general election. ■

Spoilsports turn Acasia into a thorny issue

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Special Correspondent

THE CP-controlled town council of Acasia, north of Pretoria, has been threatened with a court order in a letter from Lawyers for Human Rights after blacks were ordered by a rightwing councillor and two policemen to stop playing soccer on private church property

The incident occurred at the Roman Catholic Church's Fatima House. About 30 men have been playing soccer on an open field adjacent to Fatima House on Sundays for the past 10 years.

Pierre Conradie, an independent rightwing Acasia councillor and six policemen visited Fatima House last Sunday. Conradie recently resigned as a member of the Conservative Party and as chairman of Acasia's management committee after his relationship with a married female journalist became known.

Sister Rita Doily from Fatima House said two policemen from the police station in Rosslyn arrived at Fatima House on Sunday afternoon and said the players were breaking the law because the soccer games are contrary to the regional and city planning schemes of Pretoria.

A short while later another police car arrived with four more policemen. They said a city councillor phoned the police earlier to lay a charge of public disturbance

"I explained that we invite players to participate and said the policemen can see for themselves that everything is proceeding orderly The four policemen, who watched the game, said it could proceed," Sister Doily said.

However, the two policemen who arrived first insisted that the game must stop Conradie arrived and demanded that the game either be stopped immediately or that the players be arrested.

According to Sister Doily, Conradie expressed himself in strong terms. "I asked him to control his temper, but this caused him to become even more furious."

The Roman Catholic Church reported the incident to Lawyers for Human Rights.

Brian Currin, national director of Lawyers for Human Rights, said a letter concerning the incident has been sent to the Acasia Town Council and the police in Rosslyn.

The letter explained that the players were not breaking any law as they were visitors. The nuns may have acted illegally, because their rights on the use of the land does not include sport.

Should Conradie or any other councillor visit Fatima House without being invited – right of admission is reserved – Lawyers for Human Rights will not hesitate to apply for a suitable order in the Supreme Court, Currin said.

The police refused to comment on the matter.

● Chris du Plooy, chairman of Acasia's management committee, said sport may not be played on the site of Fatima House. The police were called after a number of complaints were received from the public.

Achib pledge to support boycotted Reef traders

By SOPHIE TEMA

THE African Council of Hawkers and Informal Business has come out in full support of hawkers and informal businesses in Boksburg and Carletonville.

Achib said the trade union-related boycott campaign against the reintroduction of separate amenities laws in the two areas by CP town councils, would boost sales of spaza shops and hawkers.

Last week industrialists and retailers met in Carletonville to discuss a joint approach with a view to ending the mining centre's black consumer boycott.

Frustrated by the success of the boycott, the Carletonville Town Council has now called on the SAP to arrest people seen intimidating others to boycott white-owned shops and invited businessmen to a meeting to end the 10-day boycott.

Meanwhile, Achib president Lawrence Mavundla said: "In areas where there are boycotts, the community should take the opportunity of uplifting its own people.

"Hawkers and spaza shop owners are helping to break a cycle of dependency, crime and poverty by promoting the economic self-sufficiency of communities.

"If the community puts its full weight behind informal businesses, the market lies open for other unemployed people."

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TENNIS WARNS RACIST CLUBS OF AXE

By RAY WILLIAMS: Sports Editor

ALL South African tennis clubs must now be fully multiracial — or face expulsion from the national union.

SA Tennis Union president Johann Barnard is determined to sweep apartheid off his courts — even if it means sacrificing a third of his 40 000 registered members.

The first victim is the Nelspruit tennis club, which rejected the membership of Indian businessman Mohamad Minty. But this is merely the opening shot in what is likely to provoke a bitter war between the all-white and multiracial factions

Mr Barnard is adamant Satu clubs which don't toe the line are out

"The time for just talking about change is past," he said yesterday.

"In December last year we issued a declaration of intent in which we made it clear that we would not tolerate any form of discrimination

"The whole thrust of the Satu is multiracialism We will expel any club which does not open its doors to all"

The battle lines have already moved to Conservative Party-controlled Boksburg, where no less than seven of the town's eight clubs belong to the municipality — the sole exception being the small mining club at ERPM

Certain

"Unless Boksburg's management committee has a sudden change of heart, I'm afraid those seven clubs will be out as far as we are concerned," said Mr Barnard "And that could just be the beginning"

Eastern Transvaal president Robert Beale says the expulsion of the seven clubs — Van Dyk, Witfield, Davan, Boksburg North, Boksburg, Parkrand and Atlasville — is virtually certain

With similar situations almost certain to arise in the Nigel, Delmas and Brakpan areas, Mr Beale estimates the Eastern Transvaal could lose up to 13 clubs — about 800 members out of a total of 3 730 — before his leagues get underway next month

Mr Barnard believes similar problems could arise in Carltonville, Krugersdorp and Randfontein

Rebel

He fears that the Satu could lose close to 15 000 of its 40 000 registered members

"That's a rough estimate," says Mr Beale, who believes that many top players from expelled clubs will join others

There is already talk of a rebel all-white league in Boksburg

Good players, young and old, will be forced to adapt if they want to get anywhere in the game

Expulsion from Satu means expulsion from all official league, district, provincial or representative tournaments

But an unrelenting Mr Barnard insists "Our decision was unanimous We are prepared to make sacrifices No matter what, we will stick to our guns There's no room for racism in tennis"

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Anti-CP demo called off

By MANDLA TYALA

A MASSIVE sit-in planned for yesterday to demonstrate abhorrence with the re-introduction of petty apartheid in Carletonville was called off at the eleventh hour after police advised it could lead to a violent encounter.

Hundreds of people, including miners from the western Transvaal town's hostels, had been called on to converge yesterday morning on a park in the centre of the town where the Conservative Party-controlled town council recently erected whites-only signs.

Addressing a media contingent in the park, Mr Elijah Barayi, president of the Congress of South African Trade Unions, said police had approached leaders of the planned demonstration and warned them it could lead to a bloody clash with rightwing elements and there could possibly be loss of life.

Carletonville recently witnessed a spate of attacks on blacks by rightwing vigilantes.

Said Mr Barayi: "We are a responsible leadership. We have weighed what the police told us and we have decided to suspend the protest. We will launch it in the near future with a lot less people than were expected today."

Meanwhile, as a black consumer boycott continued to bite, it was announced that a R15-million development planned for the town had been put on ice.

Chamber of Commerce president Mrs Annatjie Claasen also announced that a survey conducted by the Chamber had shown that 27 percent of the town's businesses would have to close down if the boycott was not called off soon.

This week the town council was called on by representatives of Carletonville businesses to review its stand. Mrs Claasen said the council had indicated it was not prepared to back down.

Sit-in at park called off



Covering up a whites-only sign at Carletonville's public park caused some laughter — but a planned sit-in was called off. The mining town has been hard hit by a boycott of black consumers in protest against the reintroduction of petty apartheid by the town council.

CARLETONVILLE — Blacks planning a sit-in demonstration at a whites-only park on Saturday cancelled the protest after police warned organisers they would be held responsible if any trouble broke out.

The sit-in was in response to a decision by the Conservative-controlled town council to resegregate the park.

Mr Elijah Barayi, president of the Congress of South African Trade Unions, said the protest was called off because police told organisers they would be held responsible if any trouble occurred.

Only a handful of blacks showed up to participate in the protest.

However, the consumer boycott launched on February 27 in protest at the town council's decision to resegregate public facilities continues to bite.

Sales have fallen sharply in the main shopping district and only a few black shoppers were visible on Saturday morning, normally the busiest time of the week.

The Conservative Party won control of the Carletonville and dozens of other town council in last year's municipal elections.

The party has vowed to reinstitute strict segregation in the towns they control. — Sapa-AP.

Whites-only-park sit-in called off

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Carletonville's black consumer boycott began on February 27 in protest against the CP's petty apartheid, and on Saturday morning few black shoppers were visible in the town, reports Sapa-AP.

EDYTH BULBRING reports that Carletonville management committee chairman Koos Nel has been elected deputy chairman of a multi-racial executive of the West-Rand Regional Services Council in what he sees as a "sensible compromise".

Nel said three previous attempts to elect a deputy chairman and an executive produced stalemate, paralysing the council since October.

The executive consists of four CP members, two blacks and an independent councillor.

Nel said although he had been "crucified" for his conciliatory approach, it was the only sensible thing to do.

Although the CP controls 58% of the voting power on the WRRSC, all executive decisions must be referred to full council.

If 42% disagreed with a full CP executive recommendation, they could appeal to the Administrator "and we know what he would decide", Nel said.

Although the union-backed boycott has taken a toll on businesses in the town, Nel intends building a R400 000 complex in Carletonville.

The CP-controlled council has refused to reconsider its petty apartheid in the town in spite of representations by the Carletonville Chamber of Commerce, which indicated 27% of 139 businesses would close if the boycott continued.

Boycott causes business pressure

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BUSINESS leaders are considering taking action against the two CP-controlled towns of Boksburg and Carletonville in the wake of a black consumer boycott sparked by the reintroduction of petty apartheid.

The Carletonville business community is to meet on Thursday to decide on the type of action to take as the consumer boycott of their businesses entered its third week yesterday.

The Association of Chambers of Commerce has deplored the Carletonville Town Council's refusal to change its "oxwagon policies" despite immense pressure being brought to bear on white-owned businesses in the town.

President of the Carletonville Chamber of Commerce, Mrs Annetjile Claasen, yesterday said they were disappointed with the council because the boycott was having adverse results on the businesses.

They have sent a memorandum to the Government to scrap the Separate Amenities Act and the Group Areas Act because they were undesirable to the community.

She said the boycott would subsequently result in political friction, closure of more shops, unemployment and possibly the intensification of the disinvestment lobby overseas.

Already several charges of intimidation have been reported to the police and "unless something dramatic is done soon, a bloody revolution might take place."

Clubs' expulsions – 'chaos in SA sport'

By Therese Anders, Highveld Bureau

Hundreds of sports clubs in Conservative Party-controlled towns could find themselves being kicked out of their national unions soon.

A SA Cricket Union executive member, Dr Willie Basson, has predicted that most major South African sports bodies could split within the next few years over the issue of multiracial clubs.

In the past few days SA Tennis Union and SA Cricket Union officials have issued statements saying that their affiliate member clubs must now be open to all races.

The unions have said clubs will be automatically expelled if they:

- Refuse membership on racial grounds.
- Continue to play on sports grounds restricted for whites.

Already Nelspruit Tennis Club has been expelled from the Satu for rejecting the membership of an Indian businessman, Mr Mohamad Minty.

Yesterday, Mr Herman Coetzee, president of the North-Eastern Transvaal Tennis Union, to which the Nelspruit club was affiliated, said he agreed with the club's expulsion.

"But I don't agree with players in CP towns being punished by their unions for the policy of their town councils.

"The players aren't responsible for CP council decisions not to let non-whites play tennis or cricket on municipal fields."

CONSTITUTIONS

He said all the clubs in his union had constitutions allowing membership of all races.

"There is going to be chaos if national sports bodies use CP council decisions as a reason to expel clubs," he added.

Dr Basson said he also believed there would be chaos if South African sport became fragmented into "a host of small groupings".

"Not only can the country not afford it, but when the day comes that we are back in international competition – and it will come – we will be like a bunch of country bumpkins not able to compete at that level.

"If we don't come to our senses, the sports field, like religion, will become the next social activity to be polarised in this country."

Dr Basson is also president of the Northern Transvaal Cricket Union.

The weekend statement of Satu president Mr Johann Barnard that union clubs must now be fully multiracial or face explusion could mean a third of Satu's registered members out in the cold, and there is speculation that some of these members might form their own union

He said clubs expelled from the Sacu would be barred from taking part in the First League, and affiliate schools would be restricted from playing in the Nuffield Shield competition.

BRUCE ANDERSON

Two new faces in top hotel jobs

TWO urbane, seasoned hoteliers, Chris de Kock, 52, and Peter Smith, 52, took up positions this month at the head of the Holiday Inn and Southern Sun hotel chains respectively.

Southern Sun Hotels group MD Bruno Corte said earlier this year that the appointment of the two men, effective from March 1, to head the group's two hotel divisions, is part of a scheme aimed at re-inforcing separate management of the two hotel chains.

While De Kock was a familiar face to local hoteliers, Smith was a recent import, having spent most of his working life with Hilton International and Hyatt International, both large US hotel groups.

A British national, Smith said coming to SA was the last thing on his mind when he was approached by Southern Sun in February 1987 to visit SA.

"I liked what I saw and came over," Smith said.

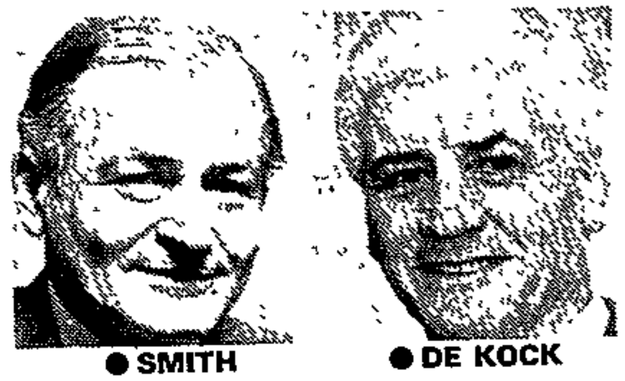
Smith held the post of operations director for Southern Sun from July 1987 and has managed to visit each of Southern Sun's 35 hotels a few times.

Born into the hotel trade — his mother and father ran a 20-room hotel in Scotland — Smith is no stranger to Africa. He started his career developing hotels in Nairobi for the Commonwealth Development Corporation.

His career with Hilton and Hyatt saw him overseeing the running of hotels at exotic locations all over the world.

Posts like resident manager of the Nile Hilton and GM of the Bahrain Hilton litter his curriculum vitae.

Smith hoped to mantain and improve Southern Sun's market share and focus on improving the quality and standards of the service hotels in the group.



● SMITH

● DE KOCK

Chris de Kock also brought a wealth of experience to his task as Holiday Inns' new MD.

Born and schooled in the Cape, De Kock attended a Swiss hotel school.

He also spent time with Hilton International in Paris, Brussels and Amsterdam before returning to SA.

As one of the founder members of the SA franchise of Holiday Inns in 1969, De Kock was involved with the opening of a number of Holiday Inns.

He joined Southern Sun as GM of the Maharani hotel in October 1977, but left in 1983 after buying the Inn on the Square in Cape Town.

De Kock later sold the Inn on the Square to Southern Sun and rejoined the chain as regional manager for the Cape and Free State.

He leaves the position of group operations manager for Southern Sun for his new post with Holiday Inn, where he will oversee 23 hotels.

De Kock also aimed to expand the number of Holiday Inns in SA. He said the nationwide upgrading of the chain's hotels was almost complete.

Traders might sue council

Business leaders in Carletonville are considering legal steps against the Conservative Party-controlled town council which has announced its determination to continue to apply petty apartheid measures.

The possible move against the council came as the black boycott of businesses in the town entered its third week yesterday and some firms have had to lay off staff.

Mrs Annetjie Claasen, of the local Chamber of Commerce and Industries, said shopowners had taken legal advice and were considering action against the council.

Shopowners said they had been badly affected by the boycott — which had now reached a critical point.

Mr Ken Warren, legal adviser to Assocom, said the town's future looked bleak unless the boycott was ended "very early".

"Experience has shown in boycott situations elsewhere in the country that trading patterns invariably never return to the same after a boycott and unless this impasse is resolved in the immediate future, I'm afraid it looks pretty bleak for Carletonville."

SATU, CP draw fire over expulsions

Boksburg tennis players are furious

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By Therese Anders

Most of the hundreds of Boksburg tennis players expelled in the past week by the South African Tennis Union are furious — both with their Conservative Party-controlled council and the Satu — say club officials.

The president of the Eastern Transvaal Tennis Union, Mr Robin Beal, announced yesterday that eight Boksburg tennis clubs had been axed from the Satu because they were playing on municipal courts for use of whites only

A further four East Rand clubs — in Brakpan and Delmas — have been expelled for the same reason.

In Nigel a club was expelled for refusing to amend its constitution to allow all-race membership

In all, about 800 East Rand tennis club members are now barred from Satu-controlled international, national, provincial and league matches.

Chairman of the Boksburg Tennis Club Mr Brian Smith said "Most of the players are angry that the Satu has done this to us.

"They've linked us to the CP council and its policy over which we have no control."

He said his club had an open constitution but was barred from accepting members of other races by the municipality.

"We held a referendum of members asking them if they agreed with the council's policy of not allowing other races to use their tennis courts.

Council condemned

"More than 90 percent of those present condemned the council."

The Eastern Transvaal league, which is due to start next month, was now in disarray because half the clubs had been expelled.

"With so many teams having to withdraw, there are going to be many blank fixtures."

Mr Smith said there were moves afoot on the East Rand to form a replacement league.

"The sad thing is that if this is allowed to continue and sufficient players are forced out into the wilderness then in the long term a second controlling tennis body could form."

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Anglo refuses support for 'apartheid' councils

By Dan Side

In response to the reimposition of petty apartheid by certain Conservative Party-controlled town councils, the giant Anglo American Corporation will not provide support to councils which racially restricted facilities or activities.

In a communique to group employees, Anglo chairman Mr Gavin Relly said the corporation could only achieve its aim in a society freed from racial barriers.

The corporation's aim, he said, was to create wealth in ways that were beneficial not only to shareholders, but to all employees and the South African community as a whole.

He felt there was little good in Anglo doing everything it could to employ, train, promote and reward its employees irrespective of race, when those employees had to contend with racial discrimination in the communities in which they lived.

"Anglo's relationship with all levels of government, especially town councils, is governed by the corporation's desire to encourage in a constructive way the end of racial discrimination," said Mr Relly.

"The corporation will accordingly not provide any support to town councils for racially restricted facilities or activities"

However, Anglo would not take action against individuals with whom it conducted business, simply because they served on town councils promoting the reintroduction of petty apartheid.

"We believe individuals are entitled to their own political beliefs and our main concern is that they conduct themselves in a businesslike, ethical way," he said

"Naturally we reserve the right to act if they fail to meet these standards, or undermine the progress we have made"

Under the same philosophy, Anglo felt it was up to the individual to decide whether or not he wanted to join a trade union — and to have the right to have that decision respected by both trade union and employer

A society free of racial barriers would not be advanced by punishing individuals who did not share the view that prosperity for all depended on an end to such discrimination, he said

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Tennis split looms over CP court apartheid

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By Therese Anders,
Highveld Bureau

South African tennis is on the point of splitting over Conservative Party councils' refusals to allow non-racial play on their municipal courts.

And there appears little chance of the CP councils budging from their stance. A senior CP spokesman Mr Cobus Beyers said yesterday: "We will not be intimidated by any sports organisation."

Already, 800 members at 13 East Rand clubs have been expelled by the South African Tennis Union over the issue.

Thousands more face axe

It is expected that thousands more of the SATU's 40 000 registered players — particularly in the Transvaal and Free State platteland — could be out in the cold within the next few days or weeks.

Mr Beyers, the CP's director organisation, said: "The local authorities are acting according to the mandate given them by the electorate.

"You can't blame us for any impending split because we put it in front of the electorate in October that we wanted to retain separate sports facilities and they voted for us on that basis."

Mr Beyers said the party's head office had received hundreds of calls from concerned white tennis players since the weekend when the SATU's new ruling was announced.

"As a party we want to keep politics out of sport, so we have put these people in contact with other party members who are experienced players and administrators looking at starting a new movement."

He said he didn't think tennis was the only sport with a split looming.

Asked to respond to the Boksburg tennis players who said they had been angry with the CP council for causing them to be expelled from their union, Mr Beyers said: "Unfortunately sacrifices must be made if we want to maintain white civilisation at first world level in this country."

He said the CP would not allow blacks to play tennis on white municipal courts under its jurisdiction "because if you allow them to play tennis (in town), then on what moral basis can you prevent them from going to our schools or living in our areas."

East Rand tennis officials said moves were afoot to form a replacement league, and it is expected this will happen elsewhere.

Several tennis officials have said they fear this could be the beginning of a second national tennis body which could mean that the SATU would not in the future be the sole representative of South African tennis

However, SATU president Mr Johann Barnard said from Cape Town he did not think the situation was developing into a crisis.

"It's a temporary setback which I'm sure we'll get over."

He said the union's full council had taken the unanimous decision that all clubs continuing to play on racially restricted courts must be expelled.

The president of the North-Eastern Transvaal Tennis Union, Mr Herman Coetzee, said he has instructed clubs to get a written policy statement from councils on whether their courts could be used by all races.

SACU says 'no' to racist venues

By Therese Anders

Any cricket club playing on a racially restricted ground has to find a new venue immediately, even if it means going to the next town, says South African Cricket Union president Mr Joe Pamensky.

However, he said to his knowledge all clubs were complying with the "undiluted directive" given out on the matter by the Sacu a few months ago.

"If a club was playing on a ground owned by a Conservative Party council, then they had to put pressure on the council."

Mr Pamensky said if that didn't work, then the club had to do everything in its power to find an alternative venue, including looking at school grounds or the next town.

If the club refused to comply with this directive then it would be expelled.

However he said the Sacu had had no cause to expel any club.

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The eastern winds of change

Retail International (RI) looks set to reverse its earlier decision to freeze development of a R100m regional shopping complex in Boksburg. Plans for the project are now being "thawed out"

RI MD Joe Bentel says the decision to reactivate the scheme, to be known as the East Rand Mall, was made on purely commercial grounds — as was the initial decision in December to put the project on ice because of the boycott brought about by the CP-controlled council decision to reintroduce petty apartheid

He says his decision follows a survey of shops in the East Rand Hypermarket complex, to which the mall will be linked, which indicated minimal disruption by the Boksburg shopping boycott which, ironically, has severely curtailed business in the town's CBD. Bentel says the turnover of shops in the centre increased by 20% in December compared with December 1987

Says Bentel. "Based on this performance I am confident that the project can now be defrosted and work can begin on the site this year for completion in 1991."

The complex is to be linked into the Pick 'n Pay Hypermarket, which is claimed to have the highest turnover of any hypermarket in southern Africa, making the chain the centre's major magnet (**see sketch**). It will have parking for approximately 4 000 cars.

There have been additions to the originally proposed, single-level 42 000 m² complex since it was placed on ice. These include the addition of an 8 000 m² office tower Negotiations are also in progress with a hotel group, because of the site's proximity with Jan Smuts Airport, for the inclusion of a hotel within the development

Internal surveys completed at the Hypermarket last year show that about 91% of the support the complex receives is from white shoppers and 9% is from black

These figures, coupled with research that highlights the fact that the centre's black patronage is from the more affluent section of these communities who own their own cars, is reason enough to believe the development will be successful

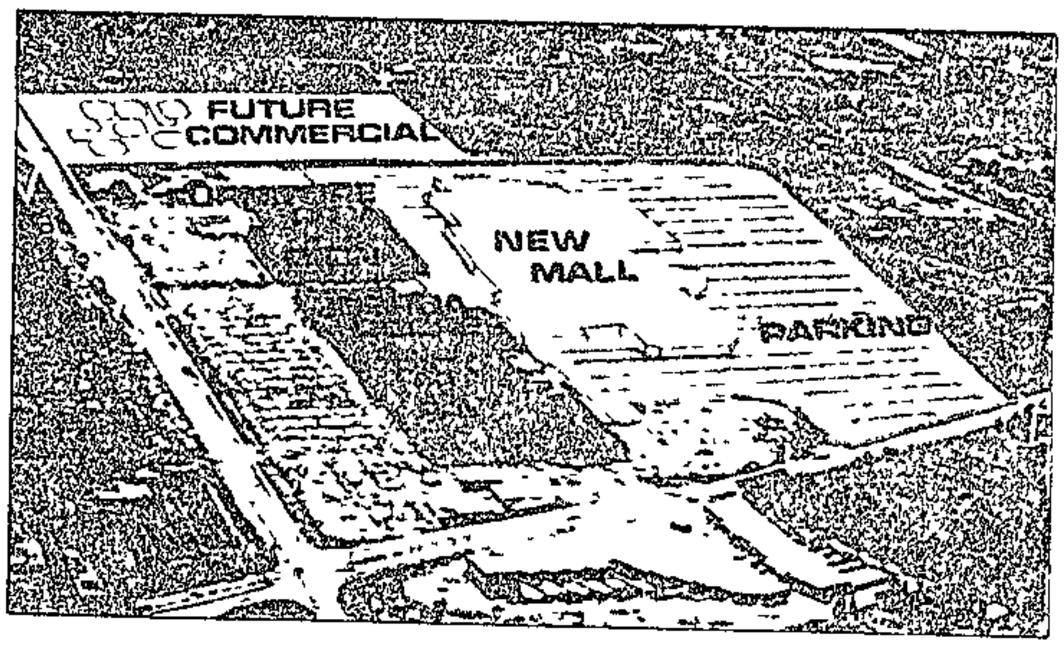
Surveys — three of them — show a population close to 1m within a 20-minute drive of the site. Numbers will further be increased by the planned establishment of new regional road systems in the area.

According to Bentel, a section of the centre will contain a tenant mix similar to the informal sector of the Workshop in Durban. He maintains that with tourist patronage, this sector will be viable.

RI is also looking at the viability of taking the "Highgate route" — a free trading area Bentel says should this initiative take place, the East Rand Mall will provide certain assistance to its black tenants to run their businesses professionally.

He says with more of the main white groups becoming involved in the retail industry, some assistance should be given by retail developers and suppliers of merchandise to improve the standards of black-owned businesses

Boksburg alliance member and chairman of the Reiger Park management committee, Butch Jantjies, says the association is on speaking terms with the Boksburg business community opposed to the CP's policy. "We are citizens of Boksburg and would like to see the town grow We will consider any other venture as long as it's in the interests of the Boksburg population as a whole." ■



RI's proposed Boksburg development

Whites-only tennis looks out of court

WITH expulsion from the South African Tennis Union looming, Selection Park and Valedale tennis clubs in Springs have held emergency meetings to drop their "whites only" constitutions.

And two Lambri and Eastvale tennis clubs are expected to follow suit next week, the *Springs Advertiser* says.

Mr Koos Fouche, chairman of Valedale Tennis Club, said his committee's decision to alter the constitution was in the best interest of its members and was not connected with politics or the Springs Town Council.

"Many of our young up-and-coming players are members of the junior Eastern Transvaal squad and they often play in SATU league matches and competitions. They are an asset to our club and it would be a pity if we let party politics interfere with the sport.

"Expulsion from SATU would mean expulsion from all official league

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White tennis change

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district, provincial or representative tournaments," Mr Fouche told the newspaper.

Mr Jack Fenwick, a committee member at Selection Park Tennis Club, confirmed this week that the club had decided to toe the line with the SATU decree.

The SATU had advised all clubs that unless they were prepared to accept fully multiracial constitutions and matches, they would be expelled from the union.

Two other clubs in the area — East Geduld and Grootvlei — are affiliated to the Genkor mining group and have apparently been open to all groups since their inception.

On the other side of the coin, tennis clubs in Nigel, Brakpan and Delmas — which are Conservative Party-controlled through the use of council facilities — have already been suspended by the SATU.

There is speculation these clubs might form an independent league in the near future. — Sapa.

Krugersdorp takes 'whites only' trail

By Gien Elsas,
West Rand Bureau

The Krugersdorp Town Council decided at its monthly meeting last night that the Civic Centre's halls — Centenary Hall, Banquet Hall and Town Hall — as well as the Jubilee Hall, Paul Kruger Hall and all facilities at the Krugersdorp Game Reserve will be reserved for use by whites only.

- The council will not even allow other races onto the stages of the halls. In other words, the National Symphony Orchestra, Pact and many other groups will not be able to play in Krugersdorp.
- Another decision was to allow only white participants in the West Rand Festival of Arts, which is to be staged in the Centenary Hall.
- The council is still awaiting replies to questionnaires sent to members of the Krugersdorp Rugby Club before deciding on the participation of other races at the grounds.

Homestead Park has a picnic with a difference

By Sally Sealey

A picnic with a difference was held in Homestead Park yesterday.

At least 100 picnickers gathered at the Manfred Nathan Park to give moral support to the Indian residents of the area.

"We just wanted to show the many white residents of Homestead Park that we are here to stay Hopefully after this picnic, the black residents of the area will no longer be afraid to come to the park again," said Actstop chairman, Mr Cassim Salojee.

A picnic was decided on after black residents in Homestead Park were told they would never be able to use the park, which many white residents believed was for their use alone.

People came from all over Johannesburg, including some white residents of Homestead Park to show that a picnic could be held peacefully. Children of all colours played on the swings and the roundabout, while their parents dug into the tasty picnic treats.

IRATE

However, not all Homestead Park residents were happy at the park being used by blacks.

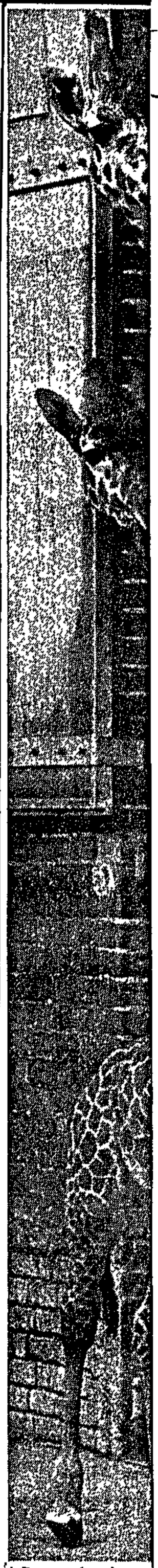
"They don't belong here. They should go back to Lenasia," said one irate woman.

Residents of a house in Honiball Street which borders the park called the police in to investigate.

Four policeman arrived and said they were "just here to check if liqor was being consumed illegally and whether there were any fires being set".

An elderly man who had allegedly brandished a firearm at the children playing in the park earlier in the day threatened to shoot a World Television News (WTN) cameraman.

Despite this incident the picnic continued and policemen who stayed on shared in the food.



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Talks fail to find answer to boycott

By Paula Fray

Carletonville Chamber of Commerce and Assocom met members of the Khutsong Town Council this week to discuss possible solutions to the four-week old consumer boycott in the town.

Chamber president Mrs Annetjie Claasen said two problems emerged during the talks:

- The erection of fences and "whites only" signs around public amenities in the Conservative Party-controlled town.
- Assaults on black people in Carletonville by white vigilantes.

FRIENDSHIP

While the Khutsong Town Council was unable to offer short term assistance, Mrs Claasen said it "offered a hand of friendship" and wished the chamber well with the forthcoming legal action to have the fences and apartheid signs removed in Carletonville.

The Minister of Law and Order, Mr Adriaan Vlok, has said in Parliament that the Carletonville consumer boycott appeared to contravene emergency regulations and was being investigated along with other charges which stemmed from it.

Mrs Claasen would not comment on the development.

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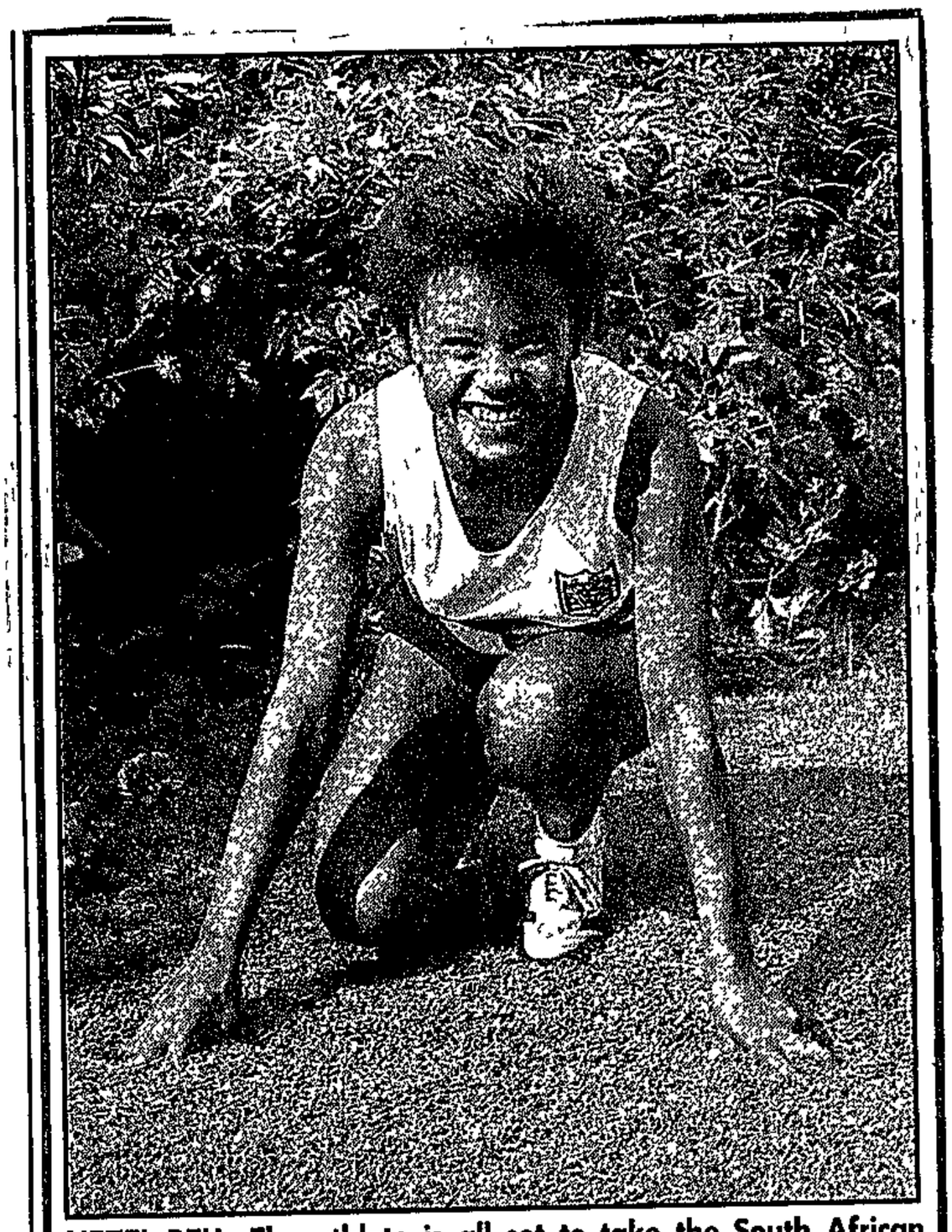

LIEZEL BELL: The athlete is all set to take the South African athletics world by storm.

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Boksburg sprinter may be stopped in her tracks

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FLEET-FOOTED Boksburg athlete 16-year-old Liezel Bell is breaking records outside her hometown.

But if the Oosrand Hoërskool pupil attempts to train or race at Boksburg's Prince George Park Stadium she may face the toughest barrier yet.

The Conservative Party's attempt to re-introduce stringent petty-apartheid measures could stop her in her tracks — because she is not white.

The young Reiger Park athlete made history recently by becoming the first black girl to win the Senior Transvaal Sprint title when she hit the tape in 11,9 sec for the 100 m in school-issue spikes.

Well on her way to becoming one of the fastest female athletes in the country — Boksburg may never be able to claim the young coloured athlete as its own.

Asked her opinion on Boksburg's petty-apartheid Liezel said "I've never tried to compete in Boksburg. I belong to the Germiston Callies Club so I train with them."

PAT DEVEREAUX

"My record for the 100 m is 11,6. At the end of the month I will run for the Transvaal team and compete in the SA junior and senior championships," said Liezel, at her Reiger Park home this week.

The teenager who trains with Germiston Callies coach Stephanus Kotze has already made a big impact on athletics. This week the SA Sugar Association bought Liezel a new pair of spikes and agreed to sponsor her.

"Liezel sees herself as becoming another Jackie Joyner-Kersee — the Olympic gold medalist track athlete," teased her mother, Mrs Juliana Bell. She was quick to add that Liezel's father, Mr Godfrey Bell, had excelled as an athlete at school.

Liezel confirmed her running heroine was Joyner-Kersee and that Ben Johnson was another of her favourites. As an afterthought she added: "Oh yes and Zola Budd was good ... I wouldn't mind competing overseas like her."

Pastor evicted from 'white' Sasolburg

By STAN MHLONGO

A BAPTIST pastor and his family, who were guests in a house in Sasolburg for two weeks, have been forced out by conservatives who challenged his right to live in a "white area" and reported him to the local police.

Free State police liaison officer Capt J Fouche said the matter had been referred to the Attorney-General to decide whether to prosecute.

Head of the Baptist church in Sasolburg, Pastor D Pohlmann – at whose home Rev Denis Matlhabe was staying – told *City Press* the minister had been a guest at his house "for two weeks".

He said he was aware that the matter had been reported to the police and as a result has been passed to the Attorney General.

Matlhabe now lives at the Boiketlong hostel in Zamdela.

A black Baptist church member said: "White residents were obviously offended at one time when Pohlmann pushed both his child and the black minister's child in a pram in Steyn van der Spuy Street – a place known to be teeming with hard-as-nail verkramptes.

"The pastor's conservative neighbours could not stomach his liberal attitude and must have decided to challenge the black priest's right to live in a white ares as the Group Areas Act is still law," said the church member.

Attempts by *City Press* to speak to Matlhabe fell through as his neighbours said he had left for an Easter pilgrimage.

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Democratic Party moves meeting from Boksburg to Reiger Park

Political Reporter

The proposed Democratic Party's unofficial Eastern Transvaal launch will take place in the coloured township of Reiger Park this week after attempts to hire a non-racial venue in Conservative Party-controlled Boksburg failed.

The chairman of the DP's Eastern Transvaal steering committee, Mr Andrew Thatcher, said Wednesday night's public meeting would be a test as to whether the DP could draw white supporters into a non-white area and could attract large numbers of non-white supporters.

Speakers included the party's proposed "troika" of leaders — the Independent Party's Dr Denis Worrall, the Progressive Federal Party's Dr Zach de Beer and the National Democratic Movement's Mr Wynand Malan.

Dr Louis Luyt would represent the "Fourth Force" of former Nationalists.

Mr Thatcher expressed disappointment about the refusal of State schools to allow the DP to use their facilities.

Reiger Park Management Committee Chairman Mr Boet Jantjies, has invited the NP and CP to also use the township's community centre for their meetings.

Benoni opens its library to mixed schools

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By Bernard Gunzenhauser

The Benoni Town Council last night resolved to allow pupils at two racially integrated private primary schools to use the town's public library.

The application, brought by the schools' headmasters was approved by 14 to 4 in spite of opposition from the town's Conservative Party council members.

The schools, St Dunstan's Memorial Diocesan School and St Columbus's, applied to the council because, in terms of a 1983 council decision, only whites may use the library.

The chairman of the management committee, Mr Vic Penning, said the library should be available to all scholars within the town's borders.

The CP said later it opposed the application because other race groups had facilities in their own areas, white taxpayers had the right to reserve their facilities to themselves, and the opening of the library could lead to the downfall of the whites in one of the last remaining areas where they could relax in the company of their own people and enrich and educate themselves culturally.

BLACK TOWN VENUE

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THE steering committee of the Transvaal region of the proposed Democratic Party is to hold a public meeting at the Reiger Park Community Centre near Boksburg today.

The meeting will be addressed by Dr Louis Luyt, Dr Zach de Beer, Dr Dennis Worrall and Mr Wynand Malan.

The steering committee, in its search for a suitable venue, tried several places without success. The aim was that no racial restrictions would be tolerated.

State schools, who have previously hosted the whites only National Party and Conservative Party, refused to allow the DP to use their facilities.

The meeting, which will be held at the well located and secure Community Centre, will also be the unofficial launching of the DP in the Eastern Transvaal.

252 laid off as boycott continues

By Kaizer Nyatsumba

The black consumer boycott triggered by the CP controlled Carletonville town council's reintroduction of petty apartheid five weeks ago, has forced shop-owners to lay off 252 people, according to Mrs Annetjie Claasen, president of the local chamber of commerce.

She said a survey showed that another 60 employees were going to find themselves without jobs soon as more and more businessmen contemplate closing their now unprofitable shops.

The 252 employees who have already been laid off include both blacks and whites, she said.

The Carletonville Chamber of Commerce was doing "everything possible" to bring to an end the boycott which had paralysed the town's economy and cost local businessmen hundreds of thousands of rand, Mrs Claasen said.

A meeting between the Chamber and the Khutsong Town Council could not help break the stalemate, she said.

Mrs Claasen said legal action brought by the Chamber against the Carletonville Town Council was still in progress.

Worrall hits at DP meeting ban

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THE Pretoria City Council's banning of a multiracial Democratic Party meeting in the City Hall was yesterday slammed as "obviously a disgraceful position for the city fathers of the South African capital city to adopt."

Dr Denis Worrall, one of the co-leaders of the Democratic Party, said: "Pretoria should be setting an example and not following Boksburg, Carletonville and others.

"This kind of attitude, aside from the harm which it does overseas, is completely insulting to our fellow South Africans who are not white."

He said he had noted, however, that there were councillors who wanted to re-think the matter.

"It is in everybody's interest, not just the Democratic Party's, that they succeed in persuading the council to adopt a sensible and realistic approach and make available the City Hall to all persons regardless of their background."

NP councillors Mr Justus van Zyl and Mr Lappe Laubscher — who were both elected to the City Council for the first time last year — said yesterday the council's policy would have to be changed.

Mr van Zyl said: "It must be changed and we are busy reconsidering it," he said. — *Sowetan Correspondent.*

Businessmen have support of State

CP council to be challenged in court

Star 7/4/87

Peter Fabricius,
Political Correspondent

Carletonville businessmen are planning to mount a legal attack on the town council's segregation of facilities.

They will try to prove that the council has incorrectly applied the Reservation of Separate Amenities Act, which permits facilities to be segregated.

And the Government has promised the businessmen its support in their efforts to resolve the crippling black consumer boycott in the town.

The assurance was given to a delegation of Carletonville businessmen this week when they met Minister of Constitutional Development Mr Chris Heunis and Minister of Law and Order Mr Adriaan Vlok about the boycott crisis.

"Certain proposals" were made for action to resolve the crisis, Mrs Annetjie Claasens, President of the Carletonville Chamber of Commerce and Industry, said afterwards.

Among these were a firm undertaking by Mr Vlok and his senior police officers that the attacks on blacks in Carletonville by white vigilantes would be investigated.

Legal action is also being planned to contest the Carletonville Town Council's imposition of petty apartheid. This was disclosed by Mr Ken Warren, Assocom's legal adviser who is supporting the Carletonville businessmen.

He said it appeared that the Reservation of Separate Amenities Act could not be scrapped at this stage.

However he believed that the Carletonville Town Council had not applied the Act properly.

Mr Warren would not expand upon the planned legal moves but a precedent does exist for attacking a town council's application of the Separate Amenities Act.

Last year the Supreme Court ruled that the Port Elizabeth Town Council's segregation of beaches was invalid.

The court's decision means that beach apartheid has been suspended within its area of jurisdiction in the Eastern Cape. However the Government has appealed against the decision. The appeal has not yet been heard.



SCHOOL'S OUT . . . Eight-year-old Ilse Gelderbloem, who has to go to school in Boksburg's Reiger Park, talks a walk in Hillbrow with her little brother, Bradley, and child-minder Mrs Sylvia Masumpa.

Major battle still facing the residents of Hillbrow

PAT DEVEREAUX

HILLBROW residents may have shed the shackles of apartheid by making it a racially mixed residential area, but there is a further battle to be fought — to open municipal facilities and amenities to all living in the area

Residents have expressed surprise that Free Settlement Board chairman Mr Hein Kruger has not mentioned moves to investigate declaring Hillbrow an open area.

He said this week the board, which met officially for the first time eight days ago, had received "no applications to declare racially mixed areas such as Hillbrow, Doornfontein and Pageview open".

It appears that the board will investigate only the areas proposed to it by local authorities, municipalities, certified developers, Cabinet Ministers, provincial administrators and councils and the State President.

A private individual or non-State organisation cannot ask the board to investigate opening up an area, says Mr Kruger

Mr James Dryja, secretary of the Hillbrow Traders' Association, said: "Hillbrow is already a grey area whether the Free Settlement Board declares it so or not .

"The major battle for those living in residentially integrated Hillbrow is that its (council-controlled) facilities are not."

Mrs Melanie Claasen said."We moved to Hillbrow a month ago. The other day we tried to go to the indoor swimming pool and couldn't. We're not allowed to use the public library and although we don't use buses, it is up to the driver's discretion whether he allows us on."

Her sister, Miss Colleen Claasen, said: "Our white neighbours seem to feel threatened and are unfriendly."

Mr Dryja said attendance at white schools in the area had dropped drastically, but they could not accept pupils who were not white. Children like eight-year-old Ilse Gelderbloem have to attend school in Boksburg's Reiger Park.

However, Mr Ronnie Govender and his girlfriend, Miss Sheila Harrison, said. "Apart from funny looks we get ... there are no problems. Our block of flats is non-racial. We swim in the private swimming pool and our baby goes to a non-racial creche."

Petty apartheid still in the driver's seat

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BECAUSE, in this sick society, race plays an important part in our daily lives, and bigots are shown respect, I have to state first that I am black and proud of it. Star 8/4/89

I refer to the Boksburg petty-apartheid saga. I read The Star almost daily and I am disappointed that it, and other newspapers, go out of their way to discredit only the CP-dominated towns and turn a blind eye to those councils that pretend that they are not racist.

For an example, the Johannesburg City Council gives the impression that petty apartheid and racism do not exist in its territory and that it can't be compared with the CP-dominated city council towns.

As far as I am concerned, the only difference between Johannesburg and the CP-dominated towns is that the CP towns have the courage to say how they feel about petty apartheid, whereas the Johannesburg council is telling lies to the world.

I am a consultant to some major companies in South Africa (not the so-called constructive-engagement companies) and at no stage does race or paternalism play a part in my dealings with clients, because I offer a rare service.

The nature of my work has, to a large exent, shielded me from the harsh realities of apartheid.

Recently, I was involved in an accident and my car was wrecked, leaving me with no transport to call on my clients. Johannesburg's black buses do not go past my clients' areas, but the white buses do.

I have read and heard about people being turned away from white buses because of skin colour and each time the Johannesburg City Council has lamely offered to investigate, stating that it is not council policy to discriminate against people on the basis of race.

For the first four trips, I was duped into believing petty apartheid was dead on Johannesburg buses. The bus drivers were polite and I even managed to strike up conversations with some of the white passengers. But, alas, on my fifth trip I was told by a bus driver I had not seen before that I was "wrong colour" and I should known better than to ride on a bus with whites. However, he would allow me ride just this one time.



LONE RIDER: She'll get to her destination this time, but will prejudice slam the door in her face when next she tries to board a "white" bus?

Thereafter, each time I got on to a bus I was subjected to questions such as:

"Where do you think you are going?"

"Where is your permit to ride on this bus?"

"Do you know these buses are for whites, coloureds and Asians?"

At no stage was I left behind because I stood my ground. But the insult and humiliation made me angry and frustrated.

It would help if The Star and other newspapers could expose petty apartheid laws that are still enforced in places such as Johannesburg. This city must make a public statement on petty apartheid.

On TV and in newspapers we are constantly bombarded with statements from foreigners who have been in the country for a few days and have spent most of their visits in the comfort of white suburbs. They tell us, the people who are bearing the brunt of all this racism, that we are "comfortable" and that things have really changed. This stems from disinformation from the likes of the Johannesburg City Council.

Sam Mokgata,
Johannesburg

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Hopes of admission for all races dashed

Public resorts 'controlled by Parliament'

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The Administrator of the Transvaal, Mr Danie Hough, has quashed the hope that his administration would act to throw open the province's whites-only public resorts to all races.

Responding yesterday to appeals from several coloured and Indian MPs at a two-day sitting in Pretoria to debate the Transvaal's budget, he said the province had no say over the Overvaal resorts at Warmbaths and Badplaas.

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Control over the resorts had been transferred by Cabinet decision to the House of Assembly.

"The province can unfortunately effect no change ..." he said.

The Transvaal was, however, surveying the Warmbaths area for more mineral springs. The province had more than R2 million for amenities for coloureds and Indians if the search was successful, Mr Hough said.

A number of coloured and Indian MPs criticised the maintenance of racially exclusive local facilities such as resorts and hospitals. Mr Boetie Abramjee (Solidarity, Laudium) noted that a custom among elderly Indians to spend lengthy spells at the health baths in winter had been ended when the once-open resorts were closed to them during "upgrading".

They now had nowhere to go, he said, pleading for whites to share the facilities. Mr Hough said he could not meet this request either.

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NO WHITE WATER

CP council crackdown on thirsty Siyathemba

By STAN MHLONGO

THE CP-controlled Balfour Town Council has told blacks in Siyathemba township, 2km away: "Stop using white water."

And Balfour whites who dare give their black neighbours water have been warned they will be penalised

The 30 000 Siyathemba residents have been without adequate water for the past eight months.

Desperate residents have to carry buckets to Balfour to fill up from the taps in the town

Siyathemba mayor Daniel Mapohoshe this week told *City Press* that his council was summoned to the Balfour municipality offices two weeks ago and told to stop blacks from taking the white man's water.

"We told the council that Siyathemba is not a concentration camp and said we won't stop residents from getting water from wherever they wished," he said

Balfour town clerk M Joubert said it was ridiculous to say the municipality was doing nothing about the shortage.

"The water scheme was developed 25 years ago for a capacity population of 1 000 residents So the water for Siyathemba residents has to come from a surplus from the reservoir," he explained.

Joubert said his council would call a meeting in the next few weeks to clarify the issue and what the Balfour municipality had done to improve the situation.

Siyathemba residents claim that whites in Balfour are selling water to them. Black youths sneaking to drink from white taps in the Balfour suburbs allegedly have been sjambokked.

Residents claimed at a recent meeting that taps had been removed at church premises in an obvious attempt to frustrate efforts to quench their thirst.

Siyathemba deputy mayor Malebo Mosuue said at least R7-million was needed to improve the situation

The council's daily water allocation scheme allots 837 kilolitres of water to Kanhym and 15kl to Vianinni (Balfour's two major industries); 13kl to the white college; 7kl to Sats; 9kl to Indians and 140kl to whites

"This means no water is allocated to blacks as the Balfour council processes just over 1 000kl everyday," said Mosuue.

He continued "Siyathemba residents need 8 500kl a day as compared to the 400kl we used to get in the past. The need for more water comes as a result of the expansion of the population because of the scrapping of influx control laws," Mosuue said.

To alleviate the problem, he said, the council hires two water tanks brought to the residents by the SADF daily at a cost of R1 000 each.

"The council has also started with the first phase to enlarge the main water pipes at a cost of R1,25-million, so as to provide more water. Plans are also underway to enlarge the water purification dam which contains 1 500kl to take 4 000kl."

Mosuue pointed out that the attitude of the Balfour council – "who used to hold co-ordinating meetings with our council in the past" – was puzzling.

"They have suddenly become unapproachable Certain people are using the water crisis to make personal attacks on the council," said Mosuue, accusing the recently formed Water Crisis Committee of using councillor's names to make people sign a petition to be sent to State President PW Botha to intervene and end the water crisis.



Siyathemba deputy mayor Malebo Mosuue... R7-m to end water crisis.

Spokeswoman for the south-eastern Transvaal region of the Council of Churches, Sue Prinsloo, said Mapohoshe had left his people to suffer.

"What has he done to help the people? I don't understand why he is doing nothing to end the acute water shortage – after all, he is no exception – he is also suffering."

"We don't need to use anybody's name to persuade the residents to sign the petition – the people need water," concluded Prinsloo.

UNDED! 'Dark skin' me of white Mauri

Sunday Times Reporter 9/7/89

A FRENCH Mauritian family on the East Rand has had a bitter taste o conservative harassment. And all because of the dusky colour of ' skins

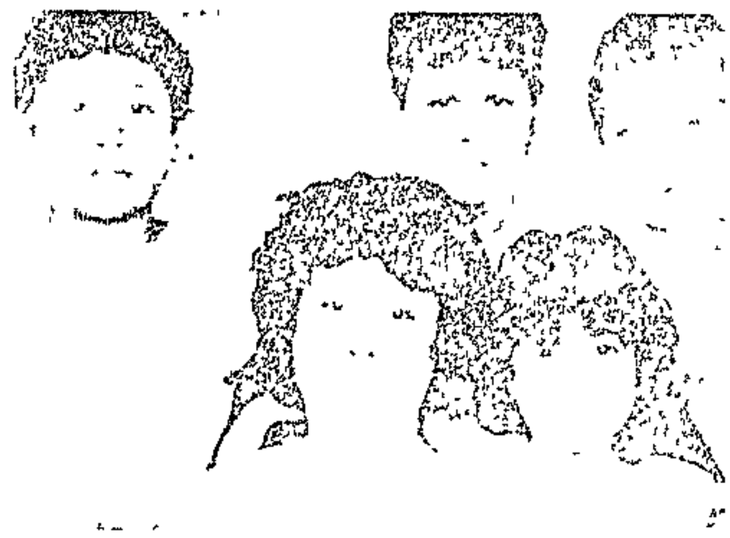
Janine and Marice Calisse and their four children — classified white under S African law — have faced the wrath of neighbours for having dark skins and ' suffered two expensive acts of vandalism

Since moving into Norkem Park in Kempton Park last October, the Fr speaking couple have been visited by

- CP-supporting neighbours who accused them of breaking the Group Areas A
- A man claiming he was from the Kempton Park council and who asked to see their passports to ensure they were not breaking the law,
- Two policemen following up a Group Areas contravention complaint from neighbours

And, their property has been vandalised twice

- Blue paint was daubed over the family car, front gate and fence,
- And their windows were smashed with a hammer



UNDER SIEGE ... Mrs Calisse and children Jean, 15 Be 11, Joel, 12, and Analise, 5 Picture OLTMAN MI

- **Windows broken and their car daubed with blue paint**
- **A rude CP member accuses them of breaking the law**
- **A 'council' official arrives to inspect their passports**

Before moving to Norkem Park the Calisse family lived happily in a flat in Johannesburg

Their harassment since moving to Norkem Park, they believe, stems from the fact that some people think they are Indians or coloureds

Soon after they'd arrived in the suburb, Mrs Calisse received a visit from a Conservative Party supporter who bluntly told her that she and her family were contravening the Group Areas Act by occupying a house in Norkem Park

Rude

Said Mrs Calisse "He was very rude and didn't even ask us to show him our passports After I had assured him that we were French Mauritians, he left"

Some weeks later the family received a visit from a man who claimed that he was from the Kempton Park council

"He was very polite After asking to see our passports, which prove we are French Mauritians, he advised us to ignore anyone who accused us of defying the Group Areas Act," said Mrs Calisse

A few weeks after the official's visit, two detectives from John Vorster Square arrived at the Calisse home

"They were also very polite and explained that they were acting on a complaint that we were contravening the Group Areas Act After seeing our passports, they said that we were legally entitled to rent or buy a house in any white area"

The most recent incident of vandalism occurred on Easter Sunday when blue paint was daubed over the family's car, front garden and fence

when they had foreign guests staying with them

Mrs Calisse said that the damage to the family car was so extensive that the vehicle would have to be resprayed

Despite the pain they have suffered, the Calisse family love South Africa They intend staying in Norkem Park, where their four children have made friends and have settled happily in local schools

Some weeks ago a Kempton Park Conservative Party councillor, Mr Thys van As asked the local National Party controlled management committee why an ' family was living in ' Wright Avenue, Norke Park — the street where Calisse family live

The acting town clerk Kempton Park, Mr S Benade said No what the colour or creed the occupant of any ' the damaging of people's p vate property in this ' is unacceptable No one ' the right to take the law their own hands

'If a family has the l right to ' d on a prope needs ' ' interest ' the private ' '

Visitors

The first attack on the Calisse's property by vandals happened a few days before Christmas

"Members of our family from Mauritius had come to visit us and we decided to spend a day at Sun City On our return home in the early hours of the morning, we found that most of the windows in the front of our house had been smashed, apparently with a hammer It cost us over R200 to have them repaired," Mrs Calisse said

She added that both acts of vandalism had occurred

Govt to act on petty apartheid

WHITE retailers in the CP-controlled towns of Boksburg and Carletonville are being dealt a severe economic blow as the black consumer boycott sparked by the reintroduction of petty apartheid continues unabated.

The president of the Carletonville Chamber of Commerce, Mrs Annetjie Claasen, yesterday said the Government has assured them it was looking into the matter and made certain suggestions regarding future strategies.

She said this after a delegation of the Carletonville business community held a meeting with the Minister of Law and Order, Mr Adriaan Vlok, the Minister of Constitutional Planning and Development, Mr Chris Heunis and other government officials in Cape Town.

Mrs Claasen said the situation was becoming serious for many businesses. According to a survey conducted by the chamber 91 businesses have so far lost over R3,5-million.

Boksburg chamber's president, Mr Johan Viljoen, said the boycott was continuing, although small groups of blacks were beginning to buy in the town.

Major Boksburg building project scrapped

By Melanie Gosling

Retail International (RI), developer of the proposed East Rand Mall shopping complex, has shelved its multimillion-rand project until the Boksburg Town Council scraps petty apartheid.

"The project will proceed only when the petty apartheid policy being applied in Boksburg is discontinued," said managing director Mr Joe Bentel. "Our decision is in line with the decision taken by Woolworths and Edgars, who will be major tenants in the development. As long as the political situation in Boksburg remains unchanged, our development is dead."

Town clerk Mr Brits Coetsee said yesterday that the council had not been told officially of the decision. The last discussions at management committee level were a month ago and then the project was going ahead.

This is the second time RI has said it would scrap the development. Shortly after Boksburg reintroduced petty apartheid late last year, the company said the deal was off.

In March, RI said it would go ahead with the development because a survey had shown that the consumer boycott in Boksburg had not affected the Hypermarket area, but Woolworths and Edgars said at the time they had pulled out of the project for political reasons.

Mr Bentel said RI was applying to have the site of its proposed development, adjacent to Boksburg's Hypermarket area, declared an open trading area.

Woolworths spokesman Mr Simon Suzman said yesterday that even if the new development area were declared an open trading area, the company would shun the mall.

"We believe in principle that all trading areas should be open. We don't think it would be in our business interests to open new business in Boksburg with the prevailing attitudes there."

Edgars group development manager Mr P Chilton-Jones said he doubted that his company would become part of the development even if the site were declared an open trading area.

Charges laid

THE national director of Lawyers for Human Rights, Brian Currin, last night laid several charges against city councillors who voted in favour of closing facilities in Boksburg to non-white people.

Mr Currin said the two policemen on duty at the Boksburg police station were "taken aback when they understood the nature of the charges but took down my statement and said it would be handed to the captain tomorrow."

At a news conference earlier yesterday in Pretoria, Mr Currin said the charges would be of subversion, in terms of the Internal Security Act of 1982. — Sapa

600 are on strike

OVER 600 workers at 80 Edworks outlets in Johannesburg and the Free State yesterday went on a legal strike over wages and the refusal by the company to recognise their union — Ccawusa.

Groups plan to defy racial laws in city

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Mr Dangor said the major objective was to show the genuine desire on the part of people to improve the quality of life in Johannesburg. "People are fed up with having to suffer so much under apartheid legislation".

He stressed that the campaign would be passive.

Ms Gael Neke, publicity secretary for the Five Freedoms Forum (FFF), said the campaign came partly in response to the growth in Conservative Party-dominated councils. The CP has used existing National Party legislation to enforce segregated facilities in Boksburg and Carletonville which has already resulted in consumer boycotts and defiance by black residents.

However, Ms Neke stressed that the protest aimed to make people aware that the National Party-dominated councils also practise racial discrimination. She said organisations would be involved in the campaign in a variety of different ways to encourage mass participation.

Evictions and exploitation

People from white suburbs would be invited to live with black families in areas like Hillbrow to see the problems and the high level of exploitation and evictions that they experience.

Apart from directly challenging apartheid legislation, the campaign aims to create awareness of the policies' effect on black South Africans.

Mr Dangor said the Hillbrow Hospital was overcrowded and did not have all the necessary facilities. "People are forced to go all the way to Bara and Coronation Hospitals if they need treatment and both these hospitals are overcrowded."

"Kids living in the inner city areas, some of them not more than six years old, are forced to travel to schools at places such as Soweto and Riverlea, while others are separated from their families so that they can attend schools in the homelands. This happens when on their doorstep is a school in Joubert Park which is believed to only have 40 percent pupil capacity."

Swimming pools are closed to people of colour. Citing an example Mr Dangor said: "The city council has kept the swimming pool at the Zoo Lake closed despite the fact the donor said years ago that it was open to all citizens."

Groups plan defiance of all racial laws in city

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JANET HEARD

A MASS campaign against the Group Areas Act and the Separate Amenities Act is being planned by a broad alliance of anti-apartheid organisations in the Johannesburg area.

The campaign could lead to a similar level of protest to that of Gandhi's passive resistance campaign during the early 1900's.

The idea first emerged during the Institute for a Democratic Alternative for South Africa (Idasa) conference in Johannesburg two weeks ago.

Now a committee is being set up to co-ordinate the work of different organisations as well the finer details of the campaign.

Under the theme, "Towards an Open Johannesburg", the campaign hopes to include a broad alliance of organisations in order to generate maximum participation by a range of groups.

The protest will target all civic institutions in Johannesburg which practise racial discrimination, including health services, educational institutions and civic amenities such as recreational halls, swimming pools and old age clubs.

The challenge to the discriminatory legislation will involve parents taking their children to schools and hospitals which are designated for whites-only.

Mr Mohammed Dangor of Actstop, one of the organisations behind the campaign, said: "People living in these inner city areas believe it is their right to use the facilities where they live, not a privilege."

There are an estimated 70 000 blacks living illegally in the Johannesburg area.

Organisations are discussing the campaign among their members and a decision on the exact form the programme will take is due within the next few weeks, when a date will be set.

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Fencing to keep lake lily white

By SAMKELO KUMALO

ONCE Boksburg Lake is completely fenced, blacks will no longer be allowed into the area.

Mayor B de Klerk told *City Press* this week the lake was 75 per cent fenced and the fencing would be completed in the near future.

He said the main reason for fencing the lake and allowing only whites in was because 91 murders had been committed near or at the lake in recent years.

"Investigations have shown that more than 80 percent of the murders were committed by blacks and coloureds. That does not include other crimes like robberies, assaults, rape and prostitution.

"We are not against blacks having their facilities where they live but we want the white man to be left alone to enjoy the facilities for which they pay without being inconvenienced by other races. That will stop friction.

"If big business is so concerned about blacks enjoying such facilities, which they say we are denying them, I wonder why they do not build them these facilities in the townships.

"Our policy is in line with the government's statutes and Conservative Party policies. We have 100 percent support from the whites in this town. If elections were to be held tomorrow, the CP would win an overwhelming majority because we have the support.

"Boksburg is divided into three areas; Brentwood, the Germiston district and Boksburg. In the next elections the whole city will be completely under the CP," he said.

However, the chairman of the Boksburg Chamber of Commerce and Industries, Johan Viljoen, is of a different opinion. He said if elections were to be held immediately the CP would be defeated as many people had come to realise that the implementation of petty apartheid policies was counter-productive.

He said the chamber had tried to talk to the CP council about not re-introducing apartheid laws, which had been dormant, but the council had refused to budge.

The chamber felt it lacked the power to persuade the government to scrap petty apartheid to facilitate change and development.

Mayor De Klerk admitted that turnover in the business sector had been affected by the consumer boycott but said the council would not back down on its policy of re-introducing petty apartheid.

He blamed the boycott on "leftist liberal politicians who want to create a power struggle because they have ulterior political intentions".

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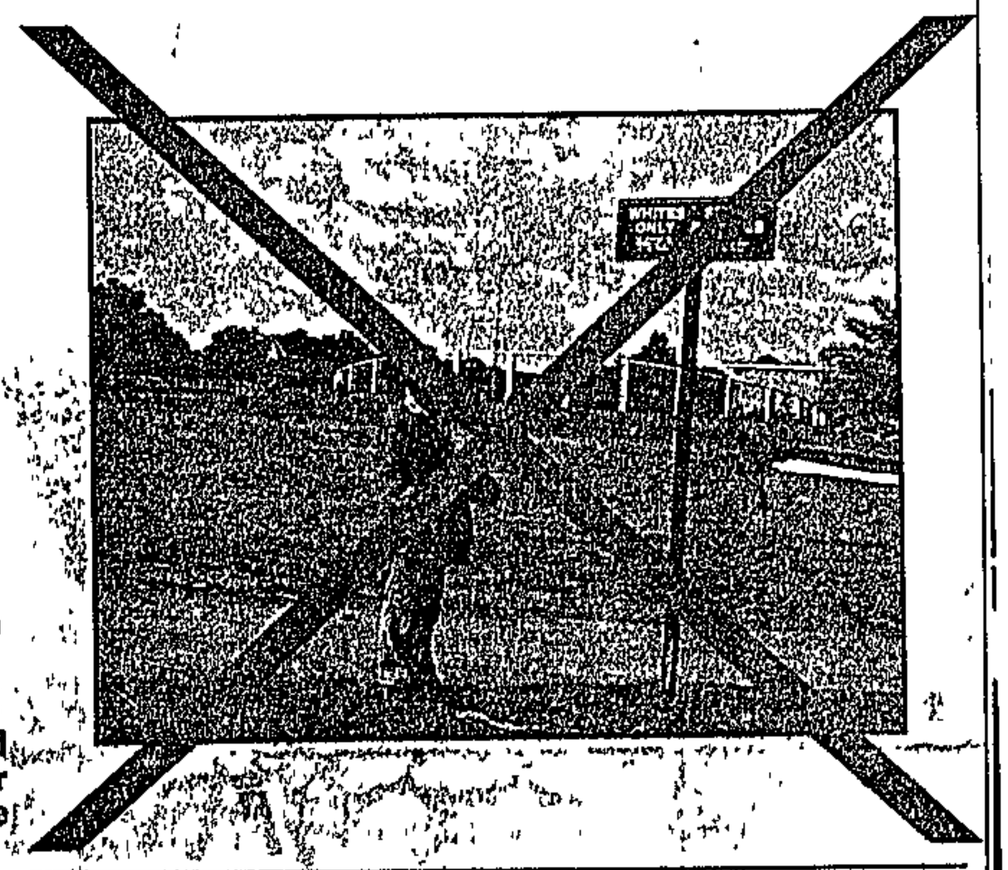

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Two go 'free' after killing

By DAN DHLAMINI

A MOTHER of four young children wept uncontrollably outside the Klerksdorp Regional Court this week while two white farmers who assaulted her husband to death smiled and shook hands with relatives.

Lilly Mononye's husband, Stephen Mononye, was the victim of a brutal assault by the two farmers, who accused him of having stolen two cows

She cried because the two farmers – Louis Johannes Venter, 35, and Pieter Martinus Fouche, 34, – were each sentenced to a fine of R1 200 or four months' imprisonment plus a further six months' jail suspended for five years, for the assault that led to her husband's death.

Venter and Fouche were originally charged with culpable homicide, kidnapping and two counts of assault

They pleaded not guilty to all the charges, including that of killing Mononye, as well as assaulting David Olifant.

Earlier, State witness J Nyathu told the court the accused had on March 16 last year assaulted Mononye, whose hands were tied from behind and a rope tied around his neck.

He said Mononye was repeatedly sjambokked by the two, who accused him of having stolen their cattle

The two cows were later found

This week in a dramatic turn, the accused changed their plea to guilty to two counts of assault with intent to do grievious bodily harm

Mononye's cause of death was recorded as brain haemorrhage.

Passing sentence, Magistrate Venter said the public was keeping an eye on the courts concerning the imposing of sentences in such cases.

Venter said the dead man was tied up and was helpless, and it was not necessary to extract information by sjambokking him.

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This has caused the government great embarrasment and, in response, it has proposed the opening of certain areas for racially mixed settlement. A Free Settlement Board has been formed to facilitate this.

Recent incidents in Mayfair, where white right-wingers took the law into their own hands by forcibly preventing black families from settling in the area, provoked a lukewarm reaction from the government, which did not prosecute those people defying the Group Areas Act.

In Windmill Park, Boksburg, white residents declared they were prepared to share their facilities with their Indian neighbours if the CP council proceeded with its threat to cut off the Indians' water and electricity.

THERE'S HELP AT HAND FOR M

Court bid to dissolve Carletonville Council

Star 1/4/89 By Kaizer Nyatsumba 285 89

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A chamber survey conducted three weeks ago found that 252 people had lost their jobs as a result of the boycott, and that 60 more faced being laid off.

A Chamber of Commerce delegation met Minister of Law and Order Mr Adriaan Vlok and Minister of Constitutional Development and Planning Mr Chris Heunis in Cape Town two weeks ago.

"The most important thing which came out of the meeting was that we now understand that laws (such as the Reservation of Seperate Amenities Act) cannot be changed overnight," Mrs Claasen said.

Traders seek court ruling

PRETORIA — Three businessmen have started legal moves to reverse the resurgence of petty apartheid.

Carletonville traders Sorrel Waks and Abdul Raman Bhamjee, and John Billy Motsau of nearby Khutsong township, want the Supreme Court to quash reintroduction of discrimination by the CP-controlled town council.

Waks said on Friday the council did not have the authority to designate separate amenities and had not given those affected an opportunity to make representations.

The trio wants the council decision to reimpose petty apparteid declared *ultra vires* and set aside

Waks said copies of documents handed to the court were also served on Mayor Gert Petrus Jacobs and the council.

Waks said the council had taken *male fide* decisions, not in the western Transvaal mining town's interests, but only for advancement of CP interests.

He added the decisions had an unreasonable, unfair and discriminatory effect and the council had not been authorised to take such decisions.

Motsau said the council's decisions had virtually compelled the black community to boycott the business district

Copies of surveys lodged in court showed Carletonville businesses had suffered a 20%-100% reduction in turnover since the CP gained control — Sapa.

... being heard by Mr Justice I Steyn | ... Times Correspondent

CURRIN SAYS HE'LL LAY CHARGES

PRETORIA — Lawyers for Human Rights national director Brian Currin said he would drive to the Boksburg police station last night to lay charges against the city councillors who voted in favour of closing facilities in Boksburg to non-white people.

He told a news conference here yesterday the charges would be of subversion, in terms of the Internal Security Act of 1982, and called on people throughout the country who thought the application of the Separate Amenities Act fomented feelings of hostility between different race groups to do the same.

The Internal Security Act states that "any person who with the intent to achieve, bring about or promote any constitutional, political, industrial, social or economic aim or change in the Republic ... causes, encourages or foments feelings of hostility between different population groups or parts of population groups of the Republic shall be guilty of the offence of subversion and be liable on conviction to imprisonment for a period not exceeding 20 years ..

Currin referred to a statement by Constitutional Development and Planning Minister Chris Heunis, who said: "Government is committed to eliminate discrimination, as this cannot be justified or accepted in any way." — Sapa.

Protest over Pretoria apartheid

PRETORIA — Black community leaders are to meet in Pretoria later this week to protest against the "unabated" application of petty apartheid by the Pretoria City Council

Transvaal MEC and Labour Party deputy chairman Willie Hoods said the meeting would discuss possible action to demonstrate the anger of the black community over the council's refusal to end discrimination

He said there was no basic difference between the discriminatory practices of the Carletonville and Boksburg town councils and that being practised in Pretoria.

The CP's racist actions all fell within the ambit of NP policies, and Nat shock at the actions of the two town councils was hypocritical and dishonest, Hoods said.

It had become necessary to show that the black community was affronted by the lack of commitment to the elimination of discrimination.

Hoods said more and more blacks were becoming aware that monies they paid for municipal services were being used to provide facilities from which they were barred or did not benefit.

Laudium MP Boetie Abramjee will be among those attending the meeting.

GERALD REILLY

Call to dissolve CP town council

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Lawyer lays charges

Boksburg accused of race crime

By Deborah Smith, Pretoria Bureau

Mr Brian Currin, national director of Lawyers for Human Rights, last night laid criminal charges of subversion in terms of the Internal Security Act against Boksburg City councillors who voted in favour of closing facilities to all blacks.

He laid the charges at the Commissioner Street police station in Boksburg at about 6 pm.

Mr Currin told reporters that in the prevailing social and political circumstances the application of the Reservation of Separate Amenities Act could constitute a serious offence in terms of the Internal Security Act.

The Internal Security Act states that any person who intended to promote political, social or economic change in South Africa which encouraged feelings of hostility between different population groups would be guilty of subversion.

Mr Currin said it was indisputable that the reservation of amenities enouraged feelings of hostility between racial groups. He said that when a local authority reserved amenities for one race group at the expense of others, it was an endeavour to promote political and social change in South Africa.

Not to cause hostility

Although the Reservation of Separate Amenities Act allowed any person in charge of a public premises to reserve it for the use of one race group, Mr Currin said, it did not entitle them to encourage feelings of hostility between race groups.

He called on all South Africans who felt that the application of the Act encouraged hostility between race groups to lay charges at against those who initiated the application of the Act.

He said: "One wonders how the Government can consider the retention of the Act in view of statements such as that by the Minister of Constitutional Development and Planning, Mr Chris Heunis, that the Government has contributed to identifying obstacles to reconciliation and was striving to removed them as far as possible."

Since the Government refused to scrap the Act it was reasonable to conclude that any social or political reform since 1953 did not represent the Government's desire. "It would seem these changes took place not because of Government, but rather in spite of Government," said Mr Currin.

"As long as the Separate Amenities Act remains on the Statute Book we must conclude the Government statements on reform are mere rhetoric."

Mr Currin said the application of the Separate Amenities Act violated fundamental human rights and had given rise to racial humiliation and widespread violation of human dignity and pride.

The Act had severely damaged race relations.

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New 13-club tennis league in Boksburg

By Therese Anders

A new tennis league began in Boksburg yesterday for the 13 East Rand clubs expelled by the South African Tennis Union (SATU) for playing on racially restricted Conservative Party municipal courts.

Known as Tournament Tennis, and with about 800 members in Boksburg, Brakpan and Nigel, the league is believed to be the first in South Africa not to be run under the auspices of the SATU.

Spokesman Mr Brian Smith said the league was non-racial and not associated with the CP. It was not a rebel organisation.

"It was not organised by a committee but by an individual, for the love of tennis.

"In all but one case the clubs have non-racial constitutions, but were barred from the SATU because their CP council landlords refused to let all races play on their courts".

Mr Smith added that the 13 Tournament Tennis clubs had not given up hope of returning to the SATU fold. "But we've got our winter league going now, and we'll have to see where we go from there."

Court action over ban

By JOSHUA RABOROKO

THE CP-controlled Carletonville Town Council and its mayor, Mr Gert Jacobs, have been challenged in the Pretoria Supreme Court to scrap petty apartheid which has resulted in the black consumer boycott of the town.

In papers before the court Carletonville businessmen are seeking an order to nullify or set aside the council's decision to reintroduce petty apartheid in terms of the Separate Amenities Act of 1953.

In the application — a test case which might set a precedent — the business people contend that the decision was taken without their consent or consultation.

In another development the national director of Lawyers for Human Rights, Mr Brian Currin, yesterday laid charges of subversion in terms of the Internal Security Act against Boksburg's CP city councillors who voted in favour of closing facilities to blacks, coloureds and Indians.

The charge was laid at the Commissioner Street police station.

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COURT MOVE over Carletonville

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Council's decision offensive judge told

THE Conservative Party-controlled Carletonville Town Council's decision to enforce the reservation of Separate Amenities Act was ultra vires and should therefore be declared null and void, three Carletonville businessmen argued in papers before the Pretoria Supreme Court yesterday.

The three businessmen, who brought the application on behalf of the Carletonville Chamber of Commerce on April 14, said in the papers the council failed to consult with people whom the decision was going to affect or to give them a chance to make representations.

The three businessmen are Mr Sorrel Geoffrey Waks, Mr John Billy Motsau and Mr Abdul Rhaman Bhamjee, and the respondents are the Carletonville Town Council and the mayor, Mr Gert Petrus Jacobs.

Mr Waks, who is the director of Blyvoor Timber and Hardware company in the town, is a registered voter and ratepayer in Carletonville, and belongs to the local Chamber of Commerce. His company, which has done business with people of all races for more than 30 years, had suffered because of the boycott. His 12 black employees were humiliated by and aggrieved because of the town council's policies, he said.

In his sworn affidavit, Mr Waks asked the Supreme Court to declare the council's decisions null

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and void or alternatively put them aside on the following grounds:

● The town council which was legally obliged to consult with the people its decision was going to affect or allow them to make representations, did not do so;

● By putting public facilities in the town aside for the sole use of whites the council acted maliciously because the decision was not in the interest of Carletonville residents, but instead it was meant to further the Conservative Party's political interests;

● The council's decision and its implementation were "unreasonable, unjust and discriminatory" to the people it affected. (285)

The second applicant, Mr Motsau of nearby Khutsong township, said the town council's decision "upset and disappointed me very much."

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He said before the council decided to implement petty apartheid; facilities in the town were open to all, and went on to point out the inconvenience blacks were now suffering as a result of denial of access to these facilities.

"The town council's decision is a backward and offensive step in the Government's process to improve relations between the different racial groups in the country and to do away with the so-called "petty apartheid."

Furore after trapped nurse is 'left to die'

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THE issue of segregated health services took on tragic dimensions this week when a woman was allegedly left to die after a car accident.

A debate which raged between the Transvaal Provincial Administration, police and members of the public was sparked by the death of Irene Mzizi of Soweto in what was viewed by her family as a clear result of apartheid health facilities.

Mzizi died in a car crash in Winburg this week. Soon after the accident, a ambulance aircraft airlifted two injured whites to hospital, leaving four blacks on the site. Mzizi and her husband were left trapped in their car. When freed some time later, Mzizi was dead.

It has been alleged by members of the family that Mzizi, an Orlando East nursing sister, had been left to die slowly after being ignored by a helicopter crew.

A Johannesburg newspaper reported "the family of the woman had pleaded in vain with the white helicopter crew not to leave them behind but their pleas fell on deaf ears". The family claimed the victims had been left unattended for five hours..

Reacting to the allegations, the Orange Free State's Provincial Administration said this week it did not run separate white and black ambulances and all its ambulances were used for all population groups.

The Mzizis had been left behind, as Irene Mzizi was already dead and the others were not seriously injured, according to the provincial administration.

The police liaison department has also said in a statement that because of the nature of her injuries, Mzizi "must have either died on the spot or soon after".

Mzizi had served for 40 years at Baragwanath and Hillbrow hospitals

Shortly after she was buried in Orlando West, Soweto, on Sunday, her son, Pecc, spoke about it. "My mother would treat people of all races. If a white person won't help a black lady after she had spent her life treating whites, that's very bad. If I need help from you, you need help from me.

"I'm not saying she wouldn't have died if they had helped, but for two hours in the car, she was breathing and screaming for someone to free her."

Pecc was also hurt in the accident,

By THANDEKA GQUBULE and ANDREW CLARK

breaking a leg and his arms so badly that he had to be rolled out in a wheelchair to the funeral.

"Sister Mzizi has gone to a new heaven where there is no discrimination," said a matron at Baragwanath who had worked with Mzizi during her 31 years there. "There is only one helicopter there; there is only one jaws of life there; there is only one doctor there — and that is the Almighty God."

Whatever the details of this case, certain health services remain segregated and available only to members of a particular race group.

According to a representative of the Transvaal Provincial Administration in Pretoria, certain hospitals became "own affairs" when they were transfered to the House of Assembly on the April 1.

The JG Srydom Hospital in Johannesburg is one such hospital. It has been a white hospital for some time; however its transfer to the House of Assembly has entrenched its image as a segregated hospital.

The University of the Witwatersrand, which has used the hospital as a teaching facility, announced this week it would reconsider its contribution to the hospital.

Dr Max Price, speaking on behalf of the Health Workers' Assocation, said that the university should withdraw its contribution from the hospital as a demonstration of its opposition to segregated health services.

A TPA public relations officer told the *Weekly Mail:* "Blacks would only be admitted to such a hospital in cases of great emergency."

Price — a member of the Centre for the Study of Health Policy Studies and the National Medical and Dental Association — compares child mortality rates in Johannesburg and Soweto to show one effect of the racial segregation of health facilities.

"Johannesburg and Soweto may well be unique in the world," he says, "in that while the child mortality rate for Africans is higher in Soweto than in Johannesburg, the rate of stillbirths is higher for Africans in Johannesburg than in Soweto.

"The difference is due to the fact that while the socio-economic conditions are worse in Soweto, the access to health services is worse in Johannesburg.

"The statistics suggest that the absence of appropriate facilities for Africans in Johannesburg is associated with stillbirths and newborn deaths."

According to the statistics of the Centre for the Study of Health Policy, Johannesburg has a population of half a million whites and about 165 000 Africans.

Yet there are no ante-natal facilities in Johannesburg for pregnant African women to deliver their babies under supervised professional care.

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Lawyers hit out at Boksburg council members

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CP Correspondent

LAWYERS for Human Rights have laid charges at the Boksburg police station against the city councillors who voted in favour of closing facilities in the town to all "non-white" people.

"Prosecutions will be initiated in all appropriate districts, which include those run by the National Party," said the national director of the LHR, Brian Currin. The action was taken after a comprehensive research project into the Separate Amenities Act, which legalised separate social services and conveniences for different races.

"If one has reference to the circumstances giving rise to the introduction of the Act as well as social and political developments in the past 35 years, it is our (the LHR's) respectful view that application of the act is not only totally inappropriate but also illegal in that it stands in contravention of the Internal Security Act of 1982," the LHR said in a statement this week.

Currin pointed out that the Internal Security Act specified that: "Any person who with intent to achieve, bring about or promote any constitutional, political, industrial, social or economic aim or change in the republic causes, encourages or ferments feelings of hostility between different population groups . . . shall be guilty of the offence of subversion and be liable, on conviction, to imprisonment for a period not exceding 20 years.

"Surely then, where a local authority or other person as defined in the act reserves amenities for one race group only, at the expense of others, that would be an endeavour to achieve, bring about or promote political and social aims or change in South Africa," said Currin.

He stressed that the Seperate Amenities Act, therefore, encouraged and fermented feelings of hostility between different race groups.

The application of the Separate Amenities Act in South Africa was a violation of fundamental human rights and had, since its inception in 1953, given rise to racial humiliation and widespread violation of human dignity and pride, the LHR statement said.

The Separate Amenities Act, according to the findings of the research project, has "severely damaged" race relations in South Africa and caused widespread political conflict.

"The implications of the Act are therefore far reaching. In our considered view it has been a political disaster, not only contributing towards the present breakdown in law and order and the subsequent emergency regulations but also isolation from the international community, boycotts and economic sanctions," said Currin.

The act was introduced in 1953 as a means – spearheaded by the South African authorities – of socially segregating black and white in the country.

The public facilities most affected by the Act during the first years of its implementation were government buildings, which were either totally segregated or had partitions erected in them so that whites could be served on one side and blacks on the other.

The Separate Amenities Act came under the international spotlight after last year's October municipal elections when the rightwing Conservative Party-controlled town councils in Boksburg, Carletonville and other cities openly implemented the Act to the letter. This led to severe racial tension in these towns and cities and, in some cases, open conflict between blacks and whites.

Currin noted that in justifying the implementation of the Act the then Minister of Justice, CR Swart, pointed out that in South African society: "We have civilised people, we have semi-civilised people and we have uncivilised people. The government of the country (therefore) gives each section facilities according to their circumstances."

The LHR statement also pointed out, however, that over the past years a number of hurtful laws such as the Mixed Mirriages Act have been repealed. In addition, it could no longer be said that life in all spheres in South Africa was segregated. "Many facilities, both public and private, are shared", said Currin.

However, Pretoria still refused to scrap the Act and the "reasonable conclusion" the LHR came to following the research project was that any social or political reform which had taken place in the country since 1953 "does not represent government's desires or policy".

The LHR statement pointed out that it would seem the changes had taken place, not because of government but rather "in spite of government".

"As long as this Act stays on the statute books we must conclude that government statements on reform are mere rhetoric and that government still today subscribes to the views expressed by Swart in 1953, namely that:

- Marriage between a black and a white person would be a horrible event.
- The idea of sharing facilities is the work of inciters, provocateers, renegade Europeans, communists and neo-communists.
- That in South Africa we have civilised people, semi-civilised and uncivilised people.
- That it is absurd to expect government to provide equal facilities (similar to the civilised white) to the semi-civilised and uncivilised non-whites". – Ano

TRFU buys out Ellis Park

By Finance Staff

Just ten months after it was listed, Ellis Park Stadium will once again be wholly owned by the Transvaal Rugby Football Union (TRFU), the controlling body of rugby in the Transvaal.

In an announcement this morning the TRFU said that it was buying back the Ellis Park share units held by minority shareholders for a total consideration of R33 million.

The cash offer per unit — consisting of on ordinary share and one debenture — is 110c, 10c above the price at which Ellis Park was suspended on Thursday.

Prior to the suspension the share price had soared last week by 25 percent from 80c to 100c in anticipation of the announcement.

The shares will be reinstated at the start of trading today.

The offer by the TRFU will be made payable to shareholders in July this year, but further details of the deal are to be published soon.

Commenting on the transaction TRFU president Louis Luyt reportedly said that the union was buying back Ellis Park because of the company's exceptional prospects.

"The prospects are so good that if we don't buy it now we won't be in a position to do it later," Mr Luyt said Star 24/4/89.

Multiracial marathon ban set aside

Own Correspondent

POTGIETERSRUS

The Potgietersrus Marathon will go ahead on Saturday, after a ban on black runners imposed by the Conservative Party-controlled town council was overturned by a court order.

Mr Justice C Botha said on Friday the council's objections were based on irrelevant considerations, and amounted to "unlawful discrimination against certain athletes".

He ordered the council to pay the costs of the application by the SA Amateur Athletic Union.

Management committee chairman Mr Pieter van Niekerk argued that various population groups should compete separately to avoid friction.

The mayor, Mr George Morkel-Brink, said his council was only carrying out the mandate of voters, and would continue to comply with residents' wishes.

Springs churchmen ask council to rethink

Religion Reporter 285

Springs churchmen have asked the chairman of the town's Conservative Party-dominated management committee to reconsider the decision to close some public amenities to blacks.

The request is conveyed in a letter read to congregations of the signatories in church yesterday. Star 24/4/89

The letter was signed by priests and ministers of the Anglican, Methodist, Presbyterian and Catholic congregations.

The letter said it was "with a great deal of sadness and some concern that we read of your decision to close the use of the Verwoerd Theatre and Civic Centre to members of the black race group".

It continues to say that they noted when policy was formulated regarding sport on Sundays, the churches, as spiritual leaders, were approached for opinion.

"Yet when you decide to implement policy that is nowhere in line with the standards and norms of the Kingdom of God or scripture, you do so without consultation at all."

The letter says what is disturbing is that the policies evoked are in "direct opposition to scripture".

"We believe that your regulations have done nothing other than rebuild the wall of separation, thus causing hostility and enmity between God's people."

WHITES 'HURT' BY SHARING LOO

CP MP claims

WHITE mine and factory workers should be spared the "humiliation" of having to share toilets and washroom facilities with other races, Mr Arrie Paulus (CP, Carletonville) said in Parliament yesterday.

Speaking during a mini-interpellation debate, he accused the Government of shirking its responsibility to protect white workers.

However, Deputy Minister of Economic Affairs and Technology, Mr George Bartlett, said the Government's regulations were no longer prescriptive, but provided the framework for negotiations between employers and employees on this issue.

He said: "We do not believe in forcing, and neither should we enforce segregation.

The CP's objection to sharing facilities was slammed by Democratic Party MP for Constantia, Mr Roger Hulley as "the profoundest insult to other human beings of another colour. This implies that skin colour is like some kind of contagion."

The CP's concern about sharing toilets was sufficient for it to be "elevated to the subject of an interpellation . . . surely outside South Africa, only Monty Python would consider this worthy as a public issue."

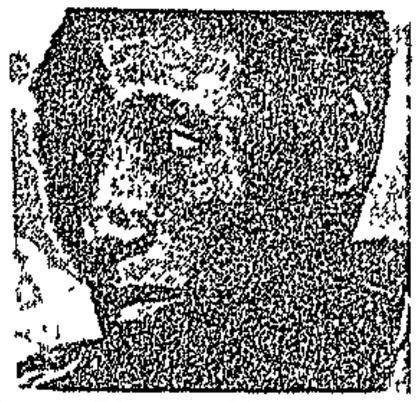
But Mr Paulus said a law should be introduced in parliament to protect whites from the "humiliation of being forced to share facilities."

He asked: "Are the National Party prepared to share the toilets in their homes with their servants? Why must the white worker in South Africa suffer humiliation?"

He said if the CP came to power they would ensure "white workers have their rights."

But Mr Bartlett said: "We do not believe that the Government should dictate to companies and unions as to what they are to do. We believe this matter can be easily resolved by all concerned."

ET rugby may have to seek another home



Simon Skosana

SPRINGS. — The Eastern Transvaal Rugby Union could lose its headquarters at the Pam Brink Stadium after the latest bombshell dropped by the Conservative Party-controlled town council.

And the municipal facilities of other sporting bodies could be affected, after the recent monthly meeting of the council.

The council has requested copies of constitutions of all sporting clubs in the area.

Constitutions, they say, must be amended to include a whites-only membership clause.

The boxing tournament at the Springs Indoor Arena on Sunday afteroon, when national bantamweigh champion Simon Skosana takes o South American Julian Solis, is th only sporting event in Springs unaf fected by the council's decision.

A 15-year contract for the use of th indoor venue is in effect, according t Mr Eddie Marshall, chief of the town community services.

But he says Pam Brink Stadium i affected because the ETRU's contrac with the town council expires nex year.

The CP's reintroduction of pett apartheid means non-white sports men are forbidden from competing a council-controlled venues. — Sapa

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SEPARATE AMENITIES

Action all round

Groups of Johannesburg's estimated 100 000 black city dwellers are beginning to present themselves at whites-only facilities in an effort to force the National Party-dominated city council to implement its promise to abolish racially segregated amenities.

Where entrance is refused, legal action will follow, according to Actstop, the organisation heading legal and public campaigns against segregation in Johannesburg.

The strategy is interesting in view of government's announcement last month of a moratorium on prosecutions under the Separate Amenities Act. Further, even Nat members of the city council are hinting that by the end of the year bus segregation will come to an end. And on the sensitive issue of separate swimming pools, the idea of privatising municipal baths is being talked of

Though the plans for what amounts to a civil disobedience campaign have not yet been finalised, Actstop spokesmen say the idea is already attracting groundswell support. The idea of an organised campaign emerged at a forum hosted by the Institute for a Democratic Alternative in SA last month, entitled "Towards an Open City". Actstop publicity secretary Cas Coovadia says a campaign committee will this week to begin to thrash out a strategy for implementing four calls which emerged from the conference.

These were for: black parents to present their children at white schools for enrolment; blacks to present themselves for treatment at the under-utilised whites-only Johannesburg General Hospital; for an inner-city "encounter" to be initiated where suburban whites experience two or three nights in the city's worst black flatland slums; and for blacks to start using any segregated facilities, such as swimming pools, buses, tennis courts, bowling greens, recreational centres and golf courses.

Coovadia observes that the campaign is comparable with those waged by the American civil rights movements in the Sixties

Actstop's Mayfair branch chairman, Cassim Saloojee, says the organisation is being swept along by a spontaneous mood among the city's black residents; he says that where blacks are refused access, Actstop will take legal action on the grounds of unreasonableness. "We are taxpayers. We pay rates. We are citizens of this city who have helped make it what it is. So why should we not be allowed use of the amenities we helped pay for? I believe I am being robbed to pay for the facilities maintained exclusively for whites."

□ The Nat-controlled council under new management committee chairman Jan Burger is apparently displaying a fresh openness on civil matters. On Monday, Burger announced that Justice Minister Kobie Coetsee will be asked to open cinemas in Johannesburg on Sundays (see P 53). ■

Campaign for open Jo'burg to go ahead

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PAT DEVEREAUX

THE passive resistance campaign to challenge Johannesburg City Council's apartheid laws which segregate the city's facilities will forge ahead despite State efforts to hamper it, said representatives of various organisations planning the campaign.

The "Towards an Open City" campaign is on the brink of being launched and, according to the anti-eviction group Actstop's publicity secretary, Mr Cas Coovadia, involves "a two-pronged strategy to take our future into our own hands".

The first prong of the campaign, say organisers, will be an inner city encounter, where Johannesburg residents would be invited to live with "illegal" black families in the city centre to experience the over-crowding, harassment and eviction threats.

Second, an ongoing campaign to defy apartheid laws will be launched. Black residents will attempt to use whites-only amenities such as hospitals and will attempt to enroll their children at white schools.

But, last night the chairman of the Johannesburg Management Committee, Mr Jan Burger, said: "They can forget about this campaign. We have

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'Open City' bid to forge ahead

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already decided in caucus to desegregate Johannesburg But it won't be immediate because we do have problems."

Asked whether the campaign would not pressure the council into moving faster, he said. "No, it won't We will ignore these leftist politicians".

Reacting, the leader of the Democratic Party in Johannesburg Council, Mr Tony Leon said. "It's understandable that people who are at their wits end about racist legislation want to plan this sort of campaign"

He called on Mr Burger to spell out his plan for desegregating Johannesburg's amenities "They are creating a climate of expectation and should move with speed to open Johannesburg," said Mr Leon.

Yesterday security police action which halted a Thursday night joint meeting of organisations planning the campaign to oppose the Group Areas Act and other segregationist legislation in Johannesburg was roundly criticised by community leaders

Democratic Party councillor Mrs Judith Briggs, who attended the meeting, said "About 25 people from various organisations, including Idasa, the Black Sash, Actstop and the Five Freedoms Forum attended the Braamfontein meeting to discuss the availability and use of facilities in Johannesburg for all races

"We were interrupted after about an hour by plainclothes police, led by a Captain van Huysteen, who confiscated all documentation and notes which had been taken We were then told we had 15 minutes to leave

"They said the meeting was deemed to be a threat to State security

She said "The police action conflicted with a recent policy statement by Johannesburg management committee chairman Mr Jan Burger, who it is claimed is sincere about scrapping all apartheid laws in the city"

Condemned the raid

"It was also an invasion of citizens' rights as the real threat to State security is apartheid," she said.

A police spokesman has denied the meeting was broken up but admitted security police had attended under Section 25 of the Criminal Procedure Act.

Mr Tony Leon also condemned the raid and said he had sent a representative to the meeting. "It is unbelievable that police are using legislation promulgated in the 1950s which they used to stop a similar defiance campaign," he added.

Five Freedoms Forum publicity secretary Ms Gael Neke agreed with Mrs Brigg's version of the events at the meeting She condemned the police action as "absurd" in view of Mr Burger's statements that the city would be totally desegregated by the end of the year.

The campaign — reminiscent of the Defiance Campaign in the 1950s — was mooted recently at an Idasa-sponsored conference entitled "Towards an Open City" held at the Johannesburg City Hall.

"The idea of the campaign is to put the responsibility of racist legislation where it belongs — at the door of the city council," Mr Coovadia said

He believed the campaign would put tremendous pressure on the council and at the same time enable the official opposition in the council, the Democratic Party, to raise the whole question of apartheid in Johannesburg during council meetings.

Mr Coovadia said "Although the untimely suspension of our meeting made it impossible to finalise plans the campaign will go ahead."

"We were meeting legitimately to discuss legitimate and real problems," he added.

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Chinese ban on Chinese in Boksburg

BOKSBURG. — Boksburg's intricate puzzle of petty apartheid achieved new convolutions last night when the Conservative Party-controlled town council decided that Chinese people would not be allowed to enter a certain restaurant in the town — a Chinese restaurant.

The CP took control of the council in last year's October municipal elections.

The Golden Lake restaurant, near Boksburg Lake, serves Chinese food and is presently owned by Mrs W G Ho, whose lease expires on May 31.

The town council's contract with the new owner, Mrs S Y Yip, stipulates that only white customers will be allowed to enter the premises.

The motion was passed at the council's monthly meeting last night by 10 votes to seven, with three National Party councillors and one CP councillor absent.

Mrs Yip's children have, however, been given permission to eat at the restaurant

Boksburg's council also became the first town council to decide to accord CP leader Dr Andries Treurnicht honorary citizenship.

This was despite strong opposition from National Party members, whose leader Mr Chris Smith pointed out that it had always been the policy of their council that honorary citizenship be accorded only to state presidents.

Mr Smith said Mr Treurnicht would never be of the same calibre as a state president, even though the CP regarded him as the next president of the Republic.

The leader of the CP in the town council, Mr T J Fourie, said Mr Treurnicht had had the courage of his convictions, had pushed to one side his position as minister to fight for the preservation of the white man, and in so doing had been spurned by his own people. — Sapa

Carletonville ratepayers to petition Heunis on council

CARLETONVILLE — Carletonville ratepayers will present a petition to the Minister of Constitutional Development and Planning, Mr Chris Heunis, next week.

They will ask him to bar the Conservative Party-controlled Carletonville Town Council from using their money to defend the court action brought against it by local businessmen.

The ratepayers said they "objected strongly to the town council of Carletonville using ratepayers' money to pay for any possible costs which may arise from the court action instituted against it by the business community of Carletonville".

More than 250 people had already signed the petition last night, and many more were expected to do so before Monday, Carletonville Chamber of Commerce president Mrs Annetjie Claasen said yesterday.

Application

The petition comes in the wake of an application recently lodged in the Pretoria Supreme Court by Carletonville businessmen, asking for the dissolution of the CP-dominated town council.

The businessmen said the town council had neither consulted people on its policy nor given them a chance to make representations.

A ratepayers' meeting at the Carletonville Technical College this week passed a motion of no confidence in the town council, and resolved to request the town clerk of Carletonville "to consider invoking the applicable provisions of the Local Government Ordinance with a view to a possible investigation in regard to maladministration".

Several CP supporters attending the meeting tried to disrupt proceedings

KAIZER NYATSUMBA

"by constant interruptions and interjections", while some had walked out early, according to Mrs Claasen.

A tour of Carletonville by Saturday Star yesterday afternoon showed that blacks were still not buying in the town, despite the fact that it was a Friday at the end of the month.

"The overall picture is that business is still very bad out here," Mrs Claasen told Saturday Star.

She estimated that Carletonville businessmen had already lost more than R12 million in turnover as a result of the boycott, and close to 400 people had already been laid off.

The Carletonville ratepayers said in the petition to Mr Heunis that they "strongly objected" to the council's decision to reserve certain parks in Carletonville for the use of whites.

"The parks are seldom used by whites (and) there are no similar facilities (for blacks) in the business area of Carletonville.

"Black people regarded the decision as insulting and it has had an adverse economic effect, as they, who were the only users of the parks, are now forced at great cost and inconvenience to shop in surrounding towns.

"The decision resulted in a black consumer boycott with adverse economic effects on businesses in Carltonville, and a large number of businesses are facing insolvency. The decision is causing unnecessary friction between the race groups and is not in the interest of the community of Carletonville."

In his response, Carletonville management committee chairman Mr Koos Nel said: "If the ratepayers don't want us to use their money, then we are not going to use their money — because we are going to win the case."

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Now white-by-night Tzaneen wants blacks back

RIGHT in the heart of conservative country, in a Conservative Party bastion, a National Party town council has embarked on a verligte path.

By MANDLA TYALA

Tzaneen, for decades a whites-only town by law and one of only two NP-controlled towns in the Northern Transvaal, is finally opening its doors to blacks.

Amid a CP outcry, the council, which is 100 percent NP, is not only opening its CBD and industrial area to all races, but also seeks to establish a free settlement area — and an Indian suburb.

Town secretary Hennie Greeff says the council is going through the motions as speedily as possible. If no spanner is thrown into the works, there should be free trading in Tzaneen in three months.

But there is scepticism in some quarters. Indians, who have traded in the town for decades behind white nominees and have been barred from living within its precincts, believe there is more to the change of heart than the council admits.

Africans, who have to shuttle to neighbouring homelands every evening and leave Tzaneen white at night, are non-commital. Many are adopting a wait-and-see attitude.

Dream

There is also a feeling that the council, with the vigour with which it is pushing through its new plan, might damage the NP's chances of winning the marginal seat from the CP in the general election.

Defensively, Mr Greeff has been quick to point out that white residential areas will not be tampered with.

Tzaneen falls under the Soutpansberg constituency, held by the CP's Tom Langley.

The town has for decades been an apartheid architect's dream creation.

About 20 000 Africans commute into Tzaneen every morning, but at sundown they technically leave SA to travel to their "countries" — Lebowa and Gazankulu — 15km down the road.

Ironically, it was the NP policy of breaking the country into white South Africa and fragments of black-governed homelands which saw many of the Africans driven from the land of their birth.

In terms of the new dispensation they are now welcome to reinstate their roots in Tzaneen.

Indians are similary affected. Having traded for generations in the area, they could only lease residential property from white landlords outside the magisterial area of Tzaneen.

A family that owns a multi-million rand wholesale chain of 46 branches in the Northern Transvaal and is quoted on the Stock Exchange, has been unable to buy a home.

And for the 26 years that Dr Samud Moosa, 57, has practised medicine, he has not been able to feel secure. "A man without a home does not know security," he says.

The Indians are happy with the planned development of free areas, but will not have anything to do with an exclusively Indian residential area.

The very concept of a group area stinks, says Mr Goolam Hassim, who runs a major hardware business in Tzaneen but also cannot live in the town.

Raging

"In any case, why bother with an Indian area when you are going to have an open area next to it," he asks.

The council's justification is that, from a financial viewpoint, it will be quicker to develop an Indian township.

In its haste to have people who are not white live and do business in the town legally, the council believes it will be much easier to extract money, by way of subsidies, from the Government by roping in the House of Delegates.



Hennie Greeff ... moving swiftly and would take a short cut if he could

Meanwhile, the CP has not taken the new developments lying down.

The news of the planned opening of Tzaneen to other races coincided with a full-page article on racial segregation in the CP newspaper, Die Patriot.

Under the headline, Our White Cities are Getting Blacker", the article argued, among other things, that the virtual total Africanisation of the Johannesburg inner city and immediate neighbouring suburbs was living proof that a post-apartheid SA would not be multiracial, but black.

There has also been a raging debate on the issue in the columns of another local newspaper, the Letaba Herald.

The acting district chairman of the CP, Mr David Grobelaar, said in a reply to an earlier pro-desegration letter by the chairman of the Tzaneen management committee Mr Victor Borchers:

"You close your letter by saying I attempt to influence the public against the council for a lost cause. Now, if this lost cause is our stand against the opening of the CBD, then in your mind the winning cause is to open the CBD to all races, in which case a council decision on the issue is only a pending formality.

Rethink

"But if, Mr Borchers, by lost cause you mean that the white man, not only of Tzaneen, but of the whole of SA, and the Afrikaner in particular, who strives for a separate and sovereign nationhood, has no longer a cause, then state it to the ratepayers of Tzaneen and in particular to those Nat-Afrikaners who voted you, so that they can know with wh they are dealing and rethink their el toral loyalties .

"On behalf of the CP I can come to other conclusion than a predominati climate in favour of the opening of t CBD has been established and that t decision thereto is only a pending f mality ..."

Meanwhile the council is movi swiftly with its plan

Secretary Greeff says he has perus the relevant statutes and has alrea made contact with Mr Hein Kruger, the Free Settlement Board.

"Time is of the essence. I would tak short cut if I could," he says.

Indian traders believe the council hardly motivated by the plight of blac They say the town, while run by the C lost out on a major spin-off wh Taiwanese entrepreneurs who had wa ted to invest millions in a neighbouri homeland could not be housed in Tza een, the nearest town.

Red-faced

ed over racism

CP town tells of 'whites-only' water bungle

By STAN MHLONGO

TOWN councillors at Conservative Party-controlled Balfour were red-faced about the state of relations between black and white in the Eastern Transvaal town when they recently went to great pains to explain why they barred their black neighbours at Siyathemba from drinking "white water".

The crisis that followed – which Siyathemba's 24 000 residents endured for the month of February – stunned South Africa when it was first exposed by *City Press*

The Balfour Town Council had a few problems trying to explain the acute water shortage in Siyathemba.

Not even a tour to the Fortuna Dam – where the water is purified – appeased the handful of journalists who attended the news conference called by the Balfour council.

Balfour council officials blushed when Siyathemba mayor Daniel told reporters that

- Allegations by town clerk M Joubert that the crisis had begun after the abolition of influx control and the resultant flood of 18 000 squatters into the Siyathemba area between 1987 and 1989 were incorrect

Mapohoshe told the meeting only 800 people had moved to Siyathemba from surrounding farms

- Relations between his council and that of Balfour were so cool that the two parties no longer met.
- The breakdown began soon after Balfour came under the control of the Conservative Party after the October 26 municipal elections last year.

Asked why the Balfour council had requested Mapohoshe's council to try and prevent blacks from entering Balfour to get water, the town's mayor MJ Classen denied that the move was racist and explained:

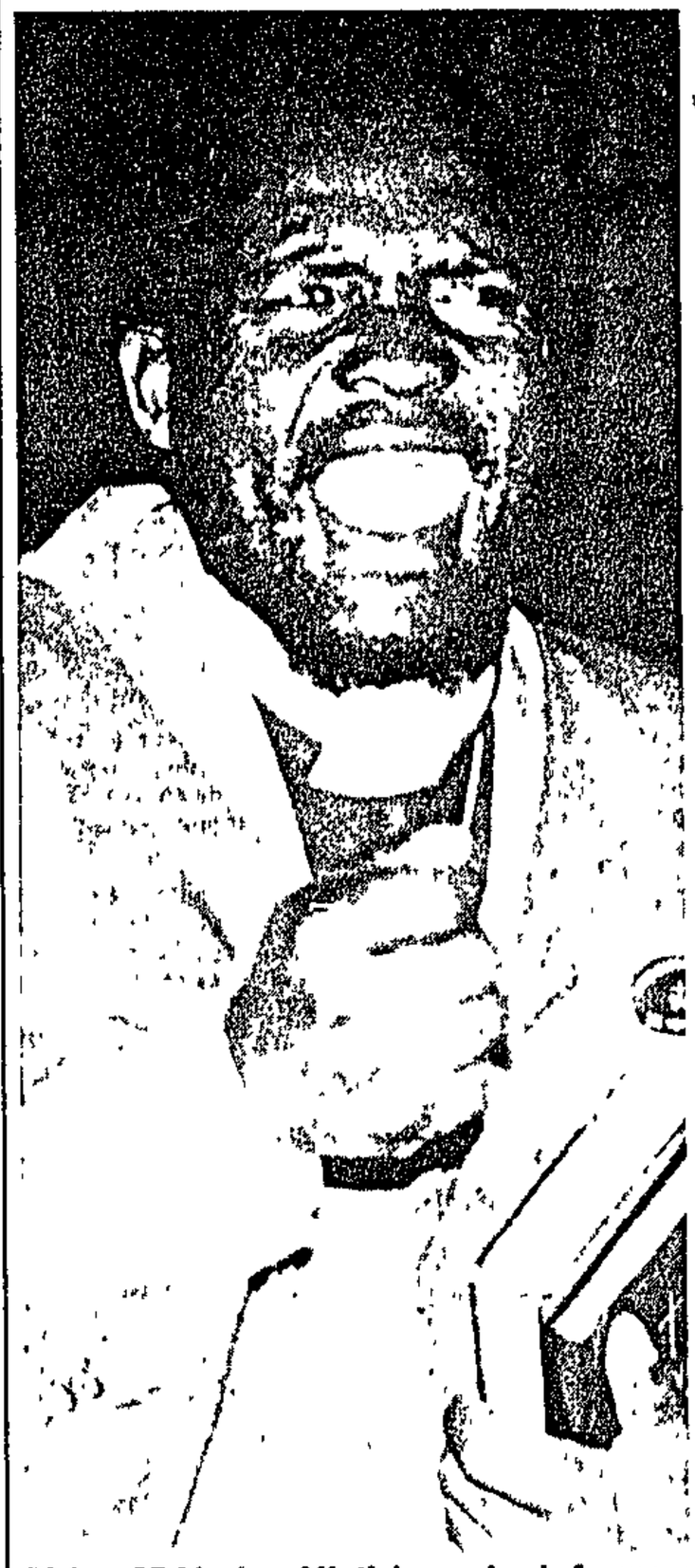
"By going to town to get water from whites, blacks made it difficult for the water to be supplemented"

He emphasised that his council – even though it is CP-controlled – was not like the Boksburg council which had closed all amenities to blacks.

"We are different from Boksburg in that no facilities have been closed to blacks in Balfour," said Claasen

The council had already received a subsidy of R1,2-million from the Eastern Transvaal RSC and by February 1989 would be able to produce 6 000 kilolitres of water a day, he said

The situation had improved, admitted Mapohoshe, and residents now received 500 kilolitres a day.



Bishop SB Linako of Katlehong pleads for more awareness of dangers facing the homeless.

Squatters brave cold to pray for land to build home

THAT there is a shortage of land on which to ... houses for squatters is a myth existing only in the he... of the authorities, a prayer meeting in Johannesburg told

Addressing the service at the Central Meth... Church to pray for squatters, the chief organiser of ... Lomzi People's Union, Eric Ntshiqela, said it was ... time squat... were treated same as ... people by t... thorities

Story: LULAMA LUTI
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"We are paying taxes, just like those who own houses demand to be treated equally by those in authority, said

More than 150 representatives of squatters f... Reef braved the cold, damp weather last ... attend the service, which was led by the Anglican ... Suffragan for Johannesburg East, Bishop ... Nkoane

Squatter representatives said most shack-dwe... became the victims of ill-treatment by landlords ... they were desperate

Stories were recounted of the dangers presen... the cramped conditions in which the squatters ...

Nkoane said the problems of homelessness ... blacks was one that had always brought pain to ...

Nkoane added there was no reason people to remain ... in the country of birth

The congrega... comprising mainly w... – punctuated the ... with occassional ... and outbursts

Expressing his ... tude to Iso Lomzi, N... urged the squatters only to pray but to tirelessly

Father Peter Hor... the Catholic Chu... Thokoza attacked South African sy... government and d... the most evil in the ...

Said Father ... "God is on our side ... must not complain know that God will us We have no ... about it."

Sharing their ... iences, the shack-... urged each other to ... vere and unite in ... to find shelter.



A member of the congregation loses herself during singing at the meeting held to pray for squatters.



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Anger as CP town spoils children's outing

By Toni Younghusband

An irate deputy headmaster, whose pupils were turned away from the racially segregated Krugersdorp Game Reserve, has referred the incident to the Ministers of Education in the three Houses of Parliament.

Mr J B Alexander, of St Martin's School in Rosettenville, Johannesburg, said a group of Std 6 pupils was recently refused entry to the game reserve the day after the Krugersdorp Town Council voted to segregate it.

In a letter addressed to the Conservative Party-controlled council, Mr Alexander said the council's decision had done incalculable damage to the harmonious race relations and respect for individuals that this school had patiently been trying to build for many years.

Mr Alexander said it was his school's policy to organise annual class camps in various parts of the country in order to make its pupils aware of their common heritage.

"I organised the Std 6 camp near Krugersdorp and one of the outings arranged for the pupils was a visit to the Krugersdorp Game Reserve, visits which have, in the past, taken place without any hitch," he said.

DECISION

But because the group was too large for a single visit, half the pupils visited the reserve on one day and the other were scheduled to go the next day.

In his letter, Mr Alexander said the first group was admitted without any hindrance.

"That night, we understand, your council held its monthly meeting at which the decision was taken to de-bar people of colour from entering various facilities.

"The result was that on the following day the second group arrived at the gates only to be turned away, to the embarrassment of the official at the gates, the anger and frustration of the teachers in charge, and the bewilderment and hurt of the pupils themselves," said Mr Alexander.

He said it was the effect on the children that angered the school more than any specific principle involved.

The chairman of the council's management committee, Mr Sakkie Nel, has denied being a racist.

"There is nothing wrong with people of other race groups. They must just use their own facilities.

"I want to rule this town and I want to rule it right," he said.

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Chinese are 'honorary whites'

CP pot calls NP kettle black over restaurant

Chinese people *are* allowed to patronise the Boksburg Lake restaurant — but "non whites" are not.

The town's Conservative Party-controlled council has been angered by reports saying the Golden Lake Chinese Restaurant, leased to a Chinese woman, would not be open to Chinese patrons.

The rumpus started after the council voted last week that the restaurant be available for whites only.

The CP was accused of banning Chinese — but this week the CP council said Chinese would be allowed in the restaurant, as in terms of South African law they are classified "white".

The council blamed the rumpus on National Party councillors, and said the NP should be scrutinised for its policies of segregation.

The Chief Whip of the CP-controlled town council, Mr T J Ferreira, said that while the restaurant row was an NP ploy, the NP itself had reserved the use of the Benoni library for whites only.

Mr Ferreira said there was never any question about barring Chinese from the restaurant and that the mere fact that it was let to a Chinese should have made this clear.

He said the decision to allow access to whites only automatically included Chinese as they have been granted the same status as whites under the 1984 Group Areas Amendment Act. He said no decision was taken to bar Chinese and that they have long been accepted as whites.

He said it was the "NP which gave the wrong connotation to the issue and that the CP was tired of being a scapegoat".

"It is time that the CP-controlled towns are left alone and notice be taken of the NP towns," he said.

Wealthier suburbs to be open to all races?

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CAPE TOWN — Government hinted yesterday that parts of Johannesburg's northern suburbs would become open areas.

Constitutional Development and Planning Deputy Minister Roelf Meyer also gave the strongest indication yet that parts of Mayfair, Hillbrow and Joubert Park were to become free settlement areas.

Meyer also expressed opposition to Pageview being opened to all. He had asked for an investigation into Mayfair becoming a free settlement area and was convinced the 32 Indian families in Pageview could be accommodated in Mayfair.

In identifying free settlement areas in Johannesburg, consideration would be given to areas in the vicinity of the city centre where the respective settlement pattern had already been established. At the same time a need existed for free settlement areas in high-quality residential areas.

□ Sapa reports Meyer said a free settlement area in Windmill Park, Boksburg, was being investigated.

PETTY APARTHEID

Roelf on the warpath

The row over the Boksburg town council's latest effort to segregate the already beleagured town may be the final straw to government's patience Deputy Constitutional Development Minister Roelf Meyer has promised action after the council's controversial rental agreement with a Chinese restaurant owner

The town council, however, is now threatening the Johannesburg Afrikaans daily *Beeld* with Media Council action, after the newspaper reported that a resolution by the council bars the new lessee, S Y Yip, from allowing Chinese patrons into the Lake Kiosk restaurant at Boksburg Lake. Boksburg Town Clerk J J Coetzee points out in a letter to *Beeld* that it was never decided by the Conservative Party-controlled council to bar Chinese from the restaurant.



Meyer . . . government will stop this

The rental agreement reads: "The Lessee shall not, with the exception of her bona fide agents and servants, permit any person other than a member of the White group to enter upon or be in the Lake Kiosk." Coetsee writes that Chinese are exempted from certain regulations of the Group Areas Act.

Meyer is not satisfied with the explanation and, in an interview with the *FM*, accused the management committee of the council of doing an egg dance: "It is clear from the management committee's recommendations and the content of the proposed (rental) contract with the new tenant and the debate which took place in the council, that it was intended by the management committee to let (the restaurant) to Mrs Yip, who is also Chinese, but to bar her from trading with other Chinese."

Meyer says it is this kind of reckless action which has caused the image of Boksburg great damage and resulted in serious negative publicity for SA, to the advantage of the country's enemies: "The government is going to stop these ludicrous and irresponsible actions. If possible, legislation will be introduced during this session of parliament."

Meyer's strong words reflect government's predicament over the Separate Amenities Act, which has been enforced with fervour by CP town councils in various parts of the Transvaal. While government is not expected to scrap the whole Law (at least not before a general election), Meyer and his department will probably take a hard look at possible regulations to prevent CP councils from segregating existing "open" facilities that are under the control of local authorities.

The Nat-controlled Johannesburg City Council may show the way for government to escape from the mess caused by the Separate Amenities Act. Already there is talk of opening all buses and looking at ways to privatise amenities like swimming pools.

The Boksburg controversy comes only days after the announcement by the Defence Force that ships of the Republic of China (Taiwan) navy are to pay a courtesy call to South African ports in May. Meyer, however, does not believe that the actions of the Boksburg management committee will harm the relationship between SA and Taiwan, or endanger the visit. "The Taiwanese government has a good understanding of the sort of problem the South African government has in dealing with rightwing opposition," says Meyer.

For the time being, maybe. ■

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Town councils will have to desegregate

Government acts to reverse CP policies

By Peter Fabricius,
Political Correspondent

CAPE TOWN — The Government intends to introduce legislation this week which will force Boksburg, Carletonville and other Conservative Party town councils to reopen their facilities to all races.

A draft Bill will make it impossible for public facilities to be segregated once they have been opened. It will amend, but not abolish, the Reservation of Separate Amenities Act.

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But LP sources indicate that it is unlikely the party will support the Bill because it has insisted consistently that the Separate Amenites Act should be scrapped totally.

If the Bill is passed it will mean all the "whites only" signs newly erected in CP-controlled Reef towns will come down. Segregated sports meetings will also not be allowed in public sports grounds.

The Bill will affect all public amenities at all levels of government.

Senior Government sources said that it was important to pass the Bill to make a stand against racial discrimination.

Democratic Party sources dismissed the proposed Bill as a "party political stunt to embarrass the CP. This is not a bad thing but it does not solve the problem The NP has shown that it does not have the political courage to scrap the Act."

Mr Frank le Roux, MP for Brakpan and CP Chief Whip, said last night the Bill was "yet another aspect of the capitulation process to which the NP is committed". Making the Bill apply only to facilities in CP-controlled council areas and not NP areas was "even more dishonest politically".

NP chief information officer Mr Con Botha predicted that the CP would "shout to high heaven about the Bill but in their heart of hearts they will be relieved".

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— Staff Reporter.

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Children's dance festival scrapped over race ruling

The Argus Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG. — A children's dance festival that has been staged here annually for 30 years has been cancelled because Conservative Party-controlled Krugersdorp Town Council will not allow black children into the town's Centenary Hall.

Dance teacher Miss Madeline Rowland said more than 2 000 children danced in the West Rand Festival of Arts every September.

"Each year we have had to write a letter to the Town Council requesting permission for children of all races to attend the festival in the Centenary Hall.

"In the past it has been a formality, but this year the council called on us to clarify the request.

TEACHERS VOTED

"After speaking to councillors in March we were told the festival could take place only if it was for whites only.

"We consulted all the dance teachers involved and they voted not to hold the festival at all under such circumstances."

About one percent of the entrants are black.

"It's a great pity. The children will be terribly disappointed because the festival is a highlight of their year.

"The hall is a super venue. It's ironic that though we, as ratepayers, pay for it, we're not allowed to use it."

Lioness mauls man

Springs Indians object to race bar

By Anna Louw,
East Rand Bureau

The Management Committee of Bakerton, the Indian township in Springs, has condemned a decision by the CP-controlled Springs town council to close the Civic Centre and the H F Verwoerd Theatre to citizens of Springs "who happen to be of a colour other than white".

OBJECTION

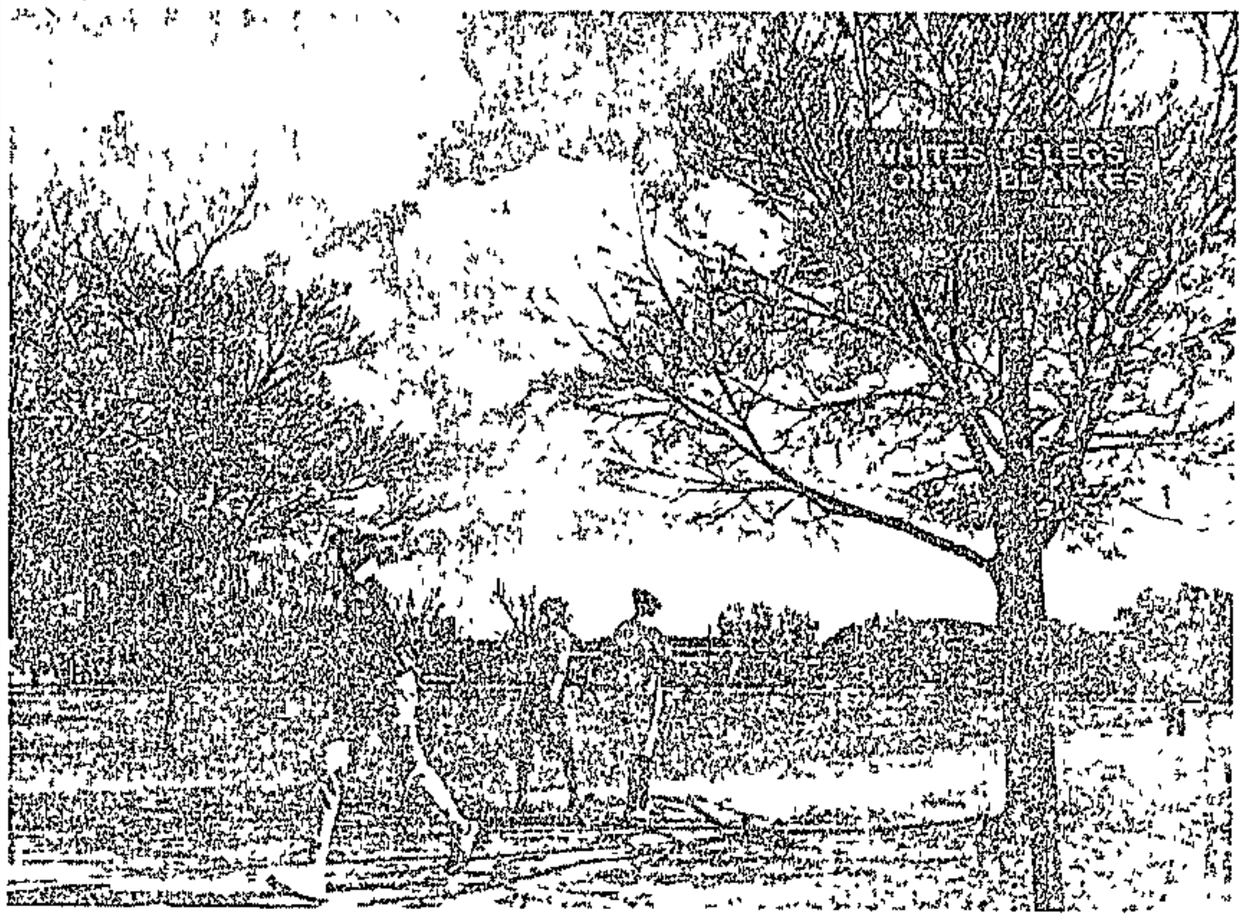
Mr Aboo Kahn, chairman of the management committee and member of the President's council, said they had decided to lodge a formal objection to the amendment of a by-law to close these facilities to other races.

He said a letter of protest was to be submitted to the town council and a memorandum would be sent to the Administrator of the Transvaal, appealing to him not to approve the amendment.

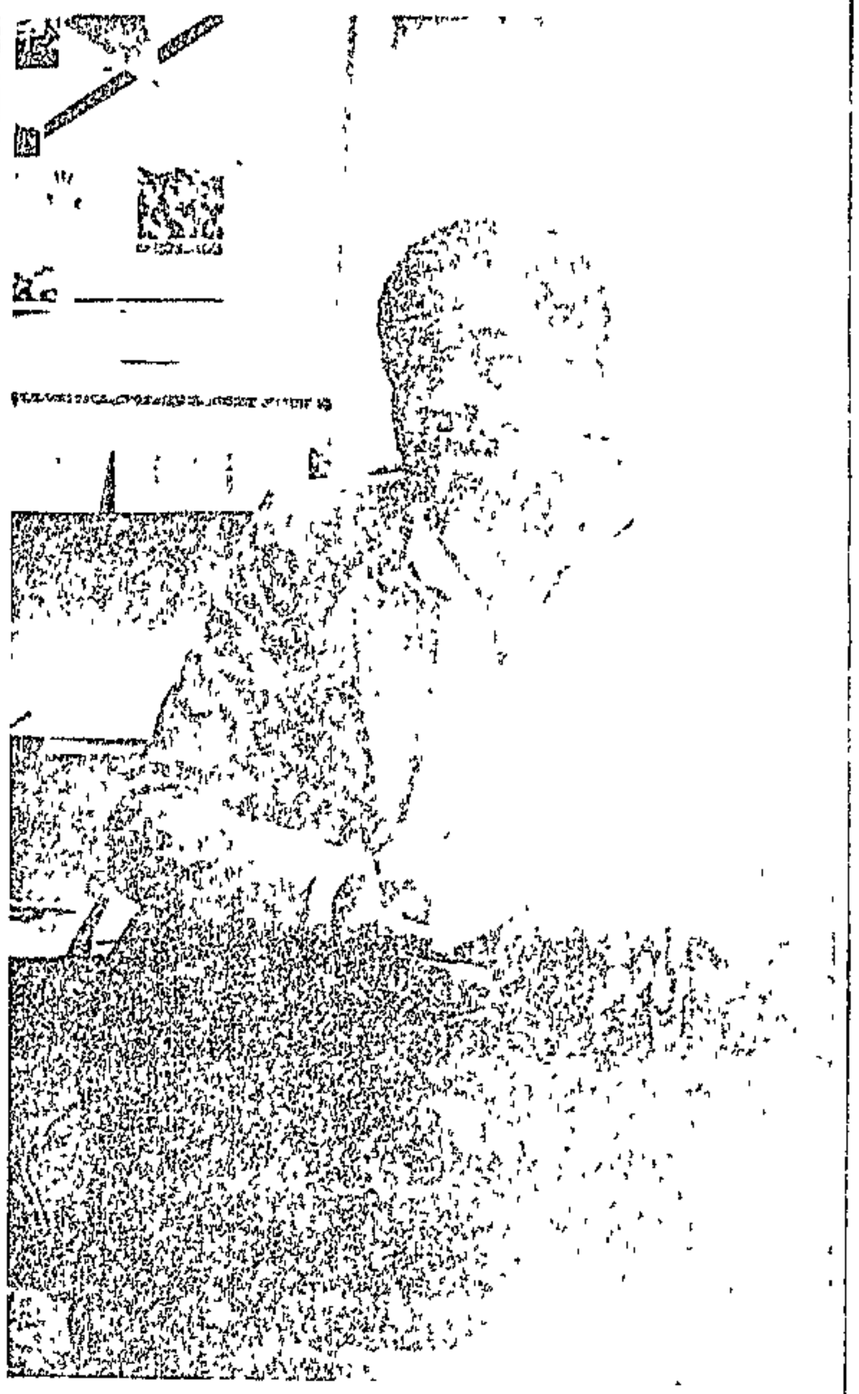
The by-law states that people of all races have access to the facilities.

"It is a decision based on racism," he said.

Why Carletonville's still far from surrender



Blacks have to walk through the whites-only park, but they may not stop and relax



Union organiser Hlubi Biyana . . the taxi drivers who promised to help by ferrying boycotters haven't been forthcoming

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AT one of Carletonville's back entrances, there stands an ornate "Welcome" sign, decorated with two large, round, metal cogs placed next to one another Their teeth do not fit.

The same could be said of the town Its workings are inconclusively ruptured, almost three months after a black consumer boycott was implemented in protest against the Conservative Party's reintroduction of strict apartheid

Inconclusively, because despite persistent doomsday predictions, Carletonville's economy has not collapsed, and it has not become a ghost town

And equally because although the boycott has frayed at the edges, it is far from having run its costly course

On either side of town this week, rival leaders are pondering the future of Carletonville — and in particular, the success of their very different tactics

Their musings are given added urgency by the announcement that whites will go to polls once again in September, and deliver their judgement on the changes which have catapulted the medium-sized mining *dorp* to international notoriety.

In the chemist shop that he owns, Dawid de Ridder, popular townsman, distinguished graduate of the Potchefstroom Institute for Christian Higher Education, and latterly CP councillor for Carletonville, is not worried

"There is no black boycott any more," he says with conviction "I'm willing to pull out my books and show you my figures for this shop — turnover is as good as last year" De Ridder is a true believer, and a true son of white Carletonville

He fixes you with a stern gaze and says' "I believe in this town." And then, if you aren't convinced, he gestures at the large-scale alterations taking place in the "Deejay Apteek".

"Why else would I be spending half a million rand on extensions to my shop?"

De Ridder will concede that the boycott bit initially — "you'd have to be stupid to deny that" — but says it is all over, the black people have come to their senses.

One who appears not to have done so is Hlubi Biyana, regional organiser for the National Union of Mineworkers And he, too, is a believer

Sitting in the small house that serves as NUM's local headquarters — situated, incongruously enough, in the middle of the white suburb of Oberholzer — he says the boycott is still "70 to 80 percent effective", and very much alive

"Yes, we have had problems," he says, "but we have achieved a significant breakthrough This whole thing has raised political consciousness in an area which is not comparable to, say, Soweto, and people have shown amazing determination.

It would be nice to be able to echo the claims of East Rand business that the consumer boycott has bitten so hard that Carletonville will soon come to its senses. But the reality is that the boycott hurt only in the beginning, and is now in serious danger of running out of steam

By SHAUN JOHNSON



A rare casualty: Jazz stores, closed down by the boycott. But Jazz had a predominantly black market. The whites-only shops still survive ... even thrive

"The whites have had to come to treat us seriously."

It is a Congress of South African Trade Unions local committee, formed in November last year, that has spearheaded the boycott tactic

The estimated 50 000 unionised mineworkers in the region have formed the backbone of the campaign, and consultations have been held with a variety of groups from Khutsong township, home to some 50 000 more black people

The result, according to the Carletonville Chamber of Commerce and Industry, has been a loss to shops of about R12-million, in a town boasting only about 30 000 white citizens

But although parts of Carletonville are quiet and uni-coloured, it is still operating and determined to continue doing so.

Increasingly, in recent days, township shoppers have begun to drift back. The miners appear to be holding firm But Biyana knows it is by no means certain that the white burghers of Carletonville can be forced to capitulate

His major problem is organisational "We have tried and tried but have been unable to secure a venue for mass meetings in the township to discuss the boycott," he says

"As soon as the police hear we are going to have a meeting, there is a roadblock We are not allowed into the township, commuters in taxis are stopped and searched — the word gets around, and people are intimidated into not attending"

From the point of view of the security forces, Khutsong is South Africa's model township there is only one way to get in, the same to get out Choke it off and the township is sealed

There are other difficulties for the anti-apartheid campaigners Members of the Carletonville United Transport Association, who control the flow of taxis from township to town and beyond, have not lived up to their promise to carry boycotters to shop in other towns, at reduced rates

"They could have played a significant role, but haven't," says Biyana "In some cases they've even overcharged" A mass meeting could prompt a change of heart . but a mass meeting is not possible

The emergence of serious problems has done nothing to weaken the resolve of the organisers, though Biyana cites the way in which initial difficulties with Indian traders have been overcome "At first, Indian-owned shops were boycotted too Then, after consultation, we began to reverse that process We explained to people it was politically important, as the traders are as affected, racially, as we are, by the CP policy

"Now we have established a strong relationship with local Indian traders There are interim structures, the traders are allowing their workers to join unions — it has created a whole new relationship."

Despite the hurdles, Biyana and his colleagues continue to work tirelessly to have the "Whites-Only" signs taken down again All avenues are explored — a tentative alliance, unholy but strategic, is in the process of being forged with local (largely National Party-supporting) business A meeting between the two groups is scheduled for next week

There is encouragement to be drawn, too, from pressure exerted on mine-owners in the area Biyana relates, with some relish, the demand from Blyvooruitzicht mineworkers that a CP-supporting boerewors supplier no longer be patronised by the mine kitchens.

"Some of the miners even expressed the fear that he could poison their meat," he says The mine's meat orders went elsewhere

Dr Malcolm Tshupe, who runs Khutsong's only clinic, is also realistic He is not convinced that the economic squeeze will be sufficient to change white minds when the time comes to give the CP another mandate

"A large number of the voters are from the mines or farms," he says, and they have not felt the sting that the shopkeepers have The sitting MP for Carletonville is, after all, right-wing white unionist Arnie Paulus

"These sorts of people won't change because of the boycott, or the publicity," says Tshupe "They're not shy about what the world thinks of them" Nevertheless, his support for the anti-CP action is resolute

There is no doubt that Carletonville business has suffered from the passive resistance of its voteless patrons The huge, boarded-up Jazz Supermarket complex in the centre of town bears silent testimony to this fact

But De Ridder and his colleagues are unconcerned "This talk of 98 shops about to close is just tripe," he says, "simple National Party propaganda" A local bank manager told him, he adds, that "black deposits" are better than ever before

"First the people of Khutsong came back, and last week, here in this chemist, I had about 40 mineboys buying again I had to open another till"

And, he claims, there is a good working relationship with black representatives on the local Regional Services Council "They know exactly where they stand with us Now we're working together"

He believes the "natural order of things" will reassert itself in Carletonville, once all the media attention has died away And he is convinced that the CP will sweep the elections "with an enlarged majority"

He might be right But the economic war of attrition will likely continue to be waged until then, and possibly beyond It may remain indefinitely inconclusive

More striking is the feeling, inescapable to anyone travelling through Khutsong and talking to its residents, that the September ballot in Carletonville will be like a tragic national experiment — using people's despair as its major component

For black residents, this is the central issue in the conflict They know that their final fight is against the government, says Tshupe, not the atrocities of the far right But that is not the point here and now

"We don't really care about using their park," he says "It has become a symbol, the very mention of it is an insult They have their police patrolling to make sure we don't take up on it — they even patrol in the park That's insulting"

And, says Tshupe, the black people of Carletonville are under no illusions about what their sacrifices can really achieve "Look, the people have been shopping in other CP-controlled towns, like Fochville

"The thinking is that at least they haven't introduced things (like whites-only signs) to publicly humiliate us"

There are deep principles involved here But it is worth remembering that De Ridder's are no less firmly held Blacks, he believes, must not share power, but wield it themselves — and not in Carletonville

History will judge him well, he is convinced "Not only our people here, but the whole country will one day look to Carletonville and Boksburg as a shining example," he says

"And they will entrust us (with power) again, for one simple reason We did what we promised we were going to do"

Then he looks out at the street, where small knots of white shoppers still outnumber blacks These are his people, and he knows them It is white *Gemeinschaft* among the mine shafts



Fancy new shop names and sale signs have not enticed miners to return to the Carletonville shopping district , which black consumers are boycotting in retaliation against the CP's re-imposition of rigid apartheid.

CP's rigid policy strangles West Rand mine town

Shopowners appeal to govt on trade drop

By DAN DHLAMINI

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Amethyst Street, Carletonville's main street, has become a shadow of what it was before the boycott

The seriousness of the situation is evidenced by the absence of shoppers in the central business district; by empty shops and deserted streets in the the town.

Before the 10-week-old boycott, Carletonville was lively every day of the week.

Shoppers – mostly miners – and shop owners used to exchange smiles and spoke "Fanagalo" – the common language of this town.

But this is no more. Anger is the order of day.

Friendliness on the part of Indian businessmen and even the display of "sale" signs and fancy new names such as "People's Cash and Carry" have failed to attract shoppers.

Businessmen have expressed their fears for the worst after Jazz Stores, in Amethyst Street, closed down last month.

The local chamber of commerce said about 89 businesses would close if the boycott continued for another month

When one walks along the once busy and throbbing streets, one is greeted by gloomy faces of both black and white residents.

Black workers visiting town bring their own food from home and eat on pavements – a common sight.

Joseph Kometsi, an East Driefontein mine administration officer, said he was barred from eating at the Wimpy Bar this week.

"The lady at the counter told me that no blacks were allowed to eat inside the Wimpy Bar," said Kometsi.

Another worker, Godfrey Mokome, who was having lunch on a pavement, said the parks were reserved for whites only, although they were not used by them.

Animosity is rife and many incidents of vigilante assaults on blacks have been reported.

A delegation led by Annetjie Claasen chairperson of the local Chamber of Commerce – has seen Ministers Adriaan Vlok and Chris Heunis over the occurrences in the town

Businessmen have filed papers in the Supreme Court against the council's reintroduction of petty apartheid.

Members of the local ratepayers' association have in their turn also sent a petition to Constitutional Development and Planning Minister, Chris Heunis, informing him of their objection to the council's decision to use their money to defend the pending legal action instituted by the businessmen.

Hlubi Biyana – spokesman of the Congress of South African Trade Unions local action committee, which organises the boycott, said it would continue as long as the CP-controlled council persisted in enforcing apartheid.

He said the chamber and those presently reeling under the effects of the boycott did not object initially when the CP-controlled council put up "whites only" signs

Biyana said they were merely reacting to the situation because they had been affected.

Claasen said that since February 27, when the boycott started, businesses had incurred a R12-million loss in turnover and more than 400 people had lost their jobs.

Carletonville management committee chairman, Koos Nel, said his council would not back down on its decision of putting up "whites only" signs in public places.



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Tar and feather — bail for 7

By Craig Kotze, Crime Reporter

Seven men arrested in connection with the tarring and feathering of Welkom mayor Mr Gus Gouws at the weekend were last night granted bail during a special court appearance, police said.

The suspects were released after paying R200 each, said a northern Free State police spokesman.

They are Mr Dirk Ackerman (41) of Brandfort, Mr Andrie Kriel (44) of Bloemfontein, Mr Jacques Botha (32) of Welkom, Mr Steven Terblanche (32) of Theunissen, Mr Daniel Ackerman (31) of Senekal, Mr Hermanus Crause (25) of Welkom and Mr Petrus Nel (19), also of Welkom.

Police said they would appear in court again tomorrow.

They said any political connotation in connection with the incident would be investigated.

Mr Gouws was attacked by the men after he opened a nonracial wheelchair marathon in the northern Free State city on Saturday.

The seven were initially detained by police under the Internal Security Act but they now face charges of public violence

Mr Gouws was not injured in the attack, but concern was expressed for his eyes.

Yesterday, Mr Gouws told The Star he was "all right" after his eyes had been treated

It is believed police arrested the suspects under Section 50 (1) of the Internal Security Act, which deals with public disturbances, to prevent any further disruption of Mr Gouws's activities

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Second weekend incident

Black soccer team chased off municipal field

By Helen Grange

A black soccer team was chased off a Johannesburg municipal playing field at the weekend and a woman was bitten by a Johannesburg Traffic and Security Department dog.

Linksfield Democratic Party councillor, Mr Clive Gilbert, has slammed the incident as being humiliating.

According to the Security Department, the incident was not racial and soccer players had stoned security officials.

Mr Gilbert says:

The team, all uniformed, were playing soccer at Gemmel Park in Linksfield when municipal security men with dogs chased them away.

"One woman spectator was bitten," said Mr Gilbert.

Disgruntled players had told him they had been playing on the same field regularly for months.

Mr Gilbert said there were "no signs prohibiting people from playing on the field".

"The team members all work in the area and have no other leisure facilities at the weekends.

"This incident was absolutely humiliating to these men, and if we are supposed to be progressing, authorities have got to start easing up a bit."

Brigadier Jan Visser, director of the council's Security Department, confirmed the incident took place, adding that one of his officers was "forced to let his dog go in order to protect himself from stone-throwing players".

"We were called on to remove the players because they were kicking a ball around on a restricted field. We have received numerous complaints about blacks creating a noise and being a nuisance at Gemmel Park," he said.

The soccer field was rented to various clubs and could be used only by rent-paying members of these clubs.

"When we arrived at the field, the players became aggressive and refused to leave voluntarily. They started throwing stones at us and one of the officers let his dog go.

"The dog bit a woman nearby and she ran off," said Brigadier Visser.

It was not a racial incident. "Even if whites were playing on the field, we would have acted the same way in terms of the regulations."

Wedding couple told to leave lake

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Staff Reporter

A young couple of Mofolo, Soweto — who were chased from the Johannesburg Zoo Lake on Sunday, their wedding day, by a municipal park security patrol — said on Monday the incident smacked of racism.

Mr Thamayi Ramasha and his bride, Thokozani, took their guests to Zoo Lake to have the wedding photographs taken.

Soon after their party entered the lake's surrounding parkland they were accosted by a municipal security patrol vehicle and a barking dog.

Speaking from his home, Mr Ramasha said that, through their actions, the park security patrol wanted to spoil his wedding day.

"They nearly spoilt the best day in my life. I could not allow that, instead I advised my entourage to leave before the situation got out of hand,"he said.

Mr Ramasha said he was shocked more than angered by the park security patrol's actions.

He said he found it inconceivable that the Johannesburg City Council, which is dominated by the National Party, was being run along Conservative Party lines.

"They talk of reform — but the situation now is worse that five years ago. We belong to this country too," he added.

Brigadier Jan Visser of the Johannesburg Traffic and Security Department said his information on the incident was that members of the party were drinking in public. This constituted an offence under the municipal by-laws.

When confronted by the security officer, "they became aggressive", said Brigadier Visser. He said the party was asked to leave or stop drinking.

People of all races praying together sparks an inquiry

Staff Reporter

Blacks and whites worshipping together at St Michael's Presbyterian Church in Springs has led to the Conservative Party-controlled town council making an "informal inquiry to the police", a spokesman has said.

East Rand police liaison officer, Lieutenant Willie Meyer, confirmed yesterday that an inquiry had been completed and no charges had been laid against the Presbyterian Church or Reverend Young of the East Rand church.

Mr Young said last night he had been informed on Monday about the inquiry.

"I received a telephone call from the police informing me that an inquiry was being conducted on the church with regards to blacks and whites praying under one roof without a permit.

"I then went to the police station where I was allowed to read the document," he said.

He said he believed the enquiry was some form of reaction to a letter written to the council four weeks ago by the Presbytarian, Anglican, Methodist and Catholic churches.

In the letter the churches protested against the council's ban on other races from the H F Verwoerd Theatre and the town hall, and urged the council to reconsider its decision.

"Our church will not, even if we were forced by the law, apply for a permit to have people of all races pray," he said, adding that he had the Presbytery's support in the matter.

Mr Young explained that some members of his church were from the neighbouring kwaThema township

Mr G Parsons, chairman of the town council's management committee, said he was not aware of any inquiry and declined to comment on the town council's policy regarding people of all races praying in a "white" church.

Whites back boycott

A NUMBER of whites in Boksburg have pledged their support for the black consumer boycott of white-owned businesses in protest against the Conservative Party's decision to reintroduce petty apartheid in the town.

At a crowded residents of residents held at the headquarters of Colgate Palmolive company, they vowed that they will use buses which ferry consumers to neighbouring towns to do their grocery over weekends, instead of buying in Boksburg.

They took the decision after the Save Boksburg Committee had challenged whites in the town to show their opposition to the CP politics in relation to the boycott and by attending future protest meetings.

Member of CP quits top Chess Federation post

By Darryl Accone

Last week saw an end to the lingering crisis in the non-racial SA Chess Federation (SACF) when its president, Mr Martin Serfontein, resigned in the face of increasing pressure over his Conservative Party ties.

Mr Serfontein was elected SACF president in April 1988. He subsequently stood for the CP in October's munici-pal elections and won his ward in Kempton Park.

Then followed a storm of protest from top chess players and organisations affiliated to the SACF.

They pointed out that Mr Serfontein's CP ties were at odds with his presidency of the constitutionally non-racial SACF.

RUMBLINGS

After months that saw some of the country's leading players sever their links with the SACF, and increasing rumblings of a schism in the federation, Mr Serfontein resigned, stating: "It has become abundantly clear that an influential group of chess players wishes to discriminate against fellow-players on grounds of party political affiliation.

"It is also clear that there will be increasing attempts to interfere in the right of free association of chess players.

"To the best of my ability I have always taken a stand against such discrimination and interference."

In mid-week came the news that Mr Serfontein would be the CP parliamentary candidate in the Modderfontein constituency, now held by the Minister of Defence, General Magnus Malan.

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Draft Bill delayed

GOVERNMENT sources said yesterday that draft legislation to prevent Conservative Party town councils reintroducing petty apartheid measures was unlikely to go ahead this session.

Minister of Constitutional Development and Planning, Mr Chris Heunis is expected to make an announcement this week on the affair.

The Bill was aimed at "removing the reverse gear" from the Separate Amenities Act by making it illegal to reintroduce segregation in municipal facilities once these had been opened.

Clause

The Draft Bill contained a retrospective clause which would have outlawed the petty apartheid measures introduced by CP councils such as Boksburg, since they came to power in the October 1988 general municipal elections.

Though it was unclear yesterday what Heunis would announce, informed Government sources said that the proposed Draft Bill would probably not be proceeded with this session because of strong opposition from the Labour Party.

LP view

Labour Party leader the Reverend Allan Hendrickse confirmed that the LP would not support the Bill because they wanted the Reservation of Separate Amenities Act scrapped altogether.

An amendment would have implied that the LP supported the principle of the Bill, he said.

It is understood the Government is anxious to avoid a repetition of the furore which surrounded the Group Areas Amendment Bill last year.

After opposition from the Labour Party and the House of Delegates, the Government at first tried to steamroller the Bill and then finally admitted defeat and withdrew the Bill after two embarrassing special sessions of Parliament had been called to process it.

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Boycott losing strength — Boksburg merchants

By Carina le Grange

Businesses in the central business district of Boksburg have been appreciably affected by the consumer boycott, which began late in November last year following the reintroduction of petty apartheid.

But most CBD merchants believe the boycott is losing momentum.

These facts were revealed in a survey conducted at random during the last week of April to gauge the business climate during the first three months of this year compared with the same period last year.

STILL SEVERE

Black residents of Vosloorus and Reiger Park launched a boycott of shops owned by whites after the Conservative Party-dominated town council decided to restrict certain municipal amenities for the use of whites only.

The survey was done by the Boksburg Chamber of Commerce and Industries.

The president of the Boksburg chamber, Mr Johann Viljoen, said the effects of the boycott were still severe, although it appeared that conditions had improved marginally since the previous December survey.

In reply to what extent businesses had been affected in the first quarter of 1989 in comparison to last year, almost 74 percent of respondents agreed there had been a substantial decline in turnover.

However, the Boksburg Chamber said that, seen against the inflation rate, those experiencing actual growth of turnover amounted to only four percent of businesses surveyed.

In spite of the effects of the boycott, only 59 workers were retrenched during the first quarter of the year and 76 percent of merchants believed the boycott was losing momentum.

Sixty-eight percent of respondents said they were convinced they would survive the boycott. The remaining 32 percent indicated a survival period of from one month to "don't knows", due to the uncertainty of the duration of the consumer boycott.

Asked to give their opinion on whether business confidence in Boksburg had improved in April this year in comparison to the first three months, 80 percent of the respondents said "no".

Transvaal cricket may buy out the Wanderers

By Barry Glasspool

The Transvaal cricket team may not be be able to play on the country's best ground next season if the proposed sale of the Wanderers stadium goes through in the foreseeable future.

For a mere R4,3 million, the Transvaal Cricket Council has thrown the batting gloves down and offered to buy out the Wanderers club.

TCC chairman Raymond White revealed last night that in the event of a sale being concluded, the options open to the governing body are:

- To develop a new stadium at a new venue.
- To share an existing stadium with another sport at the Wanderers.
- To stay at the same venue with the same owner.
- To buy out ownership.

He was cautious when it came to the financial costs.

"We have investigated the cost. It will be a considerable strain on our finances," he said, "but we have made provisions.

So, for the moment, Transvaal's home games hover in doubt: will it be Wanderers ... or where?

Battle of multiracial cemetery site

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By Carol Midgley

A battle over a burial site for a black township in Midrand has led to deadlock between residents and councillors.

The row has seen Midrand town councillors attempting to turn the whites only cemetery in Midrand into an "open" graveyard and has left the Rabie Ridge community up in arms with claims that residents want their own plot.

The township was promised a R150 000 Regional Services Council grant for a cemetery. But when Midrand council members tried to open the cemetery and use the cash to upgrade and integrate, the move was thrown out by one vote

Concerned they would lose the grant, the council suggested that a separate multi-racial graveyard should be built next door.

But Rabie Ridge workers' committee organised a petition and presented 600 names in favour of a separate cemetery in their township.

At present, residents have to travel 70 km to Eden Park or Alexandra to bury their dead and some families use surrounding bush as a makeshift cemetery.

The mother of 10-month-old Neillen Makenna who died of gastro-entiritis this week, Mrs Theresa Makenna, said she borrowed the R2 000 to arrange her son's funeral in Eden Park after she was told the Midrand cemetery was for whites .

Said workers' committee chairman, Mr Benjamin Theunis· "The decision to build a separate graveyard next to Midrand's was taken by Rabie Ridge council without any consultation. Our petition proved the community wants its own cemetery.

But Midrand and Rabie Ridge councillors claim the workers' committee consists of defeated UDP members who are trying to slur the new Labour Rabie Ridge council.

Said Councillor Robert Patel, chairman of the township's council management: "We took a decision in council to build a separate multi-racial cemetery in Midrand and at the end of the month Midrand council will vote to hopefully open the existing cemetery so residents will be able to bury their dead nearby soon.'

"We believe Midrand is a better location for the graveyard because land here is needed for housing or recreation, critical to high density areas ."

A spokesman for Midrand Town Council added. "We support the management committee. We are opposed to apartheid so do not need to create a separate burial ground."

Sports body rebukes Springs council

By Jovial Rantao

A vote of no confidence was passed on the sports policy of the CP controlled Springs Town Council by the Springs Central Sports Committee (SCSC) during its annual meeting on Monday.

The vote of no confidence was passed with a 15-2 majority after the management committee of the town council, led by Mr G Parsons and Mr H Bezuidenhout, put it to the delegates from the SCSC that all clubs in the Springs municipal area should change their constitutions' membership clause to admit whites only.

The clubs would have to do so when a contract they had entered into with the town council expires next year.

Clubs not willing to alter their constitution to bar non-whites from their ranks would not be allowed to use facilities owned by the town council.

Formed four years ago by the town council, the SCSC has been playing an advisory role within the council.

WALKOUTS

Highlights of the emotional meeting were walkouts by the delegation from the waterpolo and soccer clubs. The soccer delegate who walked out did so in his private capacity.

According to Dr Wynand Louw, who chaired the meeting, most of the clubs represented expressed concern that they would be expelled from their provincial bodies, which are against the whites-only concept.

Dr Louw said the only integrated games which would be allowed on municipal amenities would be international events. Multiracial spectators would also be allowed at these events.

He explained that the committee had no legal rights to fight the council's discriminatory policy.

The Springs Water Polo Club, one of the strongest teams within the Eastern Transvaal Waterpolo Union, is reported to have disbanded because of the "whites only" policy of the town council.

Shareworld to be liquidated

By Jovial Rantao

After floundering in debt since its inception 18 months ago, Shareworld, the largest multiracial entertainment centre in South Africa, is to be liquidated, Standard Bank announced yesterday.

Standard's decision to liquidate Shareworld follows its announcement on January 18 that it intended to move towards withdrawing its facilities to the centre at the earliest opportunity. Shareworld indebtness is now in excess of R45 million.

In a statement the bank said the liquidation procedure would both obviate the need for further cash injections and free the project from its very substantial debt load.

Town may lose tournament

CP council votes not to open club to black bowlers

By Melody McDougall,
Vereeniging Bureau

The majority of the Conservative Party-dominated Vanderbijlpark Town Council last night voted against an amendment to allow members of other races to use council amenities at the South African provincial bowling championships scheduled for October.

The issue was put to the vote during a marathon meeting last night, after Mr Johan Kilian, leader of the National Party caucus in the council, requested that an exception be made.

He said the council's refusal to relax its existing policy could lead to the town losing the event

Mr Cas Pieters, chairman of the management committee, said there was no objection to the Town Bowling Club using the club as headquarters for the tournament, but he said no exception could be made to by-laws prohibiting the use of amenities by members of other races.

Distasteful

He said the council was not prepared to have a repeat of the distasteful incidents reported during an open marathon in the town several months ago, when the front area of the local post office was used as a public toilet.

● The same majority last night also rejected an amendment to reconsider the selling price of a stretch of prime river-side property which is to be developed into a multi-million rand cabana complex.

Stating that the council's asking price of R100 000 per hectare was far too low, Mr Kilian remarked that the 7,5 ha piece of land had great potential.

The valuator was "possibly not informed of all the information."

Council denial on mixed worship

THE Springs Town Council has denied that it considered taking action against mixed church attendance in the town.

The head of public relations in the town, Mr Frans Swart, said, in reaction "to media reports on mixed worshipping in Springs," that the town council had taken action against blacks who loitered in the area and "apparently" attended lectures at the church site.

After receiving complaints from residents the council said they had written to the SA Police on April 19 "regarding blacks littering, loitering and the robbing of senior citizens in the area of the St Michaels Presbyterian Church site.

"Some of these blacks apparently attend lectures at the church site."

Councillor Gert Parsons, chairman of the management committee, said it was procedure for council "to react on every complaint received. But in this case it was never the intention of the council to link mixed worshipping with this particular problem. It was merely a step of orderly management of a town."

The council said a reply had been received from the police that said that the complaints had been investigated and that "no real problem exists in the particular area.

"The town council will now inform the complainants about the SAP's findings and council has now closed its file on this enquiry."

Govt holding off on moves to stop CP petty apartheid

CAPE TOWN — Constitutional Development Minister Chris Heunis said yesterday government would not at this stage introduce legislation to prevent CP councils from closing amenities that had already been opened for use by all races.

Heunis said interim measures to undo steps taken by municipalities such as Boksburg and Carletonville had been considered.

Industrialists and dealers who had experienced financial difficulties as a result of the actions of the CP had requested government to act.

"It has been taken into account, however, that even other CP city councils have been reluctant to take such action and have not followed the misguided example of Boksburg and Carletonville."

Government's decision was therefore not to submit legislation on an *ad hoc* basis at this stage, but first to complete investigations in consultation with those concerned.

MIKE ROBERTSON

"On September 6 voters will have the opportunity of preventing the CP from making a Boksburg out of the whole of SA," Heunis said.

Although the President's Council had recommended the Separate Amenities Act be scrapped, government believed this could not be done "without more ado". After consulting the four Administrators it was clear further investigations would be necessary.

Government was still committed to establishing full and equal amenities for all communities on a non-discriminatory basis.

Luyt to sue magazine over article

Finance Staff

Ellis Park Stadium chairman and Transvaal Rugby Football Union president, Dr Louis Luyt, has instructed his attorneys to start libel proceedings against the weekly newspaper, *Finance Week*.

The action concerns a report on dealings in Ellis Park shares contained in the magazine's latest issue.

DEFENCE

Finance Week editor Allan Greenblo indicated last night that the paper would definitely defend any libel action brought by Dr Luyt.

Mr Luyt has also reacted to a statement made by the committee of the Johannesburg Stock Exchange on Tuesday, which criticised him for buying Ellis Park Stadium shares for the rugby union.

In a statement yesterday Dr Luyt said: "It does not fall within the JSE's province and neither does the authority to express an opinion with regards to me in my personal capacity."

Springs denies 'inquiry into mixed worship'

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Religion Reporter

The Springs town council says in a statement this week that the council wrote a letter to the police after receiving complaints about "blacks littering, loitering and robbing senior residents in the area of the St Michael's Presbyterian Church".

The letter led to an "informal inquiry" into mixed worship.

In the statement, issued by public relations head Mr Frans Swart, the council denied that it had any intention of linking mixed worship at a local church with the complaint in the letter.

It was disclosed last week that the police completed the "informal inquiry" into mixed worshipping at the St Michael's Presbyterian church after the minister, the Reverend Martin Young, was informed of the inquiry by the police. No charges were laid.

Last week the chairman of the management committee, Mr Gert Parsons, denied any knowledge of an inquiry, as did Mr Swart.

NO COMPLAINT

In this week's statement, Mr Parsons says: "It is procedure for council to react to every complaint received, but it was never the intention to link mixed worshipping with this particular problem."

Mr Young said of the allegations in the complaint: "We have never received a complaint of littering, loitering or mugging. That is a new one for me. There is a senior citizens' club right across the road and we get on very well."

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Govt: No action on CP pettiness

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THE government has confirmed that it will not "at this stage" proceed with proposed legislation to prevent Conservative Party town councils from re-introducing petty apartheid in their facilities.

Minister of Constitutional Development and Planning Mr Chris Heunis confirmed in a statement yesterday that the government had considered "interim steps" to undo the CP action.

Various industrialists and dealers who had experienced financial difficulties as a result of the action by CP councils had asked the government to act.

However the government had decided not to produce legislation at this stage until it had conducted further consultations "with all those concerned."

He said the government had taken into account that other CP councils had been reluctant to follow the "misguided example" of Boksburg and Carletonville. Mr Heunis said that the government had consulted the four provincial administrators about possible legal amendments.

It was clear that further investigation, consultation and negotiation would have to take place before this happened.

Mr Heunis said the Reservation of Separate Amenities Act could not be repealed "without more ado.

Uncertainty

"To do this would create legal uncertainty and the government cannot where such sensitive matters are concerned, simply leave it to litigants to determine the legal position through drawn-out court proceedings."

The government was still committed to establish full and equal amenities for all communities on a non-discriminatory basis.

"Where amenities cannot be duplicated they must be shared in an orderly fashion.

"This implies that all communities should be able to make use of such amenities in a civilised and well-ordered way."

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STOPPING THE BUCK

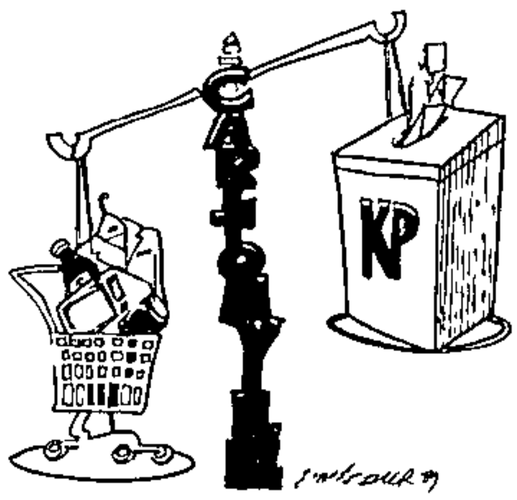
The coming election campaign's fiercest battles between National Party (NP) reformists and Conservative Party (CP) supporters may well be fought in a Pretoria courtroom. So thinks Koos Nel, management committee chairman in Carletonville, whose CP-controlled council has been taken to the Supreme Court by three local businessmen for enforcing petty apartheid in the town.

Sollel Geoffrey Waks, a white businessman, John Billy Motsau, a tavern owner in neighbouring Khutsong township, and Abdul Rhaman Bhamjee, an Indian businessman, all claim Nel's council was not authorised to pass a resolution instituting the Reservation of Separate Amenities Act. Legal documents the three filed in Pretoria on April 15 add that the council "failed in its obligation to consult interested parties before passing the resolution," and "acted in bad faith" by placing the interests of the CP above Carletonville.

On behalf of Carletonville's Chamber of Commerce, they have asked that the council's petty apartheid resolutions be declared null and void.

Carletonville council filed its intention to contest the case on May 8. It has until June 7 to lodge its full arguments which will almost certainly draw on the CP belief that petty apartheid resolutions merely enforce existing law.

Nel believes that whatever the court's decision, political fallout from the case is bound to boost CP chances in September's election. "If we win the case, we know that town councils still have the authority to govern local affairs," he says. "If we lose, the court's decision will be as good as saying that there can be nothing that is closed. That is the question voters will have to decide on then."



SA voters will have to decide on then."

The Carletonville suit came three weeks after the Supreme Court decided that Potgietersrus's CP-controlled council could not ban a nonracial marathon in the town. Although CP supporters are quick to note that the Potgietersrus decision was made on the basis of traffic law rather than separate amenities, two judgments against petty apartheid could open the legal floodgates on other CP towns

Explains one law expert: "Even if other councils are not brought to court, a decision against Carletonville's council would mean local CP government will have to be very careful to play by the book. They would certainly understand that every decision they make would come under close scrutiny."

Meanwhile, a 10-week-old consumer boycott, which the local chamber of commerce says has snatched R12m from Carletonville's white businesses, was reinstated at a meeting of Khutsong residents on May 18. The boycott appeared to be weakening early last week, plagued in part by the recent refusal of taxi drivers to provide cheap shopping trips to neigh-

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Joburg pools are open at all now

Own Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG. — Johannesburg's swimming pools under the control of the city council will be opened to all races, management committee chairman Mr Jan Burger said yesterday.

Mr Burger said he could not put a time limit on when this would happen: "It is not a simple matter."

Mr Burger said he did not want to comment on DP councillor Carl Stein's statements that there was no municipal by-law restricing blacks from using the swimming pools.

Council to open Jo'burg swimming pools

SWIMMING pools under the control of the Johannesburg City Council will be opened to all races, management committee chairman Jan Burger said yesterday

"Those facilities that are closed will open, that is our objective," he said

However, Burger could not say when this would happen "We are aiming to open all the pools We have been working on the matter for some time now But it is not a simple matter".

He said the council was subject to the laws of the province and central government.Recommendations to open the pools would have to be made to the Administrator and the appropriate minister

EDYTH BULBRING

Burger did not want to comment on DP councillor Carl Stein's claims that there were no municipal by-law restricting blacks from using the swimming pools

The management committee will answer questions on legislation relating to racial segregation of swimming pools at the council meeting tomorrow night.

Stein said the council had never passed any resolutions restricting the use of swimmng pools to whites only, and so had acted illegally in reserving the pools for whites

"If the council admits there is no such regulation, I'll move a resolution to confirm that the pools it controls are open to all races," Stein said

He said the only possible way the pools could have been segregated legally was for the council to have placed them under the control of clubs whose constitutions banned blacks

He added he doubted this was true but, if this were the case, the DP would call on council to scrap the rules

Key Market Movements — May 25 to May 26

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City's amenities to be open to all

By Shirley Woodgate,
Municipal Reporter

All municipal amenities still segregated in Johannesburg will be opened to all races after proper investigation, said management committee chairman Mr Jan Burger.

This included swimming pools, buses and recreation centres, but Mr Burger said he was unable to give a time limit.

"This is no bombshell announcement. I said when I was elected as leader that wherever there was discrimination we would eliminate it," he said.

"This is simply the implementation of National Party policy of scrapping discrimination and providing equal facilities for all races.

"The opening of swimming pools is being discussed just as the bus situation is under investigation," he said.

Mr Burger declined to comment on claims by DP councillor Mr Carl Stein that blacks were already legally entitled to use the council's "all-white" swimming pools because no resolution to that effect had ever been taken.

"Mr Stein is pre-empting replies to questions which he will table at tomorrow's council meeting," said Mr Burger.

Mr Stein said if the council admitted there were no legal "whites only" regulation, he would immediately move a resolution to confirm that the pools it controls were open to all races.

THE ANSWER

THE Chief Minister of QwaQwa, Mr Kenneth Mopeli, says peaceful co-existence is the only answer to the problems of South Africa.

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The time is ripe for the different racial groups to forget about the past and to unite in building the future democratic South Africa.

Addressing a political meeting in Soweto, he said it was regrettable that certain black leaders were insisting on calling for sanctions against South Africa in the hope of destroying apartheid.

Venue changed

CHIEF Mangosuthu Buthelezi will visit Krugersdorp on July 26 as the guest of the West Rand Chamber of Commerce and Industry.

But his reception, which was to have been held in the town's Centenary Hall, is now scheduled for the Greek Orthodox Church hall in Noordheuwel.

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The CP-controlled council had placed certain restrictions on the planned reception at the municipal hall saying that Buthelezi, as a head of state, his wife and other ministers of his Cabinet could go to the function but no people of other races could attend.

Slight chance for talks in Boksburg

Star 30/5/89

By Helen Grange

The shock election of Mrs Gloria Bosch as chairman of the Boksburg Town Council management committee on Friday has led to the first signs of a possible end to the six-month-old consumer boycott.

Mr Butch Jantjes, chairman of the Reiger Park Management Committee, has expressed the will to negotiate with Mrs Bosch, saying she is "much more open to discussions than Mr Gideon Fourie (the ousted management committee chairman)".

Until now, the coloured community of Reiger Park has steadfastly boycotted the town, and Mr Jantjes has been consistent in his call for a continued boycott.

Mrs Bosch said yesterday that although she had not been approached by Mr Jantjes, she would be "open for discussion". But any resolutions would have to fall within CP policy.

However, Mrs Bosch, elected in place of Mr Fourie during a special meeting called on Friday to remove a CP defector from the management committee, has already been threatened with suspension from the CP.

Mr Fourie said Mrs Bosch "might not be a member of the CP for much longer as she has failed to act within the caucus guidelines".

NO RIGHT

Said Mrs Bosch. "Mr Fourie has no right to speak on behalf of the CP.

"Neither has he any cause to make such a threat since I have acted, and will continue to act, within the framework of CP policy," she said.

Mrs Bosch also committed herself to the maintenance of the "whites-only" amenities in Boksburg, saying: "Anything that has been done by the CP council until now will not be changed."

Municipal Reporter Shirley Woodgate reports o

Stein to lead protest swim in Jo'burg

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Leon urges blacks to bust pool segregation

Black people were urged by Mr Tony Leon, Democratic Party leader in the Johannesburg City Council, to swim in municipal pools, while his colleague Mr Carl Stein warned that he personally planned to lead a deputation of blacks and Indians on an apartheid-busting swim in Johannesburg.

Deputy management committee chairman Mrs Marietta Marx countered that by September 1 the council would have a specific policy for each pool.

Speaking at Tuesday night's council meeting on his motion calling for the immediate desegragation of all council amenities, Mr Leon said he was "sick and tired of the National Party's lip service to reform".

"If you want your apartheid you must be prepared to pay for it but this council has an obligation to provide facilities for everyone," he said.

Solution

"The solution is to open all 22 swimming pools tomorrow, build more pools and handle patrons on a first come, first served basis," he said.

Mr Stein's challenge was triggered by the refusal of the management committee to accept or deny his claim that regulations segregating municipal pools had never been passed in the city.

Management committee chairman Mr Jan Burger said there were on-going investigations into desegregation which would occur in an orderly manner by consultation with all.

In addition to the three experimental bus routes the council was waiting for a permit on one other.

Conservative Party leader Mr Jacques Theron said the future of South Africa was for all people in their own areas.

Funds promised for action on lake road

A Boksburg based industry, Colgate-Palmolive, has undertaken to fund legal proceedings against Boksburg's town council to have a road opened to "all or any class of traffic", the civil rights organisation, Lawyers for Human Rights (LHR), said yesterday.

The road, adjacent to Boksburg's lake, was closed after the town council, controlled by the Conservative Party, decided last year to reserve the lake for whites only, LHR said.

Whites are permitted to use the road to reach picnic spots and recreational facilities along the lake front. A recent inspection of the lake showed the only black people present were men selling ice-cream

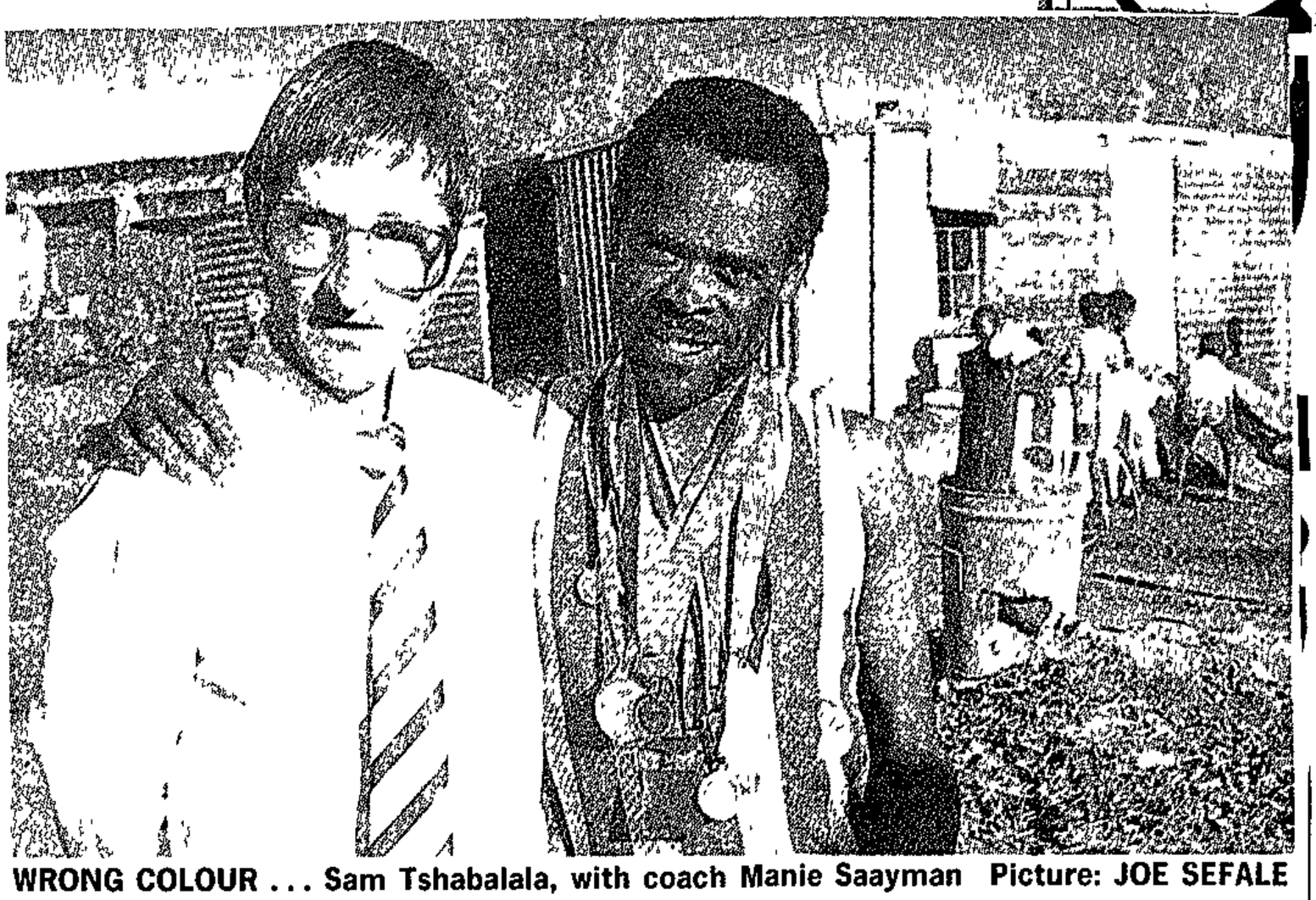
LHR's national director, Mr Brian Currin, said Dr Karl Hechter-Schultz, a retired property owner and developer and a prominent citizen, had already issued the proceedings against the council.

"Colgate-Palmolive have very generously undertaken to support this application and to meet the applicant's legal costs," Mr Currin said.

In his supporting affidavit, Dr Hechter-Schultz said the lake had always been used as a public park and the road had been used by members of the public to obtain access to the park, until it was closed by the council.

Dr Hechter-Schultz said people had a common right to the use of the lake and the council was not entitled to close the road, which had been used by the public for more than 30 years. — Sapa

Town unlikely to break whites-only rules to honour Comrades conqueror



WRONG COLOUR ... Sam Tshabalala, with coach Manie Saayman Picture: JOE SEFALE

THE Conservative Party-led council of Vanderbijlpark is facing a major dilemma.

A multiracial athletics club in the town has asked the council to give Comrades marathon winner Sam Tshabalala a civic reception.

But since taking control of the council last October the CP has made it clear that the council's policy is strictly whites only — and it seems unlikely it will make an exception for the champion runner

Management committee chairman Mr Cas Pieters has said several times in recent months that municipal facilities are not multiracial Last month the council rejected an application for blacks to use council amenities at the 1990 provincial bowls championships

Mr Pieters said "no exception" could be made to by-laws prohibiting the use of amenities by people other than whites The council was not prepared to have a repeat of incidents during an open marathon some months ago "when the area in front of the post office was used as a public toilet".

But Tshabalala's coach, Manie Saayman, believes the town should honour the man who now wears Bruce Fordyce's crown.

"He made history as the first black runner to win the Comrades, and he runs for the Spectrum Athletics Club here in Vanderbijl He has done this town proud, and richly deserves civic recognition," Saayman said.

Tshabalala is a labourer at a Sasolburg chemical factory.

When he arrives there tomorrow he will be greeted by a huge banner proclaiming "Geluk (congratulations) Sam Tshabalala" and a rousing reception

Stardom

Saayman says the chemical factory will grind to a halt as blacks and whites, in an environment that is normally acutely polarised, celebrate the triumphant return of the athlete.

Tshabalala's story of success against the odds has touched many hearts in the Vaal Triangle.

The 31-year-old father of seven shot to national stardom from a rickety backyard shack that leaks like a sieve when it rains.

But Tshabalala, who speaks impeccable Afrikaans and only a smattering of English, never even got an opportunity to pose with the winner's trophy and his gold medal is still in Durban because he missed the presentation ceremony.

When he heard that Saayman needed medical attention after finishing the gruelling 90-kilometre race, the winner rushed off to see him in hospital

Saayman, on the other hand, admits he slipped off the road several times to watch television when he heard Tshabalala had taken the lead and was looking like a winner

But while adulation is heaped on Tshabalala from mainly white quarters, back in the squalid township of Namahadi in Frankfort the simple folk don't understand what all the fuss is about

To them Tshabalala, who has six major titles under his belt since he started running competitively in 1986, has won just another race. The significance of the Comrades is lost upon them

Tshabalala's people have no roads, no electricity, no waterborne sewage and to most a television set is an unaffordable luxury

While millions of South Africans enjoyed a special transmission of the race on TV on Wednesday, only a handful of Namahadi residents squeezed around one of very few sets in the township

Tshabalala lives in a hostel in Sasolburg while working and visits his family only on weekends

But that is all set to end now

Saayman says plans are afoot to find a decent house in Sasolburg for Tshabalala and his family "and once his personal circumstances change we are going to hear more about this amazing runner"

Saayman says Tshabalala won by sheer grit and little else He believes that if his charge had the living conditions of a Bruce Fordyce or any other of the white entrants he would easily have sliced a huge chunk off the record.

Tshabalala, who plans to establish himself as a household name, now has his eye on two major races, the City to City between Pretoria and Johannesburg and the 100-kilometre classic in Stellenbosch

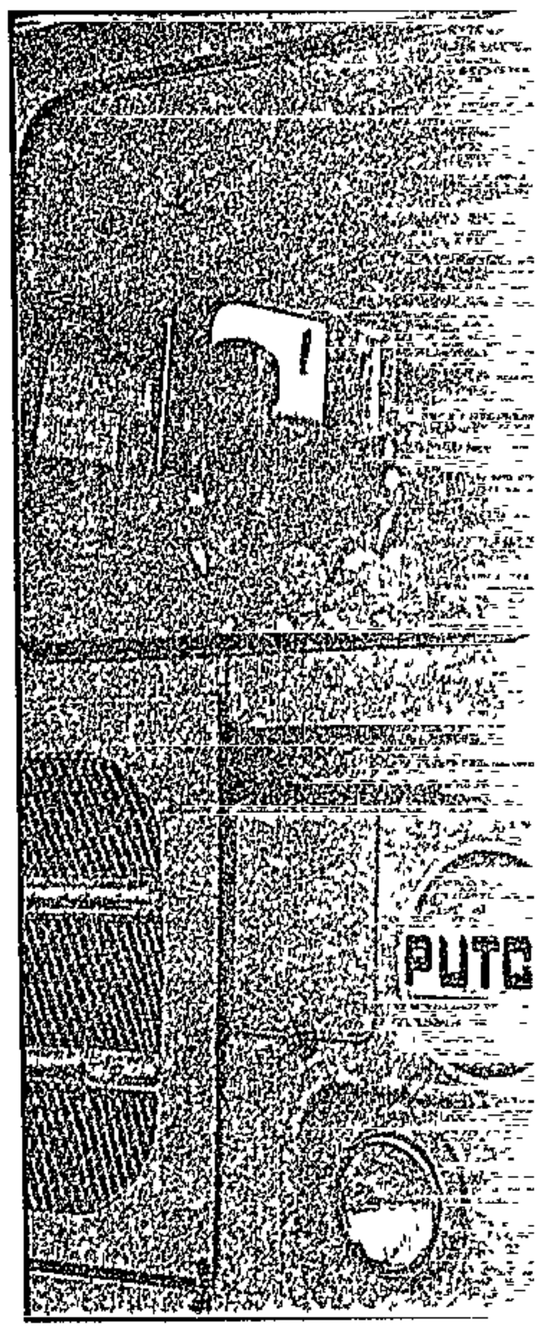
He promises to be back at the Comrades next year.

Whites swell the Boksburg boycott

Since the Conservative Party-controlled town council re-imposed petty apartheid in Boksburg late last year, a consumer boycott of the white town by black residents of Boksburg's Reiger Park and Vosloorus is growing, according to the Save Boksburg Committee which is co-ordinating the boycott.

More and more whites, disillusioned with the "verkrampte" mentality of the CP, are joining the boycott in increasing numbers, the committee claims.

City Press went along to investigate the situation.



Buses lining up to take shopp

Packed buses ferry multiracial consumers to stores in Benoni

IT is the last Saturday of the month. In most of South Africa's cities, towns and villages, this is shopping time.

The streets in these centres are crowded with black and white shoppers. Some come to town to pay their HP instalments while others come to ply their trade in pickpocketing.

By SAMKELO KUMALO

Most towns are packed – but not Boksburg on the East Rand. Only whites walk the empty streets and few black faces are to be seen.

Since the Boksburg Town Council was taken over by the racist Conservative Party in October, which re-imposed petty apartheid in the town, blacks have sustained a consumer boycott of white shops.

Meanwhile, the scene is very different in the neighbouring town of Benoni, a three-minute drive from the centre of Boksburg. Shoppers of all races cram the streets and stores.

The Boksburg boycott took an unexpected turn recently when some white residents joined after a meeting held at the headquarters of the American-owned Colgate Palmolive company.

A bus packed with boycotters from Reiger Park – Boksburg's coloured area – stops in the centre of Boksburg to pick up a white woman waiting outside a furniture shop

Every Saturday several buses are laid on by the Save Boksburg Committee for those wanting to shop in Benoni. Passengers pay R2 return and at the end of the month the ride is free. A look into the bus reveals people of all races, all showing their rejection of Boksburg's racist policies.

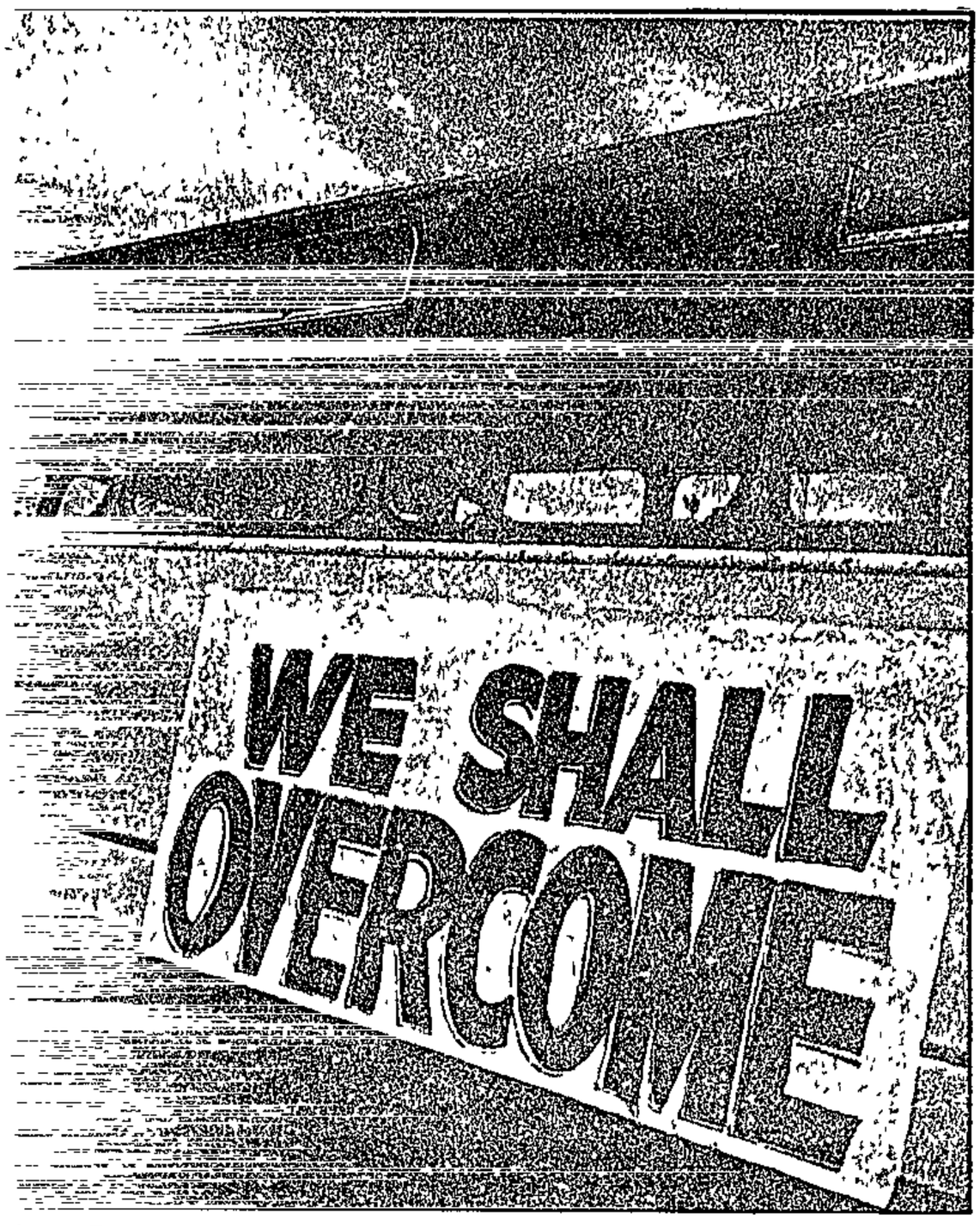
Draped across the buses and emblazoned on T-shirst worn by many passengers are the messages: "Save Boksburg for our Future" and "Boksburg! We demand one town, one town council".



Boycotters from Reiger Park feel that pressure on cause them to reject the Conservative Party's decisio



Buses lining up to take shoppers from Boksburg to Benoni spotlight the town's consumer boycott. PICS: EVANS MBOWENI .



iger Park feel that pressure on shopowners in Boksburg will the Conservative Party's decision to re-impose petty apartheid.



People of all races travel from Boksburg to shop in Benoni on buses organised by the Save Boksburg Committee.

yesterday. The municipal fire brigade put out the blaze.

Stonings in Langa

PRETORIA. — In weekend unrest reports, police said pupils in Langa had stoned two vehicles. A man was arrested. At Edendale, Natal, a group stoned buses. Two men were hurt.

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Boksburg resident sueing council

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A PROMINENT Boksburg resident has started court proceedings against the Boksburg Town Council following the reintroduction of Verwoerdian apartheid in the town.

SOWETAN REPORTER

On instruction of Lawyers for Human Rights, court proceedings was yesterday issued against the Boksburg Town Council.

At an ordinary meeting of the town council on November 25, 1988 the lake was exclusively reserved for whites and a gate was erected on the road leading to the lake to prohibit the flow of traffic.

Running

Retired property owner and developer Dr Karl Hechter-Schultz has applied to the court to interdict the town council from closing the roadway running along the northern boundary of the Boksburg Lake

In his supporting affidavit, Hechter-Schultz said he had been a resident in the Boksburg municipality since 1913 and could remember going to school by donkey cart, along the road.

He said all Boksburg residents had a common right to use the Boksburg Lake as a park and the road, which has been fenced off, has been used by the public for more than 30 years.

The legal costs of Hechter-Schultz is paid by Colgate Palmolive.

The chairman of the Reiger Park management committee, Mr Butch Jantjes, yesterday welcomed the court application.

"We must show the CP council that it cannot just do as it pleases, it must consult with the people. Had they done that in the first place, Boksburg would not be what it is today."

CP confident in Carletonville

By Dawn Barkhuizen

The Conservative Party in boycott-beating Carletonville is confident of a resounding victory in the forthcoming general election after enrolling more than 2 000 new members.

"After the election we will show the outside world that people truly want segregation," CP MP Mr Arrie Paulus said.

He dismissed predictions that the CP would suffer heavy losses as a result of the consumer boycott which was called when the municipality decided to reintroduce petty apartheid.

In recent months the CP had enrolled in excess of 2 000 new members.

The CP took the seat from the National Party by 98 votes in the 1987 general election.

There were strong indications that support had swelled when it beat the NP by 2 700 votes in the October municipal election.

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Keep out, warden tells couple

By Glen Elsas,
West Rand Bureau

A young Benoni couple, who wanted to show their Belgian visitors lions in their natural habitat, say they were humiliated and embarrassed a week ago when they were denied entry to the Krugersdorp Game Reserve.

Earlier this year the CP-controlled Krugersdorp Town Council decided to ban everyone of colour from the park.

Mr Prakash Singh and his wife Jacqueline yesterday said they had been to the reserve on several previous occasions.

"We had had a lengthy discussion on the South African political situation with our Belgian visitors, who were here on business," Mr Singh said

The visitors had told the couple that the situation in South Africa was greatly exaggerated overseas.

But when the party tried to enter the game park a warden told the Singhs they could not enter because they were not whites

"When I pointed out that we had two Belgian visitors with us, the warden said I, as the driver of the car, could take the visitors through the park but my wife would have to wait for us outside the gates," Mr Singh said

"The Belgians were shocked and we turned around and left"

He said there were no visible signs at the entrance stating that the reserve was exclusively for whites

A deeply hurt Mrs Singh said, "It is even worse when a facility you have enjoyed before is suddenly taken away from you If we know in advance where we are not allowed to go, we stay away.

"Our guests took extreme exception to theway we were treated and their image of Krugersdorp and South Africa was completely tarnished after this incident," Mrs Singh said.

NOT PRIVILEGED

Mr Gert Visser, a Krugersdorp councillor and chairman of the South-Western Regional Association of the Witwatersrand Conservation Foundation, said he could not see himself attending any functions at the reserve as long as the whites-only rule was applied.

"The game reserve is not a privileged sanctuary for whites," Mr Visser said "It is there for all to learn about conservation, for the benefit of the entire country. It should be a place where God's sun shines on all God's creatures."

Mr Visser said there were insufficient words to apologise to all the people turned away at the reserve's gates

Another councillor, Dr Benoni van Graan, said the town council owed it to the reserve's visitors to put up signs warning them that the park was for whites only.

Krugersdorp management committee chairman Mr Sakkie Nel was unavailable for comment.

Suburb-by-suburb referendum

City will vote on open buses, pools, parks

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A referendum is to be held in Johannesburg to allow white residents to decide whether they want the bus services, swimming baths and recreation centres in their own suburbs to be opened to all races.

However, the Democratic Party has called for the scope of the referendum to be extended beyond just those on the city's white voters' roll, and the Conservative Party has objected to the scheme whereby questionnaires will be sent to city voters and a non-reply will be regarded as a "yes" vote.

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The choice of desegregation by "local option" was approved by the management committee on Monday, and the questionnaires will be sent to all the city's voters to gauge their feelings, said chairman Mr Jan Burger of the National Party.

"A committee has been appointed to draw up the questionnaire which will be sent to all people on the voters' roll to ensure the most reliable result.

"The residents will be told the outcome of the referendum as soon as it is known."

Mr Paul Asherson, chief whip of the Democratic Party in the council commented: "This is clearly the scurry away from Linden (where the NP lost its previously safe seat to the DP). Mr Burger's attitude to reform is — 'Follow me, I'm right behind you.' "

Phrasing vital

DP council leader Mr Tony Leon urged that people other than the 271 000 on the white voters' roll should be consulted in the referendum.

All people who paid the water and electricity accounts in the city should also be included. Their numbers would widen the field, also involving hundreds of thousands of blacks, coloureds, Indians and immigrants who should be consulted.

He said the phrasing of the questions was vital, and he offered to assist the management committee in drawing up the questionnaire to obtain the most accurate reflection of views.

"I hope the management committee goes even further than merely distributing the questionnaires. I would like them to play an active role by urging a "yes" vote," Mr Leon said.

Leader of the CP in the council, Mr J P Theron, said today the council was "going through the motions" of being democratic by deciding to measure public reaction to seperate amenities by means of a referendum, but its success depended on the "mechanics" of how they were going to survey the whites.

"The idea that if people don't return their forms, their vote is immediately counted in favour of open amenities, is absolutely disgusting.

"No public reaction can be measured in this way and I would like to hear what market researchers have to say about it," he said.

"In terms of market research it is ridiculous."

Mr Theron said the CP welcomed the announcement since it gave people some say and it would "sort out the situation in Mayfair", where whites have objected to non-white residents.

"I get the impression, however, that the Mayfair question is not going to be debated in an open chamber. I think the Management Committee is going to make a recommendation about a free settlement area in Mayfair", he added.

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NP to survey Johannesburg's whites on open facilities

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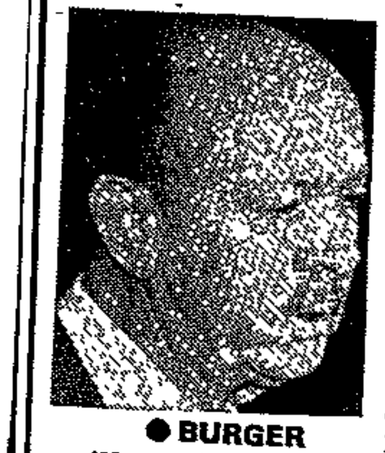

● BURGER

THE NP in the Johannesburg City Council will conduct a referendum among white residents to establish which facilities will be opened in Johannesburg.

The decision on whether to desegregate bus services, swimming baths and recreation centres will rest with Joahnnesburg residents, management committee chairman Jan Burger said yesterday.

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He said it was decided at the management committee meeting yesterday that a questionnaire would be circulated among all voters canvassing their opinions on the opening of facilities in their areas.

Burger said it would be assumed that if no reply was forthcoming within 30 days, the resident was in agreement.

A majority of positive replies in an area would mean its facilities would be opened.

Burger said it was important that residents decided on these issues and it was the implementation of the "local option".

The questionnaire would be drawn up by a committee and would be sent out as soon as possible.

Burger would not divulge what kind of questions would be asked nor when the questionnaire would go out, but said it would be "as soon as possible".

DP co-leader Tony Leon said last night he hoped Burger's announcement was not a "delaying tactic".

Leon said without the participation of all residents within the area, the outcome would be meaningless.

All residents paid water and electricity tariffs and should be consulted about the outcome, Leon said.

He said the way the questions were phrased was also important.

NP sources within the council said Burger's announcement was "very clever" as it took away the decision from the NP and placed it in the hands of residents, who would have to take the responsibility.

It was an important election ploy, as the NP would be absolved of any unpopular decision.

De Klerk jumped the gun on sport

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Officials in the department of the president-in-waiting, Mr F W de Klerk, have been helping arrange a whites-only athletics clinic planned for next month.

This emerged in the same week Mr de Klerk, the Minister of National Education, proclaimed: "South African sport has a clean bill of health."

His department's Directorate of Sport and Recreation Advanacement, in co-operation with the Northern Transvaal Committee of Athletics Coaches, is to stage a coaching clinic for white athletes and coaches at the Hoërskool Warmbad from July 16 to July 20.

A spokesman said the fact that accommodation was being offered at the school hostel as part of the course ruled out black participants.

"If we could get a facility to accommodate all races we would use it," said Mr Nico van Heerden, convenor of the Northern Transvaal Committee of Athletics Coaches.

"We would coach anyone — black, white green, yellow. We are planning a coaching course in Laudium at this moment.

"But those farmers up there (Warmbaths) are hardened CP," he said, adding that the directorate was helping the coaching clinic with publicity and seeking sponsors.

Former CP chairman hits out at referendum

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Johannesburg's referendum on open amenities was a farce and should be scrapped, said former Conservative Party regional chairman Mr Fred Rundle.

Mr Rundle, who plans to announce the formation of a white consumer and civic association this week, said it was clear the result would be overwhelmingly in favour of open amenities since residents who did not reply to the survey would be regarded as having voted "yes".

"Only the 271 326 voters on the white roll will be consulted but the average poll in a municipal election is about 45 percent. That means the National Party management committee is assured of starting off with an overall 55 percent 'yes' vote even before the questionaires have been drawn up," Mr Rundle claimed.

"There will be no intensive political canvassing, no transport laid on at the polls and no tracing of missing voters which contributes to an even lower poll.

"People who do not return their forms will be also be regarded as 'yes' votes.

He said going by the 31 percent poll for Hillbrow in the October municipal election, 69 percent of residents would not vote in the referendum — and these would count as yes votes.

Claremont, in the heart of CP territory, also had a 31 percent poll in the October elections, and so there would also be a 69 percent yes margin.

He said in Newlands, where the CP won by an overwhelming vote, there could be an automatic 55 percent yes vote.

"All wards which registered polls below 50 percent can already be deemed to have voted for open facilities."

City challenged to desegregate

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Political Reporter

A Johannesburg businessman has offered to sponsor five soccer teams if the city council opens sports and recreational facilities to all races.

Democratic Party councillor for Yeoville/Bellevue, Mr Martin Sweet, who is canvassing businessmen's support for a campaign to desegregate public facilities in the city, said Mr Carnie Matisson of the Rooster Group had offered to sponsor five teams and had challenged other businessmen to follow suit. Star 19/6/87.

The challenge extended to the city council to provide sports fields where these teams could compete, Mr Sweet said.

He added that the desegregation of recreational facilities and creation of additional facilities would "keep people off the streets" and would counter crime in the inner city.

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Protest swim 'plain stupid'

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AN apartheid-busting swim has been planned for the Hillbrow pool at 11am today.

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The demonstration has been labelled "stupid" by Johannesburg management committee chairman Mr Jan Burger.

He said: "Their mid-winter swim is just plain stupid as the Hillbrow pool is open to all races. The management committee instructed the head of the parks department to open Hillbrow in May and if the group is looking for a showdown they will be disappointed.

"With all respect to the DP and Actstop, they are acting like a lot of loonies."

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CP Secunda bars photos of discreet toilet apartheid

By Therese Anders, Highveld Bureau

It seems Sasol's petrol-from-coal plants are not the only security-sensitive installations at Secunda.

"You are not allowed to photograph this toilet," warned a stern, uniformed man outside what used to be the town's all-races public toilets.

On a two-way radio, he called up a superintendent who confirmed the loo was off limits to press photographers.

The Star had been trying to record evidence that petty apartheid had arrived in Secunda, once surprisingly free of race restrictions.

Remote control

The "classified" toilet block is the new Conservative Party council's idea of discreet "remote control" apartheid.

With no "whites only" sign in sight, you assume the facility is open to all — until you get to the wrought-iron gate barring the entrance.

It is here that the white traffic officer look-alike swings into action. Sitting in an office metres away from the toilet, he is able to see the colour of the person trying to open the gate.

If the person is white, he pushes an electronic button and the gate opens.

But if the person is black ...

Over a period of half an hour many blacks were seen trying the gate. Without realising they had failed the colour test, they pushed and pulled in vain, and finally went off in frustration.

It must be said that there are clean, well-maintained toilets for blacks behind a building about 50 m away. But few black people spoken to said they knew about this because they had been using the toilets outside the post office since Secunda was built in the '70s.

Town clerk Mr Jan Coetzen was noticeably distressed that The Star wished to write about the segregated toilets. "There's nothing racist about this. These toilets are for the ratepayers of Secunda and their visitors."

Mr Coetzen said the attendant had been instructed to tell black people where "their" toilets were situated.

However, he refused to answer any other questions about the newly segregated toilets, including why the block was not allowed to be photographed.

Anti-apartheid swim is stupid, says Burger

Municipal Reporter

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"First we had the Allendene residential incident which was provoked by Actstop which told the tenants not to pay their rents.

"When the tenants were evicted Actstop tried to force the council to house them. But that is not our responsibility and they must address their complaints to the proper authorities, in this case the Government and the House of Delegates.

"We were forced to remove the tent as there was no sanitation and it was a health hazard," said Mr Burger.

"Now these two groups are moving in on the Hillbrow pool. Their demo will be a flop, a waste of time."

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Cops bust whites at protest swim

AN AWB member, a National Party campaign organiser and a group of whites were arrested yesterday after an attempt to disrupt a protest swim at the Hillbrow swimming pool.

By ISMAIL LAGARDIEN

Police arrested the group who were blocking the entrance to the indoor swimming pool where Democratic Party city councillors for Johannesburg, led a handful of black people for a swim.

"There is no law which prevents black people from using the facility. They were merely exercising their rights as citizens of Johannesburg," Councillor Carl Steyn said.

"The police action was commendable and if this was the way they were going to serve as keepers of the peace in future then there is hope for South Africa after all," he said.

The disrupters were taken away and police are investigating charges against them, said Mr Tony Leon, leader of the DP in Johannesburg's council.

Steyn's wife on Wednesday night received a threatening phone call. "The man told me that if we brought 'kaffirs' to use the Hillbrow pool, blood would flow," Mrs Steyn said at the pool-side yesterday.

Minutes later she was in the heated pool with black people having a jolly good swim. Emerging from the water, Mr Haroon Laher raised his forearm, looked at it disappointedly, and said: "Gee, I didn't turn white . . ."

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MIXED BATHING ... Swimmers in the multiracial Hillbrow pool.

12 AWB held in demo against 'open' pool

JOHANNESBURG. — The police arrested about 12 AWB members at the entrance of the Hillbrow indoor swimming pool where they were protesting against the opening of facilities to all races.

About 25 AWB members yesterday blocked the entrance to the swimming pool, where members of the Democratic Party had agreed to "test the water" with a number of non-white residents of Hillbrow.

Chanting and waving the AWB flag, they refused to move from the entrance. — Sapa



PROTEST ... AWB members barricade the entrance to the Hillbrow swimming pool.



Failed demo: For all their shouting, the AWB men could not stop the swimmers

Open City opens - despite demos

By THAMI MKHWANAZI

BLACK and white protesters took a dip in the Hillbrow swimming pool yesterday, and set an historic precedent — despite a rowdy attempt by an Afrikaner Weerstandsbeweging picket to keep them out.

The Hillbrow swim, organised by Democratic Party members, coincided with the launch of a campaign yesterday by Actstop and the Five Freedoms Forum to defy apartheid laws in Johannesburg.

Police removed a number of AWB demonstrators who had blocked the entrance to the swimming pool, allowing DP members and black men and children to pay their fees and enter the pool.

There was excitement around the pool as a number of black men joined DP councillors, including caucus leader Tony Leon, in a dip amid camera flashes. Leon praised police for "acting promptly and with dignity".

Four black sisters aged between seven and 16 came along to share the experience. The two younger girls, Winina and Nokuthula Ngwena, had worn swimming costumes hidden under their clothes. The four, who live in nearby Highpoint, are among thousands of black residents who had been denied access to the pool just a few steps from their homes.

DP councillors and Actstop activists explained that the protest was a joint effort to break racial barriers in Johannesburg. The pool challenge was the brainchild of attorney Carl Stein, who had found that the City Council had never passed a by-law enforcing the segration of the pool. He argued that although the Separate Amenities Act permitted segregation, it did not oblige it. Local governments still had to pass resolutions to effect enforcement.

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Next phase: DP caucus leader Tony Leon in the Hillbrow flat he's sharing with 'illegal' black tenants

Pictures: ANNA ZIEMINSKI, Afrapix

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No lights, no water. Welcome to the 'Brow

Fifty volunteers are giving up all their comforts for two days to experience the Group Areas Act at first hand

THAMI MKHWANAZI reports

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The volunteers — including former mayoress Molly Sklaar, Democratic Party leader Tony Leon, Wits University's Professor Noel Garson and Austrian embassy second secretary Gerhard Dedic — were introduced to their hosts last night They spent last night and will spend tonight experiencing the living conditions of black tenants in the sprawling flatland of Hillbrow, Joubert Park and downtown Johannesburg

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The *Weekly Mail* this week visited some of the flats earmarked for the campaign and found that they have no electricity, no hot water, no lifts and blocked toilets Some guests will have to share tiny rooms with two other people



Enjoying a swim together ... Hillbrow residents disregard the apartheid laws

Picture ANNA ZIEMINSKI, Afrapix

Guests in some flats may have to do with bread and tea for lunch. Supper could be anything between *pap en vleis* and cabbage and mealie porridge

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The Auerbachs will have to carry a torch after sunset, as the lights in the dilapidated three-storey building have been cut off for two months and there is no lift in the 83-year-old building Residents have been refusing to pay rent of R200 a month for one of these rooms They will only pay R75.

They said the Rent Board had told them the state of the building did not the warrant such high rentals Residents claimed white tenants who had vacated the block in 1983 had paid R44 a month, and that R75 was reasonable in the circumstances

The men with whom Auerbach is sharing have two beds — they will share one and offer the other to their guest

There is a basin and the men use a pressure-cooker to cook and warm water to wash themselves The water is kept in a plastic basin under the bed.

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A small cupboard serves as a table, and two chairs occupy the remaining space Dirty water lies in pools in the corridors and bathroom and on the staircase.

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Fynn chose to go to jail but a friend paid the fine and he was freed in time to appear in court later the same day on a similar charge, this time involving a board at Brighton Beach cut down on Tuesday night this week.

The hearing was postponed until later this month

In March 1987, Fynn was convicted on a similar charge and fined. On that occasion he was also rescued from jail by a friend who paid his fine.

●President's Council member Ismail Omar took a dip at Durban's South Beach yesterday afternoon, in a bid to draw attention to continued racial segregation on sections of the beach.

Omar, shivering slightly in the chilly winter air, braved the waves for 20 minutes, chatting to other bathers.

Before he waded in, Omar admitted it was cold but said the "political temperature" would help keep him warm.

No-one paid much attention to him, and the only time the lifesavers came near was to signal to a number of bathers that they were swimming outside the markers.

Two years ago Omar threatened to swim on a "whites only" beach as a protest, but he called it off after the council desegregated a number of beaches.

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Fynn chose to go to jail but a friend paid the fine and he was freed in time to appear in court later the same day on a similar charge, this time involving a board at Brighton Beach cut down on Tuesday night this week.

The hearing was postponed until later this month.

In March 1987, Fynn was convicted on a similar charge and fined. On that occasion he was also rescued from jail by a friend who paid his fine.

●President's Council member Ismail Omar took a dip at Durban's South Beach yesterday afternoon, in a bid to draw attention to continued racial segregation on sections of the beach.

Omar, shivering slightly in the chilly winter air, braved the waves for 20 minutes, chatting to other bathers.

Before he waded in, Omar admitted it was cold but said the "political temperature" would help keep him warm.

No-one paid much attention to him, and the only time the lifesavers came near was to signal to a number of bathers that they were swimming outside the markers.

Two years ago Omar threatened to swim on a "whites only" beach as a protest, but he called it off after the council desegregated a number of beaches.

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Mixed-race Hillbrow swim shows blacks can use council pools – DP

Arrests after AWB protest



Leader of the Democratic Party in the Johannesburg City Council, Mr Tony Leon, surrounded by supporters of the multiracial swim at the Hillbrow swimming pool. ● Picture by John Hogg.

By Kaizer Nyatsumba

A group of AWB supporters, some claiming to be NP members, who tried to stop blacks entering the Hillbrow Indoor Swimming Pool to join some Democratic Party councillors in a swim to "test the water", were arrested and later released yesterday.

The group, waving AWB flags and chanting, blocked the entrance and refused to let blacks in. They handed out pamphlets depicting blacks as "negative" and "sub-human," and whites as "positive, human, creators".

Police physically removed them and put them in two vans.

Witwatersrand police media liaison officer, Lieutanant-Colonel Frans Malherbe, said five AWB members, aged between 19 and 65, were released "on their own responsibility". The case had been referred to the Attorney-General of the Witwatersrand.

After the altercation, about 50 people, including members of the DP, the Black Sash, the Five Freedoms Forum and the public, some of them black, swam in the pool.

One of the protesters, Mr G Pitout, secretary of Johannesburg NP councillor Mrs Desiree Simpson, said they were there to make sure blacks did not swim in the pool.

Protest

"I am here to protest as a Hillbrow resident," Mr Pitout told the press. "The DP are not considering the white voters of Hillbrow. They are agitating the people by swimming here."

Some members of the group identified themselves as National Party supporters in the Hillbrow area who were angry with the Government for not being consulted about Hillbrow's future.

DP councillor for Orange Grove, Mr Clive Gilbert, was involved in a heated argument with the AWB protesters before their arrest.

The swim was meant to demonstrate that the council had never taken any resolution or motion, or passed any by-law, prohibiting blacks from using municipal swimming pools, said Mr Tony Leon, leader of the DP in the council.

He commended the police for taking the protesters away.

Mr Gilbert told The Star he did not believe the protesters were Hillbrow residents.

● An Indian man, who identified himself as Haroun, had members of the press and fellow swimmers worried when he appeared to be drowning. Press photographer Mr Allen van der Linde and a lifesaver jumped into the water to carry him to the pool's shallow end.

It's dangerous, but the crowds still flock in

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PEOPLE looking for a night on the town still flock to the streets of Hillbrow for a good time, despite the "bad name" the inner city suburb has acquired over the past decade.

Even during the week, the traffic whizzes by 24 hours a day and people walk idly up the pavements, looking for something to do, somebody to talk to and somewhere to go for action.

Although many old timers to the "Brow" believe the night life is not what it used to be, the clubs, bars, restaurants and discos are still crowded with patrons.

The streets in the centre of Hillbrow are lined with venues catering for different tastes and types of people.

There are gay clubs, sleazy bars, chic discos, pick-up joints and drinking holes. People willing to risk stalking the streets at night will find there is something to suit everyone's taste, depending on style, interests and pocket.

First-time visitors take chances, and may end up going from pub to pub looking for a spot where they feel at home. They could also end up being taken for a ride. They could be mugged. It can be tough out there.

Most of the clubs have a specific draw card which attracts certain types of people. The Bella Napoli, in Pretorius Street, attracts white teenagers mainly from the suburbs, many who look well under 18. The dance floor is packed even on weekdays. One young man sitting at the bar downing a beer said: "I come here because all my school friends come here. We come for a good time, and not to cause trouble. The only time the guys get into a fight is when girls are involved."

The woman at the door, replying to a question on whether black people would be welcome, said: "What does it look like? Do you see any black people here?". She said although the club did not enforce a whites-only policy, black people did not frequent the club.

A growing number of clubs are frequented by all races — a reflection of the changing face of Hillbrow.

A legal shebeen frequented by locals was a pleasant change of pace from the usual overcrowded, smoke-filled clubs. People sat around the fire or at the bar chatting. In the background came the intermittent click of balls as others played pool.

The "Brow" at night and dangerous but exciting, particularly for visitors. There is drugging, prostitution, pick-pocketing and street fights. Beggars hustle; drunks lie on pavements.

Cinema owner and community organiser Mr James Dryjer said trouble in Hillbrow did not come from locals, but from outsiders looking for a "jorl".

His message to them was clear: "There are people living here, this is not a playground."

DP calls for sacking of flag-waving council

AWB swim demo furore

PAT DEVEREAUX

THE MAN, who hoisted the Afrikaner Weerstandsbeweging flag outside the Hillbrow Indoor Swimming Pool while taking part in an AWB protest against a multiracial swim organised this week by the Democratic Party, is a Johannesburg leader of the right-wing organisation — and the superintendent of the swimming pool.

The AWB's Pretoria office confirmed yesterday that Johannesburg AWB section leader Mr Leonard Veenendal was a municipal employee at the Hillbrow pool.

"If he is a council employee, he abused his position. Municipal employees should not allow their political views to interfere with their duties," said the DP councillor for Berea, Mr Lester Fuchs.

"It's against council policy for any employee of the council to use his position to further the aims of any political party," he added.

On Thursday, Mr Veenendal played a key role in organising about 20 AWB demonstrators to block the entrance to the swimming pool and prevent DP members and black men and children from swimming there.

Asked to comment on the swim yesterday, Mr Veenendal refused to disclose his name and said: "No council employee is allowed to make a statement."

However, at Thursday's protest, he told reporters he did not want to be named for fear of repercussions, as he depended on the job at the swimming pool for his livelihood and had a housing subsidy.

He said that no blacks had been admitted to the pool since he had been superintendent there.

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Crowd applaud police after AWB arrest

By LOUISE ROBERTS

IN a rare show of support, scores of black and white bystanders applauded police when they bundled AWB protesters into police vans outside the Hillbrow Swimming Pool.

About 20 protesters had tried to prevent blacks from joining 12 Democratic Party councillors for a dip.

The swim, organised by DP members and black and white residents of Hillbrow, coincided with Thursday's launch of a campaign by Actstop and the Five Freedoms Forum to defy apartheid laws in Johannesburg.

Although the Separate Amenities Act provides for segregation, it does not oblige it. The city council has never passed a by-law enforcing segregation of the pool but blacks have been denied access to it for years.

The AWB group linked arms and blocked the entrance of the pool, refusing entry to blacks.

They were joined by NP supporters from Hillbrow, who said they were angry with the government because they had not been consulted about the future of their suburb.

The group waved the AWB flag and chanted AWB slogans before six of them were bundled into police vans parked nearby.

Applause

The crowd of about 150 onlookers and members of the Press, who packed the pavement and spilled over into the street outside the pool, broke into spontaneous applause.

A police spokesman said the six had been arrested in terms of the Internal Security Act and a docket would be sent to the Attorney-General

About 50 people, including a number of black men and children, then joined the leader of the DP caucus in the Johannesburg City Council, Tony Leon, for a democratic dip.

However, one of the first people to brave the water got into difficulties and had to be rescued.

Photographer Allen van der Linder lept into the water fully clothed to assist articled clerk Haroon Laher, who could not swim.



Testing the water . . . two South Africans take a "democratic dip".

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Probe into AWB man

JOHANNESBURG. — The Johannesburg City Council is to investigate the behaviour of the superintendent of the Hillbrow swimming pool and member of the Afrikaner Weerstandsbeweging, Mr Leonard Veenendal.

Apartheid protest

POLICE are investigating charges against right-wing protestors arrested at last week'a protest swim at the Hillbrow Swimming Pool.

Lieutenant - Colonel Frans Malherbe of the Police public relations division confirmed that "the docket has been submitted to the Attorney-General to decide whether or not the State will prosecute.

Hearing follows AWB pool protest

A Johannesburg City Council employee, Mr Leonard Veenendal, will appear before a council disciplinary hearing to answer allegations that he took part in an AWB protest at the Hillbrow swimming pool last week. 285 Star 27/6/87.

Management committee chairman Mr Jan Burger said Mr Veenendal, who worked for the Parks Department but was not the superintendent of the pool, had been summoned on Friday by his chief, Mr Paul Loubser, to discuss the matter.

"The town clerk is setting up a disciplinary hearing which is the normal procedure ... His trade union also has a say in the matter which will be handled so that all parties are fairly treated," Mr Burger said. — Municipal Reporter.

Stoffel in public appeal

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Home Affairs Minister, Mr Stoffel Botha, yesterday appealed to the public not to turn places of recreation into political arenas.

Mr Botha made the appeal, which follows on the recent skirmishes over the use of the Hillbrow swimming pool, at the National Party federal congress.

Mr Botha said a well co-ordinated campaign had to be launched to provide adequate facilities.

"We accept all population groups have a need for and are entitled to adequate recreational amenities.

"We accept that there will be recreational amenities which will be open to all population groups."

Mr Botha said groups therefore had the assurance that "in respect of certain facilities their right to their own institutions is being recognised and guaranteed."

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Waters cool but attitudes warmer

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BELIEVE it or not, but there I was armed with a towel and toilet bag, duty-bound by instructions from my news editor, to go and test both the cool waters and perhaps cooler attitudes at the now famed Hillbrow Indoor Swimming Pool.

The last time I tried to swim was a year ago and was appalled at myself when I found out that I was unable to do so.

At last week's "Inner City Encounter" between the Afrikaner Weerstandsbeweging (AWB) and Jo'burg's Democrats, it came to light that there was no special municipal by-law restricting us, the ebony-skinned residents of the Golden City, from mixing with other people in amenities such as this one. So I went to find out for myself.

'So far, so good'

At the reception inside the pool building, I found a couple paying-in at the lady behind the desk. They turned their heads, but their faces did not register any hostility or undue curiosity. So far, so good, I said to myself.

After they had left I gave the cashier a R2 note. She took R1 and gave me back my change ... with a smile.

I found my way to the men's change rooms where I joined the man after whom I had paid, changing into his swimming trunks. He immediately smiled, greeted me, shook my hand and introduced himself.

Ted told me that he and his wife were tourists on vacation from America. (285

We went out to the swimming pool and Ted dived into the water and I walked around to the shallow end because, as I said before, I cannot swim.

On reaching the shallow end, I slowly descended into the water and just stood there, doing nothing.

Tired of that I decided to go up and down in the water to get the feel of things.

I really enjoyed seeing children of about eight, manoeuvring their way in the water like fishes. Not trying to do anything that would make me look stupid, I decided to quit the water after 20 minutes.

In the changeroom I was joined by three "Oompies" who had been watching me hawk-eyed throughout. They told me they were attendants at the pool. I felt butterflies in my stomach as I recalled last week's "Inner City Encounter".

The fattest of the three men asked me why I did not swim. I immediately made up an excuse and told him that the water was too cold for me (at 29 deg C grees, that was a tall one!).

Offering me his free advice, he said: "My friend, when the water is too cold for you, what you must do after entering the pool is dip your body, neck high into the water and swim for half an hour.

"You must then go out, relax and allow your temperature to simmer down and go into the water again."

I nodded, thanked him for his concern and promised him that I would always remember his advice.

Then I left the pool premises, a little wet behind the ears but certainly wiser.

Legal sleuths

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Apartheid 'convention' never lawful

PATRICK LAURENCE

THE fall of the Hillbrow indoor swimming pool to anti-segregation protesters last week raised a central and fascinating question.

The swimming pool, a fortress of segregation in Johannesburg, was overrun with surprising ease to a task force of Democratic Party City Councillors and black residents.

A key reason for their success — and for the prompt removal by police of raucously protesting Afrikanse Weerstandsbeweging (AWB) zealots — was that the law was on the side of the swimmers.

But why did it take so long to discover a loophole in the apartheid laws designed to uphold segregation? Saturday Star put the question to Mr Carl Stein, the DP councillor and lawyer who found the loophole.

He explained that the reservation of Johannesburg's municipal swimming baths for whites only rested on convention, not law.

The Reservation of Separate Amenities Act empowered municipalities to reserve their facilities for whites. The Johannesburg City Council, however, did not do so.

It apparently believed that segregated swimming baths were so much a part of the established order that there was no need to buttress them with the force of law.

But for decades it was assumed that swimming pool apartheid in Johannesburg was backed by law. Mr Stein offered two reasons for the belated discovery that it was not.

Finding gaps

"People did not bother to find out," he said. But, he added, even if they had wanted to find gaps in the fine network of laws designed to uphold apartheid, they would not have necessarily succeeded.

Mr Stein noted that Dr Hendrik Verwoerd, the architect of apartheid, created a vast system of reinforcing apartheid laws to cover all aspects of life, making the search a difficult and time-consuming task.

Mr Stein succeeded for two reasons: he was motivated and he was able to enlist skilled manpower to conduct the necessary research.

Determined to verify his hunch that segregation of municipal swimming baths was not sanctioned by law, he assigned three lawyers to the mammoth task of shifting through vast tiers of municipal by-laws.

Their brief was to establish, beyond doubt, that the Johannesburg City Council had never used the power to assigned to it by the Reservation of Separate Amenities Act.

But there were further, deeper reasons behind the belated discovery and exploitation of the legal loophole.

Mr Tony Leon, the combative leader of the opposition Democratic Party in the City Council, identified one of them.

During the heyday of National Party governance, when it towered over the political landscape like a colossus, arrogantly issuing apartheid edicts at will, people were "bludgeoned by a morass of laws" and "anaesthetised".

More often than not, the idea that there might be a missing link in the intricate mesh of apartheid laws did not occur to them; with a few exceptions, liberal opponents of apartheid were overcome by a "sense of exhaustion".

To extend Mr Leon's point: unsure when legal dissent ended and civil disobedience began, they erred on the safe side, shunning direct action and confining their opposition to verbal acrobatics in the chambers of approved institutions.

Their caution was understandable. Acts of civil disobedience carried ferocious penalties.

A special clause in the Criminal Procedure Act, inserted by apartheid legislators to crush the 1952-53 passive resistance campaign against "unjust" laws, meant that any one who broke a law to protest against it, risked being jailed five years and/or whipped.

The same oppressive, debilitating sense of National Party dominance, of the seeming omnipresence of apartheid laws, explained the apparent timidity of journalists and their legal advisers.

After the African National Congress leader, Nelson Mandela, was jailed in 1964, no South African journalist dared quote him for years. Even speeches made before his trial and arrest were shunned.

The prevailing wisdom, encouraged by lawyers of unquestioned integrity and liberal sentiment, was that Mandela could not be quoted.

Later, however, it transpired that Mandela could be quoted, albeit with circumspection.

The restriction order which made it an offence to quote any of his "utterances", past or present, had expired while he was in jail, creating a legal loophole for intrepid journalists anxious to widen the often sterile political debate by giving the banned, banished and exiled a chance to put their case.

For years journalists were blind to the opportunity, in much the same way as opposition councillors in the Johannesburg City Council.

With the re-emergence of the extra-parliamentary opposition forces, however, the situation changed gradually, reaching a breakthrough point about three years ago.

As Mr Geoff Budlender, a former student activist who is now director of the Legal Resources Centre in Johannesburg put it: "The style of politics changed."

Direct action, once almost unthinkable, was again placed firmly on the agenda.

Veteran campaigner

Even before last week's swim-in, protest action against segregated swimming pools was on the cards, having been mooted at a conference organised by the Institute for Democratic Alternatives in South Africa.

As the summer drew to a close some three months ago, the veteran civil rights campaigner, the Rev Robert Robertson, wrote to the superintendent of the Mayfair swimming bath, informing him that he planned to "break the law" by organising a multi-racial swim-in.

The superintendent did not act with the intransigence of the old days. Instead of waiting for Mr Robertson and his volunteers and arresting them, he hastily — and perhaps fearfully — had the pool emptied.

It was a sign of the times.

Pool key to pool found

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ALL RACES PERMITTED HERE — BUT NOT NEXT DOOR!

HUNDREDS of holidaymakers of all races mingle illegally at a lakeside timeshare resort in President P W Botha's former constituency of George where the Group Areas Act has gone out the window.

Just five kilometres away, coloured, Indian, black and white visitors to the conservative southern Cape village of Sedgefield mix legally — in timeshare units off roads named after pillars of Afrikanerdom and apartheid.

This week children of all races played tennis in Dr Malan Street and kicked balls in Hertzog Street, having been permitted by the Government to stay at the resort.

But other children, who play on the same streets, have not been given the same rights.

By BILL KRIGE

Moves are now afoot to force the strict application of the Group Areas Act, moves which threaten the investment of millions of rands in timeshare units both at Sedgefield and at nearby Pine Lake Marina.

Already 23 cases of illegal occupation are being investigated by police, according to Mrs Mary Anne van Rensburg, an outspoken opponent of timeshare in the area.

At the heart of the matter is the Group Areas Act which is shaping up as a major political embarrassment to the National Party in President Botha's former parliamentary constituency.

The legal quagmire created by the way the Act has been administered has confused everyone — even the developers.

Garden Route Chalets in Sedgefield and an associated lakeside development called Pine Lake Marina together offer thousands of weekly timeshare units, most of which have already been sold.

But while Group Areas exemption permits have been granted for some chalet sites in Sedgefield, they have been withheld for others Moreover, an application to exempt the entire marina has failed.

This has led to major problems.

One coloured man who owns timeshare in an exempted Sedgefield chalet faces charges of illegal occupation because he was moved by the developers to a non-exempt chalet, according to Mrs Van Rensbureg.

"Look, I'm not a racist. To begin with they brought in a better class of coloured and Indian — the professors and teachers and so on. But now it's Mitchell's Plain riff-raff—its very upsetting to the locals," she said.

She intends placing extensive documentation on the issue in the hands of the CP candidate for George, Mr Chris Spies.

According to the developer of both resorts, Mr Reg Hume, shareblock companies are non-listed public companies and operate under precisely the same rules which govern, for example, De Beers on the Johannesburg Stock Exchange.

This means that anyone can buy timeshare

Mr Hume and the local representative of RCI, an international travel company specialising in timeshare worldwide, approached the Government six years ago and won approval for all developed Sedgefield sites to be exempted from Group Areas.

But subsequent exemption applications have been either stalled or refused — with the result that some sites are open to all and others, next door, are not.

An application to open Pine Lake Marina was refused last November but the Government has invited Mr Hume to re-apply. In the meantime, thousands of people of all races holiday there throughout the year.

"I am not in a position to police people who buy time and I am not prepared to do so," said Mr Hume

"Moreover, RCI has more than a million clients worldwide and it never asks foreigners wanting to occupy a timeshare property in South Africa what race they are They just don't work that way

"People mix extremely well here. They play tennis and squash, have club facilities and marvellous water sports. There has never been a racial problem and I have never had residents complain. The only complaints come from outside," he said.

Satu retains whites-only clubs

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By Therese Anders,
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Mineworkers' union agrees to pay offer

By Kaizer Nyatsumba

The fragile wage agreement reached early yesterday by the Chamber of Mines and the National Union of Mineworkers (NUM), when the union accepted the chamber's final offer on wages but rejected a certain condition, had now been finalised, both parties said last night.

The Chamber said a "full and final agreement" had been reached in negotiations with the union on the 1989 review of wages and other conditions of employment for union members employed on the Chamber's mines. Star 5/7/89

The union said it had accepted wage increases of between 13 percent and 21,5 percent for various categories of workers. It had initially demanded a minimum wage of R543 for surface workers and R600 for underground workers, but settled for R420 and R480 respectively.

Earlier yesterday, the union rejected a condition relating to the Basic Conditions of Employment Act. The Chamber, however, agreed to enter into separate negotiations on the issue.

'Open' quiz now in post

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By Joe Openshaw

Referendum questionnaires asking Johannesburg's voters to decide whether they want buses, swimming pools and recreation centres open to all races are in the post, but with a critical change in the original format.

The city's 280 000 voters are being asked to decide whether municipal facilities in their wards should be declared "open".

If the majority of voters in an individual ward want to do away with apartheid, facilities in that ward will be declared "open", The Star was told today.

City council spokesman Mr Christo Bredenkamp said the management committee had decided against its original decision to regard a non-reply as a "yes" vote for desegregation.

Now a decision on whether or not to open each of the facilities in each ward will be taken according to a majority vote from the cards returned.

This has evoked strong criticism from Mr Paul Asherson, chief whip of the Democratic Party in the council. He said today this was "an absolute capitulation to narrow-mindedness, and a bowing to objections expressed by the Conservative Party".

Mr J P Theron, leader of the Conservative Party in the council, said the CP had urged the management committee to change its mind on its original "no reply is a yes vote" decision.

Voters must reply by July 31.

Mr Bredenkamp said replies to the questions would be confidential, and a postage-free envelope for returning the questionnaire was included with the covering letter posted to voters.

Both Mr Theron and Mr Asherson were disappointed that only people on the voters' roll were being consulted. They wanted all people paying rates and water and lights accounts as property owners to be included.

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'Referendum' becomes 'opinion poll'

Jo'burg backdown on sharing buses, pools

By Joe Openshaw and Sue Olswang

Johannesburg's much-heralded referendum on municipal apartheid has been stillborn — raising accusations of a backdown by the National Party-controlled council.

Mrs Marietta Marx, the deputy management committee chairman yesterday insisted it was not a referendum but an opinion poll.

Voting cards are now in the post on the "opening" of bus routes, swimming pools and recreation facilites, she said.

Opposition Democratic Party parks and recreation spokesman Mr Ian Davidson described the decision to use the poll of the city's 280 000 white voters only to test opinions as "back pedalling and a complete *volte face*".

"The management committee at the outset termed it a referendum, and it was never called anything else.

"They also indicated that if there was a positive vote for open amenities they would abide by that. They now back-pedal and say that — even if there is a positive vote — they need not open amenities."

He said an opinion poll was based on an in-depth scientific survey conducted by a recognised market and opinion research organisation.

A questionnaire requiring a simple "yes" or "no" is clearly a referendum, he added.

Mrs Marx said the term opinion poll had always been used in council. "This could never be a true referendum in the sense of counting every single vote because that type of system would be open to all sorts of abuses.

"It is, and I stress this, an opinion poll which we want to conduct to enable the management committee to make a proper decision.

"We want to open all facilities but this must be done in an orderly and responsible fashion. We need the response of Johannesburg's residents.

"This is not a sudden change from a referendum to an opinion poll. This is not a referendum like the tricameral referendum of 1983. Council will not be bound by the decision of the opinion poll. Council must make its own decision.

To gauge feelings

"The management committee wants to use this information to come to council with some sort of proposal. We want to gauge the feeling among Johannsburg residents."

Mrs Marx said she believed confusion about the use of the term referendum arose after the chairman of the management committee used the word "referendum" on television.

Mr Davidson said the NP had back-pedalled on two issues. The management committee said from the beginning they would be conducting a referendum on open amenities and would abide by the results.

"Now they are saying they need not abide by the results and need not open amenities even if there is a positive vote for this to happen."

Boksburg revisited



JOHNNY ISSEL.
Inspiring visit

Seventeen years after leaving conservative Boksburg where he lived for many years Western Cape community leader Johnny returned to find "old apartheid" still as alive as ever, and a community inspired by a consumer boycott which has given them new direction and hope. HENRY LUDSKI reports:

WESTERN Cape community leader Johnny Issel has come away from Boksburg in the Transvaal with a flood of memories of his early days spent there, not all of them pleasant.

But more than anything else he's been touched by how a community considered so apolitical has being able to sustain the consumer boycott.

Issel, not without reason, shares a special affinity for this conservative East Rand town which last year decided to reintroduce old-style apartheid — and lived to rue the day

Boksburg is where Issel's parents lived for many years and where he attended school and matriculated before coming to Cape Town to study at the University of the Western Cape

Recollections of a curfew bell at 10 00pm after which all blacks had to be off the streets and a close brush with death when he was nearly run over by a car driven by white conservatives while hitch-hiking to a Sunday church service are still fresh in his mind.

"It was a community totally leaderless and at the complete mercy of people who were not representative

"A big part of the old Boksburg apartheid is still there In some cases it's even worse than before.

"However, one sees among that the growth of a new concern with the problems being inflicted on the community."

Although having left Boksburg more than 17 years ago Issel has retained his strong emotional bond with the town

"I have never forgotten Boksburg and two weeks ago it was such an emotional thing to return

"It was so stirring that I was almost moved to tears," said Issel, who went to Boksburg to attend a reunion of the East Rand Secondary School Alumni Society

However, what moved him more than anything else was the emergence of a new spirit of resistance in the community around a consumer boycott which has drastically affected the economy of conservative Boksburg

He was also inspired by the work being done in the community by former UWC students who in the last few years have fought to expose the problems affecting residents

His impressions of Boksburg is that there are "serious socio-enonomic problems coupled with a very serious housing shortage".

"Its a community which has never been allowed a very significant say in their own affairs Management committees and town councils have always decided the fate of the people

"Apathy seems quite rife and there is widespread criticism of the non-involvement of teachers in broader issues affecting the community

Groundswell

"The result has been that the community has been left at the mercy of opportunists "

Issel believes that it is out of this kind of depressed situation that the groundswell of resistance and frustrations of a very high level can be traced

"Everybody is participating in the boycott Not so much out of political conviction but because they feel humiliated They are saying We built this town and how could they do this to us

"It's got to a point where people are saying enough is enough We can take only so much of this blatant racism

Issel believes that for many people its "quite strange" to understand how a community which is absolutely apolitical can sustain such a boycott.

A resident who works at Pick n Pay in town but yet doesn't shop there is Issel's example of the impact of the boycott.

His explanation for the boycott is that it is an open revolt against the most extreme form of racism and not what he describes as the "more sophisticated type of apartheid being presented as reform".

Issel has followed the Boksburg boycott with more than a passing interest

However, his recent visit has revived more than memories of his earlier years in Boksburg

One Council

What has inspired him is how in the space of 12 months it has undergone an "amazing transformation" from being an apolitical and unorganised community to one that's become highly politically active.

The boycott has at the same time created an awareness around issues such as the elections and a "One Town — One Council" campaign

"The need for them to do something about the elections weighs very heavily with them and what they dread is seeing an exceptionally high poll like the 52 percent which was attained in the last elections

"Besides having raised the coming elections as one of the problems confronting the community the question with what to replace the new petty apartheid is also a big question in Boksburg, hence the campaign for one town council "

Issel has come away from Boksburg with more than memories He's come away with inspiration and hope.

"I've agreed to give them whatever assistance I can," said Issel



Mr Milton Govuza, 56, standing with his son in front of his SATS home, which he claims is not value for money

Sats' little boxes

R36 000 for a leaking tin house

By ANDILE XAYIYA

SOUTH African Transport Service (Sats) employees who were offered "cheap" housing in Guguletu claim they have been ripped off.

They say their tin houses, with their leaking roofs and rising damp problems, are not worth the "bargain" price of R36 000 each

They also claim the initial purchase price of their homes was R16 000 but that SATS suddenly hiked up the price to R36 000 once they had taken occupation.

About 30 Sats "cluster houses" in Guguletu were offered to employees

Each house comprises three bedrooms, a bathroom and an open-plan diningroom/kitchen There are no demarcated yards

A SOUTH inspection of the house of Mr Milton Govuza, 56, found the floors were uneven and cracked

Govuza pointed out faulty doors with no keys and complained about leaking plastic taps and curtain rails held together with string

"The quality of these houses is not consistent with their prices," he said.

"But the worst is that I don't know exactly what amount is being deducted from my wages towards payment," said Govusa, who produced pay slips showing differing deductions

In addition, the houses were "very cold", said Mrs Aplein Mqhayi, 49.

Rain water seeping through the floor has lifted the floor covering in her house.

Owners also pointed to damp stains forming on the ceilings which they said were caused by leaking roofs

"These houses were not properly planned, they were just built on an open space and I doubt if they even surveyed the land," said Mqhayi

When residents reported the defects in their houses to the builders, they refused to effect repairs, said Govusa.

"They told us there was nothing they could do about it We were told to wipe the dampness from the wall with a cloth "

Residents also claimed Sats had not provided property deeds or any other form of proof of ownership

"We are not clear what will happen to our relatives should the legal occupant die or lose his job," said one resident.

Sats refused to respond to the residents' claims when approached by SOUTH for comment

Sats spokeperson Mr Jan Van Zyl said it was not Sats' policy to discuss staff problems with the media

"But if our staff approach us with their problems, we will certainly look at it and try to rectify whatever is wrong "

He said Sats was continuing with its scheme to build houses for its employees "be they coloured, black or white".

"The standard of housing is the same for all," he said



Mrs Aplein Mqhayi complains the houses are too cold

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Show your opposition, CP urges residents

Political Reporter

The Conservative Party has called on all conservative Johannesburg residents to participate in the city council's opinion poll on the desegregation of municipal facilities.

CP leader in the city council Mr Jacques Theron yesterday said all conservatives should show their opposition to the opening of facilities in the city.

Although the questionnaires which were sent out this week were not regarded as a referendum, the National Party-controlled management committee had said it would regard the poll as a basis for future decisions on the opening of facilities, Mr Theron said.

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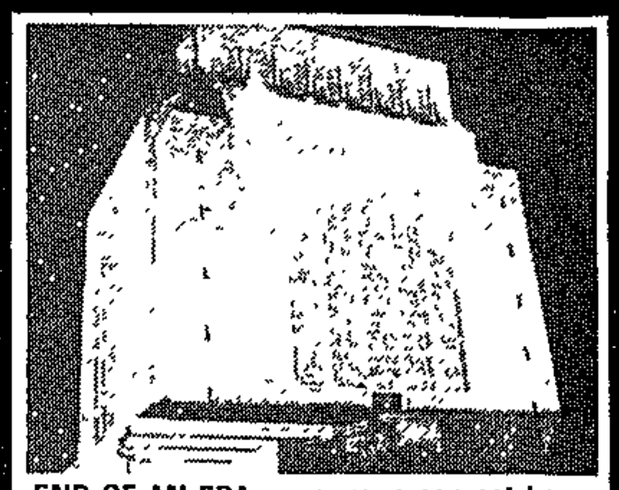
"It is therefore of the greatest importance that conservative voters react, especially when keeping in mind that the same NP-controlled management committee has on several occasions expressed itself in favour of the opening of facilities."

He said white residents had the right to "own" facilities and an "own" community life.

The desegregation of facilities would aggravate crime in the city, Mr Theron added.

Afrikaner shrine opens new-look restaurant to all



END OF AN ERA ... anyone can eat here

By DAVID JACKSON

THE new-look restaurant at Pretoria's Voortrekker Monument is to open its doors to blacks — after a decade of "whites only" patronage.

The restaurant's new owners, Marius du Plooy Promotions, pledged this week it would be open to "people of all races who are interested in learning about Afrikaans history and culture."

The monument dining-room on the koppie housing the Afrikaner shrine is visited by thousands of tourists each year. Some black visitors have been refused admittance to the restaurant in the past in a series of widely publicised incidents.

after it was put out to tender by the monument's management board — said this week: "The contract they have offered stated that this was an open restaurant. As far as we are concerned, people of all races can come here."

Mr Prinsloo, a former director of public relations for the Federasie van Afrikaanse Kultuurvereeniginge (FAK), had "no comment" on previous alleged racial incidents at the restaurant.

A spokesman for the Monument Control Council confirmed that there would be no bar on blacks visiting the restaurant.

He said admittance in the past had been at the discretion of the owners who were given the contract to run the restaurant There was no official policy barring blacks.

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Barred

Visiting hours at the monument are from 9am to 4.45pm on weekdays and from 11am to 4.45pm on Sundays "There is no problem with blacks visiting during these times," said a museum spokesman.

Five years ago, the then Administrator of the Transvaal, Mr Willem Cruywagen, the monument board chairman, promised to investigate an incident in which five black schoolchildren were refused entry to the restaurant. ST Times 9/7/84.

And three years ago, three coloured students from Stellenbosch who were on a visit organised by the Nederduitse Gereformeerde student church, were also barred.

At the time, the restaurant owner's wife, Mrs Marga Olivier, said she had barred the students because "the restaurant is open to whites only".

The AWB denied any official involvement in the incident.

The revamped — and now non-racial restaurant — will open its doors some time in August with a "typically South African" decor and cuisine.

Said Mr Prinsloo: "We are fortunate to have been offered the services of one of the best-qualified chefs who has been trained in one of the traditional restaurants in Johannesburg."

Open

The previous owner of 10 years, Mr Willie Olivier, an associate of Afrikaner Weerstandsbeweging leader Mr Eugene Terre Blanche, was a known sympathiser of the AWB.

Mr Rudi Prinsloo, a director of Marius du Plooy Promotions — which won the contract for the restaurant

CP to fence off park 'for whites only'

Own Correspondent

STILFONTEIN — A park near the central business district is to be developed and fenced for whites only.

The management committee of the Conservative Party-controlled town council resolved that one entry would be established to park stand 344, adjoining Tulbach flats, and that a "whites only" sign would be erected.

The management committee decided the park should be fenced, because "conditions have deteriorated tremendously and have become almost uncontrollable".

The park would eventually be developed with grass, trees and shrubs. The council took note of the decision.

15 000 Johannesburgers answer open amenities poll

By Joe Openshaw

More than 15 000 answers to the Johannesburg City Council's questionnaire on the opening of swimming pools, recreation centres and buses have been returned in the first four days.

The questionnaire must be returned by July 31.

Although the survey was first heralded as a referendum, it has since been described by Mrs Marietta Marx, the deputy chairman of the management committee, as "merely an opinion poll."

In a statement by a public relations officer of the council yesterday, it was announced that voters who had not received questionnaires would be able to get and answer them at the Civic Centre in a room provided on the ground floor of the Council Chamber Wing.

This facility will be available from 8 am to 4 pm.

The statement reminded people wishing to make use of the facility that they will be required to show their identity documents.

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Multiracial race vetoed by CP town

THE Conservative Party-controlled Potgietersrus Town Council has again turned down a request to stage a road race in the Northern Transvaal town.

A similar decision was reversed by a court earlier this year.

In April the town council refused the Potgietersrus Athletic Club permission to stage the Far North Marathon Championships because there were black runners taking part.

The athletic club then took the matter to court and the town council's decision was reversed. The race, which started and finished in the town, went ahead without incident.

Now the CP-controlled town council has refused the Ellerines furniture group, who cater largely to black customers, permission to stage a 10km fun run in the town. The race was due to have been run from Potgietersrus to nearby Mahwelereng, in Lebowa, and back.

Mr Sidney Ellerines, a director of Ellerines, yesterday said his group was "extremely disappointed" with the town council's attitude to the fun run.

"We had applied to start the fun run in front of our store, which is located in the Potgietersrus CBD, with plans to continue the race into the nearby black areas.

"We will, however, not cancel the run and will now merely re-route it to cover only the surrounding black areas."

Mr Piet van Immerzeel, chairman of the Potgietersrus Athletic Club, said the athletic club was waiting for permission from the town council to stage a half-marathon next month.

"The next town council meeting is on Monday when we expect them to make a decision regarding the issue," Immerzeel said.

He said the court action taken in April would have no bearing on future races.

"It was merely a reversal of their decision and it will not have any affect on their decision this time," he said.

Randburg, pleaded not guilty to ... August 31.

Boksburg to try to re-close lake roadway

Staff Reporter

The Boksburg Town Council will look into means of re-closing the roadway running along the northern boundary of the town's whites-only lake after a successful court application to reopen it.

The road, which was closed after the CP took control of the council last September, was opened after a court interdict was granted this week to the applicant, a retired property owner and developer, Dr Karl Hechter Schultz.

Dr Schultz's action was on the instructions of Lawyers for Human Rights.

Although the Boksburg Town Council has also agreed to pay Dr Hechter-Schultz's costs, the national director of Lawyers for Human Rights, Mr Brian Currin, said that the legal costs would ultimately have to be borne by Boksburg residents unless the town councillors decide to foot the bill themselves.

When Boksburg Lake was exclusively reserved for whites in November, a gate was erected on the lake road to prohibit the flow of traffic.

In his supporting affidavit, Dr Hechter-Schultz said all Boksburg residents had a common right to use the Boksburg lake as a park and the road had been used by the public for more than 30 years.

Mr T J Ferreira, chief whip of the CP caucus in Boksburg Town council, said legal alternatives on how to close the road again would be "looked at".

Pulp mill smell 'not a health hazard'

Own Correspondent

Scientific evidence world-wide suggested that the smelly emissions from the Mondi pulp mill at Richards Bay were not a major public health factor, the company said in a statement issued yesterday.

Mondi was reacting to recent newspaper reports in which residents of the harbour town complained that air pollution was having a large effect on people's health.

Mondi and Indian Ocean Fertilizers were cited as the two biggest causes of the air pollution.

In the statement the company said: "While the concern of pressure groups in the Richards Bay area is understandable, their identification of Mondi as a major villian is mistakenly and emotionally based on the assumption that because our emissions are odorous they are dangerous."

The company said the pulp mill would always generate some odour in the form of organic chemical compounds known as reduced sulphides.

ORGANIC DELAY

These gases were present naturally at low levels as they were generated from vegetative and organic decay, particularly in marsh areas. However, due to the very much larger organic wood use in the pulp mill, they were generated to a greater extent in the mill's processing operations.

Besides their characteristic smell, these compounds had another unique property — the smell threshold was extremely low and they could be detected by the average person at levels as low as one part to 500 million parts of air.

These compounds had been generated by kraft pulp mills — such as the company's plant at Richards Bay — for more than 100 years and despite the unpleasant smell had never been scientifically identified as a public health hazard.

Mondi had paid more than R50 million to install the latest technology to minimise emissions.

In planning the mill, Mondi had commissioned industrial development experts to select the best location.

Bitter apartheid pill for whites

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SOPHIE TEMA

While white patients are beginning to share wards with blacks, State ambulances remain segregated.

HEALTH apartheid is a bitter pill blacks have had to swallow for many years. Now white patients are getting a dose of the same medicine.

Because of hospital apartheid, the near collapse of health services, and the shortage of qualified nurses, hospitals countrywide – including white hospitals – are in dire straits.

The situation has become so desperate that white emergency patients may have to be admitted to black hospitals because of staff shortages.

This week a white patient was transferred from the Johannesburg Hospital to Baragwanath's intensive care unit.

The hospital crisis led Democratic Party councillor Les Dishy to suggest that Johannesburg, South Rand, JG Strijdom, Hillbrow, Edenvale, Baragwanath and Coronation hospitals be run by the Johannesburg City Council to ensure that they:

- Are fully staffed with suitably qualified staff;
- Are not overcrowded or under-utilised; and
- Provide a full range of services for all race groups. Dishy said: "Because of apartheid both blacks and whites are given a raw deal."

Ambulance services for blacks have become so poor that seriously ill residents in some townships are taken to hospital in municipal police vans.

Daveyton mayor Shadrack Sinaba said the ambulance service in the township with a population of 230 000 had come to a complete standstill. The eight available ambulances had all broken down.

There have also been many complaints about the Transvaal Provincial Administration's multi-racial ambulance system. Ambulance delays have led to a number of fatalities in past weeks.

A spokesman for the Johannesburg Hospital said nursing agencies could no longer provide hospitals with the necessary staff.

On Thursday the hospital asked agencies for nurses for two seriously ill patients, but they provided staff for only one.

The second patient, a 28-year-old woman who was unconscious, had to be transferred to Baragwanath where there was a bed available in the intensive care unit.

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CP scraps taxi terminus

By Therese Anders,
Highveld Bureau

A recently completed R250 000 black taxi terminus which backs on to white houses in a main Middelburg thoroughfare has been closed by the new Conservative Party Council before it opened.

A project of the town's previous Nationalist council, the Meyer Street taxi terminus and the ablution blocks cost local ratepayers R150 000 with a R100 000 contribution coming from the Highveld Regional Services Council.

The management committee chairman, Mr John Carlile, said the previous council had not notified the nearby residents about the terminus.

He said a temporary terminus across the road had worried residents with round-the-clock noise and unacceptable behaviour.

Said Mr Carlile: "This terminus is a total waste of money and somebody has to account for it."

He said the council was currently trying to identify a new site for the terminus.

It was possible the provincial administration would try to overrule the council, "but if it does we'll fight this in Parliament," said Mr Carlile.

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Eight hospitals are targetted

THE Mass Democratic Movement (MDM) has called on ailing black patients to present themselves for treatment at eight white hospitals next Wednesday as part of a non-violent campaign against segregation.

Hospitals selected for the campaign include Johannesburg Hospital, Paardekraal Hospital on the West Rand and Addington and Grey's Hospitals in Natal.

A spokesman for the MDM said he did not expect patients to suddenly present themselves in large numbers and disputed claims by the Minister of Health, Dr Willie van Niekerk, that the campaign was planned to disrupt health services.

The MDM spokesman said: "Our objective is not to precipitate a crisis, but to do away with segregation.

"We don't believe the campaign will be any burden on health services."

The MEC for the Transvaal, Mr Daan Kirstein, appealed to the MDM asking them not to take part in action which will disrupt normal hospital services.

"I don't know why hospital have been chosen. Use anything else except health services, whether it be for political or any other causes," Kirstein said.

Report compiled by Ismail Lagardien of 61 Commando Road, Industria.

Give us equal health demand the medics

By SOPHIE TEMA and CONNIE MOLUSI

DISCRIMINATION in state health services came under attack this week and was blamed for causing unnecessary distress, mainly for black patients.

The Health Campaign Co-ordinating Committee said discrimination greatly contributed to the increased cost of health care in South Africa.

The unnecessary duplication of facilities sometimes puts patients' health in jeopardy, the committee said..

It said discrimination caused unnecessary distress – mainly to black patients.

Doctors, staff and patients were frustrated at seeing white hospital wards closed down while black patients had to sleep, on the floor.

Privatisation would not remove the State's responsibility as the majority could not afford private health care

The also committee drew attention to the shortage of heart units for blacks

■ Reacting to the Mass Democratic Movement's proposed campaign at hospitals, the Transvaal Provincial Administration (TPA) issued a directive that "no person will be allowed to enter hospitals without permission"

TPA director-general Andre Cornelissen said notices would be put up at clinics and hospitals and trespassers would be liable to a fine of R2 000 or two years in prison

An MDM spokesman said the campaign had been planned with people in the medical and health services It was clear that medical workers wanted to desegregate services

■ Democratic Party co-leader Wynand Malan this week appealed to the MDM to reconsider using hospitals in its defiance campaign.

However, the DP recognised the right of the MDM to protest the injustices suffered by the majority of South Africans.

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Report by S Tema and C Molusi of 204 Eloff St Ext, Selby

Durban camp ringed by barbs

By S'BU MNGADI

SQUATTERS, whose camp on land earmarked for University of Zululand expansion was surrounded with rolls of barbed wire this week, have retaliated by cutting the barrier

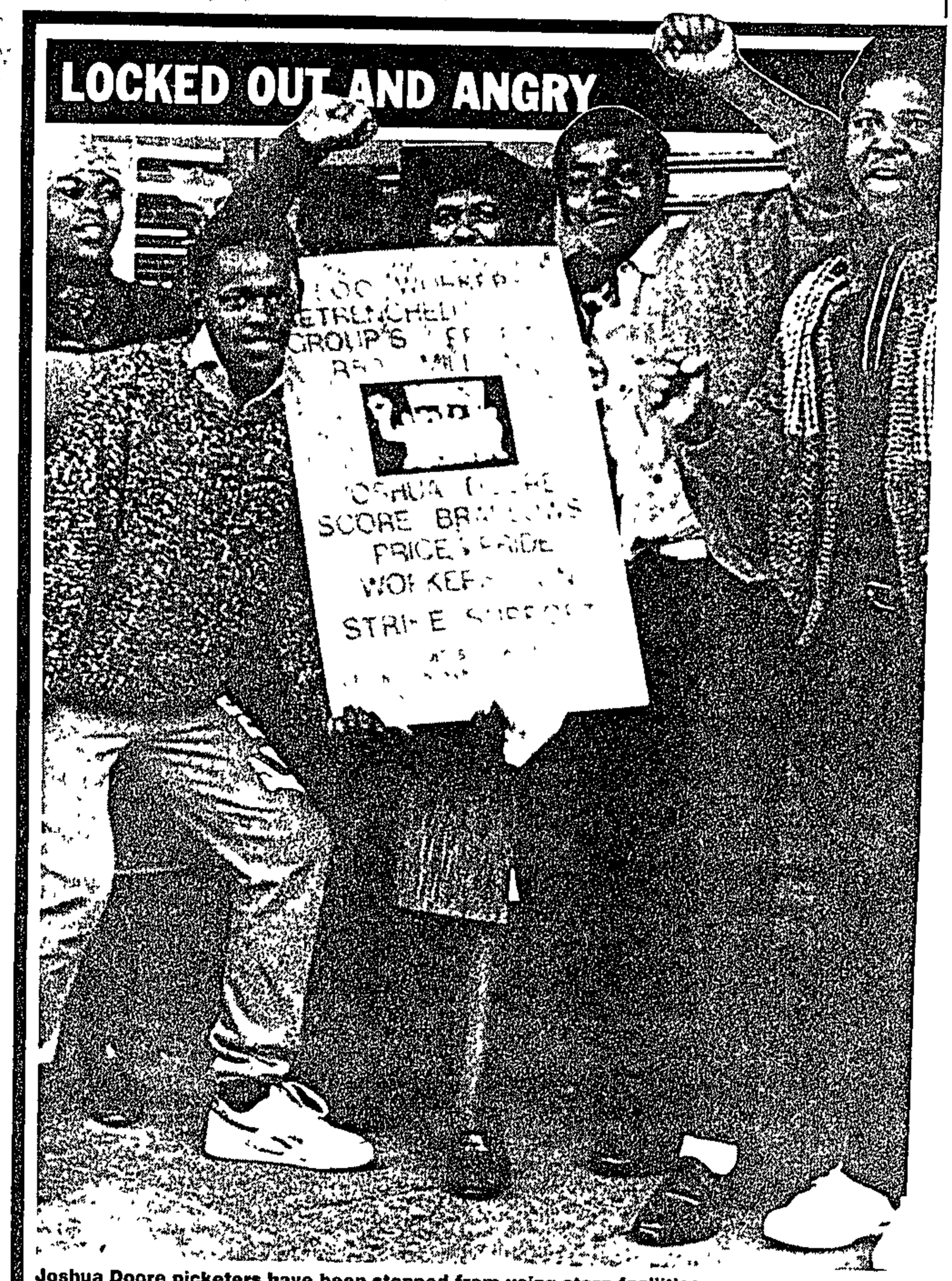
They set to work by night, armed with pliers, but each day university security staff repair the damage

The university had warned more than 800 squatters who erected about 200 shacks at Opikhweni in Umlazi, near Durban, to remove their property by last week

The squatters – many of whom said they were the victims of forced removal elsewhere – claimed police had arrested some of their neighbours

Durban, with its estimated 1,7 million homeless people, is said to be the second-fastest growing city in the world The black housing shortage there is acute.

University of Zululand vice-rector Professor HJ Dreyer said although he understood the squatters' dilemma, they could not continue building their shacks on university land.



Joshua Doore picketers have been stopped from using store facilities.

Company 'breaks agreement'

By MARTIN NTSOELENGOE

PICKETING Joshua Doore workers have accused the company of breaking a pledge not to lock them out.

An agreement between management and Ccawusa allowed workers to use toilets and tea-making facilities. It also allowed for liaison with the union before police were called in.

But this week most Johannesburg store managers barred picketers from their stores and some picketers had been arrested, workers said.

Trauma claims c

By S'BU MNGADI

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Post office document shows race bars stand

By EDDIE KOCH

A CONFIDENTIAL memorandum, leaked by sources in the Post Office, reveals that racial discrimination remains a cornerstone of employment practices in the Department of Post and Telecommunications.

The document, handed to *Weekly Mail* by the Post and Telecommunications Workers' Association (Potwa), indicates that hundreds of skilled positions in the department's engineering section are reserved for whites only.

It contradicts claims by the department that is has non-racial labour policies. The issue is set to become a major source of conflict during negotiations that are due to take place between Potwa and the Post Office later in the year.

The memorandum, entitled "Approved quotas for recruiting personnel in the Witwatersrand region for the 1989/90 year", stipulates that 845 out of a total of 991 jobs for trainees in the section should be held for whites.

Of the remaining 146 posts, 39 (just 3,94 percent of the total) should be reserved for Blacks, 70 for "coloureds" and 37 for Indians.

A number of skilled jobs — including those described in the document as "banking and machines", "air conditioning installations" and "mechanical aids" — are reserved exclusively for whites.

"Potwa has asserted that these discriminatory practices in the Post Office will always be a bone of contention between workers and management," said union president EK Mosunkutu.

"We believe that this intensified racial recruitment is directed at co-opting white workers once more onto the side of the state particularly because of the growing resistance they are facing over plans to privatise the postal services."

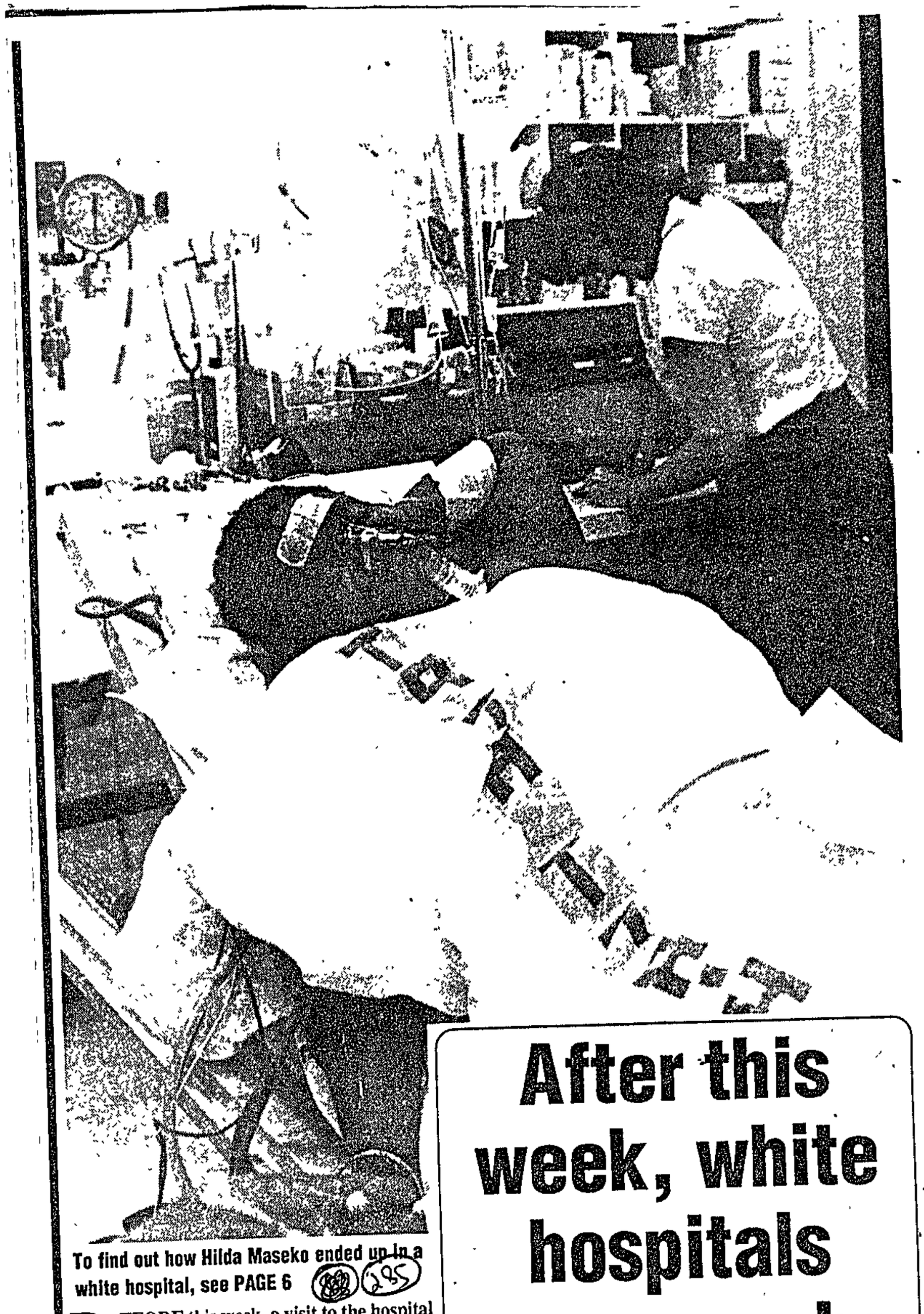
Mosunkutu told the *Weekly Mail* that the document had been presented to Potwa by sources inside the Post Office. He said the union would raise the issue with management during talks set down for later in the year.

The union also planned to mobilise support from community-based organisations because of the serious implications that the discriminatory practices had for unemployment levels in the townships.

"The figures shown in the document will not sit well with our people, particularly the young. That they have been denied the opportunity of proper education is bad enough. That they still face massive discrimination in the way they are recruited is totally unacceptable," said Mosunkutu.

A representative for the Department of Post and Telecommunications said: "It is the declared policy of the department that no work sphere should be reserved for a specific population group. This in effect means that the principle of the best man for the job should apply.

"The so-called quota system merely represents a projection of the department's manpower requirements for one or more ensuing years and in which staff turnover, expected growth and other relevant considerations, such as the available supply of suitable candidates with the necessary scholastic qualifications are taken into account with a view to setting recruitment targets ... the quota system is not applied as a mechanism to limit employment of the different population groups."



After this week, white hospitals can never be the same

To find out how Hilda Maseko ended up in a white hospital, see PAGE 6

BEFORE this week, a visit to the hospital for Patricia Khumalo of kwaMashu would take the whole day.

She would leave her home in the Natal township at 5am for King Edward Hospital, stand in interminable queues before being treated, and get home, exhausted, late in the afternoon.

On Wednesday she rose just before 8am, and barely two hours later was being treated at the

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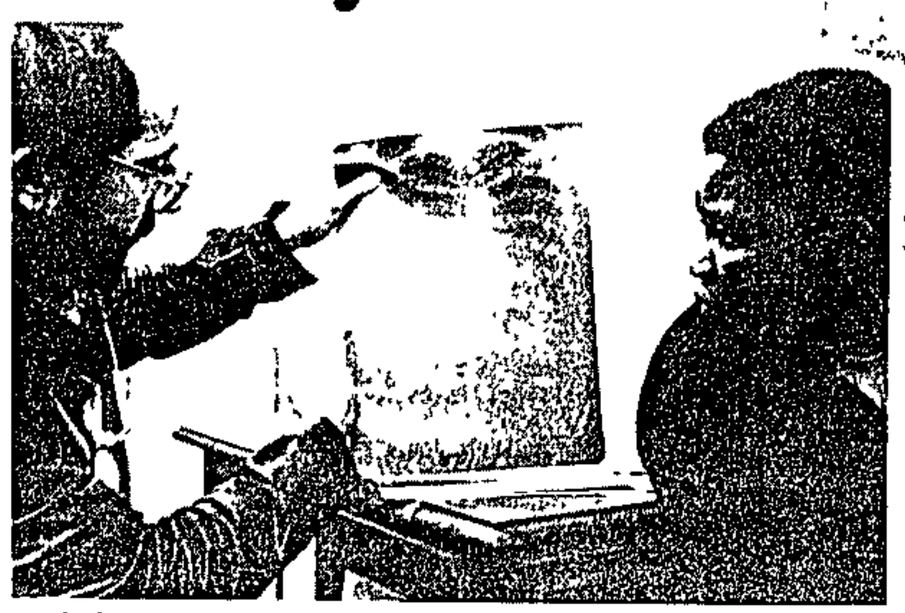
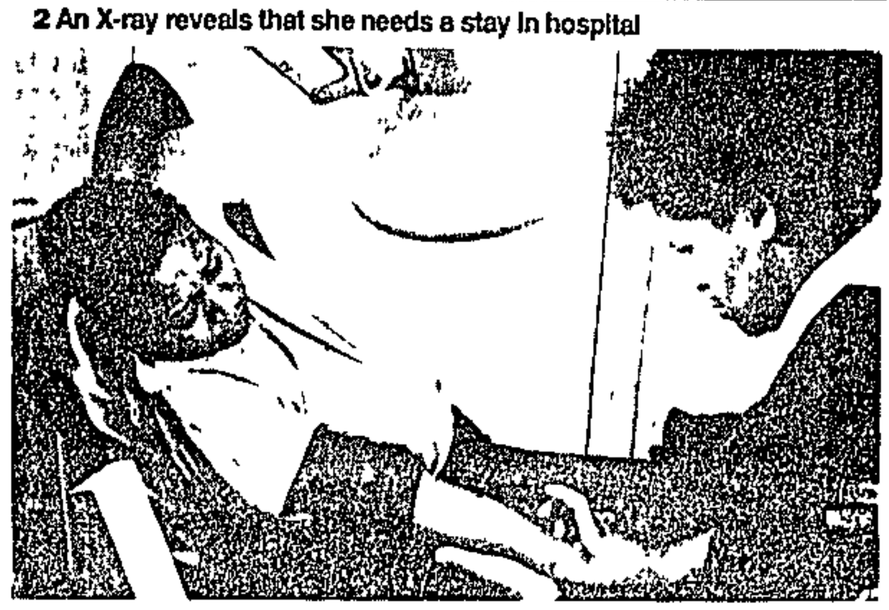
Hilda Maseko makes history with an



1 Hilda Maseko, stabbed during the night, is examined by a casualty section doctor



2 An X-ray reveals that she needs a stay in hospital



3 A nurse puts a needle into Maseko's arm to insert a drip

A black patient gets a warm welcome at a 'white' hospital

If Hilda Maseko had been stabbed a day earlier, she would have been sent to Tembisa hospital, 30 kilometres away. But Hilda was stabbed on the night of the 'hospital protests' — and she ended up instead at nearby, well-equipped Johannesburg Hospital. This is the story of an ambulance ride which made a little history

Pictures: GISELLE WULFSOHN
Story: BELINDA BERESFORD

Hilda Maseko, 27, arrived at the Alexandra Health clinic at 11.55. She had been stabbed in the back the previous night by "tsotsis" and was complaining of pain and shortness of breath.

Blood from the wound and air entering the chest through the wound had collapsed one lung.

According to the doctor in casualty, she needed surgical intervention: an "intercostal drain" to remove the blood from her lung. The drain would need to stay in her chest for several days, and she also needed chest physiotherapy. This meant she had to stay in hospital.

Alexandra Clinic is in Sandton and is supposed to send all patients in need of hospital treatment to Tembisa Hospital 30km away — in contrast to Johannesburg Hospital, only 10km away.

But Maseko arrived at the Alex Clinic on Wednesday, at the start of the "mass democratic movement's" defiance campaign. One of the aims of the campaign is to desegregate hospitals by having black patients seek attention at the nearest hospital, whether it is "white" or "black".

So with her permission, Maseko was loaded into an ambulance and driven to Johannesburg Hospital. The doctor escorted her in case she was turned away and sent to Tembisa.

At Johannesburg Hospital the demonstrators had left and the hospital was quiet. Maseko was taken straight into a resuscitation room in the emergency unit.

White nurses efficiently removed Maseko's clothing underneath a sheet. Within minutes the doctor in the unit had fresh x-rays and was getting ready to insert the drain.

Explaining gently what he was about to do, the doctor gave Maseko a local anaesthetic and started to cut into her chest. The peace of the room was suddenly broken by screams of pain. Apparently the anaesthetic does not always reach the membrane surrounding the lungs and the patient can feel incisions.

Several long painfilled minutes later, the drain was in place. Deep red blood poured down a clear tube into a bottle quickly filling it.

More x-rays were taken to check the positioning of the tubes, and Maseko was wheeled upstairs into a private room, with two beds, in the trauma ward.

Maseko was the only black patient on the ward, although according to reports the trauma unit has been multi-racial for four years. The doctor in charge of the emergency unit said the only criterion in admitting patients is the severity of their injuries.

In fact, Alex Clinic director Tim Wilson yesterday thanked the superintendant and staff of the Johannesburg Hospital "for the help they have given to us and our patients in emergency situations in the past" as well as that given yesterday.

But as a result of its staff shortage, the trauma unit tries to accept only the most critical cases which other hospitals cannot deal with.

The defiance campaign has turned the spotlight on South Africa's overloaded public health facilities.

According to a National Medical and Dental Association spokesman, the campaign organisers had decided to focus on four hospitals which were close to a large black community and where there was no easily accessible alternative for black patients. For these reasons, the controversial JG Strijdom hospital was not targeted.

The lack of provision for black patients has long been a matter of public record, but white hospitals are now suffering as a result of the escalating costs of apartheid health administration.

Hospital facilities are being scaled down because of a lack of funds. It is rumoured that the Johannesburg Hospital trauma department's intensive care unit, the only one in South Africa, is to be closed next week.

Stress, low pay and long hours have resulted in many nurses leaving state hospitals. Because of the nursing shortage, Johannesburg Hospital is only using 830 beds out of a possible 1 800. Although it is a white hospital, over half the nurses are black.

Earlier this month, a white woman in need of intensive care had to be transferred to Baragwanath Hospital because Johannesburg Hospital did not have the staff to care for her.

Despite the desperate need for their services, black nurses still face petty discrimination at the Johannesburg Hospital. They are not allowed to stay at the nurses' residences and to avoid long bus journeys many live "illegally" in Hillbrow.

The children of black nurses are not allowed to attend the hospital's creche and nursery school. In addition, black nurses are not allowed to transfer to Johannesburg Hospital from other hospitals under the jurisdiction of the Transvaal Provincial Administration (TPA). To take up a job in Johannesburg, they have to resign, with attendant loss of service benefits.

Black non-medical staff at Johannesburg hospital receive emergency treatment there if they are injured during working hours. Otherwise they are treated like any other patient and moved to Baragwanath. According to Namda, the same applies to Addington Hospital in Natal, where injured black workers are moved to King Edward VIII Hospital.

Johannesburg only trains white nurses, most of whom go into private practice. Although there are many black applicants for training, their numbers are restricted by quotas imposed at white nursing schools — prompting one doctor to say that the health services were "starving in the midst of plenty".

South Africa has a growing shortage of doctors, particularly in the rural areas, where doctors doing their military service often have to be used.

A survey conducted earlier this year showed that 39 percent of fourth-, fifth-, and sixth-year medical students at the University of the Witwatersrand were considering emigration. Military conscription was the main reason. 59 percent placed it first or second on their list of reasons for wanting to leave. Forty-seven percent said that they would remain if there were a community service alternative to serving in the army.

It has been estimated that between 40 and 50 percent of doctors and graduating medical students are leaving the country. According to a doctor at Wits, Rhodesia lost about 80 percent of its medical graduates in the final stages of the Rhodesian war.

In American medical circles, South Africa is apparently referred to as "America's best medical school".

At JG Strijdom Hospital, a battle rages on between Wits University and the TPA over the latter's announcement earlier this year that the hospital, a teaching hospital for all races, would become "own affairs"—

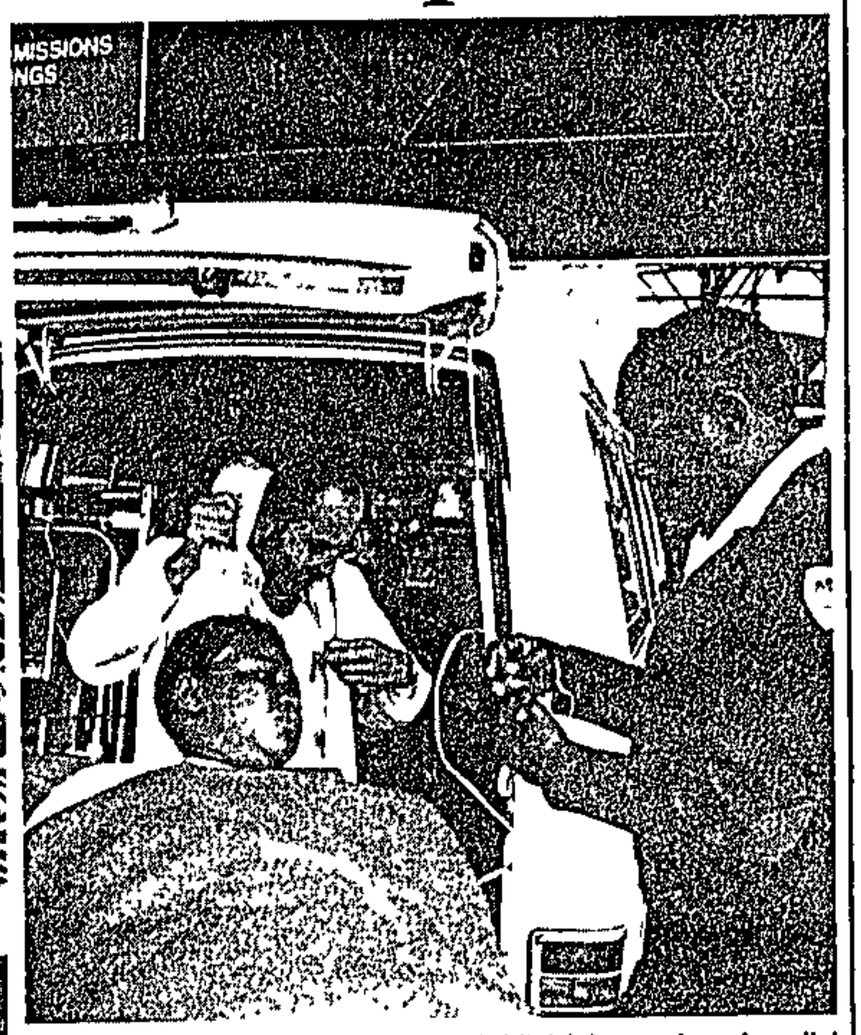


7 A warm welcome: Nurses help Maseko off the stretcher

ambulance ride to a white hospital



4 Stretcher-borne Maseko is wheeled to an ambulance outside the Alexandra clinic



6 Moment of truth Maseko arrives at 'white' Johannesburg hospital



5 Inside the ambulance, the doctor leans over his patient to reassure her

Defiance: hospitals won't ever be the same again

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whites only The decision was strongly attacked by the staff, who threatened to resign *en masse*, and by the university, which threatened to withdraw the hospital's teaching status and all facilities

According to reports, the university has given the hospital authorities an ultimatum it will withdraw all staff at the beginning of next year unless the hospital is opened before then

In a statement this week on the campaign by the MDM, Professor Clive Rosendorff, the dean of medicine at Wits, said "Different standards of health care for different race groups in segregated hospitals is an abomination . We support any doctor who refuses to accept race as a criterion by which patients are admitted "

The problems at white hospitals pale into insignificance compared to those of their black counterparts According to the TPA, R209 is spent per day on each patient at the Johannesburg Hospital Baragwanath spends R45 per patient per day

At Baragwanath, patients wait in long queues to be seen by a doctor Men and women share the same wards Many patients sleep on the floor because there are no beds, and toilet and ablution facilities are inadequate

The shortage of medical and nursing staff at the hospital means there is no time to reassure and support patients There have been reports of doctors supplying mattresses to patients, and nurses buying their own thermometers

Baragwanath Hospital became the scene of controversy last year after 101 staff members signed a letter of protest against the conditions there After the letter appeared in the South African Medical Journal, staff who had signed it lost promotions and were asked to write an apology or lose their jobs

In Pretoria the white HF Verwoerd hospital has a separate "black" section adjacent to the section for whites

nounced simultaneously included protests and rallies, culminating in a week of "mass action" from September 1 to 6, during which there will be a march from Mitchells Plain to Cape Town.

Restricted organisations announced a plan to declare themselves "unbanned" at a rally marking the UDF's birthday on August 20, while joint protests by students and teachers at universities, training colleges and schools are scheduled for Tuesday and Wednesday next week.

The press conference followed a morning of protest action by students at high schools in Mitchells Plain, where barricades burned and teargas canisters popped for the second week running.

Students as well as teachers from many of the township's high schools were turned back by police when they attempted to stage marches on the offices of the Department of Education and Culture in the (Coloured) House of Representatives in the Mitchells Plain town centre.

They were demanding the release of seven students detained during the past two weeks and the dropping of public violence charges against some students.

Soon after the marching students were turned back, police visited a number of schools where students had regrouped and ordered them to go home. Three key members of the Western Cape Schools Congress were arrested by police in Belhar.

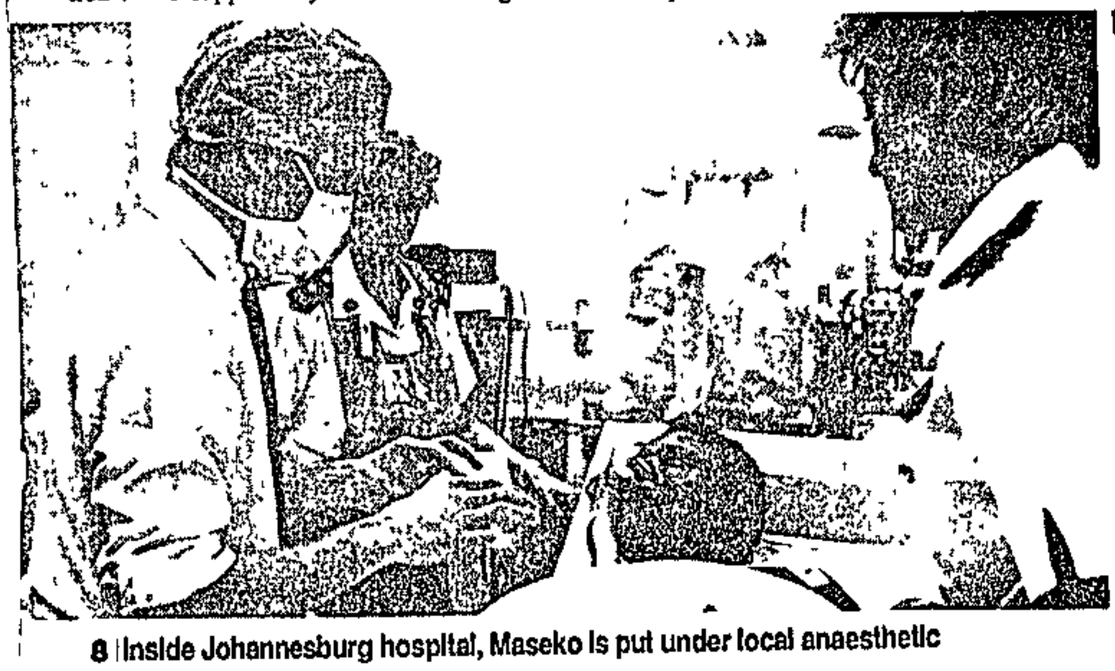
Tomorrow's funeral in Athlone for Coline Williams and Robbie Waterwitch, the two activists whose mutilated bodies were found at the scene of the first of a series of blasts which rocked the Peninsula a fortnight ago, is being regarded as a key event in the planned programme of action.

Police this week meet the committee arranging the funeral. Sources said a high-ranking police officer asked for details of the route of the funeral procession and said he "did not want to interfere" with the funeral.

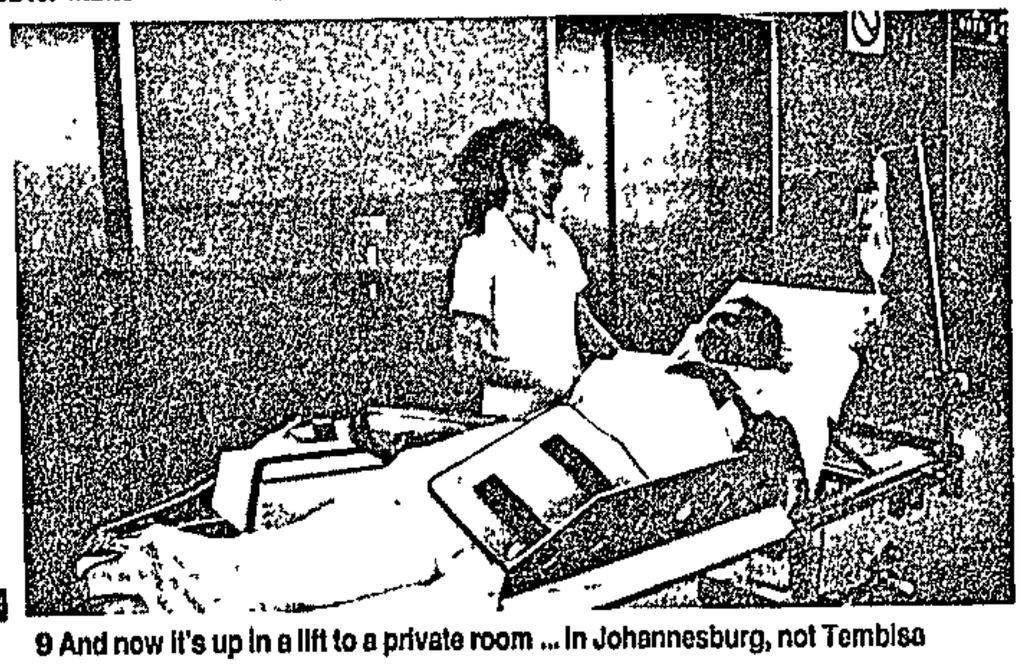
Also on this weekend's agenda are planned visits to Groote Schuur Hospital, where veteran trade unionist and former Western Cape UDF president Oscar Mpetha will be celebrating his 80th birthday.

Attorney Essa Moosa said all the activities should be seen in the context of a peaceful programme of non-violent mass action, directed against apartheid laws and "addressing the immediate needs of our people.

"We are saying we can no longer jail ourselves, nor accept segregation and racial division, nor stand silent in the face of the crushing economic problems of the mass of our people," he said.



8 Inside Johannesburg hospital, Maseko is put under local anaesthetic



9 And now it's up in a lift to a private room ... in Johannesburg, not Tembisa

CP chases black engineers out of Witbank

By Therese Anders, Highveld Bureau STAR

Three black engineers, two working for Anglo American and the third for American-owned Cyanamid, have been hounded out of their company accommodation in white Witbank residential areas

Credit for evicting the Anglo engineering students from Highveld Steel's single quarters has been claimed by Witbank's Conservative Party MP, Mr Wynand van Wyk, a former NGK minister.

He complained the men were contravening the Group Areas Act Anglo moved them to a racially open hotel in Witbank

Mr van Wyk said last week he had been involved in removing about 15 black residents from white Witbank suburbs "by asking the police to help, or the CP itself asking these people to go".

The Cyanamid chemical engineer, a coloured, and his family were recently forced out of town after receiving threatening telephone calls from unknown people telling them to leave.

The family had been staying in a house normally used for white employees on Cyanamid property just north of Witbank.

A Cyanamid spokesman said that "other arrangements" had been made for the coloured engineer and the company was building a house for him

The Star has learnt that the engineer is staying in the Kinross area and makes a 160 km round trip each day to get to work. Cyanamid is building a house for him in Schoengezicht coloured area.

Anglo American spokesman Mr Paul Clothier confirmed that two black engineering students had been removed from Highveld Steel's single quarters "following complaints from the CP that the corporation was contravening the Group Areas Act".

The men were then accommodated at Witbank's Boulevard Hotel.

Said Mr Clothier: "This incident highlights the need for the government to act on racial legislation like the Group Areas Act which hampers the endeavours of companies in the Anglo American group and others from employing, training, promoting and rewarding their employees irrespective of race."

Mr van Wyk gave up his ministry, a church house and R140 000 pension to stand for the CP in 1987.

(Report by T Anders, 47 Sauer Street, Johannesburg)

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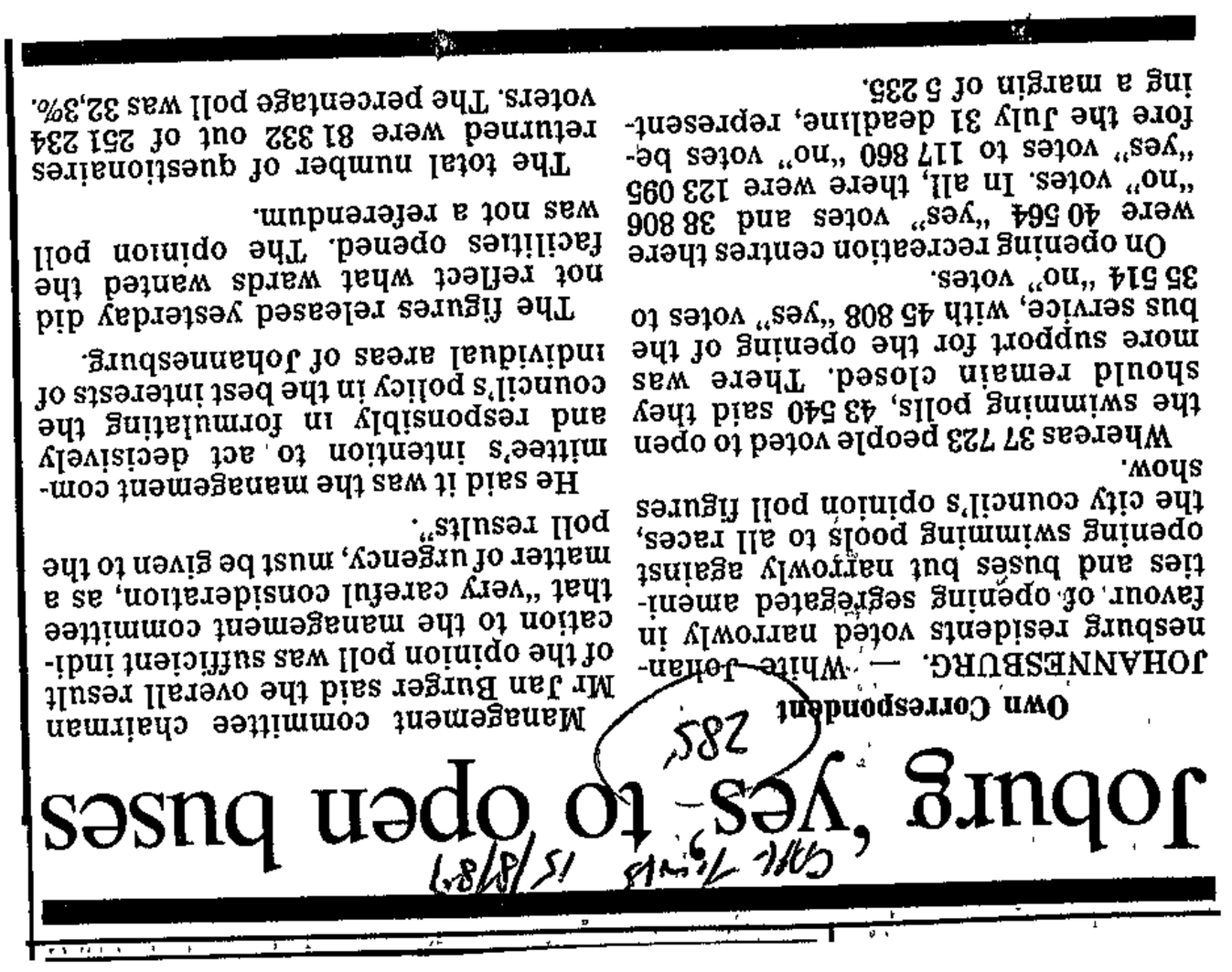

Joburg 'yes' to open buses

Own Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG. — White Johannesburg residents voted narrowly in favour of opening segregated amenities and buses but narrowly against opening swimming pools to all races, the city council's opinion poll figures show.

Whereas 37 723 people voted to open the swimming polls, 43 540 said they should remain closed. There was more support for the opening of the bus service, with 45 808 "yes" votes to 35 514 "no" votes.

On opening recreation centres there were 40 564 "yes" votes and 38 806 "no" votes. In all, there were 123 095 "yes" votes to 117 860 "no" votes before the July 31 deadline, representing a margin of 5 235.

Management committee chairman Mr Jan Burger said the overall result of the opinion poll was sufficient indication to the management committee that "very careful consideration, as a matter of urgency, must be given to the poll results".

He said it was the management committee's intention to act decisively and responsibly in formulating the council's policy in the best interests of individual areas of Johannesburg.

The figures released yesterday did not reflect what wards wanted the facilities opened. The opinion poll was not a referendum.

The total number of questionaires returned were 81 332 out of 251 234 voters. The percentage poll was 32,3%.

Whites fail to take plunge over open pools

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Burger said last month the opinion poll was not a referendum although the opinions of the voters would be taken into account when the committee decided on a policy.

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Pools poll

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returned was 81 332 out of 251 234.

The percentage poll was 32,3% compared with 42,7% in October's municipal elections.

Burger said the committee felt all responses should be taken into account in formulating a final policy.

He added: "For this reason daily returns are being monitored."

Some 4 304 questionnaires were returned after the July 31 deadline.

DP chief whip in the council, Paul Asherson, said last night he thought the overall results were surprising and encouraging because of the intervention of the rightwing which whipped up racial hatred and orchestrated the return of no votes.

"Overall the voice of reason has triumphed in Johannesburg," he added.

He said the majority of yes votes was encouraging in the light of the September 6 general election because Johannesburg residents had voted against the NP policy of segregation and supported the DP's call for a yes vote.

"It shows the NP are out of step with the voters' wishes and it must now have the guts to follow the overall leaning of the poll and open all facilities," Asherson said.

New deadline for council

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THE deadline for Boksburg Town Council to open public amenities to all race groups — or face legal action — has been extended to August 23 when the council will meet on the issue.

The CP-controlled council was originally given until 4.30 pm yesterday to act on a legal request by chairman of the Reiger Park management committee, Mr Butch Jantjes, to open public facilities.

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Bid for removal of racist signs

Pretoria Correspondent

Three Carletonville businessmen, headed by Mr Sonnel Geoffrey Waks, yesterday asked Mr Justice Eloff, the deputy Judge President, to set aside a decision of the Carletonville Town Council to reserve public parks solely for whites.

The action, in the Pretoria Supreme Court, asked the court to set aside the decision to put up whites-only signs at parks in Carletonville.

The council was also required to remove all signs reserving parks for whites.

Mr Waks, owner of Blyvoor Timber and Hardware in Carletonville, said in an affidavit his shop was supported by black and white people, and 20 percent of his turnover was due to black buying power.

He said the withdrawal of black buying power in Carletonville had had a noticeable effect on his business.

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He had 12 black employees and they were grieved about the town council's decision to reserve parks for whites.

Court papers said that black employees used parks during lunch.

Mr Waks, supported by other applicants, said the council's decison was not in the interest of Carletonville residents, but for furthering the CP aims.

In a replying affidavit the chairman of the Carletonville Management Committee, Mr Johannes Jacobus Gideon Nel, denied that the applicants had reasonable grounds to have brought the application.

He said before the 1988 elections they received complaints about littering, loafing, and urinating in public.

After the election it was decided to reserve parks for whites only.

He said malicious rumours in February which stated that the council was going to introduce a night-permit system was the cause of the consumers' boycott.

The decision to reserve parks was an excuse for boycotts, he said.

The hearing continues.

The old seeds of miners' discontent

The National Union of Mineworkers and mine owners are embroiled in a controversy over the segregation of facilities in the industry. The conflict was sparked by the MDM defiance campaign — but its seeds were sown over many years of discrimination against black miners, writes Labour Reporter MIKE SILUMA.

The current controversy between the National Union of Mineworkers (NUM) and mine management over the issue of segregated facilities in the mining industry reflects deep-seated differences of perception between the industry's black workforce and mainly white employers.

Although the NUM and industry spokesmen agree racial discrimination must be abolished, the issue has come to a head only since the Mass Democratic Movement (MDM) announced its defiance campaign to dismantle apartheid in public facilities.

NUM is an affiliate of the Congress of SA Trade Unions, an MDM participant.

Following the MDM declaration last month, Anglo American Corporation and the Chamber of Mines have sought clarification from NUM on how it proposed to carry out the campaign in the industry.

Anglo went further, issuing a warning to NUM members that those taking part in the campaign through the use of disputed mine facilities faced disciplinary action.

Despite the warning, NUM members at various mines have, over the past month, participated in actions including using segregated buses, change houses, toilets and canteens. In some instances NUM members have used the same lifts as white workers to and from their underground work-places.

By NUM and management accounts, the campaign has led to a fair amount of confrontation between NUM members, mine managements and white miners. A number of NUM members have been dismissed from Anglo's Vaal Reefs Gold Mine for participating in the campaign.

Throughout the dispute, Anglo has maintained that while it agrees with the NUM about the need to eradicate discrimination in the workplace, it disagrees with the actions of NUM members.

Anglo's director of industrial relations, Mr Bobby Godsell, said what segregation remained in Anglo mines was based on rank and not race. White mine workers enjoyed certain privileges not available to most black miners because of their seniority, not their racial classification.

Anglo was, however, prepared to discuss the issue of segregation with NUM and white unions, to achieve not only a non-racial work-place but a harmonious one.

Echoing the Anglo viewpoint, the Chamber's senior general manager of external relations, Mr Johann Liebenberg, said the Chamber "and all its members are unequivocally opposed to racial discrimination".

In this regard, said Mr Liebenberg, the Chamber had made representations to the Government and other unions to scrap legislation reserving certain mining jobs for whites; instituting successful legal action to facilitate the training of coloured winding engine drivers and to abolish the segregation of change houses.

The Chamber also condemned the Group Areas Act and other discriminatory laws "on every possible occasion".

Mr Liebenberg called on NUM "not to become involved in confrontational measures which carry the very real threat of ending in violence".

NUM, which rejected the Chamber's call to form a "working party" to fully explore the union's perception that racial discrimination still exists in the industry, sees the issue differently.

From the union's point of view, the issue cannot be looked at in isolation from the historical relationship between a black education system made inadequate by Government and laws reserving senior mining jobs for whites — factors which have ensured that to this day whites hold most senior jobs while most blacks occupy the lowest ranks of the occupational scale.

If the situation remained unchanged, white miners would continue to enjoy such privileges as family housing and superior facilities, while these benefits would still be denied the majority of black workers.

Not impressed

In a recent letter to the Chamber, NUM general secretary Mr Cyril Ramaphosa said the Chamber's suggestion for a "working party" was "a delaying, evasive tactic".

"We are not impressed by the Chamber's claim that it has abolished job reservation, for its practice has remained unchanged. Although there is an enormous pool of talent among black workers there are virtually none who are in positions higher than team leader or artisan's aide. The number of black workers who hold positions as miners or artisans is absurdly and unbelievably miniscule," said Mr Ramaphosa.

Violence and polarisation on the mines, pointed out Mr Ramaphosa, stemmed from the industry's own "system of labour control (which) separates (black miners) from both white miners and white management".

"NUM has to oppose those structures which insult and degrade its members; which depress and destroy their economic position, create reservoirs of cheap labour and hamper the process of unity."

Mr Ramaphosa said that "given a situation where the majority of the inhabitants of SA are denied political rights and are generally discriminated against because of their colour", support for the MDM campaign was "both legitimate and justified".

Court stops Carletonville council

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Ditch 'whites only' signs, judge orders

PRETORIA. — Carletonville Town Council was ordered yesterday by a Supreme Court judge here to remove "whites only" signs from public parks in the town.

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Mr Justice Eloff said that court intervention in such a matter had been lawfully established a number of times.

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He said the withdrawal of black buying power in Carletonville had a noticeable effect on his business, and he expected the effect would increase.

He also said his black employees often used parks during their lunch breaks but since the decision to allow only whites they had no alternative facilities and were forced to sit on sidewalks and traffic islands

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Open parks judge orders

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They also asked that the council be ordered to remove all signs reserving parks for whites.

Alternatively, the court was asked to order that parks in white residential areas and at the civic centre could not be reserved for the sole use of one race or colour, and

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that the town council was prohibited from refusing any person entry to parks on the grounds of colour or race.

Mr Justice Eloff said further that court intervention in such a matter had been lawfully established a number of times and referred to the matter of Shidiack versus the Minister of Interior.

"Interference would be possible and right if a person had acted mala fide or with ulterior and improper motives; if he had not applied his mind to the matter or exercised his discretion at all."

"In view of all the circumstances I find that the town council was not motivated to make the decision on account of a nuisance of black people," Justice Eloff said.

South 1st Sept 1989.

'We are like slaves... we are known by numbers'

Separate lift cages, inferior canteens, discriminatory treatment and racist attitudes. These are some complaints voiced by miners amid strict security and razor wire fences.

By VUSI GUNENE

TWO-METRE high fences, rolls of razor wire, security checkpoints and queues of black workers with plastic identification bands on their wrists. These were my lasting impressions of a visit to the President Steyn Gold Mine near Welkom this week.

A NUM organiser called *Mancane*, a nickname he has earned for being short and slightly built, agreed to accompany the *Weekly Mail* on a tour to investigate union claims of endemic racism on the mine.

My first mistake was to arrive at the union offices in Welkom in a vehicle with the newspaper's name painted in bright blue on the side of the door — *Mancane* assured me that was the quickest way to attract some unwelcome attention.

The only solution was to buy some white paper and tape and cover up the signs before setting out on our visit to the mine's three operating shafts.

We started at Number Four Shaft, where we found three black mine security officials dressed in paramilitary uniforms. *"Wena aikhona ngena lapha* — you cannot come in here," was their response to our request for entrance to the shaft.

The small entrance was flanked by a two-metre fence topped with a roll of razor wire. A row of workers, each with plastic bands strapped to their wrists, waited outside the gate. As they passed the guards, they raised their hands to provide the identification required to enter the mine.

A group of women sat on blankets next to their belongings on the lawn. "These people come looking for their husbands and usually the security officials call the miners on the public address system. Then these women have to wait for hours, and if the particular worker does not arrive they are told to leave the compound. There is little provision for them despite the fact that some of them might have travelled a long way," said *Mancane*.

We proceeded to Number One Shaft, where we met a group of union members, including Joseph Nyalunga, a member of the shaft stewards' committee.

"Brother, life on the mines changed drastically after our strike in 1987," said Nyalunga. "You see this wrist band (pointing to it). It has a code number. We are like slaves and we are known by our numbers.

"When we go for our shifts, we have to queue and show our wrist bands to security guards at a gate that can only accommodate one person — even though the security personnel had known us for as long as we have been employed here.

"Then from there you have to go through another security checkpoint leading underground. This is a sophisticated system and you need to have a computerised identity card together with the wrist band."

Further investigation revealed that while white workers also carry magnetic identification cards they are not required to wear armbands.

"From there we have to wait for the lifts at the crush station," said Nyalunga. "Ours is called a 'cage' and has three decks, with each allowing

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Whites-only signs declared illegal

Upset for CP 'good news for Boksburg'

By Louise Burgers

Businessmen and community leaders fighting the Boksburg Town Council's petty apartheid laws have been encouraged by a Pretoria Supreme Court ruling yesterday declaring "whites-only" signs in Carletonville illegal.

The decision by the Conservative Party-controlled town council in Carletonville to reintroduce petty apartheid in terms of the Separate Amenities Act was annulled in an action brought by three of the town's businessmen.

'Very positive'

Community leaders from the coloured township of Reiger Park in Boksburg are at present engaged in an action against the CP-controlled council to have the reservation of certain facilities for whites only declared invalid.

The law firm handling the matter is awaiting a reply to a letter sent to the council before proceeding with the action.

The chairman of the Reiger Park management committee, Mr Butch Jantjes, said the Carletonville ruling was "very positive".

"It will definitely affect our case," he said. "It is a very positive decision and the prophets of doom can lay off. There is light at the end of the tunnel and we are going full steam ahead with our case. We are very confident now."

Mr Jantjes said Reiger Park residents who were still boycotting Boksburg had suffered, but would "emerge victorious".

"It's wonderful news," the chairman of the Boksburg Chamber of Commerce, Mr Johann Viljoen, exclaimed on hearing of the Carletonville ruling.

"That's definitely good news for Boksburg."

In Carletonville, where business has suffered greatly because of the consumer boycott by the black community, the news was received with cautious optimism.

"The damage has been done," said a businessman who did not want to be named, "many of us have lost money."

The president of the Carletonville Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Mrs Annatjie Claasen, said she believed the CP would appeal against the decision.

"At this stage we feel pleased," she said, "but it was so unecessary that this had to go to court in the first place.

"The human dignity of our black population was insulted and we as business people must put it right. I hope that things will revert back to normal now, for the sake of our town and the friendships and feelings between all the race groups.

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Price of a defier's bus fare: charges of conspiracy

Most people involved in defiance campaign did not get to ride on Pretoria's 'whites only' buses but the protestors made their point.
By VUSI GUNENE

"I HATE the white buses. It took me two days to reach my workplace on the white buses They're horrible" This was the conclusion reached by Reverend Gideon Makhanya, one of this week's Pretoria "bus apartheid" defiers

But, like the buses or not, Makhanya paid a price for trying them out

Makhanya, who has been released on bail, was one of 13 people — fieldworkers of the Pretoria Council of Churches and Koinonia, as well as students — arrested after attempting to board whites-only buses in the capital

Some have been charged with "conspiracy", and others with conspiracy and contravention of the Separate Amenities Act.

The bus action formed part of one of the nationwide defiance campaign's most innovative initiatives turning the time-honoured bus boycott tactic on its head, blacks demanded access to white buses with the aim of having them eventually desegregated

Most were unsuccessful, but the point was made dramatically. This week, in response to groups of black people gathering at bus stops, municipal buses went empty, leaving white commuters puzzled, stranded — and late for work

Empty buses did not stop where black people were seen to be waiting to board for rides to the city centre

Pretoria, with a policeman on virtually every street corner, was seemingly unable to cope with the small numbers of campaigners Inspectors, too, were at a loss as to how to deal with the black, ticket-holding commuters, who asked for nothing more than a seat on the bus

Whites were bemused one woman said plaintively "What is the point of having a bus coupon when you can't ride the bus?"

Many stranded whites had to resort to other forms of transport as the campaign gained momentum this week And the issues were brought home to them directly, with many having to make up their own minds about whether they objected to the presence of black commuters or not — and whether their objections outweighed the inconvenience caused

The relatively small numbers of campaigners were mostly workers affiliated to the Congress of South African Trade Unions, and students from the Medical University of South Africa, the Mamelodi branch of Vista University, and the University of South Africa

They assembled at five points in Pretoria. Said a member of the Standing for Truth Campaign "Our point was to expose and record the fact that apartheid is still alive in Pretoria, and to let the international community know about it

"Even though our peaceful protests were met with aggressive actions, our point has been sent home — mainly that apartheid still reigns in Pretoria."

When the campaign took off on Monday, a large police presence at Silverton, Proclamation Hill, Sunnyside Park and Pretoria North was visible White commuters were instructed to move to stops where there were no campaigners.

"Here, die mense is baie nou," (Lord, these people are now many) said a bus inspector in Pretoria North as about 30 protesters approached

A short while later police arrived and approached the campaigners in a bid to disperse them

Nevertheless, several protesters did manage to board buses, and some confronted racism head-on One campaigner told the *Weekly Mail* "A white woman had to remove her children from where I was seated, and moved three seats in front"

The 13 people who had been arrested by late yesterday were Gideon Makhanya, Sandy Lebese, David Setsepa, Peter Maluleke, Phillip Maponya, Benjamin Chiloane, Kedibone Mokgale, Helena Saayman, Jonas Mohlala, Leonard Kgatle, Patricia Hall, Godfrey Lebong, and Nomvula Masango. All will appear in the Pretoria Magistrate's Court at a later date

The campaign took a new turn later this week as Cosatu-affiliated municipal workers resolved not to clean whites-only municipal buses

Cosatu local committees in Pretoria have also decided to embark on sitins and demonstrations against the Labour Relations Act, and in support of the bus defiance campaign.

And in an open letter to "fellow Pretorians", the capital's top church leaders — including Catholic Archbishop George Daniel, Anglican Archbishop Richard Kraft, and Methodist Bishop Hansie Matheuss — called on all inhabitants to "join us in normalising public transportation and other segregated features of our City

"We appreciate the efforts that have been made by our City Council to open certain parks, cinemas, restaurants, taxis, and more generally the central business district to all people. We are even more impressed by the efforts that business and industry have made along this road However, such efforts stand in stark contrast to those features of our common life as yet untouched"

The bishops said the defiance initiatives were an attempt to "confront the issue without confronting other people It is not our intention that anyone should be harassed, threatened or arrested other than if they break a specific law

"It is disturbing to us that some of those who have joined in this Standing for the Truth Campaign in Pretoria have been criminalised by arrest, have had their lives threatened and their homes attacked"

The church leaders undertook to "continue to communicate with the city council to try and find a way together to move forward"

Written requests for a meeting with municipal councillors have not yet received a response

Campaign organisers are holding daily meetings to evaluate and get report-backs from the various campaigning points, and there have been no signs of the anti-apartheid actions being called off

The progress of the campaign is also being monitored by diplomats from several Pretoria-based embassies

Asked to assess the effect of the campaign, Rev Ivor Jenkins of Koinonia said its "success could not be measured in terms of numbers of people who boarded the buses, but via the impact the campaign has had on both the authorities and the [illegible] company".

But he warned that an "aggressive response could lead to conflict, condemned violent acts of intimidation which preceded the launch of this week's campaign.



Defying 'bus apartheid'. Picture: STEVE HILTON-BARBER, Afrapix

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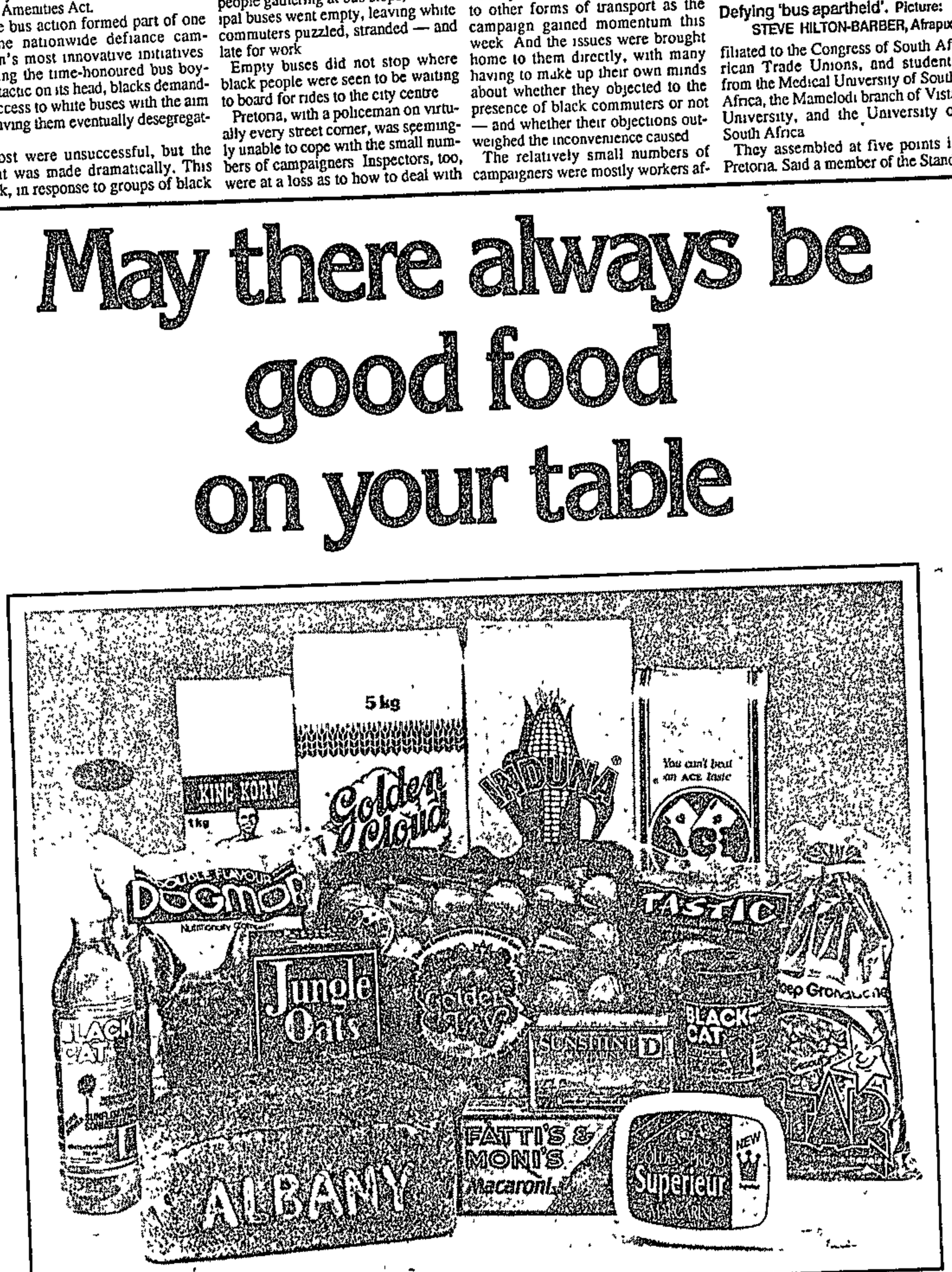

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Carletonville council given until Monday

PETER FABRICIUS and SAPA

THE Carletonville Town Council has now been given until Monday to remove "whites-only" signs in the town.

Carletonville's Chamber of Commerce initially threatened legal action against the council if the signs were not removed by 3 pm yesterday.

This came after the Pretoria Supreme Court ruled on Thursday that the signs must go.

The council felt yesterday's deadline was unreasonable and asked for an extension.

"We did not grant the extention," a spokesman for the chamber's legal advisers said yesterday afternoon.

"But we will not be unreasonable. We will proceed with an urgent legal application on Monday if the signs are not removed by then."

The action in the Pretoria Supreme Court was brought on August 23 by three Carletonville businessmen: Mr S G Waks, Mr J B Motsau and Mr A R Bhamjee.

Review

They asked the court to set aside the decision to reserve public parks for whites only; to review and set aside the decision to put up signs at public parks which say the parks are reserved for whites only; and to annul the council's decision totally.

Last night the Government reacted to the court ruling by saying this did not challenge the Reservation of Separate Amenities Act.

This followed widespread interpretation that the judgment meant all segregated facilities would have to go.

The judgment also prompted challenges to the Government to abolish the legislation.

Mr Roelf Meyer, Deputy Minister of Constitutional Development and Planning, said the Government had studied the judgment and had decided it applied to Carletonville only.

"Our deduction is that the judgment deals with the resolution by the Carletonville Town Council only.

"It affects that council and not others."

Mr Meyer said the Government had often expressed its rejection of the resolutions adopted by Carletonville and Boksburg to segregate facilities.

"We have said these resolutions are unjust and unfair to the people concerned and this judgment confirms what the Government has said."

Mr Meyer said the implication of the judgment seemed to be that if someone took the Boksburg Town Council to court for segregating facilities, he might win the case.

This was because the circumstances in Boksburg were similar to those of Carletonville.

"However, it cannot be deduced from this judgment that it applies to every case.

"I don't think one can construct this as a challenge to the whole Act."

Mr Meyer also responded to the challenge yesterday by Labour Party leader the Rev Allan Hendrickse and others to the Government to scrap the Reservation of Separate Amenities Act in the light of the judgment.

He said the question of this Act had been on the table for years and the Government had already tried to amend it.

He did not think this judgment would affect the process of reviewing the Act, which he would like to see continue.

"We have said that Boksburg and Carletonville are wrong in the sense that facilities that were open, were closed again for no good reason."

He said the Act would probably come under review again during the next session of Parliament.

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Parks ban is 'gross act'

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It was political decision, not in town's interests – judge

NORMAN CHANDLER

THE closing of parks to black people in Carletonville was described by a judge in the Pretoria Supreme Court this week as "an unreasonableness so gross as to be inexplicable".

The Deputy Judge-President of the Transvaal, Mr Justice C F Eloff, also said the Carletonville Town Council had acted in bad faith with residents when it took the decision in November

It was not a decision taken in the interests of the town, but "rather in the political interests of the Conservative Party", he said.

Three Carletonville businessmen — Mr Sorrel Waks, Mr John Motsau and Mr Abdul Bhamjee — had brought an application before the court to overturn the council's 'whites only" policy

All three, the court heard, had been adversely affected by the ongoing black consumer boycott of businesses which resulted from the council's policy This was denied by the council It claimed "malicious rumours" were the reason.

Lawyers' fees

Mr Justice Eloff declared null and void the council decisions on November 29 1988 and March 20 this year to reserve public parks for the use of whites only in terms of the Reservation of Separate Amenities Act

He ordered the council to pay the costs of the application, including the costs of two advocates.

Mr Justice Eloff said in his judgment that before November 29 'every non-white who found himself in Carletonville" was able to use the parks

After that date they were unable to do so, "and if they did, made themselves guilty of breaking the law", he said.

In the years before November 29, black people had used the parks and, in particular, Protea Park in the central business district

"The result of the decision was protest and boycott actions It is clear from evidence that business undertakings in Carletonville have suffered serious financial problems and will suffer in the future.

"This was, in my opinion, an obvious result of the council's decision

"It was to be expected that non-whites would see it as a hurtful, insulting and humiliating deed, and go over to visible protest of the type seen."

The judge, quoting extensively from previous judgments, said the council had used R1 100 of ratepayers' money to have notices denying access to blacks made for erection in parks

He said there were numerous legal arguments in support of his judgment.

One was the Director of Education (Transvaal) v McCagie and Others in 1918, in which the bench said the courts "have in several instances held that a ratepayer in a municipality has a *locus standi* to interdict the municipal council from dealing contrary to law with municipal funds or property "

Mr Justice Eloff found, in particular, that Mr Waks, as a ratepayer, had the right of *locus standi*

He added that Mr Justice H R Innes had found in a case involving the Municipality of Roodepoort-Maraisburg (now Roodepoort City Council) in 1918 that the local authority was duty bound "to keep the square open for the use and benefit of the inhabitants", but a dilemma arose because the Reservation of Separate Amenities Act of 1953 included a clause regarding the "allocation of open areas for the exclusive use of certain people"

He said the Act did not mean that Article 63 of the Provincial Ordinance, which designates parks being opened for the use of all — and which incorporates the Innes judgment — was a "dead letter"

Instead, it had to be kept in mind when a local authority decided on the usage of a park

The ordinance forces the authority to take into consideration the interests of the public

Mr Justice Eloff said "The question is how to reconcile the two

'On the one hand, local authorities have a statuatory right to keep parks for the use of the public as a whole, while on the other, they may in terms of Article 2 (1) of the (Reservation of Separate Amenities) Act keep such parks for the exclusive use of people of a particular race or class."

Mr Justice Eloff ruled that "when a local authority, for instance in the interests of a political ideology, takes a decision in terms of Article 2 (1) in favour of a particular race, while the wishes of a large section of the public are ignored, then that authority has not taken into account the overall aims of Article 63 "

He found that the Carletonville Town Council had acted in bad faith when it closed the parks, and that it was not a decision taken in the interests of the people of Carletonville but rather a decision taken "in the political interests of the Conservative Party"

Mr Justice Eloff said that the chairman of Carletonville Town Council's management committee, Mr J J G Nel, had provided the court "with an extremely sketchy statement" in which he had tried to convey the impression that the motivation for the decision was that complaints had been made about behaviour in the parks

The inference was that it was blacks who were misbehaving There had been claims of blacks urinating and swearing in the parks, and loud music being played on Sundays

Mr Justice Eloff asked why it was that all parks in the town were zoned for whites only, and that blacks were excluded from Protea Park in particular, and why had councils over the years not closed the parks to everyone except whites

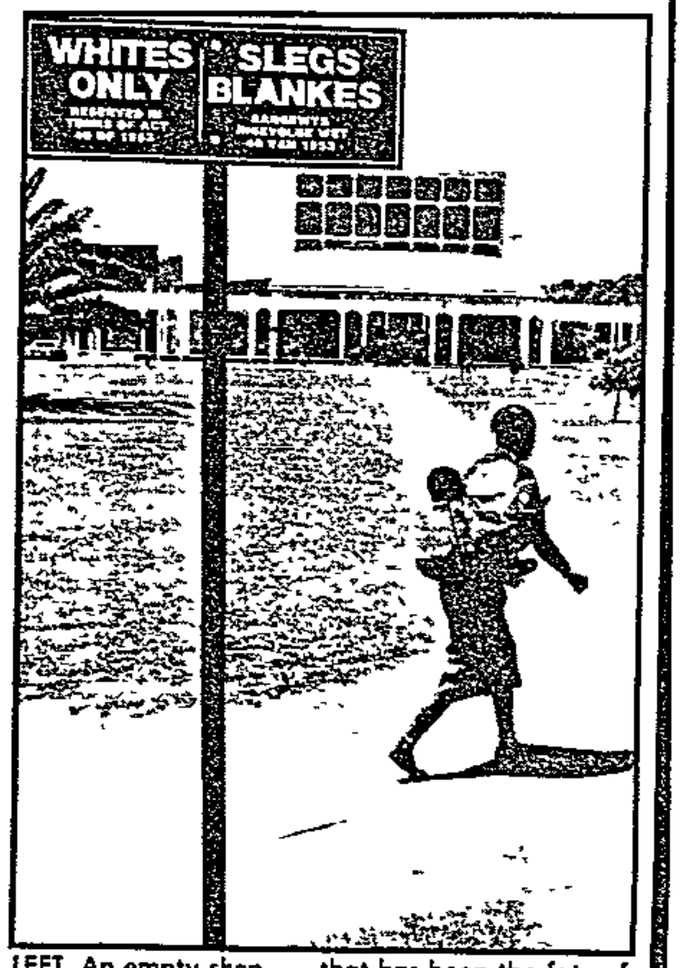
"It is difficult to understand why only whites should be allowed to enter Protea Park when evidence has been heard that few whites actually used the park. They used it merely as a pathway

"The fact that a specific political party gained the upper-hand in the municipal elections suggests that the philosophy of that party played a key roll in the decision that was taken," Mr Justice Eloff said

"In view of all the circumstances, I find the town council was not motivated to make the decision on account of a nuisance of black people "

He added that he found it difficult to believe Mr Nel's statement that the majority of voters in Carletonville were in favour of the steps taken by the council.





LEFT An empty shop . that has been the fate of Carletonville shopkeeper Mr Steven Rapelas since the consumer boycott began Maybe now it will again be business as usual. ABOVE One of the "whites-only" signs in parks which started the uproar.

Whites remove signs

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treated on its merits and legal action would have to be brought against each municipality, an expert said.

Municipalities which could now face challenges include Boksburg, Krugersdorp and Pietersburg.

CP leader Dr Andries Treurnicht said Carletonville would appeal against the decision.

He said the judgment would have far-reaching implications for the NP if it accepted the court's ruling.

A defiant Mr T J Ferreira, chief whip of CP-controlled Boksburg town council's management committee and parliamentary candidate for Hillbrow, said Boksburg would continue to enforce apartheid.

"I hope this will not be the start of leftist judges trying to enforce their liberal policies on people acting within the law," he retorted

"We (the CP) are fully entitled to enforce segregation of municipal facilities within the framework of existing laws"

Mr Ferreira — who insists blacks will be evicted from Hillbrow if he wins the seat in Parliament — said "I hope judges will not overthrow existing laws."

Boksburg, he said, would continue to ensure that all municipal facilities — including the Boksburg Lake — would remain open to whites only

Mr Tony Leon, DP leader in the Johannesburg city council, said: "The court's decision is very interesting and could have far-reaching implications for those municipalities that have reintroduced petty apartheid."

However, he insisted that nothing short of scrapping the Reservation of Separate Amenities Act could resolve the situation in CP and NP-controlled towns.

CP information officer Mr Koos van der Merwe said the party was likely to contest the decision as it appeared the court had challenged the validity of the Separate Amenities Act.

Boksburg Alliance member Mrs Pam Berry welcomed the court's ruling and has appealed to Boksburg business leaders and sports bodies to "take action" against further attempts to enforce old-style apartheid in the town.

The chairman of the Reiger Park management committee, Mr Butch Jantjies, called the move against Carletonville "very positive" and said Reiger Park residents who were still boycotting Boksburg had suffered, but would benefit in the end.

Whites remove CP town's racist signs after blacks take the day off

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By IVOR CREWS

THEY'VE gone! "Whites-only" signs in CP-ruled Carletonville were pulled down by white municipal workers this weekend — because black staff could not be found to do the job

A Pretoria Supreme Court order gave the West Rand town a deadline of 3pm on Friday, later extended to Monday, to remove petty apartheid signs.

This followed the landmark judgment this week by Mr Justice C F Eloff outlawing the reservation of Carletonville's public parks exclusively for whites.

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But council officials ran into problems when they discovered that black municipal staff had already been paid and given the rest of Friday off

Mrs Annetjie Claasen, president of the Carletonville Chamber of Commerce — which also insisted the racist signs be removed — said a lawyer acting for the chamber had approached acting town clerk Jack Pretorius who told him black staff were not available.

"Removing the signs is the kind of work that blacks do," Mr Pretorius told the lawyer

A witness said the signs were finally taken down by members of the Carletonville parks department.

Mr Glen Joubert, who lives opposite a park in Oranje Circle, said he saw three whites cutting down the "whites only" signs on Friday evening

"They cut about four signs off the iron poles with a blowtorch," he said

A spokesman for the fire department yesterday said members of the parks department were instructed to remove the signs by Mr Pretorius

When the Sunday Times visited a number of parks in the town yesterday they were mostly deserted and all the offending signs had been removed

The only "whites only" signs still in evidence were on toilet walls

The Conservative Party is now on a confrontation course with the judiciary as a result of this week's ruling

Merits

Legal experts predict it could lead to a series of actions in which other CP-controlled municipalities are also challenged

"Since a legal precedent has been set in the Transvaal, other judges will be hard-pressed to depart from the landmark decision," one expert said

"The judgment implies that wherever amenities were reserved for different race groups — including those in NP-controlled towns — they could now be successfully challenged"

However, each case would be

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Boksburg's hurt will take a long time to heal

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By SOPHIE TEMA

OLD scars haven't healed in Boksburg – the controversial Conservative Party-controlled town that brought back segregation after the municipal elections of September 26, 1988.

The CP also triggered the consumer boycott of white business by black buyers as anger mounted over the announcement that petty apartheid was coming back.

Blacks stayed away from town, bringing white businesses down, while the CP remained firm on their segregation policies.

Nearly twelve months have passed, and the country is facing a general election on Wednesday. But Boksburg may well remain the same until and if the CP is outvoted during the next municipal elections.

Recently the town council announced its intention to shut down The House of Mercy Clinic, the only non-racial clinic for patients with alcohol and drug-related problems, because it breaks the Group Areas Act.

The clinic, situated in a white area near the Reiger Park coloured township, caters for the Boksburg community – both black and white.

Founder and director of the House of Mercy, Father Stan Brennan, has warned the CP to keep its hands off the clinic.

The Save Boksburg Committee recently called a meeting to support Brennan's stand. Three thousand residents pledged to continue the boycott against Boksburg businesses.

Archbishop Denis Hurley told the crowd that Boksburg's Mayor De Klerk liked to have his photograph taken with him holding the Bible to convey the image that the Bible condoned what the CP was doing.

"But in the very first chapter I read that we are all made in God's image and likeness.

"That anyone's race or colour is more important than the image of God, in which we are all created, is hard to believe," he said.

Report by S Tema of 204 Eloff St Ext, Selby

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CP loses as racist signs get the boot

THE Carletonville Town Council has been ordered by a Pretoria Supreme Court judge to remove "whites-only" signs from public parks in the town.

The deputy judge president, Judge Eloff, this week made the ruling which annulled a decision by the Conservative Party-controlled town council.

He said the controversial decision of the town council was "challengeable". He added that the decision was so harsh and unfair.

Judge Eloff declared the decisions of the town council – taken on November 29 1988 and March 20 1989 – to reserve public parks solely for whites in terms of the regulations of the law on separate amenities, null and void, and ordered the council to pay costs.

The action, which was brought by three Carletonville businessmen – SG Waks, JB Motsau and AR Bhamjee – asked the court to set aside the decision to reserve public parks solely for whites; to review and set aside the decision to erect signs at public parks in Carletonville which stated that the park was reserved for whites only; and to annul the town council's decision.

In earlier court papers the chairman of the Carletonville Management Committee, Johannes Jacobus Gideon Nel, said that before the October 26 1988 elections they recieved complaints from residents about littering, loafing, and urinating in public.

After the elections it was decided to reserve parks for whites only.

Waks, the owner of the Blyvoor Timber and Hardware (Pty) Ltd in Carletonville, told the court during earlier proceedings 20 percent of his turnover was due to black buying power.

He said the withdrawal of black buying power in Carletonville had a noticeable effect on his business, and he expected the effect would increase.

He added that his black employees often used parks during their lunchtimes, but since the decision to allow only whites they had no alternative park facilities and were forced to sit on side-walks and traffic islands.

In a replying affidavit, Nel denied the council's decision had started the boycott and said rumours in February which stated the council was going to introduce a night-permit system, was the cause of the consumer boycott.

Basically, the judgment means that all municipal public facilities in the Transvaal must be opened up to all people, except in instances where non-availability of a facility for all people can be justified as an exception, said Marinus Wiechers, professor in law at Unisa.

In Carletonville, everybody may now make use of the town's parks. The "whites-only" boards are illegal – unless an appeal should be lodged, said Dion Basson, professor in law at the University of Pretoria.

■ At the weekend, Conservative Party leader Andries Treurnicht announced that Carletonville's town council will appeal

The judgment is, however, binding upon lower courts, like magistrate's courts, in the Transvaal.

Basically, the court this week stipulated that there could still be discrimination in accordance with the Separate Amenities Act, but with the proviso contained in the Transvaal Ordinance that public facilities must be utilised to the advantage of the public.

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Boycott: biting or breaking?

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Blacks are only allowed into the Boksburg Lake area when taking their employers' children for outings. The CP council has banned black people from using the town's public facilities. It sparked a consumer boycott.

short term This suggests that the protest may not yield immediate gains

"A further pitfall for its organisers is that, the longer it persists, the more fragile the alliance which sustained it may become"

Examining the role of black and white business, the report notes that black business had benefited from increased custom and greater influence in the township

"Further growth in black business would help sustain the protest by enabling consumers to do all their shopping in the township

"This suggests that a longer-term alliance between black business and organised black consumers may be in the interest of both"

White business had been largely responsible for mobilising white opinion against the council and had also pressed the government to intervene, "a strategy which might ultimately help decide the controversy's outcome"

But the attempt by white business to gain credibility in the townships had been less successful

The attempt to forge an alliance with the black communities – and so to win a dilution of the boycott – had failed, largely because business had not managed to influence the council

There were at least two areas in which business could do this

■ Businesses controlled some facilities in Boksburg and could ensure that these were desegregated (the ERPM golf course is one example), and

■ Business could use its resources to strengthen township business by providing it with capital expertise and perhaps goods and services at special rates

The lesson of Boksburg may well be that in the long term urban segregation will become more difficult to impose and it may well become untenable, the report says

A YEAR ago the Conservative Party effectively took control of the Boksburg and Carletonville councils in the municipal elections.

It gave everybody in the country a shocking taste of what to expect "when", if ever, the CP took control of government.

One of the first things they did was re-introduce petty apartheid, closing parks and other public amenities to blacks. Now the Carletonville council have had their knuckles firmly rapped by the Pretoria Supreme Court in a landmark decision which effectively ends petty apartheid at the town. The door is now open for other towns' black communities to seek legal recourse against their town councils.

On Wednesday, white South Africans again go to the polls to choose a national government. *City Press* takes a fresh look at Boksburg and Carletonville.

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Boksburg will be poorer in the long term

CP REPORTER

BOKSBURG has shown that segregationist policies in the cities will meet resistance from whites as well as blacks.

This is one of the findings of a special report by the South African Institute of Race Relations entitled *The Boksburg Boycott*

The book has been published with a full-colour picture of Boksburg Lake, one of the amenities now reserved for whites only.

It says regardless of the outcome of the present protest "it seems inevitable that the consequence for Boksburg of electing a Conservative Party council will eventually be that it becomes a poorer town".

The authors of the report, Harry Mashabela and Monty Narsoo, point out that unlike the National Party in the 1950s and 1960s, the CP does not control the security apparatus and cannot use it to suppress black resistance to its policies.

This, together with the NP's reluctance to hinder the Boksburg protest, created opportunities for organisation "which are unusual in the current political climate".

But, the report warns, this does not mean that the consumer action has been an unqualified success – and at present there is a stalemate in Boksburg.

"The council continues to resist the pressure and still has almost five years in office. The black boycott will take a long time to bite hard enough to hurt the council.

"The government has not moved decisively and may not do so for some time, if at all. Business has not yet found a way of breaking the deadlock and it may abandon the attempt."

The Boksburg protest raises questions about the way in which increasing black consumer spending might be mobilised to achieve political power.

The authors say it is an anomaly that, despite widespread black use of consumer power to seek political goals, there is still no broadly based black consumer movement.

The authors argue if CP policies are to be defeated there will have to be stronger organisation and "more sustained thinking".

They admit however that it is not so easy to suggest strategies. As black people begin using consumer power in a more organised way, they will discover more effective ways, the authors say.

The boycott's aims are still unclear, the report adds.

"For some it is simply a demonstration of black rejection, to be followed by negotiation to secure a reversal of the council's policies.

"For others it aims to impoverish the local authority and local economy so that various white interests will use their influence to force the council to retract.

"Neither strategy is likely to force the council to change its mind in the

Boksburg council to be fought in court

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By Kaizer Nyatsumba

The Reiger Park management committee plans to bring a court application against the Conservative Party-controlled Boksburg Town Council's re-introduction of petty apartheid following the landmark Carletonville judgment last week.

Reiger Park managment committee chairman Mr Butch Jantjies said his council had long planned to take the Boksburg Town Council to court, but was now encouraged by Mr Justice C F Eloff's ruling last week concerning the Carletonville Town Council.

Mr Justice Eloff ordered the CP-dominated Carletonville Town Council to pull down all "whites only" signs, and argued that the council's decision to re-impose petty apartheid was motivated by politics and was therefore not in the town's interest.

CP leader Dr Andries Treurnicht has since said his party would appeal against the judgment, which would have far-reaching implications for the National Party if it accepted the court's ruling.

Mr Jantjies said: "Our lawyers are working on the case. We want to restore the dignity of black people that has been destroyed by the re-imposition of the old-style apartheid."

All quiet at 'reopened' parks

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Staff Reporter

No racial incidents had occurred at any of the Carletonville parks since a Pretoria Supreme Court judge ruled on Thursday that the controversial whites-only signs had to be removed, police said yesterday.

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The deputy Judge-President of the Transvaal, Mr Justice C F Eloff, said in handing down judgment that the decision to close parks to black people was not taken in the interests of the town but rather in the political interests of the Conservative Party.

According to a businessman interviewed by The Star, black people had started to trickle back into the parks and "life was back to normal again".

He said parks such as Protea Park, opposite the Carletonville Civic Centre, would probably continue to be used by whites only as blacks had "never occupied them".

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Boksburg deadline approaches

By Dawn Barkhuizen

The Conservative Party-controlled Boksburg Town Council has until tomorrow at 3 pm to rescind petty apartheid measures introduced in the town last year — or face court action.

By yesterday a court case appeared to be on the cards with the CP refusing to buckle and Boksburg's Mayor, Mr Beyers de Klerk, vowing to "apply the laws while they still exist".

The chairman of the Reiger Park Management Committee, Mr Butch Jantjes, and others have demanded the council rescind moves taken last year in which previously open parks and other amenities were reserved for whites.

Mr Jantjes has also applied for an interdict preventing the council from further reserving public amenities.

GROSS INSULT

The demand has been made on the grounds that severe financial harm has been caused to businesses in the town, along with enormous friction between population groups.

The action was also seen as a gross insult, said legal representative Mr Marius van Staden.

Last Thursday the Pretoria Supreme Court annulled the decision of the CP-controlled town council in Carletonville to re-introduce petty apartheid.

The Deputy Judge President, Mr Justice C F Eloff, described the Carletonville action as "harsh and unfair", and ordered the removal of "whites-only" signs.

According to the chairman of Boksburg Chamber of Commerce, Mr Johann Viljoen, at least nine businesses have closed in the last year and turnover has dropped considerably.

Calls follow court ruling

Carletonville businessman threatened

By Jovial Rantao

One of the applicants in the precedent-setting Pretoria Supreme Court case, in which a judge ruled that racial signs in the Carletonville parks must be removed, has received death threats and obscene telephone calls.

Mr Abdul Bhamjee, a local businessman, said yesterday he had received seven obscene telephone calls after a ruling last week by Transvaal Judge-President Mr Justice C F Eloff that a decision to close parks to black people was not in the interests of the town but in the political interests of the Conservative Party

Bombs

Mr Bhamjee said he had reported the matter to the local police and had spoken to a Lieutenant Bartman

"These are sheer intimidatory tactics, but I have reported the matter to the police because I'm taking these threats very seriously The caller told me that we (businessmen) should expect bombs and they were going to burn our shops"

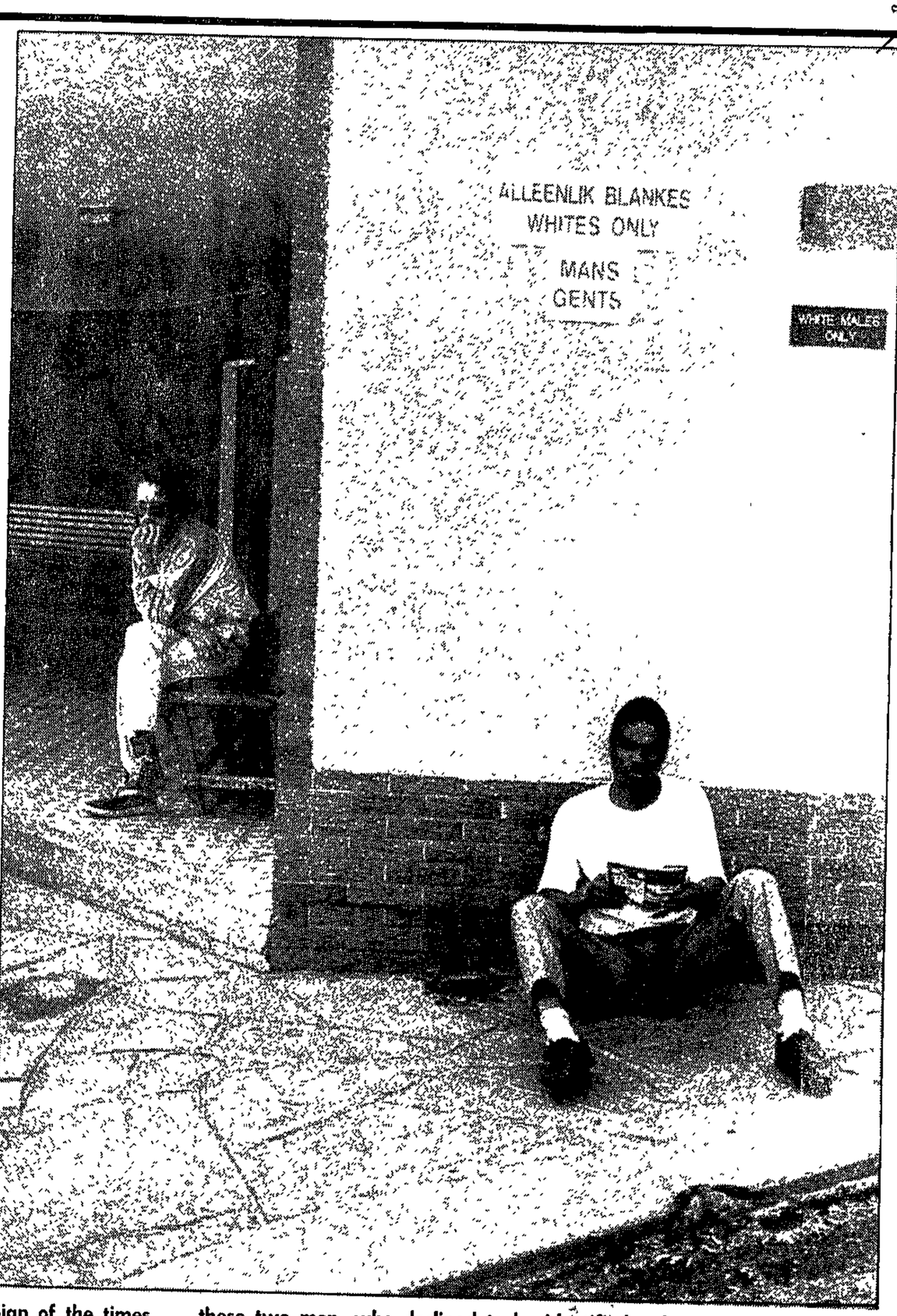
Other applicants in the case, Mr Sorrel Waks, Mr Billy Mojau and Ms Annentjie Classens, had not received similar threats, Mr Bhamjee added.

He said he believed the calls were made by CP supporters worried about the impact the outcome of the Pretoria case would have on their election campaign

● Carletonville supermarkets visited by The Star yesterday reported a slight increase in turnover A tour by The Star through the parks in the town revealed that not all "whites-only" signs had been removed.

Black people had not responded to the court ruling by returning to the parks Pioneer Park, which used to bustle with blacks during lunchtime, was deserted yesterday.

● At an extraordinary meeting yesterday, the Carletonville Town Council decided to appeal against last Thursday's Supreme Court order requiring it to remove all "whites only" signs — Sapa



Sign of the times . . . these two men, who declined to be identified, relax at Pioneer Park in spite of the "whites only" sign on the wall.

● Picture by Herbert Mabuza.

LABOUR TENSIONS ON THE EVE OF ELECTION

A tense backdrop to an election upset

Labour tension ran high in Rustenburg on the eve of an election upset. A white supervisor shot a black worker — then shot himself. And while reporter ***EDDIE KOCH*** *looked on, police broke up a black soccer match on a white high school field*

A WEATHER-VANE outside Rustenburg's town hall has a strange set of signposts attached to it that locate the town at the centre of the world. London is 9 900km due north. Sydney is 9 000km south-west. And Karachi is 9 912km to the north-west.

Nationalist candidate Michael Veldman's description of race relations in the Western Transvaal mining centre — delivered on election day from the steps of the hall that had been converted into a polling booth — was as incongruous as the outlandish roadsigns.

"I am continuously amazed at the adaptability of the people in this so-called conservative town," said Veldman, who is also the deputy minister of health. "If we ever get control of the city council, of course we will open municipal facilities to all races."

Only hours before Veldman spoke, I saw the local riot squad mount a raid on a soccer field in the white suburb down the road, where scores of black labourers had chosen to mark the day by staying away from work and playing a game of football.

And four days before the polls a black worker at nearby Rustenburg Refineries — who had been reprimanded for defying segregation in the work place by sitting in a foreman's chair — was shot dead by a white supervisor, who then put the gun to his own head and committed suicide.

This kind of racial tension provided the backdrop for a day of drama in which Rustenburg experienced one of the biggest upsets in the election and, for the first time in its history, witnessed black political protest in the heart of the all-white town.

Many of the soccer players and spectators who had decided to defy segregated recreational facilities in the town were union members from the strife-torn refinery. They have been on strike for six days to protest against the murder of their colleague.

'We will send these blacks to a place ... where they can build a shack and there is no water and electricity so they won't even have to pay bills'

About 10 minutes after the start of their game, while white townsfolk were at the polls to decide whether Veldman or one of his rivals from the Conservative Party or Herstigte Nationale Party should represent them in parliament, a convoy of police vehicles converged on the field.

The commanding officer shouted an inaudible order over his megaphone and I watched his squad set their dogs on the crowd and lashed at people with rubber batons and quirts. A woman was bundled into the boot of a police car and repeatedly beaten on the head and body. A unionist was set free, chased by sjambok-wielding policemen and dogs, caught, set free and again chased.

Members of the crowd, who fled in terror through the streets of the suburb, were pursued by police in cars. A large group of workers took refuge in National Union of Mineworkers (NUM) offices but were chased by policemen who loaded everyone on the premises, including a group of workers who had not been at the soccer field, into their vans.

Major Blackie Swart of the Rustenburg police later told the *Weekly Mail* that nobody had been arrested or detained and that 74 people had merely been held for questioning. Asked why workers had been assaulted after the crowd had already dispersed, Swart said, "You may say you saw assaults taking place but I know nothing about that."

The unrest report from police headquarters in Pretoria said: "In Rustenburg a group of blacks entered the grounds of a white high schol and began playing soccer. When they were warned by police to leave the premises, they sat down on the field. They were dispersed with quirts and 35 men were arrested."

Back at the polling booth, the *Weekly Mail* asked asked Veldman to explain the apparent gap between the government's commitment to non-racial municipal facilities and the strong police action to enforce segregation. "I don't know about it (the raid)," he said. "Maybe somebody phoned the police and made a complaint."

A NUM organiser, who asked not to be named, told the *Weekly Mail* the protests and police action had taken place against a background of escalating racial tension in the town.

"We are isolated here in Rustenburg and the conservatives harass us every day. We wanted to show the rest of the country that we have this problem. That's why we decided to defy the racism by going to play soccer on the white field."

Workers on many of the mines that surround Rustenburg have, in the past four weeks, been defying work-place segregation by using change rooms and other facilities reserved for white and skilled miners.

Last Saturday NUM member Jeffrey Nguza was shot dead in the purification plant of Rustenburg Refinery by a white supervisor, Ockert Vermeulen, after being warned not to sit on chairs in a canteen reserved for white officials. Vermeulen's body was found later in the plant.

The night shift stopped work immediately to protest against the murder and were joined by the rest of the workforce on Monday after management had rejected demands for adequate protection against right-wing attacks and the dismissal of two white supervisors, who workers say collaborated with Nguza's assassin.

JCI representative Anne Downes said police were still investigating the murder and no reason had yet been established for Vermeulen's suicide.

Union officials are now bracing themselves for an upsurge of recrimination in the wake of the election-day blitz — a fear confirmed by the sentiments of Veldman's opponents in the CP and HNP.

"There are just too many blacks into this town. The other day a white man was stopped in his car and assaulted near the black taxi rank," said the HNP's Matie Potgieter. "And when we get into power we will fight to get rid of these black trade unions."

CP candidate Willie Botha agreed: "The influx of blacks into this town has created a very high crime rate. You know a car is stolen every day here. There is even a suburb which is separated by only a road from the township. We will send those black people to a place near Bophuthatswana called Hartebeesfontein They can build a shack there and there is no water or electricity so they won't even have to pay bills."

On a pole next to the road leading out of Rustenburg there is a sign that reads: "This is CP country". Its accuracy as a depiction of Rustenburg's reality was verified late on Wednesday night when it was announced that the CP had won by 1 502 votes.

DID THE STAYA

IF you want to know whether a political stayaway has been a success ask a black taxi driver — the man who commutes to and from the township and whose livelihood depends on the travels of its residents

On Wednesday in the empty streets of Johannesburg taxi drivers and owners looked lost in their empty minibuses

By midday on Wednesday only three minibus taxis with passengers had left Noord Street for Mafikeng — less than half the usual number Between 7am and midday no taxi ventured near Orlando, Soweto — there were just no passengers

"The outskirts of Johannesburg to Fordsburg are quiet and empty," said one driver, describing the effects of the two-day stayaway called by the Congress of South African Trade Unions and the National Council of Trade Unions to protest this week's elections and the Labour Relations Amendment Act.

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Are Jo'burg swimming pools 'open' or not?

Dip or 285 don't: no clues in the rule book

THE Saturday Star has established that no legislation exists to prevent all races using Johannesburg' municipal swimming pools, yet there is great confusion among parks and recreation officials about whether the pools are "open" or not to everyone.

The Johannesburg City Council appears to have no offical policy on the matter and it seems to be leaving it to individual superintendents to decide.

Johannesburg's municipal pools opened officially for summer last week and the Saturday Star attempted to test the water. In a snap survey it was found that pool superintendents were not sure whether to admit blacks or not.

Black models

Last Friday the Saturday Star attempted to get a spring photograph of two black models at the Yeoville swimming pool. The photographer (also black) and models were turned away.

They were refused entrance by the superintendent and referred to the Director of Parks and Recreation for a decision.

Three months ago Democratic Party Council leader, Mr Tony Leon — realising that no legislation had been passed by the council to prevent integrated swimming at municipal pools — took a dip with a multiracial group at the Hillbrow swimming pool.

A group of demonstrators, led by the Afrikaanse Weerstandsbeweging (AWB) supporting pool superintendant, Mr Leonard Veenendal, were arrested by police when they tried to stop the multi-racial swim.

According to Mr Leon: "The Democratic Party's interpretation of the by-laws is that anyone can use the municipal swimming pools, so people of all races must go ahead and use them."

PAT DEVEREAUX

Management Council chairman, Mr Jan Burger has confirmed that the council is unable to enforce segregation in swimming pools because no such law has been passed by them.

"But to prevent integrated swimming pools, the council would have to pass legislation such as that done in Boksburg," explained another DP councillor, Mr Ian Davidson.

In the meantime it seems that right of entry to municipal pools is being left up to the discretion of pool superintendents

Asked whether blacks were allowed to swim at the Bez Valley pool the superintendant said: "No problem. We have been told to go according to the recent Hillbrow case until further notice".

The new superintendant at Hillbrow pool, who has replaced AWB supporter Mr Veenendal, confirmed that blacks are allowed to swim there.

Turffontein's superintendant said that no blacks had swum in his pool yet But he added that he had been told to allow black people into the pools during the election period and a decision would be taken after the elections at the next meeting.

Results awaited

The Malvern pool superintendant said: "We were told this week that we must allow black people to use the pool here."

Meanwhile, the council's poll of residents may have an influence as to what stand they take regarding integrated pools. The deadline for the poll to test Johannesburg residents' reaction to opening pools, buses and recreation centres was on August 31, but according to a council employee the results are not yet available.

Council member Mr C A Long said the council would meet on Monday and would issue a statement then.

K'dorp delays decision on open facilities

Star 14/9/89 (285)

By Gien Elsas, West Rand Bureau

The Krugersdorp Town Council has decided to postpone, until March 1990, taking a decision on the opening of the local game reserve and the Centenary Hall to all races.

Mr Bill Greyvenstein proposed at a special meeting last night that certain resolutions taken in March this year concerning a 10 percent limit on other races attending functions in the town's halls and the game reserve be revised in the interests of the town.

The decision taken by the Conservative Party-controlled council in March was to declare that all municipal facilities would be for the use of the white ratepayers of Krugersdorp. The 10 percent quota of other races being allowed into these facilities was done away with.

Mr Greyvenstein said he had not wanted to link his request to recent happenings in Carletonville or Boksburg. He was concerned about Krugersdorp's future and that business in the town was suffering.

LOSS OF BUSINESS

"The town is being sucked dry and we are experiencing an outflow of business to our neighbouring towns," Mr Greyvenstein said.

He had hardly finished his motivation and had not yet been seconded when Mr Tommie Steenkamp asked that the council postpone taking a decision until March next year. He motivated his request by informing the council that Carletonville had lodged an appeal against a court ruling outlawing the display of racist signs and that a decision pending this appeal would only be made later.

He was seconded by Mr Chris Viljoen, and Mayor Kobus Meiring put this proposition to the vote.

Several councillors asked to speak on points of order. Mr Greyvenstein informed Mr Meiring that he had not yet asked for a seconder for his proposal and Dr Benoni van Graan was told, during the heated debate, that he would be removed from the chamber if he did not respect the chair.

Mr Greyvenstein and Dr van Graan asked that the meeting be minuted fully as the minutes would serve in court. The six independent councillors said they would seek legal advice concerning the proceedings of the council meeting.

Call for clarity on pools issue

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By Shirley Woodgate, Municipal Reporter

With the results of Johannesburg's opinion poll on mixed municipal amenities due the day before this month's council meeting, the Democratic Party is maintaining pressure on the ruling party through a motion to be debated on September 26.

DP council leader Mr Ian Davidson said the management committee could no longer hide behind vague promises and misconceptions and should now state clearly where it stood on apartheid in swimming pools, buses and recreation centres.

"The public and council officials are in the dark about swimming pools. Are they open or has the council passed any laws to the contrary?"

Mr Davidson said his motion also addressed confusion surrounding mixed municipal buses and that he had called for the immediate opening of all bus routes in addition to the three existing routes.

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CP DELAY ON PARKS

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KRUGERSDORP, which is controlled by the Conservative Party, has postponed, until March 28 next year its decision on the re-opening of amenities in the town to all races.

The town council is awaiting the outcome of the appeal by the Town Council of Carltonville against a judgment by the Pretoria Supreme Court ordering it to re-open its parks to all races.

However members of the National Party and Independents in the Krugersdorp Town Council who introduced the motion, maintained that a decision to re-open amenities should not be based on a court ruling affecting another town, but that such a decision should be taken in the best interests of the residents of Krugersdorp. - Sapa.

Boksburg's council to be taken to court

By Sue Valentine

The extended deadline given to the Boksburg Town Council to respond to a demand to open all public amenities expired yesterday.

Chairman of the Reiger Park Management Committee Mr Butch Jantjes said the matter would go to court.

"We will definitely file the case in the Transvaal Supreme Court," said Mr Jantjes from his home last night.

"We have received no reply from the Boksburg Town Council so we will go to court. It is now just a case of wait and see," he added.

A Pretoria legal firm has been instructed to sue the council on the grounds that race reservations contravene certain humanitarian laws.

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White attitudes in Boksburg revealed

Support shown for single municipality

By Esmaré van der Merwe, Political Reporter

Most white people in Boksburg want the apartheid town to have a single multiracial municipality which would include the coloured community of Reiger Park.

This was revealed in a recently conducted survey of white attitudes in the town notorious for petty apartheid measures reintroduced by the Conservative Party-controlled municipality.

The study was conducted on behalf of the American Chambers of Commerce.

Almost 59 percent of the 350 respondents were in favour of a single municipality.

Of those, 43 percent motivated their stance by saying there should be no taxation without representation, while almost 15 percent said an integrated CBD would improve race relations. About 11 percent thought the protracted consumer boycott would be lifted if an open CBD was established.

Another significant finding was that 76 percent of whites were in favour of a multiracial central business district.

While 88 percent of the 50 businessmen canvassed favoured an open CBD, 86 percent of National Party supporters and 49 percent of CP supporters wanted a multiracial CBD.

Analysing the findings, Wits political science lecturer Dr Philip Frankel said despite these revelations, the study had confirmed the "strong racial feelings" in the town.

Identity

For example, 57 percent of respondents thought separate amenities were crucial for protecting white identity while 72 percent believed desegregation of public amenities would result in black swamping.

Although almost 58 percent of respondents were in favour of open sports facilities and 54 percent favoured open libraries, about 70 percent opposed integrated schools and residential areas.

Other significant findings:

- More than 60 percent felt race relations had deteriorated.
- About 59 percent of respondents said the Group Areas Act played an important part in preserving white identity. However, many people would accept its abolition if standards were maintained.
- Only 8 percent thought the consumer boycott was instigated by agitators. About 56 percent said it was sparked by the human insult of petty apartheid.

Commented Dr Frankel: "There seems to be a widespread illusion that the boycott would be over once public facilities are desegregated. Most people don't understand that the boycott is part of the on-going struggle against apartheid and they underestimate the intensity of the feelings against the CP-controlled municipality."

...further to change for the better." — Own correspondent, Political Staff and Sapa

Workshops for protesters

Cape Times
20/9/89

BEACH apartheid protesters will be offered special training in non-violence before a second protest against apartheid measures at the Strand — scheduled for next week.

At a press conference attended by Archbishop Desmond Tutu yesterday, co-ordinators for the church's Standing for the Truth campaign said special training sessions had been organised to enable protesters to deal with "angry people", and to teach them how to respond in a dignified and disciplined manner should they meet with violence.

On August 19, police thwarted the first Strand protest.

"We are not facing enemies, but potential friends. Everybody should realise this," the archbishop said. — Sapa

Boksburg to defend itself

Own Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG. — The CP-ruled Boksburg Town Council is to defend legal action ordering it to rescind petty-apartheid in the town in spite of the last month's Supreme Court ruling on a similar Carletonville case, acting Boksburg town clerk Mr Koot Mare said yesterday.

He said the court documents were already in the lawyers' hands. "The council is definitely defending the matter, in spite of the Carletonville case ruling."

The legal action against the council has been taken by Reiger Park Council's management committee chairman Mr Butch Jantjies in his personal capacity.

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Extend power of arrest – councillor

By Shirley Woodgate,
Municipal Reporter

Municipal-police powers should be granted to swimming pool superintendents and bus inspectors and drivers to ensure the smooth transition to racially integrated facilities, a Johannesburg city councillor has urged.

Mr Clive Gilbert, DP councillor for Ward 29, said the same powers of arrest which had been given to traffic officers should be extended to senior staff in the parks and transport departments.

"This would not only be a saving in the cost of employing additional security staff but would mean that municipal emloyees with a knowledge of the relevant rules would have increased authority to prevent overcrowding, prevent disturbances or arrest culprits.

"The staff would attend training courses and the increased responsibilities would have to be rewarded with bigger salaries. If the council embarked on an immediate training programme, it could be one way of ensuring the orderly transition to a normal society.

Mr Gilbert also urged that the authorities should investigate rumours about certain schools being closed down in the city. Where educational facilities were due to be shut, the council should liaise with the Education Department with a view to taking over the abandoned swimming pools and sportsfields to increase the municipal amenities.

'Carletonville shoppers back in town'

Court ruling ends consumer boycott

Star 25/9/89

By Kaizer Nyatsumba

The Carletonville consumer boycott triggered by the Conservative Party-controlled town council's re-introduction of petty apartheid early this year is now over, according to Carletonville Chamber of Commerce president Mrs Annetjie Claasen.

Mrs Claasen said the Pretoria Supreme Court's overrulling of the town council's policies about a month ago made black people return to the town in droves to shop there again.

"The people are back in town. They feel that we succeeded in showing that the council's insulting policies were the cause of the boycott," she said.

She said although the boycott was not formally called off by its organisers in the labour movement, blacks returned to the town when the "whites only" signs were pulled down by court order.

"There was a big change in town after those offensive signs were removed. Businessmen have gladly welcomed their customers back and some of them have even taken back the staff they laid off during the boycott," she said.

Mrs Claasen conceded that some people's buying habits had changed and some of them might never do their shopping in the town again.

Returned to town

A spokesman for the organisers confirmed that the boycott was never formally called off. A number of people had returned to town, the spokesman said.

The spokesman said it was felt the situation would be reviewed during the present two-week period of national consumer boycott, which started on Friday and will go on until October 6, in protest against the Labour Relations Act.

The Carletonville boycott organisers, the spokesman said, did not view as a victory the Pretoria Supreme Court's ruling, but considered it "a step forward".

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Swimming pool demo held in Yeoville

JOHANNESBURG. — Eighteen degrees was a bit chilly for swimming, but about 150 members of the multiracial Yeoville Residents' Organisation entered Yeoville public swimming baths without incident yesterday afternoon to enjoy the spring sunshine and protest at "pool petty apartheid".

The protest was initiated by reports last week of two black children having been barred from the swimming pool, YRO member Ms Di Stuart said.

Sunbathers watched interestedly from behind their sunglasses, but did not otherwise react to the influx.

The water, which had been sprinkled with about a dozen shouting children, subtly emptied, however. But once a middle-aged black man named only as George had lowered himself in to begin a few quiet laps, the pool quickly filled again.

City Council Pool and Water Features senior technician Mr Peter Zeeman said people of colour were not restricted from entering the swimming pool, but the total number of bathers could not exceed 500. — Sapa

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Buses and pools open to all in Johannesburg

The Argus Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG. — Apartheid has been officially abolished in Johannesburg swimming pools, recreation centres and buses with immediate effect, except for the transport system where applications to the Local Road Transportation Board must still be approved.

This is expected to be a mere formality and permission is expected within six weeks.

The move was hailed by City Council Democratic Party leader Mr Ian Davidson as a victory for which the opposition had pushed for since 1972 when Mrs Selma Browde was the lone voice in the council fighting for racial reform.

The council's National Party leader, Mr Jan Burger, said the NP had displayed courage in taking the decision.

The Conservative Party condemned the opening of municipal facilities to all races as a sell-out of the white people and Professor Harold Rudolph (Independent) called it: "A great day for Johannesburg ... a great day for South Africa."

The move follows the release of the results of the management committee's opinion survey on desegregating pools, recreation centres and buses where the final result indicated overall approval for open buses and recreation centres but a thumbs-down to pools.

In a 35 percent poll 43 842 white voters were in favour of open recreation centres and 41 033 against; 49 547 voters backed mixed buses to 37 607 against, and 46 104 respondents against mixed municipal swimming-pools and 39 582 in favour.

A CP spokesman warned that it was significant that a ward count showed 24 in favour of open recreation centres and 27 against, 22 in favour of open pools with 29 against and 27 backing open buses, with 24 against.

Buses, libraries and pools

'Historic day' as Jo'burg opens to all

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Staff Reporters

Johannesburg has officially abolished apartheid in swimming pools and recreation centres with immediate effect. Buses will be desegregated within about six weeks after permits have been issued by the Local Road Transportation Board.

The council has already lodged applications to open bus routes to all races and believes the issuing of permits is a formality.

The move, which outraged the Conservative Party, sees the end of petty apartheid in the city.

The major remaining apartheid law concerns residential segregation as enshrined in the Group Areas Act.

The opening of the three municipal facilities follows the release of the results of the management committee's opinion survey on desegregating pools, recreation centres and buses. The poll indicated approval for open buses and recreation centres, but "no" to pools.

In a 35 percent poll, 43 842 white voters were in favour of open recreation centres and 41 033 against; 49 547 voters backed mixed buses to 37 607 against; and 46 104 respondents opposed mixed municipal swimming pools with only 39 582 in favour.

Several NP wards came out strongly against desegregation which prompted Mr Eddie Venter (NP) to say he would explain to his residents that open facilities was not about race, but about good behaviour.

The National Party-controlled southern suburbs virtually gave a blanket thumbs down to desegration, some areas voting more than two-to-one against shared facilities.

The opinion poll revealed massive opposition to desegregated amenities in all four CP-controlled wards and acceptance in the heart of DP territory in the northern suburbs.

'Giant leap

Democratic Party leader Mr Ian Davidson praised the "giant leap" taken by the National Party-controlled council in abolishing petty apartheid.

NP leader Mr Jan Burger said: "Tonight we have made history."

But CP leader Mr Jacques Theron said the move represented a loss for democracy in Johannesburg. The move was described as a "sell out" of the white people.

DP southern Transvaal chairman Mr Peter Soal said today the decision was long overdue and absolutely correct. "Having taken this bold decision, they must now ensure that it is implemented without friction."

Mrs Sheila Camerer NP MP for Rosettenville, said the decision was in line with Government policy to get rid of discrimination.

Asked if she was in favour of it she said: "It's not as simple as that." She was surprised the decision had immediate effect. She had expected the changes to be phased in. "The reason must have been economic. The transport services, for instance, had been losing money for some time."

People could "live with" the decision in practice so long as safety was ensured on buses and in pools, and overcrowding was prevented, she said.

Asked to comment, Mr Cassim Saloojee, president of the Transvaal Indian Congress which is an affiliate of the United Democratic Front, said it was impossible to become terribly excited over something which should always have existed in normal society.

Miss Gael Neke, publicity secretary of the Five Freedoms Forum, welcomed the move which the organisation had been working for in its "One City, Open City" campaign and more recently in its defiance campaign. She called for open hospitals and schools.

Desegregation in Jo'burg shows up NP policy holes

Municipal Reporter

The desegregation of municipal facilities in Johannesburg showed up massive holes in National Party policy which at the same time condoned the closing of the Johannesburg High School for Girls, said Mr Lester Fuchs, Democratic Party MP for Hillbrow.

"What this indicates is that the Government's free settlement policy is a total disaster as it does not cater for infrastructures," he said.

Following moves to create free settlement areas in Hillbrow, Joubert Park and Mayfair, Mr Simon Chilchik, deputy chairman of the DP in Hillbrow, urged the Government today to look at the problems it would encourage through the overcrowding that would inevitably follow free settlement status for any isolated suburb.

"Unless legislation is passed at national level to control overcrowding, Hillbrow could disintegrate within the next 10 years.

"People will flock here and this area cannot cope with a huge new influx of legal tenants once it has free settlement status," he said.

Govt knew of open Joburg

JOHANNESBURG. — Prior government approval was sought and granted to the city council decision taken on Tuesday to desegregate the city's public facilities, it was stated yesterday.

Management committee chairman Mr Jan Burger said the cabinet was informed of the council's intentions, "and there were no objections". He said swimming pools and recreational facilities would be opened immediately.

Johannesburg's long, slow road to reform

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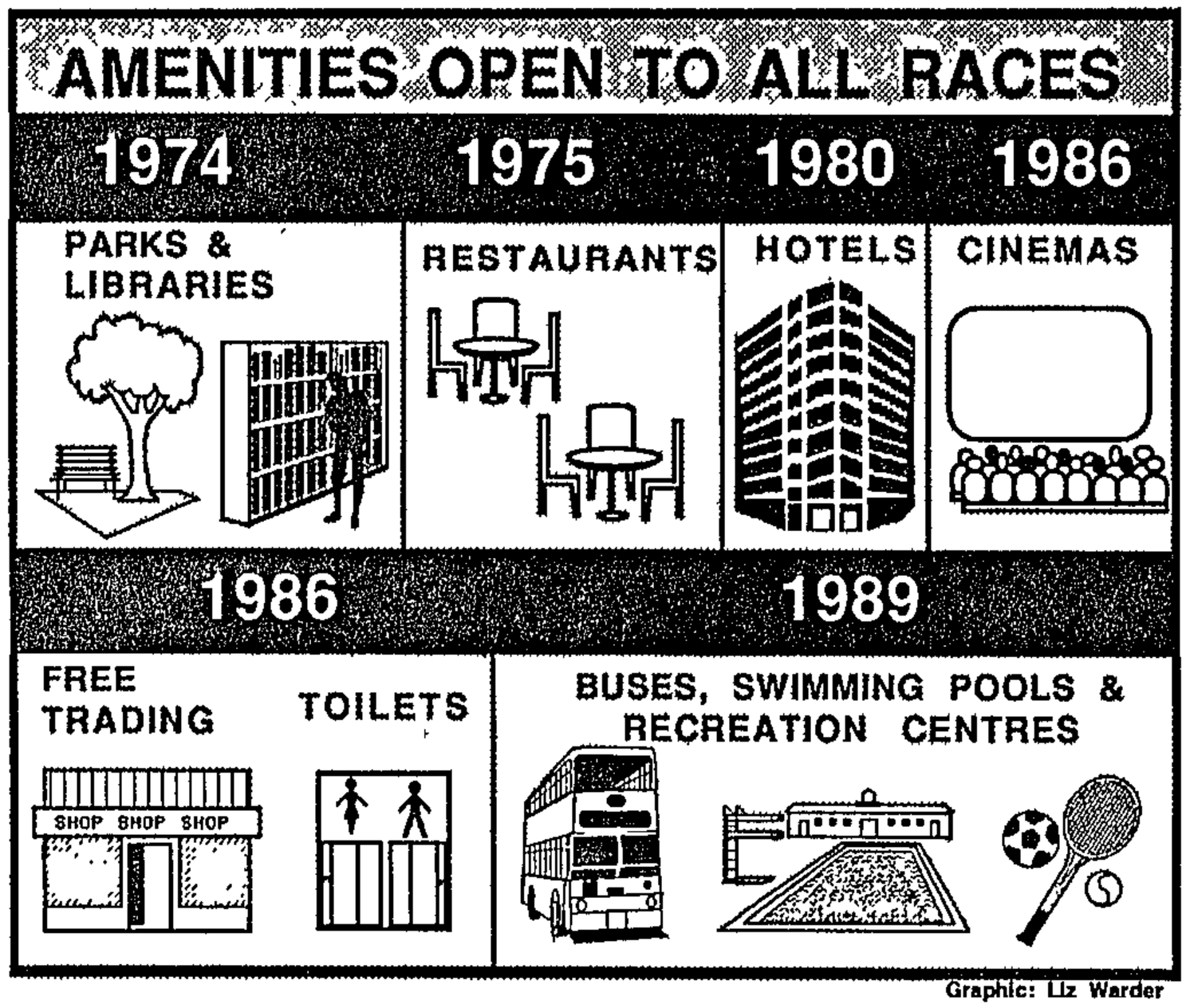
This week's decision by the Johannesburg City Council to open swimming pools, buses and recreation centres to all races has been labelled "historic" by the council's National Party-controlled management committee chairman Mr Jan Burger. **SHIRLEY WOODGATE, The Star's Municipal Reporter,** traces the long path to the ending of municipal apartheid and reports on the problems still to be faced.



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For Dr Selma Browde, who as the sole Progressive Party member in the council in 1972 is widely claimed to be Johannesburg's pioneer for racial reform, welcomed the move but said it was sad it had taken so long

"If only Government propaganda had not been so successful in making people afraid, we may have been further along the road to reform today," she said

"Petty apartheid has finally gone but grand apartheid still has to be abolished It is no good getting excited about parks and buses when the very real humiliation inflicted by the Group Areas Act, the Population Registration Act and the Separate Amenities Act are still on the statute books

"A few minor battles have been won but the war is far from over The major problem is that there is not all that much time left for reform," Dr Browde said

Mr Sam Moss, former city leader of the Progressive Federal Party, said the opening of municipal amenities had started in 1974 with the removal of the "whites-only" signs in parks and libraries by management committee chairman Mr Francois Oberholzer.

"Prodded by the United Party he set up a committee to investigate the removal of petty apartheid in so-called soft areas

"The MP for Turffontein, Mr Andre Fourie, asked him not to push for the removal of park apartheid in the south as it would cost him votes in the general election that year

"But it happened, and there were no longer humiliating stories about black nannies in charge of white children being thrown out of parks.

"Also under petty apartheid was equal pay for all races in the council That pay gap is now a forgotten thing and the walls of the council have not come tumbling down," Mr Moss said.

Apartheid in restaurants, cinemas and hotels was enforced under the Group Areas Act after 1950 In Johannesburg, Mr Nigel Mandy as manager of the Carlton Centre was forced to obtain written permission to allow blacks into the Carlton Panorama

In August 1975 another step on the long road was taken — the Wimpy bar in the Carlton Panorama became the first multiracial restaurant

The Central Business District Association was formed under the chairmanship of Mr Mandy in 1977 and proceeded to push for the development of the metropolitan area for all races

"Precedents existed not only in the Carlton Panorama but in the granting of 'international' status to first class hotels and special permits for theatrical performances and sporting events," he wrote in his book: "A City Divided".

The first applications in respect of unlicensed restaurants were submitted in 1978 but it was only in 1980 that the first 20 had been granted in the city, Mr Mandy said.

In 1986 the Government succumbed to pressure from the cinema industry and allowed cinemas to screen films for blacks and whites sitting side by side in the city centre

Also in that year a demarcated area in the CBD was opened as a free trading area to all races, but by that time most of the black traders who wanted to move into the area were already there — illegally — and the CBDA reported no new influx of black businessmen to the area.

The separate toilet signs were never officially taken down but in May 1986, PFP councillor Mr Geoff Stark lambasted the council for allowing black and white pictographs to hint at toilet apartheid in municipal lavatories.

Swimming pool segregation was by some embarrassing oversight on the part of the authorities. Pools were never officially reserved for whites in terms of council by-laws.

Recreation centres are "open" as from this week and when buses are desegregated before the end of the year, the process of abolishing petty apartheid, which started 15 years ago in Johannesburg will be virtually complete

Grand apartheid then stands alone

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Leon hails city's 'open-to-all' decision

Pik's influence seen in amenities move

By Shirley Woodgate,
Municipal Reporter

The Government has been urged to apply pressure on Pretoria and all Transvaal platteland towns to follow Johannesburg's example in scrapping petty apartheid in municipal facilities.

This call was made yesterday by Houghton MP Mr Tony Leon.

Other towns

The Democratic Party spokesman on constitutional planning, separate amenities and local government in the Transvaal made his plea after other Transvaal towns indicated that they had no intention of desegregating at this stage.

"Johannesburg has more municipal amenities, including a bus service, and a more diverse population than any other town or city in South Africa," Mr Leon said.

"Clearly, if Johannesburg finds it necessary to desegregate its facilities, then the question is whether there is any justification to retain petty apartheid anywhere else.

"I compliment the management committee for its courage and determination to press ahead. The reform it has introduced is long overdue but nevertheless welcome.

"One should not underestimate this move which, together with the Eloff judgment in Carletonville, is having the effect of turning the Separate Amenities Act into a dead duck.

"The hand of Foreign Affairs Minister Pik Botha is evident in Johannesburg's move.

"Perhaps he will now go to Vereeniging, which has said it would not follow suit, and Pretoria, which has more segregation than Johannsburg ever had in its heyday, and introduce Mr F W de Klerk's reform," Mr Leon said.

● After a long meeting behind closed doors last night, the Krugersdorp Town Council agreed to open its game reserve to all races. Applications for use of municipal halls will be considered individually.

for 35 workers. But often it is overcrowded with numbers varying from 45 to 50 each deck.

"Next to it there is a lift called 'Miriam' — it is small and used only by white personnel and team leaders. It has only two decks that accommodate 10 people each.

"Our cages leave at certain times while Miriam has no time constraints so that white workers do not have to wait for a long time to get to the surface at the end of a shift."

Workers also complained of racism underground. "Sometimes we miss our breakfast and take *phuza mandla* (a mixture of sour mielie meal and sugar) which we mix with water and it sustains us for a long time. But underground you cannot eat. You will be told: *'Sikhathi wena sebenza,wena ayikhona edla* — this is no time to eat you must work '. Yet white workers can take lunch boxes and flasks of tea with them underground."

Another major grievance relates to allegations of long delays in getting workers who are injured or get ill underground to the surface caused by careless attitudes amongst white supervisors. "If you get sick underground the white personnel accuse you of having a *babalaas* (a hangover) — but the whites get out very quickly when they are sick."



Conditions for black and white miners are very different

After a shift black workers are forced to eat in canteens far inferior to those frequented by white miners and team leaders, said a worker who introduced himself as Simon.

"In the dining rooms at the compound our diet is controlled like in prison. You only eat during certain hours. If you miss a meal it means you have to go hungry.

"And you cannot buy food and eat it inside the hostel. Management says that if we eat in the rooms we would make the hostels a health-hazard."

Warnings are given to workers who lose their monthly meal tickets and a worker who loses these twice during a month stands a chance of being dismissed, the workers alleged.

At the start of the campaign by black miners to defy racist regulations on the mine, management reacted by using security personnel and patrol dogs outside the canteens, toilets and change rooms, the workers said.

"One worker was mishandled and taken away on the second day of the defiance campaign while sitting in the white canteen," said an old man called Shabangu. "But this won't stop us from fighting for normal race relations on the mine."

●The Anglo American Corporation declined to comment on allegations raised by workers at President Steyn Mine and said allegations should be handled by NUM and management.

Boksburg rejects 'open sport' plea

By Bernard Gunzenhauser

Star 29/9/87

The CP-controlled Boksburg Town Council refused last night to accede to a request by Johannesburg Consolidated Investment that a sports facility, to which it had offered to donate R100 000, be open to all races.

The money was offered to the council during Boksburg's centenary celebrations when the council was still controlled by the National Party.

At that stage, the constitution of the proposed Sunward Park squash complex did not allow for membership to be reserved for whites only.

The chairman of the management committee, Mr Gideon Fourie, accused JCI of acting unethically by not handing over the money. Councillor Issy Kramer accused the management committee of breaking a trust with JCI.

● Boksburg town councillor Mrs Gloria Bosch announced yesterday that she had left the Conservative Party and joined the National Party.

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Protest may turn out to be a celebration

Political Staff

CAPE TOWN — Church leaders Archbishop Desmond Tutu and Dr Allan Boesak are hoping their planned "beach picnic" anti-apartheid protest tomorrow will turn into a celebration, if the Government announces that the signs will come down before then.

This follows the announcement by new Planning Minister Mr Hernus Kriel that a policy statement on the Government's attitude to racially exclusive beaches is imminent.

An invitation to the people of the western Cape to join a beach picnic at the Strand tomorrow has been issued.

PICNIC

The church leaders said in a joint statement that the Standing for the Truth Campaign was arranging the picnic "to reclaim all God's beaches for all God's children" and their invitation was extended to those who shared this aim. The picnic will take place at the Strand beach from 10.30 am to 2 pm.

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

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

Police have indicated they will be present at the beach demonstration.

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NP dumps petty apartheid and out-glasnosts the pack

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THE tens of thousands of black residents of the racially mixed (albeit against the law) white areas of Johannesburg inched closer to total integration into their communities when the Johannesburg City Council voted to open all the city's amenities to all races.

As the National Party management committee (Manco) made the announcement in the council meeting on Tuesday night - the Conservative Party blew a head gasket. The CP, which holds all of four seats in the council, vehemently opposed the move that effectively saw the abolishment of petty apartheid in the largest and economically most powerful city in South Africa.

All recreation centres, swimming pools and libraries were pronounced open from yesterday. Buses will be desegregated within about six weeks after permits have been issued by the Local Transportation Board.

While the city is working through the hangover of the historic move by the NP-controlled Manco, the official opposition in the city council - the Democratic Party - was slightly disturbed, however thoroughly pleased.

The DP had been waging a battle in the council for the opening of the city to all its residents for as long as they can remember. The NP, after the results of a poll, sprung the surprise glasnost on the DP and virtually outglasnosted the progressive democrats

Between the pressure applied by the DP and the seriousness of urbanisation in South Africa, the NP's hand was forced, believes the leader of the DP in the council Mr Ian Davidson said

Davidson called the move "a bold step for you (NP)" and "a victory for this side of the house" Earlier this year DP councillor Carl Steyn discovered that there existed no legislation which called for the segregation of swimming pools. Steyn and the then leader of the DP in the city council, Mr Tony Leon, led a "multiracial swim" at the Hillbrow indoor pool and effectively integrated the amenity.

Last weekend the Yeoville Residents Organisation - the first non-racial residents organisation in a proclaimed white area - pulled the same move on the Yeoville pool. Here there was no resistance while in Hillbrow only the extreme rightwing AWB, and other types protested and were subsequently arrested.

The moves on the swimming pools placed the NP's Manco in a predicament. In order to reinstitute segregation in terms of the Separate Amenities Act there had to be a council resolution in order for it to be effective.

"At the time they acknowledged that there was no legislation but inferred that under the Group Areas Act there was room for it," said Davidson, who described this as nonsense.

However the NP predicament was compounded when the DP pressurised the Manco to either make a public statement to confirm the absence of legislation or alternatively declare swimming pools segregated under the Separate Amenities Act

The outcome of the Carletonville court case which forced that council to remove all discriminatory legislation came along and in effect forced Manco's hand. It wasn't sound politics or economics to do a Boksburg or Carletonville in Johannesburg.

Councillor Mrs Marietta Marx denied that any pressure had determined the decision: "It was in line with Government's reform," she said.

It did take the Government fifteen years to open the city though. "The decision to open the city to non-white people was taken by the city council on January 30 1974," Alderman Jan Burger of Manco said

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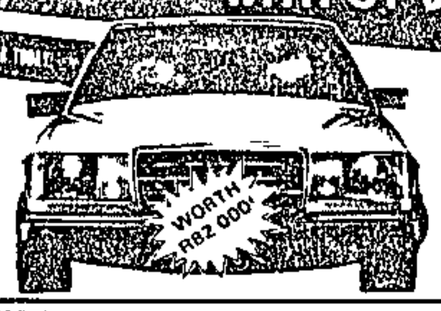

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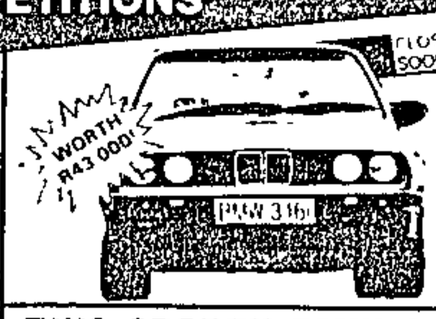

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No open Pretoria yet

PRETORIA. — This city is not expected to abolish apartheid soon.

While management committee chairman Mr James Leach said this could not happen overnight, another Pretoria city councillor hailed Johannesburg's move to open its facilities to all races.

Mr Leach said the city council could not just "decide overnight" to open facilities to all races. The council would, however, look again at the issue in the light of the changed circumstances in the country.

NP councillor Mr Lappe Laubscher said he was elated by Johannesburg's decision to abolish apartheid. "I hope Pretoria follows the same path soon,"

US applauds Jo'burg move for 'open city'

WASHINGTON — The US government has applauded the decision of Johannesburg City Council to dismantle apartheid, and has called on the South African Government not only to support the city's decision but to get on with the process of establishing a non-racial government.

A spokesman for the State Department, Mr Richard Boucher, said yesterday: "We applaud the decision by the Johannesburg City Council to move forward to begin the process of dismantling apartheid. We urge the South African Government to support implementation of the decision.

"We ask President de Klerk to start the process of establishing a non-racial democratic government." — The Star Bureau.

Opening of Jo'burg meaningless — ANC

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LUSAKA — The African National Congress says the Johannesburg City Council's decision to open public amenities is insignificant while the rest of a country remains "entrenched in apartheid". Star 30/9/89

According to the Ano news agency, an ANC spokesman said here yesterday the organisation was dissatisfied that apartheid had only been abolished in Johannesburg.

He added that the changes would not have happened were it not for recent demonstrations of the Mass Democratic Movement (MDM).

The spokesman said as long as the Government did not change its political approach "the change in Johannesburg will not be meaningful to the anti-apartheid movement".

No real change as pools and facilities go 'open'

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PAT DEVEREAUX

JOHANNESBURG'S municipal swimming pools and recreation facilities may be open to blacks for the first time but it seems it is going to take a while for Johannesburg's black residents to get used to the idea.

Contrary to what some right-wingers believed, the scrapping of apartheid in Johannesburg's recreation centres and swimming pools has not led to "swamping".

In fact, black people have always legally been allowed to use Johannesburg's pools because swimming pool segregation was, by some oversight on the part of the authorities, never enforced in terms of council bylaws.

Recreation centres were "ope" from this week and, when buses are c segregated by the end of the year, t abolition, which began 15 years ago Johannesburg, of petty apartheid wil be virtually complete.

A Saturday Star check on vario swimming pools and recreation centr yesterday indicated no changes.

Kensington, Norwood, Malvern and Melville remained white and surpri ingly empty.

The Yeoville swimming pool s perintendant said black people w using the pool.

However, the opening of Yeovil s municipal creche facilities at the re reation centre means a change fo Mrs Jessie Ndlovu who said: "Now my on Valli (3) will be able to go to the cr e with his playmates, Bianca and n Burkow."

Hillbrow's indoor swimming p l was being made full use of yeste y by a number of rowdy children o all race groups.

The superintendant said they had been admitting people of all ra es since August this year.

"We get plenty of black childre in the morning because many don't g to school but white children come with their swimming trainers later i the afternoon," he explained.

Mayfair's swimming pool was also being made use of by local children many of whom are from what fas becoming an Indian neighbourh d.

Municipal employees said bla p ple are welcome to use the recr ati al facilities but they believed it wo take a while for blacks to att d classes at their centres especially in the suburbs.





While tempers flared at the Vrededorp swimming pool when Indian resients from nearby Pageview joined their white neighbours for a dip, Indian and white children played happil at the municipal pool in Mayfair.

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Vrededorp sizzles as pool row hots up

Pageview residents' swim-in angers whites

By Shirley Woodgate, Municipal Reporter

Tension ran high among white residents of Vrededorp in Johannesburg yesterday when a group of Indian residents from neighbouring Pageview staged a peaceful "swim-in" at the 13th Street pool.

Led by members of the Save Pageview Association (SPA), about 30 Indian men, women and children strolled four blocks from their houses to the pool. They were watched by a small group of angry whites who quickly gathered as word got around.

Few people in the water

Admission is free with numbers restricted to 340. By 11.30 am there were already 168 in the pool area although few people were in the water.

The Indians were led by SPA secretary and chief executive of the Islamic Bank, Mr Ebrahim Kharsany, who cancelled plans to attend the International Monetary Fund conference in Washington last week after hearing that Johannesburg's pools had been officially desegregated by the city council.

The spokesman for the white residents was boxing promoter Mr Boet Hamman, but no words were exchanged between the two groups who eyed each other uneasily, the Indians seated on the grass and most of the angry whites standing at the entrance.

"The poor whites have been sold out by the National Party and the city council. We all voted "no" to mixed swimming pools in our area; now everything we have worked to build for our children has gone in one day," Mr Hamman said.

"We won't get aggressive but we'll fight to the bitter end for our rights. We can't afford our own pools as they do in Houghton and Sandton.

"The National Party made promises and they have broken them. The truth is that this swimming pool is going to be overcrowded and our kids will be pushed out.

"The swimming pool can't take it and our white people can't take it," he warned.

A bemused Mr Kharsany, watching his children playing in the water, said: "The truth is, this is a culture shock for both sides.

"You can remove the legal structures with a stroke of the pen but it takes time to remove the social divide. There is no law to write that off.

"If people can swim together I believe they can live together, which is what the SPA is fighting for in Pageview where the last 67 families are fighting to remain in the area of their choice," he said.

By midday the Indian people had left but the white residents remained, threatening to draw up a petition in an effort to keep the pool white.

Commuters see multiracial buses as mere formality

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Trying it out . . . reporter Jovial Rantao rides on a Johannesburg Transport Department bus.

By Jovial Rantao

The Johannesburg Transport Department (JTD) application to be made in two months' time for official permission to allow its buses to carry people of all races is regarded by many commuters as a mere formality.

This emerged from discussions with black and white commuters who travel on Johannesburg's whites-only buses. A great number of buses had been mixed for some time now, they said. One passenger said that besides not being worried about sharing buses with people of other races, the JTD should also look at the favourable financial considerations of a fully multiracial service.

Reporters from The Star found on bus rides on four routes that commuters appeared to be prepared for a multiracial service after the Johannesburg City Council decision last week officially to abolish apartheid in swimming pools, recreation centres and buses.

Mr Steven Lee (30), who works for an auditing company, said the move was overdue.

"We pay the same fare, go in the same direction and maybe to a common destination. So why not go together?" he said.

Miss Maria Pienaar of Craighall Park said: "I don't mind at all. I think it also means that we will have a cheaper and better service."

Mrs Joyce Cohen, who rode in the same bus as Ms Pienaar, was against the move.

"It is ridiculous. You (blacks) have your own bus service. Why doesn't the council upgrade buses for black people and let them enjoy them and not share with us," she said.

Said a Johannesburg man who refused to be named: "It doesn't matter who sits next to me, as long as they mind their own business."

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No Randburg plans to open pools

TANIA LEVY

RANDBURG does not intend to follow Johannesburg's lead in opening public swimming pools to all races.

Management committee chairman Frans Lourens said yesterday the council had no immediate plans to desegregate pools.

Town Clerk Bart van der Vyver said Randburg's pools were open to whites only in terms of swimming pool by-laws.

Although the by-laws were adopted by the council in 1974, it was only in 1987 that the then NP-dominated council passed an amendment restricting entrance to pools to whites only.

Lourens said surveys had found that Randburg's residents wanted pools closed to other race groups and they would have to be surveyed again before such a move was considered.

The council's DP leader, Andre Jacobs, said moves to declare all amenities open in Johannesburg and Sandton had been observed with interest and the situation in Randburg would be investigated.

Randburg's bus service was effectively declared open along with Johannesburg's buses last week as Johannesburg subcontracts the service.

All other amenities in Randburg are open.

Meanwhile, our Durban correspondent reports the city's amenities committee yesterday agreed that Durban's remaining whites-only beaches should be opened to all races but the move was described as "jumping the gun" by management committee chairman and NP caucus leader Jan Venter.

Although the issue would be raised at the next council meeting on October 16, a decision was unlikely unless government announced a change in policy before then.

Venter said NP-supporting councillors would not support a recommendation to open the beaches until this had happened, without their support, the recommendation would be defeated

Court hears Rockman evidence

CAPE TOWN — Two riot policemen charged with assault after pre-election incidents in Mitchell's Plain believe charges against them were politically motivated by fellow policeman Lt Gregory Rockman, the Wynberg Regional Court has been told.

Cross-examining Rockman in the trial of Maj Charles Roger Brazelle and Lt David Johan Roos, who are appearing before regional magistrate A S McCarthy, defense counsel J Els SC said yesterday it would be his contention that Rockman had laid charges against the two policemen because of political bias.

The State alleges that on September 5 Brazelle and Roos gave orders to members of their riot unit to use batons and quirts in an unlawful manner to disperse an illegal gathering in the Mitchell's Plain town centre. B/Day 6/10/89

In his evidence, Rockman told the court he had seen four policemen lashing a young woman standing at a bus stop.

He believed she must have thought she had no reason to run because she was standing innocently at the bus stop.

"When she couldn't take the beating anymore she started running and they followed her — the stouter one even fell — they ran at her, lashing all the time."

SA Transport Services worker Gareth Paul Mars, 33, said he had gone to the centre for grocery shopping. He saw about 20 school children with placards on the platform in what had now become known as "Rockman Square". He moved nearer to see what was going on and was standing next to Rockman when, at 9.40am, the policeman told the children their gathering was illegal and they should disperse by 10am.

When Rockman was out of sight, policemen who had earlier been standing nearby stormed the youths and beat them.

Mars said there was definitely no warning given before the attack, which took place inside the 20 minutes given to them to disperse by Rockman.

He said he saw Roos, with a megaphone in his hand, "laughing and smiling" but had not heard any warning given

The case resumes today. — Sapa.



Lt Gregory Rockman, left, and witness Gareth Mars, right, at the Wynberg Regional Court, Cape Town, yesterday.

Coloured committee barred from using Civic Centre room

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By Shirley Woodgate,
Municipal Reporter

Johannesburg had told the world it had opened all its municipal amenities to all races, but it had failed to emphasise that the Civic Centre remained a model of segregation, said Mrs Margaret Mateman, chairman of the coloured South-Western Management Committee.

"We asked early in August to be allowed to meet in a committee room in the Civic Centre, but all we were offered was a swop to the old council chamber in the City Hall instead of the room where we meet at present.

"We were subjected to verbal abuse and told the Civic Centre was not for coloureds. But we are insisting that we want to meet in a committee room in the Civic.

"Unless they reconsider we will have to decide on further action."

● The SWMC also plans to discuss the "sharp increase" in bus tariffs recently announced in the area under its jurisdiction.

Mrs Mateman said she was dismayed by the announcement by the private operator, Comuta, of a 28 percent increase on all routes in Eldorado Park and Klipspruit and the industrial area.

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NP urged to defuse amenities situation

Municipal Reporter

The National Party has been urged by Mr Ebrahim Kharsany, secretary of the Save Pageview Association, to launch an educational programme to condition the public to desegregated public amenities.

Stressing that blacks had virtually been thrown in at the deepend when Johannesburg City Council announced the opening of swimming pools, buses and recreation facilities to all races, he said it also came as a culture shock for whites who were used to having their own amenities.

"Although Indians have lived in Pageview since the turn of the century, no Asians have ever dipped a toe in the nearby Vrededorp swimming pool.

"It was not unnnatural that our historic walk down 13th Street for a dip in the heart of a white right-wing area on Sunday led to insults

"A white child was heard to ask what all the coloureds were doing there. Her mother replied they were Indians, not coloureds, to which the child remarked: 'But they look just like us'.

"That kind of conversation could be avoided by properly educating the public out of thinking along racial lines," he said.

"But it is not only a race issue but a matter of class prejudices.

"Once there were 40 000 Indians in Johannesburg and the council never provided equal amenities, not one park or a pool, which is why we are faced with the present situation.

"Sadly now, their chickens have come home to roost and it is up to the NP to defuse the situation to avoid confrontation," Mr Kharsany said.

Focus on changes in the wild

Business entrepreneur and wildlife expert, Mr Ian Thomas, will give a practical address on "Adapting to Change" at a luncheon at the Johannesburg Country Club in

wild places, believes there are many lessons that people, and more particularly business people, can learn from nature.

His address will illustrate, from a wildlife point of view

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'Open' Pretoria deadline

Pretoria Correspondent

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The delegation included the chairman of the Pretoria Standing for the Truth campaign, the Rev Gideon Makhanya; the general secretary of the Institute for Contextual Theology, Father Smangaliso Mkatshwa; the Anglican Bishop of Pretoria, Bishop Richard Kraft; the Roman Catholic Archbishop of Pretoria, Bishbop George Daniel; the national chairman of the National Initiative for Reconciliation, Professor David Bosch; the actuary of the Moderature of the Ned Geref Church in Africa, Dr Nico Smith; the national director of Koinonia, the Rev Ivor Jenkins and the secretary of the Pretoria Standing for the Truth campaign, Mrs Jo Mennen.

DIDN'T TURN UP

Mr Makhanya said Cosatu notified the committee that it could not attend the meeting but the National Association of Democratic Lawyers (Nadel) and the National Medical and Dental Association (Namda), which previously indicated that they would attend the meeting, did not turn up.

The delegation disclosed that a three-man delegation met Mr Van Zyl last week to discuss the opening of the city.

At the meeting, which lasted more than an hour, Mr Van Zyl was told that: ". . . in the light of the fact that Pretoria is the capital of the country, and that other cities have already taken the lead which Pretoria should have given in opening their facilities to all races, time was long overdue for Pretoria to take definite steps towards opening facilities to all its people."

The delegation said in a statement after the meeting: "The delegation made it clear to Mr Van Zyl that the constituencies they represent cannot go on living on promises and on talks about talks, and that tremendous pressure has built up in the communities demanding immediate action for change."

The delegation has also set a date by which the city should be open for all races.

ANOTHER BOKSBURG

Although the delegation would not specify the date it has given to Mr Van Zyl, they indicated that several actions would be instituted should the city not be opened to all races.

Firstly, the delegation would ask cabinet ministers to give a clear indication to the city council of its policy on separate amenities.

The delegation said a full-scale defiance campaign, aimed at all segregated amenities, would be undertaken.

It would further ask the international community to apply more pressure on Pretoria as a city and would also "make Pretoria into another Boksburg."

The delegation said diplomats would be asked not to base themselves in Pretoria any longer.

Mr Makhanya said the delegation was impressed by the "positive attitude" displayed by Mr Van Zyl.

Mr Van Zyl did not want to comment on the meeting "at this stage".

Closing-down sale

Despite petition drives, protest rallies and pleas for mercy, it appears the venerable Johannesburg High School for Girls opened this week for its final term.

Government announced in July that the Berea school, known as Barnato Park, was closing because its enrolment of 237 students was only one-third of capacity. Hundreds of neighbourhood girls would gladly have filled the gap but the school is for white girls and the hopefuls are black and coloured whose families live illegally in the area.

The dream of saving the 102-year-old school, oldest in the city, lives on among students, parents and their supporters. They continue to hold meetings of their Save Our School Committee and lobby education officials about their options.

While their frantic SOS may not save the historic school it has raised the prickly issue of what to do with white-elephant schools in increasingly grey areas.

For a while Barnato Park supporters were heartened by the idea of having Berea and adjacent Hillbrow declared free-settlement areas and then having the school declared nonracial — though there's been no definitive statement from Pretoria that one step would necessarily follow the other. Even if the area were officially opened to all races it could not be done soon enough to allow the school to reopen in January. In the seven months since free-settlement applications have been taken no area has yet been declared open.

Furthermore, development of nonracial schools in free settlements would mean yet another government education department — for a total of 15 — to administer the hybrid.

One of the more realistic hopes for keeping the school alive is to take it private and have government subsidise 45% of the cost, the present limit for private schools. Barnato Park supporters have said they would like 100% State subsidy because the cost of private-school tuition is beyond the means of many would-be students.

But is the answer for government to continue easing out of education, closing public schools and then giving them less than half of their original support when they reopen as private academies?

"By going the private route government avoids facing the question of nonracial schools," asserts Johan Muller, co-ordinator of the Wits Education Policy Unit. "While some private schools are formed for specific reasons, we shouldn't have private schools just to cope with the lack of government provision."

The numbers prove there's a crisis in the white school system; it cannot continue to exist in its present segregated state. In Johannesburg alone almost one-quarter of the white primary and secondary schools are faced with closure soon or in the next five years because of declining enrolment, according to Muller.

Only 7,6% of the total number of children starting their schooling this year were white and next year it will be 4%, announced Brother Neil McGurk at the kick-off of the All Schools for All People campaign in Johannesburg. McGurk is the principal of Sacred Heart College, a nonracial private school in the Johannesburg suburb of Observatory.

Estimates on the number of empty places in white classrooms range up to 307 000 nationwide. An ever-declining white birthrate, and moves of young families away from established inner cities and suburbs to newer developments, will hasten the demise of more schools.

On the flip side, the ever-increasing number of black and coloured children who live in nominally white areas face long, expensive daily journeys to overcrowded, troubled township schools. Many sit at home or wander the streets because school is just out of the question.

Muller, whose group is researching the issue of education in a post-apartheid society, says Barnato Park is evidence of government's indecision when it comes to schools. Making a decision means losing support on one side of the fence or the other. "They can't duck it forever," Muller says. "But there's no consensus, which means they're vulnerable to public pressure."

That's why parents and students at Barnato Park remain hopeful that come January they'll still have their school.

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Krugersdorp council can't muster quorum

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By Glen Elsas,
West Rand Bureau

A special Krugersdorp Council meeting set for last night could not continue as there was no quorum.

A special meeting called last week to discuss opening the Centenary Hall and the Krugersdorp Game Reserve to all races ended in chaos. Last night's meeting was granted to resolve the matter.

Mr Bill Greyvenstein, who proposed the motion, did not have a chance to have it seconded before a request was granted that the decision be postponed for six months.

Nine councillors excused themselves from attending the meeting, leaving only one National Party supporter, four independents and the mayor in the chamber.

Of the nine who had excused themselves, only one is an independent councillor. The other eight support the CP.

The meeting to discuss the opening of the hall and game reserve will now take place after the ordinary council meeting to be held next week.

After the meeting, a spokesman for the Azaadville management committee said the matter would be taken to court if no decision was reached.

Mr Benoni van Graan stressed the importance of a decision concerning the opening of certain facilities to all races.



People's power and picnics come to Boksburg

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Braaivleis, football, people's power — and Boksburg lake

By PHIL MOLEFE

A LARGE red banner declared: "Hier Kom People's Power" when about 200 people of all races yesterday converged on the "whites-only" Boksburg lake for a picnic in defiance of the town council's petty apartheid regulations.

Champagne flowed and the braai smoke filled the air as the jubilant crowd, mostly coloureds from nearby Reiger Park, defiantly occupied the "white man's pleasure resort".

The picnic was organised by the Save Boksburg Committee to coincice with the first anniversary of the entrenchment of apartheid laws by the Conservative Party-controlled town council.

"What happens here today is not only a question of having access to the lake but is the overall political effort to change the society," said Jerry Thuys, a Reiger Park resident.

"We are proving through our actions that we can succeed and God is on the side of people who can get up and claim back what is theirs," he said.

The old and young folk from the townships relaxed under the trees enjoying soft drinks and snacks and there was no sign of a backlash from the right wing.

According to Percy Bottman some white families living near the lake had gone to the police, complaining about blacks who had invaded the lake.

As the pinic got into full gear, youths began *toyi toyi-ing* and chanting freedom songs, jumping around in circles.

Banners and posters carried the messages: "All apartheid laws must go", "This lake must be enjoyed by all" and "Mandela the freedom of Boksburg awaits U", hung from the trees and against lakeside poles.

The Democratic Party's Pierre Nel, who contested in Brentwood in last months's general elections, said his presence at the picnic was a "symbolic gesture" by his party that the Seperate Amenities Act must go.

The picnic was also attended by representatives of the Mass Democratic Movement and foreign governments.

Save Boksburg Committee's Mahomed Navsa said that through united action the people of Boksburg will break down the racial barriers.

The small East Rand dorp of Boksburg made international headlines when the town council last year announced that there would be seperate facilities for different races.

Blacks and coloureds from Boksburg townships responded by launching a consumer boycott of businesses in town.

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NO LENDING: UDF vice-president George du Plessis and members of the Save Boksburg Committee at the local library Picture: HORACE POTTER

Library ban on top UDF official

By BOETI ESHAK

A MAN was barred from borrowing a book from the Boksburg library yesterday — even though he features prominently in it.

Mr George du Plessis, a national vice-president of the United Democratic Front, was one of about 30 so-called coloureds who defied Boksburg Conservative Party rules and used the town's whites-only library yesterday.

While glancing through the Who's Who, he was surprised to find he was listed. "I wanted to take the book out to show it to my family," Mr Du Plessis said.

"The librarian said I couldn't borrow it, but if that particular book was not available at the Reiger Park library, I should ask the librarian in the coloured township to request it."

After the incident-free mid-week picnic at the Boksburg Lake, Save Boksburg Committee members wanted to further test the town's policy of barring facilities to people of colour.

Initially they were asked to leave the library but when they refused, they were left alone. Several students and teachers then used the library's facilities. They were left to read books but were not allowed to take any out.

"We stood our ground when the librarian asked us to leave," said teacher Miss Nadia Moosa. "The library is a public facility and we have as much right to use it as any of the town's white residents."

Mr Mohamed Navsa of the Save Boksburg Committee said Reiger Park residents would be encouraged to use the town's library in future — "but next time we will come back in larger numbers."

Several white students in the library said they would not mind sharing facilities with people of colour.

The librarian, Miss Louise Vos, said municipal staff were instructed by the council not to talk to the Press.

Orange Farm waits for amenities

THE Soweto City Council hopes to resettle about 3 000 squatter families in Orange Farm by the end of the year.

The families are being removed from Mshenguville in Soweto.

The council has resettled 340 families since the removals started a few months ago.

Public relations officer for the council Dr Johan van der Westhuizen said they were hoping to complete the removals by the end of March next year.

By MZIKAYISE EDOM

"We are aware that there are people in Mshenguville who are resisting the removals and we have discovered that these are families who do not qualify to buy stands in Orange Farm. Only married couples who have Mshenguville permits qualify to stay in the new area," he said.

Familes are charged R500 each for a stand measuring 150 square metres under freehold rights. The majority of the families in the area are in the low-income group.

They pay a monthly service charge of R24.50. They do not pay site rent.

Van der Westhuizen said the National Housing Commission had agreed to help the families secure loans of between R10 000 and R20 000 to build houses.

Though transport is plentiful in the area, it is expensive. Commuters pay R3 by taxi and R2 by bus for a single trip from the farm to Johannesburg. A train service is also available.

Putco bus company is transporting school-children free of charge from the area to Soweto daily until the end of the year.

"As soon as the farm is proclaimed a residential area and a local authority is established, we will install a proper infrastructure including water, electricity and toilet facilities," said Van der Westhuizen.

He also said they would be putting up new schools, shops, churches and soccer fields early next year. "We have the money for these projects and all we are waiting for is the proclamation of the township".

Ten families presently share one communal tap and are using pit toilets.

A number of people the *Sowetan* spoke to said they were happy to be settled in Orange Farm.

"Mshenguville is a health hazard," said Mrs Cynthia Dlamini. There were no yards there but in this area I will be able to build my own house."

Another resident, Mrs Annah Rashaba, said there was more peace of mind in Orange Farm.

Mrs Rebecca Pande said she had stayed for four years in Mshenguville. "I am happy to be out of that slum," she said.



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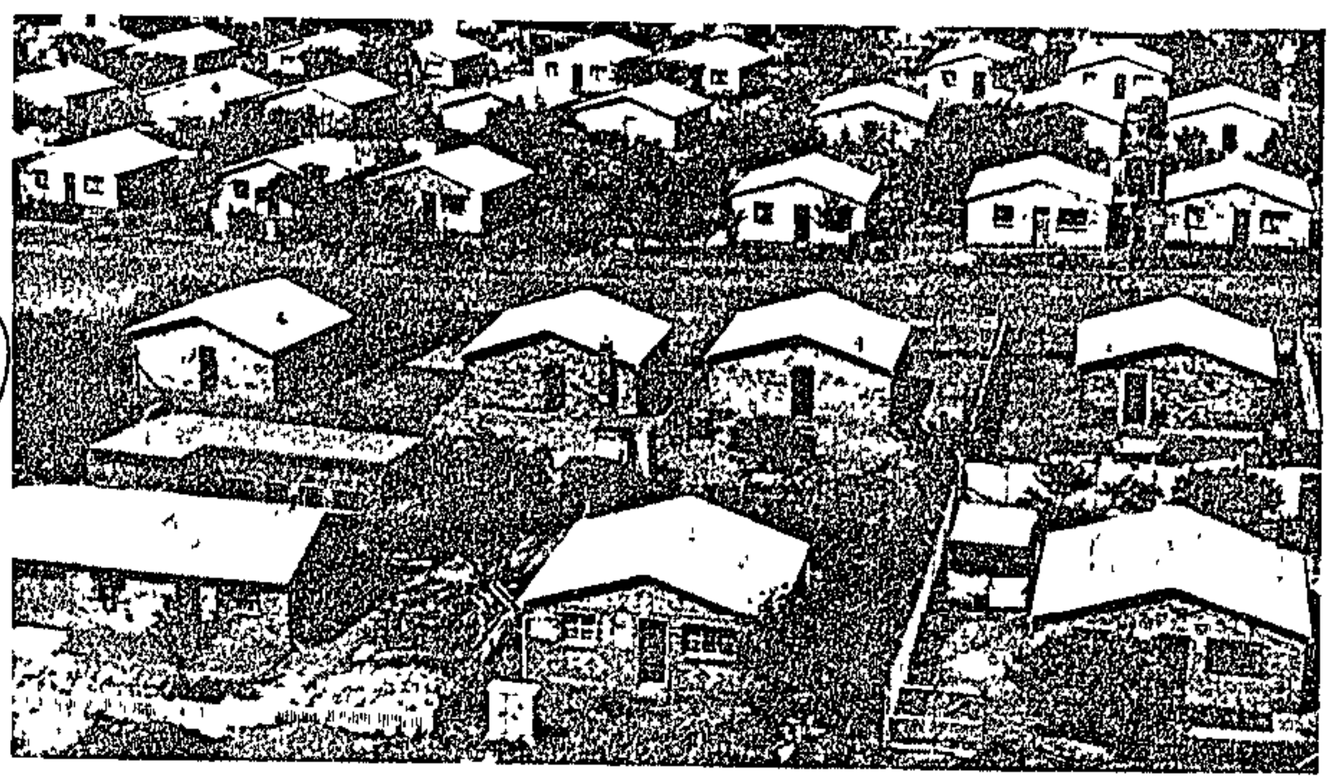

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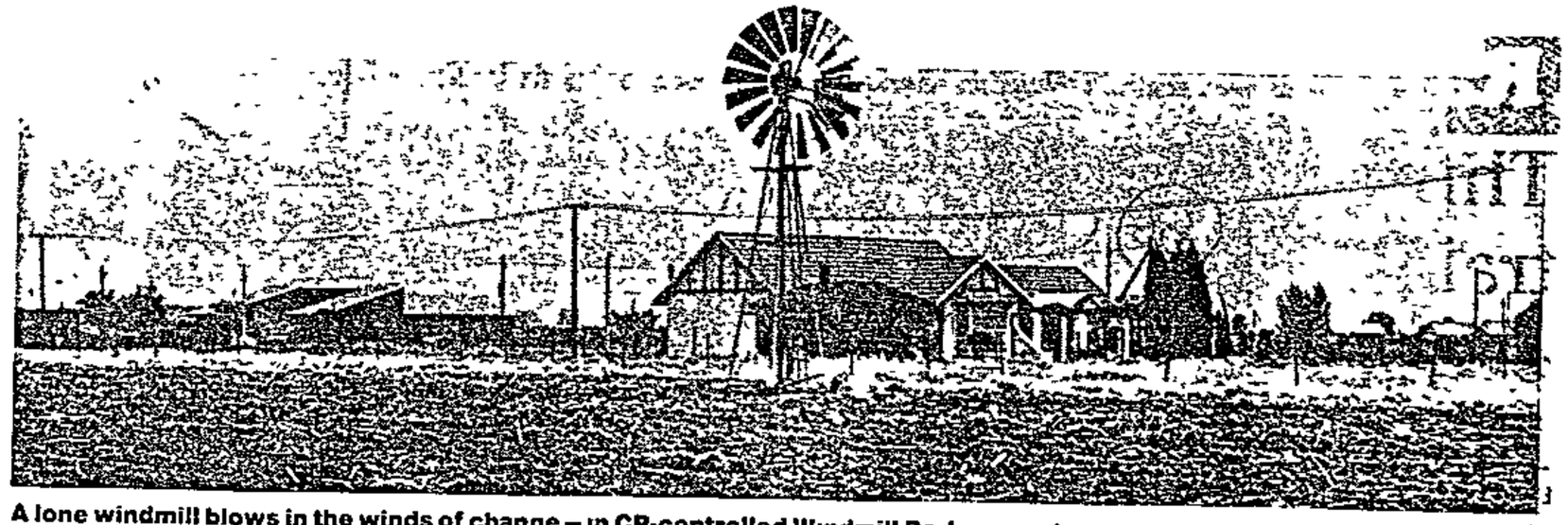

A lone windmill blows in the winds of change – in CP-controlled Windmill Park, named as a possible free settlement area.

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The Free Settlement Areas Board has named four areas – two in the Transvaal, one in the Western Cape and the other in Durban – as possible free settlement areas. SANDILE MEMELA gives his impression of Windmill Park in Boksburg and Country View in Midrand.

A FEW kilometres out of the Conservative Party-controlled Boksburg lies Windmill Park, due to be declared an open area

This week, the town clerk of the Boksburg Council, Blitz Coetzee, told *City Press* the council opposed the opening of Windmill Park to all races

The posh suburb has about 270 stands on which only 42 houses have been built in the first stage Twenty-one white families and 18 Indian families live in the area

At midday an uneasy silence hung over the houses, many of which had their curtains drawn

At least 10 Indian families quit the area soon after the CP took control of Boksburg

Large areas of Windmill Park have remained undeveloped since Indian families were harassed

Most of the houses have burglar bars on the front and back doors, with "for sale" signs in the yards

The long tarred streets were empty and the only people seen were domestic workers and gardeners who said they looked after the homes while the owners were away

A black couple was sitting on a stoep, waiting for the sweltering sun to set

"There are Indians and coloureds who live in the area, but others have left their houses in fear of rightwing harassment," said gardener Joseph Bhengu

Bhengu works at a posh-looking house with big windows, large yard, and a tile roof

In the past few years a mine hostel housing 8 000 black workers and a prison have been built on different sides of the suburb A rubbish dump is also being established nearby

Announcements are expected before the end of this month on the legal position of Windmill Park

Coetzee confirmed the council had lodged a formal complaint with Government, but said the council was aware the Free Settlement Board had recommended the area be declared open

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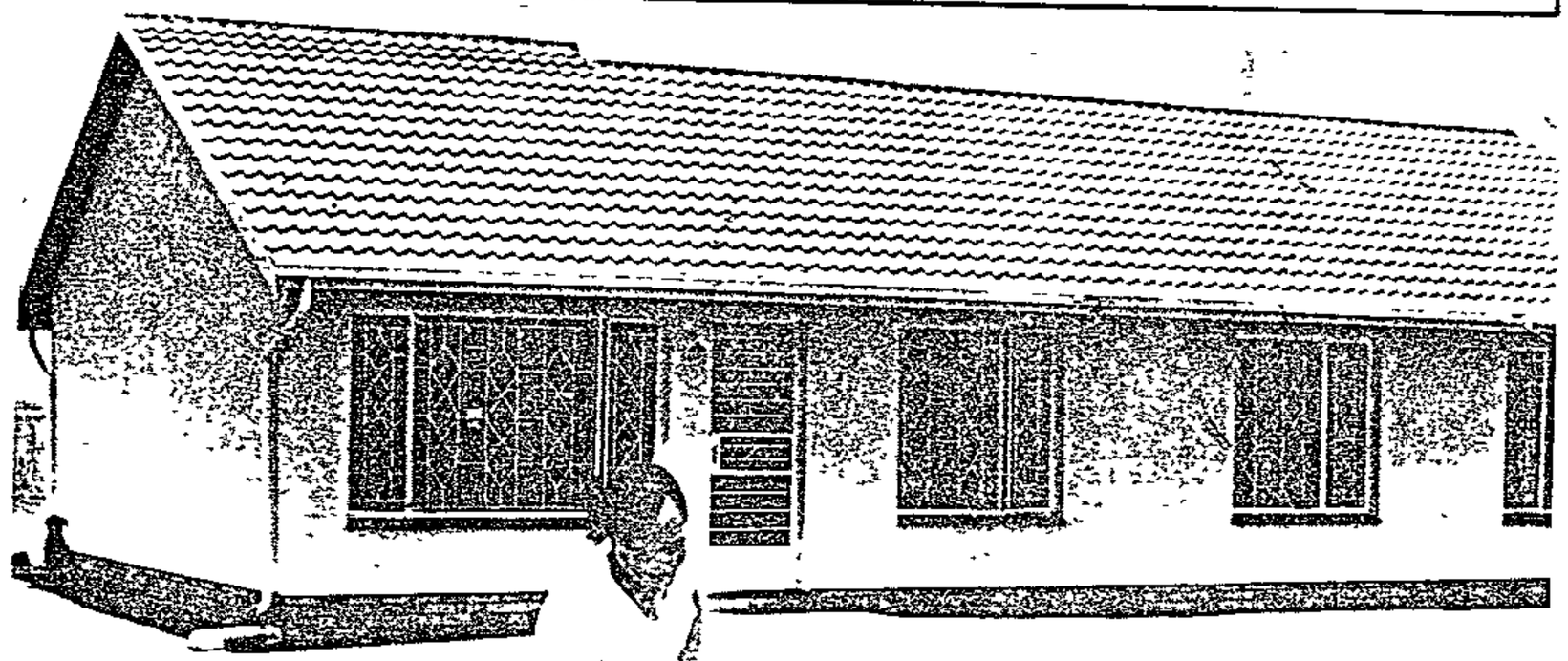


Joseph Bhengu, a gardener, works the weeds in a plush – but empty – house in Windmill Park.

South Africa of the future?

Facilities nearly ready for first legal multiracial suburb.

COUNTRY View, Midrand, between Johannesburg and Pretoria is expected to be among the first legal multiracial residential areas since the Group Areas Act was imposed in the 1950s

It will certainly be the first open suburb that is yet to be inhabited

The infrastructure has been completed, giving promise that the community could come into being in the next few months.

More than 200 sites have already been marked out and there are signs that houses, shops and other facilities and amenities will soon begin to go up

It has been confirmed that the Free Settlement Areas Board has recommended that Country View be declared an all-race area

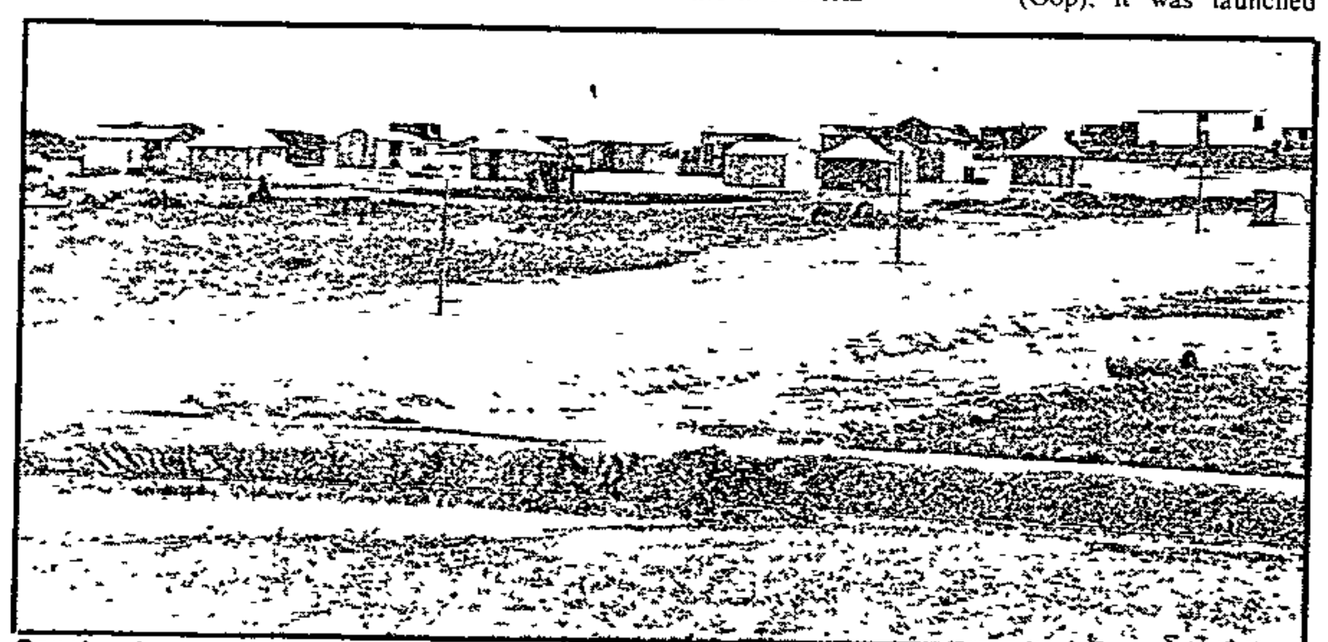
Other areas expected to be declared open are Hillbrow, Windmill Park in Boksburg District Six in Cape Town and the Warwick Avenue area of central Durban.

Country View is set in picturesque surroundings. It has the features of the countryside, not the flatland of Hillbrow or the dreariness of the black townships.

The area can hold its own in natural beauty with Sandton or Houghton and there is very little doubt in the next few years it will become a very fashionable suburb

The unnamed, tarred and well-lit streets run up and down a valley and stop short of a beautiful mini-lake being built in the area

In stark contrast to suburbs like Malvern in Johannesburg and Windmill Park in Boksburg, where hostile white residents protested against the arrival of black families in their all-white communities, this new suburb will provide all races with a peep into the South Africa of the future



Construction companies are working flat out to develop Country View near Midrand. It is one of the four areas earmarked for non-racial settlement by the Free Settlement Areas Board.

OOP plans to make Pretoria normal

A NEW organisation has been formed to normalise life in Pretoria

Called the Organisation for an Open Pretoria (Oop), it was launched this week and aims to open all facilities and amenities in Pretoria to all people

This week an Oop delegation met Law and Order Minister Adriaan Vlok and five National Party city councillors to discuss the issue

Oop postponed its planned programme of action to defy discriminatory laws after the "honest and congenial" meeting The NP delegation pledged to consider making a public statement of intent to open all amenities

Lou-Marie Kruger of Oop said the NP delegation promised to consider involving leaders of Pretoria's black communities in investigations to open the area

After investigations a report will be tabled in January 1990 at a special sitting of the Pretoria city council

"The delegation and the NP caucus agreed on the urgency of making concrete progress on this issue in a responsible manner," said Kruger

She said if no progress was made by early next year, Oop would:

- Launch a defiance campaign,
- Make a request to Cabinet ministers to clarify NP policy,
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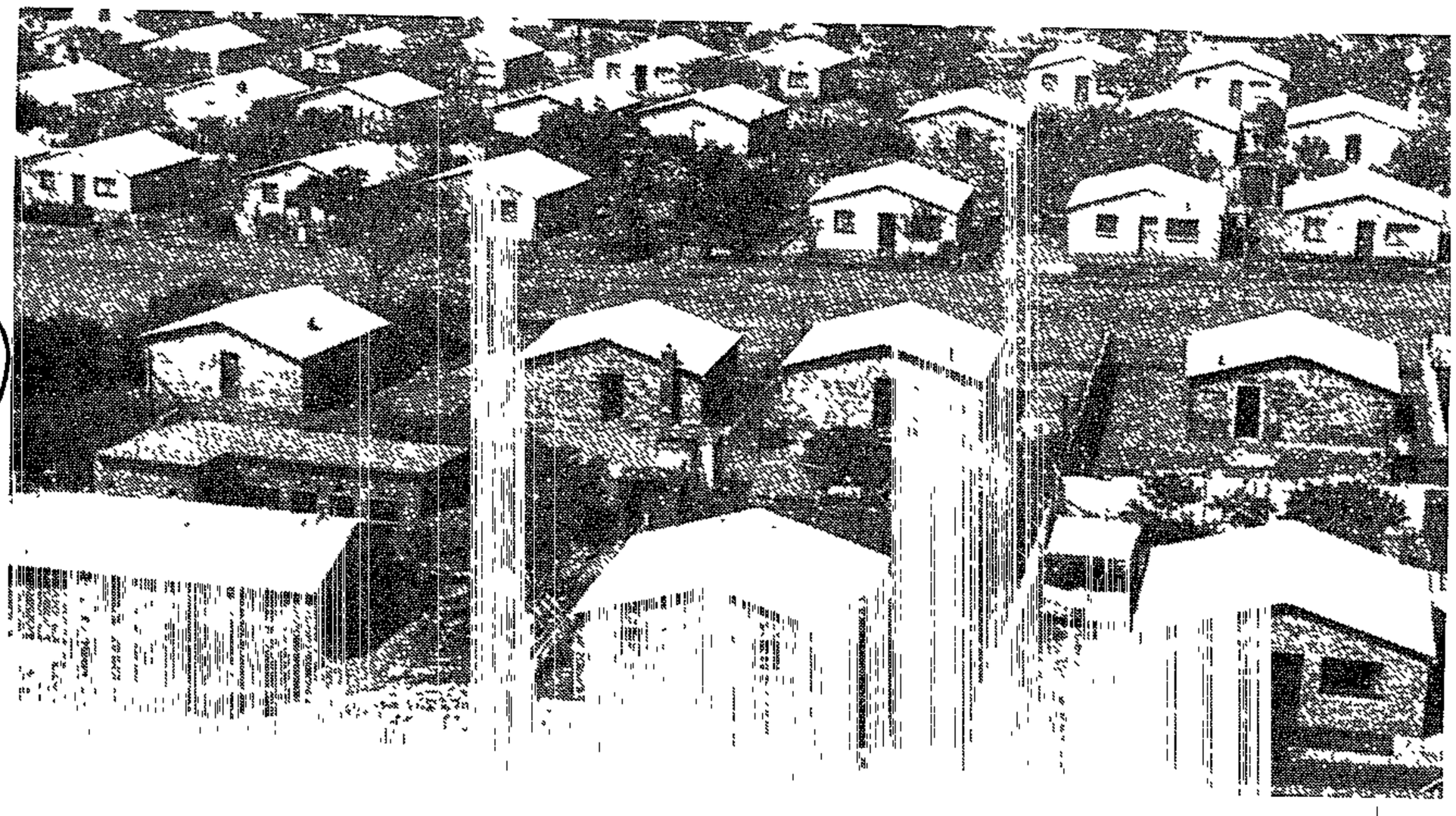

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Apartheid alive in Jo'burg buses

BLACK passengers continue to be humiliated and ejected out of municipal buses along routes in Johannesburg.

This is in spite of an announcement in April by the Johannesburg City Council that its all-white bus service would be desegregated.

By SONTI MASEKO

A woman complained to *Sowetan* about a white driver in central Johannesburg who is continually ejecting black people out of his bus.

Misss Wendy Khalo said the driver usually tells them that he has no time to be driving black passengers around. "I was personally thrown out of buses five times by the driver," she said.

"The third time I was standing with a white woman," Khalo continued.

"The white woman got in and when I followed the driver ordered me to get off. I board my bus at Eloff Street Extension into the city daily, It is always the same driver in the same bus."

When she complained to the transport department of the city council she was told that the driver was entitled to act as he did and that there was nothing they could do.

She said she had read in the papers that the service had become desegregated.

Sowetan also received the same response from the council yesterday. A spokesman in the transport division confirmed that the driver's attitude was "correct."+

Asked about the decision earlier this year, he said that the ccouncil had applied to the local transportation board for alteration to the permits so that all buses can be integrated and they were still awaiting a reply.

In the meantime the service was still segregated.

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Boycott victory

To shouts of "Viva Reiger Park!" members of the Save Boksburg Committee lifted glasses of champagne and revelled in the warm welcome at. The Liquor Warehouse. "It's about time. I think it's great that they're back," says manageress Maria Caldeira.

Rightful place

With just five weekends before Christmas most Boksburg shopkeepers are relieved coloureds have called off a year-long consumer boycott after President F W de Klerk gave notice last week to abolish the Separate Amenities Act.

"We're reclaiming our rightful place in Boksburg," says Mohamed Navsa, boycott committee chairman. "Reiger Park did its share. They rightfully, feel proud of being part of the mechanism that's bringing an end to separate amenities."

Property developer Joe Bentel plans to go ahead with the stagnated East Rand Mall project that seemed dead just a few days ago. The stigma of doing business in Boksburg is evaporating for multinationals, such as Colgate Palmolive, which is still trying to get rezoned into an adjoining town.

There is, however, some way to go. "Not for a minute should we assume it's over in Boksburg," says Philip Frankel, a Wits lecturer in political studies, who co-ordinated a survey of 300 residents and 50 shopkeepers in August for the American Chamber of Commerce.

"The majority of whites in Boksburg want separate facilities," he adds. "There's no way the CP is going to desegregate that pool. You can't force it. It's a question of sharing power at a local level. The CP won't sit back and let it happen."

Last November the newly elected CP majority on the town council voted to keep the lake area, town hall and other facilities for whites only. Reiger Park responded with a disciplined consumer boycott. Navsa estimates that 95% of the 55 000-strong community heeded the boycott in the early days and between 80% and 85% were still shopping in Benoni and Germiston this month.

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Rightwing Boksburg councillors are defiant. "Yes, the boycott hurt," admits CP mayor Beyers de Klerk, but it didn't change his mind on the issue of desegregation. "We will fight every centimetre of the way in every legal way we can," he adds. "We will fight every millimetre of the way legally. We have to survive. It's a fight to the death. We are prepared to die."

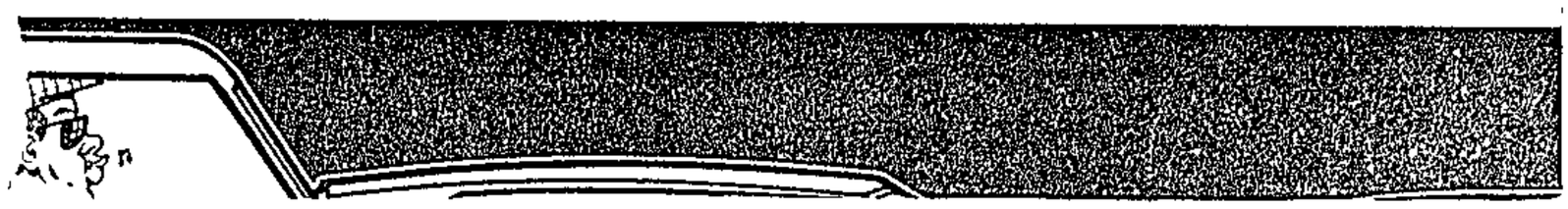
Karl Hechter-Schultz, who has lived in the town for 75 years, says the rightwingers are obstinate. "They will try to dig their heels in." He brought a court case that succeeded in getting the lake road re-opened to all.

Mayor De Klerk says the Nationalists have sold him out along with every other white who believes race groups are best kept separate.

As long as the NP continues to waffle on how serious it is about abolishing separate amenities, the CP will substitute a myriad of municipal regulations, including admission fees.

Both sides are regrouping. Frankel believes whites in Boksburg have shifted "imperceptibly to the left," perhaps making it harder for the CP to move backwards. The business community has discovered the buying power of its coloured customers.

Another legacy of the boycott may be the spillover of militancy from the once staid, politically uninvolved Reiger Park to other coloured townships on the East Rand.



cover from the negative effect of the previous drought in the mid-1980s," said Dr du Toit.

Boksburg councillors furious over open areas

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By Jacqueline Myburgh

Conservative Party councillors in Boksburg last night accused President de Klerk of forcing a free settlement area and an open trading area "down the throats" of Boksburg residents.

At the meeting of the CP-controlled Boksburg Town Council, Mr T J Ferreira said President de Klerk was forcing undesirable things on the people of Boksburg, and "feels nothing for the whites of this country".

He said the almost simultaneous announcements of Windmill Park in Boksburg as a free settlement area, and the town's CBD as an open trading area, represented a conscious attempt on the part of the Government to force the Boksburg council to carry out Government policy.

"And this in spite of election promises ('praatjies') of devolution of power and greater autonomy for local authorities," Mr Ferreira said.

VOICE IN WILDERNESS

Earlier, the council agreed to consider the purchase of property in Windmill Park for a housing scheme involving black council employees.

The leader of the National Party in the council, Mr Chris Smith, said the proclamation of an open trading area in Boksburg had already been recommended by the previous town council, by the Chamber of Commerce, by the Afrikaanse Sakekamer, by the nine NP members of the council, by the Member of Parliament for Boksburg, by the Member of Parliament for Brentwood, but not by "one voice in the wilderness" — that of the 11 CP town councillors.

"The issue of free settlement areas came up before the election, so people knew what to expect," he said.

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Stadium revamp may begin in April

By Simon Hoff

The Transvaal Cricket Council (TCC), whose future at its home ground Wanderers Stadium was secured last night, could begin its ambitious R10 million renovation of the ground as early as April next year.

A meeting of the Wanderers Club last night agreed to sell the stadium to the Johannesburg City Council, which is to lease it to the TCC.

The TCC and the Johannesburg City Council are set to create a "new" stadium for the 1990s.

Gone will be the splintering wooden benches and run-down toilet facilities. Instead TCC chairman Mr Ray White wants to create a more compact and homely Wanderers with grass banks, plenty of private business suites and comfortable seating.

Mr White, himself a member of the club, said he was absolutely delighted with Wanderers' acceptance of a R4,3 million offer to buy. If all went according to plan renovations could begin as early as April.

The next step, said Mr White, was for the city council to "come to the party" so that a package could be worked out.

A small snag was that the council was in recess for the Christmas and New Year period.

The first stage of the major refurbishing programme will be the drastic upgrading of the north side of the ground "to eliminate the mess and make it something we can be proud of".

The stadium had become run-down and uncomfortable as neither the club nor the TCC were prepared to pour money in while the outcome of the vote to buy was still in the balance.

Two years ago Wanderers Club decided not to renew TCC's lease on expiry in mid-1992.

Keep amenities closed – CP

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All city councils should refuse to open their public amenities to all races, the Conservative Party's Municipal Committee said yesterday.

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The chairman of the CP's Transvaal Municipal Committee, Mr Pikkie Coetzee, said the committee was deeply concerned at the Government's actions regarding the scrapping of the Separate Amenities Act and the opening of all beaches for all races, through which whites were being "robbed" of their own community life.

Racial clash at picnic

The Argus Correspondent in JOHANNESBURG

ANOTHER racial incident occurred at Boksburg Lake when a Reiger Park family was threatended by a sjambok-wielding man who told them to leave the picnic area, a spokesman for the Save Boksburg Committee said

Dr Billy Jabobs said the incident, late yesterday, followed clashes on Saturday He said no one had been injured and the family had left the picnic area immediately

On Saturday, a protest picnic erupted into violence between Reiger Park residents and members of the Afrikaner Weerstandsbeweging

The clashes between the two groups started at the lake when Reiger Park residents and right-wingers wanted to use the same facilities at the picnic area

Reiger Park residents went to the lake to protest against the reservation of the park for whites by the Conservative Party-controlled town council. Fists flew an hour later when CP supporters arrived with their families to picnic

Teargas

Police had to intervene and teargas was fired in an attempt to keep the two groups apart.

Dr Jacobs said last night that ten people had been arrested on charges of disturbing the peace, but it was not known if they would be prosecuted.

The Reiger Park residents and their supporters were dragged off by police after the AWB assaulted and physically removed them from what they termed "our braai area", Sapa reported.

Witnesses said that women in the CP group started using abusive language when coloured women wanted to use the toilet.

CP councillor Mr Koos van der Merwe said the fighting started when a Reiger Park resident, who was braaing opposite him, started swearing while talking to friends.

Mr Van der Merwe asked the man to stop using bad language and then squirted him with water after the man swore at him too.

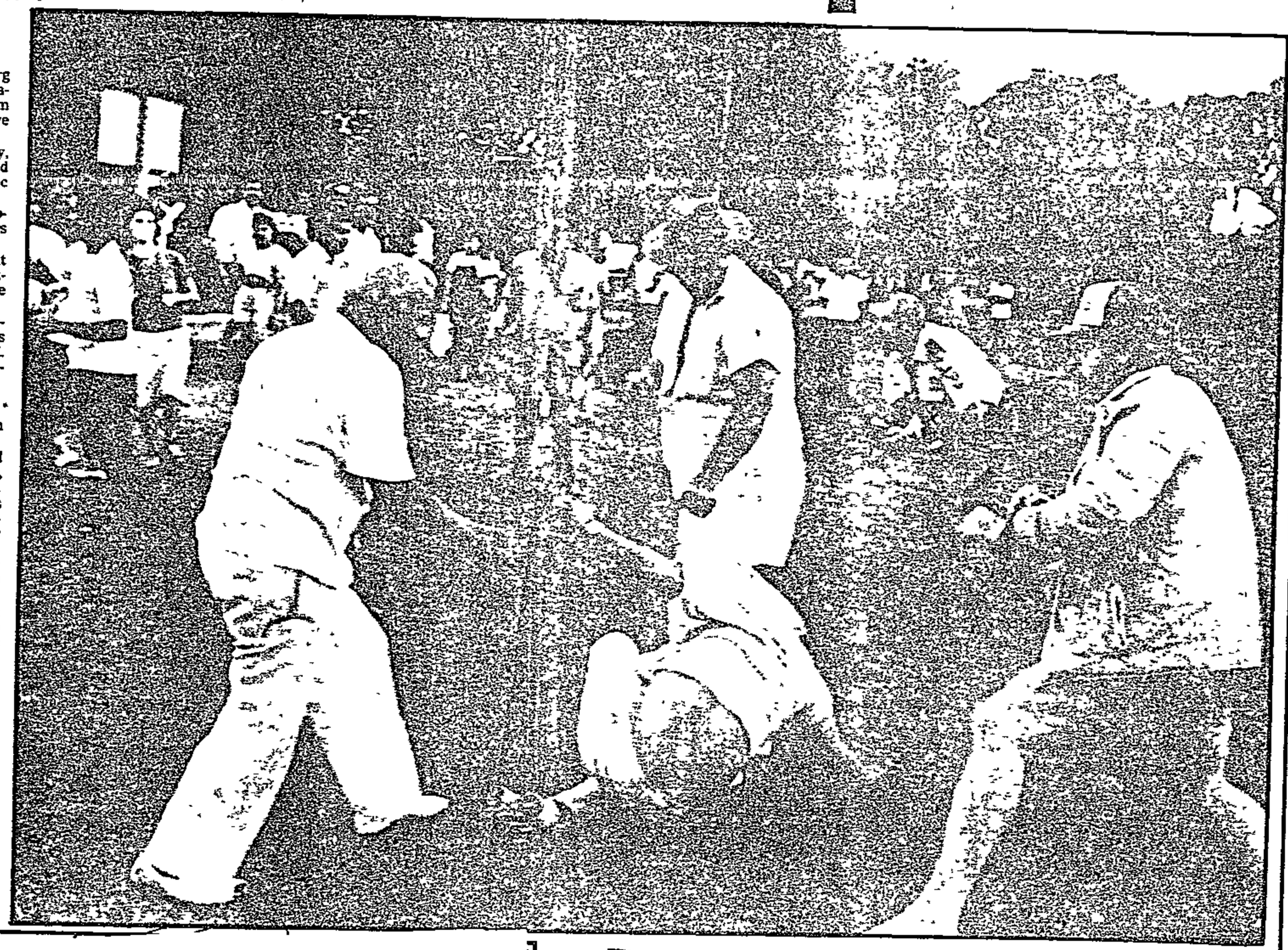
Partial

Spokesmen for the Save Boksburg Committee have accused the police of being partial during the violence.

Police did not step in immediately when the violence started, it was said.

"They shot teargas in the direction of blacks only, they arrested blacks only and the two whites who were arrested were supporters of Reiger Park's people," the committee said.

"We will go back to the Boksburg Lake which is now a symbolic target to claim our rightful place as full citizens of our town."



Protest erupts into violence

Afrikaner Weerstandsbeweging members clash with picnickers at a recreation spot run by the Conservative Party at Boksburg Lake

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'CP hatred' caused violence

JOHANNESBURG. — It was pathetic that the driving force behind Saturday's incidents of violence at the Boksburg Lake was "blind racial hatred" spurred by CP leader Dr Andries Treurnicht, the chairman of the Save Boksburg Committee said.

Mr Mohamed Navsa said black communities throughout the country faced with the reality of CP-controlled town councils would not submit to them.

"The AWB and some Boksburg councillors should be seen for what they are — Neanderthal men," Mr Navsa said.

He said Saturday's incidents of violence could be traced back to last week's speech by Dr Treurnicht in Boksburg in which he "preyed on peoples' prejudices, promoting racial animosity".

Violence erupted when a group of AWB and Conservative Party members attacked Reiger Park residents at a Boksburg Lake picnic area on Saturday.

As Beachboys music blared from lakeside speakers, police dragged away a number of Reiger Park residents and their supporters after the AWB assaulted and physically removed them from what they termed "our braai area".

A man whom police were trying to arrest was kneed in the face by an AWB member.

Earlier, a TV cameraman had his camera broken and his sound assistant was assaulted.

A photographer had his film confiscated and a Sapa journalist was forced to hand over his audio cassette to police.

The immediate reasons for the confrontation apparently arose from a decision by the Save Boksburg Committee to have a braai at the lake. The CP group had decided on Saturday to have a braai at the same place, a CP spokesman said.

The two sides disagreed as to who was at the braai area first. — Sapa

Open up Bronkhorstspruit, FW urged

By Mckeed Kotlolo,
Pretoria Bureau

The Concerned Community of Bronkhorstspruit has petitioned President de Klerk to open all local facilities to all races

The petition follows the local authority's refusal to grant the organisation permission to stage a peaceful protest march to the Bronkhorstspruit police station.

Marchers intended to submit a petition in which they called for the scrapping of laws that demanded separate facilities for different racial groups.

The march, which had been planned for the Day of the Vow, had to be abandoned after the local magistrate refused to grant permission for it to take place.

Scores of policemen manned roadblocks and patrolled the streets of the tiny Eastern Transvaal town on Saturday, searching every vehicle that entered Bronkhorstspruit.

The petition to Mr de Klerk called for.

- The opening of all facilities to all races.
- The scrapping of separate entrances for blacks and whites to police stations and businesses.
- An end to the harassment of black hawkers and traders.
- The lifting of emergency regulations, the repeal of all apartheid laws; the unbanning of all organisations and the release of all political prisoners.

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Restaurants in Pietersburg bar black customers

Own Correspondent

PIETERSBURG — Several Pietersburg restaurants have barred blacks, claiming pressure from right-wing customers.

The Longhorn Steakhouse had admitted black customers, but no longer did so.

Mr A Mackenzie, director of the Longhorn Steakhouse franchise in Johannesburg, said blacks were being turned away because of the town's Conservative Party policies. He said when the Longhorn steakhouse opened in Pietersburg last year it had a black manager and accepted everyone. White customers stopped coming and it became insolvent.

He said the new owner has his own policies. Although the head office was against racial discrimination, it could not force this policy on a franchisee.

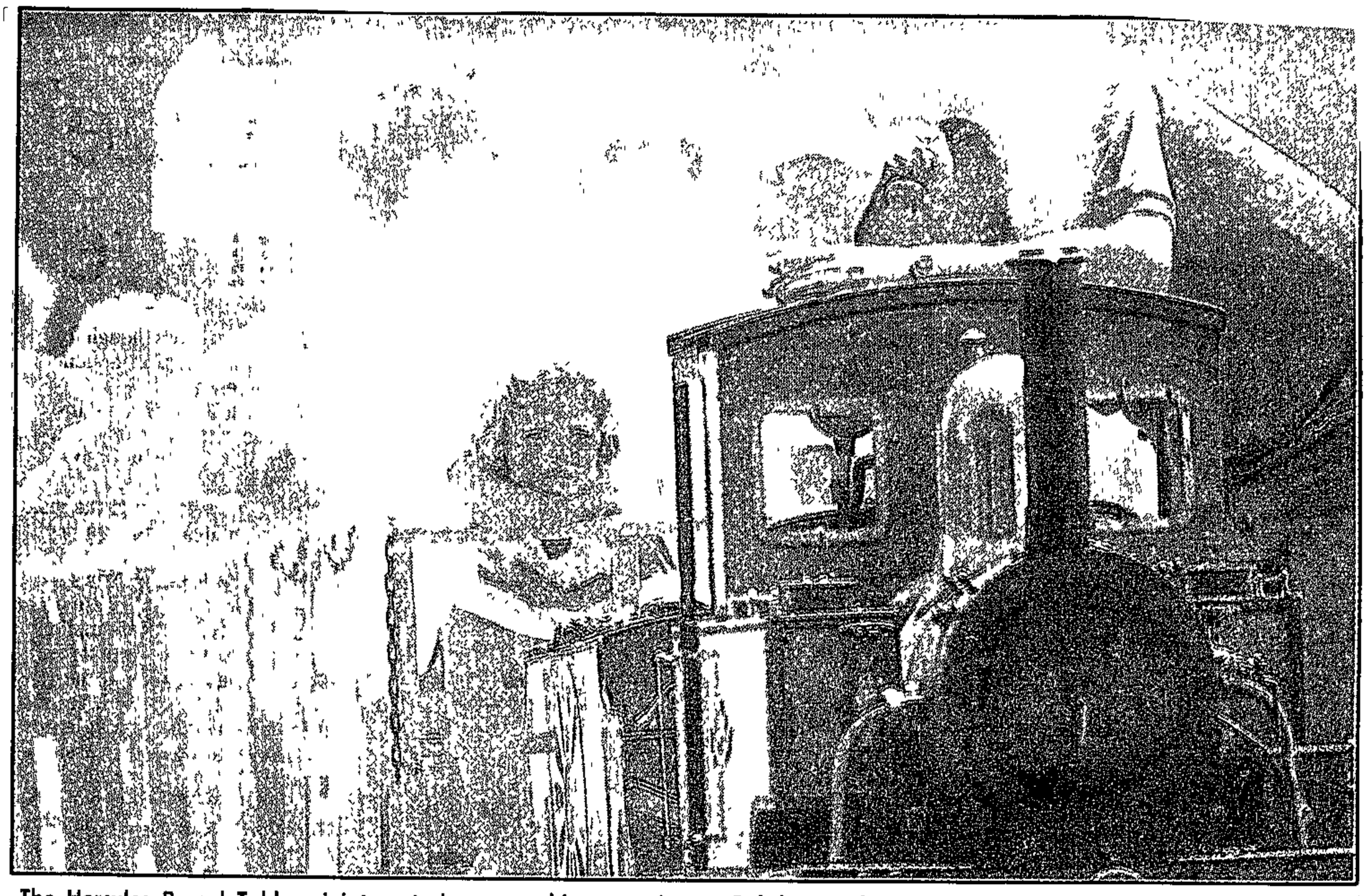
Mr Mackenzie said Mike's Kitchen in the town was also facing financial problems because it admitted blacks.

The owner of the steakhouse, Mr Marius Botha, declined to comment.

Mr Duncan Watson, the owner of Villa Italia restaurant, said 98 percent of his customers were white. Sometimes whites left his restaurant when they saw a black person entering, he said.

"I have to choose between bankruptcy and giving my customers what they want," he said.

Black customers said two restaurants in Pietersburg were open to all and were flourishing, the Golden Egg and Wimpy.



The Hercules Round Table miniature train was a big attraction at Boksburg Lake yesterday while picnickers flocked to parks throughout the Reef to enjoy the Boxing Day carry-over of the Christmas mood of peace and goodwill.

● Picture by Sean Woods.

No racial incidents at crowded parks

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By Shirley Woodgate

Thousands of people flocked to parks throughout the Reef on Christmas Day to enjoy the summer holiday.

Hundreds of black picnickers chose Zoo Lake as their venue. Star 27/12/89

At Boksburg Lake the atmosphere was relaxed and Conservative Party management committee member Mr Koos van der Merwe, who spent the day picnicking with his family on the northern shore, said there had been no problems after the recent racial incidents.

"Put it down to segregation at the lake because the only friction occurrred when the blacks deliberately staged a protest on the north bank which is for whites only, while we have set set aside the south bank for blacks.

"The recent carols-by-candlelight services in the town are proof that segregation is what the people want," he said.

About 2 000 people attended the Boksburg Information Bureau service, which was an all-white affair, while the Boksburg Publicity Association service, which was widely advertised as a mixed affair, only attracted 200 people, he said

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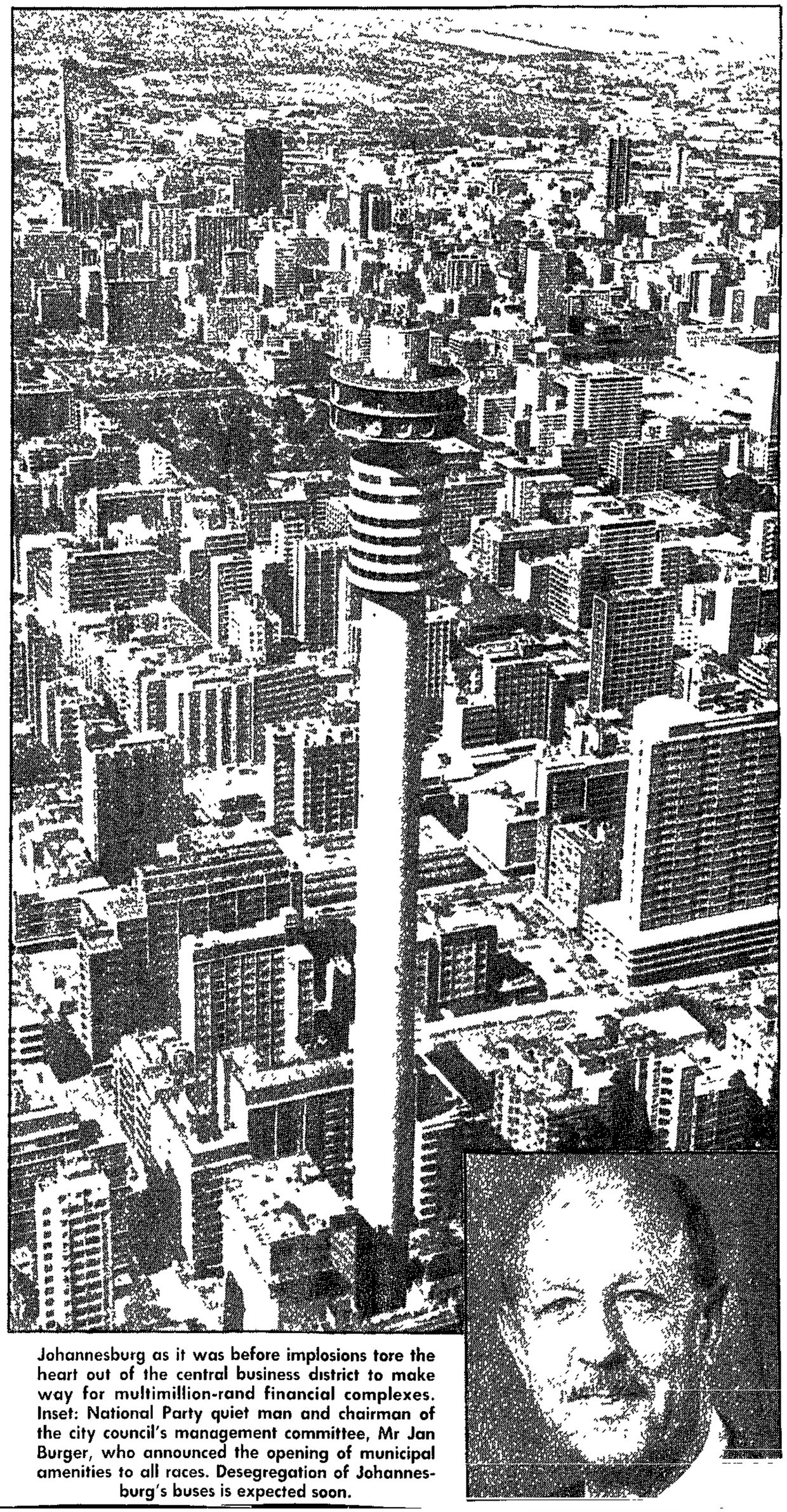

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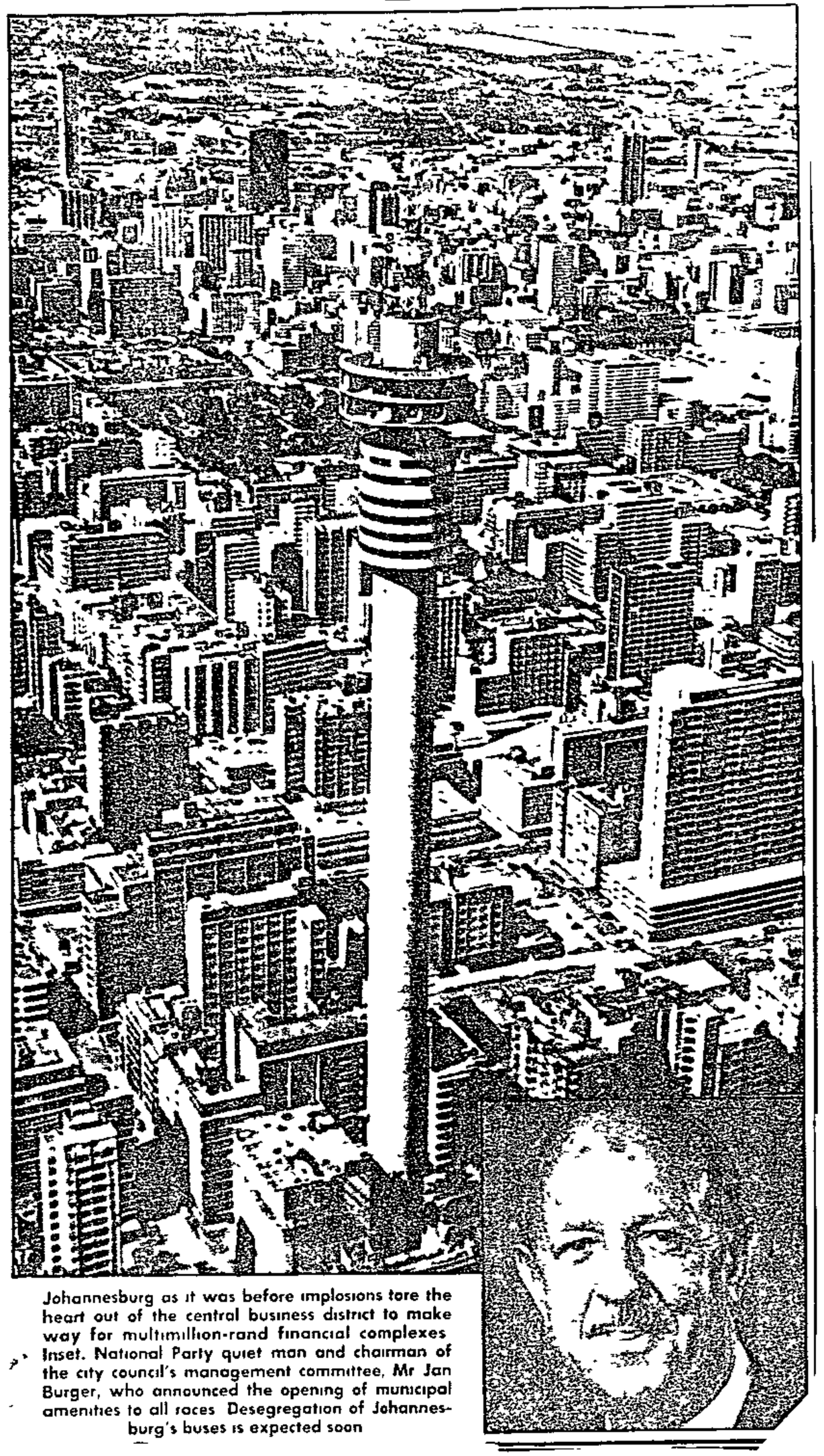
Despite its achievements and progress, Johannesburg has not only seen the demise of two major theatres, but enters the 90s with a revamped Civic Theatre that is only half complete



Johannesburg as it was before implosions tore the heart out of the central business district to make way for multimillion-rand financial complexes Inset. National Party quiet man and chairman of the city council's management committee, Mr Jan Burger, who announced the opening of municipal amenities to all races Desegregation of Johannesburg's buses is expected soon

Open resorts to all races – Schwarz

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By Therese Anders, Highveld Bureau

The Democratic Party has called for the immediate opening of the Government's 10 whites-only Overvaal resorts throughout the Transvaal.

The party's spokesman on finance, Mr Harry Schwarz, said the resorts had been originally financed with public money and therefore should be open to all.

He was commenting on a statement by the Overvaal director, Mr Pieter Jordaan, that the consequences of opening the resorts to all was now under discussion by the Overvaal management.

Mr Schwarz criticised the Government for transferring the Overvaal resorts in November 1988 from the Transvaal Provincial Administration to the white own affairs administration.

"These resorts aren't white own affairs because they were financed with public funds," he said. star 5/11/90

"It's like the Government deciding to transfer the National Parks Board to white own affairs. Would that mean the Kruger Park would then be for the enjoyment of whites only?"

He said it was illogical for Overvaal resorts to have become a white own affair and asked the Government to transfer the Overvaal organisation back to general affairs and open the resorts to all South Africans.

● In an early edition of The Star on Wednesday, a front page report said the Overvaal organisation was considering opening all its 10 white resorts. This was incorrect.

As was explained by the report inside the paper, Overvaal is a statutory body and can only make recommendations to the Government. Any decision on opening the resorts has to be made by the Government.

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Parks Board to up prices 30%

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ACHMED KARIEM

THE National Parks Board is to increase tariffs by 30% from April, says chief director Tol Pienaar.

He said yesterday the board was compelled to increase charges because of commodity price increases.

The board would soon provide a wide spectrum of accommodation for all income groups.

"This will vary from luxury overnight facilities to bush and hiking camps, caravan parks and even comfortable tent accommodation as in the 'ou dae' in the Kruger National Park," he said.

The board needed more funds because it had to rely on its own resources for activities such as the relocation of endangered species like the black rhino and Lichtenstein's Hartebeest.

At least 700 000 visitors were expected in the Kruger Park, where hut accommodation during the year was 92% full, for the April 1989/end-March 1990 financial year.

'SA agents' closely guarded

Star 18/11/90

By Robin Drew,
The Star's Africa News Service

HARARE — Fears that South Africa could initiate another attempt to spring alleged South African agents from prison in Zimbabwe led to intensive security precautions at two Harare hospitals this week.

Heavily armed troops and police, anti-aircraft weapons and armoured cars escorted two men to the hospitals and back to Chikurubi Prison.

One of them, according to a lawyer, was Mr Guy Bawden (35), who has been held without trial for two years.

The other is thought to have been Mr Ivor Harding (46), who has also been held without trial after his arrest in September 1987.

Mr Bawden's lawyer, Mr Robin Hartley, said his client had been trying to see a specialist for six months for a kidney complaint which arose following an alleged assault after his arrest.

Home Affairs Minister Moven Mahachi said yesterday he had authorised the hospital examination for two prisonsers on humanitarian grounds, but he did not name them.

On the security precautions, he said: "We are aware that South Africa has attempted to rescue such prisoners in the past. We do not want to take any risks."

Mr Mahachi said South African Air Force planes violated Zimbabwean airspace and Pretoria's army presence on the border was even more conspicuous.

New resort 'may admit blacks'

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By Shirley Woodgate,
Municipal Reporter

A multimillion-rand Transvaal holiday resort under construction at Vaal Dam will probably be opened to all races, said Mr John Griffiths, chairman of the Public Resorts Board.

Reacting to demands by Democratic Party MP Mr Tony Leon that all 10 Overvaal resorts be desegregated, Mr Griffiths said the Pilgrims Rest venue had already been desegregated.

He said the new resort, which so far had cost R15 million to develop, "was likely to be open to all races" when it opened in two or three months' time.

Mr Griffiths said separate "black" resorts with top class amenities had been provided for some time at Roodeplaat.

Over the past four years the Kommando Nek resort at Hartbeespoort Dam had catered for blacks and the Oberon venue had been available for coloureds and Indians.

Usage at these resorts was about 22 percent, which was the break-even point.

Reacting to allegations that staff at the Overvaal resorts, particularly at Loskop Dam, were underpaid, Mr Griffiths said: "We are paying as well if not better than anyone else in that area and we are continually upgrading staff opportunities."

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Mr Griffiths said it appeared Mr Leon was out of touch with the status of the 10 white resorts.

"As they were entrusted to the Ministers' Council in the House of Assemby in November 1988 it is absurd that he should call on the Administrator to desegregate."

If the Minister, Mr Ami Venter, decided to open all facilities it would be necessary to privatise and this possibility was already being investigated, he said

Car knocks down judge

A deputy judge president of the Transvaal, Mr Justice C F Eloff, was knocked down by a car in Pretoria yesterday He was discharged from hospital after treatment. — Sapa.

Anti-protest action to be taken at lake

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Star 26/11/90

By Louise Burgers

The Conservative Party-controlled Boksburg Town Council last night decided to cordon off the area surrounding the Boksburg Lake at the weekend to stop "undesirables" from entering the area to picnic.

The move came after a disclosure by the CP chief whip, Mr T J Ferreira, that a large group of whites would be at the lake tomorrow and that Reiger Park residents had planned to be at the lake to protest against segregated facilities.

Mr Ferreira alleged that bus loads of coloured people would be arriving at the lake, and a confrontation was inevitable.

"There will be friction if both groups are allowed at the lake. The lake is still reserved for the use of whites only. We need security to prevent this (confrontation)."

The CP majority decided traffic police would be called in to control access at the gates. Only two gates would be opened.

All-race Boksburg Lake picnic

Reiger Park and Vosloorus residents will hold a picnic at Boksburg Lake tomorrow, the Save Boksburg Committe chairman Mr Mohammed Navsa said last night. Star 26/11/90

"Embassies have been approached and diplomats have been asked to monitor the situation on Saturday," Mr Navsa said, adding that representatives from the Japanese and British Consuls had already agreed to attend the event. Boksburg is controlled by the Conservative Party. — Sapa (285)

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Council to debate open Pretoria facilities

GERALD REILLY

PRETORIA — The city's NP-dominated council will debate the issue of opening municipal facilities to all races, at its monthly meeting next week.

The 19 CP councillors will oppose any move in the direction of lowering the "whites only" barriers.

Hanging over the debate will be the likelihood that the separate amenities legislation will be replaced during the coming session of Parliament.

The repeal of the Act has been strongly hinted at by Planning and Provincial Affairs Minister Herman Kriel. He said the issue was high on government's agenda.

He said, too, the repeal of the legislation would knock the ground from under the feet of CP-controlled councils.

On the instruction of the Pretoria management committee, the various municipal departments were instructed last year to report on the impact of open facilities.

The report has been studied by the management committee and will be submitted to the full council meeting next week.

In Pretoria, all municipal facilities with the exception of parks are reserved for whites.

Closed to blacks are municipal libraries, buses and swimming pools, with the exception of Hillcrest pool which has authority to hold mixed galas.

SA ties with East bloc regretted

The Star Bureau

LONDON — Opposition MPs here have voiced their dismay at the links apparently being forged by South Africa and Eastern European countries

Labour Party MPs Mr George Galloway and Mr Ernie Ross said in a motion on the Commons Order Paper yesterday they regretted the official visit to Hungary of Minister of Foreign Affairs Mr Pik Botha and signs that the two countries were moving towards establishing diplomatic ties

The MP's noted "the SA Foreign Office is targeting other East European countries"

They hoped "a sad and unexpected result of the democratic upheaval in Europe is not the opening of a new pro-apartheid front in East and Central Europe

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Taxi passengers left standing

Municipal Reporter

Minibus taxi passengers commuting between Diepkloof and Johannesburg complained yesterday that they were left stranded on the roadside when the driver was held by traffic officers

A spokesman for the passengers said the almost fully-loaded vehicle was stopped at about 10 am near Nasrec. After a traffic officer spoke to the driver, they were asked to get out

When he asked how they were to complete their journey, they were told it was not the traffic department's problem.

Johannesburg Traffic Department spokesman Mr John van der Westhuizen said the driver was arrested because he did not have necessary papers to operate a taxi, or identification

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CP blocks regatta application

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By Melody McDougall

Vanderbijlpark Town Council's Conservative Party management committee has turned down an application from the multiracial Vaal Triangle Technikon to hold its annual regatta at the Emfuleni Park because members of other races could possibly take part in the event.

Another venue is now being sought for the regatta, scheduled to take place on Saturday March 3.

Mr C P de Jager, senior director for the technikon's bureau of student affairs, yesterday said the technikon was very disappointed at the council's decision

The council's offer to let the students use Emfuleni Park, provided no blacks attended, was unacceptable.

Roodepoort eases race ban

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West Rand Bureau

Roodepoort City Council decided at its first meeting of the year last night to open all municipal facilities with immediate effect. Star 26/1/90

A council statement said it would monitor and take necessary steps to ensure the use of public amenities by people of all races did not cause any inconvenience or over-crowding.

Swimming pools, libraries, public parks, halls and other municipal services are affected by the decision.

The bus transport service is, however, still limited to white passengers.

The council has applied to the Road Transportation Board to amend the existing permit to allow open transport on municipal buses.

It said the bus service would be opened to all races as soon as the permit was granted.

Reforms fail to axe the root of apartheid

Changes to by-laws in Johannesburg have had little impact on the city's residents and workers who have long ignored petty apartheid, writes **HELEN GRANGE.**

The gradual legal transformation of Johannesburg into a desegregated society has had little impact on the city's residents and workers — who in reality, have long ignored petty apartheid.

This is the view of organisations representing the city's black residents, who claim that past changes to the city's by-laws have only had "pinprick" effects on their lives.

In addition, the city council's pronouncements last year that Johannesburg's public amenities were open to all races have in some cases still not been put into practice.

The use of public buses by blacks have occasionally sparked racial incidents, according to Johannesburg's acting Director of Transport, Mr Gert Tighy. This was because the legal machinery to enforce the council's directive had not yet been put in motion.

The Local Road Transportation Board was still to hear applications by the Johannesburg Transport Department and Putco to desegregate bus routes, and the buses would be "legally" opened within the first week of February.

He added however, that some 4 000 to 5 000 blacks were already using white buses daily and a handful of whites, mainly students, were travelling on the lower tariff black buses.

But, "in view of the situation which had developed over the years", no sudden rush was expected when desegregation was officially implemented.

While swimming pools and recreation centres have been declared opened for months in the city, regular patrons to these amenities have experienced no dramatic changes.

Apart from the absence of any rush by blacks into swimming pools and recreation centres, many of these facilities have allowed admittance by all races for years.

For the victims of lingering apartheid laws in Johannesburg, only the scrapping of the Group Areas Act will alleviate daily hardships.

The city council's latest reform move — a decision to open the whole of Johannesburg to free trade — has met with tentative approval.

"This step has no bearing on the vast majority of black people living in the inner city areas. Most of these people cannot afford businesses at all, particularly with exploitative rentals and other costs", said Mr Tighy.

"These changes are relatively insignificant as long as the Government refuses to abolish the Group Areas Act," said Mr Cas Coovadia, publicity secretary of Actstop, an organisation representing city tenants.



Picnickers go to the lake.

■ Pic: EVANS MBOWENI

Two held after picnic erupts into a brawl

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TWO men were arrested by police at Boksburg Lake yesterday after tearing down a banner belonging to Reiger Park residents picnicking at the lake in defiance of rightwing threats and the Separate Amenities Act.

Earlier, five people on their way to the lake were held at Vosloorus police station for wearing ANC T-shirts. They were later released.

About 100 Reiger Park residents arrived at the lake singing, chanting and bearing banners with slogans like "Boksburg Lake to be enjoyed by all".

Confrontations erupted between the rightwingers – several of them clad in AWB uniforms – journalists and Reiger Park picnickers during the course of the morning.

Rightwingers armed with whips and batons allegedly scuffled with journalists and Reiger Park residents at the lake.

A *Sunday Star* reporter was considering laying a charge of assault after she was pushed over a camera tripod by a baton-wielding, khaki-clad man.

The arrests occurred after two men – one clad in khaki – ripped down a banner stating: "Mandela, the freedom of Boksburg awaits you".

Subsequently the pair laid a charge against the banner-wielders for displaying it.

Save Boksburg Committee spokesman Harry Jefferies said: "If there's trouble from the AWB we will be ready for them, unlike last time."

He was referring to an incident in December when Reiger Park residents were assaulted by rightwingers at the lake. – Sapa

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Landmark Pretoria meeting

PRETORIA — The Pretoria City Council was expected to agree to eliminate discrimination in municipal facilities at its monthly meeting last night.

Blanket opposition to the management committee (Manco) proposals for ditching racial discrimination in facilities and trading was expected to come from the CP's 19 councillors. Bloem 31/11/90

DP sources said yesterday the scrapping of segregated facilities in Pretoria would be an appropriate backdrop to any announcement by President F W de Klerk in his opening speech in Parliament on Friday that the Separate Amenities Act was to be repealed.

Among the facilities tabled for opening to all races were the city's buses, libraries, swimming pools, toilet facilities and municipal halls.

GERALD REILLY

The Manco proposal, however, carried the rider that the city's main library lacked space in the reference and reading sections and integartion could lead to chaos. Toilet facilities were also not adequate, it noted.

Referring to the desegregation of city transport, Manco said the Road Transportation Board should be asked to amend existing legislation to allow all races to use municipal buses.

The opening of municipal halls, including the Skilpadsaal and the City Hall, were also on the Manco agenda.

The "open" Melrose House museum and

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all parks should be kept open while angling facilities at Rietvlei Dam should also be available to all.

The proposals also included the opening of the Hillcrest swimming pool

The council was also expected to approve a considerable widening of the free trade area to encompass much of the central area

At the time of going to press the meeting was still in session

LESLEY LAMBERT reports from Cape Town that a proposal for a referendum to determine municipal voters' attitudes to opening the city to all races was withdrawn at a council meeting yesterday.

Camps Bay/Clifton councillor Chris Joubert, who sponsored the motion, withdrew it at the start of the meeting after listening to colleagues advise that it might create "a platform for negative debate and harm the reform process".

His withdrawal followed the recent cancellation of a simular referendum in Mattzburg after the NP — apparently against the wishes of Cabinet ministers — called for a "no" vote

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Pretoria moves to end apartheid

PRETORIA. — The City Council here last night took major steps towards the total abolition of apartheid in the capital city — overriding caustic and heated Conservative Party opposition to open a number of municipal facilities to all races.

Initial reports after the meeting indicated that most municipal facilities would be opened to all.

Reports before the council noted that investigations were still under way into the segregation/integration scenario in a wide number of services, as well as extensions to the central city free trading area.

After the meeting, the chairman of the management committee, Mr James Leach, appealed to "all residents of Pretoria to approach the opening of facilities in our city with great responsibility".

This followed a heated debate in which the CP opposition warned of certain disaster and described the latest moves as "the thin end of the wedge".

The CP threatened to do everything legally in its power to overturn the proposal.

Meanwhile, in Johannesburg, the City Council is to ask the Constitutional Development and Planning Department to declare the whole of Johannesburg a free trade area.

This recommendation, made by the management committee last week, was approved by all DP and NP councillors at the monthly council meeting last night.

The four CP councillors opposed the recommendation on the grounds that white business would be threatened.

A motion proposd by CP councillor Mr Hendrik Claasen, that referendums should be held among the current legal residents before any free settlement recommendations were made, was ridiculed by both DP and NP councillors.

In proposing the motion, Mr Claasen cited statistics of Aids among blacks and the number of Aids-related deaths.

● All Johannesburg's buses will be opened to all races within the next 10 days, Johannesburg City Council's Acting Transport director Mr Gert Tighy said yesterday.

The applications by Putco and Johannesburg City Council to the Road Board for permits to carry passengers of all races went ahead without a hitch, he said. — Sapa; Own Correspondent

Free trade unrelated to Acts, says Burger

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Municipal Reporter

The proclamation of the whole of Johannesburg as a free trade area was totally unrelated to any moves under the Group Areas and Separate Amenities Acts, said management committee chairman Mr Jan Burger.

"They are entirely separate issues and one has nothing to do with the other. This council can only act on the two latter Acts if requested to do so by the central Government," he said.

The management committee decision to act on free trade areas was preceded by representations by black businessmen who claimed the opening of the CBD in 1986 was "not much use to them in practice," he said.

"Their point was that they were not generally looking to go into upmarket establishments in expensive areas such as the CBD.

"What they were interested in was the corner-cafe type business concentrated along suburban Putco routes such as in Booysens or Ophirton.

"The object is to allow them to trade but not live there and suburbs where they have the right to trade does not have to be within a free settlement area.

"There is confusion about whether traders may live on their business premises. But this does not follow at all. In fact the existing ordinance lays down that a place of business cannot be used as a residence and the council can take action against transgressions," said Mr Burger.

Johannesburg buses officially open to all

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By Shirley Woodgate, Municipal Reporter

Desegregated municipal buses failed to attract more passengers than usual yesterday when the service operated by the Johannesburg Transport Department was officially opened to all races.

Mr Gert Tighy, acting director of transport, said desegregation had gone off without a hitch and added that no problems were expected in the future.

"After monitoring trends, it appears that an increase of up to 3 000 black passengers using the white service daily occurred in September when the original announcement was made.

"We expect a rise in the number of whites using the lower-tariff service over weekends. This is likely to happen particularly on Sundays when the higher-tariff (originally white) service is normally scaled down," Mr Tighy said.

A survey would be conducted of all routes at the end of next month to determine the extent of change on the 70 higher-tariff and 12 lower-tariff routes once a pattern had been established.

He reminded commuters that the lower-tariff buses were marked with a green board between the headlights of the vehicle.

Putco announced yesterday that all its vehicles operating in the PWV area were open to all races with immediate effect.

CP town to defy repeal of Act

THE Rustenburg Town Council will continue to reserve the use of its facilities for whites only despite of President F W de Klerk's stated intention to scrap the Separate Amenities Act. (285)

It said in a statement yesterday that the council had decided at its monthly meeting to adopt a motion to this effect by councillor Ryk van Jaarsveld, and seconded by councillor Johan Vosloo, both CP members.

The town council is controlled by six independent Conservative councillors. The three NP members in the council voted against the motion. BIOM 6/2/90

Van Jaarsveld said the NP councillors had specifically said they were opposed to the opening of facilities in the run-up to the 1988 municipal elections.

"By now voting against the motion they are breaking their promises to the voters and are showing that the NP's so-called own affairs policy was just a political ploy," Van Jaarsveld said.

The motion said: "It is the duty and the responsibility of this council, in terms of the mandate on which it was elected, to ensure that Rustenburg's white community life will be guaranteed. Therefore this council will control its facilities in such a manner that this ideal will be realised."

Meanwhile the CP has applied for permission to have a protest march from Pretoria's Church Square to the city hall on Thursday, February 15.

The march has been called to protest against what the CP called the "revolutionary left-wing announcements" made by De Klerk.

The move was the beginning of the "intensification of the people's freedom struggle", a CP statement said.

CP leader Andries Treurnicht is to address the marchers at the Pretoria City Hall.

"The CP is determined to lead its people towards their own freedom in their own fatherland," the statement added. — Sapa.

Free State bodies owe R141m

CAPE TOWN — Black local authorities and development boards owed more than R141m in mid-1988 on loans from the Free State Provincial Administration, according to a report published yesterday by the Auditor-General on the province's accounts.

The province's accounting officer said in a statement included in the report that loans totalling R102,304m had been outstanding on March 31, 1987.

By March 31 1988 this had increased, with interest and further loans, to R141,126m.

This included an amount of R6,698m described by the accounting officer as "unidentified" loans.

Only R82 648 of this amount had been recovered during the 1987/88 financial year.

Unauthorised loans to black town councillors in the province which had remained uncollected for more than three years amounted to R155 065 in March 1988, the report said.

The Auditor-General said the loans were made in 1984/85.

According to information furnished, no progress had been made with the recovery of the loans since that time. — Sapa.

Death penalty review hailed

CAPE TOWN — The SA National Institute for Crime Prevention and Rehabilitation of Offenders (Nicro) welcomed President F W de Klerk's announcement that the death penalty would be reviewed and that in the interim no further executions would take place.

In a statement yesterday Nicro said it had commissioned a marketing and media research company in November to do research on public attitudes regarding the death penalty.

Of the respondents, 42% wanted it retained while 39% felt it should be abolished. About a fifth did not know. B10M 6/2/90

Those more in favour of the abolition of the death penalty were blacks (65%) and Asians and coloureds (55%), while 62% of whites wanted it retained. — Sapa.

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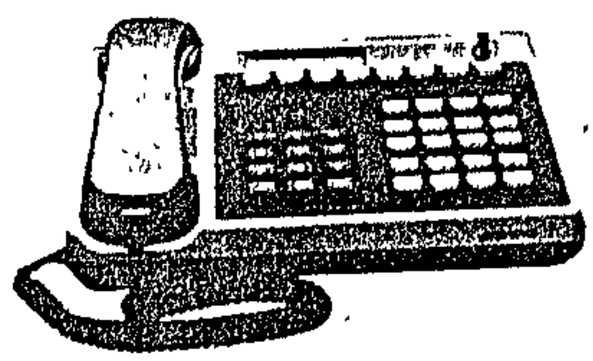

Pretoria anger mounts over CP plan for big march

RIGHT-WING anger against opening Pretoria amenities to all races - and the unbanning of the ANC - is gaining momentum with a mass meeting and protest march through the city planned by the Conservative Party.

Sowetan Reporter

Thousands of pamphlets are being distributed throughout Pretoria.

In a related incident a National Party city councillor has been threatened by an anonymous telephone caller "with a necklace".

Pretoria residents opposing the scrapping of bus and other apartheid measures have been urged in 130 000 pamphlets to phone National Party city councillors at home to demand the revoking of the resolution or their resignation.

The pamphlets, which have been distributed by the CP to all city households since yesterday contain the home telephone numbers of all 23 National Party councillors.

Residents are also called to a mass protest/information meeting to be addressed by CP leader Dr Andries Treurnicht in the Pretoria City Hall on February 15.

The CP leader in the city council, Mr Paul Fouche, said yesterday that at a special council meeting at 4pm on February 15, requested by his party, he would propose that the scrapping of the apartheid measures be referred back to the management committee, in order for the council's decision of January 30 to be reversed.

He would later that evening report to the meeting in the City Hall.

Fouche disclosed that his party had applied to the chief magistrate of Pretoria, in terms of the emergency regulations, and to the city council for permission to hold a mass gathering on Church Square at 6pm on the same day, followed by a march to the City Hall.

The acting chief magistrate of Pretoria, Mr M Boon, confirmed yesterday that the CP's application had been received. He said information must first be gathered and all facts considered before a decision would be taken.

Mr Justus van Zyl, NP city councillor for Hazelwood, Lynnwood and Menlo Park, yesterday said a man who did not identify himself left a message on his telephone answering machine that "if we find you in the street we will play with you like a ball".

He was accused of "selling out the Afrikaner to barbarism" and told not to be surprised if he got the necklace.

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Public facilities bring down the barriers

Apartheid smog is blowing steadily out of the door

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Municipal reporter **SHIRLEY WOODGATE** looks at the sudden move away from segregated facilities after 40 years of entrenched apartheid — and the reasons that have made the changes possible.

Less than three months ago, only four of 19 Reef municipalities had fully desegregated facilities: Modderfontein, Edenvale, Midrand and Sandton — the latter the sole council offering a multiracial bus service.

The best the others usually offered was open CBDs, libraries and parks.

But almost overnight, after 40 years of apartheid in every walk of life in every village, town and city, people woke up at the end of 1989 to a new era in South Africa history

Attributed to the "F W Factor", which took effect soon after the election in September, the general effect was of clearing the muck out of the municipal statute books, removing all legal race barriers.

Why?

This was the question put to Mr Ian Davidson, Democratic Party leader in the Johannesburg City Council, whose party was labelled "screaming liberals" when they urged the scrapping of municipal apartheid and predicted that South Africa would not sink into the sea if racist barriers were removed.

His reply?

What was seen by the ruling National Party as the final crossing of the Rubicon — the abolition of municipal apartheid — was commendable, but basically it was merely regularising the status quo in Johannesburg, which took the lead in scrapping apartheid.

The truth is that many courageous blacks had thumbed their noses at city segregation long before the legalities were approached.

Blacks were trading illegally and living and busing round the city well before the lawmakers decided the best answer was to accept the inevitable and make the best of it.

Higher fares

By the end of last year in Johannesburg alone, up to 5 000 black commuters were daily using white buses, paying the 40 percent higher fares and risking the antagonism of racist drivers who created an incident at the drop of a hat.

Despite the Group Areas and Reservation of Separate Amenities laws, which were not being enforced, it was believed that up to



DP leader in the Johannesburg City Council Mr Ian Davidson says many blacks have long thumbed noses at apartheid.

40 percent of people in Hillbrow were black, while blacks had been happily trading in white areas, often under the nominee system, for years.

Be that as it may, President de Klerk had hardly rolled up his sleeves and settled into his role as the country's leader before the wheels of reform began to roll at local government level.

The first cracks in the pillars of municipal apartheid were probably those which led to the opening of Durban beaches to all races.

In the Transvaal, swimming pools and other sports facilities, libraries, buses, parks, public toilets, CBDs and the hiring of municipal halls and premises were still mainly legally segregated

By the end of last year in Johannesburg, which was NP-controlled, desegregated facilities included libraries, parks, toilets and the hiring of municipal premises

Swimming pools were opened for competition sport only, while all recreation centres but one were closed.

Buses were segregated, and only part of the CBD has been declared a free trading area.

This was roughly the case in most other Transvaal towns, although Conservative Party-controlled Boksburg bucked the integration trend and threatened to reinstate strict apartheid, as laid down by the Separate Amenities Act.

Then, as the axe fell, overnight the buzz word became "reform", and segregation crumbled in one town after another to cheers Except from the CP, which claimed that whites were now facing their darkest moments in South Africa

DP MP Mr Tony Leon stressed that Overvaal resorts which had been declared "own affairs", would probably remain under white control for the forseeable future.

Free trade

But in December, Bronkhorstspruit residents petitioned the President to open all local facilities.

In Carletonville, the council was forced to take down its whites-only signs in parks.

Johannesburg hit the headlines when the council announced that buses, recreation centres and swimming pools were open to all races This week the council voted to declare the entire city a free trade area.

Roodepoort was the next to go mixed, declaring all municipal facilities open from the end of January

Pretoria also desegregated, opening buses, libraries, Hillcrest swimming pool and angling at the Rietvlei Dam.

Klerksdorp declared its CBD a free trade area.

Two of the first four free settlement areas declared in November were in the Witwatersrand, Midrand and Boksburg.

It is known that the ruling party in Johannesburg has not only looked at several open residential areas, but discussed opening the entire city.

If they opt for the latter, it will be the death blow to apartheid in the city. The question then arises. how many steps can other municipalities dare to remain behind the major metropolis?

Arcs lose

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Council refuses use of Callies

By FANYANA SHIBURI

IN a desperate bid to return to their homeground, the Caledonian Stadium in Pretoria, Arcadia yesterday offered financial assistance towards improvements at the ground.

The club was reacting to the Pretoria City Council's announcement on Tuesday night that Arcadia would not be able to use the stadium.

The club has been banned from Callies, as the ground was called, for the past 11 years.

The council's management committee rejected the club's application to use the stadium as their homeground, saying such a move would "not be economically viable".

In a letter to the council, Arcadia said the team was happy to meet with the council to discuss terms and conditions with regard to the hiring of the stadium.

Arcadia said that at no stage did the team indicate that they would not be prepared to play a financial part with regard to improvements at the stadium.

The NSL's PRO, Abdul Bhamjee, said yesterday that if the NSL had Arcadia's support, they would dare the council "to do their damnest" by featuring them at the stadium.

"It all depends on Arcadia.

"The NSL will not hesitate to stop this naked racism.

Improvements

"At a time when we should all be working together for the future of our country, we still have this kind of behaviour," said Bhamjee

Management committee chairman James Leach said in a statement that the decision had been taken after thorough investigation

He said essential improvements at the stadium would cost at least R135 000 and Arcadia had recently indicated that this and other sums "are too high for them".

Taking into consideration that the stadium would in any case be needed in about two years' time for the planned City Lake project such expenditure by the council coming from ratepayers' pockets would not be justified

He said the management committee had taken into account that the Caledonian Stadium was situated in a densely populated residential area between two of Pretoria's busiest streets and that problems regarding spectators' behaviour outside the stadium and traffic occurred in the past.

Should similar incidents occur again if the management committee gives Arcadia the green light, the council would have the power to withdraw its consent for professional soccer and all the money for improvements at the stadium would have been spent in vain."

Leach stressed that the decision was based purely on practical and financial considerations.

He also said racially mixed amateur soccer at the Caledonian Stadium had the city council's approval for a number of years already.

An initial request by Arcadia to use the stadium for their home matches in the NSL was turned down by the management committee in November.

After Arcadia decided early in January to sell the club's franchise, the management committee approached them with a request to re-apply for the use of the stadium.

Several meetings were held after which the council indicated to Arcadia that it would give them use of the ground under certain conditions.

However, on January 25, the management committee announced that "more aspects had come to the fore" and that these would have to be considered before a new recommendation could be made over the use of the ground.



Abdul Bhamjee has asked all political groupings to support the NSL against the Pretoria City Council.

NSL defies PTA council

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Arcadia and Fairways Stars game fixtured at Caledonian

THE NSL is going ahead with its plans to defy the Pretoria City Council on Saturday by playing the Castle League game between Arcadia and QwaQwa Fairways Stars at Caledonian Stadium.

By FANYANA SHIBURI

At the same time, the league has called on all political organisations to support its efforts to force the council to open the ground to professional football.

"We call on all organisations, who are fighting against apartheid, to lend us their support to fight off this monster which continues to haunt sports.

"We will stop at nothing to see football back at Caledonian.

"It is for this reason that we are going ahead with Arcadia's game there on Saturday," said Abdul Bhamjee, the NSL's PRO, yesterday.

Euphoria

Bhamjee maintained that the NSL did not want "confrontation" with the authorities.

"But in the same breath, we are not going to allow President FW de Klerks' own party to go against the euphoria of democracy now sweeping the country.

"We are at a very critical stage in our country's political development for the Pretoria City Council to turn back the clock 20 years," Bhamjee added.

The Pretoria Council last week rejected Arcadia's application to return to Caledonian.

This was after the council initially agreed in principle to lift it's 10-year-old ban on professional football at the ground.

The council banned professional soccer because residents near the stadium complained that there were "too many blacks" during games there.

Since then, Arcadia have been without a homeground.

Saul Sacks, who owns Arcadia together with several other leading businessmen, have



SAUL SACKS

threatened to sell the club if they are not allowed back at Caledonian.

Six weeks ago, prominent businessmen from Lenasia who own Second Division side Swaraj, had almost concluded the purchase of the club.

Their intention was to change Arcadia's name to Swaraj to maintain the strong support they have established since the inception of the club more than 15 years ago.

They are believed to be still waiting for the deal to go through.



FW DE KLERK

Appeal



ABDUL BHAMJEE

NSL asks De Klerk to help Arcs get back to Callies

THE NSL has asked State President FW de Klerk to intervene in getting Arcadia back to Caledonian Stadium - their homeground for more than 80 years.

By MOLEFI MIKA

Arcs were banned from Callies by the Pretoria City Council more than 10 years ago. Their last game there was against Kaizer Chiefs in 1979.

The league appealed to De Klerk after the council faxed the league yesterday saying the NSL will remain barred from playing professional football at the stadium.

Arcadia officials yesterday told a Press conference at the stadium that the message from the council meant that they were killing soccer in Pretoria.

Abdul Bhamjee, PRO of the NSL speaking at the conference, said the league faxed a message to De Klerk "pleading with him to reverse the Pretoria City Council's decision to maintain the ban on professional football at the Caledonian Stadium.

"We feel Arcadia, as ratepayers of the city of Pretoria, by right and not by privilege must be allowed the use of the stadium.

"We also feel that the banning of Arcadia is an attempt to kill the most popular sport in the world."

Bhamjee said they were aware that the council was aiming to remove the soccer stadium to build a lake in two years time.

"All we are asking, is that Arcadia be allowed to use the stadium until that lake is made.

"Although we are not looking for confrontation, we will go on with our Castle League fixture at Caledonian Stadium on Saturday," said Bhamjee.

Johnny Johnson, a member of the Arcadia board of directors and a player, warned that if the team did not get the ground on Saturday, "we will have to sell and that will mean Arcadia will be dead.

"We therefore ask the Press and anyone, who has influence, to plead with the council to allow the team to play."

He said that one of the long term measures they were looking at, was building their own stadium.

Cyril Kobus, the NSL's chief executive officer, said the league pledged to see that Arcadia did not go down without a fight.

Kobus said that if the State President wanted to see them wherever and whenever about the Arcadia issue, they would make themselves available.

He also said that if the Pretoria council wanted a loan to improve the Caledonian Stadium, Arcadia would help them.

Eastwood van Schoor, who has been managing Arcadia's nursery teams for the last 32 years, said:

"It is going to be sad to see Arcadia die because amateur football will also be affected.

"Through Arcadia's amateur teams, we unearthed the Wegerle brothers in Steve, Geoff and Roy who all played international soccer after leaving Arcadia."

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The NSL said the Hellenic-Vaal Reefs Stars league game earlier scheduled for Cape Town on Friday, will now be played at Orkney on Sunday.

Pretoria City host Orlando Pirates at Super Stadium on Sunday and also on the same day, Grinaker Rangers will face AmaZulu at Tembisa's Beechnut Stadium.

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Local body quits

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By REHANA ROSSOUW

THE resignation of the Reiger Park, Johannesburg management committee last week has been hailed as a "bloodless coup" and could herald the end of this system in other parts of the country, say activists in the area.

For the past two years, the Save Boksburg Committee has been involved in a feud with the Conservative Party-controlled town council.

They have challenged the council's attempts to apply the Separate Amenities Act and the Group Areas Act through actions such as consumer boycotts and picnics, and marches at whites-only facilities.

"Although it started off as a campaign against the town council, the Committee grew, and we began to include other demands, such as the resignation of the management committee of Reiger Park," said a spokesperson for the Save Boksburg Committee, Mr Henry Jeffreys.

"We began working around civic issues such as housing. We called for their resignations on every platform."

Jeffreys said the campaign against the management committee intensified when the committee questioned the allocation of 320 new houses in Reiger Park.

People who had been on the waiting list were not given houses, while others moved in. The community marched to the house of the chairperson of the management committee and demanded that he call a meeting to explain how houses were allocated.

Last Tuesday, the management committee met and decided to resign. Committee members called a public meeting on Thursday to explain their decision to the community.

"About 800 people attended the meeting. They would not allow the management committee members to speak but booed them and threw tomatoes at them," Jeffreys said.

"They would allow only our speakers to address them. We stood up, declared the resignations a victory for the people, called for one town, one town council, and left the meeting."

Jeffreys said the people of Reiger Park found the system of management committees "objectionable" and a major stumbling block in the progress of change.

He said since the meeting last Thursday, members of the committee had received telephone calls from people all over the country who wanted advice to get rid of their management committees.

"Ours was a bloodless coup, and we hope that it signals the beginning of the end for management committees all over the country," Jeffreys said.

"Our demand is that the town council should accept Reiger Park representatives and reincorporate Vosloorus, the African township, into Boksburg."

A spokesman for the Reiger Park management committee, Mr Boets Jantjies, said the resignation had nothing to do with the allocation of housing.

"From the time we were elected, we said publicly our first priority was that this was going to be the last management committee Reiger Park ever had," said Jantjies.

"We resigned because we want one management committee for one town council in Boksburg.

"The CP town council went against everything we decided, forcing their ideology down our throats.

"We have a message for other management committees: pack up and get out. The longer you sit there, the longer the government will drag its feet."

Boksburg council 'knew decision would humiliate'

Pretoria Correspondent

The Boksburg Town Council knew that its decision to segregate certain facilities in the Conservative Party-controlled town would be interpreted by people of colour as an insult, a humiliation and a degradation, the Pretoria Supreme Court has been told.

The former chairman of the Reigerpark management committee, Mr Boet Jantjes, Colgate Palmolive (Pty) Ltd and a Boksburg businessman, Mr R Mountjoy, have applied to have the Boksburg Town Council's decision to segregate certain facilities rescinded.

The applicants have further asked the court to order the council to reopen the facilities.

Counsel for the applicants, Advocate E Bertelsman, SC, yesterday described the council's decision as "crude and (showing) a total disregard for the feelings of other human beings".

"As a result of the second respondent's (the town council) decision, the Boksburg community has been held up to national and international opprobrium," Mr Bertelsman said.

Mr J A Coetzee, SC, counsel for Boksburg mayor Mr Beyers de Klerk and the town council, said the fact that the council was controlled by the CP was indicative of the fact that a large part of the town supported the council.

A large part of the white community had complained about the behaviour of other population groups; this was a reality the town council had to consider.

The hearing continues.

Klerksdorp to be boycotted

Star 23/3/90 Political Reporter (285)

Jouberton residents will boycott white businesses in Klerksdorp on April 2 to protest against segregated public amenities and a spate of detentions.

About 22 people were detained on Tuesday and Wednesday (Sharpeville Day), according to Mr Tsediso Ntaopane, general secretary of the Jouberton Civic Association.

The town council, "which claims to be a National Party town council", had refused to open facilities to all races, he said.

The consumer boycott is backed by several democratic organisations.

Tutu calls on ANC to end armed struggle

NAIROBI. — Archbishop Desmond Tutu yesterday called for an end to armed struggle against the South African government.

The prelate told a news conference here that the African National Congress, recently unbanned as a political organisation, should renounce its policy of armed resistance.

"Anybody who says he wants to continue to fight when there is a possibility to talk will find he has very few supporters in South Africa and internationally," Archbishop Tutu said.

The archbishop described the freeing of Mr Nelson Mandela and the unbanning of the ANC by President F W de Klerk last month as "an extraordinary thing".

But he reiterated that sanctions against South Africa should not be lifted until apartheid was fully dismantled. — Sapa-AP

CP man's surprise decision

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By Therese Anders, Highveld Bureau

WITBANK — In a surprise move, a Witbank Conservative Party councillor this week joined five Nationalist councillors in voting to open the town's public library to the local Indian community.

Mr Johan Potgieter said he did not want to comment on the reasons for his vote. However, he did confirm that he was still a CP member.

The other three CP councillors at Tuesday night's meeting voted for the library to remain closed. One CP councillor was absent, while independent councillor Mr Ronnie Koch abstained.

A Witbank council spokesman said the nearby black township of kwaGuqa and the coloured area of Schoongezicht had their own libraries.

No local Indian leaders could be reached at the time of going to press.

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Boksburg loses its case

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A SUPREME COURT decision yesterday signalled what could be the end of the road for the Separate Amenities Act.

The Pretoria Supreme Court yesterday set aside the decision of the Conservative Party-controlled Boksburg town council to reserve the town's lake and tennis courts for whites only.

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Weekly Mail Reporter

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powers in the interests of its residents of the municipal area as a whole and should not act so unreasonably that its decision proved to be in bad faith, he said.

He added that the council should have foreseen that members of races excluded from the facilities would feel offended

The application was brought by former chairman of the Reiger Party management committee, Buchanan Jantjies, the Boksburg-based Colgate Palmolive company, and Boksburg businessman Roy Mountjoy.

The decision was hailed by Brian Currin, national director of Lawyers for Human Rights.

He said it signalled, for all practical purposes, the end of the road for the reservation of Separate Amenities Act.

Boksburg lake: Judge rules against council

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In his judgment Mr Justice McCreath said a local authority had to exercise its powers in the interests of the residents of the municipal area as a whole and should not act so unreasonably that its decision proved to be in bad faith.

The trial continues today when Mr Justice Solomon will give judgment.

Boksburg lake ban set aside

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NATAL UNREST DEATHS

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Past 24 hours' official toll:	18
TOTAL:	1 443

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CP furious as court opens Boksburg Lake to all

By Helen Grange

The Conservative Party is outraged over the "overruling of the Separate Amenities Act by the courts", following a judgment yesterday setting aside the Boksburg Town Council's decision to ban coloureds and blacks from Boksburg Lake

The judgment, handed down by Mr Justice McCreath in the Pretoria Supreme Court, is the second court ruling overturning the implementation of separate amenities.

In October, Mr Justice C F Eloff struck down the segregation of parks in Carletonville His judgment was motivated by the same legal arguments as was put forward by Mr Justice McCreath

However, CP mayor of Boksburg Mr Gert Pretorius claimed yesterday that with the State President's new reform initiatives, South Africa's legal system was simply "overruling the laws of the country"

Mr Butch Jantjes, former Reiger Park management committee chairman and one of the parties in the action, said he was very happy about the decision and the fact that CP councils countrywide could now come under increasing legal pressure

In his judgment, Mr Justice McCreath said the council had not considered alternatives to prevent congestion at the lake The local authority had to consider the needs of all its residents without bias or prejudice. The council had, in fact, imposed the ban to achieve political gains

In Mr Justice Eloff's Carletonville judgment, it was found that the council had pursued its racially exclusive policy to the detriment of its duties to the community

"It would be interesting to see exactly how Mr Justice McCreath came to his ruling, because Mr Justice Eloff had to do quite an egg dance to get around the constitutional Separate Amenities Act, said Professor Etienne Mureinik, acting dean of the University of the Witwatersrand School of Law

The Boksburg judgment would appear to be based on good, sound reasoning in common law — but common law is subordinate to parliamentary law," he said

For many years, the existence of the Separate Amenities Act would have ruled 'challenges like these out of the question , the professor added

After the Carletonville judgment, Professor Marinus Wiechers, professor of constitutional law at Unisa, said such a ruling meant that public municipal facilities had to be opened to all races The effect, legally, is that local government cannot and should not be ruled by partiality or by political philosophy

Apartheid leads to boycott aimed at white businesses

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The Argus Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG. — A consumer boycott of white-owned businesses, aimed at forcing the desegregation of facilities and the release of detainees, has been launched in the Western Transvaal towns of Klerksdorp, Stilfontein and Orkney.

A spokesman for the National Union of Mineworkers said the boycott, launched on Monday last week by Cosatu, the Jouberton Civic Association, the Jouberton Youth Congress and other community organisations, had been "highly effective".

Business sources said shops catering for the black trade appeared to have been hit by the action. Checkers and Pick 'n Pay in Klerksdorp said turnover had been unaffected, but stressed that their outlets were used mainly by whites.

According to Mr Tsediso Ntaopane, secretary of the Jouberton Civic Association, the boycott aims to secure the release of about 20 people detained on and before Sharpeville Day (March 21).

The NUM said there had been further detentions since then, linked to the boycott.

The Klerksdorp Town Council, which was dominated by the National Party, had refused to desegrate municipal facilities, he added.

CP blamed for man's indecency

By DAN DHLAMINI

A POTCHEFSTROOM man discovered this week that urinating in public can be expensive.

Sam Fumba, 26, who appeared before Potchefstroom magistrate F du Toit on a public indecency charge, was fined R30 or five days.

Pleading in mitigation, Fumba said he was hard pressed at the time and there were no public toilets nearby.

After the case, people said Fumba was fined because the Conservative Party-controlled town council of Potchefstroom refused to open public amenities.

Business interrupted in accordance with Rule 180C (3) of the Standing Rules of Parliament.

*10. Mr P G SOAL — Law and Order. [Question standing over.]

Transkei: criminal prosecutions

*11. Mr F J LE ROUX asked the Minister of Foreign Affairs:† Hansard 17/4/90

Whether he has at any stage made any requests or representations to Gen Bantu Holomisa of Transkei regarding criminal prosecutions in Transkei against certain companies, organisations or persons; if so, (a) when, (b) against what companies, organisations or persons and (c) with what result?

B701E

The MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS

I wish to refer the honorable member to my reply dated 4 April 1990 to parliamentary question no 255.

Constitution: drafting by certain persons

*12. Mr L F STOFBERG asked the Minister of Constitutional Development.†

Whether he has commissioned certain persons, whose names have been furnished to the Minister's Department for the purpose of his reply, to draft a constitution for the new South Africa, if so, (a) when, (b) what are the names of the two persons concerned, (c) how much time have they been given to submit a draft and (d) what was the purport of this commission?

B702E

The MINISTER OF CONSTITUTIONAL DEVELOPMENT.

No.

(a) falls away

(b) falls away

(c) falls away

(d) falls away.

Government-controlled assets: privatising

*13. Mr H J COETZEE asked the Minister of Mineral and Energy Affairs and Public Enterprises: Hansard 17/4/90

(1) Whether it was announced on or about 16 March 1990 that the Government would raise approximately R1 billion by privatising Government-controlled assets; if so, which assets are to be privatised in order to realise this sum;

(2) whether the Government is considering the sale of South Africa's strategic oil reserves; if so, what are the relevant details,

(3) whether he will make a statement on the matter? Hansard 17/4/90

B706E

The MINISTER OF MINERAL AND ENERGY AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES.

(1) Yes, by the State President through a media statement Various investigations are being carried out and it is envisaged that the amount will be realised out of different privatisation proceeds

(2) No, the Government is not considering the sale of South Africa's strategic oil reserves in order to obtain the R1 milliard However, I wish to point out that in terms of regulation 2 of Government Notice No R1614 of 19 July 1985, no person shall, except with the written permission of the Minister, publish, release, announce, disclose or convey any information regarding a wide range of actions in respect of petroleum products. The Government, naturally, does not comment on the strategic oil reserves of the RSA

(3) Not at this stage. Statements in respect of question 1 will be issued when deemed necessary

Protest marches: liability for damages

*14 Mr L F STOFBERG asked the Minister of Justice:† Hansard 17/4/90

(1) Whether the organisers of protest marches are held liable for the damage caused by participants in such marches; if not, why not; if so, under what (a) legal rules and/or (b) statutory provisions;

(2) whether any claims in this regard have been put in by the relevant authorities; if so, against what organisations?

B708E

The MINISTER OF JUSTICE.

(1) (a) and (b) At present the civil liability of organisers of protest marches for damage caused to another is governed mainly by the common-law rules regarding delicts.

Claims against organisers of protest marches for damage caused by participants in such marches will consequently have to be founded on such common-law rules. It is further known that some local authorities require under their municipal by-laws from the organisers of processions an indemnity in the form of a cash deposit or an insurance policy with a view to compensating for damage caused by participants in the processions.

In a press statement on 30 March 1990 as well as earlier in this House I however announced that legislation regarding the regulation of orderly meetings in accordance with notifications as a prerequisite is at present receiving attention. The various problems regarding damages that accompany these meetings is one of the aspects that has been identified and which specifically has been noted to be addressed in this Bill. The Bill is at present in an advanced stage and I contemplate to introduce it in Parliament in the near future

(2) Particulars of such claims, if any, are not readily available.

*15 Adv T LANGLEY — Defence † [Withdrawn.]

Fanie Botha Dam at Tzaneen

*16. Adv T LANGLEY asked the Minister of Public Works and Land Affairs.†

Whether the odd pieces of land of the Fanie Botha Dam at Tzaneen have been allocated to any person or persons for utilisation; if so, (a) on what conditions, (b) at what compensation and (c) for what term?

Hansard 17/4/90 B710E

The MINISTER OF PUBLIC WORKS AND LAND AFFAIRS (285)

Yes

(a) The pieces of the land which remained in the possession of the State were allocated for nature conservation and recreational purposes as well as a recreation resort for Coloureds and Indians and placed under the control of the Transvaal Provincial Administration. (285)

(b) No compensation. Hansard 17/4/90

(c) For as long as it is used or required for the relevant purposes.

Police action: Khutsong

*17. Adv J J S PRINSLOO asked the Minister of Law and Order:†

(a) How many persons were arrested in terms of the emergency regulations in the Police action in Khutsong on Wednesday, 14 March 1990, and (b) (i) how many of these persons are illegal immigrants and (ii) what are their countries of origin?

Hansard 17/4/90 B714E

The MINISTER OF LAW AND ORDER:

(a) 25

(b) (i) None

(ii) Falls away.

Contingency reserves

*18. Mr D G H NOLTE asked the Minister of Finance:† Hansard 17/4/90

(a) How were the contingency reserves spent in the 1989-90 financial year and (b) (i) what amounts were paid out and (ii) to whom?

B716E

The MINISTER OF FINANCE:

The information appears on pages III to V of the Estimate of Additional Expenditure, document R.P.1-1990, which was Tabled in Parliament on 19 February 1990 and which was further elucidated in my speech to Parliament on the same date

Coastal dune area at St Lucia: mining activities

*19. Mr J CHIOLÉ asked the Minister of Mineral and Energy Affairs and Public Enterprises:† Hansard 17/4/90

(1) Whether he intends taking any steps to stop proposed mining activities in the coastal dune area of St Lucia; if not, why not; if so, (a) what steps and (b) what are the motives for these steps,

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

QUESTIONS

† Indicates translated version.

For written reply:

General Affairs:

Persons: expropriation of property

7. Mr T R GEORGE asked the Minister of Planning and Provincial Affairs:

Whether he will furnish particulars of persons who have lost property by expropriation since 1948; if not, why not; if so, (a) how many (i) Whites, (ii) Coloureds, (iii) Indians and (iv) Blacks are involved and (b) (i) what areas were affected and (ii) on what dates? C25E

The MINISTER OF PLANNING AND PROVINCIAL AFFAIRS.

The Department of Planning and Provincial Affairs has not been responsible for any expropriation of properties. This was done by the erstwhile Department of Community Development. Since the inception of Own Affairs the various Own Affairs Administrations passed their own expropriation legislation. The information required is therefore not available and (a) (i), (ii), (iii), (iv) as well as (b) (i) and (ii) consequently fall away.

Action against coloured persons in certain areas

8. Mr T R GEORGE asked the Minister of Planning and Provincial Affairs:

(1) Whether it is his intention to take steps against people of colour residing in the areas of (a) Mayfair, (b) Homestead Park, (c) Hillbrow and (d) Berea; if so, (i) what steps and (ii) why; if not, why not;

(2) whether he will make a statement on the matter? C26E

The MINISTER OF PLANNING AND PROVINCIAL AFFAIRS:

(1) As Mayfair, Homestead Park, Hillbrow and Berea are situated within a White group area which falls within the ambit of Own Affairs the question should be addressed to the Ministers' Council: House of Assembly.

(2) Falls away.

TPA: camping resorts

19. Mr T R GEORGE asked the Minister of Planning and Provincial Affairs:

(1) (a) How many camping resorts falling under the control of the Transvaal Provincial Administration are there in that province for (i) Whites, (ii) Coloureds, (iii) Indians and (iv) Blacks and (b) what are the names of these resorts in each case;

(2) whether he will make a statement on the matter? C52E

The MINISTER OF PLANNING AND PROVINCIAL AFFAIRS:

(1) (i) Whites — none.

(ii) Coloureds —

(a) One resort.
(b) Roodeplaat Dam.

(iii) Indians —

(a) One resort.
(b) Roodeplaat Dam.

(iv) Blacks — none

(2) No.

Vaal River resorts: amenities

20. Mr T R GEORGE asked the Minister of Planning and Provincial Affairs.

(1) What amenities are available to each population group at each of the Vaal River resorts falling under the control of the Transvaal Provincial Administration;

(2) whether it is his intention to declare these resorts open to all population groups; if not, why not; if so, when;

(3) whether he will make a statement on the matter? C53E

The MINISTER OF PLANNING AND PROVINCIAL AFFAIRS:

(1) There are no Vaal River resorts under the control of the Transvaal Provincial Administration. Camping, barbecue and ablution facilities are presently being developed for all race groups at the Vaal Dam. These facilities will upon completion, not be managed by the Transvaal Provincial Administration but will be privatised.

(2) Not applicable.

(3) No.

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expected to discuss whether or not to begin lifting sanctions.

Paediatrics dept 'could close soon'

Staff Reporter

Conditions at the "own affairs" J G Strijdom Hospital in Johannesburg are deteriorating and unless immediate steps are taken the once highly regarded paediatrics department could close within weeks.

This is the view of the only remaining full-time consultant at the J G Strijdom Hospital, Dr F van der Merwe.

Speaking at the University of the Witwatersrand Medical Students' Conference in Johannesburg last night, Dr van der Merwe described as a "total tragedy" the decision last year to declare the hospital an own affairs hospital and strip it of its accademic status.

He said since the State acted a stream of valued staff members had left, with the following results:

- Four beds had been eliminated from the paediatrics ICU, leaving only three beds. Unless immediate action was taken the unit could close in less than two weeks.
- The hospital could no longer accept referrals.
- Without specialist consultants to advise medical officers on day-to-day matters, patient care had deteriorated.
- There was a shortage of medical officers.

To prevent further deterioration, the hospital should be amalgamated with the nearby Coronation Hospital, he said. This would attract senior staff and elimate unnecessary duplication.

Fall of a racial stronghold

Culmination of a slow but inexorable attrition process

The decision by National Health Minister Dr Rina Venter to open State hospitals to patients of all races marked the final collapse of yet another segregation stronghold.

Her announcement, splashed across the front pages of the press, was the culmination of a slow but inexorable process of attrition against segregated whites-only hospitals.

Thus, to cite a pertinent example, when the Johannesburg Hospital was targeted in last year's Defiance Campaign by anti-apartheid activists, 11 percent of its patients were black, although it was nominally a white hospital.

The Johannesburg Hospital, a large, modern hospital built for whites, began to admit black patients some years ago. They were admitted on a limited basis, however — only blacks who could not be treated at "their own" hospitals were accepted. The same policy was applied elsewhere.

But even on that basis, black patients outnumbered their white counterparts in some wards in some purportedly white hospitals.

In Tygerberg Hospital, near Cape Town, there was a unique arrangement. It admitted black and white patients, but placed them in segregated wings.

PATRICK LAURENCE sees the new policy of racially open hospitals, announced by National Health Minister Rina Venter (right), as the culmination of an already established process of attrition rather than a sudden innovation. The Johannesburg Hospital, for example, began to admit black patients some years ago.



Specialist

The centre of the hospital, however, was non-racial. It contained specialist wards and operating theatres.

It was clear even to casual visitors that Tygerberg — where former Prime Minister B J Vorster died in 1983 within shouting distance of sick black people — was destined to become a non-racial hospital. Its non-racial centre was not an aberration but a sign of the future.

Another pointer to the future was the numerical predominance of black nurses; even in white hospitals they assumed an increasingly important role and helped gradually to condition many white patients to the coming non-racial order.

But these trends did not prevent large and indefensible inequalities in health services from building up: Johannesburg Hospital was underused, with whole wards closed down and scores of beds unoccupied while Baragwanath Hospital in Soweto, a black hospital, was so overcrowded that patients slept under as well as on top of the beds.

As Dr Venter remarked: "While a lot of our hospitals are overcrowded with bed-occupancy rates of more than 100 percent, there are hospitals which are totally under-utilised ... If a norm of three beds per 1 000 of the populations applies, there is a surplus of 11 700 beds in white hospitals while there is a shortage of 7 000 beds in black hospitals."

The formal abandonment of hospital segregation — "We want to get rid of apartheid," pronounced Dr Venter — came after a strike in which unionised black hospital workers showed beyond doubt that they were a force to be reckoned with. The strike on its own would not have caused the change in policy, but it might have advanced the date of its announcement.

It was hardly coincidental that Dr Venter's announcement came only a day after a similar, though slightly less dramatic, declaration by Education and Training Deputy Minister Piet Marais. In future, Mr Marais said, empty white schools would be used by black pupils to alleviate congestion in black schools.

His statement was interpreted as a prelude to the inevitable next step: admission of black children to those white State schools where parents have voted in favour of accepting pupils of all races. A recent survey by the Human Sciences Research Council showed that a majority of white parents favoured the admission of blacks, provided that standards were maintained.

Dr Venter's statement contained a phrase which caused consternation in anti-apartheid circles:

"Enough space must exist for personal preference of religious practices, cultural approaches and communication means," she said.

It was feared that she might be alluding, in "Natspeak", to segregated wards within the same hospitals.

If so, that was likely to be an interim measure only, destined to be destroyed by the same processes which eroded the apartheid policy of strict segregation from cradle to sick bed to grave.

Dr Willie Snyman, of the pro-segregation Conservative Party, was not mollified; he saw Dr Venter's statement as signalling the end of separate hospitals for each of the major races. The NP had reneged on its commitment to protect the principle of control over "own affairs", he said.

Disparity

Dr Venter provided important statistical information on health care in South Africa: roughly 80 percent of South Africans, the vast majority of them black, are dependent on State health services; just under 20 percent, most of them white, are covered by medical aid.

Thus, it can be concluded, many whites have the option of treatment at private hospitals; these hospitals have long been open to all races but their high fees ensure that they can attract an adequate supply of nurses and that they can protect their patients from the discomforts of congestion.

According to an official Department of Health publication, private hospitals provided one fifth or 20 percent of hospitals beds in 1986, a figure which coincidentally corresponds closely with the proportion of South Africans covered by medical aid.

The same publication reflected the disparity in the availability of hospital beds: there were more than eight beds for every 1 000 whites, against just over four beds for every 1 000 blacks.

Dr Venter's policy shift should help even out the discrepancy.

'White unrest' at scrapping of the Amenities Act

A DELEGATION from the Transvaal Municipal Association has held a meeting with President FW de Klerk to discuss problems which they believe the scrapping of the Separate Amenities Act will cause.

The TMA said it had emphasised that the repeal of the Act had led to confusion and unrest among many white ratepayers. WMail 29/6/90

The delegation, headed by TMA deputy president Mars de Klerk, met the president yesterday at the Union Buildings

The visit follows a TMA majority vote objecting to the repeal of the Act.

The delegation told President De Klerk there had not been enough consultation with local authorities before the decision to repeal the Act had been taken.

Pta council votes to open city amenities

PRETORIA city council voted by a narrow margin to go ahead with preparations for the opening of city amenities and services to all races.

After lengthy, loud and often emotional political debate with many interjections and calls to order the council on Wednesday night agreed by 20 votes to 18 to revise by-laws relating to Hillcrest swimming pool, two municipal halls, Rietvlei fishing and other separate amenities, and by 22 to 19 to make changes in bus by-laws which open the way to a multi-racial bus service.

Mr Lappe Laubscher (NP) said there was nothing to stop "pure white Afrikaners" or "boere" from creating their own exclusive facilities, but the city council could not use ratepayers' money to provide exclusive facilities.

Both he and Mr Justus van Zyl (NP) said they were "proud" of the path being followed by the De Klerk Government, in particular the decision to move away from statutory discrimination. Sowetan 29/6/90

Afrikaners had for too long relied on legislation to protect their culture, Dr Ernie Jacobson (NP) said, but the

SOWETAN Correspondent

Afrikaner nation could now stand on its own feet without regulations to prop it up. (280) (285)

Mr Dawie Pretorius (CP) based his objections to a revision of by-laws to slot in with the Discriminatory Legislation regarding Public Amenities Repeal Bill on distinctions made between nations in the Bible, and accused the nationalists in the city council of "spinelessly" (papbroek) hiding behind this legislation.

He said the CP would not allow their selling of the nation.

Mr Gerdus Kruger (CP) said the changes went against promises of "own facilities where possible" made by NP councillors in their election manifestos.

He also accused the council of "falling over its feet" in its haste to implement change before new legislation was effective, and said voters should be consulted first.

Opposition leader, Mr Paul Fouche (CP), warned that nobody would want to invest in a city which was "handed over" to blacks.

Pretoria to open amenities

Own Correspondent

PRETORIA. — City amenities and services are to be opened to all races here.

After a long, emotional debate, the Pretoria city council voted by 20 votes to 18 on Wednesday to revise its by-laws on public amenities.

The council also voted by 22 votes to 19 to change its bus by-laws, opening the way for a multiracial bus service.

A spokesman for the city council, Mr Jan Bezuidenhout, said the by-laws had been amended in line with the decision by Parliament to scrap the Separate Amenities Act on October 15.

The new municipal by-laws are expected to come into effect in August or September.

R50 Vaal library fee hits black students

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THE Vereeniging Town Council is charging residents living outside the area a R50 membership fee for the use of the public library.

Black students, who have been using the library until the council introduced the fee on July 1, believe the move is a racist ploy to stop them using it.

One student claimed that a library assistant refused to accept the fee when she offered to pay.

Instead, the assistant referred her to senior officials of the council, she said.

The new regulation has left dozens of black Unisa students - most of them live in neighbouring townships - without a place to study.

The student said the fee was nothing but "a naked racist ploy" to stop blacks from going to the library.

"Libraries in the black townships are ill-equipped and none of them open late in the afternoons or in the evenings," she said.

By SONTI MASEKO

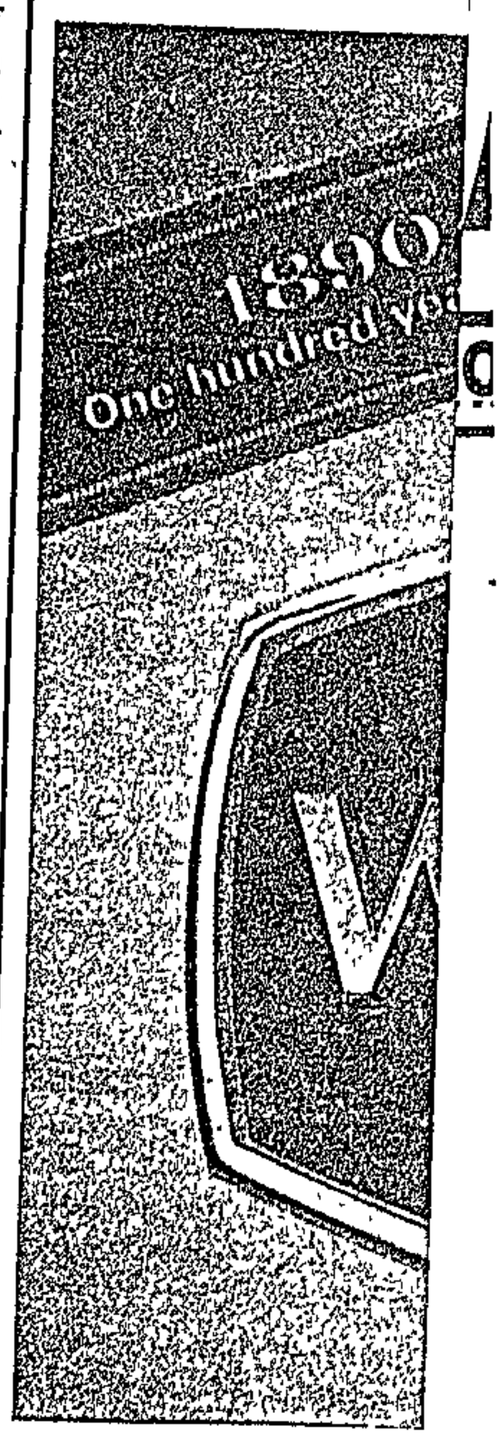
The town secretary of the council, Mr Johan Coetzee, emphatically denied allegations of racism, saying the fee affected all those people who were not ratepayers, "including some white people in surrounding farms".

He said the council introduced the fee to offset costs of running the library "which is heavily subsidised by ratepayers' funds".

On the refusal by the library to accept the fee from a black student, he said the council was still awaiting the publication of the Repeal of the Separate Amenities Act in the Government Gazette.

He said: "We have not yet received the publication. Once we have, we will report to the council which will decide whether to officially open the library to all races."

Coetzee said the council had been allowing black students "unofficially" to use the reference section of the library.



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CP will be 'swept away', says Boya

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East Rand Bureau

There was no way the tide of reform could be turned and the CP would be swept away in the process, United Municipalities of SA president Tom Boya said yesterday.

Reacting to statements by several Conservative Party-controlled municipalities in the Transvaal that they would not open public facilities to all, Mr Boya said it was a pity that while President de Klerk was busy ridding the country of apartheid, there were people who put obstacles in the way of the reform process.

CP Transvaal municipal chairman Pikkie Coetzee made it clear on Tuesday that many councils, especially in the platteland, would defy the scrapping of the Separate Amenities Act in October and would continue to segregate public amenities in their towns.

Mr Boya said the CP should take note that ever since the beaches, trains, buses and even some mini-bus taxes were opened to all there had been no racial friction.

"The CP's belief that apartheid can be for ever retained is a fallacy for which there is no room in South Africa.

"We called for a complete abolition of apartheid and we are pleased that the State President is now addressing the issue," he said.

President of the Witwatersrand Council of Churches, I E Tlholoe, said blacks would not give in to CP demands.

Fee barrier in libraries

PRETORIA. — Pretoria's municipal library and its branches were opened to all races this week — but most blacks are effectively being kept out by a R50 annual membership fee for people who live outside municipal bounderies.

This affects residents from Mamelodi and Atteridgeville.

The opening of the libraries was done in terms of the city council's open amenities resolution.

CP city councillor Mr Frik van Zyl said the fees were introduced to prevent overcrowding. — Sapa

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Blacks can fight plan by rightwingers

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Sowetan 5/7/90.

BLACKS barred from municipal amenities by Conservative Party town councils from October 15 would have to seek redress from the courts, a Unisa constitutional law professor said in Pretoria yesterday.

Prof Gretchen Carpenter was responding to an announcement by CP Middelburg MP Mr Pikkie Coetzee that many CP town councils would not open their facilitiies to all

Court can counter ban on amenities

races when the Separate Amenities Act is abolished on October 15.

Coetzee, the CP's Transvaal municipal committee chairman, said executive members from all Transvaal CP councils would meet in Pretoria at the weekend to discuss strategy.

Carpenter said there was a common law rule against discrimination which town councils would have to adhere to once the Separate Amenities Act fell away.

"If a black was refused admission to any facility then that person would have to get a court order.

"The Central Government makes the laws, it does not enforce them. That's why people would have to go to court." - Sapa.

CP rejects proposed plan to open Pretoria amenities

The general municipal committee of the Conservative Party has rejected the Government's intention to open public amenities to all races in Pretoria on October 15, and its proposed models for multiracial local government.

Mr Pikkie Coetzee, CP MP and chairman of the committee, said in a statement after a meeting on Saturday that the CP rejected the Government's "false standpoint" that it had a mandate to open all white amenities.

Standpoint

He said the committee had reconfirmed its standpoint that in opening up all public amenities the Government was acting "totally against the express undertaking to whites, namely that they are entitled to an own community life.

"The committee challenges the State President to hold a general election before October 15 to test the will of the white voters. It also warns the Government very seriously that the friction which will come from its discontinuation of the Separate Amenities Act will be the exclusive responsibility of the Government.

"Furthermore, the committee is extremely concerned at the fast-deteriorating squatter situation and urges the Government to immediately put a stop to squatters annexing white land.

"The committee also rejects the Government's dangerous plans to create multiracial local authorities." — Sapa

Pretoria Council opens buses to all

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In a move symptomatic of the sweeping changes taking place around the country, the Pretoria City Council yesterday announced the desegregation of its bus service.

The move comes into effect tomorrow.

"On January 30, the city council decided to apply to the Road Transportation Board for the amendment of its permit in order to make the bus service available to all commuters.

"The board recently informed the council that this application has been approved," said a management committee spokesman.

No fuss after integration of buses

Pretoria Correspondent

The Pretoria City Council bus service is open to all races, but black commuters have so far shown little interest in making use of the service.

The council buses were desegregated at midnight on Friday.

A council spokesman said only "between 10 and 20 blacks" had used the buses at the weekend. She said the number of white commuters had not dropped.

The council claims to have adopted a wait-and-see attitude towards possible racial tension over the issue.

A Sapa reporter, Johnny Masilela, boarded a white bus from Church Square to Sunnyside and back, and said there were no black people on board.

"When I nervously entered a white bus on Church Square on Saturday, I was greeted by a female white driver who behaved as if the historic moment was her usual lifestyle," he said.

"In the bus I met a Mr Fourie, with whom I struck up a conversation. No heads turned as white folk went on reading their newspapers."

The CP leader in the council, Paul Fouche, said prior to the opening of the service that the "shocking" step would "without a doubt result in friction on the buses".

The ANC's jol in the park

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WEATHER-WISE and location-wise, sunny Sunday, August 5 in Yeoville seemed a very unlikely day for history to be made. Yet, for the first time in its existence, the African National Congress held an Open Day in a white Johannesburg suburb.

Everyone at the Open Day in the park at the Yeoville recreation centre had to agree with one of the performers, Jennifer Ferguson, that a year ago no one would have believed such an event could have been held.

A mere 100 metres away, a group of well-armed policemen massed at the Yeoville policestation may well have agreed. Presumably there in response to a vague sense of rooi gevaar, they kept watch on the proceedings: a day of music and culture, families with small children holding picnics on the grass, Yeovillites walking dogs past stalls set up by the ANC, Nusas, Earthlife Africa and the End Conscription Campaign.

The Open Day was held to introduce the ANC to the people of Johannesburg and was a forerunner to the establishment of a number of branches in the city. People had ample opportunity at the event — organised by task forces of members in areas such as Hillbrow, Mayfair, Yeoville, Berea, Joubert Park and Bez Valley — to stock up on boerewors rolls, fudge, cake, the latest in lefty T-shirts and posters.

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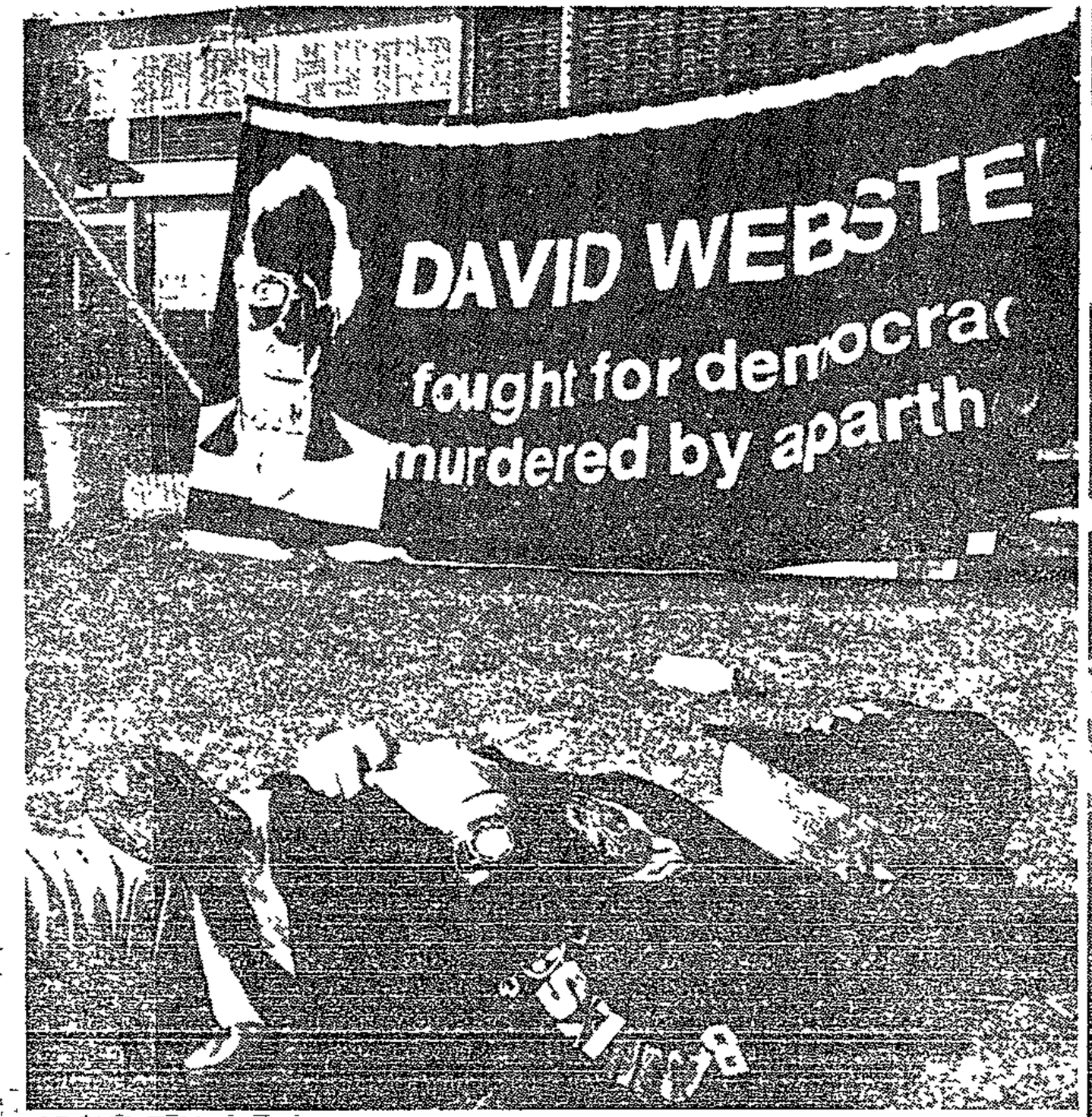
Roar young lion, roar ... while the police looked on from a distance, the youth were discussing the future



We are the future ... young and old participated in the making of history: the first ANC Open Day in a white suburb



ABOVE: Taking a break ... from the hum of the debates and the soulful sounds of and the African Jazz Pioneers

RIGHT: Harmony ... Singer Jennifer Ferguson who performed at the Open Day is hugged by a friend and fan

Residents contest council banning

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THE Atteridgeville\Saulsville Residents Organisation has filed an application in the Pretoria Supreme Court seeking an order to set aside the decision by the Atteridgeville Council to bar them from using council facilities.

Dr Abraham Nkomo, chairman of Asro, filed the application and asked the court to nullify the council's decision to refuse them the right to use the Super Stadium to hold public meetings to discuss issues that affected residents.

The application is scheduled to be heard in the Supreme Court on September 11.

Atteridgeville's acting town clerk, Mr Daan Mouton, yesterday declined to comment on the matter.

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ANC rejects council's pool 'privatisation'

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By Shehnaaz Bulbulia

The African National Congress's Klerksdorp branch yesterday condemned the Klerksdorp Town Council's move to hand the local public swimming pool over to a private swimming club.

The ANC viewed the council's plan to rationalise the swimming facility as a means to sidestep the impending repeal of the Separate Amenities Act.

"The rationalisation of the public swimming pool in Klerksdorp is intended to ensure the perpetuation of the Separate Amenities Act," the ANC said.

Klerksdorp Town Council public relations officer F Ras confirmed that the council was negotiating with representatives of the local swimming club. If the negotiations were successful it would mean that membership and other related matters would be determined by the swimming club, he said.

"All income from entrance fees and monies with regard to galas will be for the benefit of the club," Mr Ras said.

The council, however, would remain responsible for the "general wear and tear of the facility", he pointed out.

Jo'burg council to vote on opening city to all races

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TANIA LEVY

THE Johannesburg City Council will apply for the entire city to be opened as a free settlement area, if a recommendation to do so is approved by councillors at the monthly meeting tonight.

The council will also ask government to repeal all discriminatory legislation, including the Group Areas Act, the Free Settlement Areas Act and the Local Government Affairs in Free Settlement Areas Act.

The council committee investigating Open City Initiatives suggested the moves, stressing the urgent need to prevent the piecemeal declaration of free settlement areas in Johannesburg.

If its recommendations, already approved by the management committee, are adopted tonight, the Free Settlement Board would be asked to defer considering applications to declare Mayfair, parts of Pageview, Hillbrow, Berea, Yeoville and parts of Houghton as free settlement areas.

The application would put into action the management committee's commitment in May to an open SA and an open Johannesburg.

Opening the city to all races was one of the DP's main goals on taking over leadership of the management committee in April.

Proviso

Management committee chairman Ian Davidson yesterday said although most councillors were opposed to the concept of free settlement areas, Johannesburg had to set the pace and open the city to all races as an act of faith.

He said the application would be made with the proviso that no management committee be set up in terms of the Local Government Affairs in Free Settlement Areas Act.

Council wanted to be able to manage the integration of Johannesburg.

Davidson said he expected the majority of councillors to support the recommendations.

However, CP leader in council Jacques Theron said his caucus would oppose the item which went against the wishes of most Johannesburg ratepayers. They did not want security in their areas to deteriorate, Theron said.

EDYTH BULBRING reports from Pretoria that President F W de Klerk for the first time turned down an application for the opening of a residential area under the Free Settlement Areas Act. A Free Settlement Areas Board spokesman said at the weekend an application for the opening of a King William's Town area, Balaze Valley, was rejected.

It was also announced on Friday that Zeekoeivallei, an area near Durban, was approved by De Klerk as a free settlement area.

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New law planned 'to protect communities'

Govt warns against 'open' Johannesburg

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By Peter Fabricius, Political Correspondent

Johannesburg was "jumping the gun" with plans to open the entire city for residence by all races, Deputy Planning Minister Andre Fourie warned last night.

His warning came as the city's management committee prepared to put its proposal to the vote at the council's monthly meeting today.

Mr Fourie's comment strengthens past fears in Johannesburg that the Government seems intent on rejecting Johannesburg's planned application for an open city.

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Jo'burg's R2,3-m bid for Old Eds gets nod

By Montshiwa Moroke

The Old Edwardian Society has voted in favour of selling its famous Old Eds Club premises in Houghton to the Johannesburg City Council for R2,3 million.

The decision was reached at a packed and emotional meeting of members that ran a marathon four

accepted after members had also considered alternatives of selling the property to the Witwatersrand Technikon, or a take-over by a syndicate that proposed to establish a health and racquets club.

Roll-over

Townships quiet but toll climbs to 516

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Crime Reporter

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Suspicion

He said the management committee's proposal to make the whole of Johannesburg a free settlement area had been partly motivated by the need to get around partial free settlement.

Labour Party MP Mr Desmond Lockey today voiced suspicion that the measures might allow individual communities — possibly suburbs — to decide for themselves if blacks could live there.

He vowed the Labour Party would block any legislation which tried to "devolve or privatise apartheid".

Louise Burgers, The Star's Municipal Reporter, reports that the Johannesburg management committee will today ask councillors to approve an application to declare the entire city a free settlement area as an interim measure pending the repeal of the Group Areas Act.

Lively debate is expected at the monthly council meeting, as the Conservative Party remains firmly opposed to an open city.

Both the South Western and Lenasia management committees have indicated approval for the motion.

Jo'burg 'will only be open next year'

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TANIA LEVY

JOHANNESBURG would not be opened as a free settlement area this year as the application would take at least five months to process, Free Settlement Board (FSB) chairman Hein Kruger said yesterday.

This, however, would not stop the board making recommendations within 10 days to President F W de Klerk on whether to open Hillbrow and surrounding suburbs as free settlement areas, Kruger said. He would not say what decision had been reached by the FSB but the final decision lay with De Klerk.

Kruger said the Johannesburg City Council's application to have the whole city declared a free settlement area was welcomed but would take at least five months to process. Government would most likely be unable to take a decision before about April 1991 although this was a rough guess.

He said the scrapping of the Group Areas Act, expected during the next Parliamentary session, could happen before Johannesburg could be declared a free settlement area.

Planning Deputy Minister Andre Fourie said it would be improper to respond to Johannesburg's moves before a decision was reached by De Klerk or Minister Hernus Kriel.

Johannesburg Deputy City Secretary Gert Marais said council would submit its application to the FSB within the next week.

Kruger said once the application was received, the board would decide whether to proceed with an investigation. Within two weeks, council would have to inform every person on the municipal voters roll of the investigation. Two weeks after that, advertisements would be placed giving anyone the right to object or approve of the application within 28 days. Kruger said in the case of a city like Johannesburg people would probably be given longer to comment.

The FSB would then decide if further verbal input from ratepayers' associations, political parties and other organisations would be necessary.

The Johannesburg council had voted itself out of existence in deciding it wanted the city to become a free settlement area, he said. In terms of the Local Government in Free Settlement Areas Act, residents would elect a management committee to run the area.

Legal opinion differed about the technicalities behind establishing this committee in the case of an entire city being declared open under the Free Settlement Act, said Kruger.

Johannesburg's moves were widely welcomed yesterday although neighbouring Sandton said it would be unlikely to follow Johannesburg's lead.

Sandton management committee chairman Perry Oertel said he was concerned about flaws in the Free Settlement Areas Act and felt the Group Areas Act would be scrapped next year anyway.

Johannesburg Afrikaanse Sakekamer local affairs committee chairman Hennie de Clerq said the chamber approved of the move and had recommended earlier to the FSB that Johannesburg be considered as a municipality rather than as isolated suburbs.

Johannesburg Chamber of Commerce and Industries president Jonny Frankel said the move was a step in the right direction, an interim measure hopefuly leading up to the scrapping in its entirety of the Group Areas Act.

Sapa reports the United Municipalities of South Africa welcomed council's decision and called ongovernment to stop condemning councils which were ready for local options. The Five Freedoms Forum said the council vote would put government to a litmus test on its commitment to scrap apartheid.

Benoni opens pools

The Benoni Town Council voted yesterday to open its public swimming pools to people of all races from Saturday — six weeks before the Separate Amenities Act is due to be scrapped. Star 30/8/90

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Hillbrow's last white stronghold falls

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have told me: 'This is our place and if blacks start coming we'll make sure they won't come back.'

"Blacks did come before but they were encouraged to sit on the verandah. We noticed they weren't really welcome.

"But you have to move with the times. How do you cater for a few whites when the whole place is going multi-racial?"

There's no money in pandering to the few, says Meyer, who envisages his new clientele will be predominantly black. He is frantically overseeing plans to create a new dance area and jazz up the gloomy old-fashioned hotel, which has for years catered mainly for residential customers.

Prostitution is a phenomenon plaguing Hillbrow's hotels, and while Meyer plans to stop any brazen soliciting which may occur on the steps of the hotel, little can be done to curb it, he says.

"If you're a hooker and you come and rent a room, how must I know you're a hooker?"

Anthony, the owner of a security firm who has patronised the hotel for the past seven years is on the way out. Nothing will stop him, he says, short of the arrival of a stunning white girl in a mini-skirt. Not for him the glamorous black nubiles likely to descend in droves on new territory.

"No ways. From now on I'll jol in the northern suburbs where I live. Not that I'm a racist. I just choose the better things in life."



The Chelsea Hotel ... opened to all races recently

Picture: KEVIN CARTER

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Transvaal hospital won't have blacks

By Therese Anders, Highveld Bureau

Amersfoort's only hospital is continuing to refuse admittance to black patients despite the Minister of Health's announcement in May that all State hospitals no longer discriminated on racial grounds.

Black and Indian residents in the small Conservative Party-controlled south-eastern Transvaal town said they were forced to travel 50 km to Ermelo for hospital treatment.

A local doctor said: "I have had to deliver babies in my surgery because I know that the local hospital will not admit the mother and there isn't time to get her to Ermelo.

"If a loved one is hospitalised in Ermelo, the family often cannot afford the return taxi fares to make visits."

When The Star telephoned the hospital, the reporter was told that treatment would be provided for a black patient in emergency situations only. The hospital would not admit black patients.

Refused

The Minister of National Health's office refused to reply to questions on discrimination at the hospital, referring inquiries to the House of Assembly's Department of Health Services.

In a statement, Minister of Health Services, Welfare and Housing Sam de Beer said: "Elsie Ballot Hospital is an own affairs hospital. This hospital is one of the smallest provincial hospitals in SA.

"There are only 14 beds and six wards. The original hospital was erected through an inheritance by the late Elsie Ballot, and it was specified that this 'should be a hospital for the white population'.

"In spite of this stipulation in the will it has always been the policy to treat emergency cases of all population groups at the hospital.

"With the new Government policy regarding hospitals, no discrimination on grounds of race exist.

"The superintendent of the hospital agrees with this policy, and is very much aware of the new regulations of admittance to State hospitals.

"It must, however, be pointed out that the availability of beds, staff and especially funds must be borne in mind by the superintendent when admitting any patient. It is obvious that these factors will influence the number of admissions," Mr de Beer said.

R500 for a book

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In a last-ditch effort to get around the scrapping of the Separate Amenities Act many Conservative Party councils are rushing through new measures effectively to keep municipal facilities exclusively for whites.

These include the charging of exhorbitant non-refundable library membership fees. In Bethal membership for non-residents will cost an astronomical R500 annually.

Others, like Sasolburg, are to restrict their swimming pools and resorts to season ticket-holders. And only residents within the town's municipal jurisdiction will qualify for season tickets.

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EWS

Hospital 'refused to admit black'

A Johannesburg businessman claims his sick black friend was refused admission to the Edenvale hospital last week.

Ian Bromley said a houseman had diagnosed pneumonia and said the man had to be admitted immediately

However, a nursing sister overruled the doctor and said the patient must be transferred to Tembisa or Hillbrow hospitals. Mr Bromley said he asked the doctor what would happen if a white man had come in with pneumonia.

The doctor replied that the white patient would "most probably" have been admitted.

A spokesman for the Transvaal Provincial Administration said Edenvale's superintendent, Dr Mervin Damelin, had been contacted about Mr Bromley's allegations

His reply was that Edenvale Hospital was full.

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Separate amenities may be about to be officially scrapped — but that doesn't mean blacks may now use any facility previously reserved for whites.

Certain rightwing town councils have latched on to a 1939 ordinance that provides for councils to charge non-residents for the use of town facilities. The director of local government in the Department of Planning & Provincial Affairs, Peet Stopforth, says the regulation is not racially based. But he admits there is no definition in the Act of a resident or non-resident.

Stopforth says blacks living in towns may use all facilities without being charged. However, he does not know how black residents can prove they are residents to authorities that want to charge them for the use of facilities.

Bethal Town Council, for example, is charging a staggering R500 to "non-residents" for membership of a library not previously recognised for its exclusive status.

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Similarly in Pietersburg, non-residents will have to pay a deposit of R100 to use the library, while residents pay R12 for adults and R6 for children.

Use of swimming pools in Pietersburg will cost residents R10 per family for the season; non-residents will pay R3 per person per visit. Sasolburg is restricting the use of its swimming pools to season ticket-holders, which can only be bought by those living within the municipal boundaries of the (white) town as defined by the Group Areas Act (GAA).

Stopforth says his department is going through all discriminatory provisions in the ordinances of local councils, with a view to repealing them in parliament next year. However, Ordinance 17 of 1939, because it is not discriminatory in itself — until applied in the context of the GAA — is not under consideration for repeal.

New standard by-laws, specifically drafted to facilitate the repeal of the Separate Amenities Act, were published on September 14 and sent out to all local authorities. But Stopforth says not a single local authority has yet asked government for approval to implement the by-laws.

Police are to be provided with extra

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power from October 15 to monitor the smooth repeal of the Act. Details of the extra powers will be announced soon. However, government officials say they foresee few integration problems, other than minor initial difficulties.

It seems shortsighted of government not to move fast to remove Ordinance 17 of 1939 and any other ordinances that can be used to retain racial discrimination. If nothing is done, protests, boycotts and defiance campaigns can be expected. ■

Legal blunder lets right-wing councils bar blacks from open amenities

SNEAKY NEW RACE CURBS!

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By STEPHANIE HULL and DRIES van HEERDEN

REBEL councils are poised to sabotage the ending of petty apartheid — by exploiting a Government blunder which allows them to effectively bar blacks as UNWELCOME VISITORS.

The farcical situation has arisen on the eve of tomorrow's scrapping of the Separate Amenities Act, which throws public facilities open to all races.

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Whoops! Gays get drenched and their face bags go soggy

By MARION DUNCAN

IT MIGHT have rained on their parade, but gay marchers didn't let it dampen their enthusiasm.

More than 400 of them took to the streets of Johannesburg yesterday in Africa's first Gay Pride March. And although their balloons sank, their spirits soared as they sang, cheered, whistled and chanted their way through the centre of the city.

Some of them flounced in sequins and feathers. Others hid their faces behind paper bags that soon became sadly sodden in the wet.

There were women in men's suits and men in fluffy wigs and make-up. Most were adorned with flares of shocking pink.

T-shirt slogans declared: "Closets are for clothes," "My mum loves me the way I am" and "Queer and here."

Climax

The day started with a rally at the SA Institute for Race Relations where speakers called for equal

Greek ordeal of injured SA girl

By IVOR CREWS

A VIVACIOUS 21-year-old South African beauty is fighting for her life in a "filthy" Greek hospital after she was injured in a freak cycling accident on the island of Paros.

Tanya Priest of Cape Town — a former vet's assistant — is in a coma after suffering brain damage.

Her condition was described as "critical" by SA Embassy staff in Athens this week.

Tanya's mother, divorcee Sheila Jacobsen, 44, of Cape Town, has flown to Athens to be at her daughter's bedside.

But because of the "atrocious conditions" at the hospital, she fears for Tanya's life and desperately wants her daughter returned to South Africa as soon as possible for "expert care".

"But doctors here say Tanya is too ill to be moved. The only workable solution would be for a South African doctor to come out here," said the desperate mum from Athens.

"The last thing I want to do is keep my daughter in this place. But I'm running out of money fast and will only be able to stay on for another week at the most. I had to borrow money from my company to fly here.

Miss Jacobsen says that, to compound her problems, hospital staff are "rude and arrogant" and she has "no idea" if her daughter is being properly treated.

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- In Bethal, library membership for non-residents will be R500 a year And in Pietersburg, non-residents will pay R100 to use the library while residents can join for R12 (adults) and R6 (children)
- Newcastle will not accept any new members to its library and will fence off the local caravan park and charge an entrance fee.
- Visitors to the Potchefstroom dam will now pay R3 a visitor instead of the previous fee of R3 a vehicle

Reacting to these moves, Mr Kriel said "This is definitely running contrary to the spirit of the Government's decision to scrap the Act. As far as we are concerned separate amenities will be scrapped as of tomorrow"

Mr Kriel said any person denied access to a public facility on the basis of skin colour would be able to get a court order against the local authority.

Petty

"I am sure the courts will decide that central government Acts take preference over local ordinances Town councils will be forced to pay the legal costs and ratepayers will soon start asking why their taxes are being squandered on these petty measures"

The by-laws published in an Extraordinary Transvaal Provincial Gazette on September 14 are intended to maintain civilised standards and not to discriminate against people

"If the ordinance is used to defeat the provisions of the law, obviously we will have to look at it again," said Mr Kriel

In terms of the Gazette, local authorities can now effectively control entrance to public facilities by determining the maximum number of people allowed to enter, charging entrance fees, or evicting people who are

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Last gasp of law as 150 told to leave a CP hall

By DOMINIC JONES

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Christian Fellowship pastor Graham Lennox, who left the meeting just before the incident, said "My church is very much opposed to laws like the Separate Amenities Act, because it goes against God's law

But many Middelburg residents, including members of the ministers' congregations, obviously feel quite differently

"Whites only" signboards are still up in the town and there is even a sign pointing the way to "Rhodesia", which changed to Zimbabwe 10 years ago

Mayor Brand this week said most of the town's whites wanted nothing to do with the so-called new SA

"They were never consulted It is like somebody building an oil refinery next door to your house without asking what you think," he said

Local church ministers will meet on Tuesday to discuss the issue.

Mr Naude said "The churches will have to make a stand on a matter like this"

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Christian Fellowship pastor Graham Lennox, who left the meeting just before the incident, said: "My church is very much opposed to laws like the Separate Amenities Act, because it goes against God's law.

But many Middelburg residents, including members of the ministers' congregations, obviously feel quite differently

"Whites only" signboards are still up in the town and there is even a sign pointing the way to "Rhodesia", which changed to Zimbabwe 10 years ago

Mayor Brand this week said most of the town's whites wanted nothing to do with the so-called new SA.

"They were never consulted. It is like somebody building an oil refinery next door to your house without asking what you think," he said.

Local church ministers will meet on Tuesday to discuss the issue.

Mr Naude said: "The churches will have to make a stand on a matter like this."

Separate Amenities Act is repealed

ONE of the pillars of apartheid, the Separate Amenities Act, falls into the waste basket today.

The law is being repealed 37 years after the National Party government passed it. Sowetan 15/10/90

The death knell comes as the African National Congress and the Government press ahead to establish a non-racial society. 285

While many have welcomed the move, many conservative city and town councils regard it as a disaster.

In the Conservative Party-controlled town of Middelburg, Transvaal, residents recently voted in favour of closing facilities rather than opening them to all races.

Civil rights lawyer Mr Ahmed Motala said he found the Middelburg move "pretty unsettling".

"City councils are passing by-laws and regulations to circumvent the effect the scrapping of the Act will

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have," he said.

Retired politician Mrs Helen Suzman, who walked out of Parliament in 1953 during the second reading of the Bill, said the the repeal of the Separate Amenities Act would have a watered down impact.

"The Act has been in fact undermined over recent years," she said.

Mr James Reach, chairman of the Pretoria City Council's management committee, agreed.

He said public parks had been opened to all races since 1972 while earlier this year the municipal bus service, libraries, various swimming pools, fishing facilities at Rietvlei Dam and "certain halls" had been opened to all races.

Suzman said: "It always struck me as extraordinary when I saw a crowd of blacks waiting for a bus while empty buses for whites were bowling past them."

Mr Baldeo Dookie, acting chairman of the Ministers' Council in the House of Delegates, said the Act had heaped insults on blacks.

"As long as the Group Areas Act is not scrapped one can't expect integration of different race groups," he said. - *Sapa.*



An Ermelo swimming pool attendant threatens to throw Stan Hlophe, a reporter on the Johannesburg Star, into the pool, fully clothed

Manhandled by pool attendant

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The Argus Correspondent reports from Johannesburg

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When the team arrived at Ermelo's swimming pool the young attendant, whose name is not known, was clearly distressed to see two black men walk in.

Reporter Stan Hlope asked if it was all right for him to have a quick dip.

The attendant refused to let Hlope in the deserted pool, then rang to the municipal offices for advice.

He shouted to a colleague: "This f... ou has come here full of Aids from Soweto."

After waiting half an hour the Star team left, returning after lunch.

The attendant then told Hlope he was free to swim.

Hlope enjoyed a brief paddle before going to the changing room to dress.

The attendant then lost control. As Hlope came out of the changing room he grabbed him, started abusing him and began to push him near the pool.

He screamed racial taunts and said Hlope was not going to leave until had swum across the pool. He also threatened to push in the woman reporter and photographer.

After several minutes the man shouted at the Star team to get out.

Councils dig in against open facilities

Govt warns CP on amenities trickery

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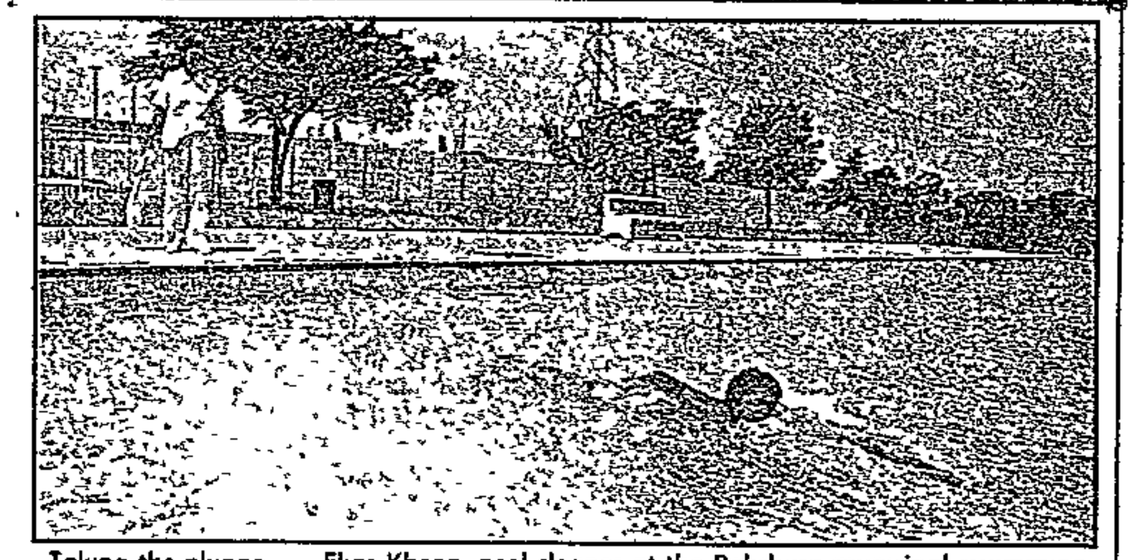

Taking the plunge Elias Khoza, pool cleaner at the Boksburg municipal swimming bath, takes his first dip in the water he has kept clean for several years Pool superintendent Natalie Boshoff promised she would give him swimming lessons now that he can legally swim in the previously whites-only pool ● Picture by Alf Kumalo

Staff Reporters

Conservative Party-controlled councils may have miscalculated their ability to circumvent the repeal of the Separate Amenities Act. If so, legal action by anti-apartheid groups could succeed against them.

Planning and Provincial Affairs Minister Hernus Kriel warned today that if any loopholes were exposed, the Government would consider legislation to close them

The Minister expressed his view as petty apartheid showed every sign of staying alive and well in the Transvaal and some CP-controlled towns dug in — ignoring the scrapping of the Separate Amenities Act or finding alternative ways of keeping it in place.

"Whites-only" signs were displayed in some towns and black people were turned away from public facilities or charged exorbitant rates to use them

In Springs, the CP-controlled municipality has closed its municipal swimming pools rather than open them to all races

Apart from tariff increases, councils also plan to adopt by-laws restricting the number of people using amenities and controlling the behaviour of visitors.

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In deep water . . an Ermelo swimming pool attendant threatens to throw Star reporter Stan Hlophe back into the water after Hlophe, a non-swimmer, emerged after a brief dip Reporter Therese Anders side-steps the altercation ● Picture by Jacoob Rykliff

Attendant goes off the deep end

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Later, at the Bethal library, Hlophe caused a sensation

The library staff and public looked shocked. However, chief librarian Susan Kemp was gracious

She did not inquire whether he was living in Bethal which would have entitled him to free membership Without hesitation she said his membership fee would be R500

She added Do you have your bank manager with you?

Consumers face steep increases

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By Norman Chandler

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Asked how he thought the first day had gone, Mr Kriel said: "It didn't go too badly The sun rose again today and South Africa is still standing."

He said the Government would watch the CP councils and would consider legislation to prevent them practising discrimination, should this be necessary.

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Asked if he envisaged something like the American civil rights legislation which outlaws racial discrimination, Mr Kriel said he had not even thought so far ahead.

Unwelcome

Opposition groups, including the Democratic Party, believe that as in America, segregation will only end when positive legislation is introduced to outlaw it.

Mr Kriel reacted to reports that CP councils intended taking advantage of recently promulgated provincial ordinances which were written to help councils maintain standards.

The ordinances allow councils to bar "unwelcome visitors" and some councils intend to use this provision to keep blacks out.

● From Washington **David Braun** of The Star Bureau reports that the US Government has welcomed the formal repeal of the Separate Amenities Act as a positive step in the transformation of South African society, but has re-affirmed its position that sanctions cannot be lifted yet.

A spokesman for the State Department pointed out that residential and school segregation were both still permitted.

The Separate Amenities Act was not mentioned specifically in US sanctions legislation.

"Our consistent policy has been that we do not believe it appropriate to modify or suspend existing sanctions until the conditions outlined in the sanctions legislation have been met," he said.



Taking the plunge ... Sy Makaringe tests the white waters. Pic: Len Kumalo

Taking plunge in this pool created a splash

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By SY MAKARINGE

CONSERVATIVE Party-controlled towns yesterday kept blacks out of public facilities by charging "non-residents" exorbitant admission fees as the Separate Amenities Act finally ended up in the waste paper bin.

On the first day when discriminating against people on the basis of colour at public amenities became unlawful, town councils run by the CP charged "non-residents" up to 10 000 percent more than the normal fee for taking a dip in a swimming pool.

The Vanderbijlpark Town Council charged local residents R1,50 for using facilities at its swimming pool. Non-residents had to pay R15.

Blacks did not rush to use amenities such as swimming pools and libraries in white towns yesterday.

CP spokesman Koos van der Merwe said in a

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Many facilities on Reef are free – or almost free

Staff Reporter

While certain platteland towns are increasing entrance fees to municipal amenities to enforce segregation, ratepayers on the Reef can use facilities such as pools, libraries, parks and public toilets for free or for a small charge.

The fees charged by some Conservative municipalities for amenities are in some cases hundreds of rands more than ratepayers in, for example, Johannesburg, Randburg and Sandton pay.

In Johannesburg and Sandton, anyone living or working there may join the library free of charge.

In Randburg, entrance to municipal swimming pools is free and in Johannesburg it costs an adult R1,40 while children and senior citizens can take a dip for 40c.

This compares with the R15 non-residents in Vanderbijlpark will have to pay for a swim in the municipal pools. To avoid paying the tariff, residents must produce water and electricity accounts.

In several platteland towns, non-residents must pay R100 and R500 to join the library.

In Bethal the library membership for non-residents is R500 a year. And in Pietersburg, non-residents have to pay R100 to use the library while residents can join for R12.

In public parks on the Reef, there are few places where people have to pay, but in Newcastle, the local caravan park is to be fenced off and an entrance fee will be charged.

Visitors to the local dam in Potchefstroom will now pay R3 a person instead of the previous fee of R3 a vehicle.

Courts will take action - Minister

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THE Government is leaving it to private citizens and the courts to deal with local authorities which continue, under various guises, to impose the "whites only" status at public amenities.

This emerged yesterday following a warning by Minister of Planning and Provincial Affairs Mr Hernus Kriel that town councils who tried to dodge the scrapping of the Separate Amenities Act may be taken to court.

He said private people who were discriminated against would have to apply to the courts and resort to common law.

Kriel said the Government would watch the dissenting councils very closely and would consider legislation to prevent them practising discrimination should this be necessary.

"But I don't think it will be. There are just a few local government councils that are trying to circumvent the law. I don't think they will succeed.

"But eventually if they continue to misuse the situation, we will consider legislation."

Kriel said he thought the outcry was "just a storm in a teacup. I don't believe many councils will really try and carry on with discrimination".

Democratic Party spokesman Mr Tony Leon said that barring blacks from amenities "is, on the face of it, a deliberate flouting of the law and is probably illegal". - *Sowetan Correspondent.*

Right bitter over sharing facilities

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THE repeal on Monday of the racially discriminatory Reservation of Separate Amenities Act - for 37 years a pillar of apartheid legislation - signalled new freedom for South African blacks.

White rightwingers, however, have expressed bitterness at being forced into sharing public facilities with black people and vowed to counter the scrapping of the law at grassroots level.

The Conservative Party in a statement said it would renew the struggle for Afrikaner freedom and the right for 'own' community life, and suggested the Government should accept responsibility for the increasing racial tension that would "necessarily arise from the repeal of the Act".

CP deputy leader Dr Ferdi Hartzenberg said the reformist National Party Government of State President F W de Klerk had, with the removal of the Act from the statute books, "destroyed a considerable part of white people's own community life", while previously promising to do the opposite.

The Separate Amenities Act had for years provided for "good order" because it had prevented racial friction at public facilities.

Although Hartzenberg's statement did not say how the CP planned to maintain racial segregation at public amenties without the Act, all 102 Conservative Party-controlled town councils across the country have reportedly promised to introduce measures which would effectively restrict blacks from using public facilities.

Action

These measures include denying "non-residents" access to swimming pools, libraries, pleasure resorts and other facilities or charging them prohibitive fees to use them.

Another racially discriminating law, the Group Areas Act, prevents black people from living in "white" areas. Black people are therefore "non-residents" by definition.

Brakpan CP mayor Willie Olivier said a card system identifying the town's ratepayers would be implemented in order to charge "non-residents" considerably more for the use of the town's amenities.

Response

Although "people of other colours" would be free to use Brakpan's facilities provided they were prepared to pay more, Olivier admitted the measure was being introduced in an attempt to keep the town white.

Government responded to these tactics on Sunday by warning that legislation could be introduced to stop the CP.

Planning and Provincial Affairs Minister Hernus Kriel also said the CP would find itself on the losing side of legal battles in court if it persisted with racial discrimination.

Black political organisations suggested harsher, more immediate reprisals for the CP-controlled towns.

"Our response is mass action," United Democratic Front spokesman Titus Mafolo said. "Those CP towns who refuse to allow all people to use facilities can expect mass consumer boycotts among other forms of protest."

Mafolo said the CP was creating an atmosphere of conflict by clinging to outdated policies, and the Group Areas Act was providing them with the loophole to continue doing so.

Democratic Party MP Jan van Eck warned that the CP steps to maintain separate amenities would "foul up the political climate to such an extent that the negotiation process can be set back years.

Province thwarts CP libraries plan

LOOPHOLES which CP-controlled councils planned to use to deny people access to public amenities would be tightened, Transvaal acting Administrator Willie Hoods said yesterday.

Some existing legislation, such as that governing public libraries, had already been tightened and CP local authorities would now have to apply to the TPA for permission to impose or raise tariffs on libraries, Hoods said.

This move comes in reaction to threats by defiant Transvaal CP councils, who in some cases have restricted access to public amenities by levying such high tariffs that the majority of black people now allowed to use the facilities cannot afford to do so.

Hoods said the TPA was examining other existing legislation on open amenities such as swimming pools.

"I can give my assurance that as they arise we will take the necessary steps to tighten the loopholes and do everything necessary to prevent the CP denying access to open facilities," Hoods said.

Current legislation for public libraries stated local governments could levy fees not exceeding the annual

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running costs per library member, including those staying or employed within the local government's jurisdiction and also of those who did not, Hoods said.

Costs that could be recovered from members included loan services, educational programmes and reference services, he said.

Confront

PETER DELMAR reports stayaways and consumer boycotts were among the tactics UDF township structures were seriously considering to resist CP councils' efforts to bar blacks from public amenities, according to UDF national civic convenor Pat Lephunya.

Lephunya said in an interview civic associations were discussing how to confront attempts by CP-controlled municipalities to keep facilities white despite the scrapping of the Separate Amenities Act on Monday.

He said civic associations would not allow the CP's attitude to deny the people one of their major victories against apartheid.

Adventures of a black man in a white town



ERMELO'S first black tourist sauntered into the town council offices on Monday. He was sent upstairs to the wrong office, but by the time he got back everyone had settled down. W\Mail 19|10-25|10|90

"Welcome to Ermelo," said the smiling publicity manager, a Mr Cilliers, taking it in his stride, and handing the tourist brochures on drives and places of historic interest in and around the town. "I hope you enjoy your stay."

The tourist was Phil Molefe, who was to play many roles in the next two days, testing the racism level in a randomly selected platteland town. It was to be a memorable if not entirely enjoyable stay.

Our first stop, Monday being the day that the Separate Amenities Act was repealed, was the Ermelo swimming pool. When we got there, a fat white boy aged about 10 tried to bar our entrance. "*Daar is nie vandag swembad nie*", he informed us — "There is no swimming bath today".

We brushed past this latter-day George Wallace (the governor who physically tried to prevent blacks from entering the University of Alabama) and walked straight in. No entrance charge, but there was an air of menace.

Molefe was undressing when we saw the fat white boy again. He came in to witness the unimaginable — a black man in the changing rooms, putting on his costume, and stared at him with utter revulsion. 19|10|-25|10|90

The lifesaver, a burly man in his twenties, was in an extremely foul mood. While Molefe splashed around on the outskirts of the pool he screamed angrily: "Swim. De Klerk said you can swim." Then, with sarcasm: "I'll give you some soap to wash with."

The black staff at the pool were engaged in the rather pointless task of removing a rockery from the far side of the pool, carrying out the rocks one by one on their heads. When Lifesaver wasn't looking they smiled and gave us the thumbs up. (285

We waved genially to Lifesaver on the way out. "Thanks for leaving," he said. In the car park a white-haired man with a walkie talkie was writing our number plate down. We asked him why he was doing that, but he denied that he was.

Next stop: Pronk estate agents.

Molefe's story was that he represented a consortium of Soweto businessmen who heard that De Klerk was going to scrap the Land Acts and the Group Areas Act next year. They were doing some early scouting for farming land and wanted a couple of select properties in town as well.

"Sorry," said Dave Cronje at the agency, "but it's out of season for farming land. The farming season started on September 1. Come back in May next year."

And the residential properties? "You're going to have to do the paperwork, get permission from the town council first." Easing Molefe out of the office, humouring him. Mind the step on the way out. Cheers. Click. Phew. Did you see that? The office staff gathering at the window to watch Molefe down the road.

Out in the township, Wesselton, we found the local youth congress activists planning their own response to the scrapping of Separate Amenities. A big splash-in at the Ermelo pool and a mass recruitment campaign at the library were being discussed.

But first we wanted them to help us check out the town, pay a visit to the segregated businesses. An embarrassed blonde at the Ermelo gym said she was just an assistant and the manager had a

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Reporter **PHILIP MOLEFE** spent a few frantic days in whites-only Ermelo. With him on our test of small-town racism was **PHILLIP VAN NIEKERK**

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The next morning Molefe catches the newscast on television. A black man caused a stir by swimming in the Ermelo baths. We rush down to buy *The Star* where there's a picture on the front page of Lifesaver making a menacing gesture at a reporter.

Next it's time for Molefe to order a plot in the town cemetery for his deceased uncle. We came here to spot the racists. Now we're watching the changes — like the way he gets shown into the town clerk's office without an appointment, just sails in and gets a hearing, tells the man he doesn't like the dirty graveyard in the township.

The grey-suited and grey-haired Van Oudtshoorn has had a bad two days. He's fielding phone calls from international news agencies about Lifesaver and the picture in *The Star*. "Yes, he will be severely dealt with," he assures the caller and puts the phone down, turns to Molefe.

"Mr Mabaso," he says, with a raised eyebrow. "You have to make an application and I won't promise whether it will be approved or disapproved. That is a matter for the town council. All I can say is that it doesn't make sense for people in the black townships to want to bury their relatives in town — it's as much sense as for people in town wanting to bury their relatives in Wesselton."

Then something occurs to him. "I think you are here for political reasons. We were pushed all day yesterday — people trying to test us. Why don't you just leave this matter to develop naturally?

"I have no problems with other races. We were all made by God. The sun shines on me and on you — and on the whole of South Africa."

So he requests Molefe to write a letter and bring it to him. He's clever, the town clerk. He does the same thing with the mass application of three dozen black youths to join the library — hands them yellow application forms which have to be approved by their teachers and parents.

Next it's back to the swimming pool. Three taxi loads of kids. They're offloading, excited to be getting there. Lifesaver sees them getting out of the minibuses and makes a quick calculation.

In the past 24 hours his life has been turned upside down. Blacks have swum in his pool. His picture's on the front page of *The Star*. He has been reprimanded by the town clerk. Now there's three dozen black kids from the township out there, wanting to use his pool. His limit has been reached.

So he locks the swimming bath gates and walks, just walks into nowhere.

"Where are you going?" we say, "you can't do this."

"I'm off to lunch." We check our watches. It's 2.07pm. "When will you be back?"

"Three, four," he waves his arms in the air, and walks on. "I can take my lunch break when I like."

Time to get back to Van Oudtshoorn, and complain that the pool's not open. But first a municipal official calls us over. "Listen," he says, "we agree with what De Klerk is doing for the black man. We want to see it succeed. But this kind of organised nonsense is giving fuel to the rightwing."

Van Oudtshoorn orders the swimming pool open and the exuberant masses have their first swim in the municipal pool. It's a bit cold but they're having a good time.

Surly whites are looking on. A few are smiling, giving the thumbs up, taking snaps of the historic moment.

Van Oudtshoorn arrives to make a speech. "As you know, the Separate Amenities Act has been scrapped." The kids burst into wild applause. "But I must inform you that in terms of municipal by-laws you must be properly attired. You are decent people. I am a decent person."

Most of these kids have never been near a swimming pool in their lives, so they're wearing underpants, some nothing at all. That ends the fun, but it's time to go anyway.

Back in Wesselton they disembark from the minibuses, starting to *toyi-toyi* now. A victory *toyi-toyi* because they have breached a barrier of white privilege. Suddenly there is a burst of three rounds of gunfire and we scatter, looking for the Casspir and the tearsmoke, seeing only laughing children. It was their own gun.

On the way out we see all the usual graffiti in the township. "Support Sayco. Kill the Councillors" and "Join Mkhonto we Sizwe". But there's a new one too: "Viva Nelson De Klerk".

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The next morning Molefe catches the newscast on television. A black man caused a stir by swimming in the Ermelo baths. We rush down to buy *The Star* where there's a picture on the front page of Lifesaver making a menacing gesture at a reporter.

Next it's time for Molefe to order a plot in the town cemetery for his deceased uncle. We came here to spot the racists. Now we're watching the changes — like the way he gets shown into the town clerk's office without an appointment, just sails in and gets a hearing, tells the man he doesn't like the dirty graveyard in the township.

The grey-suited and grey-haired Van Oudtshoorn has had a bad two days. He's fielding phone calls from international news agencies about Lifesaver and the picture in *The Star*. "Yes, he will be severely dealt with," he assures the caller and puts the phone down, turns to Molefe.

"Mr Mabaso," he says, with a raised eyebrow. "You have to make an application and I won't promise whether it will be approved or disapproved. That is a matter for the town council. All I can say is that it doesn't make sense for people in the black townships to want to bury their relatives in town — it's as much sense as for people in town wanting to bury their relatives in Wesselton."

Then something occurs to him. "I think you are here for political reasons. We were pushed all day yesterday — people trying to test us. Why don't you just leave this matter to develop naturally?

"I have no problems with other races. We were all made by God. The sun shines on me and on you — and on the whole of South Africa.

So he requests Molefe to write a letter and bring it to him. He's clever, the town clerk. He does the same thing with the mass application of three dozen black youths to join the library — hands them yellow application forms which have to be approved by their teachers and parents.

Next it's back to the swimming pool. Three taxi loads of kids. They're offloading, excited to be getting there. Lifesaver sees them getting out of the minibuses and makes a quick calculation.

In the past 24 hours his life has been turned upside down. Blacks have swum in his pool. His picture's on the front page of *The Star*. He has been reprimanded by the town clerk. Now there's three dozen black kids from the township out there, wanting to use his pool. His limit has been reached.

So he locks the swimming bath gates and walks, just walks into nowhere.

"Where are you going?" we say, "you can't do this."

"I'm off to lunch." We check our watches. It's 2.07pm. "When will you be back?"

"Three, four," he waves his arms in the air, and walks on. "I can take my lunch break when I like."

Time to get back to Van Oudtshoorn, and complain that the pool's not open. But first a municipal official calls us over. "Listen," he says, "we agree with what De Klerk is doing for the black man. We want to see it succeed. But this kind of organised nonsense is giving fuel to the rightwing."

Van Oudtshoorn orders the swimming pool open and the exuberant masses have their first swim in the municipal pool. It's a bit cold but they're having a good time.

Surly whites are looking on. A few are smiling, giving the thumbs up, taking snaps of the historic moment.

Van Oudtshoorn arrives to make a speech. "As you know, the Separate Amenities Act has been scrapped." The kids burst into wild applause. "But I must inform you that in terms of municipal by-laws you must be properly attired. You are decent people. I am a decent person."

Most of these kids have never been near a swimming pool in their lives, so they're wearing underpants, some nothing at all. That ends the fun, but it's time to go anyway.

Back in Wesselton they disembark from the minibuses, starting to *toyi-toyi* now. A victory *toyi-toyi* because they have breached a barrier of white privilege. Suddenly there is a burst of three rounds of gunfire and we scatter, looking for the Casspir and the tearsmoke, seeing only laughing children. It was their own gun.

On the way out we see all the usual grafitti in the township. "Support Sayco. Kill the Councillors" and "Join Mkhonto we Sizwe". But there's a new one too: "Viva Nelson De Klerk".

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Students 'beaten by white vigilantes'

Staff Reporter

Three black students said they were beaten up by white vigilantes at Ermelo's public swimming pool last Monday and claimed they were enticed in by an attendant.

Freddie Mofokeng was in the St John Eye Hospital in Soweto and was expected to lose an eye.

The two other youths, Lucky Mathibela (18) and Mike Ngwenya (18), identified a photograph of attendant Gideon Coetzer as the man who invited them in for a swim and then joined in the assault.

Two weeks ago, Mr Coetzer was photographed threatening and abusing Star reporter Stan Hlophe.

After the incident, Ermelo town clerk Pieter van Oudtshoorn said Mr Coetzer had been suspended.

An Ermelo businessman, claiming to be disgusted with what was happening in his town, telephoned The Star to expose the swimming pool vigilante operation.

"If a black person arrives at the pool the attendant is to phone a man in town and give the password 'swemles' (swimming lesson).

"The man will then collect other people and they will head to the pool to beat up the blacks," he said.

Mr Mofokeng said he was severely beaten by several vigilantes and treated at Ermelo Hospital.

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Orange Farm buy-out begins soon

By Melody McDougall
Vereeniging Bureau

Evaluators appointed by the Transvaal Provincial Administration will soon start negotiating with white landowners at Orange Farm and certain surrounding areas to buy out their properties for scheduled black settlement.

This was confirmed yesterday by the TPA's director of liaison services in Pretoria, Piet Wilken, after a meeting attended by local landowners, the police and TPA officials near Apple Orchards on Monday night

The Government has allocated R24 million to buy out white-owned properties in the area after complaints by residents that they had been ruined by plundering inhabitants of nearby squatter camps.

The squatters have denied these allegations

One of the residents, who attended the meeting but asked to have her name withheld, said various matters had been discussed at the function, including the safeguarding of the area

She said local landowners were grateful for the establishment of a satellite police station at Orange Farm, which she hoped would help combat the spate of burglaries and plundering residents have suffered recently.

The woman said the TPA's assessment of damage on smallholdings and the possibility of compensation for landowners was also discussed.

However, no decision about the matter was reached

She said the TPA had undertaken on Monday night to start sending out evaluators to the area to negotiate individually with landowners about the purchase of their smallholdings.

The TPA apparently indicated that property owners to the west of the Vereeniging/Johannesburg railway line would be paid out within the next two months.

Mr Wilken told The Star that the amount of land purchased would depend on how far the R24 million allocated for the project for this financial year could be stretched.

The land of those who were still living on their properties would be bought out first.

He said the TPA was having difficulty in tracing plot owners who had already moved off their land.

In the second phase of the project the TPA would buy property in the West Rand agricultural holdings (Zuurbekom)

Tension runs high in Louis Trichardt

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TENSION is running high in the Conservative Party controlled town of Louis Trichadt following the refusal of admission of blacks into public amenities by the town council and the arrest of a trader under the Group Areas Act, writes **Russel Molefe.**

In a statement issued after a public meeting and published by a local newspaper, *Bergbanier*, last week, the town council said blacks will only be admitted into the amenities at their own risk.

Hurt

Blacks will be hurt "accidentally" if they try forcefully to enter the amenities, the statement said.

A UDF spokesman said the attitute of the council was inconsistent with the agreement reached after a two months long consumer boycott early this year. He said the council was acting in a hypocritic manner and this may force the organisation to review its suspension of the boycott.

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Town clerk knew nothing of white pool vigilantes

Staff Reporter

Ermelo's town clerk Pieter van Oudtshoorn says he has no knowledge of a white vigilante group who allegedly beat up three black youths last week after they swam in the public pool.

He said he had personally given instructions to pool attendant Gideon Coetzer not to take any action against blacks wanting to swim.

Yesterday The Star reported that one of the youths, Freddie Mofokeng, is expected to lose an eye after being assaulted with sticks by a gang of white men.

The youths claim they had been lured in by the pool attendant.

An Ermelo resident, who claimed he was disgusted with what was happening in his town, telephoned The Star to expose the plan.

He said the swimming pool attendant was to call another man and give the password "swemles" (swimming lesson) if blacks arrived at the pool.

The man in turn would round up the vigilantes and head for the pool to "beat up the blacks".

An Ermelo resident, who did not want to be named, said he believed white women at the pool had complained about the attire of the youths.

He said one of the students had swum in his ordinary clothes and when he stepped out of the pool his pants were around his knees.

Police confirmed the youths had come to the police station, but did not press charges. They had then driven them to the local hospital.

Three white schools to be used by other races

By Karen Stander
Education Reporter

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Three white schools in Johannesburg had been offered for the education of children of other population groups, the Government announced yesterday.

The schools are:

- Western High School in Homestead Park — due to close at the end of the year — which is to become an Indian school under the House of Delegates.
- Mayfair-Goedehoop school (already closed), which has been offered to the Bophelo-Impilo Institute, a black private school with more than 1 000 pupils presently housed in "very unfavourable circumstances" in Johannesburg. It would have had no accommodation next year.
- A vacant primary school in Bezuidenhout Valley, to be handed over to a private school managed by the Creative Vision South Africa Trust.

Redundant

Sam de Beer, Minister of Health Services, Welfare and Housing for the House of Assembly, said yesterday that due to changes in the patterns of occupancy in certain suburbs in Johannesburg, a number of schools had become "redundant for white schooling".

Some of these schools had already closed down while others were in the process of being closed down.

According to the procedures prescribed by the Ministers' Council, educational properties becoming redundant were first offered to departments in the House of Assembly.

If the property was not required by these departments, every individual case was considered for educational purposes.

Although the SA Police had indicated that they would have liked to acquire the Bez Valley property for a police station, it was decided in conjunction with the Minister of Law and Order that the need for educational institutions had preference.

Mr de Beer said the schools would be handed over at the conclusion of negotiations on the conditions of use and payment.

Sandton to charge for use of its libraries

TIM COHEN

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In the far northern town of Louis Trichardt frontiers are shifting

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In the conservative town of Louis Trichardt whites are in conflict with each other and blacks are becoming more assertive.

By PHILLIP VAN NIEKERK

WHEN Louis Trichardt's old location of Tshikotoa was flattened, the only church left standing was the Dutch Reformed Church. Every other church was chopped down. Just the NGK in Afrika, with its spire sticking up in the air, remained.

The Sothos were also left behind, stranded between the rubble and the jacaranda trees.

The Shangaans were parcelled off to Gazankulu and the Vendas to Venda, and their homes, including the *klein husies* at the back, were smashed to discourage new tenants. But Lebowa was too far away, so the Sothos, a minority in the location, stayed on. But for that concession, apartheid had won the day.

No one can say for sure when things started to change. Youths came from the south with stories of rebellion. And with revolution in their hearts they started to organise "structures". Opposition to the homeland government in Venda and the release of Nelson Mandela further radicalised the communities in the Soutpansberge, one of South Africa's furthest frontiers.

In March the black community around Louis Trichardt organised a march into town but permission was refused by the magistrate so a three-month consumer boycott was called instead. It was the first real display of black muscle and white business was shocked.

The chamber of commerce called an emergency session. It was time to talk. Even the Conservative Party mayor, Louis Hartzenberg, was in on the first discussions at the Venda Sun hotel on May 23 where the boycott committee unfurled their aims and objectives.

They wanted Tshikotoa re-established, the business district opened to all races, separate amenities scrapped and something done about the "reckless approach" of the Afrikaner Weerstandsbeweging and police brutality. At the first meeting they got assurances that the chamber would look into their grievances.

At the second meeting — on September 16 — at a local hotel owned by the head of the chamber of commerce, Brink Schlesinger, they achieved a significant victory. Members of the chamber and the black community were there and the air was pregnant with promises. It went something like this:

Sure, the government has agreed to upgrade Tshikotoa. Separate Amenities is going. Sure, we're going to open the central business district to all. Just one condition: don't tell the white folks. This is a conservative town.

The chamber could rely on the loyal weekly newspaper, *The Soutpansberger*, to keep its mouth shut. Its editor — and a member of the chamber — Johan du Plessis, knew that "this town lives on black buying power", and "we can't chase these people away".

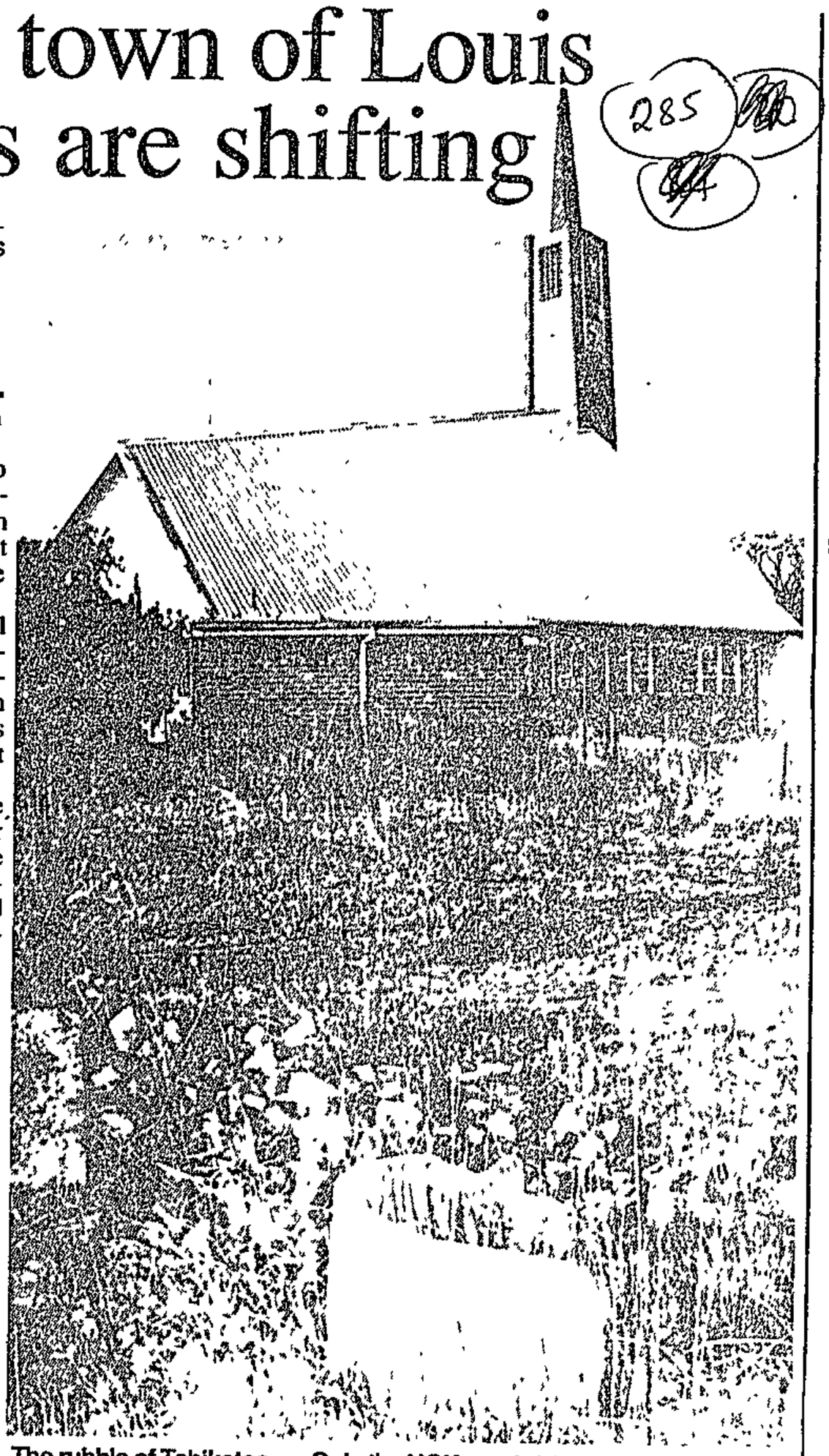
Had the meeting taken place before July there would have been nothing for the chamber to worry about and the whites would have been none the wiser. But in July Hennie Theron had launched the *Berg-Banner* in opposition to *The Soutpansberger*.

Theron, the headmaster of an agricultural school in Venda, believed that Soweto should be divided into five independent city states, whites should not be forced to share power with people who urinate in the street and President FW de Klerk and the Louis Trichardt chamber were undemocratic.

A former journalist for *Die Burger* for 10 years, Theron also believed in the maxim "publish and be damned". So he ran the story under the headline: "Black township to re-open". He sent a reporter out to take pictures of what was left of the township which, he pointed out in the article, was separated from the white residential areas by "only one street". The story sent shivers through the white community.

Publishing the truth cost Theron advertising and business support and there was mud slinging — including pompous front page editorials — between the two papers. "My opposition with all respect is playing for the gallery," says Theron. "He's softening up the advertisers. He's not doing journalism much credit."

But for all the furore among whites, blacks were still waiting for the promises to materialise. Edward Rambane, a lawyer and leader of the boycott committee, said his eyes were getting bloodshot from scanning the papers for news of announcements.



The rubble of Tshikotoa ... Only the NGK was left intact

Picture: ELLEN ELMENDORP

Trust does not come easy in Louis Trichardt. It is not a town that has been noted for being nice to black people Rambane defends blacks who get sent to jail for not stopping at a stop street.

In Louis Trichardt, he says, domestic workers get fired at the end of the month so their employers don't have to pay them.

With none of the promises materialising, the boycott leaders are making new plans. That the campaign has been expanded to include demands for a living wage and the establishment of a non-racial town council is a measure of how much the balance of power has swung in the town. They are also threatening a new consumer boycott.

A pamphlet distributed by the boycott committee warns: "If the Conservatives disagree to agree we enshrine for them in our package a black X-MASS."

Some people, says Rambane, never learn.

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Soweto is earning results in battle against diseases

WILSON ZWANE

SOWETO health authorities say they are winning the battle against communicable diseases.

Local Medical Officer of Health Dr Ngokoana Khomo said yesterday a recent survey found 97% of Soweto children under the age of seven had been immunised against diseases such as measles.

Primary health care awareness among residents was definitely on the increase, Khomo said.

Survey

However, the incidence of children who had recently moved into Soweto and who were not immunised was causing some concern.

Speaking at a media conference, Khomo said the Soweto City Health Department conducted a survey in August this year which showed an increasing number of children had been immunised.

"This year we found that 97% of the children below seven years had been immunised — a 5% increase from 92% in 1989," Khomo said adding that the figure indicated a growing primary health care awareness among Soweto residents.

According to Khomo this awareness had been created by the Soweto City Health Department's concerted campaign to make health services more accessible, affordable and acceptable.

"We do not stand at corners. We do not wait for the people to come to us. We go into their houses and shacks and educate them about primary health care," Khomo said.

The growing numbers of shacks posed a problem, as most of the children of shack dwellers had never been immunised, Khomo said, adding that a recent survey showed that 349 Soweto-born-and-bred child respondents had never been immunised while 912 "imported" children had never been immunised.

However, community nurses were making a special effort to create primary health care among the shack dwellers.

Court hears opposition to pools' closure

SUSAN RUSSELL

AN APPLICATION by a local resident challenging the validity of a decision by the Springs Town Council to close two swimming pools in July this year, following the scrapping of the Seperate Amenities Act, began in the Rand Supreme Court yesterday.

Michael Hart is asking the court for an order setting aside the council's decision to close the Casseldale and Selection Park swimming baths.

The council, which is opposing the application, contends the pools were closed for economic reasons.

However, Hart claims that despite the pools being maintained at a loss for years, the council resolved as a matter of urgency to close them after the scrapping of the Act on July 11.

He has asked the court to draw the inescapable inference that the council decided to close the pools rather than see black people using them.

The matter was postponed until tomorrow.

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Court battle over closure of Springs pools

By Helen Grange

The Conservative Party-controlled Springs Town Council — rather than see black people using two swimming pools — closed them after the repeal of the Separate Amenities Act, the Rand Supreme Court heard yesterday.

This submission, made by George Bizos, SC, acting for an "aggrieved" Springs resident, Michael Hart, is the basis of a court application challenging the validity of the Springs council's resolution to permanently close the Casseldale and Selection Park swimming pools.

Mr Hart is applying to have the decision reviewed or set aside, and to have an order granted that the council maintain the pools for use.

The council resolved on July 31 to close the pools, and has argued that this was for economic reasons and not politically inspired.

At the time, the council voiced its opposition to the Government "depriving" it of its powers and prerogative to control amenities.

Mr Bizos argued that the council had closed the pools without inviting affected ratepayers to make representations.

He also said the council's submission that the closures were for reasons of rationalisation and possible privatisation was not supported anywhere in its responding affidavit. No information appeared as to how much money would be saved.

There was also no information as to why the matter was treated as one of urgency.

During the same period, provisions in relation to the use of the library, as well as regulated access to Murray Park, were also introduced, "allegedly for the same economic reasons".

Counsel for Springs council, represented in court by Springs mayor Gillie van Niekerk, argued that the council was not obliged in terms of council ordinances to canvass ratepayers' opinions on the decision to close the two pools.

He added that the council had not given effect to CP policy in that the chairman of the management committee had on more than one occasion stated that CP policy as far as sports and recreation would not be implemented.

The council had, since October 15, opened to all races the bus service, two other public pools, about 40 parks and the library. In addition, many council facilities had been allowed to be used by members of all races even before October 15.

Mr Hart is being assisted by the Legal Resources Centre.

The hearing resumes tomorrow.

Council is challenged over closing two pools

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THE Springs Town Council was challenged in the Rand Supreme Court yesterday on the validity of its resolution to close two swimming pools following the scrapping of the Separate Amenities Act.

Mr Michael Hart, a resident living in Selection Park in the town, has applied to have the council's decision to permanently close Casseldale and Selection Park swimming pools reviewed and set aside.

He has also applied to have the council ordered to maintain the pools for use.

Affidavit

The Conservative Party-controlled Springs council resolved on July 31 to close the pools after the Government had announced its intention to scrap discriminatory laws.

At the time the council voiced its opposition to the Government "depriving the council of its powers and prerogative to control amenities".

Mr George Bizos, SC, for Hart, told the court yesterday the council had closed the pools without inviting ratepayers to make representations.

He also said the council's submission that pools were closed in order to rationalise expenses was not supported in their responding affadavit.

Repairs

Nowhere was there any information as to how much money would be saved.

There was also no information as to why the matter was treated as one of urgency, whether or not the employees looking after the swimming pools would be discharged and whether or not maintenance and repairs would have to continue in view of the possible privatisation of the two baths. *Sowetan Correspondent*

Ermelo council man on video wielding a whip

By Therese Anders
Highveld Bureau

A video tape recording, allegedly showing Ermelo town councillor Hein Mentz, who is the son of the Conservative Party spokesman on law and order, holding a whip outside the Ermelo swimming pool, is being held by police as an exhibit for a potential case.

Police spokesman Pine Pienaar confirmed a video tape was being held as an exhibit in connection with a race incident last week.

He said a coloured man had laid a charge of pointing a fire arm and crimen injuria against white men.



Hein Mentz ... son of CP Law and Order spokesman.

Threatened

The local resident who made the video recording, while at the pool to film a child swimming, has subsequently been threatened and did not want to be named.

This is the second vigilante attack at the pool since the Separate Amenities Act was scrapped last month.

A week after the Act was lifted three black youths were beaten by a large number of white men wielding sticks. One of the youths, who is planning to take civil action against the Ermelo council, has lost much of the vision in one eye after the assault.

Major Pienaar said the investigations into both incidents would be completed soon. The dockets would be forwarded to the Attorney-General.

The Star was unable to contact Mr Hein Mentz yesterday.

His father, Moolman Mentz, said he could not comment on his son's alleged appearance on the video. "He's a big man. Let him talk for himself."

Mr Mentz, who is MP for Ermelo, confirmed he had discussed reports of the incident with his son, but would not reveal details.

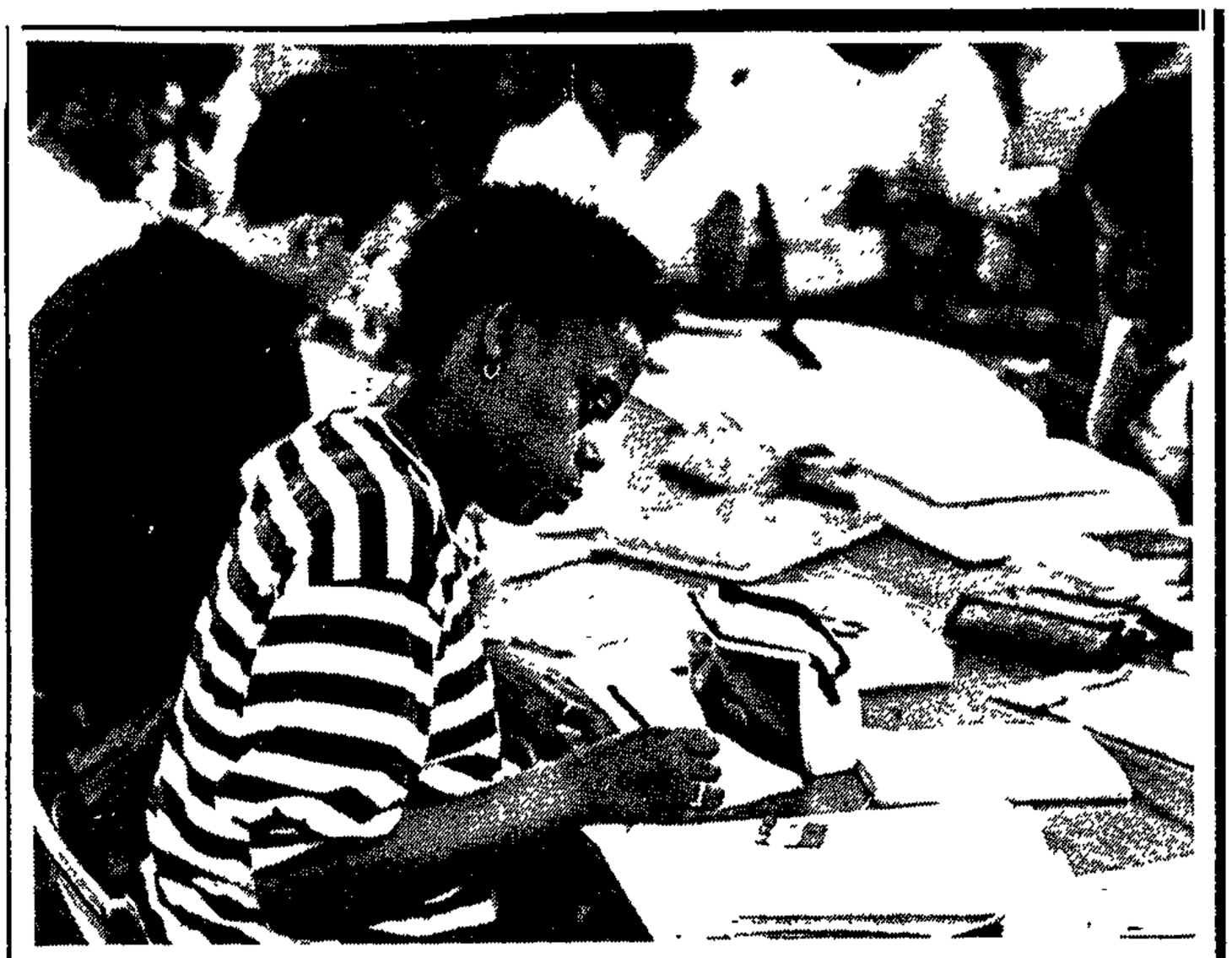
"As far as I'm concerned let the law take its course if a law has been transgressed."

He said he wanted it published that the Ermelo Town Council had, earlier this year, unanimously decided to keep the town's amenities separate "whatever the consequences", despite the lifting of the Act.

This had been endorsed by local residents at a public meeting.

"Therefore it is only to be expected that people will organise themselves to support these decisions.

"I said so in Parliament, and that is what is happening here. In all probability people will do this in most towns."



The Johannesburg library, which has been overcrowded even before the lifting of the Separate Amenities Act.

Open libraries not enough

THE lifting of the Separate Amenities Act and the consequent opening of libraries to all has been received with mixed reactions.

While it welcomed the measure, the African Libraries Association of South Africa (Alasa) said the move was not very meaningful since it failed to address the shortage of libraries.

Black people still lived far from the libraries in towns and even these libraries were overcrowded, said Alasa president Zwakala Kuzwayo.

Some libraries in Johannesburg and Durban were already overcrowded, even before the new measures, he said.

Kuzwayo felt that the situation could be remedied by building new libraries in all areas and ensuring that these were well equipped. This he saw as the task of the government, the private sector and the community as a whole.

Truly representative town councils, he said, could also undertake this task.

He said increased community consciousness about the role of libraries could help ensure the involvement of all the people in the financing and protection of these institutions, as well as encouraging children to use them.

Alasa, Kuzwayo said, was planning a conference to look into the issue of libraries in the country.

Trichardt streets deserted

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Soutpansberg Sakekamer, which has been involved in negotiations with the CBC in an effort to forestall the boycott, Mr Brink Schlessinger, was yesterday said to be away and would only be available today.

The secretary, a Mr Scheepers, said he did not know what the reaction had been to the boycott call. He said he could not deny that there were no black shoppers in the town.

But CBC members said the town was deserted and that the response from black shoppers was overwhelming. The CBC is demanding the provision of infrastructure at Tshikota Township, the declaration of the town as a free settlement area, the opening of the CBD and non-interference and an end to harassment of workers belonging to trade unions.

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Hints of legal action to fight consumer boycott

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THEO RAWANA

SOME Louis Trichardt businessmen were suggesting legal action against the local Consumer Boycott Committee as the boycott gripping the town entered its second day, local Afrikaanse Sakekamer chairman Brink Schlesinger said yesterday.

But Schlesinger said the chamber was in constant negotiations with the committee and was hoping for a resolution soon.

The boycott committee initiated the mass action on Monday after members of the right-wing Blanke Bevrydingsburo (BBB) attacked black Sunday school children in the town on Saturday.

The boycott is planned for the whole of the festive season.

Schlesinger said they could not say to what extent the boycott had affected people.

"Some business people have suggested taking legal action against the boycott committee, but we don't want to comment on that. We hope to get a positive solution sooner than the stipulated time."

Boycott committee spokesman Maguedzha Mphaphuli said yesterday the committee and the chamber held a meeting last Friday and would meet next week.

The boycott was in protest against the action of the BBB and the "racist" policies of the CP-controlled town, he said.

Among the demands were that the CBD and the town's amenities be opened to all races. Tshikota township, which was closed down and whose residents were resettled in Gazankulu, should be declared a free settlement area.

Streets were reportedly almost deserted yesterday, writes Sapa. Some businesses reported sales had slumped by up to 80%.

Schlesinger said black consumers provided at least 70% of the town's business, and added the town would not be able to survive without its black customers.

A forum was to be established between all parties involved, including the Sakekamer, the boycott committee, the Louis Trichardt town council, the local ANC and the security police. The parties would meet soon.

Schlesinger said demands presented by the boycott committee had already been raised during a boycott at the town in April and forwarded to relevant state departments.

CP MP for Soutpansberg Thomas Langley has dismissed as "utter nonsense" news reports that the boycott was in reaction to Saturday's attack on a black Sunday school outing.

"The consumer boycott has been in the pipeline for weeks," he said in a statement

"Thandeka". The song was specially written for this campaign.

Impilo Institute, Promat, Read Educational Trust and the *Sowetan* Nation Building Trust Fund.

Council is ordered to reopen pools

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The decision was also taken without knowledge of the future use of these facilities and the consequences of the decision were not considered.

Hart was assisted in his case by the Legal Resources Centre. - *Sowetan Correspondent.*

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Springs council told to take the plunge

THE Supreme Court decision yesterday ordering Springs Town Council to reopen two swimming pools, showed "that our courts will not tolerate any abuse of power", said Legal Resources Centre director Mahomed Navsa.

The council's attempt to circumvent the scrapping of the Separate Ammenities Act — by closing the pools rather than allowing them to admit people of all races — was thwarted when they were ordered to reopen them.

In judgment, Mr Justice Daniels rejected the council's argument that their decision to close the swimming pools was motivated by economic considerations only.

Instead he judged the council had "exercised its discretion for an ulterior purpose, that is, to circumvent the effect of the repeal of the Reservation of Separate Ammenities Act".

He ordered the council to maintain the Casseldale and Selection Park swimming baths and to pay the costs of the application — brought to court by Springs resident Michael Hart.

"The judgment is of major significance... it signals that our courts will see through devices to circumvent the repeal of the Separate Ammenities Act," said Navsa.

Springs to challenge ruling to open pools

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SUSAN RUSSELL

THE Springs Town Council will attempt to have the court order instructing it to reopen two swimming pools reversed.

A Rand Supreme Court judge yesterday ordered the council to reopen the pools after finding it had closed them for the ulterior purpose of circumventing the repeal of the Separate Amenities Act.

In a statement the council said it took note of the court's decision and had instructed its legal team to "apply for appeal against the ruling".

In argument before the court, the council denied it had closed the Casseldale and Selection Park swimming pools to avoid opening them to all races, claiming the facilities had run at a loss for years.

Mr Justice Daniels said the reason for closing the pools advanced by the council had to be rejected.

"The inference is unavoidable that the decision was motivated by considerations other than economic exigencies," he said.

He found the council's decision was so grossly unreasonable as to lead to the conclusion it had not acted in good faith.

The application for an order against the council was brought by Springs resident Michael Hart. B1 Dan 30/11/90

Opposing the application, a number of Springs councillors submitted affidavits in which they said they had accepted the repeal of the Separate Amenities Act.

Mr Justice Daniels said it was not clear to him whether the councillors concerned wished to convey the impression that they no longer subscribed to official CP policy.

"If what the councillors say is true, it is indeed surprising that they allowed a golden opportunity to display their conviction, to pass them by," Mr Justice Daniels said.

Watershed ruling – organisations

By Esnaré van der Merwe
Political Reporter

Political and community organisations have hailed the court ruling on the re-opening of CP-controlled Springs municipal swimming pools as a watershed decision which will contribute to building a new South Africa.

In the first case dealing with amenities after the scrapping of the Reservation of Separate Amenities Act, the Rand Supreme Court ruled yesterday that the Springs council had closed down two swimming pools with ulterior motives based on political motivations.

Exposed

National Party MP for Springs and the party's Transvaal information officer Piet Coetzer said he was "thrilled" and grateful that the CP-dominated council had been exposed.

"I hope that people in other towns where the CP is trying to circumvent the law will study this finding with a view to challenging CP councils."

But the vice-chairman of the CP's Transvaal municipal committee, Paul Fouche, described the judgment as "sad", adding that the Spring's council would have to decide whether to appeal against the ruling.

UDF publicity secretary Titus Mofolo welcomed the ruling as a sign that the judiciary was starting to play a positive role in the transformation of society.

Spokesman for the Civic Associations of Southern Transvaal Cas Coovadia also commended the judiciary for having taken this step.

"This should be a signal to the CP and other believers in racist ideologies that the move towards a non-racial South Africa is inexorable".

ANC spokesman Gill Marcus expressed the hope that the ruling would be followed by the spirit to make the legal finding a reality.

"I hope people will make the overtures to make other people feel welcomed and not intimidated," she said.

Ms Marcus said the ruling had created a precedent and should automatically be extended to other councils still trying to apply the scrapped Act.

Significant

The Legal Resources Centre (LRC), which assisted Springs resident Michael Hart in taking the matter to court, said the judgment was of major significance.

LRC Johannesburg director Mohammed Navsa said: "This judgment contains a clear signal that our courts will not tolerate any abuse of power.

DP Southern Transvaal chairman Peter Soal said: "Rightwingers should know that the law and the courts are against them.

"They should stop trying to circumvent the law."

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Judge orders Springs to reopen swimming pools

By Helen Grange

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Separate amenities alive and well

By Shehnaaz Bulbulia

Despite the official scrapping of the Separate Amenities Act, application of the legislation was "alive and well", an outraged punter said after allegedly being barred from placing a bet at the Nigel Tattersalls.

Richard Graham of Nigel told The Star yesterday he had been refused entry to the Nigel Tattersalls on Saturday because he was coloured.

"I went to place my bet and a member of staff, George van Bulderen, told me only whites were allowed in."

"All my life I've place bets via the telephone and after the scrapping of the Act I thought things would change. How can anyone say apartheid is dead?" an irate Mr Graham asked.

Mr Graham claimed the secretary of Nigel Tattersalls, J J Scheepers, also confirmed that the premises were open to whites only.

When approached for comment, Mr Scheepers of Nigel Tattersalls refused to admit or deny that Mr Graham had been refused entry. He said that non-whites were allowed to enter the premises, but were not permitted to place bets on a racing day at the counter.

They were only allowed to place their bets via a runner, he said. He added that menbership at Nigel Tattersalls was open to whites only.

"We are acting on the instructions of the Transvaal Provincial Administration," Mr Scheepers said.

Comment from the TPA was not available at the time of going to press.

Whites favour open amenities — study

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GERALD REILLY

The heat is on for Bethal township

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By Helen Grange

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Down in the dumps . . . Bethal contractors dump sand into the Milan Park public swimming pool The pool was allegedly vandalised by neighbouring black children, resulting in a request by the township's management committee to fill it with soil. Picture: Etienne Rothbart

Resort still bars blacks

By Helen Grange (285) Star 5/12/90

The Conservative Party-controlled council in Bethal has insisted that the town's only pleasure resort remains closed to blacks, despite the lifting of the Separate Amenities Act two months ago

Although an attempt was made by the privatised owners of Bethal Dam's Club Caraville resort to open the facility from October 15 — the day the Act was scrapped — the council denied permission

According to resort owner Ludwig Anderson, Club Caraville is bound by a legal contract with the council

The resort had agreed four years ago, in terms of a lease with the council, to reserve entry to whites only

However, it was now the view of the directors that the resort should be made multiracial

"Our views were expressed to a working committee of the municipality on October 9 at a meeting

"The council indicated that the status quo must be maintained and the matter would be discussed at a full meeting at the end of October," he said

Mr Anderson said the council had informed him after the second meeting that the status quo, as set out in the original contract, must be maintained

Asked what the status of the resort was, the council's public relations officer Constanze van Vuuren replied "It is a private concern"

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authorities have collapsed, 13 of them in the last month Most are being run by province-appointed administrators

The system, the target of severe community pressure which often involves intimidation and violence, could face another test in coming weeks The Civic Associations of Southern Transvaal (Cast) will meet again on Sunday to discuss new methods of forcing further resignations of councillors

Cast assistant general secretary Cas Coovadia said one mooted tactic was to boycott businesses owned by councillors

Another was for township residents to "go to the councillors and say 'We have come to collect your resignations' and then to see what their reactions are"

Asked to respond to suggestions that the remaining councillors be called in by someone of the stature of Nelson Mandela and be asked to resign, which would cut out force and intimidation, Mr Coovadia said "No councillor in his right mind can still believe that he was elected democratically"

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A spokesman for the Atomic Energy Board, which runs France's 40 nuclear plants, admitted "We do not as a rule discuss our security precautions, but we can confirm that we are using geese, and they are first-class guardians"

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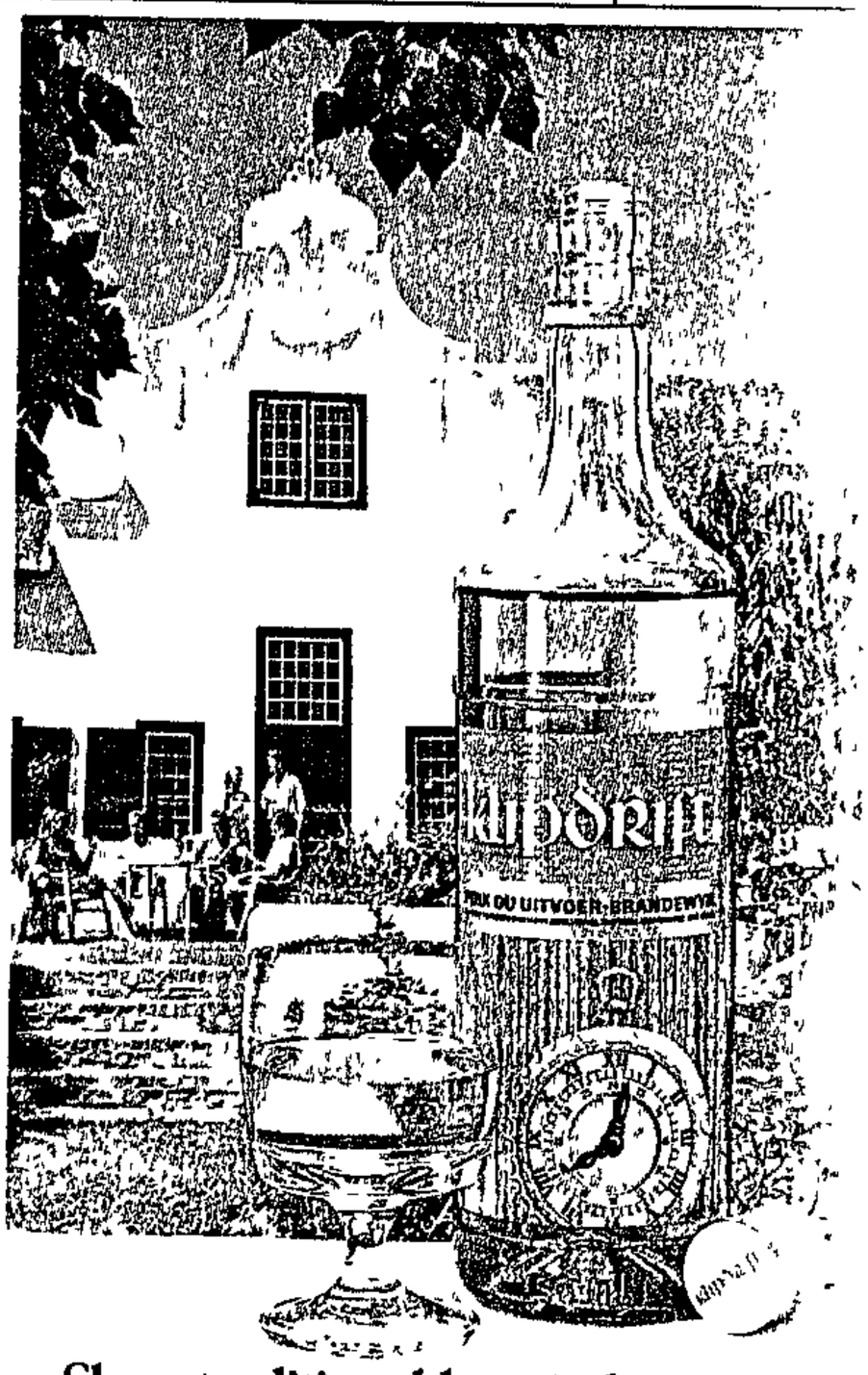

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Many Pretoria whites against sharing

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MANY white Pretoria residents remain opposed to sharing the city's public amenities with other races, a survey conducted by Pretoria University has found.

The preliminary findings of the investigation, released in Pretoria this week, found that only 58 percent of white Pretoria residents involved in the study supported the opening of public amenities to all population groups while 42 percent were uncertain or against it.

Other race groups were overwhelmingly in favour of the opening of public amenities.

"More than 90 percent of the members of the black, coloured and Asian population groups presently support the opening of public amenities for joint use by all population groups, while 58 percent of the whites support it and 42 percent are uncertain or against it," said the survey.

The survey found that English-speaking whites were overwhelmingly in favour of the move while only 50 percent of Afrikaans speaking people supported it.

Higher income whites were also more supportive of the opening of public amenities to all races than were the middle and lower income groups.

"Just over 80 percent of the white residents of Pretoria in the higher income group are in favour of the opening of public amenities for joint use by all population groups while more than half (52 percent) of whites in each of the middle and lower income groups are uncertain or against it.

Probe

The survey also found that the reform programme of the past year had not significantly influenced the viewpoints of the public towards the opening of public amenities.

The investigation, under the guidance of Mr Andre Horn of the Geography Department at Pretoria University, was conducted to determine the points of view of a scientifically selected sample of Pretoria residents of all population groups on the opening of public amenities.

More than 700 people of 18 years and older were included in the study by means of telephone interviews. The survey was conducted about two weeks after the repeal of the Reservation of Separate Amenities Act. - *Sapa*

CP town to appeal against pool decision

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By HERMAN JANSEN and DRIES VAN HEERDEN

THE right-wing Springs town council has applied for leave to appeal against a recent supreme court judgment which ordered the council to open two swimming pools.

A decision on the appeal is expected within the next two weeks.

Immediately after the supreme court judgment the council ordered the two pools to be prepared for re-opening, said a spokesman.

"We stay within the confines of the law," said Gert Parsons, Springs management committee chairman.

In his judgment on November 28, Mr Justice H Daniels rejected the Springs town council's submission that the pools were closed because of "financial considerations".

Mr Justice Daniels said the closing of the two pools — just before the scrapping of the Separate Amenities Act on October 15 — "was motivated by considerations other than economic exigiencies".

Mr Parsons still insists the pools — two of the four Springs municipal pools — were closed because of financial reasons.

"We had to fork out R139 000 per pool per year when sometimes there were not even 20 people around on a weekend," he said. "It did not make sense to keep the Casseldale and Selection Park pools open."

Town councils countrywide may now be challenged in court over the closure of public amenities to blacks in the wake of the landmark judgment.

The man who instigated the court action, M J Hart, told the Sunday Times he had received a number of abusive phone calls because of his decision "to stand up for the ordinary man".

"I did it for the children of Springs," he said. "There was nothing political in my decision to take the council to court."

Legal Resources Centre director Mahomed Navsa said his organisation would give legal backing to ratepayers who wanted to institute proceedings against their local authorities.

"It is now clear the courts will not tolerate conservative councils using spurious arguments to circumvent the scrapping of the Separate Amenities Act," he said. CP controlled towns that can expect to find themselves in the legal firing-line

- Sasolburg, where only "season ticket holders" are allowed in the pools. Only people living within the boundaries of the white town can obtain season tickets.
- Vanderbijlpark, where water and light accounts have to be produced to avoid paying a R10 pool entrance fee.
- Witbank, where "non-residents" must pay a R20 deposit on every book borrowed from the public library.
- Bethal and Pietersburg, where non-residents have to pay R500 and R100 a year respectively to join the library.
- Newcastle, where no new members are accepted for the library. The local caravan park has also been fenced off.

Putting racism in the dock

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Despite the abolition of separate amenities, discrimination in public places is rife, writes Political Reporter ESMARE VAN DER MERWE. And the responsibility for fighting it has shifted to individuals.

AT the height of the August township unrest, a few black school children entered the Middelburg public library to study in peace for the crucial year-end examinations.

When they were told to pay R250 each, the annual fee for "non-residents", they left.

In Bethal, the municipal offices still have separate entrances for people of different races, and defiantly display "whites only" signs.

In another Transvaal town, a pool supervisor phones the municipality's engineering department the moment black people enter the grounds. Several blacks have been beaten up by right-wingers.

These are just three examples of continued race discrimination by Conservative Party-controlled local authorities, weeks after the widely-hailed scrapping of the Reservation of Separate Amenities Act.

The repeal act, in terms of which the notorious 1953 act was scrapped, is a one-liner which states that separate amenities have been repealed.

Said a spokesman for the (white) Own Affairs administration: "The act of 1953 provided for racial discrimination. All that has happened now is that technical provision for the reservation of amenities has been dropped.

"The repeal act does not explicitly state that you may not discriminate. It simply scrapped the law which allowed discrimination.

"If discrimination occurs, individuals have to fall back on the common law, which does not allow for discrimination."

The State seems to be awaiting test cases to provide precedents on continued local government discrimination.

The first test case was successfully steered through court recently, when a Springs resident took the town's CP-controlled council to court following the closure of two swimming pools. In an important ruling, the Supreme Court ordered the council to re-open the pools.

Still, the onus rests on those who are prepared to go through tedious, expensive legal procedures to bring right-wingers to justice. The State has no direct responsibility in bringing to justice those who discriminate.

Said a Transvaal Provincial Authority spokesman, on inquiry about racial practices in public places: "The problem is not ours; phone Own Affairs."

In October, Transvaal administrator Danie Hough issued a statement to clarify the position of second-tier government: "The act in terms of which the Reservation of Separate Amenities Act of 1953 was repealed is an act of Parliament, and as administrator I have no powers to act in any way not ordained by the act."

Tony Leon, a Democratic Party spokesman on local government, was quick to expose the inadequacy of the repeal act in Parliament — to no avail.

He told The Star: "The repeal act is passive. It takes away the power to discriminate without putting in its place the corresponding right not to be discriminated against. What we need, as apartheid laws are scrapped, is that every act of repeal be accompanied by enabling legislation which will make racial discrimination unlawful.

"It is argued that in the common law, especially according to the Roman Dutch system, discrimination is unlawful. But the problem with this approach — as was evident in the case of the Springs town council — is that all kinds of devices and dodges can and will be used to frustrate the intention of the legislature.

"And since every single local authority in the Transvaal could theoretically advance a different set of reasons to justify the exclusion of a class of residents from their facilities, we could have the floodgates of litigation being opened with potentially hundreds of court cases each going off on their own peculiar facts.

"Alternatively, the Appellate Division in the Springs case can make a definitive and wide-ranging ruling to cover such possibilities. This is perhaps unlikely as our courts properly tend to confine themselves to the facts placed before them.

"It is extremely difficult for each local community to mount its own challenge, and it really should not be necessary."

Mr Leon said South Africa was currently going through the American experience of 1954 to 1964, where the Supreme Court — ahead of the legislature — pronounced the death sentence on the so-called separate but equal doctrine, and ruled affirmatively that racial discrimination in public education could never be sanctified.

"Yet, in the following 10 years, the civil rights struggle reached its height precisely because the conservative southern states found all kinds of dodges and devices to avoid the impact of the court ruling."

Professor Carl Noffke of the Institute for American Studies at RAU said that despite the introduction of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, racial discrimination was still rife in the US.

One example of racist practices was that of local authorities which granted licences to certain estate agents to sell or rent properties in specific areas — and if those agencies sold to blacks, their licenses were simply not renewed the next year, said Professor Noffke.

Experts agreed that the introduction of a Bill of Human Rights in a new constitution would effectively outlaw discrimination.

But they differed on what was to be done in the interim phase — after the scrapping of race laws but before the adoption of a Bill of Rights — to make discrimination illegal.

Mr Justice Pierre Olivier, chairman of the South African Law Commission, said a Bill of Rights would put the responsibility not to discriminate on state organs. In terms of such a bill, people who have been discriminated against could go to court. Having proved a certain action had stemmed from discrimination, the court could rule against the action.

He said anti-discrimination laws were not necessary in South Africa because the administrative law provided for the Supreme Court to rule against discriminatory practices if bad faith had been proved.

"The administrative law provides for people with a direct interest to take legal action. They have to prove bad faith. A Bill of Rights will go further, enabling people with an indirect interest to go to court."

Unisa constitutional expert Professor Marinus Wiechers favoured anti-discrimination laws as a precursor to a Bill of Rights. He quoted the Namibian example, whereby anti-discrimination laws had been introduced to outlaw discrimination in public places. These laws had subsequently been taken up in a Bill of Rights. □

AWB supporters bar Carolina town hall

By Therese Anders
Highveld Bureau

CAROLINA — About 30 AWB supporters, some armed with guns and whips and two carrying pig's heads, barred the entrance to Carolina's town hall on the day it was booked for an Indian wedding reception.

It was due to be the first non-white use of the hall since the scrapping of the Separate Amenities Act in October.

The reception for 400 was to follow the wedding of Munira Kaka of Carolina to Yusuf Kola of Rustenburg on November 18.

However, a spokesman for the family said death threats had been made to the young couple days before their November wedding. As a precaution the family decided to switch the reception to an empty shop at the Indian trading centre.

News of the change had not reached the rightwingers.

Said a Carolina Indian businessman: "When I drove into town on Sunday morning I saw a group of about 30 men, women and children standing outside the hall. There were about 15 men and they were wearing khaki with AWB emblems. There was also an AWB flag flying from a pole.

"When a friend and I approached them two men came towards us. We were racially abused and they threatened us with their whips."

The man said he later drove past and a man came forward holding a pig's head.

Another Carolina resident said he had seen a second pig's head on a pole outside the hall.

A spokesman for the Kaka family said the wedding reception at the shop had gone off happily and uninterrrupted.

The incident was condemned by the AWB's head commander in the Eastern Transvaal, Gawie Volschenk.

Quietly, with hardly a splash, Springs pool goes multi-racial

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JOVIAL RANTAO

SEPARATE amenities in the Conservative Party-controlled town of Springs have been scrapped — at least at the 58-year-old Springs swimming pool I visited this week.

Toilet bag and towel in hand, I drove to Springs accompanied by colleague Catherine Ensor to test if a Supreme Court order, which forced the council to open amenities to everyone irrespective of race, was being adhered to.

We arrived in Springs and discovered that directions given to us were wrong So we decided to go to the police station to ask for directions.

There we were warmly welcomed by a black cop standing behind the desk who had to ask his white colleagues for directions as he did not stay in town. His colleague, however, was much more interested in what a young and attractive white woman was doing with me "We want to swim," I answered. It was with tangible reluctance that he gave us directions.

After a few minutes we found Springs Swimming Pool, established in 1932, according to a sign at the entrance of the pool

We arrived simultaneously with two middle-aged women and a young boy who had come for a swim. We looked at them, they looked at us, nobody said anything.

Cathy and I walked into the swimming pool to be met by the sound of water and shouting, from schoolboys enjoying the first part of their Christmas holiday

I looked around for notice boards, because this is one place where I will quickly find information whether or not I was welcome to swim. I found notices, stuck on a window of the pool superintendent's office

Instead of notices such as "Non-residents must pay R20 before swimming", I was met with, "Any person entering the pool with T-shirt and jeans will be immediately evicted from the pool"

Gordon Cumming, the pool superintendent, came over and introduced himself The well-built and soft-spoken man had been busy conducting swimming lessons for about 10 women

At the far end of the pool, two middle-aged men, armed with wheel-barrow and a broom, were going around with their daily routine of cleaning the pool's surroundings.

I asked Mr Cumming whether he would have problems if I took a dip. "Not at all," he answered "Everyone is welcome to swim here Since the court ruling I've had about seven young boys from Kwa-Thema (a neighbouring township) coming here."

Mr Cumming said he experienced no problems with people who came to swim The only resistance had been from people in the immediate environment. He is also chairman of the Blackfin Swimming Club

I then went to the changerooms and came out a few seconds later with my swimming trunks on Mr Cumming looked amazed when I told him that I could not swim

He offered me a few emergency tips "Submerge your head in the water. Let your body float, kick your legs and row with your arms," he said.

Sounded easy enough. I followed his instructions and managed a passable impression of someone swimming At least I didn't drown.

The water's temperature was 21 deg C, but the temperatures of the other swimmers — and Mr Cumming — were well below that. Very nice, I thought.

Mixing and fixing in Middelburg

Photograph: Ari Kumalo.

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THERESE ANDERS

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BUSINESS executives, the unemployed, unionists, clergy and steelworkers in the Conservative Party stronghold of Middelburg have created a unique initiative to solve the town's problems.

The community-based Middelburg Forum, which has been running now for six months, has been set up to solve problems and improve life for all the town's communities.

Already it has the blessing of Archbishop Desmond Tutu, the ANC and even some local CP councillors.

Many Transvaal towns presently experiencing services crises are looking at the Middelburg Forum experiment as a possible solution.

One of the most important features of the forum is that it gives the black community access to structures, services and resources.

Says the forum's facilitator Brian Wegerle: "This is different from initiatives in other towns because it is a co-operative effort of organisations that normally wouldn't become involved in these issues.

"The other difference is that this forum is not just crisis-focused. We are here to solve crises but actually we are weakened by crisis.

"The forum has been set up to create jobs, build houses, change the education profile, look at health services, poverty and hunger.

"And we would like to facilitate a better relationship between the police and the community."

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Whites apologise

By ELIAS MALULEKE

THE business community of Louis Trichardt is planning to apologise to blacks as the consumer boycott bites deep.

They are planning to invite black children to play in their parks and to call on tribal chiefs to apologise for the assault on black Sunday-school children from Dzanani in Venda, at a park in the town last month.

The six-week black consumer boycott has brought the town to the brink of bankruptcy.

Shops are on the verge of closing and people are losing their jobs, but blacks see it as part of their struggle to force the town's diehard CP and Afrikaner Weerstandsbeweging (AWB) supporters to change.

The municipality is to help the hard-hit business owners by suspending the payment of tax and tariffs for a month.

Blacks say the town is paying the price for maintaining old-style apartheid.

While tills rang merrily elsewhere during the mad Christmas rush, Louis Trichardt resembled a ghost town.

Hardest hit were bottle stores and furniture and clothing shops, which had stockpiled goods in anticipation of a wild shopping spree. Now they are faced with huge debts.

The Consumer Boycott Committee (CBC) says the boycott was organised because Louis Trichardt has continued to hold fast to old-style "baasskap" and discriminatory laws which deny blacks the right to use "open" facilities in the town.

The CBC has been holding talks with conservative city fathers who are trying to break the boycott.

Among its demands are the right of workers to join trade unions, the opening of the business district to all races and an end to harassment and intimidation.

They say these demands must be met before the boycott can be ended.

Attempts to lure black shoppers, including the handing out of gifts, did not work.

A group of 40 whites, led by local businessman Jan de Bruyn, are behind the move to invite children back into the parks.

Segregated toilets causing anguish

Black employees and customers of a Pietersburg based insurance company have to use separate toilets situated three floors away and accessible only through the fire escape.

Customers and workers of Aidec Insurance, a parastatal with over 50 percent of its shares owned by the state sponsored Corporation for Economic Development (CED), said the ground floor toilets cannot be used during rainy days as the fire escape is exposed to rain.

The manager of Aidec, Mr John Keen, said in response to inquiries that the situation had

By MATHATHA TSEDU

"always been like this". Keen said the toilets on the third floor, where offices are situated, are shared with other white tenants who have refused that they be opened for all races.

More than ninety percent of Aidec's customers are black people. Asked why the company had not moved to other areas where they would not force their workers and customers to use segregated facilities, Keen said the question was political.

"You must realise that this thing has a history behind it," he said. "We as a company cannot do anything about it but we are negotiating and we hope to resolve the matter soon."

The owners of the building, Saambou, said the use of facilities on each floor was left to the tenants to decide. Assistant manager, Mr A M Truter, said he was aware that toilets on the third floor were segregated. He said other floors were not segregated. Sowetan 31/12/90

A woman who went to the offices on Friday and was refused to use the third floor toilets said she was withdrawing her patronage of the company.

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"I cannot do business with people who think I am a half person who is not fit to use the same toilets with them," she said.

A worker said during rainy days they got wet as they went to the ground floor toilets.

"Aidec occupies over 80 percent of the floor and they allow the other whites to stop us from using these toilets shows that the white management of Aidec is also racist and agreeing to the segregation," the worker said.



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Blacks attacked at picnic

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A PICNIC turned sour for about 100 blacks when a group of whites allegedly assaulted them for swimming in a white area near Vanderbijlpark on New Year's Day.

One of the victims, Mr Michael Cindi (29), said they were attacked despite having booked a place at the Emfuleni Park, where the incident occurred.

The victims, including 30 children, were all members of the Voice of Healing Church in Sebokeng.

Throwing stones

Cindi said: "We were swimming when a group of whites started throwing stones and other objects at us for no apparent reason.

"Some of our attackers told us that South Africa was a white man's country not to be shared with blacks.

"They said if some blacks harboured the illusions that whites were prepared to fraternise with them they deserved such treatment, which would remind them of their place," Cindi said.

By MOKGADI PELA

Cindi said that the police who were patrolling the area took no action, "even after the matter was reported to them".

Among those who sustained injuries were Mr Isaac Kobue and Mr Abel Lehoko, according to Cindi.

Approached for comment, Captain Pieter van Deventer said that at about 11am on New Year's Day, police were contacted in connection with a disturbance in the area, and found nothing after they had visited the area.

He said that after receiving a second complaint about a scuffle that took place, they again went to investigate and "nobody at the time came forward claiming they had been assaulted".

Van Deventer said complainants should report the matter to the station commander at the Vanderbijlpark police station.

Whites assault black church group on outing

MEMBERS of black church group the Voices of Healing Ministry were assaulted by white men chanting "AWB" at a Vanderbijlpark picnic spot on Tuesday. B/pay 4/1/91

Voices of Healing Ministry member Abel Lehoko said the church group had booked one of the venue's halls for a New Year's Day outing. Events were interupted when the church members received a report that a white man was assaulting one of their children. (285)

Lehoko said that when church members approached the man he walked away. He returned later in a group of about 20 people which started assaulting people.

Lehoko, who sustained a swollen lip after being hit with a beer bottle, said the police were summoned, but they advised the church group to leave as they were likely to get hurt.

Lehoko said the attackers made it clear they did not want to share their park with blacks.

He said the whites chanted "AWB" as the group left the park.

This is the second incident in which a church group has been assaulted by white extremists at a previously whites only park.

Last year Sunday school children were beaten in Louis Trichardt in the northeastern Transvaal. The incident led to a consumer boycott.

Vaal police spokesman Capt Pieter van Deventer said police were called to the scene of the Vanderbijlpark incident but when they arrived no assaults were taking place.

He said no member of the church had laid a charge so police could not pursue the matter. The church group decided to leave because they felt they were not welcome.

"Police assured them they were more than welcome, but they left," Van Deventer said. — Sapa.

Call for a boycott a 'fundamental right'

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SUSAN RUSSELL

CALLING for a boycott entailed the exercise of the fundamental rights of expression and association and therefore in the context of collective bargaining was lawful in principle.

This is the view of labour lawyers J Gauntlet and D Smuts in the latest issue of the Industrial Law Journal, where they examine boycotts and whether they might be unlawful in certain circumstances

In examining what limitations the common law imposed on the exercise of the right to boycott, the authors referred to the significant increase in the use of boycotts in industrial conflicts over the past year.

They pointed out that those making an organised call for a boycott of products of furriers and ivory merchants on ecological and religious grounds would be surprised if their actions were considered unlawful.

Freedom

"It would thus seem that the legal convictions of any community laying claim to democratic values recognise that certain actions of organised withdrawal of custom are lawful, while others are not."

The difficulty, they said, was drawing the jurisprudential line.

"The departure point must surely be that the right to combine in an organised withdrawal of custom is an aspect of the recognised fundamental right to freedom of association, expression and at times, assembly."

They said recent boycotts had generally been called by a trade union to exert pressure on an employer to re-employ dismissed workers who were members of that union

A boycott in those circumstances had a purpose directly related to the resolution of the labour conflict and it could not be suggested that such a boycott was prompted by primarily punitive considerations, they said.

The authors said in these circumstances the critical tests as to lawfulness were whether or not the party calling for the boycott was acting in protection of "justifiable interests" and whether to recognise the action as lawful would be in accordance with a general sense of justice.

Taking the ecological and religious boycotts as examples, they said, SA society could be considered to accept boycotts of products in the propagation of a legitimate aim or interest of the party calling for the action.

"If our law recognises and protects social or religious interests in appropriate circumstances, equally it must be considered to protect economic ones," they said.

"It would seem that in principle the fact that in strict law the employer may have been entitled to dismiss the workforce, but its entitlement to act would not per se render boycott action organised in response unlawful"

On this approach, they said, there was no bright line between lawful and unlawful boycotts.

The authors said the question of whether or not a boycott was lawful would probably arise in court proceedings in which a party was a target of organised withdrawal of custom and sought to restrain the instigator.

Therefore, if as suggested a boycott entailed the exercise of a number of fundamental rights and thus lawful on the face of it, it was up to the applicant to establish that in those particular circumstances the exercise of the right was in fact unlawful.

AWB vows to protect pool

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THE Afrikaner Weerstandsbeweging has vowed to protect De Aar's public swimming pool from "filthy people of other races".

This follows the weekend assault of a group of coloured teachers and children outside the baths.

AWB field officer Mr Daniel Bothma said yesterday the municipality had refused to privatise the pool but the organisation would ensure that only whites swam there.

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Animals

"The coloureds and blacks have their own pool and this one is ours."

He said the Nationalists felt the same and asked for the AWB's help in keeping blacks from the pool.

During the incident, an AWB member allegedly said: "The Bible says you blacks are animals and we cannot swim with you."

Assaulted

Mr Darwin Solomons, one of the teachers assaulted, said: "While we were inside the pool grounds one of the guys came up to David Beukes, my sister's 16-year-old son and began quarrelling with him."

A swimming pool official separated the pair and asked them not to fight.

"The white guys grouped together and then went outside. I think they must have called others together because when we left the pool there were about 20 of them," Solomons said.

Chain

The teachers and the children got onto the back of a bakkie.

A white man then allegedly attempted to strangle Shane Greef, the eight-year-old daughter of one of the teachers.

Another hit her father, Mr Charles Greef, with a bicycle chain while Solomons' son Darwin (8) was hit on the head with a snorkle.

Joanne Beukes (7) was also hit with the snorkle and her brother Davie was pulled off the bakkie. - *Sowetan Correspondent.*

Town council forbids blacks to use stadium

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By Phil Molefe (285)

The CP-controlled Brakpan Town Council this week refused to give permission to black schools in neighbouring Tsakane township to use the town's stadium for athletics competition, despite the scrapping of the Separate Amenities Act.

Now 10 000 pupils from 12 Tsakane primary schools will have to travel to Benoni for the annual sports event, thanks to the Benoni Town Council which offered to make its public facilities available to the schools.

The athletics competition will be held on Tuesday at Benoni's Willowmore Stadium after the Brakpan Town Council on Wednesday turned down the application by schools to stage the event at the much bigger "whites-only" stadium.

The administrator of Tsakane, Jim Vining, tried to help the schools to secure the use of the Brakpan stadium because the local stadium is inadequate and not all the athletics events could be staged there.

"I feel very distressed that we are not allowed to use the amenities in our own area. This is hardly the spirit of a new South Africa," said Mr Vining.

A Brakpan Town Council official, a Mr Kohrs, refused to comment, saying the matter was handled by the town clerk, Mr Heineman, who was reported to be away for the day.

Mr Kohrs, however, said the Brakpan stadium was leased to private owners, the Brakpan Sports Club, which should handle all inquiries about the use of the stadium.

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NO WELCOME AT THE INN: Reporter Abbey Makoe is told by a waitress that 'julle mense' aren't served. The restaurant's menu cover carried a quote from the Bible. Inset: At a hamburger joint he is offered a meal if he first pays a R1 000 "membership fee". Pictures. Brian Hendler

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Apartheid's fires still burn brightly

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THERESE ANDERS and ABBEY MAKOE

"THE fires of apartheid are still burning strongly out here," said a waiter at Bethal's Selbourne Hotel this week as he apologised to a black reporter for not being able to serve him.

Doctors, dentists, restaurateurs, hairdressers and others are continuing to discriminate against people of colour in many parts of the platteland.

This week the Saturday Star did a survey of what services and facilities were available to black residents in Bethal and Middelburg, two Eastern Transvaal strongholds of the Conservative Party.

It found that recent political reforms on the national level seem to have left these two towns behind. Segregation is still widespread and racist attitudes are strong.

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Alley

These were some of the experiences during a day spent in the heart of conservative country:

At the large Middelburg medical centre of Drs Hofmeyr, Joubert, Terblanche, Bodemer, Raath, Alberts and Piek, colleague Abby Mokoe first followed a sign pointing him down a back alley.

There he found a waiting room with rows of benches on a concrete floor. Makoe then went to the comfortably furnished and carpeted "white" reception area leading off the street.

The receptionist's response to his smile was: "What's the matter with you?"

He replied that he came to see the doctor. "It's written in your own language outside the building. Can't you read? Get out and you'll see the passage — follow it and you'll find 'your people' waiting for the doctor," she said to the giggles of young men in khaki shorts and long socks.

When Makoe said he was not satisfied with the conditions in the other waiting room, she warned him he could stay there until midnight, but the doctor would not see him.

At the Bethal consulting rooms of dentist Dr Francois Nel, Makoe could not find any back entrance. So he went into the main reception area again and asked the receptionist if he could make an appointment for dental treatment.

She told him it would be impossible. She said the dentist was fully booked for two weeks. When Makoe said he could wait until then, she became more direct. "Please go away, he will never be available."

Take-aways

Bethal's restaurant owners wasted no time in shunting Makoe off their premises. The manager of the Country Grill took Makoe by the shoulder and forced him into the street to point to a small "reserved" sign in the window. "This place is for club members only," he growled.

The nearby Pizza Den restaurant refused to let Makoe sit down to eat, although he was welcome to buy take-aways. Nor would the manager of the one-star Selbourne Hotel let Makoe enjoy a cool drink on the hotel's stoep.

He explained: "You know how these CP people are. If they see a black they won't buy here again."

At Maggie's Restaurant in Middelburg's OK Centre, all went well for about two minutes. Makoe sat down at a table and was fascinated to find a tract from the Bible on the menu.

"Math 24:42. Watch therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming."

No sooner had he read that than a angry white woman appeared behind him bellowing: "You know very well that *julle mense* are not allowed in here!"

At Middelburg's Burger Hut an aggressive owner told Makoe he had to pay R1 000 to eat there. "That's what it costs to become a member of my restaurant."

When Makoe asked if the other white patrons present had paid their R1 000 membership fee, the owner wagged his finger PW-style and warned: "Don't push me!"

At Middelburg's pricey Chuck Wagon, Makoe was told the restaurant was fully booked for the whole week. However, when a white reporter later phoned she was told she could book that night.

At Middelburg's Inch by Inch body toning clinic he was told the business would not be open for some months. Meanwhile a white reporter was told there were bookings for that day.

At the Bethal branch of Volkskas bank most black customers continued to use a poky "back counter service".

When asked why they did not join other blacks in the front hall who were having no problems, they replied they were "too scared".

Given up

A Middelburg Indian woman told of her struggle to find a non-racial professional hairdresser in the region. "I've given up looking," she said.

"One hairdresser said I could come on Saturday afternoon after her last customer, but I decided it was against my dignity to tip-toe around like that."

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Fiery debate over repeal of race laws

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By Gien Elsas
West Rand Bureau

A recommendation that discriminatory legislation be scrapped drew mixed reaction from Roodepoort councillors at the monthly meeting last week.

The recommendation that discriminatory legislation be repealed was accepted by the majority of councillors.

Hennie Meyer (CP) said it would be a sad day is these laws were repealed as it would mean the further destruction of the white people.

Al Marais (NP) said overseas investment in South Africa was vital and that discrimination would have to go so that investors could regain their confidence and reinvest here.

Robbie Mulder (CP) tried to link a number of burglaries and robberies in Ouklip Road to the reform process.

ASKED last week whether black people were allowed to use the once "whites only" facilities, a white clinic nurse on the Transvaal platteland replied: "Legally we can't keep them out, but we've got our ways to make sure they don't come here."

Four months after the scrapping of the Reservation of Separate Amenities Act, municipal facilities in most Transvaal towns surveyed by The Star this week are still being used by whites only.

In some cases, notably the conservative Eastern Transvaal, parts of the Northern Transvaal and main centres in the Western Transvaal, some local authorities have not removed the much-hated "whites only" signs from their properties.

But in some towns the local library or picnic resort already reflect the face of the new South Africa, where black and white may study or relax together peacefully.

Barred

In determining who may use facilities such as clinics, hospitals, swimming pools and libraries, the term "non-residents" has come to light.

Blacks or whites who cannot prove residency are often barred from using public facilities, or have to pay an exorbitant non-resident fee.

The criteria for determining non-residents differ substantially from town to town.

In some towns, live-in domestics and hostel dwellers within municipal boundaries are regarded as residents. In others, there is no acknowledgement of blacks living in town.

In some cases, people living in adjacent townships qualify as residents if they work in town.

In a few cases, an electricity bill from an adjacent township, indicating that the person pays for municipal services, provides the key to facilities on the same basis as residents. In some cases, however, only accounts from the "white" town are accepted.

In only two towns, Johannesburg and Benoni, has discrimination been scrapped to such an extent that even township residents who don't work in town can use facilities on the same basis as residents.

The term "non-resident" often seems to be little more than a euphemism for "black".

For example, in Piet Retief and Bethal in the Eastern Transvaal, non-residents (including township dwellers) have to pay R50 to join the library. Residents are not charged.

Black reporters from The Star visited some towns where facilities have, in terms of the law, been opened to all races. In most cases, the reporters were asked to prove residency when they asked to join the library or go for a swim in the municipal pool. Whites were seldom asked for such evidence.

One exception is the Witbank Dam, a popular resort among all races, where white residents have been charged the non-residents' fee of R9 an adult, R8 a car and R4 a child if they could not present an electricity bill to prove they were ratepayers.

At Germiston Lake an effort has been made to keep blacks out. On Sundays and public holidays, the fee is 50 cents for pedestrians, R3 for cars and R2 a person in taxis or minibuses — transport popular with blacks.

Although clearly designed to keep blacks out, the definition of a non-resident sometimes boomerangs. An irate white woman, who lives with her husband and child in a rented house on a farm in the White River district, north of Nelspruit, says she now has to pay a R450 deposit to take out six books and two records. Her husband works in town, but they are not ratepayers and have to pay up.

The Star surveyed 45 towns in the Transvaal to determine whether facilities have been desegregated. As the graphic illustrates, most of the towns surveyed still employ at least some forms of discrimination, others have relaxed race restrictions.

In many cases town clerks claim official segregation has been scrapped. However, when this was checked, it often was not the case.

Ultra-conservative

In other cases, where the official "non-resident" description has been implemented, officials such as nurses, swimming pool attendants and librarians often used the term "black" to determine use of facilities.

Some towns noted in the past for their ultra-conservatism showed little sign of continued discrimination. Boksburg has opened to its facilities for coloured Reiger Park residents. Black residents of Vosloorus are officially barred as "non-residents", but are often allowed to use facilities.

In Springs, the abandonment of discrimination has come only after town officials were ordered by the court to reopen two swimming pools.

Despite official desegregation, apartheid is still very alive in the attitude of many white communities — with blacks barely tolerated and sometimes victims of right-wing violence or abuse.

Reporter Thabo Leshilo observed after spending a day in Vaal Triangle towns: "Most people still refer to the desegregated facilities as 'whites only' amenities and non-white visitors attract unsettling stares at the libraries and swimming pools." □

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Summary of lingering discrimination in Tvl

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HOW did The Star categorise towns as being blatantly discriminatory, practising back-door discrimination or not discriminating at all? This article gives a short motivating summary for each town.

Where petty apartheid signs are still displayed or where municipal officials specifically say blacks may not use the facilities, the town has been listed as being "blatantly" discriminatory.

This includes instances where reporters have seen blacks being turned away from facilities.

Focused

The term "backdoor" discrimination has been used where non-residents, including nearby township residents, are charged notably higher fees

"No discrimination" has been applied to towns where all facilities are open to blacks. This includes towns where blacks working within the municipal boundaries are regarded as residents, despite the fact that they live in outside townships.

The survey focused on swimming pools, hospitals and clinics, and libraries

● Whites-only signs remain at hospitals in Louis Trichardt, Phalaborwa and Potgietersrus and blacks are referred to township clinics.

● Whites-only signs are still displayed at Bethal's council building and the Bethal Dam is strictly whites-only.

● The dam resort at Ermelo is strictly whites-only.

● Although the library at Ellisras is open to all races, the hospital remains segregated.

● Although most of Brakpan's facilities seem to have been desegregated, the council recently refused black children the use of the athletics stadium

● Although race signs have been removed at Nelspruit and Tzaneen's hospitals, black casualty wards still exist. However, blacks do have the choice of being admitted to the previously 'white' section

Reporters found in Nelspruit that some facilities (town hall and swimming pool) could be used by blacks only after contacting the town clerk, a requirement not applicable to whites

In Tzaneen, township dwellers must pay a R20 non-resident fee for use of the library even if they work in town.

● In Middelburg, Thabazimbi, Randfontein, Westonaria and Delmas, clinic personnel said blacks were not admitted. "Whites only" signs remain at the strictly segregated Middelburg Hospital

● In Christiana, blacks are treated at the clinic only on Wednesdays, a clinic sister said.

● Although most of Roodepoort's and Lichtenburg's facilities have been opened, in Roodepoort blacks are treated only for emergencies at the out-patients section of the Hospital. In Lichtenburg, blacks are transferred to township hospitals after initial admission.

● In Potchefstroom, library membership is free to nearby township dwellers, but a sign reading "European Clinic" remains at the clinic.

● In Klerksdorp, library membership is free to township residents. At the clinic, blacks have to prove that they are residents of Klerksdorp before receiving treatment

● In Krugersdorp, township residents are not regarded as residents and pay a R50 library membership fee, compared with residents' R10 fee

At a clinic, which has separate sections for blacks and whites, reporters witnessed personnel referring blacks elsewhere. Blacks cannot rent municipal facilities for functions.

● All facilities are open in Pietersburg, and township dwellers pay the same fees as whites. Although the hospital still operates "non-European" wards, blacks do have the choice of using the white section.

● Witbank seems to have opened all amenities. However, exorbitant rates for non-residents, including the surrounding township dwellers, are charged at the Witbank Dam.

● Although the clinic and pools in Springs are open to all races, whites pay R20 membership fees for two years, and blacks pay a R40 fee for the same period.

● Although most of Alberton's facilities are open, blacks pay a R5 entrance fee at the pools, while whites are admitted free.

● Most of Germiston's facilities are open. However, township residents must pay a higher "non-resident" fee of R100 per year at the library, compared with the R12 fee for residents.

Barred

● Boksburg has opened all its facilities to all races living within its municipal boundaries, including Reiger Park, although the town clerk said nearby Vosloorus residents were barred from facilities. However, Vosloorus residents are allowed to use the pool and library at residents' tariffs.

● All facilities in Johannesburg and Benoni have been opened and township residents, even if they don't work in town, may use facilities on the same basis as residents.

● In contrast with Johannesburg and Benoni, township residents near Sandton, Randburg, Edenvale and Kempton Park who do not work in town have to pay the non-resident library fee. Township residents who work in town pay the resident fee. All other facilities have been opened. Randburg is not next to a township.

● All facilities in Bedfordview have been opened. Non-residents, black and white, cannot join the library. However, black employees can use a resident's address to qualify for library membership. This town is not adjacent to a township

● Pretoria's township residents must pay a non-resident fee of R50 to join the library, but residents are not charged.

Live-in black workers must produce a letter from their employer authorising removal of books. All facilities have been desegregated.

● Official discrimination has seemingly been scrapped in Carletonville but blacks do not use the facilities out of fear of harassment. No blacks have visited the clinic. Residents pay R6 a year to join the library, white non-residents R25 and blacks R50.

● In a blatant effort to keep blacks out of Piet Retief, non-residents pay R500 to join the library while residents are not charged.

● Blacks pay a R50 deposit to remove a book from the library at Brits while residents use the facilities free of charge.

● Blacks are not regarded as residents of Rustenburg because all the townships fall within Bophuthatswana Live-in domestic workers have to present a note from their employers, indicating responsibility, before they are allowed to remove books from the library

White non-residents pay a R10 fee to use the library, whil residents do not pay.

● Facilities in Sasolburg an Vereeniging have been desegre gated. Nearby township res dents pay higher non-resident l brary fees.

In Sasolburg, township resi dents pay the R50 a year nor resident library fee while resi dents, including live-in dom estics, do not pay

Blatant

Residents qualify for seaso tickets at the swimming pool while non-residents pay R4 visit.

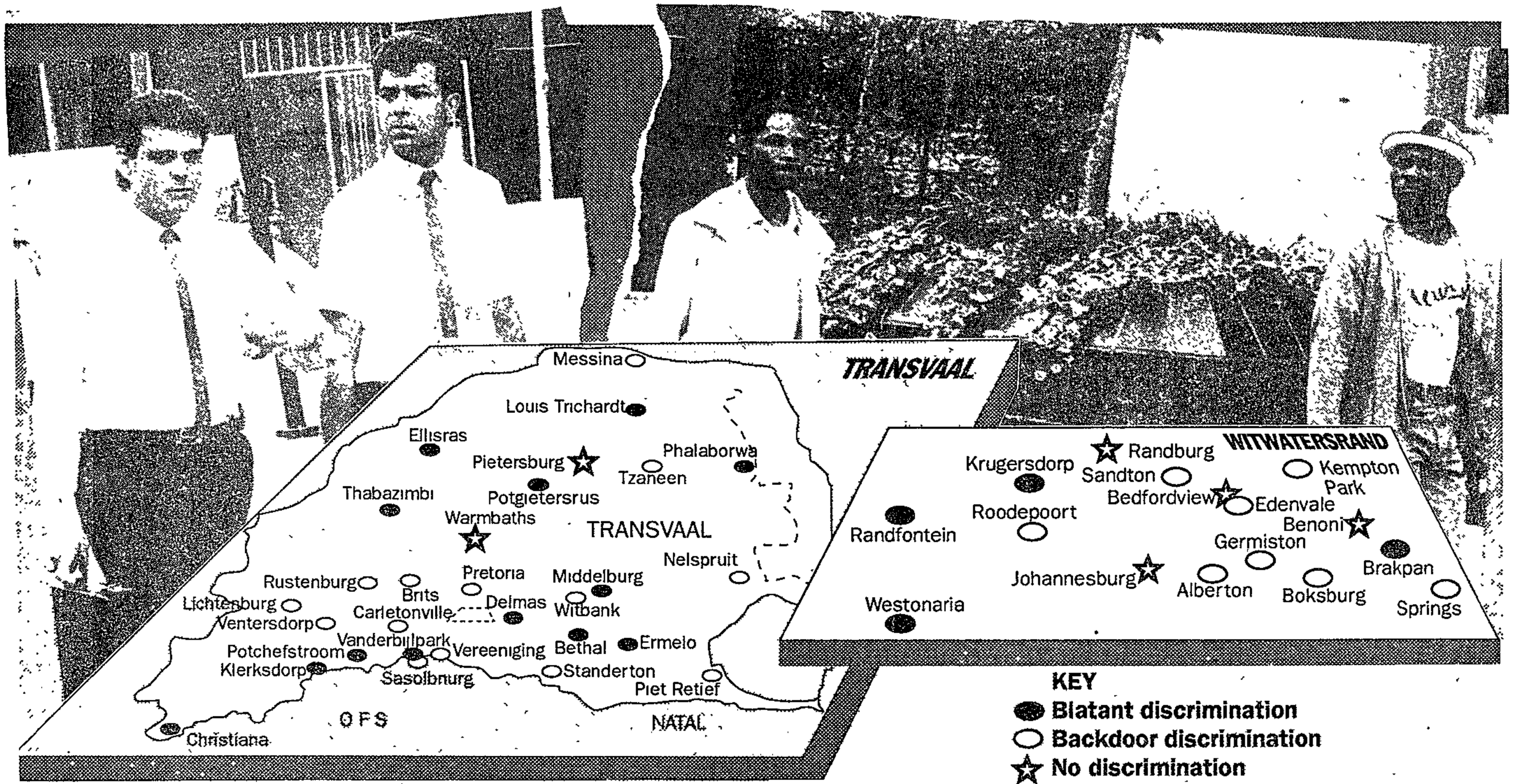
In Vereeniging, non-resident pay R50 to join the library an residents R6 Pools and local re sorts are open to all.

● Most facilities in Vanderbijl park have been opened, bu blacks are blatantly discrimin ated against at the swimming pool restaurant.

● Township residents can join the library in Standerton and Ventersdorp at R40 a year on producing a water and light account. Residents pay R5

● Residents in Warmbaths, including township residents, can join the library free on producing a water and light account Non-residents of all races pay about R40 per book.

● Messina has no swimming pool A R50 non-resident library fee, to be introduced, will apply to nearby township residents. □



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Segregation

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This major two-week investigation into public amenities in the Transvaal has been conducted by a team of reporters from The Star: ESMARE VAN DER MERWE, HELEN GRANGE, THERESE ANDERS, GIEN ELSAS, MUSA MAPISA, THABO LESHILO, ANNA LOUW, MELODY MCDOUGAL, ABEL MUSHI, JACQUELINE MYBURGH, CLYDE JOHNSON, DIRK NEL and The Star's PRETORIA CORRESPONDENT.

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Only whites allowed in Middelburg pool

By Therese Anders
Highveld Bureau

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"Other colours are not allowed in here," Middelburg public swimming pool's white gateman said last week as he turned away a sportswear-clad black woman resident of the CP-controlled town.

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When the woman first arrived at the entrance, complete with huge colourful beach towel, the gateman looked at her suspiciously.

"What do you want?" he asked.

"I want to swim," she replied.

"No, you can't come in here. Other colours are not allowed in here. Only whites."

Right next to the gateman's office was a huge recently erected sign which mentioned no racial restrictions.

Before the scrapping of the Reservation of Separate Amenities Act the gateman's job did not exist — the pool was open to all whites free of charge.

Officially the CP council now discriminates on entrance fee only. "Registered voters" pay 50c for a dip, while "unregistered voters" are set back R5. However, white swimmers who regularly used the pool said they had never been asked to produce proof that they were any sort of voter.

Petty apartheid still kicking in Tvl

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By Esmaré van der Merwe and Helen Grange

Despite the Government's abolition of the Reservation of Separate Amenities Act, "petty apartheid" is still being practised in scores of Transvaal towns — but there has been notable progress in eliminating discrimination in many towns.

Johannesburg and Benoni have already removed discrimination, having opened all facilities, even to blacks living beyond their municipal boundaries. These towns have pre-empted mooted plans to incorporate adjacent townships into white municipalities under single tax bases.

But in the majority of Transvaal towns surveyed by The Star, race discrimination still exists.

The official line in many towns is that public facilities are free or cheap to "residents", with higher charges for "non-residents".

The Star's investigation has revealed that in fact "resident" often means "white", and "non-resident" is often a euphemism for "black".

Many town councils openly bar blacks from their facilities. Even in towns where discrimination has been officially scrapped, blacks are often too scared to use amenities for fear of a white backlash.

At the Ermelo swimming pool, where blacks have been beaten up by conservative whites for using the facility, the attendant warned against bringing a black child to swim.

Unsafe

"We're open to all, but there are people in this town who drive around checking that black people don't come in here. It won't be safe."

A survey of 45 towns has found that:

- 17 towns are blatantly flouting the law.
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- Six towns have removed all racial barriers.

A number of the towns surveyed have been visited by black reporters. This often provided the real test for levels of discrimination, which sometimes remained elusive through telephone checks.

In a number of cases, these reporters were turned away and told to use corresponding "black" facilities. In other cases, they were asked for proof of residence, a request not made of whites.

Some of the most blatant cases of discrimination discovered by The Star included:

- In Bethal and Delmas, blacks have to pay R500 a year to join the local library.
- "Whites only" signs are still up in towns such as Phalaborwa, Louis Trichardt, Potgietersrus, Bethal, Middelburg and Potchefstroom.
- The clinic in Christiana treats blacks only on Wednesdays.
- At Vereeniging and Vanderbijlpark swimming pools, a black adult has to pay R15 and a black child R7,50 before they are allowed in. A white adult pays R1,50 and a white child 60c. Officials say higher tariffs are for "non-residents".
- At the Vanderbijlpark swimming pool, blacks may not sit in the restaurant and are only allowed to buy take-aways.
- At Germiston Lake, a special higher tariff has been introduced for minibus passengers.

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CP 'proud' of Tvl apartheid towns

Star 5/3/91.

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By Helen Grange and Esmarë van der Merwe

The Conservative Party is "proud" of Transvaal towns found by The Star to be discriminating against blacks in spite of the abolition of the Reservation of Separate Amenities Act.

CP spokesman Pikkie Coetzee, responding to a survey by The Star revealing that many towns were still reserving facilities for whites, said: "We couldn't care one bit.

"We are in favour of keeping up separate development.

"The Government had no mandate to change the law regarding separate amenities. We are fully supportive of these towns," he said.

The Star found that 17 towns out of 45 surveyed were blatantly flouting the law, 22 were practising "backdoor" discrimination and only six towns had removed all racial barriers.

The Democratic Party's spokesman on local government, Jan van Eck, said the Government appeared to be encouraging local authorities to discriminate against blacks under the pretence of the maintenance of standards.

He said a recent circular by the Department of Local Government and Housing in the House of Assembly had requested local authorities to report weekly to the Government whether drug and alcohol abuse had increased, and whether there had also been an increase in refuse following the scrapping of the Act.

"This is a scandalous insinuation that misbehaviour increases when black people share facilities with whites."

Sheila Camerer, of the National Party, said continued discrimination through any means was "unacceptable".

"We condemn such action.

"The law is clear that there is to be no discrimination between black and white."

The Star had done a "public service" by bringing discrimination to the fore, she said.

ANC spokesman Carl Marcus said the organisation was "not surprised" at the results of the survey.

"We are extremely concerned about the increasing spate of racial attacks.

"Whites have reacted extremely aggressively and are attacking black people at random.

"This is something white society has to address," she said.

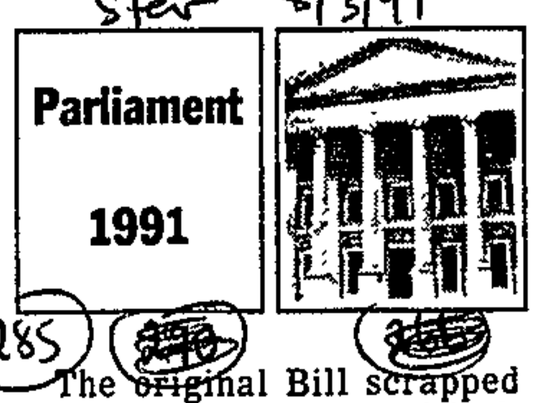
Laundry apartheid won't wash

Star 8/3/91

Apartheid regulations governing laundries are to be scrubbed from the Transvaal's provincial ordinances by proposed amendments before Parliament.

If changes to Ordinance 17 of 1939 are approved, municipalities in the province will no longer be able to force laundries to clean the clothing of blacks and whites separately.

The changes are listed in a revised version of the Local Government Ordinance Amendment Bill (Transvaal), tabled in the House of Assembly yesterday.



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The original Bill scrapped only the powers of municipalities to enforce apartheid in graveyards and marketplaces, to demand different ambulance fees from different races, and to run "kaffir eating-houses".

The revised Bill will also scrap municipalities' powers to enforce laundry apartheid, set aside stands for the use of hawkers of a particular race, lay out housing land for "coloured persons as may be deemed desirable", regulate for separate toilets, prohibit the presence or employment of white females in non-European shops, prohibit or regulate non-European clubs outside Native locations and to prohibit whites from living in yards or premises occupied by Natives, Asiatics or coloured persons. — Sapa.

DP is to fight flouting of Act

THE Democratic Party is to introduce legislation to outlaw segregation of public amenities.

This follows disclosures by *The Star* this week that 17 Transvaal municipal amenities are still closed to blacks.

DP MP for Houghton Mr Tony Leon said he intended introducing a private members' Bill which

SOWETAN Correspondent

would amend last year's legislation repealing the Separate Amenities Act.

The aim of the Bill would be to positively outlaw discrimination on grounds of race or class in all public amenities.

Speaking during the debate in Parliament yesterday, Leon said Parliament would have to remain vigilant "because the Transvaal Municipal Association would use its best resources to frustrate the new deal for local government by perpetuating and extending segregated institutions".

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To illustrate his point he referred to the newspaper's report of how 17 municipalities in the Transvaal - mostly, but not all Conservative Party-controlled - "are going out of their way to frustrate the intention of this Parliament which it showed last year in removing the Reservation of Separate Amenities Act.

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"They are deliberately flouting the law at the moment by actually ignoring the provisions of the repeal of that Act last year and enforcing municipal segregation.

"I think this is a method of illegal action. I think the Government should take urgent steps to clamp down on it."

Sketch: Gail Irwin

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'New SA' washes into our laundries

Pretoria Correspondent (285)

Transvaal laundries will soon be legally permitted to use the same soap suds to wash the garments of their black and white customers.

Whiter-than-white regulations barring laundries from using the same facilities to clean clothing and household fabrics belonging to whites and blacks are to be scrapped, said a spokesman for the Administration: House of Assembly.

These regulations — and others providing for separate lifts, toilets, restrooms, and dining facilities — are contained in Transvaal Local Government Ordinance 17 introduced in 1939.

They, and all references to race, have been deleted from the new Local Government Ordinance Amendment Bill.

The spokesman said the regulations had long fallen into disuse and their axing was merely aimed at "clearing the law-books".

DP: what about prejudice victims?

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The Democratic Party yesterday proposed an amendment to the "essentially passive" Local Government Ordinance Amendment Bill (Transvaal).

Speaking in second-reading debate on the Bill in the House of Assembly, **Tony Leon (DP Houghton)** said that while it removed the lawful right to discriminate, it did not provide an enabling right not to be discriminated against.

The proposed amendment, entitled "Prohibition of Discrimination on the Grounds of Racial Class etc", specifies that a council shall not exercise any power or perform any duty conferred upon it "in a manner which results in discrimination against persons on the grounds of race or class".

"The failure of this Parliament to enact this clause in the Separate Amenities legislation last year, and our failure to do so in an ordinance of today's kind, means that we are not giving individuals the positive right not to be discriminated against.

"Today's ordinance does not oblige municipalities to integrate facilities. We leave it to the common law."

The DP supported the Bill, however, as it removed "highly repugnant" expressions from the statute book.

After the enactment of the Bill, Transvaal municipalities would be deprived of their power to enforce graveyard apartheid, the separate cleaning of the clothing of whites and blacks in laundries, and the enforced separate use and provision of elevators.

"The Bill we are dealing with today vividly illustrates the kind of alienation, rejection and arrogance which the measures over the years, enforced by our provincial councils and city councils, have caused to millions of fellow South Africans," Mr Leon said.

Hendrik Bekker (NP Jeppe) said Mr Leon's approach to the subject was "overkill".

The National Party was against discrimination in any form and was committed to ridding the system of legal impediments "smelling of discrimination".

Mr Bekker recommended that the DP take the proposal to the negotiating table where a draft constitution would be discussed.

The common law was able to handle cases of "stubborn municipalities".

Derek Christophers (NP Germiston) said: "We want to kill apartheid but we don't want to antagonise everyone in sight."

He was referring to the possibility of a negative reaction from the Conservative Party to the proposed amendment.

Proof

The Bill was a good thing as it was repugnant that people be buried separately purely on the basis of colour.

"Finally in death we will be united," Mr Christophers said.

The CP was against certain clauses in the Bill, **Pikkie Coetzee (CP Middelburg)** said.

The party did not want to be part of integration and would not support it.

The CP was also against the burial of separate races together.

Minister of the Budget and Local Government Amie Venter said in reply to debate that the Bill was proof of the Government's desire to do away with racial discrimination.

The Government was busy with dynamic reform and any discriminatory measures in legislation would be done away with.

The Bill was referred back to the joint standing committee. — Sapa.

Separate facilities may go, says Govt

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By Peter Fabricius
Political Correspondent

The Government is to consider introducing legislation to make it illegal for municipalities to continue to segregate their facilities.

This follows a Star investigation, published on March 4, which found that most Transvaal municipalities were still turning blacks away from amenities despite the scrapping of the Separate Amenities Act last year.

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He said the *Star's* survey published on March 4 showed that petty apartheid was still being practised by most Transvaal town councils.

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Blacks are barred from surgery loos

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By MATHATHA TSEDU

AN Indian doctor in the Northern Transvaal runs a surgery which has no toilets for black patients, a *Sowetan* investigation has established.

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Dr AS Moosa's surgery in Mooketsi, near Duiwelskloof, also has two separate waiting rooms - one for whites and the other for blacks.

The waiting room for whites has been furnished with cushioned rest chairs. The white patients, and a selected upmarket blacks, pass the time reading magazines which Moosa provides.

The other "waiting room", which is used exclusively

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Separate waiting rooms

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by blacks, is an open space under a few trees where patients wait for their turn on broken asbestos chairs.

Approached for comment, Moosa blamed the Group Areas Act for lack of facilities. He said he could not make improvements on the surgery as he did not own it.

He said he was renting the building from a Mr Chambers.

"If the law is repealed and I can buy this place then I will provide the facilities. But don't blame me for this thing. I have done a lot for black people in this area.

"I have learnt their language and I assist many people. Now you go and pick on toilets and separate rooms and you want to crucify me," he said.

Moosa said he had tried to provide decent benches for black patients but they were all stolen.

Moosa, a Muslim, said he was not a racist. He was "troubled by his conscience for the inability to offer his black patients adequate facilities".

Although praising Moosa for being "good with children's diseases", patients spoken to said they were sometimes made to wait in the rain as they could not use the "whites-only" waiting room.

If they wanted to go to the toilet they had to go to the nearby shopping centre or use toilets at the railway station.

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Open amenities 'not guaranteed'

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THEO RAWANA

THE Legal Resources Centre (LRC), whose Supreme Court case recently forced the Springs Town Council to open up its public pools, says the repeal of the Separate Amenities Act does not get rid of discrimination.

An article in the LRC Review says the repeal of the Act does not mean discrimination will automatically disappear — and legal action may be needed to ensure this happens. (285)

Reserve

The chief effect of the new Act is that authorities who bar people from public amenities on racial grounds can be sued.

"The Act simply repeals the law allowing public authorities to reserve public amenities for a particular race.

"It does not explicitly state that discrimination may not take place.

"Thus the repeal does not mean that discrimination will automatically disappear, and legal action might be needed to ensure that this happens," the LRC says.

If councils discriminate, people have to fall back on common law which, while theoretically does not allow discrimination, is not entirely clear what "discrimination" implies.

Councils may also use various technical ways of justifying the exclusion of a class of residents from facilities. Each right-wing council could theoretically present a different set of reasons.

Some councils discriminate against people who do not pay rates or service charges, or people — such as blacks — who do not live in municipal areas controlled by these councils.

"So a 'non-discriminatory' decision to limit access to residents or ratepayers, or to levy charges on others, applies automatically to most blacks," says the LRC.

Although current government policy is that by-laws and ordinances which enforce 'norms and standards' must be non-discriminatory, some authorities may try to use these controls to limit access to facilities on a racial basis.

"In such cases the courts may have to decide if this is within the law."

Detailed

☐ In the Springs case the CP-controlled council had decided to close the pools, and possibly to privatise another, in order to keep blacks out, the court found.

In the case, fought on behalf of a Springs resident, the LRC detailed the CP's declared segregation policy and measures by the Springs council to bypass the Act.

These included introducing or increasing charges for facilities, and differentiating between charges to "residents" and "non-residents".

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Anger as man has to resort to servility

Star 21/5/91.

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By Esmaré van der Merwe
Political Reporter

A black man yesterday had to pretend to be a servant to get into a Hennops River picnic resort when he was told by an official that servants were the only blacks allowed in.

Two irate members of the Rhema Church group telephoned The Star yesterday to express their disgust at the continued racial discrimination at public resorts.

Sylvia Waldman said the man — a Brazilian immigrant known to them only as Wellington — had been told that he would not be admitted as part of the group.

"He then said he would pretend to be a servant and would make the fire. He said if there was any trouble, we must call him 'boy'.

"The official on duty actually came around to our picnic spot to check. He left when he saw Wellington make the fire."

Mrs Waldman said she was distressed by the incident, which did not reflect the face of the new South Africa.

Sharon Gough, who was also in the group, said there had been no right-of-admission signs at the resort.

"The person said that if we had telephoned earlier to make arrangements, he could be allowed in. What difference would that have made?

"Why does a person have to lower himself to be allowed in at places. With the new South Africa, it is very bad when an incident like this happens," she said.

The new SA by-passes Christiana

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By Esmaré van der Merwe, Political Reporter

The sleepy far-western Transvaal town of Christiana has not yet woken up to the sounds of the new South Africa.

At an office next to the magistrate's court, a group of black people queue patiently outside to enter an office boasting a prominent Verwoerdian sign: "Cash hall, Bantu Affairs and General Revenue". Other apartheid signs are not visible. Even so, blacks and whites live strictly separate lives.

"We're probably just used to things the way they are," is the standard response from blacks asked why they still use the former "blacks only" entrances to municipal and government facilities.

The Star last week visited the tranquil, neat little town — on the border of the Free State and the Cape Province — to investigate indignant complaints by the town clerk after The Star had listed Christiana as a "blatantly discriminating" town in a survey of desegregated public amenities in the Transvaal.

The town clerk was not available for an interview. Town secretary Gert van Niekerk was adamant that the municipality had opened up all facilities.

Confronted with various examples of blatant discrimination in the town, he shrugged and said those facilities were not administered by the council.

Traffic department labourer Rodney Moloko begged to differ.

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At present, all residents (including the township where Rodney lives) could join free, he said. Minor fees would be introduced soon — R5 per residents' household, including live-in domestics.

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"No, this rate is only for members of a family, but nowadays one doesn't know whether blacks have not already become members of the family.

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But patients said the black side often became overcrowded and there were "many floor patients" because of a lack of beds.

Blacks barred after threats

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By John Miller
Star Line

A white boycott, vandalism and threats have forced the owners of a Hartbeespoort bird and picnic park to turn blacks away.

The latest victim is Abdullah Kahn from Cape Town. He said the Viljoens, who own the Makalani Bird Park, had allowed his family to visit the bird park free of charge on Sunday but turned them away from the picnic area.

"The owner said he could not allow us in because of the CP and AWB influence," he said.

Helene Viljoen said that since last year, people in the area had boycotted the park after coloured people were allowed in. She said they had received numerous telephone threats.

When I asked why, he shouted: "Don't come here and cause trouble."

I asked for an explanation. Grinning, he leaned forward and hissed.

"Listen, the indoor pool is fully booked. It is booked for the whole year. So this means there is no way you can go in there."

"Since when has it been fully booked?" I inquired.

"Since this morning," he grinned.

Smiling

The man refused to reveal his name, but a security guard told me he was Fanie de Bruyn.

I went to the resort's small hotel, the Over Spa, where the atmosphere was more welcoming. Everybody was smiling at me.

A receptionist told me I did not have to book to use the indoor pool, but that I had to be an overnight resident.

Four white day visitors arrived with tickets for the pool. I asked them how they had got the tickets since the pool was reserved for residents.

They were puzzled. "But that is not true, we have just got these tickets," said one.

On Friday, Overvaal Resort deputy marketing director, Rudi Basson, denied any charges of racism.

He said the indoor pool was for the exclusive use of overnight visitors as they paid a lot of money for the privilege.

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The measure was introduced to combat overcrowding, Mr Basson said, because the pool could only accommodate a limited number of people.

Resort staff had "erred" in allowing white day visitors into the indoor pool, he said.

"There is no way that people up there can take decisions about who to allow in or not. It was an unfortunate decision. The resort is totally multiracial.

"I am definitely going to take it up with management at the resort," he said.

'The indoor pool has been fully booked for the whole year, ever since this morning'

Pictures by SUE KRAMER

He said the gate showers were aimed at getting rid of grass and sand off visitors' feet and to keep the pool clean.

The showers were introduced at about the same time as the Separate Amenities Act was scrapped, giving blacks access to all public resorts.

Mr Basson said the pool fences were erected around July in anticipation of overcrowding after the Act was scrapped.

However, Mr Basson said there was "absolutely nothing racial" about the measures.

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WATERY FUN ... white bathers enjoy a dip in the Hydro Spa indoor pool

Braving the 'cattle dip' to have a chilly time in Warmbaths

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SIPHO NGCOBO takes the plunge in a formerly whites-only resort

WARMBATHS, the popular spa resort run by the Transvaal provincial authorities, has introduced what its management calls "crowd-control" measures since it opened to all races.

A steel railing fence has been erected around the resort's vast outdoor mineral pools.

Black and white bathers heading for the pools are funnelled into an entrance gate and through a zig-zag shower tunnel where they are sprayed with chlorinated water.

The resort's Hydro Spa complex, which has a huge indoor pool, is now reserved for residents staying overnight and no day trippers — the majority of the resort's weekend visitors — are allowed, says the management.

But on Ascension Day this week, I was turned away by attendants at the indoor pool without being asked if I was a resident or not.

Photographer Sue Kramer was admitted without question.

Warmbaths management, the Transvaal Provincial Administration's Overvaal Resorts, says the new measures were introduced in anticipation of an increased number of visitors, especially blacks, after the scrapping of the Separate Amenities Act in October.

Sprayed

On Ascension Day, there were only 23 blacks to swell the usual holiday crowd of hundreds of whites.

I went through the shower tunnel — a somewhat bizarre experience, something like a cattle dip. As I walked through, I was sprayed by four shower systems.

Judging from the comments of visitors, the gate showers are not popular. One Indian visitor described the gate as a "racist joke".

She laughed: "They are trying to clean us. They are saying welcome to a new South Africa, but be clean."

At the Hydro Spa complex, Sue Kramer had no trouble in obtaining a ticket to the indoor heated pool, regarded by many as the highlight of a visit to Warmbaths.

Five minutes later, I followed. A tall man at the ticket office told [illegible] get a ticket



REPORTER Ngcobo emerges from the 'crowd control' tunnel

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New SA is a long way from sleepy Christiana

Political Staff

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In the streets, blacks were friendly. "Middag, miesies," they said without exception.

E Rand hospital 'still segregated'

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Own Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG. — Of the five major hospitals on the Reef, only two have so far integrated all of their facilities in terms of recent government legislation.

A spot check conducted by Business Day last week revealed J G Strijdom and Johannesburg Hospital were almost fully integrated, with patients of different colour lying next to each other in some wards.

Two other hospitals — Edenvale Hospital and Pretoria's H F Verwoerd — were partially integrated.

However, the Boksburg-Benoni hospital appeared to be fully segregated on classic apartheid lines.

A large sign at the main entrance of this hospital directed "coloureds, Indians and blacks" around the side of the main hospital building.

There was a separate casualty department for blacks and there appeared to be separate wards and ambulances.

The areas on the "black" side of the hospital were ill-lit and very crowded.

The Boksburg hospital authorities refused to comment on the findings.

R400 more for burial in coloured cemetery

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WITBANK — The eastern Transvaal town of Witbank waived its apartheid-to-the-grave policy this week when a black man received permission to bury his father in the town's "coloured" cemetery — but he must pay R400 more for the gravesite.

Vusi Radebe said in a telephone interview yesterday that the white Witbank Town Council had initially refused to allow him to bury his father in the coloured section of the cemetery, even though the black cemetery was waterlogged and unusable.

The council later agreed, "as a favour", that his father, David Radebe, who died last weekend, could be buried in the coloured cemetery, although burial fees were substantially higher.

It would have cost Mr Radebe R100 if his father had been put into a black grave. Because he was not a resident of Witbank's coloured area, Mr Radebe would have to pay R500 for the gravesite in the coloured cemetery. — Sapa.

Library still rejecting blacks

By Shareen Singh

Despite the repeal of the Separate Amenities Act in October last year, the Vryheid public library was still refusing membership to blacks, according to affidavits filed in the Supreme Court, Maritzburg, yesterday.

The Legal Resources Centre had filed an application against the Vryheid public library and the Vryheid Town Council, on behalf of Johannes Mnyeni and Ignatia Khumbuza, seeking to admit them as members of the Vryheid library.

Mr Mnyeni and Mrs Khumbuza said in affidavits that they were refused membership at the library in January this year because they were not residents of Vryheid. The librarian advised them to pressure their own local authorities to establish libraries in Bhekizulu and Mondlo, townships in Vryheid where they were residents.

Howard Varney of the Legal Resources Centre appealed to the Town Council of Vryheid on behalf of Mr Mnyeni and Mrs Khumbuza to reverse the library's decision.

Mr Mnyeni said the town clerk, G Olckers, had informed Mr Varney that a decision would be communicated to him on April 30.

Mr Varney contacted Mr Olckers again this month and was told that a decision had not been made but that the library committee had recommended that the library be opened to everyone in due course when certain changes had been made, such as the introduction of a levy of R20 or R30 on new members.

Mr Olckers also pointed out to Mr Varney that black persons were permitted to enter the library and read periodicals, but were not allowed to borrow books.

The library was too small and could not take on additional members, and there were already members from out of town, Mr Olckers told Mr Varney.

Mr Mnyeni said the town council, by wanting to introduce tariffs, was trying to circumvent by-laws relating to public libraries that opened them to all races.

The tariffs would effectively prevent him, Mrs Khumbuza and most blacks from joining the library because of their poor financial state.

Mr Olckers made no mention of economic reasons for increasing tariffs, which would have been the only justifiable grounds to increase tariff charges.

Mr Mnyeni also pointed out there was no provision in the by-laws to refuse membership of the library on the basis of non-residence in Vryheid.

The case is due to be heard in the Supreme Court in June. It would be the first such case to go to court and would have implications for other public libraries in towns that have implemented the tariff system to prevent blacks from joining.

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By S'BU MNGADI

THE Separate Amenities Act may be dead, but authorities in the coal-mining town of Vryheid in northern Natal are still refusing blacks membership of the local public library.

Following the repeal of the Separate Amenities Act last October, the Vryheid Town Council plans to amend its library by-laws to circumvent the repeal.

The Vryheid Public Library Committee has recommended that the new amendments should include introducing a levy of R20 to R30 on "new members".

Court action

The Legal Resources Centre in Durban lodged an application in the Pietermaritzburg Supreme Court this week, alleging that the Vryheid librarian and the Vryheid Town Council have acted illegally in refusing membership to two local blacks.

The LRC stated in papers before the court that Johannes Myeni and Gugu Khumbuza, of Mondlo and Bhekuzulu respectively, attempted to join the Vryheid Public Library on January 17 this year.

Myeni and Khumbuza were informed by the librarian on duty that they could not borrow books as they were not residents of Vryheid.

The librarian advised them to approach their "own" local authorities in Mondlo and Bhekuzulu, both local townships, to request these authorities to establish libraries.

Blacks were only allowed to enter the library to read periodicals, they were told.

The two then asked the LRC to lodge an appeal with the Vryheid Town Council against the library's decision.

In a letter to Vryheid town clerk G Olckers in February, the LRC stated there were no libraries in Mondlo and Bhekuzulu and the closest library was the Vryheid Public Library.

The LRC argued that if its black clients were not permitted to join the Vryheid Public Library they would be effectively barred from joining any library as the Vryheid library was the only library in the vicinity which was accessible to them.

"While residents of Bhekuzulu and Mondlo may not be paying rates directly to the Vryheid Municipality, they have contributed to the growth and well-being of Vryheid through their provision of labour services to businesses and official concerns in Vryheid and through purchase of goods and services from concerns based in Vryheid.

"They should therefore not be denied access to facilities based in Vryheid, particularly when similar facilities are non-existent or hopelessly inadequate in their own areas," the LRC said.

Olckers allegedly told the LRC that there were already a number of out-of-town members of the library. According to the stated policy of the borough, such out-of-town members are whites.

Myeni, who is employed in Vryheid, stated in his affidavit that it would be convenient for him to use the library.

The effect of the repeal of the Separate Amenities Act was to repeal by-laws which discriminated against people who are not white

"There is nothing in this by-law which provides for the refusal of admission to persons on the basis of non-residence in Vryheid," argued Myeni.

Decision illegal

He added that the librarian had acted beyond her powers and her decision to refuse membership to him and Khumbuza was therefore illegal.

The application is set down for hearing on June 25, pending notice of intention to oppose being given.

New SA? Not in Springs

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Sign of the times ... City Press reporter Monwabisi Nomadolo points to the sign on a Springs dentist's waiting room. ■ **Pic: ELIAS MALULEKE**

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Clock turns backwards in the far East

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By ELIAS MALULEKE and MONWABISI NOMADOLO

CITY PRESS investigations have revealed that apartheid is not dead in Conservative Party-controlled Springs – where blacks are barred from certain restaurants, bars, buses and medical surgeries.

A KwaThema resident, who declined to be named, said: "The State President's target date for the burial of apartheid is the end of this month, but in Springs the clock is turning backwards.

"Blacks can't sit in some restaurants for a meal or stroll into a bar. Some doctors still have racially separated surgeries and waiting rooms."

City Press found medical services for blacks in the town appalling and degrading.

A "non-whites" sign is still displayed on one door, and when some doctors consult blacks, they use old beds in antiquated back rooms. One dentist uses an old chair for black patients.

City Press reporter Monwabisi Nomadolo was reprimanded by a white receptionist when he sat on a chair in a waiting room used by whites. He was then shown into a "non-white waiting room" which turned out to be a tiny partition at the back of the building.

Several people waiting to see the dentist were packed into the dirty and dimly lit place.

The huge air-conditioned reception room used by whites is carpeted – and empty.

Other doctors in the town also use separate surgeries.

Dr H Hartley, a dentist at the Medical Centre, confirmed that he used two surgeries.

"I do not believe in apartheid, but white patients have complained about the presence of blacks, and using two separate but equal surgeries has solved the problem," he said.

Hartley said he did not discriminate against his black patients, but his white patients did.

"This is Springs and I have to earn a living," he added.

Hartley confirmed that most of his patients were black, but none of them had yet complained.

"I know some doctors give their black patients inferior treatment, and use scruffy waiting rooms for them, but I don't do that here," he said.

Dr JA Terblanche, a dentist at the Sanlam Building, denied allegations of apartheid.

He said blacks who used his "non-white" waiting room were there because the main reception area was full.

But City Press found only two white women sitting in this attractive room.

Another dentist at Medical Centre, who declined to be named, said some doctors refused to treat black patients.

Other doctors declined to comment, and said they had the right to do whatever they deemed fit as long as they did not infringe medical ethics.

A black worker in the Sanlam building said the kitchens provided black cups for blacks, and white cups for whites.

Investigations in the town revealed that the Far East Rand Hospital has a white section and a black section.

The only swimming pool in the town was desegregated last year after a successful court order against the town council, but no blacks swim in it because they fear attacks by rightwingers.

The Springs library charges blacks a R40 registration fee, and City Press reporters, as visitors, were asked to pay a R1 entrance fee.

Building bridges at Nelspruit hotel

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IT was just after midnight when the three of us arrived tired, hungry, thirsty and cold at the Crocodile Country Inn on the banks of the Crocodile River.

It had been an eventful trip for Mr Vusi Manyoni, Mr Pat Seboko and me after our car nearly overturned on our way to do a story in the far-eastern Transvaal on May 21.

The accident is another story. I can only say we survived, but with two burst tyres.

The Crocodile Inn lies on one of the most wondrous parts of the Transvaal and I can here describe it only as breathtakingly scenic and serene. It is about 10km outside conservative and rural Nelspruit.

Miesies

We were greeted by an old, black man who eyed us with shock when we said we were booked at the hotel. It was obvious he was illiterate and had worked there all his life. To him white men are *baas*, white women *miesies* and blacks were boys and girls, regardless of age - and he made no bones about it. He is the security guard at the hotel.

The hotel was closed for business and I had to help him rummage through the inn's reception drawers to finally locate the checking-in list which had our names.

I asked if we could have some food and drinks as we were hungry and thirsty. He said no dice. "I cannot wake the *miesies* up for that. The hotel is closed and no one will cook for you at this hour."

We asked whether the hotel manager was available. We needed only a few sandwiches, even leftovers, and a couple of beers.

The old man saw we meant, business and led us to the house of the manager on the hotel grounds, where he told us to keep out of sight as he knocked on the window.

The manager, Ms Joanne Hanekom, peered through the curtain, slightly opened the window and inquired in Afrikaans: "*Wat is die probleem?*" (What is the matter?).

He replied: "*Geen probleem nie, miesies, dis net drie boys and hulle se hulle is honger and hier geboek is*" (It's only three *boys* who say are hungry and have been booked here."

She called us out of our "hiding" place in the shadows and exclaimed: "You must be Mr Molefe, we were beginning to wonder what happened to you. Can I be of help?"

I again repeated our lament of hunger, thirst and fatigue and the sad part of being involved in the near fatal mishap.

She said: "Oh, how sad. The cook has knocked off, but I can try something."

After an hour - about 1am exactly - she and her daughter served us piping hot grilled baby chicken, rice and ice cream and biscuits. All this was meticulously laid out on three trays with starched serviettes and flowers to boot.

Meanwhile, we were sipping cold beer as we waited.

The next morning she asked whether we had eaten and slept well. We could not thank her enough.

In fact, she told us how bad a cook she was and how worried she had been that we would not like the food.

The moral of the story is this: Hanekom is white, an Afrikaner, and we are black. The hotel is in a conservative town and, frankly, we expected to fight our way, maybe even stalk out crying racism.

Somewhere out there people are trying to build bridges and in Nelspruit Ms Joanne Hanekom is one of them. And I am convinced she was not patronising.

FOCUS



It's been a long, hard and bitter time in South Africa. But good things, even if they are small things, do happen between people. We hope very much that they will happen more and more. It is in this spirit that *Sowetan* publishes today the heart-warming experience of Staff Reporter THEMBA MOLEFE ....

East Rand a hotbed of racism

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By MONWABISI NOMADOLO

WE hear that apartheid is dead, but its ghost is still haunting much of the East Rand ... and even Johannesburg.

Racist legislation has been repealed yet it seems many whites have not heard that the Separate Amenities Act no longer exists. I found this out at the Boksburg North Hotel bar, which is mainly patronised by Afrikaans-speaking whites.

I dropped in for a drink the other evening and got a hostile reception.

One irate patron became really hot under the collar.

"Gaan daardie kant!" (Go to the other side!) he snarled and pointed to a bar reserved for blacks.

Of the three bars in the hotel, the one for blacks is the dingiest and least welcoming.

By contrast the ladies' bar, frequented by whites, is cosy and carpeted.

When I asked the teenage son of hotel manager Erika van der Waal why blacks could not drink with whites, he became quite rude.

"Moenie my vra nie. Vra vir die baas van die plek," he said. (Do not ask me, ask the boss of this place.)

I refused to drop my line of questioning.

"What is the difference between black and white?"

Wagging his finger at me, the youth warned: "As jy my weer vra, ek gaan my pa roep en hy gaan jou slaan." (If you ask me again, I'm going to call my father and he will hit you.)

It's well known that the East Rand has not quite caught up with the times, but Johannesburg is reputed to be more in touch.

So City Press editor Khulu Sibiya was surprised this week when he needed to use the loo while on business at Killarney Toyota and was shown to a dirty, smelly backyard toilet.

Black workers later told me they were not allowed to use the other, clean toilets.

Sales manager of the garage, Hyman Dinnern, denied the toilets were segregated.

"Blacks use the back toilet because they want to. We are open here and do not discriminate."

Back on the East Rand, racial discrimination was in evidence wherever I went.

A black secretary at the Springs Medical Centre told me that toilets in the building were also segregated.

She said the white staff kept a key for a toilet they used and the unlocked ones were used by blacks.

In Springs, whites prefer not to swim rather than swim with blacks. The Casseldale pool closed after blacks were legally allowed to use the facility.

Trevor Baily of the Legal Resources Centre won a court interdict last year preventing the Springs Town Council banning blacks from the pool.

The Springs golf course is also still an all-white affair, according to KwaThema's Mphumelelo Golf Club spokesman, Dr Sydney Mogafe

Municipal buses in Springs have been desegregated, but it doesn't help residents of KwaThema because the service doesn't go into the township.

National Party MP for Springs, Piet Coetzer, said this was because the black taxi service was "doing a good job"

When I took a ride on a "white" bus I got hostile stares from the white passengers. Most blacks are too afraid to ride these buses

A visit to the Far East Rand Hospital revealed that 25 black patients were sleeping on the floor while six wards were empty in the "white" section

Hospital superintendent Dr F Barnard said he could not open the unused wards because of a staff shortage

Next month the "black" section of the hospital will move to the newly-built R50-million 570-bed Pholosong Hospital in Tsakane

Even though the outlook for integration seems bleak, South African Institute of Race Relations executive director, John Kane-Berman, is optimistic that racial barriers will be bridged

"Though the Separate A[illegible] Act has been officially abolished, you can't stop individuals and private institutions from discriminating

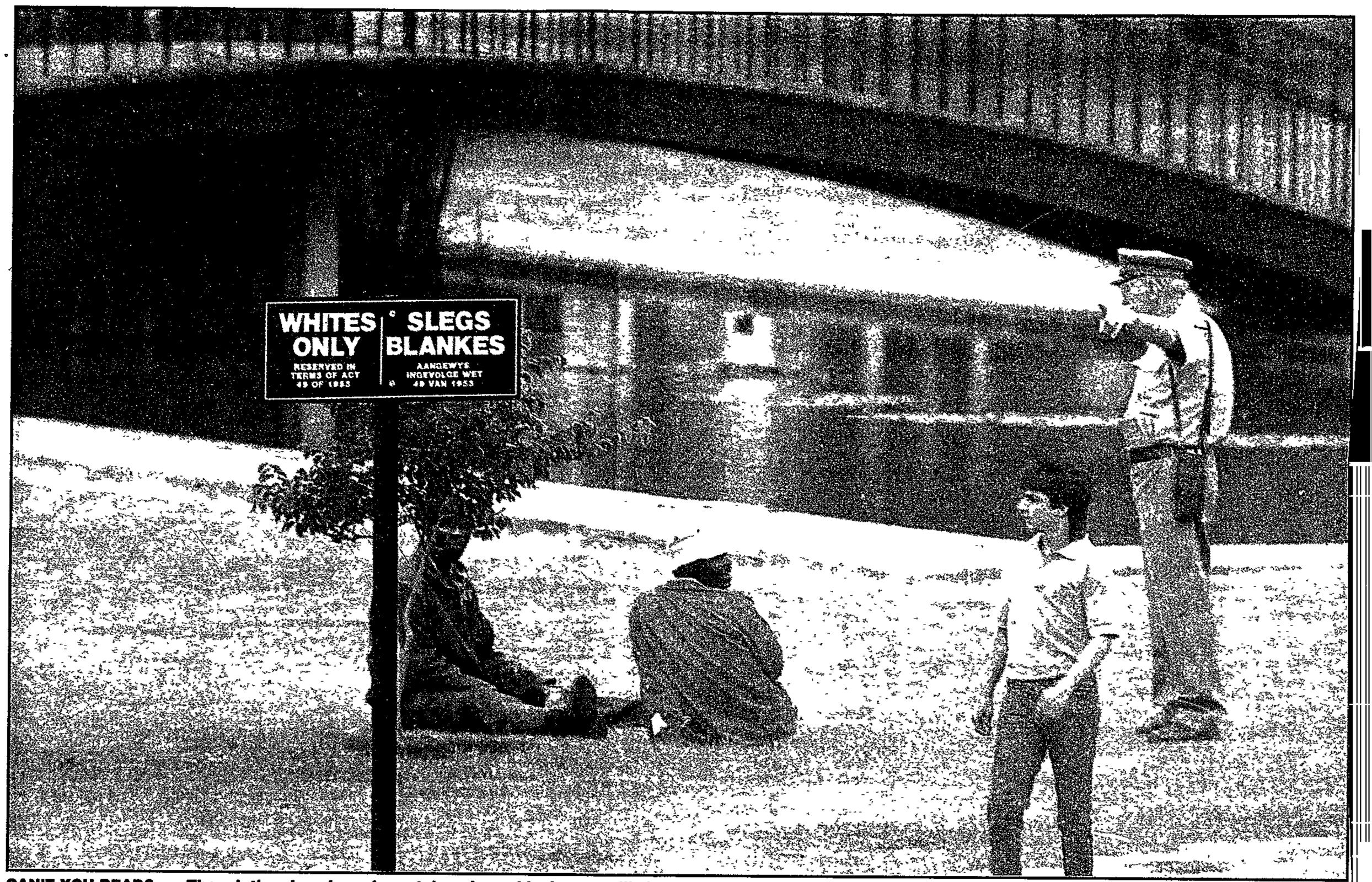
"But both black and white will overcome the problem"

Open residential areas and the reclassification of 205 white schools for blacks this year was the right step towards racial [illegible]

"Apartheid caused racial friction and so will its breakdown"

KwaThema resident Julius Shabalala said racial segregation had no part in a new non-racial South Africa.

"We need a colour-blind generation of South Africans who were not raised in the cradle of [illegible]



CAN'T YOU READ? ... Though the signs have been taken down, blacks are still victims of racial discrimination.

WHITE'S STILL RIGHT

Bishop forgives racist snub

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ALL OVER . . . Bishop Barnabas Lekganyane "knows what Pietersberg is like" and harbours no ill-feelings.

CP Reporter

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Church 'discrimi-nates'

By MONWABISI NOMADOLO

DISGRUNTLED black members have accused the white-dominated Old Apostolic Church of Africa of racism, nepotism and corruption.

The church, with more than six million members, is said to be the largest in South Africa. If this is so, it has twice the membership of the Zion Christian Church headed by Bishop Barnabas Lekganyane in Moria.

Young members, who have formed a concerned group, have accused older members of being "conservative and scared of whites". There are divisions within the church, the group said.

A spokesman for the group, who feared expulsion and would not give his name, said their aim was not to destroy the church, but to "highlight our plight and remedy the situation".

A prominent priest, who has now been excommunicated, said: "We have failed to reform the church from within, so we want the whole world to know that we are discriminated against."

He said black people were not allowed to use white church halls for worshipping.

"In Turffontein blacks are not wanted in the church building. In Yeoville, residents and domestic workers living there can only use the buildings when the white congregants leave.

"Why should they discriminate against us when blacks are the largest contributors to the church?"

According to the church constitution, all working members must contribute a tithe (10 percent) of their income to the church.

The group member said blacks had no say in the running of the church. "This has led to nepotism. We are not shown balance sheets or any financial statements," they said.

Last October, a memorandum outlining grievances was handed to the church's Apostolate – the supreme ruling body.

The group alleges that an old people's home, Eden Aged Home, built with church funds, is for whites only. "We cannot get housing or business loans from the church, but whites can."

Transvaal region secretary HJ Kleynhans described the allegations as "utterly untrue".

"I'm not aware of any racism in the church. It is an open church and there are correct channels to follow for grievances," he said.

"I don't care to discuss false allegations. I've been an office-bearer for 20 years and I know the church has spent a lot of money on halls for blacks."

Kleyhans refused to confirm that the old age home was for whites only.

In a faxed statement to City Press, he said: "The church is mindful of its responsibility towards its congregants and undertakes to do everything in its power to bring these unfortunate events to an end. All allegations of whatever nature which are supported by fact will be given urgent attention."

He confirmed that the church had a burial fund for blacks to give them "proper burials". A spokesman for the group said whites did not have to subscribe to the fund to get these benefits, but blacks paid an additional R4 a month.

The memorandum also alleged that almost R500 000 had disappeared from church funds.

The group has already consulted Lawyers for Human Rights.

Whites breach racial barrier

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WHITES in Brakpan breached their concrete wall on Saturday to meet black neighbours for a braai in the no-man's-land between them.

About 120 whites from the suburb of Dalpark joined some 400 blacks from the Tamboville squatter camp to collect 400 bags of garbage from the wasteland that separates them - and then they held a braai together.

"This is very good. It makes me feel very happy," said Godfrey, who recently left a backyard shack in the Wattville township to build a small wood-and-iron shack in Tamboville.

But organiser Mr Steve Erasmus acknowledged that few of the white residents turned up and said plans to complete the 2,5km concrete barrier between Dalpark and Tamboville were unaffected by the get-together.

"The wall is not the issue here. It's not negotiable," said Erasmus, a member of the town council that is spending R80 000 to erect the two-metre barrier of concrete panels.

"The message of this day is a message of friendship, of love. It is saying to us: Get together, be friends," he said.

Tamboville community leader Mr Abe Nyalunga agreed the joint venture showed that blacks and whites could co-operate across racial, residential and wealth barriers.

But he insisted that the wall was an affront to every black person in Tamboville and would have to come down.

"The wall will have to go. That is not an absolute and immediate demand, but it must go progressively as the people get to know each other here," he said.

Erasmus said the residents demanded the wall when they saw that Tamboville was expanding towards them and paid for it out of local taxes.

One white resident who said he did not want the wall was pensioner Mr William Peasley. He said he had never been troubled by his black neighbours and completion of the wall would block his view.

"This is a wonderful opportunity to show what can be done in this new South Africa," he said.

- *Sapa-Reuter*



Planting the seed of goodwill: Tamboville residents joined hands with their Dalpark neighbours to plant a tree of goodwill. Relations between the two communities have been strained following the building of a wall by Dalpark residents to divide the two communities.

Pic: MBUZENI ZULU

TOWN WITH NO SHAME

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By MONWABISI NOMADOLO

I NOW know that there are no-go areas for blacks in the northern Transvaal.

On Wednesday a City Press team set off for the far flung *dorp* of Messina on Zimbabwe's border.

Our brief was to cover a story of a 15-year-old black boy who was welded and set alight by a white farmer.

The farmer received a R5 000 fine, a five year suspended sentence and must pay the boy R40 000.

City Press had received numerous reports of widespread violence against black farm labourers by white farmers.

We'd heard that the area was plagued with foulmouthed white racists who openly called blacks "kaffirs" and "*bobbejaan*" with impunity.

It didn't take long for all of this to impress itself upon us.

Our arrival at the Impala Lily Motel at 8 pm was greeted by a wall of hateful stares.

Unknown to us, we'd entered a "no-go area".

It had been a long, hot day and the three of us – driver Lucas Ntsoelengoe, photographer Siphiwe Mhlambi and myself – were keen to wash away the dust with a few pints.

We ignored the glares and ordered a round from a somewhat perplexed barman.

We were later joined by two white English-speaking travellers from Johannesburg.

One was a businessman who had just arrived from Zimbabwe and the other was a young tourist.



LICKING HIS WOUNDS ... Photographer Siphiwe Mhlambi nurses the gash in his leg.

Feeling famished, I headed for the adjacent dining hall and tried to order a humble toasted cheese and tomato sandwich.

I was studiously ignored by the waiters who were nervously serving the whites.

Call it a black sport in a snow-white hall, but after waiting a full 30 minutes, I realised that my humble toasted sandwich was beyond the culinary comprehension of this lowlife joint.

Back in the bar, there was much merriment as our party enjoyed a liquid meal.

One of our companions had a liberal background while the other admired Nelson Mandela.

I had just got into my room when I was rudely disturbed.

"They are beating us ... they are beating us !" came the cries of our by now visibly terrified young companion.

Rushing into the main building I came upon a man who could easily be mistaken for an Afrikander bull.

He seemed to herd me into the building while uttering strange words.

He suddenly gave me a terrific elbow blow in the stomach and I instinctively fired off a blow against his ribcage.

I surprised myself: It was an uppercut Mike Tyson might have approved of. I was not sorry.

I headed for the front door which was barred by another thin white.

We collided, fists flew, and I hurled him into his buddy, who was loping up behind me.

My colleagues had been enterprising. They were in the car outside with the engine running. I leapt in and we lit out.

Bleeding from an ugly gash in his leg from a broken glass, Mhlambi said that he was prevented from leaving the bar by two Afrikaans-speaking whites.

However, his new found friend, the white youngster, had stepped in to defend him. The thugs had jumped on the youth, kicking and punching him on the ground.

He said a group of SADF men drinking at the bar had ordered him to "sit down" when he wanted to stop the brawl.

He said it wasn't long before he too found himself on the ground being beaten.

Without apologising, the motel manager has suggested we lay a charge.

Racist attack on school pool fails to stop kids' gala

ST Times 20/10/91

By CHARLES LEONARD

A SCHOOL swimming pool was sabotaged with oil on the eve of an inter-high gala apparently because an Indian pupil was to take part.

But the saboteurs chose the wrong pool and the gala went ahead as planned.

Large quantities of used car oil were dumped into the pool of the Lord Milner Primary School 30km south of Warmbaths. The word "poison" was also painted on walls surrounding the pool and on the podium.

It happened on Friday night — the day before seven schools were due to compete in the annual inter-school gala at the pool.

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But at the last minute the venue was switched to the neighbouring multiracial Settlers High School.

Mr Spike van Schalkwyk, the Settlers High principal, said yesterday: "I am distressed because it seems the act was aimed at my school.

"I find it an illogical reaction with clearly political overtones."

The primary school rescheduled its gala, which also took place yesterday afternoon, to the high school pool.

Police are investigating but no arrests have yet been made.

Settlers High, which is in the Waterberg constituency of Conservative Party leader Dr Andries Treurnicht, opted for the Model B school system earlier this year. It has one Indian pupil and is the only English-medium agricultural school in the Transvaal.

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PUBLIC AMENITIES

Stuck in the mud

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A storm is brewing over the normally tranquil waters of Hartbeespoort Dam. Allegations have been levelled that plans to restrict access to the public amenity are simply a thinly disguised ploy to introduce back-door apartheid based on property ownership.

While the racially based Group Areas and Public Amenities Acts have officially been wiped off the statute books, other methods of applying racial segregation seem to be all the vogue. One can understand, if not forgive, white conservative strongholds seeking to prevent people of other races using what they consider their amenities by making them too expensive. It's another matter when such amenities have been paid for by taxpayers and not ratepayers.

Yet that appears to be exactly what one of the local authorities which will probably soon take over responsibility for administering Hartbeespoort Dam could be planning. Property developer Tim Cuningham, of Wall Hollard Estates, quotes Kosmos town clerk André du Preez — Kosmos is one of two municipal areas bordering the dam — as saying that access to what is one of the few aquatic facilities near the Reef may be closed to all but property owners in the area. The reason: "To counter an expected population explosion and to combat overcrowding as a result of the increasing number of leisure and residential building projects, particularly on the dam's southern shore."

So-called overcrowding of public facilities is often a famous euphemism for too many blacks.

Cuningham has latched on to the comment and used it to market properties on the dam, including Hollard's latest waterside development, Eagle's Landing. He argues: "Developers of residential and leisure projects have been told that they will be granted exclusive permits for owners to use boats on the dam. That means that unless one owns property, or timeshare, one just won't be able to launch a boat."

Cuningham believes a decision to restrict use of the dam waters could have two important spinoffs: "First, boat owners will have to buy property at the dam to secure water. Secondly, the move, by preventing overcrowding, will enhance the already high value of dam properties."

Others, however, see all this as aimed at reintroducing apartheid.

Kosmos town clerk Du Preez, however, strongly denies ever having suggested that the dam would be exclusively reserved for property owners. He maintains that Cuningham raised the permit issue with him and that he stressed that Kosmos residents would retain long-established rights to use the dam. Furthermore, residents and boating club members had established a joint organisation — the Hartbeespoort Dam Association — to take control of the dam waters to ensure fair and safe boating.

Kosmos mayor Corrie Cartwright also takes strong exception to any suggestion that Kosmos is conservative in any way."We aren't pro-apartheid. If anything we align ourselves to Sandton and Randburg and stand for multiracial local government," says Cartwright. "It is not our idea to make it exclusive. This is the idea of Cuningham's and perhaps some of the other developers."

Any suggestion of exclusivity for local property owners has drawn strong reaction.

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A storm among the lily-white teacups

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By PORTIA MAURICE

WHILE the search is on for the elusive "new South Africa", some single parents have turned back the clock to the more comfortable era of social apartheid.

At a meeting last week the Single Parents Group (SPG) — an upmarket Johannesburg club of over 10 years' standing for divorced mothers and fathers — voted to keep itself lily-white, in the face of a few tentative inquiries from black would-be members.

By secret ballot, about 70 of the 450-odd parents voted to blacken out a clause in the SPG constitution which said "membership will be open to all races", to ensure exclusivity at social events. The lone dissenting voice was librarian Maxine Pendlebury, a member of the West Rand committee.

Social squeamishness is what caused this little storm.

"The SPG holds regular social events, and hosts and hostesses were afraid that kombi-loads of lower-class blacks would invade their homes to gobble up the food and cause havoc," Pendlebury explained to *The Weekly Mail*. "They are terrified of socialising with black people — they will work with them, buy with them and have them tend to their children, but at parties they draw a line."

According to public relations officer Sammy Vandewalle, the SPG is a "cultural group to help divorcees who suddenly find themselves sole supporters of children". The group organises games evenings, lift clubs, dances, weekends away and a host of social-support mechanisms for those learning to cope with life after the nuclear family.

Both custodian and non-custodian parents are eligible for membership, which entails a strict screening process. There are more women than men, and many are estate agents, secretaries, teachers or railway and post office workers, Pendlebury said.

Contrary to current trends, though, the SPG holds up race, rather than class, as the dividing line

"It's a very touchy subject," Vandewalle said when asked about the group's exclusivity. She said she had voted for the motion herself and feels times are changing so fast that white attitudes can't keep pace.

"These days, if you do things which might have been normal a long time ago it gets plastered as racism," she said. "South Africa is moving ahead but people are still very scared. We could not force people to open up their homes if they didn't want to and so we had to take a stand. We knew that when the press got hold of this we would be in for a royal time."

Four or five calls from "other ethnic groups" prompted the SPG's executive council to call a special meeting to vote on the constitutional change. Vandewalle said 99,9 percent of the members indicated that if all races were allowed they would withdraw their homes from use for social events.

"We've done this mainly for control," she added. "I can go to a function like a queen bee and as soon as I've had a couple of drinks my personality changes completely. We will gladly assist blacks to start groups in their own areas, though."

Vandewalle acknowledged that whites also had to be disciplined sometimes for misbehaviour. "I know you get good blacks and bad blacks," she said. "The colour of your skin does not make you a better or worse person, and you find whites that are appalling. But for our members we have very strict rules — first warnings and then blacklisting — mainly to protect the women."

It wasn't just blacks on whom the doors had been closed, she added, "it's Indians, coloureds, Chinese people — any non-white basically".

But the SPG has not had the courage to replace the fallen clause with a whites-only one in the constitution. Rather, they're leaving things open to chance.

"We don't want to be deadpan and say it's only for whites," Vandewalle explained. "We want to let the dust settle for a while and see how people's attitudes change."

Whites-only parks not justified (285) Star 20/11/91 appeal judge

BLOEMFONTEIN — Decisions to exclude races other than whites from several Carletonville parks in 1988 and 1989 could not be justfied in terms of the Separate Amenities Act of 1953, the Appeal Court in Bloemfontein found yesterday.

The Carletonville Town Council's decisions to reserve parks in the white residential area and opposite the Civic Centre was not a proper and bona fide execution of the discretion granted it under the Act.

Although the Act had been repealed, the validity of the decisions under the Act had to be tested because it was relevant to the order for costs that had been granted against Gert Petrus Jacobs, who was mayor at the time, and against the town council.

On August 29 1989 the Judge President of the Transvaal, Mr Justice C F Eloff, declared in the Transvaal Supreme Court that the council's decisions of November 29 1988 and March 20 1989 — to reserve the parks for whites — were null and void.

Yesterday, Mr Justice Botha, with the concurrence of the Chief Justice Mr Justice Corbett, Mr Justice Smalberger, Mr Justice Milne and Mr Justice Nienaber, dismissed an appeal by Mr Jacobs and the council, with costs which include those of two counsel.

The judge said that when the council took the decisions, it neglected to give attention to the rights of many people who would be affected. It was fundamentally important to have done so, and the inference was that the council had been overhasty and irresponsible.

The judge said the court depended on a statement by J J G. Nel, chairman of the council's management committee, to find the reasons for the council's decision. He said the statement had failed to give a clear answer to the issue of motivation.

The judge held that the council's duty was not confined to residents in the restricted sense, but also to members of the broader community of Carletonville and its environs.

There were thousands of blacks housed in mine hostels and nearby in Khutsong. They were not residents of the town, but worked there, did business, shopped and visited. They were an actual and material part of the broad community of Carletonville, he said. — Sapa.

Court rules on ban against blacks

Sowetan 20/11/91 (285)

THE Carletonville Town Council's decision to bar blacks from its parks was declared null and void by the Appeal Court in Bloemfontein yesterday.

The court found that the exclusion of races other than white from several Carletonville parks in 1988 and 1989 could not be justified in terms of the now-defunct Separate Amenities Act of 1953.

It upheld a decision of the Transvaal Supreme Court in August 1989 that the council's decision had been invalid.

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It was wrong to suggest there was a dividing line.

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mainly violets. Picture: Karen Fletcher

3 injured as teargas disrupts Ermelo party

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By Bronwyn Wilkinson

Revellers at a company Christmas party in Ermelo left the hall in tears and terror when teargas poured from a sabotaged air-conditioning system.

A seven-month-old baby and two women were admitted to hospital after the party turned to pandemonium in the latest episode of racial hatred in the eastern Transvaal town.

A source close to Ermelo Mines said the trouble started when the company applied to have the annual bash at the town's civic centre.

"Ermelo Mines has always fought for its nonracial policy," he said. But, knowing the issue was probably a sensitive one, management decided to apply for permission to allow black employees to a function on council property," he said.

After several delays, a court order was granted on November 12, to the effect that the party could go ahead and blacks would be welcome.

"But black staff decided not to attend the party because they had been threatened and intimidated and they said they did not want to be the cause of any embarrassment or trouble."

Company staff who prepared the hall on Friday night found nails in their car tyres.

Also that evening, several shops and homes had slogans such as "landsverraier" (traitor) painted on the walls.

By the time guests arrived at the hall on Saturday night, a crowd of protesters had gathered outside.

Eastern Transvaal police liaison officer Major Schalk Pienaar said the crowd of about 50 held placards "expressing their dissatisfaction at the multiracial party being held there".

He confirmed that no black guests had arrived.

Major Pienaar said the crowd was addressed by Conservative Party MP for Ermelo, Moolman Mentz, who asked them not to disrupt the party. The crowd promised Mr Mentz the protest would be peaceful.

"Then, at about 7.20, the caterer asked for the airconditioning to be switched on to keep the food cool," he said.

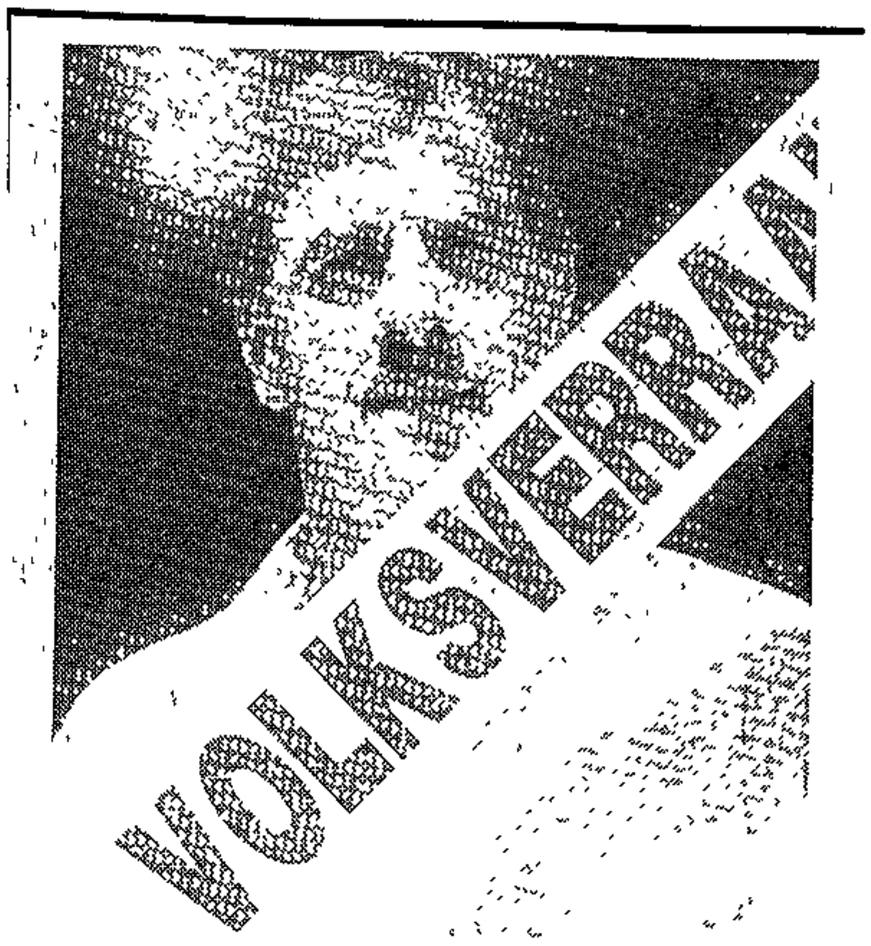
"The next thing I knew, it was pandemonium," he said.

A baby lying near an airconditioning unit started struggling and crying.

"There were several elderly people in the hall and one woman who had recently had an operation injured herself again," he said.

Two women and the baby were taken to hospital, but were later discharged.

Police are investigating a charge of assault with intent to do grievous bodily harm. No arrests have been made.



'TRAITOR TO THE PEOPLE' . . . Councillor Piet de Beer Picture: COBUS BODENSTEIN

It's the Suicide Option

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TOWN WOULD RATHER DIE THAN GO MULTIRACIAL

By CHARIS PERKINS

THE elected leaders of the platteland community of Ermelo would rather see their town destroyed than allow it to become part of the new South Africa.

The tense town squared up for battle this week after teargas poured from a sabotaged air-conditioning system at a multiracial mining function in the city hall.

Shocked and angry businessmen said such actions would destroy the town because investors would be scared away. And Ermelo Mines, a subsidiary of Genmin and the town's biggest investor, declared it would boycott whoever was guilty.

But the CP-controlled council — while denying responsibility for the incident — declared that it was willing to fight its battle against a non-racial society to the bitter end.

"In the 1988 municipal elections, we promised our voters we would keep this town white — and our word is our honour," said the management committee's deputy chairman, Mr Hein Mentz.

Independent councillor Mr Piet de Beer was expelled from a heated council meeting this week after he asked CP councillors: "Did you charge Ermelo Mines a R2 000 deposit because you knew about the teargas and, therefore, expected more breakages?"

The deposit for the use of the city hall is normally R300, but the mining company was charged the maximum of R2 000.

Last weekend Mr De Beer was the target of graffiti writers, who daubed the windows of his agricultural supply store with slogans and stickers calling him a traitor to the people.

After he was thrown out of Thursday night's meeting, managment committee chairman Mr Thuys Snyman said the deposit was increased because of "rumours" of trouble.

The meeting also approved a motion to increase the maximum deposit from R2 000 to R100 000.

"That way no multiracial group will be able to afford the facility," said a top civic employee.

The drama began when Ermelo Mines applied to hold its annual end-of-year function at the city hall and informed the council that black people would be attending.

Judgment

The management committee sent the application to the administrator of the Transvaal, Mr Danie Hough. However, he referred the matter back to the council.

"But the council stubbornly refused to handle the application," said Ermelo Mines' human resources manager Andre de Deere.

On October 21 Ermelo Mines declared a dispute with the council and took the matter to the Pretoria Supreme Court. The judge ruled in the company's favour.

Right-wingers refused to take the judgment lying down and mine personnel preparing the hall the night before the function found their car wheels punctured with spikes.

About 100 right-wingers wielding placards, including Mr Thuys Snyman and the CP MP for the area, Mr Moolman Mentz, protested outside the hall before the function began on Saturday night.

During the function, the air-conditioning was switched on and the hall filled with teargas.

Ermelo's chief investigation officer, Lieutenant Jury Hayes was unable to comment on investigations late this week.

On Saturday afternoon, one of the Civic Centre's caretakers, Mr Dries McLaren, told the Ermelo Mines' caterer he could not turn on the air-conditioning because it was not working properly. He later admitted that Mr Snyman had instructed him not to turn it on.

Now Ermelo Mines — which employs more than 1 400 people and owns 170 houses in the town and 177 in Wesselton — has warned that it will do whatever is necessary to bring the saboteurs to justice.

"We have laid a charge of assault with intent to do grievous bodily harm and we intend to lay civil charges against whoever is involved," Mr De Deere said.

The company would boycott guilty parties, he said, adding that the 50 000-strong Wesselton township community would support the boycott.

Row as Ermelo raises civic centre deposit

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Ermelo Town Council can charge anything it likes for the hire of its facilities, as long as it is operating according to ordinance, the Transvaal Provincial Administration said yesterday.

The council has just increased the maximum deposit for use of the civic centre to R100 000.

A spokesman for the TPA said it had no comment on the decision made by the council at a stormy meeting on Thursday, as councils could use their own discretion in such matters as long as they operated within the law.

The decision has sparked a row between Conservative Party councillors and independents, who have warned that they will oppose the deposit increase.

CP-controlled management committee vice-chairman Hein Mentz said the previous maximum deposit of R9 000 was inadequate and the figure had merely been brought in line with current costs of repair.

"The increase has nothing to do with trying to prevent all races from using the facilities or the recent court order obtained by Ermelo Mines forcing the council to admit black employees to attend a mine function in the city hall.

"It is only a returnable deposit and we may never impose the maximum," he said.

Independent councillor Frikkie Beneke has dismissed Mr Mentz's comments and said repairs would be covered by council insurance. He said he would bring the matter to the Administrator's attention.

The office windows of independent Piet de Beer, who was ordered out of the chamber by mayor Barry Myburgh during Thursday's debate, have been defaced with sprayed signs reading "pig", "traitor" and "NP".

Phalaborwa showdown looms

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GAVIN DU VENAGE

A SHOWDOWN is looming between right-wingers and the ANC in Phalaborwa, following Tuesday's confrontation between heavily-armed AWB members and local residents.

Bloodshed was narrowly averted when police and business leaders stepped in to mediate between 2 500 residents and about 20 AWB Wenkommando members with rifles, dogs and knives. The confrontation occurred at a taxi rank that the CP-controlled council had previously closed.

Residents, who voted at the weekend to end a four-month consumer boycott, have refused to make use of a new council taxi rank they say is inferior.

ANC northern Transvaal deputy secretary Norman Mashabane said yesterday residents would stage a "defiance march" tomorrow to force the council to meet their representatives and discuss their demands.

Mashabane said residents voted last Sunday to end the boycott because "we are willing to talk to the council". But, following Tuesday's events, he said the boycott would be "considered seriously" again.

He said if residents opted for a renewed boycott it would be used selectively and target only CP-owned businesses. But Mashabane admitted that few such businesses depended heavily on blacks for custom.

He said residents were demanding the opening of all amenities, including schools and libraries, to all races and "the right to free political expression". He said the council had always acted harshly against any black political activity.

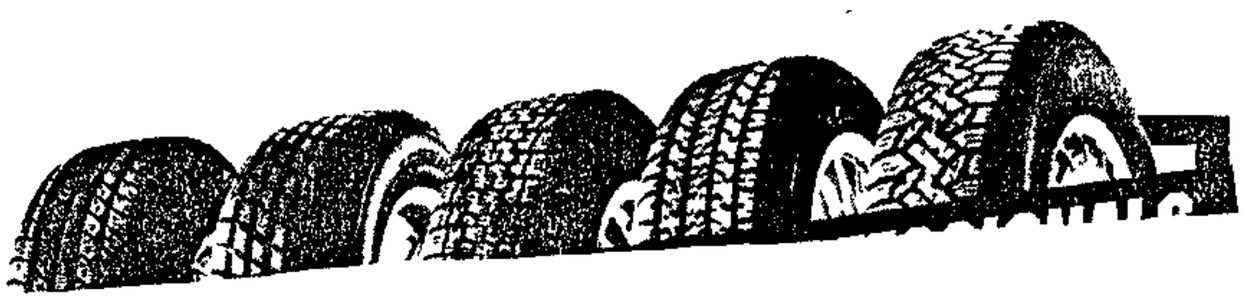
Mashabane also said residents wanted a "Koevoet" military unit and a "Renamo training camp" removed from the area. He accused "Koevoet bandits" of having killed seven residents since 1985.

Chamber of Business president Manie Kriel said he hoped the ANC would not march in the town as it would lead to unnecessary confrontation.

Kriel accused the town council of calling in the AWB on Tuesday when it became apparent that demonstrating residents would not leave the taxi rank.

He said he hoped the situation could be resolved peacefully, as a joint forum consisting of business people, the ANC and the NP had been established to discuss common problems. He added that the ANC had assured him the boycott would not be reinstituted.

Local AWB leader Fritz Meyer refused to comment on Tuesday's events, but described news reports of Tuesday's confrontation as "slanderous and insulting".



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New march planned on Phalaborwa

By MATHATHA TSEDU

TENSION has eased in Phalaborwa following the Saturday incidents in which 109 people were arrested for attempting a march on the town.

And with the old taxi rank that had unusable toilets still barred, local black leaders said yesterday a march was being planned for next week Saturday after which a decision on renewing the boycott will be taken.

One of the boycott committee members, Mr. Eric Ngobeni, said a meeting at Lulekani township on Sunday had decided that the leadership look at ways of forcing the "conservative boers in the town to toe the line"

Barbed wire

Matters came to a head last week when the town council unilaterally closed a taxi rank and told people to use a new one that had no toilets. This angered the residents, who decided on a march in the town and the forceful use of the closed rank which was surrounded by barbed wire.

It was during the attempted march that police rounded up 109 people - 25 of them under age - and charged them with disturbing the peace. They were fined R30 each.

Ngobeni said options open to the community included a stayaway and renewing the boycott which was lifted last week after running for four months. Ngobeni however disputed reports in a newspaper yesterday saying the boycott had been reimposed.

"We have applied for a permit to march in the town to protest against several things. The outcome of the march and whether it takes place at all, will determine the next course of action. But for now, we are waiting for the magistrate to indicate whether the permit is granted," Ngobeni said.

The town is controlled by the Conservative Party and the local AWB members have been infuriated not only by the boycott, but also by the move into formerly white areas of several blacks employed by the Phalaborwa Mining Company

Two of the people who have moved into town have been attacked and their properties damaged.

Anger as Tuks students turned away

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Law students at the University of Pretoria are furious after a Naboomspruit resort refused three students entry during an orientation getaway last weekend because they were not white.

The three students, part of a 100-student outing to the northern Transvaal, were told to pack their bags and leave on Friday night as the resort was for "whites only".

After heated discussions between the students and management of Die Oog resort outside Naboomspruit, the three were allowed to stay the night but were not allowed to leave the bungalow and were sent packing first thing in the morning.

"It's absolutely disgraceful," said the chairman of the law students' fraternity, Conrad Swanepoel.

"We are all very unhappy about the incident and have petitioned the university to take action."

Mr Swanepoel said while the three students left, the rest of the party stayed on for "economic reasons".

"If we had all left we would have lost the money we paid to the resort and also would have to reimburse the students. Unfortunately, we could not afford to so, so it was decided to stay without the three students."

The Rondalia Central Holiday Reservation Bureau, which manages the resort, said they had "no comment" as the manager was away. — Pretoria Correspondent.

In search of 'old' South Africa, I found the 'new'

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Has South Africa really changed? Weekly Mail reporter **JOSIAS CHABALALA,** *who recently returned to this country after 20 years, went to Pretoria to find out*

IT was in search of the old South Africa that I boarded an Arcadia-bound Pretoria City Transport bus at Church Square this week.

I had returned to South Africa a few weeks ago, after 20 years in the front-line states, Eastern and Western Europe.

How much, I wondered, had South Africa really changed? The Separate Amenities Act was gone, but had Pretoria's white residents noticed?

I nearly missed the bottom step and nervously made my way to the driver to buy a ticket to no place in particular, really.

As I held out a R10 note, the driver enquired in a normal tone where I was going.

For what seemed like a very long second, I was stuck for words. Where am I actually going? What bus stop should I name?

"Five stops from here," I said, rattled — then "up to the end of the route."

I had never seen blacks in a PCT bus — nor, I assume, had anyone else. But none of the passengers in the bus or those who boarded at the Square, all of whom were white, paid any attention to me as I took my seat.

I had decided on this experiment because I had noticed that as I entered Pretoria every day in a bus full of workers — all black — from Bophuthatswana we shared the road with buses full of workers — all white — from Mountainview, Wonderboom or Pretoria North.

A week ago I had travelled in Metro's third class coach and then a BTH bus with a white friend from the Netherlands and had drawn no more than furtive looks and very interesting comments from the commuters.

"This is how things should be. She is talking and laughing with that man (a reference to me) just in an ordinary way," said one middle-aged man.

"We are already in the 'new' South Africa, Codesa is working," said another in Setswana.

In the past blacks would enter the city buses when they were carrying white babies or accomanying their employers' pets. Just using the facility for what it is intended would have earned one nasty words from both the driver and commuters alike, at the very least. Punches and kicks were the normal responses for being "cheeky".

With this mindset, I had asked one of my white colleagues in Johannesburg to accompany me with a camera — a proven weapon of protection or a stimulus to action, should things go wrong during my probings.

Not entirely convinced that the bus driver's reaction, and that of the passengers, was representative, the photograher and I went into one of the formerly excusive public toilets around the Square. I entered, following two white schoolboys, and had to squeeze past a large bearded white man at the door. I stood aside to let him out, but drew no reaction at all. Inside there were black and white people using the urinal, side by side.

I suggested we try eating at one of the cities posh "white" restaurants. There we ordered a meal, without even an eyebrow being raised by the white patrons - I was the only black in the restaurant.

I asked the owner, who is white, if the use of his restaurant by black clients would not adversely affect his business. He said no, not at the moment, though he perceived an ominous shift to the right in the city whose long term effect could not be calculated.

He said he observes many incidents in the street outside his restaurant where black people are rudely treated, or harassed in one way or another and is worried that racism and tensions in the town are on the increase.

A visit to the caravan park north of the city failed to confirm this, when we observed people of mixed race quietly getting on with their activities, seemingly oblivious to the colour of the skins of those around them.

The same scene confronted us at the famous "Fountains" resort, where although prices seem to have gone up (R5 a person for day visitors), we could find no sign of any racial tensions.

The rumblings from the white extreme right notwithstanding, goodwill seems to be taking root in the capital city. In search of the "old" South Africa in the heartland of classical apartheid, I may have stumbled upon glimmerings of the new.



Moving into the future ... Josias Chabalala boards a Pretoria bus and not an eyebrow is raised Photo: KEVIN CARTER

FW gets letter on beerhall

By THEMBA KHUMALO

A DESPERATE Lebohang township businessman in Leslie has written to President FW de Klerk to ask him to intervene in what he views as a racist sale of a township beerhall to a white man.

Peter Mahlangu said he and six colleagues tendered R300 000 for the purchase of a local beerhall in July last year.

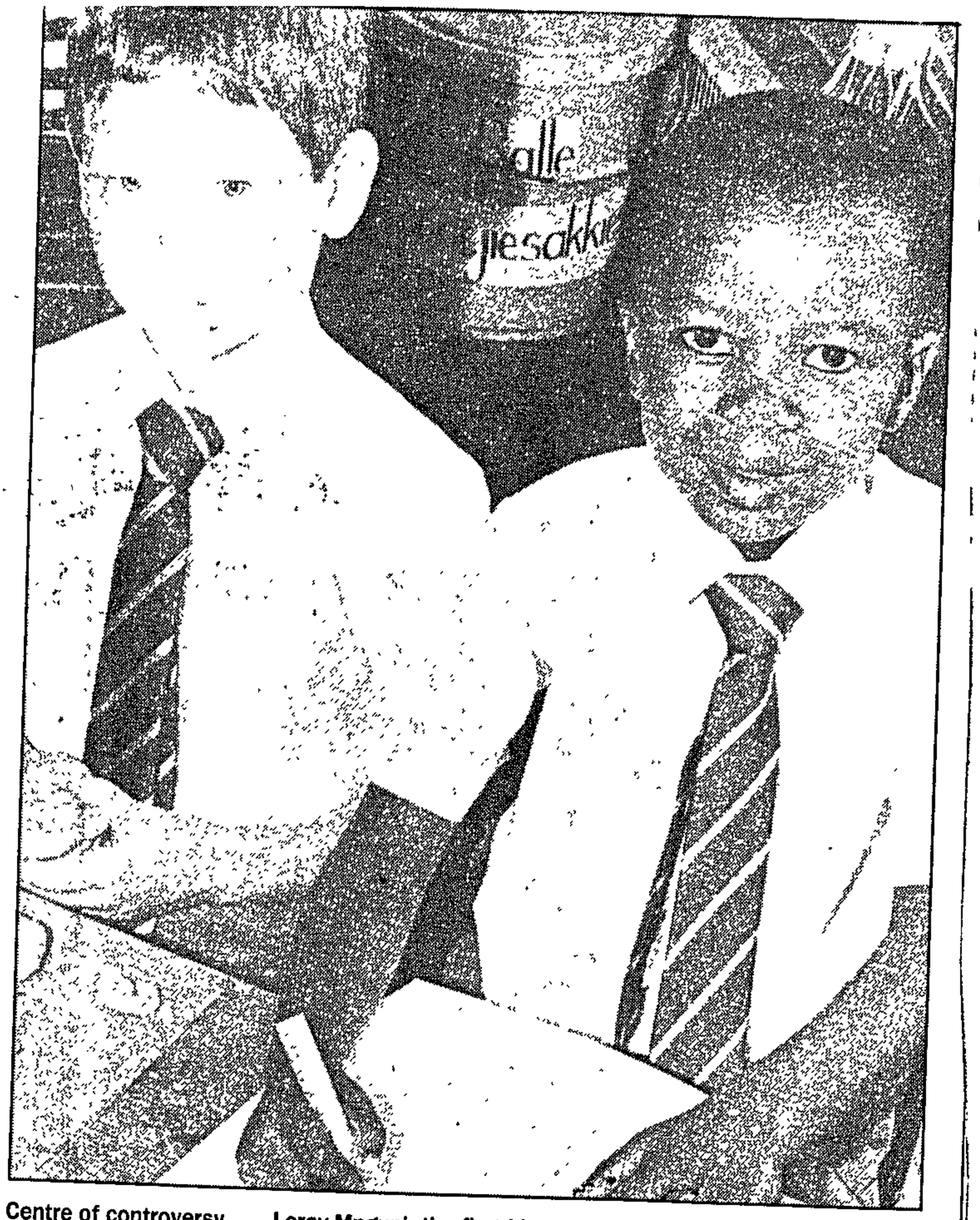
Officials of the Lebohang Village Council had told them that as locals their application would get preference.

The businessmen were informed last month that their application was unsuccessful. The council refused to disclose the lucky applicant, whom the businessmen believe had paid R400 000.

Mahlangu said: "The next thing a white man was the new owner. We believe he is a rich guy from Standerton, but no one has told us officially about him."

He said he had done "everything conceivable" to oppose the sale.

He had even written to two TPA MECs, who informed him that they had investigated the matter and found that the village officials had followed the correct procedure in tendering for and selling the beerhall.



Centre of controversy . . . Leroy Mnguni, the first black Voortrekker, and classmate Ryno Zeelie. His mother, Penny Steyn, says Leroy has no conception of race.

Voortrekker leaders quit over ban

By Carina le Grange (285) (89) -3 STAR 25/3/92

The executive of the 42-year-old Jan Celliers Voortrekker Commando resigned last night after the first black's membership was revoked this week because of a "whites-only" clause in the movement's constitution.

Leroy Mnguni (7), a pupil at the Jan Celliers Laërskool in Johannesburg who is fluent in Afrikaans, was initiated as a member only two weeks ago.

The movement's top leadership had asked that his membership be withdrawn since membership was restricted to whites.

His mother, Penny Steyn, said Leroy did not understand why he could no longer be a member of the Voortrekkers since he had no concept of race.

The decision to resign was formalised last night with the approval of members' parents during a meeting, part of which was held behind closed doors.

A senior regional leader, Anette Lemmer, had urged the commando members at the meeting not to leave the movement as they would be able to effect changes in the constitution only if they remained members. But the executive and parents confirmed their stand after a meeting lasting almost two hours.

The decision of the executive to resign affects between 50 and 60 children in the Parkview area and an officer corps that had been associated with the movement for between three and 30 years, former Jan Celliers Commando leader Johan Goosen said last night.

Mrs Steyn said that as a photographic and television model, Leroy was often in the public eye and thus not unused to the sudden attention which escalated into controversy this week.

Mrs Steyn welcomed the fact that the decision of the executive showed that people stood up for what they believed in.

● The movement's leader, the Rev Johan van der Walt, had said earlier yesterday that the Voortrekkers were unlikely ever to become multiracial because of the organisation's nature.

He said he had been in touch with the Inkatha Freedom Party to encourage it to create a similar cultural movement for young Zulus.

He would also write a letter to Leroy and, explain why he could not be a Voortrekker.



REJECTED: All Leroy Mnguni wanted was to be with his chums, so he tried to sign up with the Voortrekkers. ● Photograph: JOHN HOGG.

Boy Scouts prepared to rescue Leroy

CAROLINE HURRY

THE Boy Scouts have come to the rescue of Leroy Mnguni, the child who this week threw the entire Voortrekker establishment into disarray

After the national Voortrekker leadership rejected Leroy's membership, the entire executive of the 42-year-old Jan Celliers Voortrekker Commando resigned in protest over the "whites-only" membership policy.

Into the breech stepped the Randburg branch of the Boy Scouts, which said it would be delighted if Leroy joined them

All Leroy wanted was to be with his mates, said his foster mother, Penny Steyn. Leroy is a Grade One pupil at the Jan Celliers Laerskool in Johannesburg His three closest friends are Voortrekkers

"Initially when he asked me if he could join, I tried to dissuade him because I personally felt the Voortrekkers were a bunch of nerds. But he was so keen I finally sent in the application forms," said Steyn

Leroy's real mother, Lina Mnguni, works for Steyn's father Steyn looks after Leroy as she does not work during the day.

Voortrekker movement leader, the Rev Johan van der Walt, told Steyn he had personally written a letter to Leroy explaining why he was not allowed to join the organisaton

The Voortrekkers, he said, were unlikely to become multiracial

Steyn said Van der Walt would be visiting her home on Tuesday to deliver the letter and explain in person to Leroy why he may not be a member of the organisation

"The whole furore hasn't seemed to bother Leroy too much. I told him he had not been accepted because he was too young to join, but after overhearing a few conversations, Leroy has realised the real reason is because he has a black skin," she said

A representative of the Jan Celliers Voortrekker Commando, which has now withdrawn from the national movement over Leroy's treatment, said it would consider "other nonpolitical cultural movements like the Boy Scouts and the Wildlife Society"

He said Leroy's membership "was not the issue. There has been a difference before between the movement leadership and the Commando and it would have come to a head at some point. We have wanted to enrol members of colour in the past, which we have no problem with if they underwrite the Christian values and norms of the movement"

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Boshoff: this would be fatal

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FRANS ESTERHUYSE

CAPE TOWN — The Voortrekker youth movement will cease to exist in its present form if it opens its membership to all races, says right-wing intellectual Professor Carel Boshoff

Boshoff, a former national leader of the Voortrekkers, yesterday condemned the controversy over the membership of Leroy Mnguni (7), saying it had been contrived to embarrass the movement.

"I have no doubt that this incident was calculated as an arm-twisting move to create an embarrassing situation. The humiliation of the boy and of the Zulu nation rests on the shoulders of the little group of people responsible."

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they have lost confidence in the police," he said.

Pick 'n Pay shelves jumps

By S'BU MNGADI

PICK 'n Pay's policy of making women workers do "starjumps" to find stolen items under their clothes has been stopped after a judge called it "possibly an injuria of the most extreme degree" in the Maritzburg Supreme Court this week.

But the supermarket chain has denied it was its policy to make women workers strip down to their panties and then pull them down to their knees.

Mbali Mhlongo is claiming about R35 000 from Pick 'n Pay and Anthony Arnold, a former manager at its Hayfields branch.

Mhlongo claimed on September 23 1989 she and two other cleaners jumped up and down when ordered by Arnold. However, when Arnold told them to take off their clothes, including panties, she refused.

Colour-blind Leroy 'confused'

By DESMOND BLOW

YESTERDAY six-year-old Leroy Mguni was happily romping with his two-year-old white "sister" in Blairgowrie not knowing that he had innocently disrupted one of Afrikanerdom's most sacred institutions – the Voortrekker movement.

His enthusiasm in joining his white school pals in nature conservation and sleeping outdoors in a tent now threatens to break up the movement because its national leader, the Rev Johan van der Walt, kicked Leroy out.

Van der Walt was shocked when he read a newspaper report on Monday that Leroy had become the first black child to join the Voortrekkers and immediately

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HE'S MY BROTHER . . . Leroy Mnguni, the boy who was kicked out of the Voortrekkers, is comforted by his two-year-old sister, Lauren.

■ Pic: TLADI KHUELE

Loo that caused a hullabaloo

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By DAN DHLAMINI

THE use of a toilet at Klerksdorp's Saambou National Building has caused a serious row among tenants.

The trouble started last week when Pinky Tshabalala, a black receptionist at advocate Marietjie van Aswegen's office, was reprimanded by Saambou National's caretaker for using the "whites only" toilet.

"The caretaker came to my office accompanied by a white woman and, in full view of our clients and some lawyers, accused me of using the toilet. I later discovered that the white woman was the wife of Anchor Life manager Braam Pretorius on the same floor as us. She was aggressive and adamant that I should not use the toilet. Her husband joined the argument and supported her views that she could not share a toilet with a black woman," said Tshabalala.

The angry Tshabalala said the repeal of the Separate Amenities Act and the move towards a non-racial new South Africa was a real pain in the neck for people of Pretorius' calibre.

On inquiry, City Press was told that black women on the floor where Achor Life and Van Aswegen's offices are situated are supposed to use the toilets downstairs.

Pretorius, who said his company's clientele was 90 percent black, could not say why he and his wife had volunteered to accompany the caretaker to Tshabalala's office. He also denied that his wife was the cause of the racial row.

Advocate van Aswegen said she would take up the matter with the owners of the building.

A lawyer who witnessed the incident told City Press that the caretaker was rude when he addressed Tshabalala.

Saambou National's assistant manager, Frikkie Venter, told City Press he was aware of the row, but his company's policy was that tenants could decide if they wanted their employees to use the same toilets.

Venter said: "If Ms Van Aswegen has decided that her employee should use the same toilet, then it's her right and anybody who violates her right should move out."

Venter said the caretaker had not acted on the instructions of Saambou National.

Picnic resort bars black visitors

By Abdul Milazi STAR 20/4/92 (285)

The "new" South Africa is an empty phrase at a Broederstroom picnic resort which is sticking to its policy of restricting its admission to whites only.

Following a complaint from a reader, Star photographer Jacoob Rykliff and reporter Abdul Milazi visited the Badplaas resort last week but were not allowed to enter the premises.

"I do not allow blacks here because my customers object," said the hostile owner, J S Pretorius.

Despite the scrapping of the Reservation of Separate Amenities Act two years ago, it is not illegal to reserve admission.

Although there is an "admission reserved" sign at the entrance, Star reader Lindsey Beveridge of Braamfontein said there were notices inside the resort and on the receipts stipulating that only whites were allowed in.

"I was under the impression that this sort of blatant discrimination is illegal. I was highly embarrassed in front of my overseas friends," said Mrs Beveridge.

DP national director James Selfe said that although Mrs Pretorius had a right to reserve admission, he hoped people would stop using her resort until she opened it to everybody.

The DP's spokesman on amenities and local government, Houghton MP Tony Leon said there was a need for an interim bill of rights with a clause prohibiting public as well as private businesses from discriminating against people on the basis of race.

"The biggest problem is that when we scrapped the Separate Amenities Act we did not make positive provisions against this type of discrimination."

Black couple turned out of W Transvaal antique shop

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Staff Reporter

A black American couple, who said they worked at the US Embassy, were asked to leave a Hartebeesfontein, western Transvaal, antique furniture shop on Monday because blacks are not welcome there.

Two white South Africans said yesterday they were so disgusted by the racist attitude expressed by the store assistants that they left the store immediately.

The incident happened at Tant Malie se Winkel in Hartebeesfontein on Easter Monday afternoon. It was confirmed by staff members at the store.

Witness Nico Schamrel said a shop assistant arrogantly told the couple's white companion who threatened to expose them to the press that the publicity would boost their business.

"I made the remark myself," said a man, who refused to give his name when The Star telephoned the store yesterday.

He said blacks were not allowed in the store, adding that there was a notice at the entrance stating the right of admission was reserved.

He refused to comment further and said questions should be directed to the manager. The manager, who was unavailable yesterday, was not present when the incident happened.

Mr Schamrel and a friend who did not want to be identified said they talked to the couple about the incident and expressed concern about what happened.

The Star could not trace the couple yesterday.

A spokesman for the US embassy said they were not aware of the incident.

He told The Star there were a number of black Americans working for the embassy, adding the embassy would take the issue up if the people concerned came forward.

White action closes hospice

By NOMVULA KHALO CP News 3/5/92 (285) (282)

RACIST action in Boksburg has forced a sanctuary for terminal Aids sufferers of all races to close down.

Verkramp suburbanites in Boksburg apparently told their infamous town council to shut down the St Francis Home for Aids victims because it was a "sex and death parlour". The home has also been receiving bomb threats by phone.

The home's founder, Father Stan Brennan, says the matter will go to court if necessary.

Over a 20-year span, he has successfully resisted efforts to squash Boksburg's first non-racial school and a non-racial drug and alcohol rehabilitation centre.

"I am only trying to help these people face death in comfort and dignity," said Brennan.

A council spokesman said the home had followed incorrect procedures and would have to apply to the "correct channels" to reopen.

Meanwhile, the beautifully-furnished home in Boksburg West lies empty and staff sit about waiting.

When City Press visited the home, matron Allein Marshall was on the phone. Putting down the receiver, she said: "I have just refused 14 patients. I am not allowed to admit them.

"We are even afraid of opening the gate for anybody because we have been getting bomb threats."

Racist inscription to go — govt

C/Press 7/6/92.

By DAN DHLAMINI

THE government's Department of Public Works (DPW) is going to conceal a racist inscription on the Zeerust Magistrate's Court wall which encourages racial prejudice.

The undertaking by the DPW follows City Press' inquiry regarding the racist inscription, which is clearly written in Dutch on the courtyard wall asking God for protection from "the kaffers".

As one enters the Zeerust Court's yard, one walks straight into a plaque that reads: "De vloersteen van dij binnehof heben eens behoord tot de mevren van het fort of kliplagaer op dese plaats gebovwd (1860) door de heer Kasper Coetzee, ten bescherming tegen de kaffers."

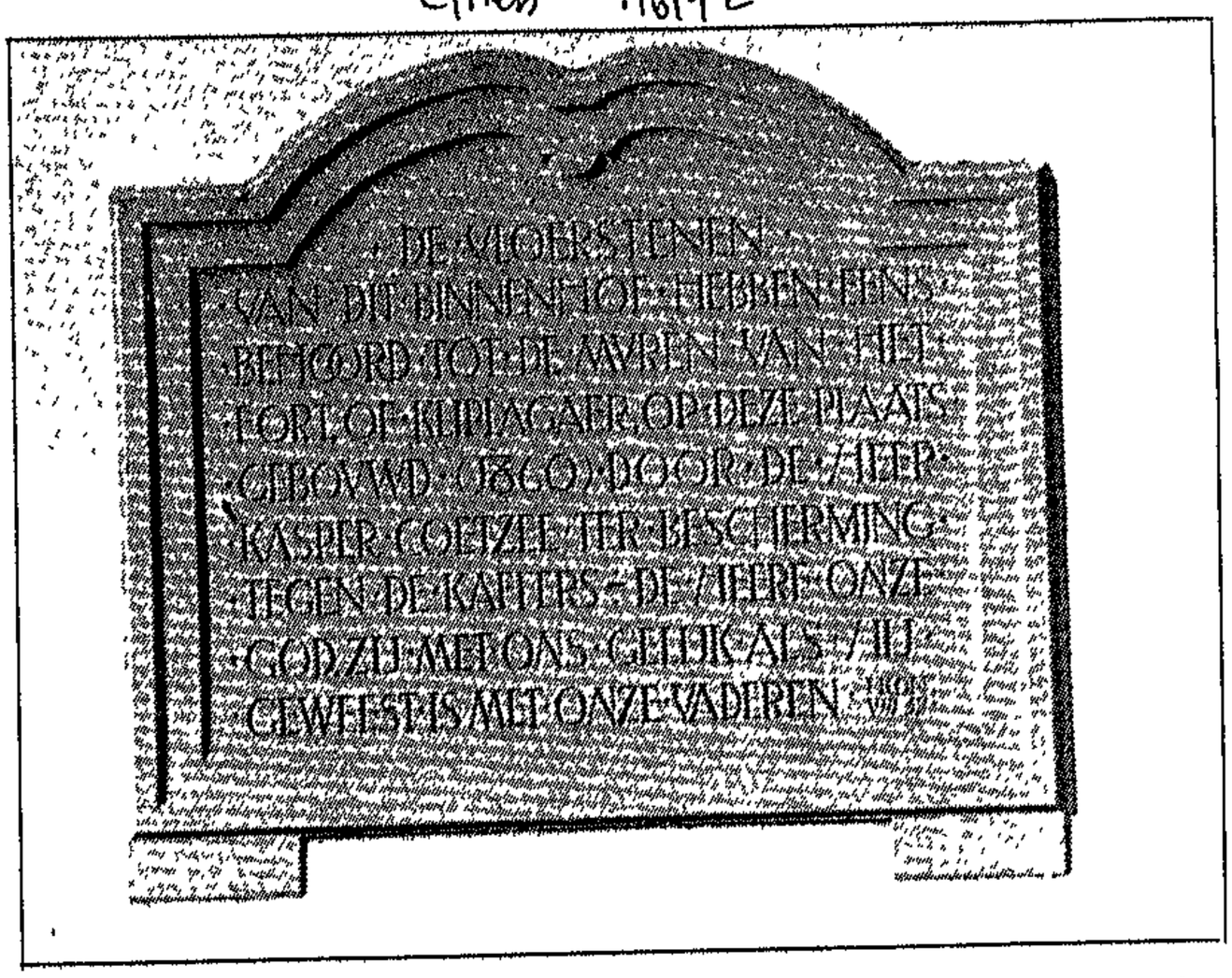
Loosely translated the inscription means that the place where the court stands was a fortress or stone laager which served as a protection against the kaffirs.

The inscription which has caused concern among members of the public, especially blacks, was brought to our attention by a concerned member of the public and the Lawyers for Human Rights western Transvaal regional office.

Alfred Montsho said although he did not understand Dutch he knew that something negative had been written about blacks, because historically, blacks had been referred to as kaffirs.

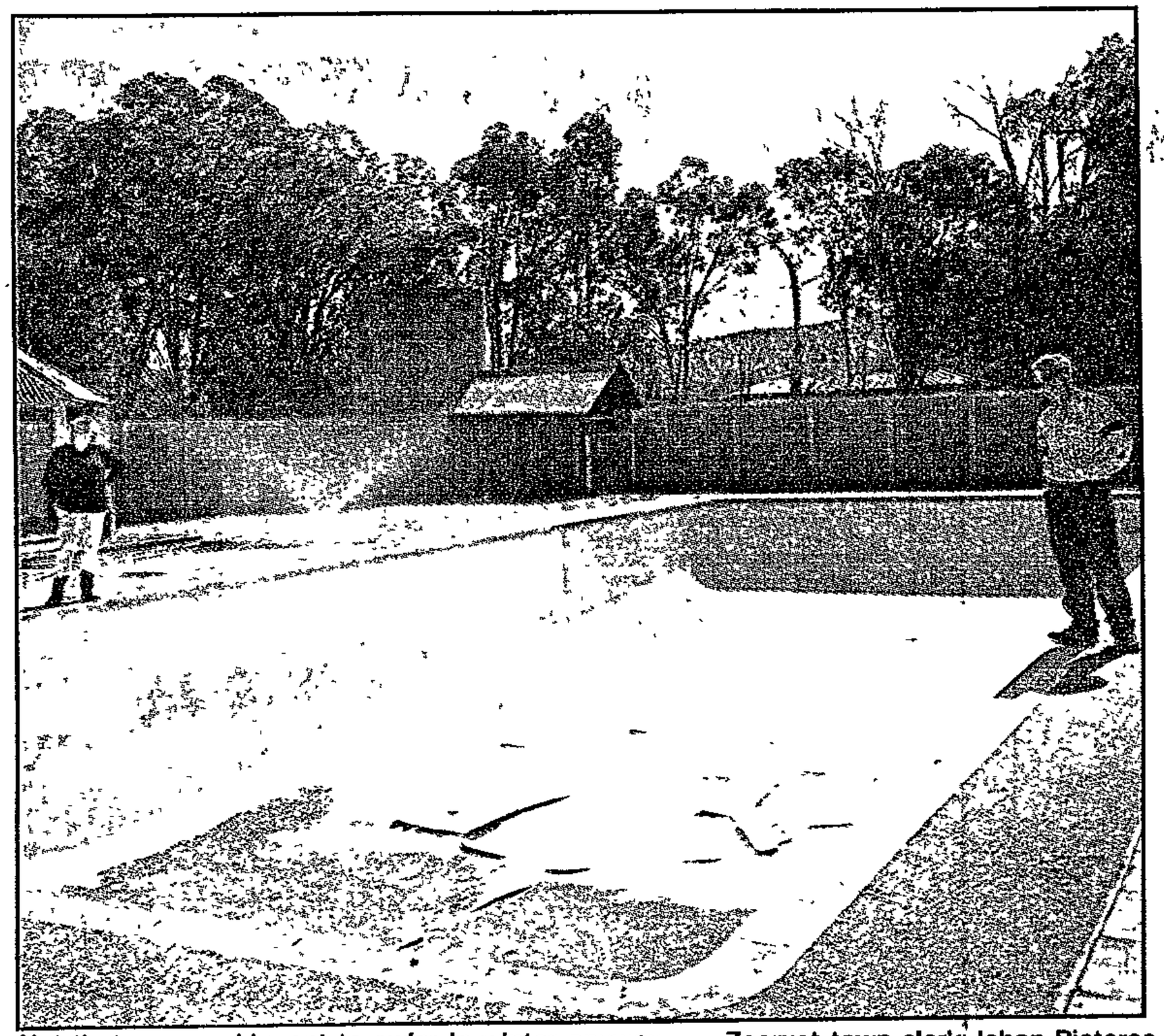
He said that to see such a plaque at a place where justice had to be carried out made him suspicious of the country's judicial system, and that he felt uneasy whenever he had to appear in court.

Lawyers for Human Rights' regional director Igbal Motala said the public regard courts of law as neutral venues where justice has to be seen to be done, and not places encouraging racial bias.



BLAME IT ON THE STONE ... The controversial Dutch plaque at the Zeerust Magistrate's Court.

■ Pics TLADI KHUELE



Not that you would want to swim in winter anyway . . . Zeerust town clerk Johan Pieterse says that public amenities have been closed for upgrading, parents say that the council wants to keep out the children from a non-racial primary school.

Pupils 'barred from amenities'

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By Zingisa Mkhuma

The town council of the conservative western Transvaal town of Zeerust has barred pupils attending a local nonracial primary school from using the only public amenities in the area, members of the school's parents' committee have alleged.

In reply, the council claims the amenities have been closed for upgrading.

Zeerust Primary School pupils have no sports facilities on their premises and sought permission from the council to use the only available swimming pool, tennis court, and rugby and soccer field in the town.

Three weeks after granting the school permission to use one of the tennis courts, the council fenced off the place, preventing the pupils from gaining entry, the parents said.

Parents showed The Star a copy of a memorandum stating that the council would not allow any further practice of sports on the old rugby field.

Zeerust town clerk Johan Pieterse said last night that people had been barred from using the premises in terms of a council decision in 1989 to develop the area as a cultural, sports and show centre.

Plans for the development were now proceeding. Since the demolition of old structures had begun, the area was dangerous Mr Pieterse said the children still had access to all four tennis courts.

Parents told The Star that the gates to the sporting complex were locked during sports days and the council had dumped sand into the swimming pool.

But when The Star visited the area, the gates were open and the pool was in a state of disrepair with no traces of sand in it

Parents' committee member Alexia Abnett said there was a general feeling among parents that their children were being discriminated against because they attended a nonracial school.

"How could we be expected to use one tennis court for 109 pupils? The soccer field has been converted into a parking lot. 'Physical education is a necessity and if other children have it, why can't we have it as well?" she asked.

3 blacks quit bus tour after objections

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By Mckeed Kotlolo
Pretoria Bureau

Three black pensioners from Atteridgeville, near Pretoria, were forced to withdraw from a 10-day tour of the Cape on Sunday after white pensioners refused to travel in the same coach with them.

A total of eight black pensioners, mostly former nurses, joined the Namaqualand/Cape tour organised by Status Travel, based at Silverton in Pretoria. They each paid R1 450, meals included.

But three of them, Nathaniel Soko (73), his wife Winnie (67) and Cathrine Makuruntsi (65) — both former nursing sisters — withdrew from the trip after the tour guide ordered them off the coach occupied by whites only.

They said trouble flared at about 6 am on Sunday when two coaches were about to leave the Pretoria Holiday Inn.

Instructed

Mr Soko said they were already seated when a white female tour guide read out the names of all the black passengers in the bus and instructed them to leave the coach. Their luggage was immediately offloaded, he said.

Mr Soko told The Star that no explanation was given for the action, "but we later learnt that some whites objected to travelling with blacks in the same bus".

He said it did not come as a surprise because, "from the start our names were kept on a separate list as if we were on stand-by".

The coaches left the Holiday Inn shortly after 6 am and they waited for almost 2½ hours on the pavement for the director of Status Travel, Mike Spies, to arrive.

Mr Spies offered to transport them in a minibus to Upington, where they would take their seats in the buses with the rest of the touring group.

The three objected because they had paid for the use of a "luxury bus".

They also strongly believed the decision to transport blacks in a minibus was pre-planned by the agency because, they said, "one of the tour guides told us not to worry because our combi was coming".

Mr Soko said the other five sacrificed the comfort they had paid for and agreed to be transported in a minibus even though there was no mention of it in the contract forms they signed.

He said: "The old apartheid spirit has not died. It will only die when old people in this country die."

Mr Spies blamed an English-speaking couple for having refused to be in the same transport with blacks.

He said the man responsible for the incident had apologised for his attitude and everything went well after the five had joined the group at Upington.

It was the first such incident in the seven-year history of the agency.

news in brief

6 die in unrest

SIX people died and at least 10 were wounded in unrest-related incidents on Monday and early yesterday, police reported.

At Tokoza in Alberton gunmen firing from a vehicle killed four people and wounded seven.

In Alexandra on the Witwatersrand police found the bodies of a man and a woman. Both had been shot.

Gunmen opened fire on a man at Wembezi, Estcourt, seriously wounding him.

Explosives were detonated at homes in Ratanda, Heidelberg, and at Khuma, Stilfontein. There were no injuries in the Ratanda explosion but the blast at Khuma early yesterday injured two people.

2 Durban suicides

A POLICE constable shot and killed himself in his flat in Overport, Durban, on Monday night. Police said Constable TM Shangase (30) was found with a bullet wound to his head in a flat in South Road. Foul play is not suspected.

In another incident, Mr J Govender of Chatsworth was found hanging from a tree.

Cop shot four times

AN off-duty municipal policeman, Sergeant Robert Khatshelo (39), was shot and wounded on Monday night.

Soweto police liaison officer Lieutenant Eugene Henning said Khatshelo went to investigate a noise at a neighbour's house in Generator Street, Power Park, at about 7.40pm when he was confronted by three men, one with a firearm.

During an ensuing argument four shots were fired, wounding the policeman twice in the right arm and twice in the left leg.

The suspects fled on foot.

Khatshelo was admitted to the Garden City Clinic. His condition is stable.

Mental health care

THE South African Federation for Mental Health launched its public awareness campaign for October at a two-day conference in Johannesburg last week (Oct 6 and 7).

The conference, which focused on mentally handicapped children, resolved to reduce the incidence of mental handicap in children.

Driver dies in hijack

A TRUCK driver has been shot dead near Dundee in what police believe to be an attempted robbery and hijacking, SABC radio news reported yesterday.

Church discriminates against blacks, claim

■ **BLACKS EXPELLED**: 300 members bring accusations against church:

By Mandla Zibi

A GROUP of 300 people who were allegedly expelled from the Old Apostolic Church of Africa's Transvaal region have accused the church of discriminating against black members.

This was said at a Press briefing in Carletonville at which representatives of the fired members expressed their dissatisfaction about the church administration headed by Apostle JJ Boshoff.

The group's spokesman, Mr Theophilus Mahlatshana, said the church had promised to build creches, old people's homes, schools and other projects but only white members's needs had been met so far.

Mahlatshana claimed about 300 members had been expelled.

"For example, we have long been asking for an old people's home but only white church members have one in Johannesburg, and yet everyone of us contributes 10 percent of their monthly salary to the church," Mahlatshana said.

Another major grievance was that blacks were denied top positions in the church.

Measles attacks older kids

■ **Outbreak in Johannesburg also emphasises need for immunisation:**

By Mokgadi Pela

THE Department of Health has reiterated the importance of early immunisation against measles in the wake of recent outbreaks of the disease in Greater Johannesburg.

Dr Coen Slabber, director general of the department, said 40 cases were reported to the Johannesburg City Health Department in one week. This indicated a sharp increase in the incidence of the disease compared to the same period last year.

The Johannesburg outbreak came largely from high school pupils who were not immunised as children. According to Slabber, such outbreaks can only be prevented by the early immunisation of children and by maintaining vaccination levels.

Most children in South Africa received the measles vaccine but a small proportion did not develop immunity.

Zeerust's racist plaque to stay on the walls of justice

By DAN DHLAMINI

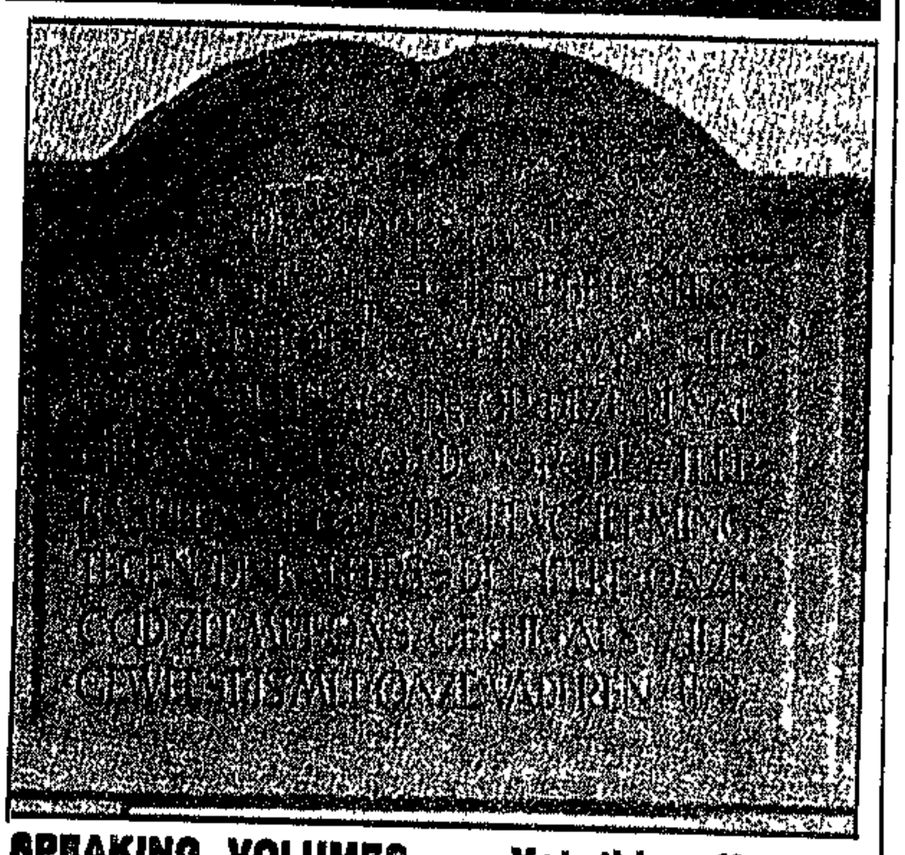
CONTRARY to its earlier decision to conceal a racist inscription on the Zeerust Magistrate's Court wall, the Department of Public Works this week said the plaque will remain intact.

In June this year, following a City Press inquiry, the departmentundertook to conceal the inscription.

The writing on the courtyard wall reads: "De vloersteen van dij binnehof, heben eens behoord tot de mevren van het fort of kliplagaer op dese plaats gebovwd (1860) door de heer Kasper Coetszee, ten bescherming tegen de kaffers."

Loosely translated the inscription means that the place on which the court stands was a fortress or stone laager which "served as a protection against the kaffirs".

According to the government's public works spokesman BA Whittaker, the reversal of the decision follows a thorough investigation by the National Monument Council and the DPW.



SPEAKING VOLUMES ... Yet this offensive plaque at the Zeerust court is still on display.

The racist inscription has caused concern among locals.

Local resident Alfred Montsho said the plaque made him suspicious of the country's judicial system.

Lawyers for Human Rights' western Transvaal regional director Igbal Motala also condemned the racist inscription, saying the public regarded courts of law as neutral venues where justice had to be seen to be done and not places encouraging racial bias.

But the monument council feels the stone should remain.

NMC Transvaal Regional representative T van der Merwe said: "To remove it would be an attempt to rewrite and deny history."

Apart ate

APARTHEID is still alive at Vaal Security System. Black employees were told this week to down their lunch boxes and eat elsewhere!

The surprise move to have black workers switch from the Taaibos canteen, which used to serve blacks and whites – to a blacks only and "inferior" canteen at Highveld – has infuriated the black employees.

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Resorts still bar blacks

By Shehnaaz Moosa

Contrary to popular belief, apartheid is not dead — it's alive and kicking in Pretoria's lush private resorts.

Black foreigners, looking for holiday accommodation this Christmas, may be a bit confused when encountering the phrase "We're not open".

Locals know, however, that the all-too familiar utterance does not mean that resort owners themselves have taken a break.

A snap survey of Pretoria's five private resorts — Hennop's Pride, Barefoot Inn Hotel and Pleasure Resort, Hengelaars Vriend, Konsensus and Little Eden — show that only two of them, Konsensus and Little Eden, appear to be keeping in line with the new South Africa.

Said Konsensus's receptionist: "Oh, no, my dear. That's done away with. We're open to all races."

Pretoria Municipality's Wonderboom and Van Riebeck resorts, as well as the Overvaal resort, are open to all races.

Satour spokesman Spencer Thomas said only establishments that are open to all races may appear in Satour's publications and have access to Satour's local and international marketing events.

Satour would also advise international tour operators not to take tourists to the racist establishments, he added.

A spokesman for the Pretoria-based Foundation of African Business and Consumer Organisations, Mike Ntlatleng, said racist practices will be overtaken by political events in the country.

"The owners of the resorts are advised to read the signals that the community will judge them for what they are," said Ntlatleng.

Lourens Oberholzer of the Federated Hotels Association of South Africa said while the association could not dictate terms to hoteliers or resort owners, members were encouraged to "open their doors to all races".

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Apartheid alive and kicking at Waterval Boven resort

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By Bronwyn Wilkinson

Politicians may proclaim apartheid dead and buried, but it is thriving in the small eastern Transvaal town of Waterval Boven.

The town's council-owned holiday and hiking resort, Elandskrans, enforces a whites-only admission policy.

And no amount of complaints from the public will make the council budge.

One woman telephoned The Star at the weekend to say she had just cancelled her planned holiday at the resort when, having paid her deposit, she was given a receipt stating "Europeans only".

Waterval Boven town treasurer Ross Kent said this was not the first complaint.

"It is getting embarrassing.

"Even non-white day visitors are turned away at the gate."

Kent said he had brought several complaints to the notice of the conservative town council, saying its policy was archaic and unfair.

"But they refuse to budge. That is the policy and it is being enforced."

He said he knew that Elandskrans was not the only holiday resort in the area sticking to a whites-only admission policy.

Although the Separate Amenities Act was scrapped almost three years ago, it is still not illegal to exclude people from amenities on the basis of race.

The Democratic Party spokesman on amenities and local government, Houghton MP Tony Leon, explained: "Since the scrapping of the Act, there is no legal justification for discrimination of this kind, but there is still no legislation outlawing it and there is hardly anything you can do."

He said the DP would use the next session of Parliament to pressure the Government for new legislation outlawing such racist practices.

Boundary applications not racist – councils

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By Louise Marsland
Local Government Reporter

Allegations that the 'big six' local authorities north of Johannesburg had racist motives in applying to extend their boundaries to accommodate low-cost informal housing settlements in the greenbelt were strongly denied by council spokesmen at the Demarcation Board yesterday.

At the second day of the hearing in Krugersdorp, greenbelt residents squared up against the six local authorities of Krugersdorp, Roodepoort, Sandton, Randburg, Midrand and Verwoerdburg, which have applied to extend municipal boundaries northwest of the R28 highway.

The majority of residents' action groups and the local area committees of Mulders-drift, Chartwell and Rantesig were supported by the Local Government Affairs Council — which administers rural areas — in an application to establish a single administration under the council for the entire greenbelt area in question.

There would still be provision for the local area committees.

Diepsloot Residents' and Landowners' Association representative Stuart Aitchison accused the six municipalities of "apartheid-style planning" in trying to expand their borders to house informal settlements on the outskirts of their towns.

Local Government Affairs Council representative Werner Zybrands said the application by the six local authorities was triggered by the need for low-cost housing because local authorities were loath to establish informal housing settlements on their doorsteps, when they had the capacity to provide for low-income housing development within existing municipal borders.

Death, be not proud

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Message from the other side .. Hani wanted to make a point by being buried in a formerly whites-only cemetery
Photo: GUY ADAMS

As in the great Shakespearean tragedies which he studied, Chris Hani's death mirrors the political life of the entire nation. And, far from laying waste to the achievements of his life, his graveside message ensured South Africa will never be the same again



By PHILLIP VAN NIEKERK

THE only sign last Friday of the funeral to come at the South Park cemetery was a mound of red earth, a few rows of porta-toilets and a large man stacking bricks on to the back of a truck

The bricks were intended for a half-built crematorium wall The man was an employee of the municipality of Germiston He was removing the bricks, he said, so the blacks wouldn't use them, against one another or other graves

"We can't even leave half a brick here," he said, clearly more concerned about the welfare of the white dead than the black living. "How would you feel if your father was buried here," he beckoned at the surrounding tombstones, "if he was in a grave here and they came and knocked it down?"

A group of Afrikaner Weerstandsbeweging supporters stood on the road opposite the cemetery in the gathering Highveld dusk, neo-Nazi flags flying from their cars, dispensing advice to passing motorists on how to cope with the funeral and the accompanying march past their suburbs

"Here," said a young man, handing out a piece of paper "If you find a black in your yard, shoot him on sight, then call this number It's a Mr Prinsloo He's a lawyer He said he would help "

Two days later, Chris Hani's body lay in state in the FNB Stadium, his face elongated and distorted by death Robbed of its passions and its animation, the face could have belonged to somebody else

Hani had been a scholar of Shakespeare His favourite work was *Hamlet*, a play that broods extensively on the subject of death One of the most powerful scenes is set in a graveyard, where Hamlet ruminates morbidly on how death lays waste the achievements of life: "To what base uses we may return?

"Why may not imagination trace the noble dust of Alexander, till he find it stopping a bung hole?"

Yet Hani's death was not to be reduced to meaninglessness Like a ghostly message from the other side, he had wanted to make a point by being buried in a formerly whites-only cemetery

Instead of being stuck away in some township churchyard, he was forcing white South Africans to confront their countrypeople To have been buried in a ghetto, as many thousand victims of the system have been since Sharpeville in 1960, would have been to conceal the fury and the passion and — at the end of the day — the relative restraint of black South Africa

The message that was etched in the paranoia and fear of the suburbs was that whites, for once, were also paying for the murder of a black leader, a price that will make consenting indifference harder next time

Certainly, if ever South Africa was put to the test, it was along the R554 and Heidelberg Road east of Johannesburg on Monday

All that separated Boksburg from the South Park cemetery were the coils of razor wire and a ditch The houses at first appeared empty, but once the procession was underway heads started to pop up over the concrete walls. Large men peered over

An assortment of bakkies and cars were parked in the streets of Boksburg, men sitting on top The women and children had been sent away for the day

The men had binoculars at their eyes, and guns at the ready "There's a lot of ammunitions all over We would have been fools to stand here not armed," said one man, a member of the AWB

The crowd moved along the highway like hungry locusts A few roadside shops were looted of food and burnt A maize field was picked empty of corn. A vegetable patch was looted Youths toyi-toyied along, chewing on carrots But the procession, and the crowd, remained overwhelmingly peaceful

Only once were the barricades breached An ancient Valiant saloon slung low with the weight of its passengers, its front bumper festooned with a news poster from the shooting in Vanderbijlpark, "Marchers shot — white man held", took a wrong turn into the white neighbourhood

The assembled rightwingers stiffened, their trigger fingers twitching The car did a slow U-turn, so slow as to be just a bit defiant. And it passed back out of the white neighbourhood, passengers giggling nervously Everybody's worst nightmare had passed

As the country breathed a collective sigh of relief, it was clear that South Africa had survived, but that it would never be the same again

There was something intensely political about Hani's death, as in the great Shakespearean tragedies, where a death mirrors the political life of the entire nation

Hamlet is the most political of plays, but not in the crude sense that Stalin had in mind when he outlawed it because Hamlet's indecisiveness and moodiness set a bad example for the "new Soviet spirit of optimism, fortitude and clarity".

The Israelis banned it from a Palestinian detention camp during the uprising because of Hamlet's subversive musing whether "'tis nobler in mind to suffer the slings and arrows of outrageous fortune; or to take up arms against a sea of troubles ..."

Hamlet is political because it is the most profound examination of a corrupt and illegitimate political regime "There is something rotten in the state of Denmark "

Similarly, President FW de Klerk presides over an illegitimate government At a time when the restoration of law and order is desperately needed, it struggles to perform even normal crime-prevention work

The danger is the unrealistic expectation that, while the authority of the state has virtually evaporated, the African National Congress ought to control the townships The only remedy is to move as fast as possible to joint control of the security forces, and an election that will restore legitimacy to government.

One should not underestimate the challenge for the National Party of keeping face while finally surrendering exclusive power Nor should one underestimate the task the ANC has taken on by assuming the mantle of leadership

As ANC PWV chairman Tokyo Sexwale, Hani's close friend, said "We are exposing our underbelly . Leadership shows itself by going ahead of its followers during a moment of crisis, uncertainty and confusion

"In Vietnam, the Americans called it going on point You go on point, you are killed," he said, with unconscious reference to his assassinated friend

The events of the past week have exposed the burden of leadership Sexwale, Nelson Mandela and ANC secretary general Cyril Ramaphosa all stuck their necks out to calm people's passions, douse the flames of racial anger and reassure the whites

Ramaphosa distanced the movement from the reckless and pointless stone-throwing and torching outside the FNB Stadium on Monday. He made it clear that the ANC refuses to sacrifice strategic goals for a few hundred wild youths, some of them Pan Africanist Congress members

But it's going to get a lot rougher Ramaphosa dismissed Winnie Mandela and ANC Youth League leader Peter Mokaba's firebrand remarks in Khayelitsha, saying they ought not to be taken seriously.

But such political dinosaurs, still summoning the masses to the barricades with empty rhetoric, can inflict damage by exciting passions in a way that the ANC will find hard to deal with, particularly once it crosses the threshold of government

The ANC at that point will have the excruciatingly difficult task of explaining to the masses who have achieved liberation at last that the cookie jar is virtually empty "They will have to understand that will be a time for ploughing, not harvesting," says Sexwale

In that sense, the way the ANC was able to channel the passions of the people on Monday, steer them towards what South African Communist Party chairman Joe Slovo called "a battlefield of our choosing", was a dress rehearsal for the dilemmas that will face the ANC in the new South Africa

The centre held, and the ANC emerged with the moral authority of the leadership of the nation Even most whites know that now

And over the dead bodies of Hani and those that were massacred in Sebokeng, the plots of the white supremacists started unravelling.

At the very end of the play Hamlet's friend, Horatio, in lines that Hani must have studied many times, orders that the bodies of the queen and the usurper king be slung up and placed high on view so he can tell the world ..

"Of carnal, bloody and unnatural acts,
Of accidental judgements, casual slaughters,
Of deaths put on by cunning and forc'd cause,
And, in this upshot, purposes mistook
Fall'n on the inventors heads .. "

Amen to white minority rule

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'Coloureds only' signs removed

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By SYDNEY MOSES

SIGNS declaring a graveyard "for coloureds only" were hastily removed this week before the Sunday Times could take a picture of them.

The Cambrian Cemetery, for the burial of coloureds from Reiger Park near Boksburg, is only 5km from Elspark Cemetery, where SACP leader Chris Hani lies buried.

The graveyard displayed the signs until this week.

"We have removed the notice boards," said Mr Ernest Bougaard, superintendent of Reiger Park.

"These boards should have been removed long ago after the scrapping of the race classification laws."

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By MONWABISI NOMADOLO

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Where apartheid reigns supreme

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By MONWABISI NOMADOLO

HERE, the unexorcized ghost of Verwoerd has the freedom of the place . . .

Here, there is no equality – blacks that side, whites on the other . . .

Here, the right of admission is reserved. A "kaffir" cannot share a master's pub, table and drinks.

A new SA? Not here!

This is Boksburg North Hotel in Cason Road – a monument to apartheid.

Together with (brave) photographer Thulani Sithole and driver Enoch Shabalala we were humiliated and angered when we were evicted from the hotel pub by rightwingers on Tuesday.

The hotel manager told us the pub was reserved for whites only.

It was while we were on our way to Heidelberg that we pulled up to the hotel.

Seated in the corner of the pub was a heavily-bearded and untidy-looking white man. (285)

Wagging his finger at us he said: "Not here, not here, that side!" – pointing in another direction.

Other white revellers chorused the same thing in different words, but the bottom line was: "This pub is not for blacks."

The black barman intervened in Setswana in case we didn't get the loud and clear message.

I tried to gain acceptance by lying to the hostile bunch.

"Baas ek kom van Ermelo, ek ry na Johannesburg toe, ek is net dors." (I come from Ermelo on my way to Johannesburg and I am just thirsty.)

"We don't care, gaan uit," a man with bad breath shouted at me.

"To hell with your smart talk," said another.

By that stage the untidy man who spoke to us first, was wielding a stick.

Shabalala and Sithole, adrenalin pumping fast, started walking backwards to the door.

I followed suit . . .

The hotel receptionist explained that the AWB occupied that particular bar and that Boksburg North was their stronghold. She advised us to sit in another bar where we "belonged".

The bar we were shunted to could have been a monument to the old SA – no pool table and no heaters to warm the dark room on a cold mid-winter day.

Naccsa to go it alone in new area

(Press 26/9/93)

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By ALI MPHAKI

AFTER their R1.5-million deal with Kupane Funerals collapsed, the National Association of Co-operative Societies of South Africa (Nacssa) has decided to go it alone and build a funeral parlour in Soweto at a cost of R6.4-million.

The parlour, said to be the first of its kind in South Africa, will be built in two stages.

According to Nacssa chief executive Sam Moufhe, the parlour will consist of a mortuary, two dining halls and a chapel.

The reason behind the dining-halls is to assist Nacssa members who live in white suburbs or flats in town where they are not allowed to slaughter for burial.

"Unlike presently where mourners have to drive back to the suburbs after burial in the township, they will instead use the dining-halls for their meals," Moufhe said.

He added that the dining-halls would be able to accommodate about 600 people and there would be ample parking space for cars and buses.

Moufhe said the chapel would be used to assist members who did not belong to church organisations or those like Zion Church members who did not have church facilities for funeral services.

Provision has also been made for a crematorium, although this type of burial was not in vogue among black communities.

At completion, it is hoped that the parlour will create jobs for about 50 people. According to Moufhe, construction begins in days.

"We are just waiting for the council to give us a site," he said.

Nacssa made headlines when it opened a black coffin manufacturing plant at Ekangala in KwaNdebele last October.

Their deal with Kupane turned sour as a result of what Moufhe described as "differences in corporate culture".



BIG JOB . . . Naccsa CE Sam Moufhe is to build a huge funeral parlour in Soweto.