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Camp: Killed men named

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Staff Reporter

THE two men who died in violence at Old Crossroads last Wednesday night have been identified as Mr Magangase Neti, 36, and Mr Khehle Rwana, 48.

Mr Neti, the father of six children, was a lodger in one of the houses burned down in last week's clash between supporters of the squatter camp's chairman, Mr Johnson Ngxobongwana, and supporters of Mr Oliver Memani, who leads a rival group.

Mr Rwana, who was a home-owner in the camp, is survived by his wife and five children.

No further violence has been reported at the camp since Friday, al-

though tension there was high over the weekend.

Yesterday life at Old Crossroads appeared to have returned to normal and the vigilantes who had kept up a strong presence in the camp last week were nowhere to be seen.

Residents have taken in the 60 families who lost their homes in fires last week and they were yesterday collecting money, clothing and foodstuffs for those who lost all they had.

A funeral for the men who died is being planned to be held in Transkei next weekend. Residents said yesterday that they expected that many people from the camp would attend.

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Crossroads 'mayor' yet to return

Staff Reporter

THE unofficial "mayor" of Crossroads, Mr Johnson Ngxobongwana, whose supporters were involved in serious clashes with a rival faction last week, has not yet returned to his Crossroads home.

Mr Ngxobongwana left for Transkei about 10 days ago, shortly before tension between his supporters and those of Mr Oliver Memani, a rival community leader, exploded into violence.

About 60 families were left homeless when shacks were set alight and two people were killed in incidents last Wednesday night.

QUIET BUT TENSE

No incidents at Crossroads were reported over the New Year weekend and the sprawling squatter camp is still quiet, but tense.

Residents said they expected Mr Ngxobongwana to return to Cape Town by January 18, the return date for a Supreme Court application brought by the Western Cape Administration Board to stop him building a brick house at Crossroads.

Mr Memani, who is believed to live in New Crossroads, is also said to be in the Transkei.

Squatters set up creche after 'wait for permit'

Staff Reporter

SQUATTERS living in tents on the Nyanga sand dunes have opened a creche for about 80 children in a tent. They say they have waited unsuccessfully for six months for official permission to do so.

The tent, about 10 m by 12 m, was given to the squatters in July last year by the Society of

Friends (Quakers).

The chairman of the Nyanga Bush Committee, Mr M Ya-mile, said he had applied to the Western Cape Administration Board in July for permission to erect the tent.

"The Administration Board said we must not put up the tent without a permit, but we have so many children that

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there is no chance of sending them to school elsewhere. Many mothers also need to earn a living because times are hard.

"There is nowhere they can safely leave their children, so we went ahead and erected the tent," he said.

The community employs four women to run the creche. They are paid a nominal salary

of about R60 a month, mostly donated by mothers who work.

The orange tent has no floor, and yesterday several women walked about 500 m to Cross-roads to fetch buckets of water to settle the dust.

The only facilities at present are a small blackboard, a few blankets, wooden benches and a piece of chalk.

Tension widens after clash between Crossroads factions

Staff Reporter

TENSION at Crossroads is spilling over into New Crossroads as more people flock there to "seek refuge" after last week's violence.

The violence was between supporters of Mr Oliver Memani, who heads a faction, and supporters of Mr Johnson Ngxobongwana, the unofficial "mayor" of Crossroads. Both leaders are at present believed to be in Transkei.

According to a community worker and ex-secretary of the Crossroads women's committee, Mrs Nonangesi Mbobosi, Ngxobongwana supporters last night threatened to "clean up my house".

"ONLY MEN"

Mrs Mbobosi said the threat had been made at a meeting called in New Crossroads to which only men were invited.

At a meeting in a house in New Crossroads today members of Mr Memani's committee said they were now living in the open at the KTC camp between Guguletu and Nyanga.

Members of Mr Memani's committee allege that three of their supporters were wounded by firearms last week, with two still in hospital. However, only one was traced after inquiries at hospitals today — Mr Mzimande Mvinjelwa, who is in Conradie Hospital.

Asked to comment on persistent allegations that Mr Memani's supporters were responsible for incidents on the five days preceding the violence, a spokesman said

Mr Ngxobongwana's committee had called a meeting earlier last week to "plan a way to get Mr Memani's supporters out of Crossroads".

ACCUSATIONS

Mr Ngxobongwana's committee and Mr Memani's committee accuse each other of being responsible for burning down 60 shacks last week.

A prominent member of the Crossroads women's committee and an ex-Ngxobongwana supporter, Mrs Regina Ntongana, said she had been chased from her house last week after being accused of being a Memani supporter.

Mrs Ntongana, who is now staying in New Crossroads, said: "I have been in Crossroads since 1975. We, the women, are the foundation of Crossroads. Since the men took over things have never been right. The men are only concerned with their own benefit".

"NO POWER"

She added that Mr Memani's group "did not have the power to rule in Crossroads. I was chased from my house by my own group".

Mrs P Tola, also an ex-Ngxobongwana supporter, said she had been chased from her house because her husband had refused to pay R80, allegedly demanded for various purposes by Mr Ngxobongwana's committee.

However, members of Mr Ngxobongwana's committee maintain it was the other group that caused the trouble.

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**Three injured in
squatter fighting**

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THREE people were reported injured in Crossroads last night as renewed fighting broke out between rival factions in the squatter camp.

This follows violent clashes between supporters of Mr Oliver Memani and Mr Johnson Ngxobongwana in the camp last week when three people died and seven were injured. About 60 shacks were burnt down in the incident.

Unconfirmed reports from Crossroads residents today said that some of Mr Memani's supporters, who had fled to Nyanga last week, tried to "slip back into Crossroads".

They were confronted by Mr Ngxobongwana's supporters and fighting ensued.

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Crossroads: 3307 injured in unrest

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Staff Reporter

THREE people were injured at Old Crossroads on Wednesday night as tension in the camp flared up again.

It was difficult to establish yesterday precisely what occurred but sources in the camp loyal to the chairman Mr Johnson Ngxobongwana said that three people loyal to Mr Ngxobongwana's rival, Mr Oliver Memani, had been caught in the camp by vigilantes.

The three had been "arrested" and taken to the Noxolo School where the "Crossroads police" (the vigilantes) have their headquarters.

The South African Police were then called to remove them from the

camp, they said.

It appears the three were assaulted as they were being taken to the vigilantes' headquarters.

A police liaison officer for the Western Cape, Captain Jan Calitz, said police escorted two men and a woman who had been assaulted at Old Crossroads to Guguletu police station. They were later taken to Groote Schuur Hospital.

Charges of assault are being investigated.

A week ago violence in the camp between Mr Memani's and Mr Ngxobongwana's followers left two men dead.

About 60 families were left homeless on the same night when their shelters were destroyed by fire.

Squatter chief's call for help

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By RIAAN DE VILLIERS
Labour Reporter

MR OLIVER MEMANI, leader of one of the two rival factions which have clashed violently in Crossroads over the past two weeks, yesterday issued a public appeal for help for some of his supporters who have been left homeless by the disturbances.

In his first public interview since the clashes in the squatter camp — which have left two people dead and several injured — he said many of his supporters had fled the camp and were destitute.

He issued his appeal after talks earlier this week with Western Cape Administration Board officials, whom he said had refused to help many people who have been affected.

Mr Memani was interviewed at the Guguletu police station, where he sought an interview with the station commander on the situation in the squatter camp.

Mr Memani said he had cut short his holiday in Transkei when he heard of the disturbances and had returned to the Cape on Sunday.

Since then he had been interviewing his supporters, many of whom had been driven out of Crossroads and were living in the bush.

'Destitute and living in the bush'

While some were staying in other townships, others were destitute and living in the bush near the old KTC squatter site without shelter, food or water, he said.

Many had lost all their possessions when their houses were burnt down.

Mr Memani said he had approached WCAB earlier this week in an attempt to secure emergency aid for the homeless.

Officials had told him that people legally in the Peninsula might be housed at Khayelitsha, but said they could not provide emergency aid at KTC and could not help "illegals" at all.

Mr Memani said it appeared that the board was using the current situation as an "opportunity to force people to move to Khayelitsha", instead of providing them with emergency aid at KTC and then helping them to resettle in Crossroads.

● The WCAB's liaison officer, Dr Gert du Preez, yesterday confirmed that Mr Memani had met board officials.

He said the board had issued an appeal to people left homeless by the disturbances to report to its Nyanga offices.

He added that the board was considering providing emergency housing for homeless "legals" at Khayelitsha, but it was "under no obligation to supply housing to people illegally in the Western Cape".

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Crossroads

group warned about shelters



as large as their smiles, Mr Hugh Cole and his wife celebrate their diamond wedding anniversary today.

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home quite easily.
"No fridge, no electric-
ity, no mod-cons — yet
many youngsters today
want all these things im-
mediately," she said.
Mr Cole went on to
spend 54 years in the
field of education, re-
tired as Secretary for
Education to the Central
African Federation and
was appointed a Com-
mander of the Order of
the British Empire.
In Rhodesia, he was
deputy head of Milton
School and head of Cha-

plin School and Prince
Edward School. After re-
tirement he served
periods as head of Falcon
College and St Stephen's
College and taught part-
time at the University of
Rhodesia.
During this time Mrs
Cole was "the perfect
headmaster's wife", says
Mr Cole.
When asked to give her
opinion of women's lib-
eration, Mrs Cole said
she thought the suffrag-
ettes made "too much
fuss".

Staff Reporter
OFFICIALS of the West-
ern Cape Administra-
tion Board yesterday
warned followers of Mr
Oliver Memani, leader
of one of the two rival
Crossroads factions, to
remove "illegal" plastic
structures they have
erected in the bush near
the old KTC squatter
site.
In an interview at the
site yesterday after-
noon, Mr Memani said
the officials had warned
him and his group that
the board would demol-
ish the structures itself
if they were not re-
moved by today.

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Mr Memani confirmed
that the board had
offered to provide emer-
gency housing at the
controversial new
Khayelitsha township
for those of his follow-
ers who are legally in
the Peninsula — but re-
fused to help "illegals".
He said he was not
prepared to agree to
move to Khayelitsha un-
der these conditions,
and added: "We won't
break down the struc-
tures either, but will
wait until the board
breaks them down."

About 100 people have
erected shelters at the
site after fleeing from
the recent faction fight-
ing in Crossroads, which
left two people dead
and several more seri-
ously injured.
About 60 houses —
most of which belonged
to Memani supporters —
were razed during the
clashes.
Their occupants have
fled the troubled squat-
ter camp to friends or
relatives in New Cross-
roads, other established

townships and to the
KTC site.
Mr Memani said yes-
terday he estimated
about 300 of his support-
ers had fled from Cross-
roads. Of these, about
100 were at KTC.
He repeated an earli-
er public appeal for
clothes, blankets and
food for his supporters,
who he said had lost all
their possessions.
He also appealed to
the Red Cross to set up
a clinic to attend to chil-
dren at the site.
Mr Memani said that,
in talks with WCAB offi-
cials earlier this week,
he had set two condi-
tions before agreeing to
a move to Khayelitsha.
One was that everyone
in need, whether "legal"
or "illegal", should be
accommodated.
The other was that the
authorities should agree
to a similar relaxation
of control measures, as
applied to Crossroads.
"Without an agree-
ment on these issues, we
can't go," he said.
Dr Gert du Preez, the
WCAB's liaison officer,
yesterday confirmed
that Mr Memani and his
followers had been
warned to remove the
shelters.
He said the board had
repeatedly requested
Mr Memani to bring
people in need of hous-
ing to the Nyanga of-
fices, and added: "The
board is willing to
house people legally in
the Peninsula on an
emergency basis at
Khayelitsha, and at no
other place."
● Dr Du Preez also
confirmed that board in-
spectors had demol-
ished 11 "illegal" struc-
tures on the perimeter
of Crossroads earlier
this week.

Biker dies in head-on crash

Staff Reporter
A YOUNG motorcyclist
was killed in a head-on
collision with a vegeta-
ble truck near the cor-
ner of Main Road and
Highwick Avenue,
Claremont, early yester-
day.
His name is being
withheld until his

Piketberg on Tuesday.
A police spokesman
said Mrs Van Rensburg,
of the farm Morester
near Het Kruis, and her
two daughters, Karina,
8, and Anna, 2, had been
seriously injured in the
accident about 6pm.
They were taken to
Tygerberg Hospital.
A 76-year-old Wil-

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Schirnding
The secretary-gener-
al's report cited an as-
sertion by the Foreign
Minister, Mr Pik Botha,
made on January 7, that
South Africa was ready
to take on "the whole
world" if need be; and a
statement by the De-
fence Minister, General
Magnus Malan, made on
January 8, that South
African forces had be-
gun to withdraw after
having "reached their
earlier "disengage-
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military operations in
Angola, to remove the
South African invaders
from that area, and at
long last to set about the
practical implementa-
tion of a political settle-
ment in Namibia" in ac-
cordance with the 1978
plan for UN-supervised
elections.
The statement also as-
serted that "aggression

Squatters allege 'intimidation'

By RIAAN
DE VILLIERS
Labour Reporter

SEVERAL leading Crossroads figures have alleged that residents are being intimidated by community "police-men" acting on behalf of the dominant committee headed by Mr Johnson Ngxobongwana.

Among them are Mrs Regina Ntongana, veteran head of the Crossroads Women's Committee, who fled the squatter camp during the recent disturbances in which two men were killed.

They say residents are being forced to pay fees demanded by "wards-men" on behalf of the Ngxobongwana committee.

Want to move

They claim the situation has worsened in the wake of the violent clashes between the Ngxobongwana and Memani factions, and that some residents have been assaulted and their houses damaged for refusing to pay.

They also say that as a result, many residents are disenchanted with conditions in the camp

and now want to move to the new township of Khayelitsha.

In an interview yesterday, Mr Ngxobongwana said his committee collected money for various purposes from residents, with the consent of the whole community. He strongly denied allegations of irregular conduct by collectors.

● In New Crossroads yesterday, Mrs Ntongana said residents had started complaining about two years ago about fees they were forced to pay to the men's committee.

The situation had worsened since the recent disturbances, and a number of people had complained to her that they were being threatened if they would not pay.

She claimed that some residents who had refused to pay fees in the past had been assaulted and driven out of Crossroads.

She was "shocked" by events in Crossroads. After nearly 10 years of leadership, she was distancing herself from the camp and would no

longer serve on the committee.

● Another prominent Crossroads figure, who did not want to be named for fear of reprisals, said earlier this week that many residents supported neither of the two factions and were reluctant to pay fees to the Ngxobongwana committee.

However, men going from house to house were demanding that they declare their allegiance to Mr Ngxobongwana and branding them as Memani followers if they refused to pay.

Some residents had reported threats received to the Western Cape Administration Board and had asked to be moved to Khayelitsha.

● Mr Oliver Memani, rival leader to Mr Ngxobongwana, also claimed yesterday that a number of his supporters left in Crossroads had complained that money was being collected from them under duress.

He claimed his committee had only once collected money from residents, at a general meeting.

● Asked to comment yesterday, Mr Ngxobongwana confirmed that the committee regularly collected money from residents, but said this was as a result of decisions taken by the whole community.

He confirmed that R1 a month was being collected from each household, as well as R1 a month from every lodger, as a salary for himself.

Car as present

He also confirmed that R10 was recently collected from each household to buy two cars, one of which was given to him as a "present" and the other for use on behalf of the community. "The people themselves decided to do this," he said.

Also, residents themselves had decided at mass meetings to donate money to pay lawyers defending those arrested during raids. The money was being kept in a special bank account.

Since the disturbances, he said, R2 had been collected from every household to pay for the funeral of the two people killed, which would take place in Transkei on Saturday. This included the cost of hiring two buses to take people there and back.

'For the aged'

He added that from February 1 half of the monthly fees of R1 would be used for the aged and other welfare services. Already, before Christmas, R7 000 had been spent on food for the aged, he said.

Asked what happened when residents would not pay the fees, he replied: "Not a single person refuses to pay. It is a community decision."

He added he did not believe there were people in Crossroads who did not support either one faction or the other, and his supporters were in the majority.

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Memani hits at WCAB

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Staff Reporter

MR Oliver Memani, leader of one of two rival Crossroads factions, yesterday accused the Western Cape Administration Board of "exploiting" the recent conflict in the squatter camp as an opportunity to move blacks to the controversial new township of Khayelitsha.

However, a WCAB spokesman later strongly denied this charge.

Mr Memani was interviewed near the old KTC squatter site where shortly before, WCAB inspectors had arrested 29 of his supporters and demolished their shelters.

He has been seeking refuge for the group — who fled from Crossroads during the recent fighting — since the beginning of the week.

The WCAB has offered to house those legally in the Peninsula on an emergency basis, but only at Khayelitsha.

Mr Memani and his group have refused to move unless everyone — legals and illegals — are accommodated and a settlement reached.

After warning the group to dismantle their shelters at KTC two days ago, board inspectors, accompanied by police in Casspir armoured vehicles, moved into the area early yesterday morning. Ten men and 19 women were arrested.

The women later appeared in the Langa Commissioner's Court. All were charged with illegal squatting and some with pass law offences as well. They pleaded not guilty and their cases were postponed until Monday.

The men will appear in court today.

Soon after the raid, Mr Memani accused the board of contributing to the tensions in Crossroads and exploiting the situation to move blacks to Khayelitsha.

Dr Gert du Preez, the WCAB's liaison officer, later rejected Mr Memani's allegations as "absolutely untrue".

The board could only help people legally in the Peninsula, as it had to operate within its "legally-prescribed framework".

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Two schools costing R3m to be built at Motherwell

TWO new primary schools, costing about R3 million, will be built at Motherwell this year, the Director of Education and Training for the Cape, Mr Günther Merbold, said today.

In addition, a 12-classroom school is planned for the emergency camp at Motherwell and another primary school is planned for Zwide.

It is not yet known what the budget for the Cape Department of Education and Training will be for 1984.

"At the moment we have enough schools to cater for the people in Port Elizabeth," said Mr Merbold.

"Our problem is with people who are outsiders — people from the homelands who shouldn't be there."

The department, which spent R18 million on black schools last year, could not afford to build schools that would stand empty, he said.

Last year two new secondary schools were built and there were additions to existing schools. Last year a new secondary school was also built at East London's Duncan Village.

At the moment the teacher-pupil ratio was 1:47 in primary schools and 1:34 in secondary schools.

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Service for 2 at Crossroads

Labour Reporter

A FUNERAL service was held in Crossroads yesterday afternoon for two men killed in the recent outbreak of violence in the squatter camp.

A few hundred people attended the service, held at the Noxolo School. Later, about 130 people were to leave in buses for Encobo in Transkei, where the two men are to be buried today.

Among them were to be family members of the men, as well as four members of Mr Johnson Ngxobongwana's Crossroads committee.

A committee member gave the names of the two men — both said to be Ngxobongwana supporters — as Mr Mangqa Nethi, 51, and Mr Khehle Rwane, 44, both of 1421, Crossroads.

Crossroads: Man dies in violence

Weekend Argus
Reporter

AT least one person was killed when renewed faction fighting broke out today at Crossroads. The dead man has not yet been identified.

This brings to three the total number of people who have died in the latest spate of violence between rival groups in the squatter community.

Fighting broke out in the early hours of this morning.

Tensions have run high in Crossroads since the violent clashes between armed supporters of the two groups two weeks ago.

Yesterday, a funeral procession of 130 people left for Encobo in the Transkei to bury the two victims of the previous fighting.

They were Mr Mangqqa Nethi, 51 and Mr Khehle Rwane, 44, both of Crossroads.

Crossroads faction moves rivals out

By MARTINE BARKER

SUPPORTERS of the Crossroads chairman, Mr Johnson Ngxobongwana, had taken it upon themselves to rid Old Crossroads of supporters of Mr Oliver Memani in an effort to achieve "peace" in the camp, a member of the Crossroads Committee said yesterday.

The committee member, who was speaking on behalf of the committee but did not wish to be named, said that "without force or pressure from anyone" people of the camp had decided at a meeting last weekend that they wanted all of Mr Memani's supporters to leave Old Crossroads.

In the course of the past week people loyal to Mr Memani had been asked to declare their allegiance and to leave if they could not support Mr Ngxobongwana.

Donations

"Their houses were demolished after that," he said, adding that he wished to make it clear that the Crossroads Committee was not involved in the campaign.

A statement issued by the committee yesterday denied allegations made by the immediate past chairman of the Crossroads Women's Committee, Mrs Regina Ntongana, that residents were being forced to pay fees demanded by "wardsmen" on be-

half of the Ngxobongwana Committee.

The community at large had decided to make donations at various times at general meetings. Nobody had been forced to give money, said the statement.

The committee was "very surprised at the allegations". It accused Mrs Ntongana of "biting its heels" after it had helped her financially in the past.

Responding to an allegation from a source in the camp that some residents had been assaulted and their houses damaged for refusing to pay money to the "wardsmen", the statement said the shacks which had been "taken off" were those belonging to Mr Memani's supporters.

They had been removed "because we want to live in peace".

Tension at the camp has been high since Christmas, when two people died and several others were injured in fighting between the camp's rival factions.

Law and order

In the first night of fighting a fire that swept through Section Four of the camp left about 60 families homeless.

Subsequent sporadic violence has left more injured, and an unidentified man was killed in Section Four early on Saturday morning.

A police spokesman said yesterday that police were in the area to maintain law and order.

They had opened a murder docket after the death of the man on Saturday. He has not yet been identified. No arrests have been made.

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Police hold 31 at Crossroads after weekend violence

Staff Reporters

POLICE have detained 31 Crossroads residents for questioning in connection with violence in the squatter camp at the weekend.

Detectives under Colonel D Nieuhaus, District C I Officer for Athlone, detained the 31 last night.

Police liaison officer Captain Jan Calitz said: "The incident, on Friday night, is seen as a separate, isolated incident by the police while investigations are under way."

NEW MOVE

Acrimony between two squatter communities at Crossroads continued today when the Western Cape Civic Association (WCCA), an affiliate of the United Democratic Front, called for the followers of Mr Oliver Memani to be moved to the new township of Khayelitsha, 35km from Cape Town.

The UDF pledged at a Press conference last year to oppose removals to Khayelitsha.

The civic association's call followed a statement by the committee of rival leader Mr Johnson Ngxobongwana that there would be no peace in the squatter settlement until Mr Memani's supporters were moved.

CHAIRMAN

The WCCA, a township body of which Mr Ngxobongwana is also chairman, said the only "permanent solution" to the violence in Crossroads was to move out Mr Memani's followers.

WCCA vice-chairman Mr Alfred Stuurman said Mr Memani's supporters "should go to Khayelitsha".

"I don't think the problem can be solved by allowing the two groups to

reside in the same area. I would recommend that those people move to Khayelitsha."

In spite of the position of the WCCA, the UDF is believed not to have taken an official stand on the Crossroads conflict.

"INTIMIDATION"

Mr Stuurman said Mr Memani's supporters were trying to win as many followers as possible. They were causing "ill-feeling, and intimidating the people".

He denied persistent allegations that Mr Ngxobongwana had "sold" WCCA membership cards to Crossroads people.

People have alleged they were told the membership cards would make them immune to arrest by the Western Cape Administration Board.

Mr Stuurman said the cards were kept by the secretary of the organisation and only she could hand them out to new members.

'Squatters' arrested in police raid

Staff Reporter

POLICE arrested 68 people near Crossroads today and charged them with contravening squatting and influx control regulations.

The 31 men in the group are expected to appear in court soon to face various criminal charges.

According to Dr Gert du Preez, liaison officer for the Western Cape Administration Board, 54 "illegal structures" were demolished in the raid.

Suspended fines for fugitives

Staff Reporter

TWENTY-NINE former Old Crossroads residents who fled their homes during a faction fight in December and were later arrested for living near a church in the KTC squatter camp, were each fined R50 (or 50 days) when they appeared before a Langa Commissioner yesterday.

The sentences were suspended for two years.

The 29, convicted of trespassing and being in a prescribed area illegally, included a number of elderly women and 18 children between the ages of seven months and 13 years. They had been in custody since Thursday.

They pleaded not guilty to a trespassing section of the law preventing illegal squatting (Section 1A of Act 52 of 1951), and guilty to being in a prescribed area illegally (Section 10 (4) of the Urban Areas Act).

The commissioner, Mr. W Fourie, warned the 29 that Western Cape Administration Board (WCAB) inspectors and the police would keep a "close watch" on them in the future. He cautioned and discharged the group for being at the KTC camp illegally.

Evidence was that the group had fled Old Crossroads during a fight in which many of their possessions were destroyed as their shacks were set alight by an opposing faction.

7 shacks razed: 30 homeless

By MARIANNE THAMM

SEVEN Ravensmead families — a total of at least 30 men, women and children — were left homeless when a fire gutted seven tin shacks yesterday afternoon.

The fire, the cause of which has not yet been determined, caused most of the people to lose all their possessions.

Mr Koos van Rooyen, who lived in one of the shacks in Marigold Street, said he returned home from work about 6pm to find his home had been razed.

Mr Van Rooyen and his wife Lea have four children, including an eight-month-old baby. They have lived in the shack for 11 years. Residents in the area helped

Mrs Van Rooyen save a few items of furniture and blankets.

"I don't know what I am going to do now. All my personal papers, my wedding licence, my children's birth certificates, the whole happy lot went up in smoke," Mr Van Rooyen said.

Clutching charred family photographs, Mrs Mary-Anne Lucas, who has six children, sat on a bench saved from the Van Rooyens' home.

"I don't know where I'm going to sleep tonight," she said.

Almost everything in the home of Mr Phillip Muller was destroyed. The only item which was intact was a grass

broom. Mr Muller's wife Katy is pregnant with their first child.

"We've lost everything. We will have to spend the night with some friends and then decide what to do later," he said.

Mr Muller shares his home with his mother, Mrs Mary Muller, and 17 other people. The scene at the fire was one of total destruction, with zinc sheets and burnt-out debris piled in large heaps.

The shacks did not have electricity and residents used paraffin and gas stoves for cooking.

Mr ID van der Walt, senior general manager Eskom, said yesterday the 1 400 megawatts from had contracted in 1989 would soon be available to the South African power at an economical price. This would free the South African grid from financial burden of high-cost peak-period generating equipment, added. — Sapa

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Crossroads leader told to stop building

Supreme Court Reporter

THE chairman of the Crossroads committee, Mr Johnson Ngxobongwana, was today ordered to stop building a brick house in Crossroads and to demolish any permanent structure already erected.

Mr Justice Rose-Innes granted an application to the Supreme Court, Cape Town, by the Divisional Council of the Cape for an order preventing Mr Ngxobongwana from building a permanent structure in Crossroads.

Mr Graham Lawrence said in an affidavit he had told Mr Ngxobongwana on November 10 he and other squatters would be moved to the new township at Khayelitsha.

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Mr Ngxobongwana had told him he would not move. On December 19 he received a report that Mr Ngxobongwana had started building on the site allocated to him by the Divisional Council.

After inspecting the site, he told Mr Ngxobongwana he was contravening regulations and had to stop building. This was ignored.

Mr Ngxobongwana was attempting to force "political confrontation" and that the matter was important since he was regarded as a "leader" by people in old Crossroads.

In granting the order, Mr Justice Rose-Innes said the question of costs would be considered later.

66 held in squatter camp raid

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Staff Reporter

THIRTY-FIVE women were arrested and 31 men were detained when police and Western Cape Administration Board inspectors swooped on squatters living in plastic shelters near Crossroads early yesterday morning.

The special joint operation followed disturbances in the area at the weekend during which a man was killed and a number of houses were burnt down.

WCAB inspectors also demolished 54 plastic shelters and removed their contents.

The women, who were arrested by board inspectors, appeared in the Langa Commissioner's Court yesterday morning on charges of illegal squatting as well as influx control offences. Their cases were postponed until tomorrow and they are being held at Pollsmoor.

Police detained the men for questioning in connection with the weekend violence.

The group concerned was living in plastic shelters close to the eastern edge of the "Nyanga Extension" squatter camp near Crossroads. Several Nyanga Extension shacks were gutted during the clash, which broke out early on Saturday morning. Residents in the area

said yesterday that the violence broke out after friction had developed between the "plastics" group and other squatters. One shack was set alight and the blaze spread to others.

The body of a man who lived in the area was later found near the Administration Board's Nyanga offices.

The WCAB's liaison officer, Dr Gert du Preez, confirmed yesterday that board inspectors had demolished 54 illegal plastic structures and had arrested 35 women in the operation.

Trial

Captain Jan Calitz, a police liaison officer for the Western Cape, said the 31 men had been detained for questioning in connection with the weekend violence.

Armed police headed by Lieutenant-Colonel J Niehaus of the Athlone district headquarters had taken part in the operation, which ran from Monday night until early yesterday.

He did not know how many of those detained would appear in court, and said no trial date had been set.

He would not comment on whether the weekend violence was linked to the recent disturbances in Crossroads itself, but said police saw it as an "isolated incident".

'Crossroads patrol has pangas, kieries'

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Staff Reporter

GROUPS of men armed with kieries and pangas patrolled the New Crossroads squatter camp early today, according to residents.

Their presence was linked to tensions between supporters of the unofficial "mayor" of Old Crossroads, Mr. Johnson Ngxobongwana, and the rival leader, Mr. Oliver Memani.

One resident, Mr. R. Dunga, said more than 100 men armed with pangas and kieries had walked up and down the streets of the township "taking down house numbers".

"It was terrible. I could not sleep. I phoned the police soon after 2 am when I saw the group outside my house. But the police only arrived at about 3.30 am," Mr. Dunga said.

Another resident, Mrs. N. Mbobosi, a former member of the Crossroads Women's Committee, said she went to a neighbour's house when she heard the men coming.

"I saw them checking the numbers of the houses and threatening to come tonight and take out Mr. Memani's people."

The police liaison officer for the Western Cape, Captain Jan Calitz, said the police were aware of rumours that armed people went around New Crossroads early today, but when they arrived on the scene the group had dispersed.

The police were aware of the situation and were keeping a watch on it.

66 in court after raids on squatters

CAPE TIMES 20/1/84 307

Staff Reporter

SIXTY-SIX men and women appeared in two separate courts in the Peninsula yesterday after a joint raid by police and inspectors of the Western Cape Administration Board on a squatter group near Crossroads this week.

Thirty-one men appeared in the Athlone Magistrates' Court on charges of public violence.

These hearings were adjourned to February 2 for further investigation. According to a court spokesman, final charges will be formulated by the Attorney-General later.

All are being held at Pollsmoor Prison.

The men's appearance follows violence near Crossroads early on Saturday morning, during which a man was killed and a number of shacks in Nyanga Extension were gutted by fire.

Thirty-five women appeared in the Langa Commissioner's Court on charges of illegal squatting and influx-control offences. Of these, 28 were not asked to plead and their hear-

ings were adjourned to January 30 and 31 and February 1.

They are also being held at Pollsmoor.

Four women were fined R50 (or 50 days), suspended for two years, for illegal squatting. Three also received suspended sentences for being illegally in the Peninsula for longer than 72 hours without permission.

Went to jail

The fourth was sentenced to R60 (or 60 days) without suspension for a similar pass-law offence, and went to jail after being unable to pay the fine. She had one previous conviction.

The cases against three more women were also adjourned late yesterday afternoon but no further details could be obtained.

The men and women all lived in plastic shelters near the Nyanga Extension squatter camp. They were arrested this week after the weekend violence.

The board inspectors demolished the shelters and removed their contents.

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Khayelitsha created as a 'buffer zone'

Staff Reporter

ESTABLISHING Khayelitsha was not an attempt to solve housing problems but a political move, Ms Laurine Platzky, a co-ordinator of the Surplus People Project, told a UCT Summer School meeting last night.

The Government wanted to create a buffer between whites and blacks — and the buffer would be coloured people, she said.

Khayelitsha, bordered by State land, military installations and a highway, could be easily sealed off and could form an easily controlled zone.

20 YEARS

"It took them 20 years to move 200 000 coloured people from Loader Street, Wynberg, Claremont and places to the Cape Flats. They did it family by family, which made it difficult to notice and almost impossible to organise around it.

"But gradually 68 per cent of Cape Town's African population (the 'legals') will be moved to

Khayelitsha and 32 per cent will be moved to the Transkei or the Ciskei," she said.

About 500 families (mainly from the KTC squatter camp) have already been moved to Khayelitsha.

Initially there were plans to build a rail line to Khayelitsha, 35km from Cape Town, but it was later decided it would not be economically viable.

The Divisonal Council operates a clinic and there is one primary school while three more primary schools are scheduled to open this year.

Ms Platzky said a school in Crossroads had been closed this year and children were being taken by bus to the school in Khayelitsha.

Mrs Mildren Holo of Nyanga East told the meeting that the relocation plan had united the African people.

"Never mind the faction fights. The people in the township do not see that they will move to Kayelitsha," she said.

UDF, affiliate 'neutral' on camp factions

Cape Times 24/1/84

Labour Reporter

BOTH the United Democratic Front and a key affiliate, the Western Cape Civic Association, have declared that they are not taking sides in the current conflict between two rival Crossroads factions.

Both organizations have also reaffirmed that they are opposed to the removal of blacks to the new township of Khayelitsha.

Their statements have followed a controversy over reported remarks by Mr Alfred Stuurman, vice-chairman of the WCCA, on the troubled Crossroads situation earlier this week.

Mr Stuurman was quoted as saying the only permanent solution to the conflict was to remove the followers of one of the rival leaders, Mr Oliver Memani, from Crossroads.

He was also quoted as saying they should be moved to the new township of Khayelitsha.

'Misquoted'

The leader of the dominant Crossroads faction, Mr Johnson Ngxobongwana, is also chairman of the WCCA.

Later this week, however, Mr Stuurman declared that he had been misquoted and denied saying Mr Memani's followers should be moved to Khayelitsha.

He said the WCCA had not taken sides in the clash, in spite of the fact that Mr Ngxobongwana was the WCCA chairman.

"We are worried about the situation and we would like to see an end to it," he said.

He added that the WCCA was prepared to help resolve the conflict between Mr Ngxobongwana and Mr Memani.

He also said it was "out of the question" for him to support any removals to Khayelitsha, whether directly or indirectly.

The WCCA was a democratic organization whose course of action was determined by township residents, and residents of Guguletu, Langa, Nyanga and Crossroads were clearly and decisively opposed to being moved to Khayelitsha, he said.

● After a meeting on Thursday night, the UDF's Western Cape Region also declared it could not side with any one leader or faction in Crossroads.

The recent violence and loss of life in the camp bore testimony to the "wrongness of such an approach", it said.

It said it dissociated itself from a statement earlier this week suggesting that it supported the removal of Crossroads residents to Khayelitsha, and reaffirmed its commitment to resist such removals.

2-m blacks threatened with forced removal in SA

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By LINDA VERGNANI, Weekend Argus Reporter

THE estimated 250 000 Africans in Cape Town are "the biggest community under threat of removal in South Africa", according to Laurine Platzky, co-ordinator of the Surplus Peoples Project (SPP).

Ms Platzky was speaking this week on Forced Removals, one of the courses at the University of Cape Town Summer School.

Speakers said 3½-million people had already been forced to move in South Africa and a further two million were under threat. When the removals were complete one in six South Africans would be affected.

"Had land taken away"

Ms Platzky, co-ordinator of the course, said through forced removals people were "literally being dispossessed of their country".

"People who have had land, who have bought land, who have inherited land, who have lived on tribal land for centuries have had their land taken away and are supposed to be living on 13 percent of the land area of South Africa."

Ms Platzky said while there had been talk of no more forced removals, the government was increasingly using various tactics to squeeze people out.

Their tactics included closing schools, stopping the pay of teachers, taking away water pumps, refusing work permits, stopping bus services or refusing to subsidise them, refusing to pay pensioners and taking away shopkeepers licences.

"Refusing permission for schools"

Ms Platzky predicted there would be an increase in the use of "devious strategies" to try and pressure people to move to Khayelitsha.

She said the government was already using so-called "motivational tactics" to try to get people to move to Khayelitsha. These included:

- Refusing permission to build a further 12 classrooms at a school at Crossroads on the grounds that there was an adequate school in Khayelitsha.
- Freezing the building of new schools and extensions to existing schools in the townships.
- Stopping the R2-million first stage of a proposed shopping centre in Guguletu.
- Scrapping phase two of Crossroads and allowing only "legals" to go to Khayelitsha.

Moving labour office

- Moving the labour office from Langa to Nyanga so that people would have to travel long distances to register for work.

Ms Platzky said Khayelitsha would be used as a "sieve" to screen legals from illegals as only legals would be allowed to live there and the illegals would be endorsed out to the homelands.

Coloured people would eventually be moved into the existing African townships to create a physical buffer between the whites and Khayelitsha.

Ms Platzky said one of the main reasons for the creation of Khayelitsha was security. The township was beyond the airport, surrounded by military and open land, and with only one access road, could easily be sealed off.

Summing up the feelings of the township residents who will be moved, Mrs Mildred Holo of the Women's Front said: "By sending us to Khayelitsha the Nationalists are trying to drive us into the sea."

Girl, 8, killed

Staff Reporter

AN EIGHT-YEAR-OLD girl died and a cyclist was killed in two separate motor accidents in the Boland.

The girl, Janine Jacobs, 8, of the farm Cabirre, Franschhoek, died when she was knocked down by a car in Main Road, Franschhoek, on Monday.

A cyclist, Mr Jan Nicolaas Smit, 43, of the farm Flamink Vlei, Veldrift, died when he was knocked down by a car on the road between Vredenburg and Veldrift about 5pm on Monday.

Residents tell of intimidation

By RIAAN DE VILLIERS

RESIDENTS of New Crossroads say they are being terrorized by a large group of armed men who patrol the township each night.

The men, said to be supporters of Old Crossroads leader Mr John-Ngobongwana, have broken windows of a number of houses and cut telephone wires in the process of allegedly

intimidating occupants.

Several residents who claim to have been intimidated by the group said yesterday that the men had been patrolling the area every night since last Thursday.

by, but was followed there by some men who also broke the windows and forced their way in. However, the occupants hid themselves and were not found.

'Untrue'

She said the men were accusing her of being a Memani supporter, which was untrue. "I support neither of the two leaders," she said.

Broken windows and cut telephone wires were pointed out at both houses yesterday.

Another resident whose house had been entered said the group was forcing men in the households to join them in "chasing out Memani's people".

Captain Jan Calitz, a police liaison officer for the Western Cape, said yesterday that he could not comment on allegations that police were not taking action to stop the men, unless more details were supplied.

'No record'

The police had no record of a man being assaulted. No charge had been laid and therefore no investigation was taking place.

Mr J Gunter, chief director of the Western Cape Administration Board, said the board was aware that New Crossroads residents were being "threatened and intimidated".

He said the board was investigating the situation and he could not comment further.

Mr Ngobongwana could not be reached for comment yesterday.

Beaten up

Several residents also said a man was badly beaten up by the group on Monday night. This could not be confirmed by the police yesterday.

A prominent New Crossroads figure said yesterday that a group of men had entered her home on three consecutive nights since Friday.

Just after midnight on Sunday, she was woken when the men broke the windows of her house and tried to kick in the door.

She escaped and went to a friend's house near-

WCAB destroys 67 'illegal' shacks

Staff Reporter

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Staff Reporter

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Thirty structures were broken down on Monday. Of these, 17 had been erected in the "Dune" and "Cathedral" tent area next to Crossroads, and 13 on the pe-

rimeter of Crossroads next to Klipfontein Road.

Mr J Gunter, chief director of the WCAB, said all the structures had been additions to "legal" structures or tents, or shelters which had been erected recently.

A man whose shack on the edge of Crossroads was demolished on Monday said both he and his wife were legally in the Western Cape.

However, Mr Gunter said the policy of the board was to avoid demolishing illegal shacks of people legally in the area, and said none of the people affected were legals.

Yesterday, board inspectors demolished 15 plastic shelters of a group of ex-KTC squatters near Nyanga Extension, and burnt the materials.

It is believed to be the second time the group's shelters have been destroyed this year.

In November last year, several members of the group were arrested on charges of illegal squatting and influx control offences. Some received jail sentences.

A further 22 shacks were broken down in the Klipfontein area yesterday.

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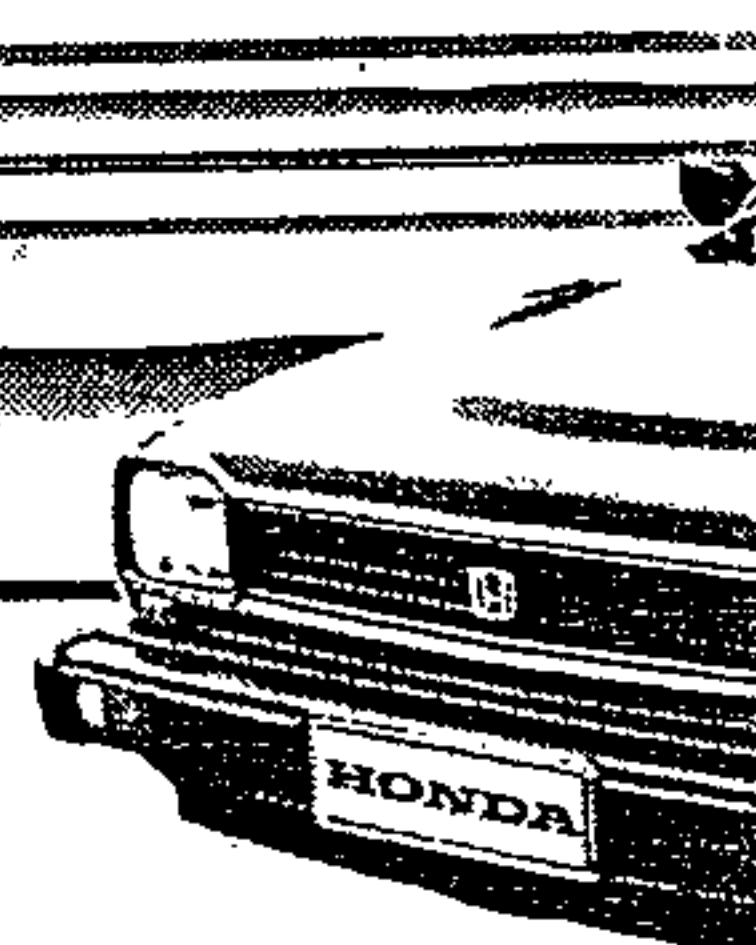
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Couple flee Crossroads after threats

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Staff Reporter

MRS REGINA Ntongwana, former head of the Crossroads Women's Committee, and her husband have fled from New Crossroads after they were allegedly abducted and threatened by a group of men during the early hours of Sunday morning.

This has emerged in the wake of allegations that armed supporters of Crossroads leader Mr Johnson Ngxobongwana have been intimidating residents in New Crossroads since the end of last week.

Mrs Ntongwana left soon after the recent violent clash between supporters of Mr Ngxobongwana and Mr Oliver Memani, when her house was damaged and ransacked by panga-wielding men she believed intended to kill her.

After that she stayed with relatives in New Crossroads, however, she and her husband have now fled from the township after the incident at the weekend.

It is believed that a group of men took the couple away in a car about 1am on Sunday morning and that they were taken into the veld where they were questioned.

It is believed Mrs

Ntongwana was interrogated about a statement she made to the Cape Times last week.

She was among a number of prominent Crossroads figures who alleged residents in the squatter camp were being intimidated by supporters of Mr Ngxobongwana in the wake of the disturbances.

● Meanwhile, incidents of intimidation are continuing in New Crossroads.

A resident whose house was also damaged at the weekend said yesterday a group of men returned on Tuesday night, broke more windows and broke down the back door.

All the occupants had fled and the men left with a television set.

Telephone wires to a house damaged earlier this week were also cut.

Captain Jan Calitz, a police liaison officer for the Western Cape, said yesterday police were aware of incidents in the township and were investigating.

Residents have charged that the police are failing to take action against the armed men patrolling the township each night.

Captain Calitz said police patrolling the area "could not be omnipresent".

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Motherless child

CAP Times 26/1/84

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THE Child Welfare Society is trying to trace the parents of a 12-year-old boy who was found wandering around Bellville in June last year.

Jerome Kavie was taken to the Child Welfare offices in Wynberg after he was found.

He claimed to be an orphan but later said his parents lived in a squatter shack in Modderdam Road.

Anyone who may be able to assist in tracing Jerome's parents is asked to phone Child Welfare at 71-7130.



Jerome Kavie

Insecurity and camp feud tensions spread violence

Staff Reporter PIPPA GREEN looks into the causes of unrest and fighting in the squatter camps

Persistent unrest at Crossroads has a background of years of insecurity for more than 6 000 "illegals" living there, as well as a long-standing feud between two community leaders.

Tensions at the camp have not only continued, but have spilled over into New Crossroads and KTC where many fled from the violence at Crossroads. (Over the Christmas holidays two people died here and some 60 000 families were rendered homeless.)

Screening

Some sources attribute the roots of tensions between the two groups, one of which supports the unofficial "mayor" of Crossroads, Mr Johnson Ngxobongwana and the other his rival, Mr Oliver Memani, to confusion over who was on the original lists of Crossroads residents compiled in 1979 and 1981.

After the protracted battle to remain in Crossroads had been won, the Western Cape Administration Board, with the Crossroads committee, began to compile lists of those who had been there since 1978 or earlier.

In 1980 a committee was set up to screen people who, for various reasons, had been left off the 1979 list.

Some, who claim they were there at the time and were living in "Mamani's area" — sections three and four — allege they were not screened.

An appeal committee, which would look into the cases of people left off the lists, was promised to the community in 1979 by Dr Piet Koorhof, Minister of Co-operation and Development. However, it has not yet been set up.

In 1981, the Crossroads committee of which Mr Ngxobongwana was chairman and Mr Memani vice-chairman, split over the question of the 6 000 "illegal" people who were not on the original lists and have subsequently been endorsed out of Cape Town.

While Mr Memani claims that the "senior members" of the committee supported him, prominent Ngxobongwana supporters claim most of the community supported Mr Ngxobongwana.

But there are many in the community today who say they do not support either side.

"We came to live in Crossroads, not to fight about who was on the throne," said one of the older residents.

Outside bodies

A health worker who did not want to be identified put some of the blame for the current violence at the door of "outside organisations" which intervened when Crossroads was under threat of demolition.

Those organisations, she said, had facilitated the consolidation of power by the Crossroads men's committee.

"They came in from outside. They said we needed a mayor and an executive committee. We all voted, but there was no constitution," she said.

Other Crossroads sources say a particular relationship between the Administration Board and the Crossroads committee was established, so that residents became dependent on the committee to make representations to the board on their behalf.

The "selling" of places on a waiting list, and later the "selling" of lawyers' letters as "permits" was common.

After the split both factions were in a strong enough position to raise their own "armies", which helped in the collection of money.

The Crossroads residents today refer to the "taxes" they pay — R10 for the cars recently bought for the committee, R1 a month for Mr Ngxobongwana's salary, R10 for people in the "plastics", R10 for the brick wall, a reference to fees, allegedly for Mr Ngxobongwana's legal tussles with the Administration Board over a brick wall.

The existence of these "taxes" has been widely corroborated by priests, social workers and health workers in the area.

Despair

Whether the "taxes" are imposed or whether they have been agreed to by the Crossroads residents is not clear.

What is clear is an increasing despair in the camp.

One Crossroads woman, who has lived there since 1975, said: "We are being forced to go and live in Khayelitsha. It is not our intention, but we are running away from the fighting. It is exactly what the Government wants."

One of the most common questions in Crossroads and New Crossroads these days is: "What are the authorities doing about this fighting?"

A long-standing Crossroads resident said: "We remember a time when the police and the Administration Board were all ways around."

Prominent New Crossroads residents, who have had their windows broken and telephone wires cut by groups of armed men who have been patrolling the township for the past week have said police protection is inadequate.

The police liaison officer for the Western Cape, Captain Jan Calitz, insists that the police have strengthened their force in both Old and New Crossroads.

"The police are investigating all cases reported to them without choosing sides," Captain Calitz said.

Dr Gert du Preez, press liaison officer for the WCAB, said



'Mayor' Ngxobongwana

the board had "tried in the past to get the two factions together without success."

"The board is still willing to act as a negotiator between the two factions but, without their co-operation, this is very difficult."

Crossroads leader sentenced for unlicensed pistol

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Court Reporter

THE leader of one of the Crossroads groups, Oliver Memani, was today fined R500, or nine months' imprisonment, and sentenced to a further nine months, suspended for five years, for possessing an unlicensed firearm.

The firearm, a .25 calibre pistol, was found on Memani on September 2 last year when he was arrested at the Western Cape Administration Board offices in Nyanga on fraud allegations.

"IN DANGER"

Mr G J Malherbe, for Memani, told the Wynberg Magistrate's Court his client's life had been in danger since last April, when faction rivalry exploded into violence.

His house had been burnt down by the rival faction, led by Mr Johnson Ngxobongwana. He had been a dealer in meat and groceries, and the destruction of his house had deprived him of this income.

Memani lived in fear he would be attacked by the other faction and "he has heard that he is to be killed", Mr Malherbe said.

He had applied to the police for a licence, but this had been refused.

NO RECORD

Mr W King, for the State, said no record existed of Memani's making formal application for a licence.

Cross-examined, Memani said he had requested a licence at the Guguletu police station but was not given application forms.

The magistrate, Mr J D Hugget, said the situation in Crossroads was "explosive", and allowing more weapons into the area would result in greater violence.

Although the offence was a very serious one, Memani's personal circumstances could not be ignored. His importance in the community and his financial position counted in his favour.

Divco 'drives squatters into the bush'

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31/1/84

Staff Reporter

THE Divisional Council drove people "into the bush" by demolishing squatters' shacks without providing alternative accommodation, a councillor said today.



Mr Neil Ross

Mr Neil Ross said he was not in favour of uncontrolled squatting, but he was concerned that no alternative accommodation was provided.

The council agreed to his proposal at a meeting to ask the housing committee to look into alternative accommodation.

The vice-chairman of the council, Mr M J Aggenbach, said there was a difference between controlled and uncontrolled squatting and it was uncontrolled squatting which had to be investigated.

"Handicapped"

Mr D Lambert, chairman of the housing committee, said the council was "handicapped" in its efforts to provide alternative accommodation because there was no land available.

"There must be influx control. The problem is that there are about 2 500 legal squatters living in overcrowded conditions.

The council approved the latest report on squatter-control operations. It says that between September and December last year 89 unauthorised shacks were demolished in Divisional Council areas — the most in any one area was at Philadelphia, where 50 shacks were destroyed.

During the same period 92 numbered shacks were demolished — 37 in the Philadelphia area alone.

Council yes to hotel rezoning

Staff Reporter

THE Divisional Council has approved the controversial rezoning of the Kommetjie Hotel site.

The Kommetjie Ratepayers' Association objects to the rezoning on the grounds that the hotel bottle-store attracts "drunks" and that a planned extension of the store will cause more problems.

According to Divisional Council engineer Mr J A Clark, rezoning from general residential to commercial (hotel and off-sales) is required in order to validate the site's present use in terms of the town-planning scheme, which does not permit a hotel with a bottle-store on land zoned as general residential.

At today's meeting of the council the chairman of the housing committee, Mr D Lambert, described the Kommetjie area as "very sensitive" and one in which development had considerably affected domestic life.

He believed residents felt they "had not enjoyed the confidence of authorities" and that they felt security and safety were endangered.

A letter to the council from the secretary of the ratepayers' association, Mr G D Metcalf, said:

"Local residents are up in arms with the numbers of non-whites who frequent the off-sales on foot from Ocean View."

The association had received frequent complaints about the numbers of "drunks" using foul language, urinating in the streets and having sexual relations in the bushes near the hotel.

His organisation was convinced that "there are sufficient grounds for revoking the hotel's non-white off-sales licence, let alone extending its premises".

Divco 'no' to disposing of building

Staff Reporter

THE Divisional Council decided today not to sell or lease the old Alphen Winery building, which it plans to use as a library and a hall.

Alphen Winery (Pty) Ltd recently asked the council to consider selling or leasing the building to the company.

A report by the secretary of the council, Mr W R Vivier, says the Constantia Property Owners' Association wishes to retain the status quo.

Divco report on squatter control

Staff Reporter

SINCE 1975, 11 509 authorized squatter shacks have been demolished by Divisional Council inspectors in the Cape Peninsula area, according to a progress report on squatter control submitted to the Divisional Council yesterday.

According to the figures, 8 575 unauthorized shacks were demolished between 1975 and December 12 last year.

Of 13 716 original authorized shacks in 1975, 2 207 were now left.

Between October 24 and December 12 last year, 92 authorized shacks were demol-

ished, while 89 unauthorized shacks were flattened during this period.

A motion by Mr Neil Ross that the report be referred to the housing committee with a view to providing alternative accommodation for affected squatters was carried by 10 votes to six.

Mr D Lambert said that, although he had no objection to the motion, there was already a backlog of 2 500 squatters awaiting accommodation.

"We are simply handicapped by lack of available land", he said.

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Blacks 'won't be forced to move to Khayelitsha'

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Staff Reporter

NO ONE in existing African townships in the Peninsula would be forced to move to Khayelitsha, according to Mr Timo Bezuidenhoud, chief commissioner for the Department of Co-operation and Development in the Western Cape.



Mr Timo Bezuidenhoud

In an interview today Mr Bezuidenhoud said he could "reiterate the Government promise" that no "legal" residents of Langa, Nyanga and Guguletu would be forced to move to the controversial new township, 30km from Cape Town.

However, "the situation of the thousands of people living in the back yards of houses in the township must be relieved," he said.

Mr Bezuidenhoud's promise comes after two moves by the Government which have increased the fears of township residents that they will be moved to Khayelitsha.

Freeze

The first of these is the freeze on new schools in Cape Town's African townships. The second is the unexplained shelving of two major private business projects in Guguletu and Langa.

Mr Bezuidenhoud said he could not comment on these moves.

"These matters are presently being dealt with and I do not know what the outcome will be."

Meanwhile, 5 000 serviced sites are expected to be available in the new township, east of Mitchell's Plain, by the end of this year.

Khayelitsha, which is eventually expected to house 28 000 families, has already met with strong opposition from township residents, the Crossroads committee, town-planning experts and civil rights groups.

"Persuaded"

Asked how the Government would remove Crossroads people, Mr Bezuidenhoud said: "People have to be persuaded that it is much better to reside in Khayelitsha than under the conditions they are now living in Crossroads."

"There is a lot of hypocrisy surrounding the situation at Crossroads. The public are requesting the Government to do something about the squalid conditions there. Disease is rife. About 20 people have already died because of a power struggle within Crossroads."

"On the other hand, there are elements and instances trying to hold out that people in Crossroads are a closely knitted, happy family."

Mr Bezuidenhoud said that of the estimated 40 000 people at Crossroads only 15 000 were "legal".



Mrs Nokwaka Ntwesa and her three children are among the group which has been living in the open for more than a month after being driven out of Crossroads.

KTC: 200 still out in open

Staff Reporter

SOME 200 people are still living in the open near the KTC squatter site after being driven out of Crossroads during disturbances more than a month ago.

They are followers of Mr Oliver Memani, rival to dominant Crossroads leader Mr Johnson Ngxobongwana, who fled the squatter camp during the clash between the two factions shortly before the new year.

Many of them lost their possessions when their houses were burnt down, and Mr Memani has described them as "destitute".

The people have been living without shelter since Western Cape Administration Board inspectors demolished some plastic shelters they had erected a few weeks ago, and burnt the materials.

Interviewed at the site yesterday, spokesmen for the group said they were struggling to live without shelter or water.

"Children are getting sick, and they are not at school. Many of us lost almost all our posses-

sions when our houses were burnt down," one said.

Following the WCAB raid they were frightened of erecting more plastic shelters and did not have money to buy plastics.

"We are waiting for permits. We can't go anywhere if they do not give us stamps," he said.

He added that WCAB inspectors had raided the area for the past two mornings in an attempt to arrest members of the group, but everyone had run away.

This could not be confirmed with WCAB spokesmen yesterday.

Mr Memani has been holding talks with black-affairs officials in an attempt to find a refuge for the group, but until now these have proved to be fruitless.

Mr Memani and members of his committee again met Mr Timo Bezuidenhoud, Chief Commissioner for Co-operation and Development, yesterday afternoon.

Later, Mr Memani said "no solution" had been found.

Mr Bezuidenhoud could not be reached for comment.

Cape Times 3/2/84
6 'plastic' women
jailed after raid

Staff Reporter

SIX black women have gone to jail for up to 70 days after being convicted of pass law offences in the Langa Commissioner's Court this week.

They were among a group of 28 women who appeared after being arrested in a joint raid by Western Cape Administration Board inspectors and police on a "plastic" squatter camp next to Nyanga Extension on January 19.

The raid followed a clash between the "plastics" group and Nyanga Extension squatters the previous weekend, in which a man was killed and a number of shacks were gutted by fire.

Thirty-one men appeared in the Athlone Magistrates' Court yes-

terday on charges of public violence.

The women were charged with pass law offences and illegal squatting. However, the illegal squatting charges were withdrawn. No reasons were given for this.

All were found guilty on pass law charges. Sentences ranged from R30 or 30 days to R70 or 70 days. Most of the sentences were suspended on condition that the convicted return to their homelands.

Six women — Nosebenzile Matinise (24), Novotile Mankayyi (27), Lakiwe Gwinta (26) and No-Andile Nzinzwa (30) went to jail for 70 days. Npuzile Mpyonke (26) and Nomgco Matshaya (23) — were jailed for 30 days after being unable to pay fines.

2 000 ⁽¹²⁷⁾homeless ⁽³⁴⁰⁾in DV ⁽³⁰⁷⁾institute ^{D. Dispatch}

EAST LONDON — Conditions of utter misery and destitution reigned in the Ndende Street and M and H areas of Duncan Village after the recent destruction of shacks by the East Cape Administration Board (Ecab) officials, Mrs Roselle Frasca, manager of the Border branch of the South African Institute of Race Relations, said yesterday.

"The situation is desperate and heart-rending. An estimated 400 shacks have been demolished in the Ndende Street area alone. With an average of seven people per shack, that means there are about 2 000 people now homeless.

"Many of them are either very old or very young and are living in the open with the pitiful remains of their belongings," Mrs Frasca said.

In a fact sheet produced by the Border office of the SAIRR it is claimed that a statement made in 1983 by Mr Louis Koch, chief director of Ecab, said that some 2 143 families in Duncan Village would be relocated to Mdantsane when housing was available for them.

"But there is no housing. There is nothing for them. They have been turfed out of their homes and just left sitting

there," Mrs Frasca said.

In a statement released yesterday, Mr D. Makatala, chairman of the East London Community Council, said that the council would let nothing stand in its way of providing housing for those people who qualified as residents of Duncan Village.

"Although the council has sympathy for those unfortunate people who do not qualify, it cannot ignore its responsibility towards legal residents who pay service charges every month.

"The council is doing everything in its power to accelerate the development of Duncan Village and with the assistance of the Administration Board will do everything necessary not to have situations like the Ndende Street shack area developing again," the statement said.

Mrs Frasca, who visited Ndende Street with an SAIRR researcher, said that although Ecab officials in Port Elizabeth had promised to answer questions yesterday, repeated attempts to contact the officials had been unsuccessful.

She said that the Border office of the SAIRR had established an emergency relief fund for the homeless people and would be hoping to

raise funds to provide food and blankets as soon as possible.

"We are working in close conjunction with Afesis, a community welfare organisation, to assist these people. Yesterday Mr Eddie Leeuw, the chairman of Afesis, went into Ndende Street with food and baby food," Mrs Frasca said.

Mr Leeuw said that he had been besieged by hungry people in the area yesterday.

"When people are hungry they become desperate and dangerous. They will do anything to feed their children.

"The Afesis office in Pefferville will be open from 11 am until 3 pm every day for homeless people to come and get material support," Mr Leeuw said.

Mr P. de Pontes, MP for East London City, said yesterday he would prefer not to comment on the situation in Duncan Village until he had contacted Ecab and furnished himself with the facts.

"A lot of allegations are made about these situations but I will be speaking to Ecab officials tomorrow to find out exactly what is going on there," Mr De Pontes said. — DDR.

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Queues for food relief



Mr Henry Kroutz, a member of Afesis welfare organisation, distributes food to the homeless in Duncan Village. The allocation was two tins per person.





Homeless people in Ndende Street, Duncan Village, queue for tinned food watched by East Cape Administration Board (Ecab) officials.

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There's no place like . . . ? Children play in the ruins of a demolished shack in Duncan Village.

Housing deadlock on 'illegal' squatters

By RIAAN
DE VILLIERS
Labour Reporter

LOCAL black affairs authorities are not prepared to offer housing at the new township of Khayelitsha to Crossroads residents whose claims to be in the Western Cape legally have been pending with the government for five years.

This has emerged after talks between Mr Timo Bezuidenhoud, Chief Commissioner for Co-operation and Development, and Mr Oliver Memani, leader of one of two rival Crossroads factions, on the fate of some of his followers who have fled the squatter camp.

Up to 200 of them have been living in the open near the KTC squatter site since the fighting over a month ago in which two people were killed and 60 houses razed.

Census

A deadlock has developed over their future. The authorities have offered to house "legals" in the group at Khayelitsha, but say they can do nothing for "illegals". Mr Memani has refused to agree unless everyone is moved.

Soon after the 1978 Koornhof agreement, the government conducted a census in Crossroads to determine which residents qualified for legal rights in the Western Cape.

Later, both Mr Memani and rival leader Mr Johnson Ngxobongwana handed lists to the authorities of people said to have missed the census.

In 1979, Dr Koornhof

announced that these cases would be considered by an appeal committee. This has not been done.

According to Mr Memani, the destitute group at KTC consists of "legals", people on the official "Memani" list and people whose names are on a third list he has drawn up.

Until now, it was assumed the authorities' offer extended to people on the official "Memani" list.

However, Mr Bezuidenhoud said yesterday that they could not be taken to Khayelitsha either.

"The appeal committee must first decide whether they are legal or not. In the meantime, they must go back to Crossroads," he said.

He said the only "safe" solution was to house "legals" at Khayelitsha, in tents if need be.

Asked if it would not then be unsafe for "list" people to go back to Crossroads, he said he had referred Mr Memani to the police, to discuss this issue and they were "prepared to help them go back".

Mr Ken Andrew, the Progressive Federal Party's black affairs spokesman for the Western Cape, yesterday criticized the exclusion of the "list" people from the authorities' offer.

He said the government had "dragged its heels" over the issue for years. "Any refusal to offer them alternative housing shows a cynical disregard for their rights and flies in the face of repeated assurances by Dr Koornhof," he said.

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 Crossroads: destruction of house

*8. Mrs H SUZMAN asked the Minister of Law and Order:

- (1) Whether one Mrs Ntongana laid a complaint at the Guguletu police station on or about 29 December 1983 concerning the destruction of her house and its contents at Crossroads by certain persons; if so, what are the particulars of the incident;
- (2) whether steps have been taken to find the persons responsible; if so, (a) what steps and (b) with what results?

†The MINISTER OF LAW AND ORDER:

- (1) Yes. The destruction of Mrs Ntongana's house resulted from the retaliatory actions of two opposing factions in the Crossroads area.
- (2) Yes. A case of public violence is being investigated.

(a) and (b) The investigation has not yet been completed.

Murder of N Alcock

*9. Mrs H SUZMAN asked the Minister of Law and Order:

Whether the South African Police have investigated the murder of Mr Neil Alcock; if not, why not; if so, with what results?

The MINISTER OF LAW AND ORDER:

Yes. Thirteen black men have been charged in connection therewith and the case has been remanded till 9 March 1984.

West Indian Cricket Tour

*10. Dr F A H VAN STADEN asked the Minister of National Education:†

Whether his Department has (a) con-

tributed to the financing of the West Indian Cricket Tour of 1983-84 in the Republic and (b) rendered assistance in this connection in any other way; if so, what was the (i) amount of this contribution and (ii) nature of such assistance?

†The MINISTER OF NATIONAL EDUCATION:

- (a) No.
- (b) (i) and (ii) Yes, an amount of R30 000 was allocated to the South African Cricket Union for the partial financing of a documentary film on the West Indian Cricket tour. Furthermore the Directorate of Sport Advancement of the Department provided a liaison officer to accompany the touring team. The Directorate also made available its usual liaison and organizational assistance in connection with the touring arrangements to the S A Cricket Union.

Guide plans

*11. Mr J H VISAGIE asked the Minister of Constitutional Development and Planning:†

- (1) Into how many districts has the Republic been divided with a view to the preparation of guide plans;
- (2) whether a draft guide plan for the East Rand and the Far East Rand has been prepared; if so, (a) when will it be released for comment and (b) for what period will it be open to inspection;
- (3) whether the objections of interested parties will be heard and considered;
- (4) whether the members of the (a) House of Assembly and (b) Provincial Council concerned will be furnished with information in this connection; if not, why not; if so, at what stage will the information be so furnished?

Halt Duncan Village hardship — Slabbert

EAST LONDON — The Leader of the Opposition, Dr F. van Zyl Slabbert, appealed to Dr Piet Koornhof yesterday to act immediately to stop the removals in Duncan Village.

Dr Slabbert told the House of Assembly that he had received an urgent telex from the Border office of the South African Institute of Race Relations informing him of the plight of Duncan Village residents whose homes had been destroyed by the East Cape Administration Board.

"There appears to be no clarity at all about the future of these people. The Minister himself said it would never happen again and I appeal to him to act immediately to stop this unnecessary hardship.

"There are 2 000 people wandering around there without any shelter," Dr Van Zyl Slabbert said.

Mr Louis Rive, who was appointed by the government to investigate ways of improving the standard of living of

blacks in the Border, said he would prefer not to comment on the recent Ecab actions.

"As far as the physical re-planning of Duncan Village is concerned, I am waiting for the municipal authorities to make a decision regarding the area to be incorporated into the new Duncan Village.

"I shall be in East London later this month and will be in a position to become better acquainted with the situation," Mr Rive said.

Mr Errol Spring, who is on the upgrading committee for Duncan Village, said yesterday that he could not believe that Ecab would bulldoze shacks without providing alternative accommodation for people.

"We realise the sense of urgency in this matter but the planning of Duncan Village is a very lengthy process. Ecab cannot allow illegal squatters just to stream in in large numbers."

Repeated attempts to contact Ecab yesterday to obtain comment and

information about the services offered by their aid centre in Duncan Village were unsuccessful.

Mrs Roselle Frasca, the manager of the Border branch of the SAIRR said yesterday that the response to the emergency relief fund launched by the office was encouraging.

"We have received food, clothes and financial aid from some large organisations and several individuals. One farmer offered us 1 000 cabbages which we have gladly accepted and are trying to figure out how to transport them," Mrs Frasca said.

She said that the relief was being distributed in a highly efficient manner by Mr E. Leeuw and his team from Afesis, the welfare organisation, from their Pefferville offices.

"I must emphasise however that the need of these people is enormous and we are still hoping for a lot more support from the public," Mrs Frasca said. — DDR

EAST LONDON — The eviction of an elderly chronically ill coloured man from his home in a white area in King William's Town has been described as "one of the worst things one race can do to another" by a community leader there.

"It gives our community the idea that the new dispensation means hardship. When you see people getting a raw deal like this then you start wondering," Mr Mike Bossr, the chairman of the management committee in Breidbach, a village six kilometres from King Williams's Town, said yesterday.

Partly bedridden Mr Ebrahim Peterson, 66, an asthmatic who has suffered from pleurisy, was evicted from his Mackinnon Street home by the messenger of the court recently. His furniture and bed were moved onto the street.

He had in his possession a letter written by a medical officer from the

Community leader hits at eviction

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town's hospital, Grey Hospital, which advised the town clerk of his accommodation problems and said: "It is essential that he be near the hospital."

Before his eviction, Mr Peterson refused a King William's Town municipality offer to have him housed in Breidbach, because he felt the distance between the village and Grey Hospital was too great.

The deputy town clerk there, Mr Bernard Aucamp, pointed out after the incident that Mr Peterson was the illegal lessee of the council-

owned home he was living in, and, in term of the Group Areas Act, he had to be resettled in Breidbach. Pyjama-clad Mr Peterson lay on his bed on the roadside for about six hours before an Indian family offered him accommodation.

Mr Bossr said the handling of Mr Peterson "irritates you like an old sore."

"I blame the local authorities for this: They shield behind the Group Areas Act — they could have used their discretion, this is an ungodly thing they have done," he said.

"Where is their Christian compassion? It's one of the worst things one race can do to another.

Dr Rod McDade, the superintendent of Grey Hospital, commented on the issue: "It is obviously advisable for people who have a chronic illness and no transport to stay near a hospital. It's a general principle.

"I feel that it is unfortunate that a man is obliged to move out of town when he has that condition. It's one of those things that I will never understand."

The chairman of the Indian Association in the town, Dr P. Raghavjee, who has treated Mr Peterson, also criticised his eviction.

"He was justified in refusing accommodation in Breidbach. His health is not good, because he has a severe type of asthmatic chest. It is unpredictable when an attack which could be fatal could occur," he said. — DDR.

Appeal for clarity on Duncan Village

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EAST LONDON — The chairman of the Ward 7 ratepayers' association, Mr Fanie Strydom, has called on the municipality or the government to inform the community of what is envisaged in the retention of a section of Duncan Village.

Mr Strydom said at the weekend that his association had "perturbing information" about the boundaries of Duncan Village and the number of people to be housed there in terms of plans to upgrade a section of the township.

The South African Government, which had previously said it was committed to removing Duncan Village residents to Mdtansane announced last year that the Ziphunzana section of Duncan Village would be retained and upgraded while the Ndende Street slum area would be cleared.

Mr Strydom called for a public meeting to be held to inform East London residents of the plans for Duncan Village. "If no meeting is called, we will consider

calling one to inform residents of what we know. We will invite government officials to tell us what they envisage," he said.

Mr Strydom said the residents of Ward 7, parts of which were close to Duncan Village, had no objection to plans to demolish shacks and provide proper houses in the existing Duncan Village.

"But we have perturbing information about the number of people to be housed there," he

said.

City councillors involved in the Duncan Village issue could not be contacted for comment yesterday. Last week Mr Louis Rive, who has been appointed by the government to investigate ways of improving the standard of living of blacks in the Border area, said he was waiting for the municipal authorities to make a decision on the area to be incorporated in the new Duncan Village. — DDR

DV Council to take up homeless issue

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EAST LONDON — A meeting of the Duncan Village Community Council will be held today to discuss the issue of homeless people in the area, a spokesman for the council said yesterday.

The Border branch of the South African Institute of Race Relations has estimated that there are approximately 2 000 homeless people in Duncan Village after the recent shack clearing programme by the East Cape Administration Board.

The spokesman for the community council said he thought that some of the illegal residents had been moved to Mdantsane but could not say how many.

"There are still a large number of people here who are homeless and without permits and I have no idea what is going to happen to

them," the spokesman said.

Mr Donald Card, a city councillor who visited Duncan Village yesterday, strongly condemned the actions of Ecab.

"I think in times of discord and unrest it is particularly foolish of Ecab to destroy people's homes without providing them with alternative accommodation," Mr Card said.

He said the situation in Ndende Street was critical with many people sleeping outside without shelter of any kind.

"This sort of thing breeds hatred, and it is the hatred which worries me very much," he said.

Mr Eddie Leeuw, chairman of the community welfare organisation Afesis, said his team had fed 1 000 people in two days and turned away about

another 1 000.

"The supplies from the SAIRR are holding up quite well and we have organised a rota system where people come every two or three days to get food and clothing.

"But there are very many people who need assistance and I can foresee a point very soon when we are going to run out of food," Mr Leeuw said.

He said the Afesis people were taking particulars of everyone they fed and many of the people were from Transkei and said they were in possession of permits from Ecab to work in the East London area.

Mr Leeuw also said that some of the people had told him they were to be moved to Mdantsane.

Mr Leeuw said one of his major concerns was the potential health hazard in the area.

"There are thousands of people living in the open without even the most basic sanitation. There is no privacy for them to wash and not enough outlets of running water to cater for them all. I fear that the area is on the verge of an epidemic," he said.

Dr J. R. van Heerden, the medical officer of health, said yesterday that he was not aware of the exact situation in the Duncan Village area where the homeless people were.

"I can't see that the situation is any different from before when people were living in shacks. However, I shall be making immediate inquiries into the matter," Dr Van Heerden said.

Repeated attempts to get information on the situation from Ecab officials in Port Elizabeth yesterday were unsuccessful. — DDR

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EAST LONDON — People who were squatting illegally in Duncan Village had been warned well in advance of the East Cape Administration Board's intention to move them, the liaison officer for the Ministry of Co-operation and Development, Mr J. Oosthuizen, said yesterday.

Commenting on the latest shack demolitions by Ecab, which the South African Institute of Race Relations has estimated to have left 2 000 people homeless, Mr Oosthuizen said that illegal residents had been informed by letter that they would have to move.

"Some of these people have broken down their own shacks and gone

Squatters had early warning — official

back to where they came from.

"Where shacks of legal residents were broken down, alternative accommodation has been provided for them in Mdantsane," Mr Oosthuizen said.

He said that with regard to the Minister of Co-operation and Development, Dr Piet Koornhof's statement made last year, concerning the removal of Dun-

can Village residents, the undertaking had been that legal residents would not be moved until housing was available for them.

"The government does not provide housing for illegal residents," Mr Oosthuizen said.

Mr L. Koch, chief administrator for Ecab in Port Elizabeth refused to comment on the Duncan Village situation yesterday. — DDR.

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Ecab help promised

EAST LONDON — Homeless people in Duncan Village would be provided for by the East Cape Administration board (Ecab), a meeting of more than 2 000 people in Duncan Village was told last night.

Mrs Florence Mangale, a representative of the Duncan Village Community Council, addressed the meeting.

In an interview last

night, Mrs Mangale said Ecab would provide housing for legal residents whose homes were destroyed in the recent shack clearing programme.

She said "something would be done" by Ecab for the illegal residents without homes but they had not made clear exactly what measures they intended to take.

Ecab would make a decision about the future of illegal residents after

they had completed their investigation.

Mrs Mangale said the issue of lodgers' permits had been raised at the meeting and members of the community council had explained the procedure for obtaining these.

The people at the meeting had been satisfied with the explanations provided by the community council she said. — DDR.

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Crossroads 8/2/84
*29. Mr K M ANDREW asked the Minister of Co-operation and Development:

- (1) Whether the appeal committee for Crossroads residents referred to in his reply to Question No 8, standing over, on 9 March 1983 has met; if
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not, (a) why not and (b) when will it meet; if so, (i) who are the members of the committee, (ii) on what dates has it met and (iii) how many cases has it considered;

- (2) whether any persons involved in these cases were given permission to remain at Crossroads; if so, how many?

Nyanga plastic shelters demolished — squatters

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Staff Reporter

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SEVERAL plastic and branch shelters at the Nyanga Bush site were demolished today by Western Cape Administration Board officials, according to the Nyanga Bush committee.

Mr Simo Menziwa, a member of the committee, showed a reporter piles of furniture left in the open after the shelters had been demolished.

Neither Dr Gert du Preez, Press liaison officer for the board, nor Mr G Lawrence, the board's director of housing and labour, were available for comment.

Another committee member, Mr Enoch Madywaba, said people living in communal plastic shelters had started to build small shelters for themselves yesterday.

People claim they have been living in overcrowded conditions for the past three years.

The communal plastic shelters are divided into "dormitories" and compartments and the committee claims at least 120 people live in the four shelters.

There are 11 beds in one of the dormitories and residents claim that one family lives in each bed.

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Plea by squatters to erect more tents

Staff Reporter
NYANGA BUSH squatters, many of whom are living in crowded communal plastic shelters, often with an entire family sharing a single bed, have appealed to the Department of Co-operation and Development to allow them to erect more tents.

Two members of the Nyanga Bush committee, Mr Melford Yamile and Mr Enoch Madywabe, said they had gone to see the chief commissioner for the Department of Co-operation and Development, Mr Timo Bezuidenhoud, last week.

"We told him there was a terrible problem of overcrowding in the big black plastics. We asked him if he would give us permission to put up more tents, which we will get from the Red Cross," Mr Yamile said.

"CAN'T PROMISE"

Mr Bezuidenhoud yesterday confirmed that he had met members of the Nyanga Bush committee.

"I promised I would go into the matter, but I can't promise them permission to erect more tents. The moment they erect more tents, more people will flock there," Mr Bezuidenhoud said.

Mr Madywaba said the four large communal plastic shelters were "rickety" and leaked when it rained.

Residents in the shelters say more than 120 people live there.

Space 'crowded' Reds put three

CAPE CANAVERAL. — A record eight astronauts whirled around the world today — five from the United States planning a second space walk without lifelines, and three from the Soviet Union starting a mission expected to last several months.

"It's getting to be pretty populated up here," Vance Brand, commander of the US shuttle Challenger, said last night when he heard that the Soviet Union had launched the latest team of cosmonauts to man the cigar-shaped Salyut-7 space station.

The latest Soviet mission has taken on new significance in the light of President Reagan's call for a permanently

manned US station, a challenge to the Kremlin for achievements.

The American triumph on when astronaut McCandless and Stewart donned powered back become the first fly alone in space, attached to their ship. A second test is planned.

The two backpacks, unlike uncomfortable chairs and cost a million to develop, aimed at adding dimension to the space effort would be invaluable in constructing a station.

Cape Town becomes test-tube Mother City

Medical Reporter

CAPE TOWN seems set to become the test-tube capital of South Africa.

More medical activity in this field is taking place in the Mother City than in any other country.

And the first test-tube baby from a South African fertilisation was born recently in the city.

The in-vitro (literally, in-glass) fertilisation performed by a city gynaecologist in private.

And, following discussions with "two groups of infertility specialists", there is a "possibility" that the new City Park private might start an infertility clinic specialising in in-vitro fertilisation, according to the manager, Matthews.

These private developments are in addition to the fertilisation programmes already running at Groote Schuur Hospital, which has two pregnant women at Groote Schuur, which has yet to announce a successful pregnancy.

With the successes so far, results in the City outstrip those in other centres.

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● AT the Athlone Advice Office ... problems, problems, problems.

Sorry — you're too old to stay

MR John A, 31, was sitting on the pavement in front of the Athlone Advice office when I met him. He kept gazing all around him nervously. He told me that if Administration Board inspectors saw him he could be arrested and deported to Transkei.

John was born in Cape Town and was considered a "legal" resident until he went to Johannesburg where he worked from 1974 to 1980.

On his return his father took his pass to the Langa office and asked for it to be stamped. Officials at the office refused, saying he no longer qualified for "legal" status.

"They say that I am too old, and for that reason I do not qualify to be 'legal'. While I was under 18, I could live here, because my father is a 'legal'. Now

they tell me that I am a Transkeian citizen.

Last week John narrowly escaped arrest during a pass raid. When confronted by the Administration Board officials, he claimed to be "coloured" and resident in Mitchells Plain.

● In the same boat as John is Michael M. His father has been working in the Peninsula since 1940 and was recently granted Section 10 (1)(b) rights. Because Michael is older than 18, he does not qualify for Section 10 rights

Recently, Michael lost his job and will now have to return to Transkei before he can apply for another job.

An easier and more successful — but illegal — method would be to look for a job and then to go back to get his reference book stamped.

misery

IN legal jargon it's known as the Black (Urban Areas) Act of 1945. But to the majority of South Africans, it is the oppressive piece of legislation which prevents them from earning a living or living with their families.

In practical terms it is a watertight law which prevents Africans from living in "white South Africa".

Although the Act has undergone many changes since 1945, none of these have been made to relax the laws.

Amendments were introduced in 1946, 1947, three times in 1957, and then, each year from 1961 to 1966. Further amendments were introduced in 1968 and 1970 and annual amendments from 1974 to 1981.

Today this watertight law decides who is "legal" and who is not, and by implication, who gets a job and food and who gets none.

REPORT: Nazeem Howa

ployer for at least 15 years.

Section 10 (1)(c) rights are given to wives and unmarried sons and daughters, under the age of 18, of those who qualify for (a) and (b) rights.

And Section 10 (1) (d) gives temporary legality to certain contract workers who obtain

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e Tracy has so far been a model . Jan Joyous sleeps in her room e makes sure she doesn't play the road where she could come n.



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— the pass raid.

Wheels of Pass Law justice grind swiftly

SHORT-CUTS are the order of the day — every day — at the Langa Commissioner's court.

Here, it takes just three minutes, and sometimes less, to turn ordinary men and women into criminals.

Recently, I watched proceedings from the public gallery of this grey, drab building. I left after the end of case number 36. It had taken exactly 104 minutes for the three dozen unfortunates to plead, to be tried, and to be convicted.

Twenty-four of the accused were fined a total of R1 330 (or an equivalent number of days in prison. Charges against four were withdrawn.

CHARGES

Even the charges were put in a kind of verbal shorthand.

A charge under Section 10 (4) of the Black (Urban Areas) Consolidation Act became "ten four", while Section 15 (1) became "fifteen-one".

They've even found short-cuts when it comes to sentencing. Example: A man was found guilty on three charges and sentenced



● A DEJECTED mother leaves the Commissioner's Court after paying her fine.

to R50 (or 50 days) on the first, R20 (or 20 days) on the second, and R10 (or 10 days) on the third.

This was how sentence was pronounced: "Fifty-Fifty on one, twenty-twenty on two and ten-ten on three."

ARRESTED

● One in every 10 African adults living in the Cape Peninsula — "legally" or "illegally" — can expect to be arrested under South Africa's influx control laws during any given year.

This is one of the findings in a special report compiled by Professor Martin West of the University of Cape Town's Social Anthropology department.

Professor West points out that pass raids frequently trap innocent people — legal residents, the handicapped and mothers and babies — who pay fines simply to get out of court and back to family life.

WOMEN

And he reported further that there was a "special assault" against women in the Peninsula, to enforce

Government policy aimed at preventing black family life from being established in the area.

Professor West found that about 30 to 40 percent of Africans arrested for influx-control offences would have to serve prison sentences because they would not be able to afford to pay their fines.

He found that in 1981, pass-law offenders

spent a total of 250 000 days in jail. This would total 684 years of imprisonment.

He estimated that about half the African population of the Western Cape would be classified "illegal".

Professor West added that while official statistics suggested that pass raids had decreased in South Africa, it had in fact increased in the Western Cape.

Anatomy of a raid

IT was sunrise and township residents were going about their early-morning chores around their wood and iron shacks.

Children were playing in the sand nearby, while in the distance a dog barked. Everything was peaceful at KTC squatter camp.

But then the terror started: At 9.00 am the "hunters" arrived — dozens of them — in motor vehicles and lorries.

It was my first experience of a pass-raid, and I was horrified.

More trucks arrived

and I saw men armed with rubber batons jumping out and running towards the shacks.

DEFIANTLY

At first, the camp's men, women and children stood their ground, defiantly. But as the baton-wielding men drew nearer they started running for their possessions and shelters.

Steadily, a group of about 30 men moved towards the residents. Women started screaming. Some ran into nearby shacks to wet pieces of cloth, which they put over their faces to counteract the effects of the sneeze machine which had been started up.

Trucks drove towards the crowds at high speed, and I saw men, women and young children run as men armed with rubber batons, and supported by dogs, approached.

iron onto a truck and took it to their Nyanga offices.

The residents, meanwhile started searching for odd bits of plastic and branches with which to build new shelters for the evening.

permission from the manager of a labour bureau to reside in an area for a set period.

Even if a person can get a job legally, the Government has yet another law to determine "legality". Known as the Administration of Persons to the Republic Act of 1972, it is being used increasingly to deport Africans from the Western Cape.

This Act provides for the deportation of "foreigners", and since all Africans have been made citizens of "homelands", all of them fall into this category.

DEMOLISHED

Shacks were systematically demolished and all the time people were running helter-skelter to avoid the fumes of the teargas and the batons of the inspectors.

When the raid ended,

Parliament and Politics

Time runs out for Crossroads

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Political Correspondent

HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY.
— The government appears determined to go a long way this year towards clearing the Crossroads squatter camp and moving the residents to the new town of Khayelitsha.

The Deputy Minister of Co-operation and Development, Dr George Morrison, told Parliament yesterday that his department hoped to provide another 5 000 serviced sites at Khayelitsha this year.

This would be "for the building of houses for the people of Crossroads", he said during debate on a motion about government policy for black people.

This would be in addition to the 1 000 serviced sites already provided at Khayelitsha.

Dr Morrison's remarks follow his statement to the Cape Nationalist congress last year that Crossroads had to be destroyed as a symbol of resistance to government policies.

He said then that only those Crossroads residents legally in the Western Cape would be moved to Khayelitsha. They would be dispersed in the new town to prevent them forming a group again, while "illegals" would have to

leave the Peninsula.

Yesterday Dr Morrison took issue with Mrs Helen Suzman (PFP Houghton) about repeated statements that Khayelitsha was 30km from Cape Town.

"There are no new residential areas or new

had said the Khayelitsha development made her despair. To get it proclaimed, the government had had to promise Cape Nationalist MPs that the people of Langa, Nyanga and Guguletu would also be moved there.

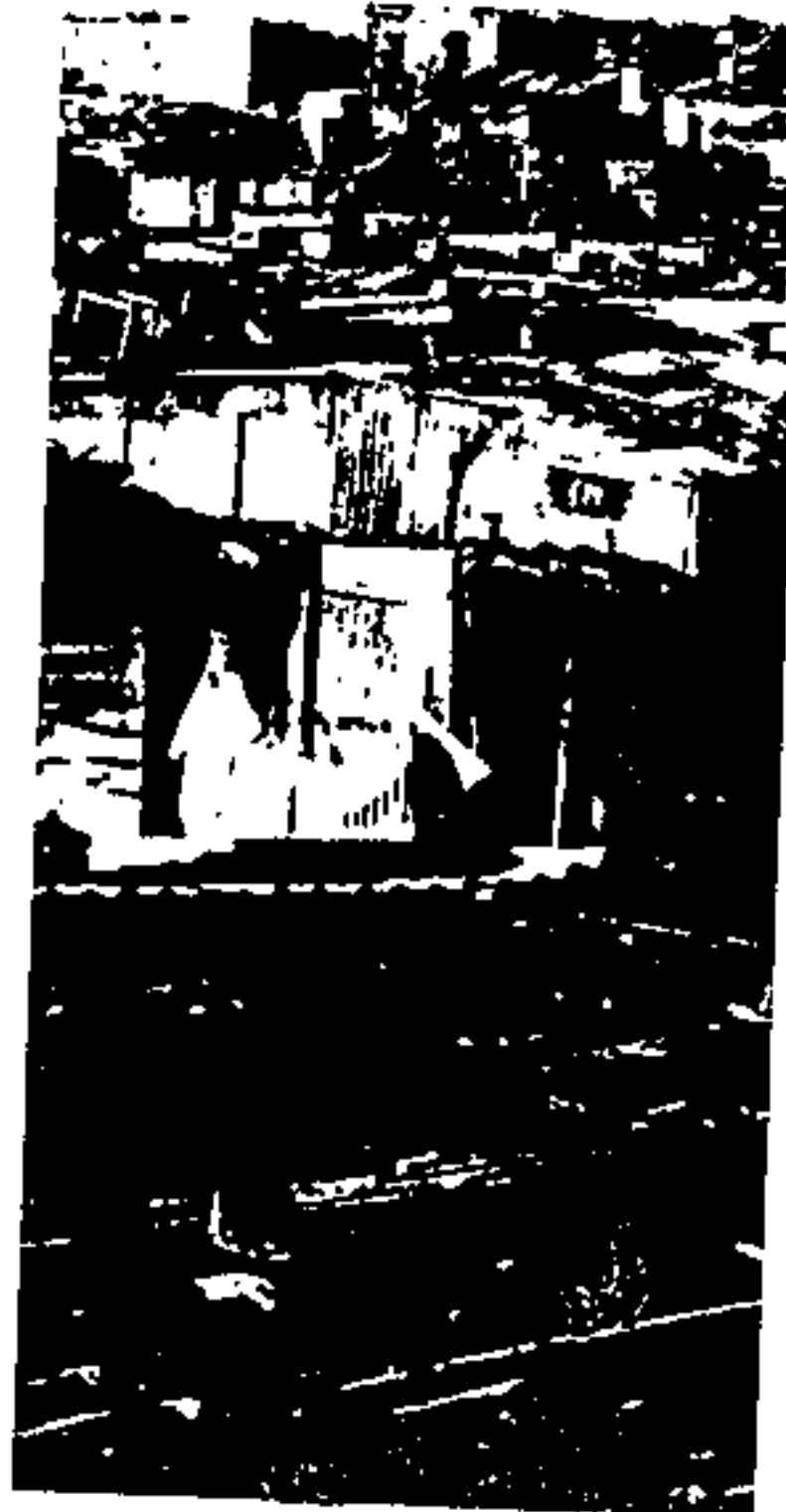
"It is a huge, flat area without a blade of grass and without a bush, a vast sandy stretch," she said.

"There are 500 tin huts there glinting in the sunlight, hot as blazes in summer and cold as charity in winter."

The area had a big school and a clinic and that was all. It might have a lovely view of the Hottentots Holland mountains but it was 30km from Cape Town and daily travelling for those without season tickets cost R1,25.

Mrs Suzman congratulated the government on at last allowing site and service self-help housing. However, this would be effective only if the area was close to job opportunities so transport costs did not become prohibitive.

Establishing a self-help housing scheme like Khayelitsha far away from cheaper services, goods and building materials was self-defeating.



Crossroads

developments adjacent to the business area or workplace.

"Soweto is more than 30km from Johannesburg, so this is no exception or a new punishment we have devised for the people of Khayelitsha," Dr Morrison said.

Earlier Mrs Suzman

Bulldoze the shacks, say councillors

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THE DUNCAN Village Community Council has come out in full support of the demolition of shacks in the township by the East Cape Administration Board (ECAB) — after previously denying it was consulted.

Council chairman Mr D Makatala has now said it decided at its monthly meeting last week not to allow squatters to erect any more shacks.

The number of homeless families in Duncan Village has risen to 3 000 during the past week as ECAB continues with its

By BENITO PHILLIPS

Makatala.

"These legal residents will have to pay more if illegal entry and the construction of illegal dwellings is permitted."

The Border region of the South African Institute of Race Relations has set up an emergency relief fund to assist families affected by demolitions.

Regional manager Mrs Roselle Frasca said they were met by scenes of "utter desolation and misery" when they visited Duncan Village.

"The situation is heart-breaking," she said.

"Hundreds of people were wandering about the piles of rubble and smashed possessions. We immediately set up a relief fund with the community welfare organisation Afesis."

Respected town planner Professor Wallace van Zyl, who compiled a report on Duncan Village in 1981, called for an end to the destruction of housing.

He suggested that:

- Demolitions and the removal of blacks be stopped immediately.
- An alternative housing plan be drawn up together with residents and.
- Assistance be given with the upgrading of existing housing.

RACIAL GROUP

Nominations must be in by 9.30 am on Saturday, February 11 to Plascon Evans Training Centre, 1236 South Coast Road, Mobeni, Durban. The elections will take place at the same venue on March 10 at 9.30 am.

demolition of backyard and squatter shacks. This figure will have almost doubled when ECAB has completed the demolition.

"Although the council is sympathetic towards them, it cannot ignore its responsibility towards legal residents who pay service charges every month," said Mr

DRUM INFORMS

- **SWAZILAND:** land of detentions
- **MOGOPA:** Where the people wait... and wait...
- **PEARSON NHERERE:** Zimbabwe's blind wonder
- **WAS JESUS BLACK?**

DON'T MISS THE MARCH ISSUE

No show, no case

RAPE charges against popular Radio Zulu announcer Mr Samuel Mkhwanazi were withdrawn this week in the Durban Magistrate's Court in his absence.

His alleged 16-year-old Umlazi victim was also absent as she is at school in the Transkei. Her mother was in attendance.

BURNED TO DEATH
IN A BIZARRE
LAND OF WITCHES

LOCATION—THE 11.5X
ACTOR THAT IS MARKING
OUR FUTURE

KILLER GOP BACK
BEHIND HIS DESK

THE DOUBLE LIFE OF
SEXY JAMES ANDERSON

ENGLAND—THE FINAL

Staff Reporter

THE DEPARTMENT of Community Development will allocate R33-million for the Divisional Council of the Cape to complete redevelopment of Elsies River over the next four years.

The chairman of the divisional council, Mr G M Basson, said today that the Minister of Community Development, Mr Pen Kotze, had given the undertaking following an inspection tour of Elsies River late last week.

For four years from April 1 this year, Mr Kotze had undertaken to allocate:

- R15-million, at R5 000 000 a year, to re-house people still living in squatter shacks.

- R4,5-million a year for landscaping and beautification, community facilities, and services such as water, sewerage and drainage.

"GREAT SYMPATHY"

Mr Kotze, the Director-General of the Department of Community Development Mr P C van Blommenstein, Deputy Director Mr Patrick McEnery, and senior regional officials of the department accompanied Mr Basson and other senior divisional council officials on the tour, which was undertaken at Mr Basson's request.

The main purpose, Mr Basson said in a statement, had been to demonstrate what happened when people living in shacks were re-housed in conventional housing but essential matters such as landscaping and community facilities were not provided.

Mr Kotze had shown great sympathy for the problems which had been pointed out to him on the tour, Mr Basson said.

"WORST SLUM"

With the allocations Mr Kotze had undertaken to make, it would be possible to finalise redevelopment of what was once the "worst slum in the Republic", Mr Basson said.

The divisional council had begun redevelopment of Elsies River as agent for the Department of Community Development in 1971. The initial aim to complete the entire redevelopment within 10 years could not be accomplished, and a new target of 1986 had been set.

R33m for Elsies River redevelopment scheme

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Divco gets R33m for housing

By EVELYN VOSLOO
Municipal Reporter

THE Department of Community Development is to grant R33-million to the Divisional Council of the Cape during the next three to four years to build houses for 1 588 families at present living in shanties in Elsie's River, and to upgrade and beautify the area.

This decision, described by a senior Divco official as "extremely generous" in the light of the government's new self-help housing policy, was taken after a visit to Elsie's River last week by the Minister of Community Development, Mr Pen Kotze, and senior officials of his department.

Libraries

They were accompanied by the chairman of the Divisional Council of the Cape, Mr G M Basson, its secretary, Mr W R Vivier, and other senior Divco officials.

Mr Vivier said yesterday that the purpose of the inspection had been to demonstrate the consequences of moving people from shacks to conventional housing without providing essentials like community facilities and landscaping.

The R33-million will be spent in the following way:

- R18-million at the rate of R4,5-million a year for four years on landscaping and beautification; community facilities like libraries,

sports fields and public halls; and services such as water, sewerage and drainage.

- R15-million at the rate of R5-million a year for three years on rehousing people presently living in shanties. According to Divco statistics there are 160 shanties on council land in Elsie's River housing 676 families, and 555 shanties on private land housing 912 families — a total of 1 588 families in 715 shanties.

Mr Vivier said the Divisional Council had started redeveloping Elsie's River as the agent for the Department of Community Development in 1971.

"The initial aim was to complete the whole redevelopment within 10 years, but for various reasons this could not be accomplished and a new target was set at 1986," he said.

'Worst slum'

"From the point of view of the Divisional Council, last week's tour was most successful."

Mr Vivier said these allocations were "extremely generous" considering the government's new housing policy, which was aimed at promoting housing self-help and cutting back on direct State housing aid to local authorities.

"It will now be possible to finalize the redevelopment — started in 1971 — of what was once the worst slum in the Republic," he said.

Board man stabbed at demolition site

Cape Times 17/2/84 307

By RIAAN
DE VILLIERS

A WESTERN Cape Administration Board inspector was stabbed yesterday morning at the scene of demolitions of "illegal structures" in the Nyanga Bush tent town on the perimeter of Crossroads.

The inspector, Mr H Horne, was stabbed twice. He was taken to Tygerberg Hospital for treatment and was discharged yesterday afternoon.

Dr Gert du Preez, WCAB liaison officer, said a man had been arrested.

Two other men had been arrested on charges of "obstructing inspectors in the execution of their duties" in terms of the Black Urban Areas (Consolidation) Act.

Dr Du Preez said five "illegal structures" had been demolished yesterday — two in the "Sand Dunes" tent camp and three in the "Cathedral" camp.

Demolitions have led to increasing friction between groups in the area and the authorities this week.

Father Des Curren, chairman of the Western Province Council of Churches, said inspectors had started demolitions of structures in the "Cathedral" tent town on Wednesday morning.

These stopped after members of the "Cathedral" committee had protested to Mr Timo Bezuidenhoud, Chief Commissioner of Co-operation and Development.

Demolitions then proceeded in the "Sand Dune" area, and continued in both areas yesterday.

Representatives of both groups met Mr Bezuidenhoud yesterday afternoon. The outcome was not known last night.

Father Curren said he would attend a further meeting with Mr Bezuidenhoud today.

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Khayelitsha 'resembles something in a sci-fi film'

307 KHAYELITSHA, where houses were surrounded by sand but not a blade of grass, resembled "something out of a science-fiction movie", Mr Ken Andrew, PFP Member of Parliament for Gardens, said last night.

Speaking at the annual meeting of the party's Gardens branch, he said he believed it was an "optimistic estimate" to say that people would be moved into Khayelitsha within 15 years.

Between 1970 and 1980 no houses had been built for black families living in the Western Cape, and the black population had increased by 60 percent.

NO FACILITIES

People in areas such as Crossroads who could not get their children into schools or find accommodation because no new facilities had been built were now faced with the option of moving to Khayelitsha, which resembled "something out of a science-fiction movie".

There was extremely strong opposition against moving people to Khayelitsha, according to several members of the Mowbray Inter-Race Group (Mirge), who were guest speakers at the meeting.

One said Khayelitsha was "like a desert" and as far removed from Cape Town as Robben Island. It had been estimated that it cost a Khayelitsha resident about R40 a month to reach Claremont station.

IN LIMBO

Mirge members also voiced fears that no development would take place in present townships while people were being moved to Khayelitsha.

The co-chairman of Mirge, Mrs Daphne Wilson, said it was an "horrific thought" that if no schools or houses were to be built in existing areas, people would "wait in limbo" for up to 15 years while nothing was done for their communities.

Mr Solomon Chaphole, also co-chairman, said the Government had often said there was a shortage of space and money for development. There was no shortage of space, but there was a shortage of Group Areas land.

He asked how the Government could claim they had no money to spare when they were developing thousands of houses for whites in the lower income bracket.

Thousands of squatters to move to Khayelitsha

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Staff Reporter

THOUSANDS of squatters from Crossroads and other Peninsula squatter settlements could start to move to Khayelitsha in about six months.

The chief director of the Western Cape Administration Board, (WCAB) Mr J F L Gunter, announced yesterday that tenders had been invited for the construction of 4 000 two-bedroomed houses of 28 sq m each at Khayelitsha.

Work on the project is intended to begin in mid-April, and at least 100 completed houses will have to be handed over each week from July 1.

The Deputy Minister of Co-operation, Dr George Morrison, said in Parliament last week that the homes would be "for the people of Crossroads".

"Starter homes"

Mr Gunter said the 4 000 new houses should be completed by November 30.

The tender includes provision of services, 55 km of tarred roads, curbs and channels, 24 km of stormwater drainage, a 45-km waterborne sewerage system, and water reticulation.

The WCAB has described the planned dwellings as "starter homes".

Mr Franko Maritz, chairman of the board, said the houses could be extended in a "self-help" scheme.

Tin structures

He said a "development" centre would be built at Khayelitsha where five examples of how people could extend their houses would be on display.

Staff would give people advice on how best to extend their homes. The material for extending the dwellings would be available from the WCAB.

Mr Maritz said earlier that Khayelitsha would be a strip development with eight suburbs.

About 100 families from KTC squatter camp moved to Khayelitsha in September last year. They are staying in tin shelters in one section of the settlement. According to an official, the tin structures will be replaced with brick houses during the year.

A site for 5 000 homes has been cleared.

Public backing (307) City Press for homeless 19/2/84 squatters

THE SA Institute of Race Relations' Border branch is receiving overwhelming support for its emergency fund for Duncan Village squatters whose homes were razed by the East Cape Administration Board.

Branch researcher Eileen Lambie, describing the response as tremendous, said members of the public and large firms donated food, blankets and clothing. Some firms gave financial donations, while one donated a considerable amount of baby milk.

A large quantity of food and clothing has come from school-children in East London and is being distributed by the East London welfare group, Afesis.

Miss Lambie said the situation was still desperate and more support was needed to cope with the needs of the Duncan Village homeless.

Meanwhile, City Press has found that not a single "legal" resident has been rehoused in Mdantsane — despite claims to this effect by community councillor Florence Mangala.

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WCAB warns 'tent' people

Staff Reporter

A TOP Western Cape Administration Board official has warned that the board will continue to act against residents in the "tent towns" on the edge of Crossroads who built "unauthorized structures".

The warning came after demolitions of some structures in the Sand Dune and Cathedral tent towns last week had led to friction between the communities and the authorities.

A WCAB inspector was stabbed during demolitions on Thursday.

Members of the Cathedral committee met Mr Timo Bezuidenhout, Chief Commissioner of Co-operation and Development, on Thursday to discuss the demolitions.

The two communities have been living in tents for years while their positions are "under investigation".

Permanent structures have been built inside the tents, as the canvas has almost rotted away.

After many appeals, the authorities allowed 33 more tents to be put up, and residents have built structures inside these as well.

On Thursday, Mr Graham Lawrence, the WCAB's chief housing officer, said the board had permission from the government to allow people to live only in tents.

Structures inside tents which had deteriorated would not be disturbed, but residents would not be allowed to build structures inside new tents, or any make additions to tents, or free-standing structures.

"We will continue to act against people who exceed these regulations," he warned.

Memani in court on fraud charges

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Staff Reporter 307 Koornhof

CROSSROADS community leader Mr Oliver Memani and another man appeared briefly in the Wynberg Regional Court yesterday on 460 counts of fraud.

Mr Memani, 42, and Mr Tyson Tom, 54, both of New Crossroads, were not asked to plead to charges of fraud allegedly committed at Crossroads during September and November, 1982.

The State alleges they unlawfully pretended to people that they were authorized to issue certificates for and on behalf of the Crossroads Committee granting them permanent residence in the Western Cape.

The certificate allegedly confirmed that the holder was "a resident of Crossroads and his/her name appears on a list of persons claiming a right to permanent residence in terms of a special dispensation granted to Crossroads residents by the Honourable Minister of Co-operation and Development, Dr P J

The State also alleges that the certificate-holders were made to believe that they would be granted permanent residence rights in the Cape Peninsula and would be entitled to obtain employment.

People were made to pay R10 for the certificates.

The State further alleges that the men unlawfully and falsely pretended to the Chief Commissioner of the Department of Co-operation and Development that the certificate-holders were residents of Crossroads and that their names appeared on a list of persons claiming permanent residence rights.

The men had then fraudulently induced the Chief Commissioner to grant the certificate-holders permanent residence rights.

The hearing continues today for trial.

Mr M J Langenhoven is the magistrate. Mr T Lerm is the prosecutor. Mr P J Laubscher, instructed by Walker, Malherbe, Godley and Field, appears for both men.

Crossroads to be 'cleared up'

By RIAAN DE
VILLIERS
Labour Reporter

THE authorities want to "clear up" the entire Crossroads squatter camp by the end of the year.

This was disclosed by

a highly-placed source yesterday after further details of the crash development of the new township Khayelitsha had been made known by the Western Cape Administration Board (WCAB).

The board has given notice that it will call for tenders for the construction of 4 000 "core" houses to be completed by the end of the year.

Mr J Gunter, the WCAB's chief director, yesterday confirmed that the board intended moving in residents from July.

He declined to comment on which categories of blacks eligible to move to the new township would be housed first.

However, a highly-placed source said later that all 4 000 houses were intended for "clearing up Crossroads", and added that the authorities hoped to complete this task by the end of the year.

The disclosure fore-shadows a massive "weeding out" of illegals and a possible confrontation between the authorities and Crossroads residents, many of whom have pledged to resist being moved.

In an interview in December last year, Dr George Morrison, Deputy Minister of Co-operation, disclosed for the first time that "legal" Crossroads residents would be the first to be housed at Khayelitsha, and that the squatter camp would be "cleared up as a matter of priority".

Mr Gunter confirmed yesterday that the WCAB would soon call for tenders for the construction of 4 000 core houses, comprising a waterborne latrine and two rooms, as well as various essential services.

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Witness denies story 'tainted'

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Staff Reporter

A STATE witness in the trial of Crossroads community leader Oliver Memani and another man charged with 460 counts of fraud, yesterday denied in the Wynberg Regional Court that she had "tainted" her evidence to allow her to remain in the Peninsula.

This submission was made by Mr P J Laubscher, for the accused, to Miss Nozamile Nyonge in the trial of Mr Memani, 42, and Tyson Tom, 54, both of Crossroads.

They had previously pleaded not guilty to 460 counts of fraud relating to the issuing of certificates during September and November 1982, granting the holders residence and employment rights in the Cape Peninsula.

Mr Laubscher put it to Miss Nyonge that her evidence was "tainted and false" because her remaining in the Peninsula depended on the investigating officer, a Warrant-Officer Strydom. She denied this.

She said she had been in the Peninsula for five years and did not receive a residence certificate when she attended a meeting for this purpose at a Langa school. After the meeting, she had paid Mr Memani R10 at his resi-

dence and he had promised her he would "organize" her a reference book.

Miss Nyonge said she had been given a legal three-month extension on her permit to remain in the Peninsula on the same day that she had made a statement to the police.

Mr Laubscher then put it to her that the investigating officer had told her that if she did not make a statement she would get only a 14-day extension on her permit. Miss Nyonge denied this.

No promises

Questioned by the prosecutor, Mr T Lerm, Miss Nyonge said that neither the police nor the WCAB had made any promises to her if she gave evidence for the State.

Another witness, Miss Bethiwe Shuma said Crossroads residents were informed about a meeting at a Langa school and told they would be given papers to avoid arrest.

She did not see Mr Memani or Mr Tom at the meeting and could not say who had issued the certificates.

The hearing continues today.

Mr M J Langenhoven is the magistrate. Mr Laubscher is instructed by Walker, Malherbe, Godley and Field.

Women fled snake, charges withdrawn

Staff Reporter

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THE Langa Commissioner's Court yesterday withdrew "unlawful accommodation" charges against eight squatters arrested by Western Cape Administration Board inspectors in the Methodist Church at KTC.

According to evidence in court, they had fled into the church after being threatened by a snake in the bushes where they had been sleeping.

The squatters are among followers of Crossroads leader Mr Oliver Memani who have been living in the open at KTC for nearly two months after being driven out of the squatter camp during the recent faction fighting.

Nine men and seven women were arrested in a raid by WCAB inspectors on the area early yesterday morning.

Eventually, eight of them who had been arrested in the Methodist Church were charged with "taking up unlawful accommodation" in the church, in terms of regulations under the Black Urban Areas (Consolidation) Act.

According to evidence in court, they had sought refuge in the church after being threatened by a snake where they had been sleeping in the bushes.

However, all the charges were withdrawn after the presiding commissioner, Mr L van Wyk, noted that churchmen concerned had not laid any charges against the squatters.

He added that people in churches were supposed to be "immune" from arrest.

Some of those arrested received suspended sentences after being found guilty of pass offences.

WCAB crackdown on shacks inside tents

Staff Reporter

DEJECTED members of the "Cathedral" squatter community were cramming possessions and household goods back into tents yesterday after Western Cape Administration Board inspectors had demolished "unauthorized" shacks built inside their tents early yesterday.

These were the latest demolitions in the board's clampdown in the area, which began last week.

The "Cathedral" squatters were given permission to live in tents in 1982 while the authorities were considering their appeals to be allowed to stay in the Western Cape.

Almost two years later, they are still waiting. Meanwhile, many residents have built shacks

inside their tents as protection from the rain and to increase living space.

Many of the original tents covering the shacks have almost rotted away.

After repeated appeals, the Department of Co-operation and Development agreed that 33 more tents from the Red Cross could be put up to relieve overcrowding.

Last week, the WCAB started clamping down on "unauthorized" structures.

After talks between representatives of the tent communities and the authorities, Mr Graham Lawrence, the WCAB's director of housing and labour, said the board had been given permission to al-

low people to stay in tents only.

Shacks inside tents would be left alone if the tents had deteriorated badly. However, residents in new tents would not be allowed to put up shacks.

Early yesterday morning, WCAB inspectors demolished nine shacks in new tents.

Interviewed at the site, residents said they had built the shacks because even the new tents leaked when it rained, and also to gain more space inside as entire families were housed in one tent.

Surveying her possessions crammed into a tent yesterday, one woman said: "One tent is just too small for one family. How are we supposed to get everything in?"

Witness 'relies on policeman'

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DEFENCE counsel for Crossroads community leader Mr Oliver Memani has told a State witness her evidence was "tainted" because of her reliance on a policeman to allow her to remain in the Western Cape for more than 72 hours.

Mr Memani, 42, and Mr Tyson Tom, 54, both of New Crossroads, last week pleaded not guilty in the Regional Court, Wynberg, to 466 counts of fraud.

The State alleges that during September and November 1982 they unlawfully pretended they were authorised to issue certificates on behalf of the Crossroads Committee granting permanent residence rights in the Western Cape for a fee of R10 each.

"Called tune"

Mr P J Laubscher (for Mr Memani and Mr Tom) yesterday suggested to Mrs Nomazile Nyonge, a certificate holder, that she had given false evidence to the court because she had to "dance to the tune" of Warrant-Officer Strydom of the Langa CID.

He said she was granted a three-month residence permit only because she was a witness.

In reply to the prosecutor, Mr T Lerm, Mrs Nyonge said no promises had been made to her by the police or the Western Cape Administration Board if she gave evidence in court.

The hearing continues today.

Trial of Memani Tom resumes today

Staff Reporter

THE trial of Crossroads community leader Oliver Memani and Tyson Tom, who face 460 counts of fraud, will continue in Wynberg Regional Court today.

They have pleaded not guilty to 460 counts of fraud relating to the issuing of certificates in September and November 1982 granting the holders residence and employment rights in the Cape Peninsula.

The State alleges that they unlawfully pretended to people that they were authorized to issue certificates for the Crossroads Committee granting them permanent residence in the Western Cape.

People were made to pay R10 for the certificate.

The State further alleges that the men unlawfully and falsely pretended to the Chief Commissioner of the Department of Co-Operation and Development that the certificate holders were residents of Crossroads and that their names appeared on a list of people claiming permanent residence rights.

Mr Memani and Mr Tom's bail of R200 each was extended.

Mr M J Langenhoven is the magistrate. Mr T Lerm is prosecuting. Mr P J Laubscher, instructed by Walker, Malherbe, Godley and Field, appears for both men.

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Crossroads: offences

223. Mr K M ANDREW asked the Minister of Law and Order: 29/2/84

- (1) Whether any offences relating to (a) murder, (b) assault with intent to do grievous bodily harm, (c) common assault, (d) burglary, (e) robbery, (f) theft and (g) damage to property were reported to the South African Police by residents of (i) Old Cross-

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roads and (ii) New Crossroads in December 1983 and January 1984, respectively; if so, how many in each category;

- (2) whether any action has been taken in this regard; if so, (a) what action and (b) with what results?

The MINISTER OF LAW AND ORDER:

- (1) and (2) Statistics are only kept in respect of police station areas and not in respect of particular residential areas.

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Memani

'permits' (207) ~~confused~~ confused employers

Staff Reporter

THE former chief labour officer for the Western Cape Administration Board (WCAB) told a Wynberg Regional magistrate yesterday that certificates issued by Mr Oliver Memani and another man had caused "great confusion" among employers.

Mr Graham Norman Lawrence, WCAB Director of Labour and Housing, was giving evidence in the trial of Mr Memani, 42, and Mr Tyson Tom, 54, both of Crossroads.

They had previously pleaded not guilty to 460 counts of fraud relating to the issuing of certificates granting residence and employment rights in the Cape Peninsula.

Mr Lawrence said employers were open to prosecution if they had employed an illegal resident "on the strength of the document alone".

Mr Lawrence said Mr Memani had ignored his warning that issuing the permits was illegal.

The hearing continues today. Bail of R200 each was extended.

Mr M J Langenhoven is the magistrate. Mr T Lerm prosecutes. Mr P J Laubsher, instructed by Walker, Malherbe, Godley and Field, appears for both accused.

WCAB man denies tricks

Staff Reporter

THE Chief Inspector for the Western Cape Administration Board (WCAB) denied yesterday in the Wynberg Regional Court that Crossroads residents had been "tricked" when they had called at the board offices to claim residence rights.

Mr C M Theron was giving evidence in the trial of Mr Oliver Memani, 42, and Mr Tyson Tom, 54, both of Crossroads, who have pleaded not guilty to 460 counts of fraud.

The charges relate to the issuing of certificates granting residence and employment rights in the Cape Peninsula.

Mr Theron said he accepted that an exhibited certificate had been drawn up by an attorney and that Crossroads residents had paid R10 for his services which had included investigating their legal position.

Mr P J Laubscher, for both men, then put it to Mr Theron that the six-month extension on permits granted to Crossroads residents in 1981 had been a "transparent attempt" by the WCAB or the Department of Co-Operation and Development to get the people to the board's offices to trick them.

Mr Laubscher claimed this was because Mr Timo Bezuidenhoud, of

the Department of Co-operation and Development, and Mr Johnson Ngxobongwana — a rival community leader — had agreed that out of 6 000 people claiming permanent residence rights only 600 would be considered.

Mr Jacobus Oosthuizen, the WCAB labour officer, said police had referred people to him in September 1982 and had requested that they be granted six-month permit extensions because they would be needed as witnesses in the present case.

Mr Oosthuizen said he had found that none of the people referred to him had qualified for permanent residence in terms of section 10 of the Black Urban Areas (Consolidation) Act.

Mr Laubscher put it to him that section 10 rights had been supplemented by Dr Piet Koornhof in 1979 by means of ministerial proclamation. It was also put to Mr Oosthuizen that had he wanted to ascertain the legal position of the people referred to him, he could have approached Dr Koornhof.

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Official denies ^{AKG 2/3/84} Crossroads 'tricks'

Court Reporter ³⁰⁷

THE chief inspector of the Western Cape Administration Board, Mr C M Theron, has denied that the board or the Department of Community Development had tried to "trick" Crossroads residents.

He denied that extension permits granted in 1981 were a "transparent attempt by the WCAB and/or the Department of Community Development" to get people to the offices of the board in order to reduce the

number of people claiming residence rights from 6 000 to about 1 000.

Mr Theron was giving evidence in the Wynberg Regional Court yesterday at the trial of community leader Mr Oliver Memani and Mr Tyson Tom.

460 COUNTS

Mr Memani, 42, and Mr Tom, 54, both of New Crossroads, have pleaded not guilty to 460 counts of fraud relating to the alleged issue of certificates granting residence and employment rights for R10 each.

Mr P J Laubscher, for Mr Memani and Mr Tom, put it to a WCAB officer, Mr J J Oosthuizen, that the Section 10 rights, used to determine residential legality, had been supplemented by a dispensation granted by the Minister of Community Development and Co-operation to Crossroads residents.

The hearing continues today.

Mr M J Langenhoven was on the bench.

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Crossroads folk 'loath to move'

By RIAAN DE
VILLIERS
Labour Reporter

MORE THAN 90 percent of Crossroads residents considering themselves eligible to be relocated in the controversial new township Khayelitsha are not prepared to move there.

This has emerged from a survey conducted in the squatter camp by a research team of the second Carnegie inquiry into poverty in South Africa.

Crossroads residents have repeatedly pledged at public meetings in the squatter camp that only "over our dead bodies" will they move to Khayelitsha.

Survey

However, the survey is the first confirmation of the extent of resistance to relocation. It notes that it is likely that more residents will be prepared to move following the recent conflict between rival factions in the camp, which occurred after

the survey was conducted.

However, observers believe attempts to move residents to Khayelitsha may lead to confrontation with the authorities.

Recently, it emerged that black affairs authorities were planning to use the entire first housing phase in Khayelitsha to relocate Crossroads squatters, and wanted to clear the squatter area completely by the end of the year.

373 questioned

During the survey, conducted during the second half of last year, 373 people in 53 houses were asked whether they were prepared or willing to be moved to Khayelitsha.

Of those, 44,5 percent said no, 2,4 percent said yes and 3,2 percent said they did not know anything about Khayelitsha.

A further 15 percent were under 21 and would not reply, 14,5 percent were not legally entitled to houses and would not reply, 8,3 per-

cent were not responsible for household decisions and 21,1 percent were waiting to move elsewhere.

Thus 94,9 percent of residents who considered themselves eligible to reply were not prepared or unwilling to move.

Reasons listed by the survey for rejecting relocation include:

- The distance from shops, schools and work and the cost of transport.

- Many residents earn their living through informal sector activities within Crossroads which would not be possible at Khayelitsha.

- Rents at Khayelitsha would be too high.

- The move into two-roomed houses would disrupt the close-knit family structures at Crossroads, exclude many "illegals" and break up extended families.

- Crossroads enjoys a relative self-determination and sense of community that would be lacking at Khayelitsha.

SHANTY-TOWN?

ALMOST a third of Port Elizabeth's black people live in shacks — a massive 120 000 people, according to a confidential report by the Urban Foundation.

The report shows backlog of 46 000 houses — a situation which community leaders have warned could cause serious unrest in the city, which is already politically volatile.

Thirty houses will have to be built each day if the authorities are to make up the backlog, according to the report, which was compiled to find out what the housing situation is like in the city.

The report found the majority of PE's shack dwellers live in the city's Soweto area, shanty-town of disused wooden crates from motor manufacturers in the area.

Soweto residents live in sub-human con-

ditions — overcrowded and without toilets or drainage. There are only 100 taps in the area, and residents have to pay R10 a month "rent" to the East Cape Administration Board.

Several new areas have been earmarked for housing development, and 2 000 new houses are expected to have been built by May.

But in the meantime, community leaders have called on the authorities to build as many houses as possible "before it's too late".

Port Elizabeth Black Civic Association

tion president Qhaqhawuli Godolozzi said the housing crisis was becoming intolerable.

"Dreadful diseases such as tuberculosis and typhoid could easily spread under these conditions," he told City Press.

"This is a dangerous situation . . . Only in South Africa are workers denied the right to a decent living."

Mr Godolozzi's feelings were also expressed last year, when politician Helen Suzman told Parliament there was an urgent

need for decent housing, proper amenities, education and health facilities in South Africa's townships.

'Shanty superstore' goes up in flames

A "shanty superstore" owner lost R3 000 cash and stock worth R10 000 when a fire gutted shacks in Port Elizabeth's Soweto township this week.

Xolisile Thyo told City Press more than R20 000 worth of damage was done to his house and store when the fire razed

shacks. The fire, fanned by a strong wind, also left seven families homeless.

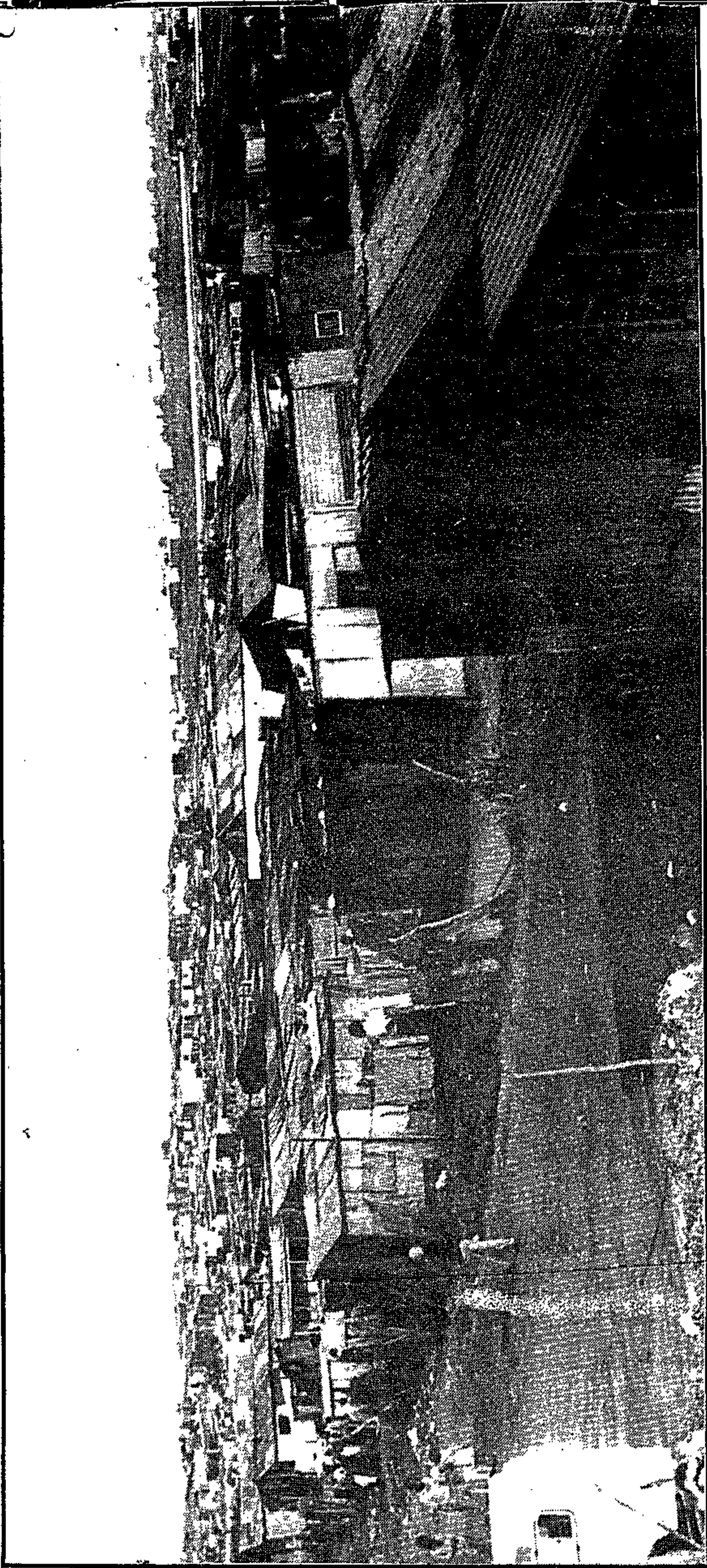
Mr Thyo said he had purchased his stock only 48 hours before the fire.

He said the fire probably started in the shack behind his. By the time the neighbours came to

his rescue with buckets of water and a hosepipe connected to the only tap in the area, the fire was beyond control.

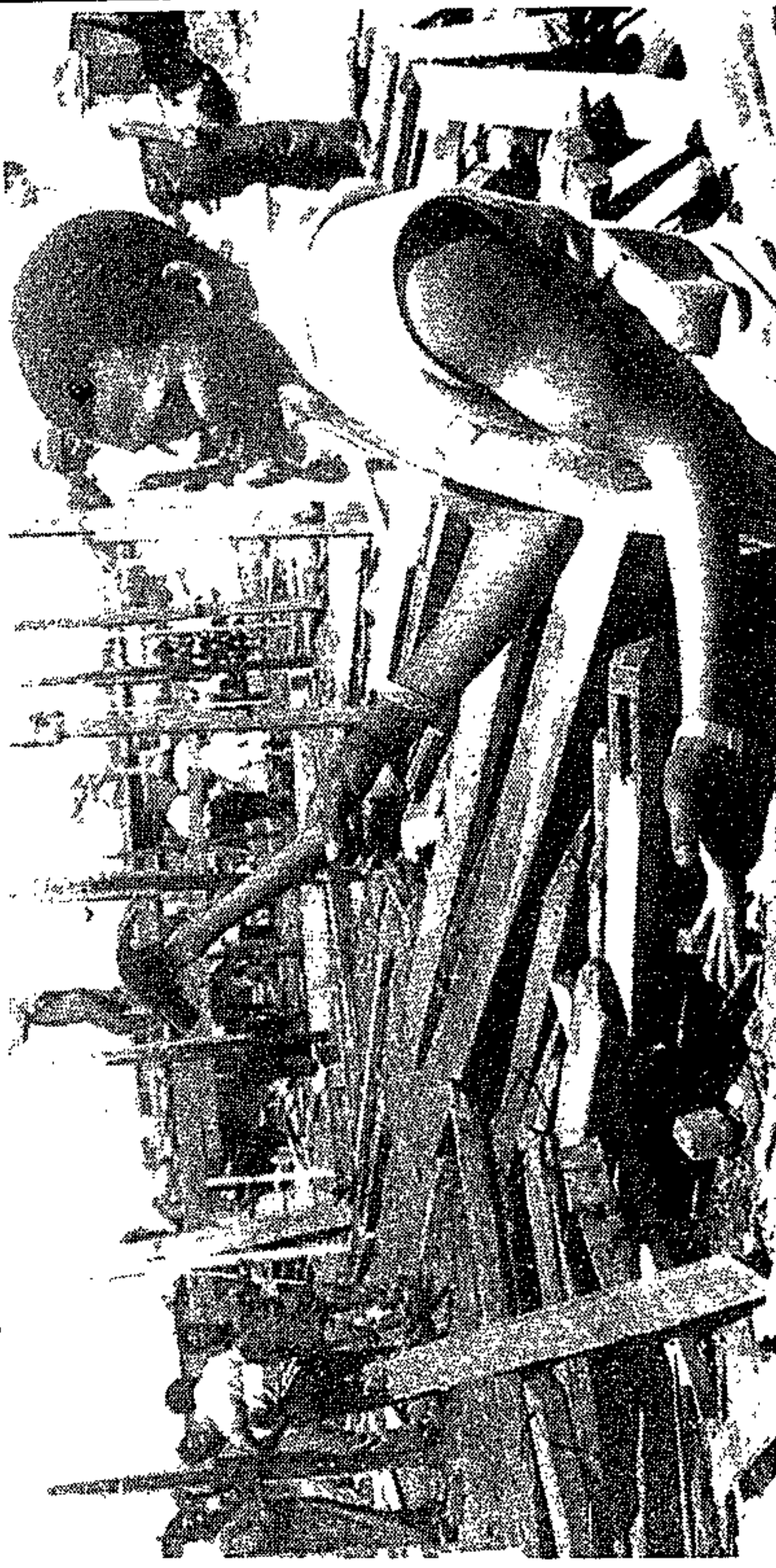
Four fire engines battled for five hours before the fire was finally extinguished.

Mr Thyo started rebuilding his store and hopes to reopen by the weekend.



They all live in boxes, little boxes all the same — PE's shantytown, Soweto.

By MONOBADELA



XOLISILE THYO starts rebuilding his shack, destroyed by fire this week.

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IT'S SHANTY CITY!!!

Whites ignore black rights — Sash

Labour Reporter
IN SPITE OF govern-
ment rhetoric about re-
form before the white
referendum most white
South Africans are not
interested in civil rights,
"let alone human rights
of the majority black
population", the Black
Sash Advice office says
in its annual report for
1983.
"They have indicated

strongly that they ap-
prove of apartheid being
built into the constitu-
tion of South Africa,
with no consideration
given to the millions of
blacks who are an inte-
gral part of the South
African economy," it
says.
The report chronicles
major black affairs
events last year in the
Western Cape, and out-

lines the activities of the
advice office.
Regarding Crossroads,
it says that with the can-
cellation of building at
New Crossroads and the
statement by Dr G de V
Morrison, Deputy Minis-
ter of Co-operation, that
Crossroads residents
would be dispersed
throughout Khayelitsha,
the year has not been a

"happy one for the
camp's inhabitants".
Government and
administration board of-
ficials are unsympathe-
tic to the fact that natu-
ral expansion has taken
place, lodgers have been
abandoned when tenants
were moved to New
Crossroads and plastic
shelters are being end-
lessly torn down.
It says that the desper-

ate need to 'be on a list'
led to bribery and cor-
ruption.
Regarding Khayelit-
sha, it says the new
township has "ironical-
ly" exacerbated the
housing crisis in the
black townships.
Since its proclamation,
all development in the
established townships
has been frozen and no
additions to houses, new
houses, classrooms or
shopping centres have
been approved.
The office arranged le-
gal defence for 281
people charged with pass
law offences in the
Langa Commissioner's
Court which resulted in
54 acquittals, 17 cau-
tioned and discharged,
79 suspended sentences
and 45 charges with-
drawn.
A total of 143 people
were defended on squat-
ting charges. Of these,
111 were given suspend-
ed sentences, seven were
cautioned and dis-
charged, one acquitted
and three had charges
withdrawn. The remain-
der were given uncondi-
tional sentences, usually
R50 or 50 days.

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Homeless fugitives in despair

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Staff Reporter

"NOW we really don't know what to do," a despairing woman said yesterday after Western Cape Administration Board officials had destroyed 25 plastic shelters erected by destitute Crossroads fugitives near KTC.

"Nobody is on our side — not the whites or the blacks. We just have to suffer," she said.

Dejected women with children were gathered around a smouldering pile of ashes where the materials used for the wattle-and-plastic huts had been burnt.

Factions

They had erected the shelters after sleeping in the open in the bush for more than two months.

The group is likely to be stripped of all remaining shelter today. Inspectors warned them yesterday that other huts hidden in surrounding bushes would be demolished too.

The group of more than 200 people fled from Crossroads at the end of December when their houses were burnt in faction fighting.

They are supporters of Mr Oliver Memani, defeated rival of the dominant Crossroads leader, Mr Johnson Ngxobongwana.

The board has offered them a site for new shacks at Crossroads, but they are afraid to go there as they believe they will be attacked by Ngxobongwana supporters.

"That place is too dangerous," one said yesterday.

day. "We will be surrounded there. People have been shot and burnt to death. We were beaten and our houses and possessions destroyed. The same evening we move in there, we will be killed."

They say they built the shelters as a last resort.

"The rains are coming. Where are we going to sleep? Our children are not at school and they are getting ill."

Recently some of the group were arrested by WCAB inspectors in the local Methodist church after they had sought refuge from snakes they had seen in the bush.

'Unchanged'

Charges of illegal occupation were withdrawn in the Langa Commissioner's Court after the commissioner, Mr L van Wyk, had noted that people were "indemnified" from arrest in churches and that the church authorities themselves had not complained.

The WCAB liaison officer, Dr Gert du Preez, said yesterday: "As far as we are concerned, the situation regarding these people remains unchanged."

"We pointed out a new site at Crossroads for them, which they rejected. Their structures at KTC are illegal and will be demolished."

"I understand their problem, but it has to be realized that the board cannot bend over backwards and has to operate within a legally prescribed framework."

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Part of a group of more than 200 people driven out of Crossroads by faction fighting, on a sand dune at KTC where they have been squatting for more than two months.

Eight families out in the cold

EIGHT families in the tiny Karoo hamlet of Prince Albert have been sleeping in the open for the past two weeks after being evicted from their homes by the local municipality.

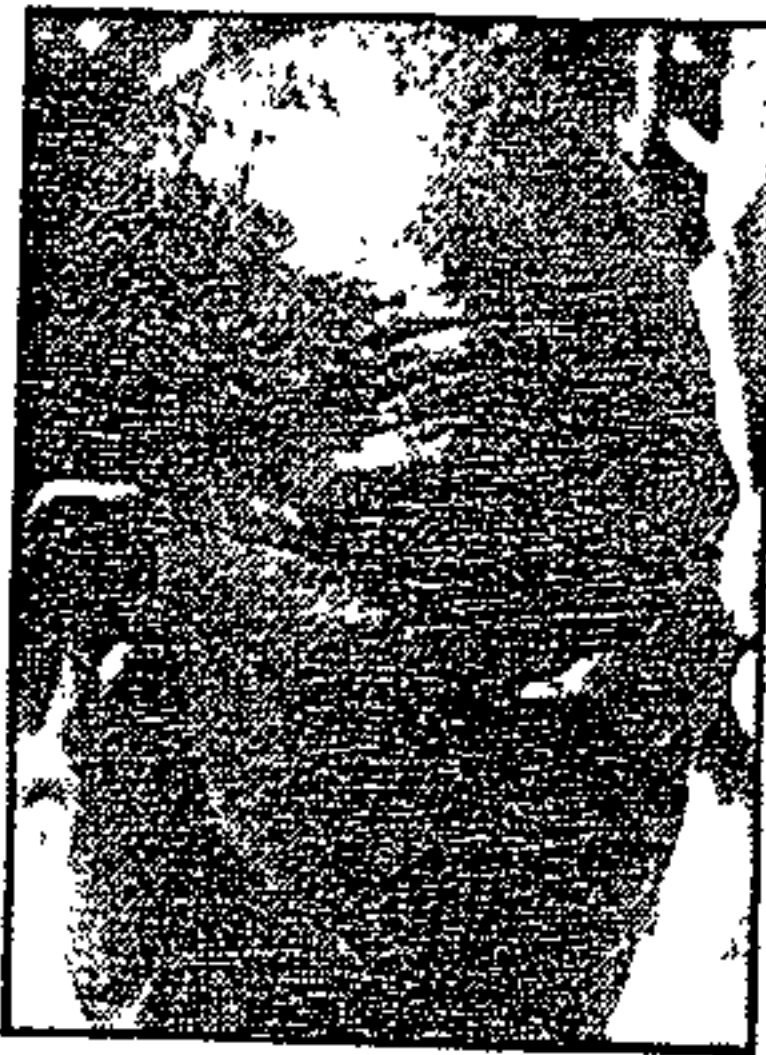
The evicted tenants, most of them elderly, have been sleeping in the open with their belongings while their former homes remain unoccupied and locked. The municipality alleges that the evicted people owed rent. But some of the affected tenants have denied this, claiming that they are ahead with payments.

According to Oom Jan Schoeman, spokesperson for the people: "It is difficult to show that the municipality is in the wrong because many of the receipts issued to people for rent paid were not filled in properly. Some didn't bear the signature of the relevant municipal representative, others had incomplete dates."

"The municipality has accused people of being in arrears with rent of a year or more ago. How can the municipality now, suddenly, after a year or more say that someone is in arrears? This is not right. They let people go on paying, saying nothing, and now suddenly say they owe money for 1982 and must pay it in about two weeks' time or be evicted."

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"The amounts are not small. Mrs Windvogel, for instance, had to pay in R39,77 by February 27. She received a notice dated February 14. People are poor here. Many of us don't even have permanent jobs. We have to do a bit of everything to earn some money."



● **OOM Jan Schoeman — spokesman for eight Karoo families evicted.**

"Now even the few comforts people have managed to get over the years are being ruined because of the evictions. Furniture belonging to evicted tenants stands outside."

"This issue of improperly completed receipts is something I, on behalf of people in Prince Albert, have been fighting for more than three years. But it is very difficult for people like us with little schooling and little money to fight the State."

Oom Jan himself took the municipality to court after having been kicked out of his own home in 1980. He returned home one day in July 1980 to find his belongings dumped in the street.

EVICT

He said: "They did tell me before this that I would have to get out of the house I'd been living in for 14 years but I ignored them. They could give no reason for wanting to evict me except to say that I was a troublemaker."

"I have never allowed people to ride roughshod over me. And there were many injustices which the municipality inflicted on us which I objected to."

"In 1972 they used to dump nightsoil in the location, near peoples' homes. I organised a petition among the people. We sent this petition to the Department of Health in Cape Town. Soon after the petition had been sent off, some people from the Department arrived to investigate our complaint. No more nightsoil was dumped in the location after this. But the municipality resented our action."

"I think they evicted me out of spite. But because I felt very strongly that their action was unjust, I took the case to the Supreme Court in Cape Town after the Prince Albert magistrate had ruled in favour of the municipality — and I won my case. In 1982, the Prince Albert Municipality was found guilty of unlawfully evicting me."

OFFER

"But despite this, I am still without a proper house today. The municipality tried to make me an offer so that their injustices wouldn't become public. They offered me R1500. I refused to be bought like this."

"I knew they weren't really interested in my welfare; all they wanted to do was keep me quiet. I was proved right in this when about six days after the court case they removed my bucket toilet and told me to make my own toilet arrangements. Since then they have refused to collect my nightsoil."

"The same kind of injustice is continuing today with these recently evicted tenants. We are very worried about these people who are sleeping in the open, especially with winter approaching."

ALL of the 1 400 pupils at Valhalla Senior Secondary School in Elsies River were subjected to a thorough search by their teachers last week without warning.

Confiscated were eight knives, one cudgel with a lead tip, one S-shaped pointed steel hook and nine packets of cigarettes of which two belonged to girls.

"At about 11 am on Friday morning four teachers walked into our classroom saying they had permission from the principal to search us," said a 17-year-old Standard 9 pupil whose class was searched first.

"They said we'd find out why later."

Mr Davis explained why he had taken this step: "I've warned them repeatedly not to bring sharp objects to school."

"This is a school and not a place for fighting," he said.

SEARCH

He said that it was a domestic affair: "I gave the orders to search the pupils because it was my duty."

"I know some pupils were humiliated," he said, "but that was the only way we could find the culprits."

"There have been a few incidents at school — nothing serious yet — but I decided to put a stop to it now."

Pupils found with knives were sent home to get their parents while those caught with cigarettes were caned.

● A 15 year-old Standard 8 pupil, was caught with a knife in his bag.

HUMILIATED

"I felt humiliated and embarrassed," he said. "They went through my bag without my permission."

"I always carry my knife in my bag. You have to be realistic. This is Elsies River, not Constantia, and you have to be able to defend yourself," he said.

● A 16 year-old Standard 8 girl said: "They let me take off my blazer and jersey, and a woman teacher ran her hands up my legs and all over my body."

Mr N Eales, the Department of Internal Affairs (Coloured Education) liaison man, explained that the search had been prompted by an incident at the recent senior school athletics

when two of the school pupils had allegedly threatened each other with knives.

In addition, and as the principal had warned pupils, Standard 9 and 10 pupils asked departmental head take action against pupils carrying dangerous weapons and after discussion among school members all the pupils were searched in the classes by groups of teachers which included a lady teacher in each group.

After the investigation the attitude of the school pupils was tested, added, and they were pleased with the way which it had been carried out.

Spotlight on the plight of detainees

By Est

NATIONAL Detainees' Day on which attention is drawn to the real South African situation, means hardship for the majority, means hardship for the most basic needs.

It is a time when the uprisings of 1976 and the daughters, sons, brothers and friends were detained bore the brunt of South

According to the Detainees, people have died in detention since 1963. This was first introduced. The detainee deaths occurred Terrorism Act — a total

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South Africa's security forces are increasingly more streamlining difficult for dissatisfaction. The Interim provides a good example of Mr Louis Le Grange, who had been detained under any this year.

The Act provides for trial and its scope is so that Thabane Ntshiwa months' imprisonment with engraving certain slogans used at work. He is not others: "Amandla Gwede" and "PW we want



SPECIAL

Mum, dad,
I need you

Paralysed with

Memani faction *C.T. 8/3/84 (307)* 'can return'

By DIRK DE VILLIERS

A LEADING member of the dominant Crossroads committee led by Mr Johnson Ngxobongwana yesterday declared that homeless followers of rival leader Mr Oliver Memani were welcome to return to the camp — as long as they came without Mr Memani himself.

Mr Albert Napakade, secretary of the executive committee, also said this offer had been made a week ago to so-

cial workers acting as mediators between the committee and the Memani followers who have been squatting at KTC after being driven out of Crossroads during the faction fighting in December.

Earlier this week, Western Cape Administration Board inspectors again demolished 25 "illegal" shelters erected by the group.

After the raid, members of the group said their situation was desperate but they were

afraid to return to Crossroads as they believed they would be attacked by Mr Ngxobongwana's supporters.

"Everybody is against us — the whites as well as the blacks," one said.

In response, Mr Napakade said yesterday that a meeting had been held a week ago between leading Crossroads committee members, social workers and a representative of Mr Memani.

At the meeting, Mr Ngxobongwana had declared that the homeless residents were welcome to return to the camp — on condition that they did so without Mr Memani himself.

He had also proposed that the Memani group should send four representatives to a general meeting in Crossroads to reach final agreement about their return, and had undertaken to prevent any further violence.

Mr Napakade said he was "surprised" by the feelings expressed by the Memani group as the committee was waiting for a reply to its offer.

'Not fair'

"We feel very sorry for those people. They are our brothers and sisters and it is not fair that they should suffer in this way. If they come back and discuss the matter, nobody will hurt them.

"We want them back in Crossroads — but the community is not prepared to take Mr Memani back," he said.

He added he was prepared to meet members of the group himself in a neutral location.

Mr Memani could not be reached for comment yesterday and it could not be established whether the offer had been communicated to his followers at KTC.

● See leader page

Rented dwellings: Assocom slams Bill

By ROBERT GREIG

ASSOCOM has called for the complete withdrawal of the proposed Lease of Dwellings Bill, saying it is "inflationary" and will endanger the future of rental accommodation in South Africa.

Instead, Assocom has called for a Rents Act, applicable only to "protected tenants".

Yesterday, an Assocom delegation gave oral evidence to the parliamentary Select Committee on the Draft Lease of Dwellings Bill.

In a submission which strongly criticized the Bill, Assocom nevertheless praised the select committee's recommendation of income tax rebates on new rental-accommodation blocks.

The submissions said that the proposed Act:

- Was not easy to administer.

- Intervened in the letting market in a most unnecessary way.

- Was in certain respects inflationary.

- Changed the basis of the landlord-tenant relationship from one largely governed by civil law to one that would be largely governed by criminal law.

In terms of the proposed change, "it seems that only a landlord and never a tenant can be an offender", which was highly undesirable and alarming, Assocom said.

If the Act were introduced, landlords would be so regimented that they would feel there was little future for rental accommodation.

Memani's followers snub offer

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By RIAAN DE VILLIERS

SPOKESMEN for the homeless followers of former Crossroads leader Mr Oliver Memani yesterday rejected an offer by the dominant Ngxobongwana faction that they could return to Crossroads if they did so without Mr Memani himself.

They also rejected peace overtures made on Wednesday by a leading member of Mr Johnson Ngxobongwana's committee, saying: "All they want to do is collect money from us by force, as they are doing with all the other residents."

Their statement came after Mr Albert Napakade, secretary of Mr Ngxobongwana's committee, had declared they could return to Crossroads without Mr Memani.

Mr William Jezile, a member of Mr Memani's committee, said yesterday that the social workers had conveyed the offers made by the Ngxobongwana faction to the "Memani group" on Wednesday.

However, the group of some 200 people — who have been living in the open at KTC for more than two months — refused to return without Mr Memani. Also, they believed money would be collected from them against their will.

However, he said they had agreed to meet with Ngxobongwana representatives on neutral territory.

He said the group wanted their old sites in Crossroads back, as they would not be surrounded by Ngxobongwana supporters there and would feel safer against possible attacks.

The group has rejected an alternative site on the perimeter of the camp offered to them by the Western Cape Administration Board (WCAB), for fear it would lay them open to possible attack.

Meanwhile, a clash may have developed between black affairs authorities about what to do with the group.

Mr Jezile said yesterday that Mr Timo Bezuidenhoud, Chief Commissioner of Co-operation and Development in the Western Cape, had offered them a new site next to the WCAB's Nyanga offices at a meeting on Wednesday. This site was also acceptable to the group, he said.

However, board officials they had been referred to by Mr Bezuidenhoud refused yesterday to allocate the site to them, he said. They then returned to Mr Bezuidenhoud who gave them a letter to present to Mr J Gunter, chief director of the WCAB.

None of the officials named could be reached for comment.



Mrs Pam Bruce, wife of the president of indicates features of the new ZYC club. 48-year-old thatched-roof clubhouse

Chief Reporter

A NEW R230 000 clubhouse for the Zeekoevlei Yacht Club, strongly reminiscent of the 48-year-old pyramid-roofed building destroyed in a midnight fire almost exactly a year ago, has been completed and is to be formally opened on March 24 by the Chief of the Navy, Vice-Admiral A P Putter.

The clubhouse, on which construction started last August, incorporates undamaged sections of the walls of the original building. It provides the same basic facilities as the earlier building but is generally more spacious and better-arranged, and

Clubhouse at Zeekoevlei to open

has the additional facility of a committee room.

A feature of the interior is that all the wooden roof-trusses are exposed to view, to create a "thatch" atmosphere — although the new roof is of asbestos slate.

The fire that destroyed the old clubhouse started in the

Iraq on the rack? Iran on the run?

City schools '40-hour

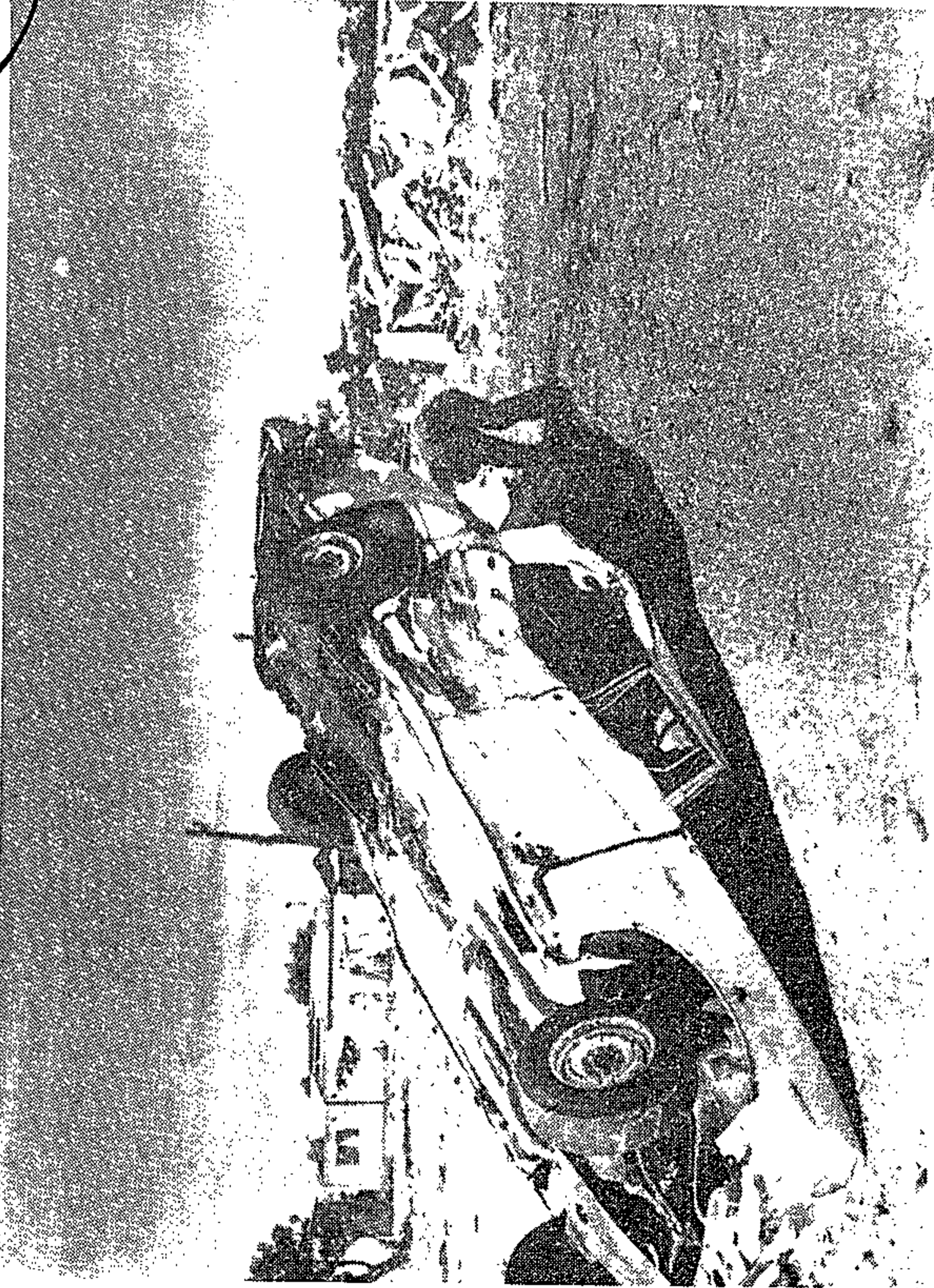
Staff Reporter

THE pupils and staff of Steenberg High School were yesterday awarded a floating trophy for collecting the most money in the recent "40-hour famine" World Vision project.

The school raised R2 400.

World Vision, a Christian humanitarian organization, held its annual famine in September last year in schools countrywide. Participants were

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An abandoned car among the ruins of Willowdene. There were 316 families there, but only 95 are expected to be left at the end of the month.

WILLOWDENE, one of the latest victims of the Government's forced resettlement policy, is fast becoming a ghost town.

More than half of the residents of this coloured enclave at the end of Fairview on the Baakens Valley have already been moved to Port Elizabeth's northern areas.

For the rest, life goes on among the rubble of the razed houses while they wait for trucks to take them to join their former neighbours in Bethelsdorp Extension 21.

The removal of the Willowdene resi-

dents by the Government in the face of an acute housing shortage for coloured people and objections from the City Council began on September 28 last year.

As soon as the houses were empty teams from the council's Housing Department moved in to remove roofs and doors to prevent other people moving in.

Then about a month ago bulldozers from municipal contractors began demolishing the roofless structures.

Children now play in the piles of rubble

from the demolished houses, in the empty homes and among the shells of abandoned cars.

The once thriving Willowdene Primary School, whose buildings are in good condition, now stands empty.

Every morning at 7 o'clock a bus transports the remaining children to the Bertram Road Primary School in Chatty and returns them to Willowdene at 12.30pm.

The last shop in the township, which was housed in a section of the long-abandoned

cinema, has also closed its doors for the last time.

People now walk to Lorraine or cross the Baakens Valley to shop in Newton Park.

One of the remaining residents, Miss Johnedia Dominee, says living among the ruins is not pleasant.

"But we will still be sad to leave Willowdene at the end of the month," she says.

Miss Dominee is resigned to her fate.

Life goes on in the rubble as a suburb dies . . .



When you are small anything can be turned into a playground . . . even the ruins of your neighbour's home.

"It is no use complaining. The Government has told us to go," she says.

Her brother, Jerome, at present unemployed, agrees that living among the remains of a half-empty suburb is depressing.

He is also worried about the increased financial burden which will result from living in a new house in Bethelsdorp.

"Although we did not want to leave, we will survive," he says.

According to the Port Elizabeth Direc-

tor of Housing, Mr Mick Molyneux, of the original 316 families living in Willowdene, 197 will have been moved by Thursday.

The department is expecting to take delivery of another 24 houses on March 27, leaving only 95 families still in Willowdene by the end of the month.

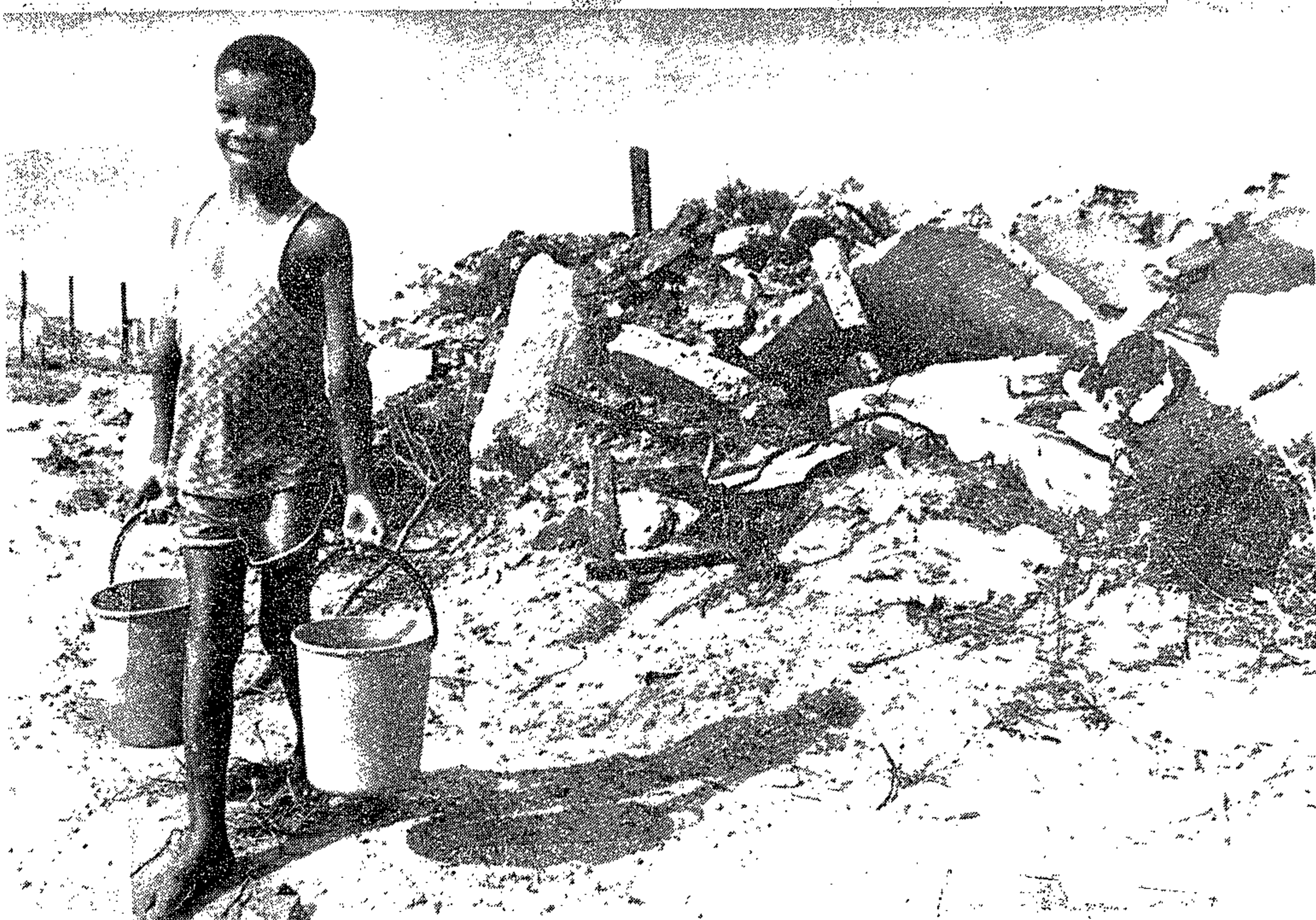
Most of the families have moved to Bethelsdorp Extension 21. The rest have gone to other suburbs in the northern area.

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A washing line shows signs of life in what was once a thriving community but is now becoming a ghost town.



Times may change, but life goes on and water still has to be fetched every day by JOHN RITCHENBURG, 10.

(307) Hansard
Q. Old Crossroads 19/3/84
No. 674
334. Mr K M ANDREW asked the Minister of Co-operation and Development:
(1) What is the latest estimate of the (a)



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de facto and (b) *de jure* Black population of Old Crossroads in respect of (i) adult (aa) males and (bb) females and (ii) children;

(2) what is the date of this estimate?

The MINISTER OF CO-OPERATION AND DEVELOPMENT:

(1) (a) 47 572 (estimated).

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(2) Date of estimate: 31 December 1983.

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Crossroads committee to start work soon

Political Staff

AN APPEAL committee to decide on whether thousands of blacks living in Crossroads qualify to be in the Peninsula is to start its work soon — nearly five years after it was promised.

This was confirmed by the Minister of Co-operation and Development, Dr Piet Koornhof, who first announced the formation of the committee in April 1979.

At the time it was decided that lists would be compiled of the names of people who wanted their representations to be laid before the committee and that the Crossroads committee would assist in this. This was done and the lists were closed in November 1981.

NO REASONS

About 6 000 people who were in Crossroads by the end of December 1978 could be affected.

Dr Koornhof did not give reasons for the delay.

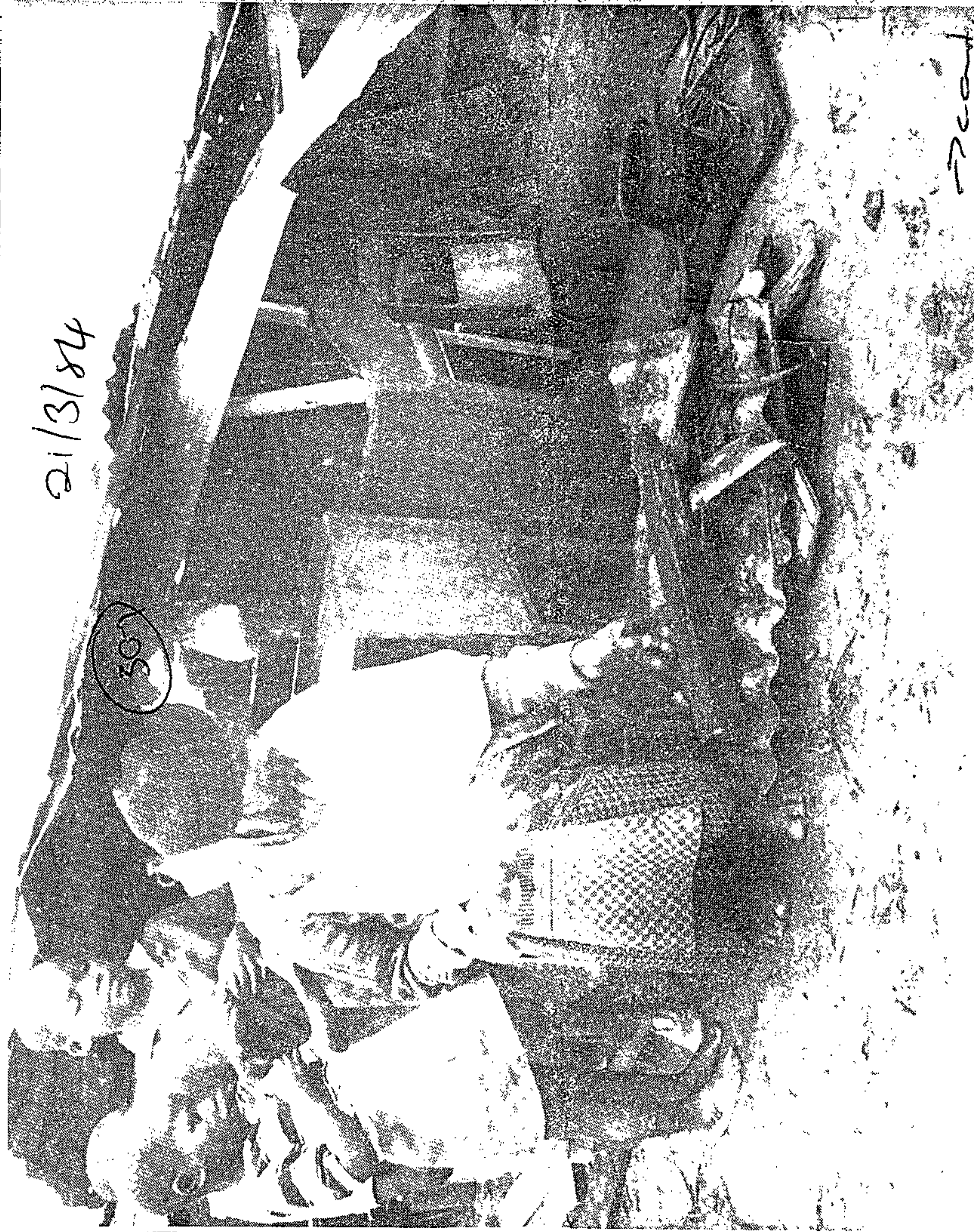
Committee members are Mr T P Bezuidenhout, chief commissioner for co-operation and development in the Western Cape, and Mr L P Francis and Mr H van Huyssteen, two former chief magistrates of Cape Town.

Welcoming Dr Koornhof's announcement, Mr Ken Andrew, MP for Gardens, who has raised the matter regularly in Parliament, said the committee should include at least one genuinely independent person acceptable to the Crossroads committee and should not be made up entirely of current or retired civil servants.

All people on the lists should be given the opportunity to have their cases considered, even if the names were previously crossed off by officials alleging that they did not qualify.

Children of legitimate residents and contract workers who were legally employed by the end of 1978 and whose wives qualified should also qualify.

Brief reasons should be given in writing to any person whose application was refused to enable them to ensure that the refusal was not made on the grounds of incorrect information.



Mrs NO-MINE LOBA, 70, prepares a fire alongside her flattened shack while three of her grandchildren watch. They are (from the left) NOMALIZO, 4, MOMO, 6, and TEMBELA, 5, who is partially obscured in the picture. Picture by Evert Smith

Squatters 'should go back to where they came from'

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By JIMMY MATYU

THE Kayamnandi Town Council today decided that about 20 families who spent last night in the rain or in knee-high makeshift dwellings at Vuildraai in Veeplaas after their shacks were flattened by the East Cape Administration Board yesterday, should go back to where they came from.

The families came from Hankey, Thornhill, Greenbushes and a few of them from around Veeplaas.

However, some families claimed that they were kicked out by a farmer they knew as "Bruce".

Mr Tamsanqa Linda, the Deputy Mayor, said today: "These people should go back to Hankey. I spoke to the Hankey Community Council yesterday about their plight and I was assured that if they went back, sites would be provided for them.

"I am terribly sorry they had to spend the night in the rain," he said.

"We are also aware that houses in Motherwell and Kwamagxaki are going to involve high rentals. We are also working at projects involving cheaper sub-economic houses," he said.

When I visited Vuildraai today I found the families huddled under tiny makeshift dwellings in an area known as "Etlofiyeni" (prickly pear), within a stone's throw from the Port Elizabeth-Uitenhage national road.

Some of them were making fires in the open in order to prepare breakfast while children huddled together to avoid the slight drizzle.

Mrs Jane Celani, a mother of seven, said her family, including her 70-year-old mother, Mrs Sophie Yoyo, all originally

from Thornhill, spent a wet night.

"On Monday officials from the East Cape Administration Board arrived here and told us to report at the Zwile rent office yesterday at 8am where we were to be interviewed by a councillor, Mr Z Putu.

"When we all arrived there yesterday, we were told to wait for him and we thought we would be given numbers for our shacks and told how much rent to pay, or alternatively moved to Motherwell," she said.

Mrs Celani said while they were there, labourers and officials from Ecab demolished their shacks.

"We came back from the office at noon and without seeing Mr Putu only to be greeted by this inhuman action which made us homeless," she said.

Mrs Celani said her fam-

ily left "Bruce's" farm after he wanted her 16-year-old son who is in Standard 3 to leave school and work on the farm.

She said most of the families had arrived at Vuildraai a few weeks ago and put up their shacks along the Chatty River.

"Then on Friday some people who claimed they were from a committee arrived and told us the place where we were was prone to floods and dangerous. They advised to move to this one. We did so on Saturday.

"But when we were asked by the officials why we built our shacks there, we told them about the committee and to our disappointment they knew nothing about such a committee," she said.

Two of Mrs Celani's children are employed

Mrs No-mine Loba, who

is over 70, said she hoped the people who pulled down their shacks prayed to the same God she did.

Mr Jimmy Gaxela, a father of two, said the officials tied pulled down the shacks with chains tied to a tractor.

"Some of our belongings were damaged in the process," he said.

Mrs Welekazi Gobinca, a mother of four, who claimed she came from Veeplaas, said some of her possessions like floor rugs and the building material were stolen while she was at the rent office.

Neither Mr Louis Koch, chief director of Ecab nor his deputy, Mr Dirk Mathee were available for comment today.

A spokesman said Mr Koch would be back in his office on Friday and Mr Mathee was away in Pretoria.

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Transkei, Ciskei to get 30 000 ^{D. Disputch} squatters?

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THE ASSEMBLY — Some 30 000 black residents of Crossroads will face deportation to Ciskei and Transkei when the squatter camp is eventually cleared and the "legal" residents moved to Khayelitsha.

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Crossroads: 30 000 face deportation

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Political Correspondent

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Body to look at urban rights claims

Labour Reporter

AFTER a delay of nearly five years, the government's "Crossroads appeals committee" has finally been appointed and will begin its work soon.

This was announced yesterday by Dr Piet Koornhof, Minister of Co-operation and Development.

Dr Koornhof also announced that the committee — intended to consider appeals by people who claim to qualify for permanent residence rights in terms of the 1978 "Crossroads deal" — would consider names on two lists drawn up by community leaders three years ago.

However, he made it clear that no further lists would be considered.

The announcement was welcomed by sources close to the Crossroads community, who pointed out that the long delay in appointing the committee had contributed to "confusion and uncertainty" in the squatter camp.

However, they expressed fears that the move foreshadowed a large-scale weeding out of "illegals" later this year, prior to the camp being cleared.

Dr Koornhof originally announced his intention to appoint an appeals committee in his original "Crossroads deal" statement in 1978, to consider appeals by people who would fail to qualify for permanent urban rights in terms of the special dispensation granted to residents of the camp.

These have come to include people who claim to have been missed in a survey eventually conducted by the black affairs authorities in 1979 to establish which residents qualified for rights in terms of the "deal".

Mr Johnson Ngxobongwana, chairman of the Crossroads Committee, and his then vice-chairman and later rival, Mr Oliver Memoni, both drew up lists of people who claimed to have been missed in the survey.

These two lists, containing 6 088 names, were eventually accepted by the authorities for consideration by the committee in 1981.

In his statement yesterday, Dr Koornhof made it clear that people on these two lists would still be considered, but that no further lists would be accepted.

Their claims would be considered on the basis of whether they had been "bona fide" Crossroads residents before or up to December 31, 1978.

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Fire at Crossroads leaves 80 homeless

Staff Reporter

A FIRE, fanned by strong south-easterly winds, has destroyed 15 shacks in Crossroads, but no one was injured.

The fire swept through an area in the centre of Crossroads yesterday leaving more than 80 people homeless.

Hundreds of Crossroads residents gathered in the adjoining roads, while a few people worked frantically from the only tap in the area in a futile attempt to douse the flames.

Downwind of the flames residents worked feverishly to dismantle their shacks and salvage possessions.

The Divisional Council fire brigade arrived within half an hour of the blaze starting. While thick smoke billowed into the air and flames leaped from shack to shack, firefighters battled to control the inferno.

The crowds panicked momentarily when a fireman sprayed them inadvertently, which caused hundreds of people to stampede.

A member of the Crossroads committee at the scene said residents had been asking for more water points in the township, but their appeals had not been successful.

The blaze was reported to the Divisional Council fire brigade at Ottery just before 4 pm. Two fire tenders and 12 firemen were sent.

Move to Khayelitsha due to ^{ARGUS} start in July

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Staff Reporter

CROSSROADS residents will move to houses in Khayelitsha at a rate of 800 a month from July, says the Western Cape Administration Board.

The board has asked the Divisional Council to provide a temporary bucket toilet system until November when a water-borne sewage system comes into operation.

NEW RESIDENTS

The board says in a letter, which is to be considered at the council's monthly meeting tomorrow, that the bucket system would be for "the new residents coming into Khayelitsha from Crossroads".

Residents of Crossroads are still not clear about the pending move as the legality of at least 26 000 people in the settlement, the Government claims, is doubtful.

FEARS RENEWED

It was recently said in Parliament that Khayelitsha was being planned for 250 000 people. This revived fears that the Government still envisaged moving about 140 000 people from three existing township to the new settlement on the False Bay coast.

The Khayelitsha site is being levelled and the construction of 4 000 two-bedroomed houses is due to begin within the next few weeks. In terms of a tender called by the WCAB, units are to be handed over at a rate of 100 a week from June. Two schools have already been built.

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TOMORROW is Budget day and on Thursday the Cape Times will have all the information. The full text of the Budget speech by the Minister of Finance, Mr Owen Horwood, will be contained in a special separate Budget supplement. Reaction, news and other matters relating to the budget will all be in Thursday's Cape Times.

The official confirmation of the freeze on development in Langa, Nyanga and Guguletu follows months of rumours that this was being applied to encour-

Dr Morrison could give no indication yesterday of when the move to Khayelitsha would be

One exception to the ban on development was the R2,5-million Guguletu business centre, which was originally stopped by the freeze. The government had decided last month it should go ahead as an exception "ad hoc and

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Clean answers to questions concerning government abandonment of large unprofitable private concerns, like Chrysler in the United States, were not always there, he said. "Maybe we must have a trade-off with employment policies," he said. "Long-standing trade barriers are being torn down so fast in America that some good institutions are suffering."

Business was not seamy and underhand, as portrayed in the television series "Dallas", he said.

work. "It is that," he said, "because it was too much hard voted not to be excellent — because it was too much hard learned a lot of their production techniques from the United States," he said. "They bought 300,000 copies of my book, largely because the translator said they still had more to learn from us," he said.

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panies must be not only man-oriented organizations, not only profit-making organizations. The balance between the two be maintained. The trick avoid the faddish tendency to swing too much one way or the other."

"Businessman did not live off, he said. He lived to the society with productive values, "to make us better off", he said.

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had refused to answer questions put to him by police officers unless he had legal representation. This had not been granted, although he had been interviewed in the Act for "receipt of documents", and "not possession". "There was no evidence that he had received this documentation," Mr Louw said.

Toivo in Luanda for talks

LISBON. — Mr Herman Toivo ja Toivo, a founder of Swapo, is in Luanda for talks with Angolan leaders, the official Angolan news agency, Angop, said yesterday. Angop reported that Mr Toivo arrived in Luanda on Friday accompanied by the Swapo leader, Mr Sam Nujoma. The agency said he was visiting frontline states for talks on implementing the United Nations-backed peace plan for SWA/Namibia. — Sapa-Reuter

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on merit".

One consideration was that the business centre did not always have to be used by black people. In an apparent reference to plans to move coloured people into present black townships, he said the centre could be used by "any colour group" once black people had left Guguletu for Khayelitsha.

He said the freeze would not affect maintenance of buildings and homes, but would stop home extensions or improvements planned by residents of Langa, Nyanga and Guguletu.

Applications could, however, be made for other exemptions.

His announcement was condemned by the PFP spokesman on black affairs in the Western Cape, Mr Ken Andrew, who deplored any decision that caused further decay in existing black townships.

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Crossroads fraud trial: 2 acquitted

Staff Reporter

THE State yesterday stopped prosecution of squatter leader Mr Oliver Memani and Mr Tyson Tom in the Wynberg Regional Court on 460 counts of fraud.

The magistrate, Mr M J Langenhoven, then found both men not guilty on all counts and discharged them.

The men had appeared several times in the past month and a number of witnesses, including prominent Western Cape Administration Board officials, testified. The trial had been expected to continue for some time and many more witnesses were expected to give evidence.

No comment

The decision to stop the prosecution was taken by the Attorney-General of the Cape, Mr Neil Rossouw. He would not comment on the decision yesterday.

The charges related to the issuing of certificates to Crossroads' residents in 1982. The State alleged Mr Me-

mani and Mr Tom unlawfully pretended to residents that they were authorized to issue certificates on behalf of the Crossroads committee granting them permanent residence in the Western Cape.

The State also alleged certificate holders were made to believe they would be granted permanent residence rights in the Peninsula and would be entitled to obtain employment.

List

It alleged people were made to pay R10 for the certificates, and that the men falsely pretended to the chief commissioner of the Department of Co-Operation and Development that the certificate holders were residents of Crossroads and that their names appeared on a list of persons claiming permanent residence rights.

Mr Memani and Mr Tom pleaded not guilty.

Mr T Lerm prosecuted. Mr P J Laubscher, instructed by Walker, Malherbe, Godley and Field, appeared for Mr Memani and Mr Tom.

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Andrew:

It's a disgrace

Political Correspondent

THE PFP spokesman on black affairs in the Western Cape, Mr Ken Andrew, yesterday condemned the freeze on building in Cape Town's black townships announced by the government.

The Deputy Minister of Development, Dr George Morrison, said yesterday all building in Langa, Guguletu and Nyanga had been frozen because the communities will eventually have to move to Khayelitsha.

Reacting to the announcement, Mr Andrew said he deplored any decision that caused further decay in existing black townships by stopping upgrading and improvements.

"The proposed forced removals of people from existing townships to Khayelitsha is in itself an irresponsible and inhuman intention, but to leave people to suffer in a deteriorating environment when specific plans and timetables are not even available for Khayelitsha is an absolute disgrace."

Removals: Chamber warning

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Labour Reporter

CAPE TOWN Chamber of Commerce yesterday expressed "extreme concern" at the government's decision to move established black communities living in Langa, Guguletu and Nyanga to the new township of Khayelitsha.

In a strongly worded statement, the chamber warned that the move would heighten tension, create unnecessary conflict and "ignore the basic rights of an already restricted society to choose where to live or work".

The statement has added to a new wave of criticism of government plans to move all blacks in the Cape to the controversial new township, which were reaffirmed by Dr George Morrison, Deputy Minister of Co-Operation, earlier this week.

In an interview with the Cape Times, Dr Morrison also confirmed

that all building in Cape Town's three established black townships had been frozen because of the communities' eventual removal.

In reaction, Mr R W Stern, president of the chamber, said in a statement yesterday that it had always strongly opposed any suggestion of moving blacks in Langa, Guguletu and Nyanga to Khayelitsha.

Listing reasons for the stance, he said it would force blacks to spend much more time and money, already a "heavy burden" in relation to their earnings and leisure time, on travelling between Khayelitsha

and their places of work.

Individuals had spent large sums of money on renovating and improving their homes in the townships and the move would exacerbate the "critical housing shortage" for blacks.

Mr Stern pointed out that employers had erected housing for their migrant workers which would have to be rebuilt at Khayelitsha at "considerable added expense".

Also, additional rail and infrastructure costs would be "astronomical, not to mention the costs in terms of suffering arising from the disruption of settled communities".

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Mr Stern said it would "make some sense" to provide accommodation at Khayelitsha of varying standards for blacks who could not be accommodated in the existing black townships.

But it would be "unwise in the extreme" to uproot those already living in these townships.

He added that such a step would also be "severely inimical to the interests of the economy of the Western Cape".

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Sash condemns removals

By RIAAN
DE VILLIERS
Labour Reporter

THE Black Sash has formally condemned the "intended forced removal" of all blacks in the Cape metropolitan area to the new township of Khayelitsha.

In a wide-ranging resolution adopted at its recent annual conference in Johannesburg, the leading civil rights organization also:

- Called for a halt to squatter camp demolitions and an end to influx control

- Demanded the development of phases 2 and 3 of New Crossroads as promised by Dr Koornhof in April 1979

- Called for the inclusion of Khayelitsha and the existing black townships in the overall planning and development of the Cape Metropolitan area as a "first step towards reshaping the metropolis along non-racial lines".

Human rights

The resolution was adopted after the conference considered a major document on black urban and human rights in Cape Town and the background to the controversial Khayelitsha project.

It notes that Khayelitsha is intended to ultimately house 300 000 blacks in hostels, self-built homes and relatively few "elite dwellings", and to replace the existing townships of Langa, Nyanga, Guguletu, New Crossroads, Mfuleni and possibly Kaya Mandi.

These will be converted into housing for people classified as coloured, and the long term result would be a buffer zone of "coloured townships between the major industrial, commercial and white residential areas and a highly controllable black enclave".

Consolidating the black population would have the dual advantage of providing a "stable black labour force" and enabling influx control and the government's coloured labour preference policy (CLPP) to be more stringently and effectively applied, it says.

It notes that leasehold rights are essential to successful self-build at Khayelitsha, but says the state is "ambivalent" about granting these because they constitute recognition of the permanent residential rights of the recipients.

"This ambivalence too makes it clear that the township project does not represent reform or a change of heart with regard to accepting blacks as an integral part of the Cape population," it says.

'Control measures'

Dealing with the political and economic background to the project, it notes that urban removals and racial segregation in the Cape have resulted in "massive social disorganisation, distortion of the economy, political destabilization and ever greater resort to paramilitary control measures".

Despite the CLPP policy, economic and socio-political forces have compelled the state to accept the black presence in the Cape as a long term necessity.

It has therefore devised a number of measures for accommodating and controlling "legals" and excluding "illegals", including the three Koornhof bills drafted last year.

When judged in terms of urban and regional planning criteria, the Khayelitsha project is "little short of disastrous", it says.

Pik Botha in Transkei talks

Own Correspondent

UMTATA. — The Minister of Foreign Affairs, Mr Pik Botha, flew here yesterday for a hush-hush two-hour meeting with Transkei's State President.

Paramount Chief Kaiser Matanzima dashed all hopes of any information on the talks when he welcomed Mr Botha at the presidential palace tea party.

Speculation was rife because of the inclusion of the chairman of the Western Cape Administration Board, Mr Timo Bezuidenhout, in the three-man delegation accompanying Mr Botha.

The other two were Mr Alex van Zyl of the Department of Foreign Affairs and Mr Botha's private secretary, Mr Stephen Aldrich.

Earlier this month, the Minister of Co-

operation and Development, Dr Piet Koornhof, told Parliament that some 30 000 people at Crossroads faced deportation to Transkei and Ciskei when the squatter camp was eventually cleared and the "legal" residents moved to Khayelitsha.

Dr Koornhof was replying to a question from Mr Ken Andrew (PFP Gardens).

There was speculation that the visit was in connection with the statement, but a veil of secrecy was thrown around the talks.

In his welcoming speech, the President told the handful of dignitaries and media people that Mr Botha was on a private visit.

The President said: "Nobody will know and nobody should know what the visit is about."

"I know many people are curious and I want

to remove that curiosity now.

"We will meet behind closed doors."

In his reply, Mr Botha said: "These talks are very important and secret. Very important."

Other Transkei ministers included in the talks were the Acting Minister of Foreign Affairs, Mr Armstrong Jonas, the Acting Prime Minister and Minister of Local Government, Chief George Ndabankulu, the Minister of Social Welfare and Pensions, Chief D D P Ndamase, the Deputy Minister of Defence and Police, Mr David Tezapi and the Deputy Minister of Health, Mr G Nota.

Media men's request for a press conference and joint statement after the talks were refused and Mr Botha was whisked away in the private Lear jet which had arrived in the morning.

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60 000 'illegals' in Cape Town

Cape Times 31/3/84

Political Correspondent

HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY. — The government believes nearly 60 000 black people are living "illegally" in the greater Cape Town area.

As most of these are from Transkei and Ciskei, they will be affected by new aliens control legislation which tightens regulations and imposes large fines on people employing illegal aliens.

The government has rejected opposition claims that the new law is aimed primarily at controlling the black influx from independent former homelands, and said it will apply to all foreigners.

Figures on the "legal" and "illegal" black population of greater Cape Town were given to Parliament yesterday by the Deputy Minister of Development, Mr Ben Wilkens.

He told Mr Ken Andrew (PFP Gardens) that the total estimated black population in January was 229 000, of whom 169 687 were in the area legally.

The "legal" population comprised 69 540 men, 47 817 women and 52 330 children.

Mr Wilkens said the number of black women legally in greater Cape Town had increased from a revised figure of 43 588 in 1982 to 47 817 this year.

Reasons for the 4 229 increase included women joining their husbands following the Rikhotso and Komani cases and successful appeals to the Chief Commissioner for legal resident status in terms of section 10 (1) (b) of the Black Urban Areas Act.

The government estimated that 48 904 black men were employed and 6 000 unemployed and that 13 003 black women were employed and 1 000 unemployed.

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What next? Stander: The Movie?

IT'S been just a few weeks since the Andre Stander saga ended in a pool of blood in Fort Lauderdale in America, but already there is a book ready to "tell it all".

The book has been written jointly by Paul Moorcraft and Mike Cohen and it is titled simply Stander... Bank Robber. It is expected to go on sale at bookshops within the next two weeks.

The book tells the whole story of the Stander gang's crime spree from his arrest and jailing in 1980 to the dramatic shooting in Fort Lauderdale.

The authors have already revealed one startling new fact — an eye-witness at one of the robberies claims there were five members in the gang.

No homes for 'bush people'

THERE is scant hope that the "bush people", the little communities that live on fields in Lansdowne and Heathfield, will ever be housed.

Mrs Eulalie Stott, the head of the Cape Town City Council's housing committee, said they had little chance of alleviating the plight of these people.

On an open field in Lansdowne, 12 adults and a child live under a tree, using boards for further protection. In Heathfield, others sleep in bushes and abandoned cars. Most of the people are not on the

council's waiting list, while those who are, have applied only recently for houses.

Cape Housing Action Committee (Cahac) chairman, Mr Wilfred Rhodes said the plight of the bush people should be brought to the attention of the welfare organisations.

"As a short-term relief, one of the welfare bodies like Shawco or Cafda should be

approached.

"It is a socio-political problem and only a political solution will solve it. People are forced to leave the rural areas to seek work in the big cities and when they get here they struggle to find a job, they are not able to find accommodation and end up in the bush.

"Apartheid has brought about the crisis. The problem was created by the government and therefore they are responsible for the situation. But the difference is that the oppressed masses have no say in changing the government. However, that doesn't mean we must be passive about it.

"We are South Africans and whatever affects this country, affects us.

"If you contact the City Council, the government's bureaucratic structure, they tell you: 'No job, no house'. We believe that all people should be housed in comfort and safety."

Mrs Stott has promised to investigate the claims by some of the homeless people that they are on the waiting list of the council.

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Commissioner's new 'special job'

By RIAAN DE
VILLIERS

THE CHIEF Commissioner for Co-operation and Development in the Western Cape, Mr Timo Bezuidenhoud, is to step down from his job for about six months to perform a "special task" for the government.

This was confirmed yesterday by the Director-General of Co-operation and Development, Mr Gyllis van de Wal, who said Mr Bezuidenhoud would be released from his job to give "special attention to problems in the Western Cape in general".

Mr Van de Wal would not comment further, but there is speculation that the move may be part of a major new government strategy to remove "illegal" blacks, especially those living in Crossroads, from the Cape later this year and deport them back to the homelands.

Mr Bezuidenhoud accompanied Mr Pik Botha, Minister of Foreign Affairs, to a

confidential meeting with the Transkei's State President earlier this week.

Neither Paramount Chief Kaizer Matanzima nor Mr Botha would comment on the talks.

However, speculation is rife that the government may have tried to negotiate a new deal with the Transkei surrounding the return of Transkeians who are illegally in the Cape.

Mr Van De Wal would not comment on Mr Bezuidenhoud's presence at the talks yesterday, but said he had gone at the "request of the Department of Foreign Affairs".

It has previously been disclosed that the government has ordered the demolition of the Crossroads squatter camp this year.

About 17 000 "legal" residents are to be moved to the new township of Khayelitsha.

Mr Bezuidenhoud was not available for comment yesterday.

They're praying for a miracle in Ndende Street

HOMELESS Duncan Village squatters are praying for a miracle — to be rehoused before winter. They have been without a roof over their heads since February.

The East Cape Administration Board destroyed their homes in Ndende Street and they have lived in the open since then.

"We are staying in the open in the hope that by some miracle of God, the authorities will pity us and give us houses," said spokeswoman Mrs Nozamide Joyi.

"We have already been to Ecab administration offices to ask for houses. But we were told we do not qualify for houses because our reference books have an Mdantsane endorsement."

Mrs Joyi shares a makeshift shelter — made up of scraps of corrugated iron without a roof — with widows Mrs Nontozinani Nduku and Mrs Loli Tshemeše.

Their only protection, when it rains, are pieces of plastic which they wrap around themselves.

"How can we raise our children under such conditions?" asks Mrs Joyi. "How do we explain to our children that we are suffering because of our skin colour?"

Mrs Nonzwakazi Manika and her six children — the youngest only four years old — are also living in the open in Ndende Street. She now only has a

few cooking utensils, a bed and some mattresses left after her shack was demolished. She says her clothing and identity documents got lost when her shack was demolished.

A stone's throw away from her, a group of five families live in an old lorry. Some of the people sleep under the lorry because there is no space for all of them in the lorry's cabin.

It is often damp under the lorry because it has been raining continuously for the past few weeks.

Among those who use the lorry as "home", are Mrs Pumla Mbasu, a tuberculosis patient at the Duncan Village Municipal Clinic, and Mrs Kuku Tsewu, who suffers from asthma and high blood pressure.

The sadness of the more than 100 squatters is reflected in their faces. Many sat huddled miserably in their makeshift shelters when City Press visited the area.

"The Bible teaches

us to love our neighbour, but how can we show love to people who do not respect the dignity of others?" asked Mr Wilson Sonwabo sadly.

"Winter is around the corner. What will happen to our children then? How will they be able to survive the bitter rain and cold weather?"

Mr Sonwabo said black people had become a political football for the South African Government — since the homeland system was introduced, the Government has been trying its utmost to force people into homelands.

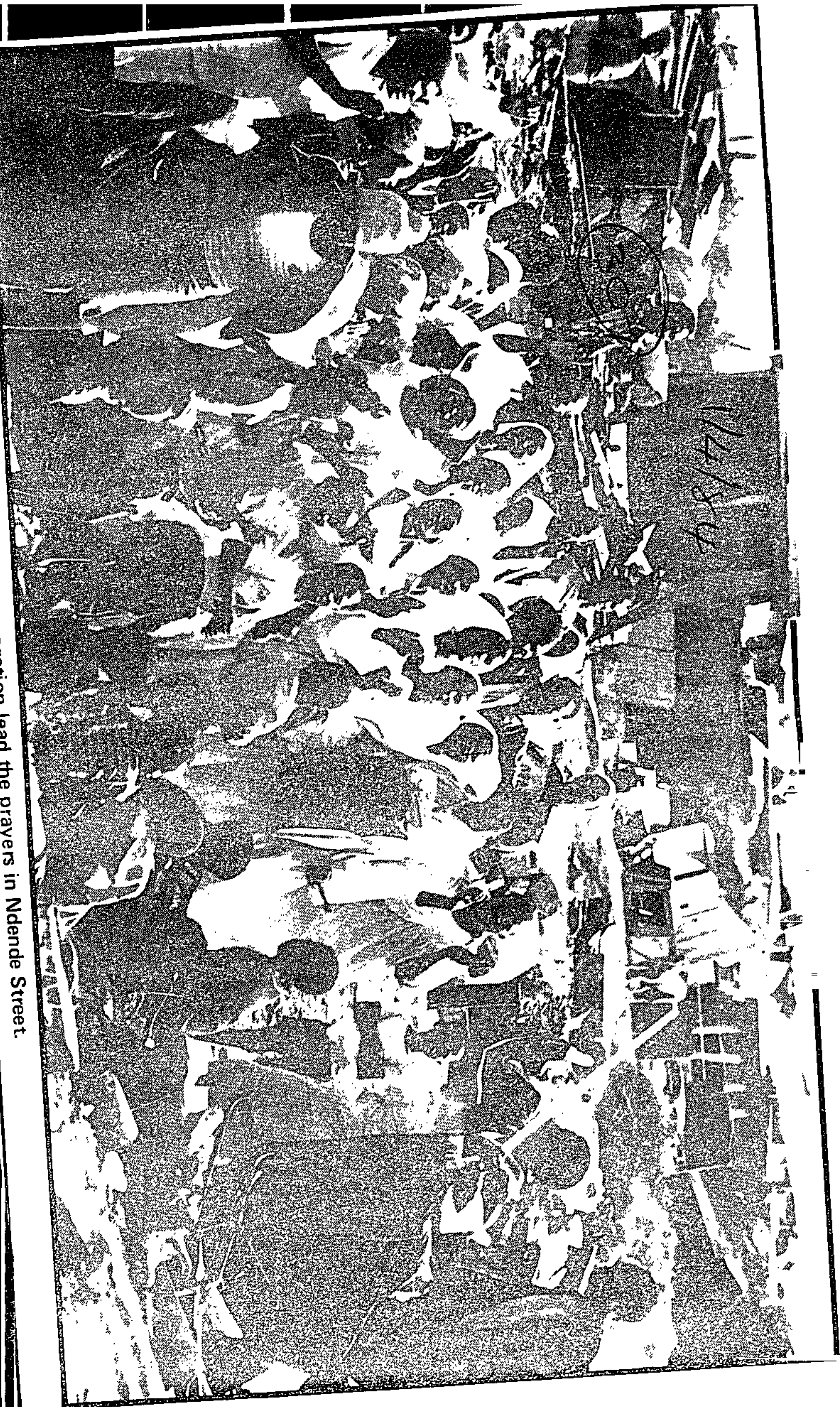
"The majority of us are working and can afford to pay rent if we are given houses," he said. "But it seems as if Ecab doesn't care about our plight."

SA Allied Workers' Union president Thozamile Gqweta said their plight demonstrated that the struggle against the oppression of voiceless and powerless people has to be intensified.



BENITO PHILLIPS
examines the pain and agony of the people in Duncan Village.

PRAYING FOR A MIRACLE: A Zionist priest and his congregation lead the prayers in Ndende Street.



Officials silent over Govt job-creation plan

Labour Reporter

OFFICIALS were discussing details today of a jobs-creation programme for 10 000 Africans "illegally" in the Peninsula.

Mr Timo Bezuidenhoud, chief commissioner of the Department of Co-operation and Development, today would not elaborate on his promise to embark on the huge jobs-creation programme.

He was having "further discussions" today and would be in a better position to comment after the talks. He would not say with whom the discussions would take place.

Visit

Government officials would not comment on the matter. Mr R K Leppan, who has taken over as chief commissioner for six months, said he knew nothing about the programme.

The programme announcement follows a visit by Mr Bezuidenhoud and the Minister of Foreign Affairs, Mr Pik Botha, to Transkei's President K D Matanzima.

The visit fuelled speculation of a major employment project in the Transkei linked to the removal of "illegal" squatters from Cape Town.

Thousands of "illegals" in the Peninsula's squatter camps are expected to be endorsed out within the next few months, as the Government makes plans to resettle "legals" in the new township of Khayelitsha.

Status legalised

There were no comments from the Department of Foreign Affairs and the Department of Co-operation and Development.

It is not yet known where the Government envisages creating work opportunities. Mr Bezuidenhoud has said the jobs would be created "in the Peninsula and elsewhere".

One possibility is that "illegal" men squatters in Cape Town would have their status legalised if they agreed to live as contract workers and send their families to the homelands. Mr Bezuidenhoud is known to have made such offers to the Nyanga Bush squatters.

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Confusion on 'illegals' plan

Staff Reporter

CONFUSION still surrounds a major new government strategy for dealing with "illegal" blacks in the Peninsula to be administered by Mr Timo Bezuidenhoud, former Chief Commissioner for Co-Operation and Development.

Mr Bezuidenhoud has temporarily stepped down from his job to give "special attention" to black-affairs problems in the Western Cape.

The move is seen as a prelude to the demolition of the Crossroads squatter camp, resettlement of "legal" residents in Khayelitsha and the possible repatriation of "illegals" back to the homelands.

Mr Bezuidenhoud has been reported as saying that plans are being made to provide jobs for 10 000 "illegal" breadwinners in the Peninsula. He added that these jobs "could be created in the Peninsula or elsewhere".

However, sources close to black-affairs administration in the area said yesterday that they were sceptical about any suggestions that jobs would be provided for "illegals" in the Cape.

They said it was more likely the jobs would be created in the homelands. This impression has been strengthened by a "secret" visit to Transkei by Mr Bezuidenhoud and Mr Pik Botha, Minister of Foreign Affairs, last week.

However, it has been suggested that some jobs may be provided here to currently "illegal" breadwinners on an annual contract basis, requiring their families to return to the homelands.

Government officials are tight-lipped about the scheme. All inquiries yesterday were referred to Mr Bezuidenhoud, but after attending talks at the H. F. Verwoerd Building yesterday morning he could not be reached for comment.

Squatters 'raided daily

By RIAAN
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Labour Reporter

ABOUT 200 Crossroads "refugees" who have lived in the open at KTC for over three months are now being subjected to almost daily raids by inspectors from the Western Cape Development Board.

Spokesmen for the destitute group — followers of deposed Crossroads leader Mr Oliver Memani who were driven from the squatter camp during faction fighting at the end of December — said yesterday board inspectors were raiding the area "early virtually every morning".

They said they had given up trying to build plastic shelters and were just using Port Jackson branches to shelter children from the sun and the wind.

Women and children were seeking shelter from the sweltering heat under Port Jackson bushes in the area early yesterday afternoon.

The spokesmen said inspectors were also confiscating firewood.

Mr Graham Lawrence, the WCDB's director of housing and labour, confirmed yesterday that inspectors were regularly conducting operations at KTC.

"Our firm instructions are that no more people should be allowed to live there, except those in the existing authorized shacks," he said.

He said inspectors were confiscating plastic, branches and other materials, but denied they were confiscating firewood.

Graves are garbage heaps'

THE housing shortage in Port Elizabeth's black townships is so critical that some people are forced to build shacks on graves in the Veeplaas Cemetery.

The cemetery also serves as a dumping site for the garbage of the shanty-dwellers. This has added to the state of neglect of the cemetery.

The families living in the shanty homes in Veeplaas are living in fear — they claim they are being haunted by ghosts.

Mrs Bukeiwa Machuda said she was often confronted by a man she believed is a ghost. She said a man wearing a hat was once spotted in the house in the dead of night by one of her children.

When the lights were put on,

she said, the man vanished — although all the doors were locked. But the shanty-dwellers have nowhere else to go.

Veeplaas Cemetery is not the only cemetery which is not being cleaned up regularly by local authorities, say residents.

New Brighton resident Mr Soya Mama, whose wife is buried at Veeplaas, blamed "poor town planning" for the state of the cemetery, and said the erection of shacks there has aggravated the problem.

"I can't understand why our graveyards are left unattended," said Mr Mama. "Local authorities are reluctant to spend money to keep the graves clean. It appears they have no respect for the dead."

City Press visited several cemeteries in Port Elizabeth.

Some are not fenced — as a result, they are used as a thoroughfare by nearby residents and as garbage-dumping sites.

By MONO
BADELA



Some of the graves are shallow and often become waterlogged, and tombstones are so filthy that inscriptions cannot be read.

Residents are disappointed at the state of the cemeteries, and say the cultural heritage of blacks is being neglected. "Little or no money is devoted to maintaining our cultural heritage," said one resident.

Some of the people who helped build Port Elizabeth are buried at Veeplaas — they include the founder of the 80 000-strong Bantu Church of Christ, Bishop Ngcanga Limba, and pioneer nurse Dorah Nginza.

Sister Nginza's grave is covered

by shrubs and bushes. Well-known medical doctors Langa Duba and Xola Pambu are also buried at Veeplaas, as well as scores of schoolchildren who died during the student protests in 1976 and 1977.

"Those who did so much for Port Elizabeth are now left to rest in what is little better than a forgotten garbage heap," said a New Brighton resident.

Meanwhile, the East London municipality is continuing to plough up the graves of hundreds of black people at the Duncan Village Dalindyebo Cemetery despite protests from residents.

A sports stadium will be built where the cemetery — the oldest in Duncan Village — presently is.

Protests were made by the Coloured Management Committee, the East London Indian Civic Association and officials of the Border Soccer Board, an affiliate of the SA Soccer Federation.

The only organisation which agreed to the municipality's decision to build a sports stadium on the cemetery, is the Indian Management Committee.

Their attitude is that, if the municipality cannot find an alternative site for the proposed stadium, it should go ahead with plans to build it on the Dalindyebo Cemetery.

The only graves which will not be affected by the removal of the graves, are that of the Rev Walter Rubusani — the first black person to serve as a Member of Parlia-

ment in the Cape Province Parliament — and his family.

His family includes the well-known Siyo family — they are related through inter-marriage. The graves of other community leaders will be removed and buried elsewhere.

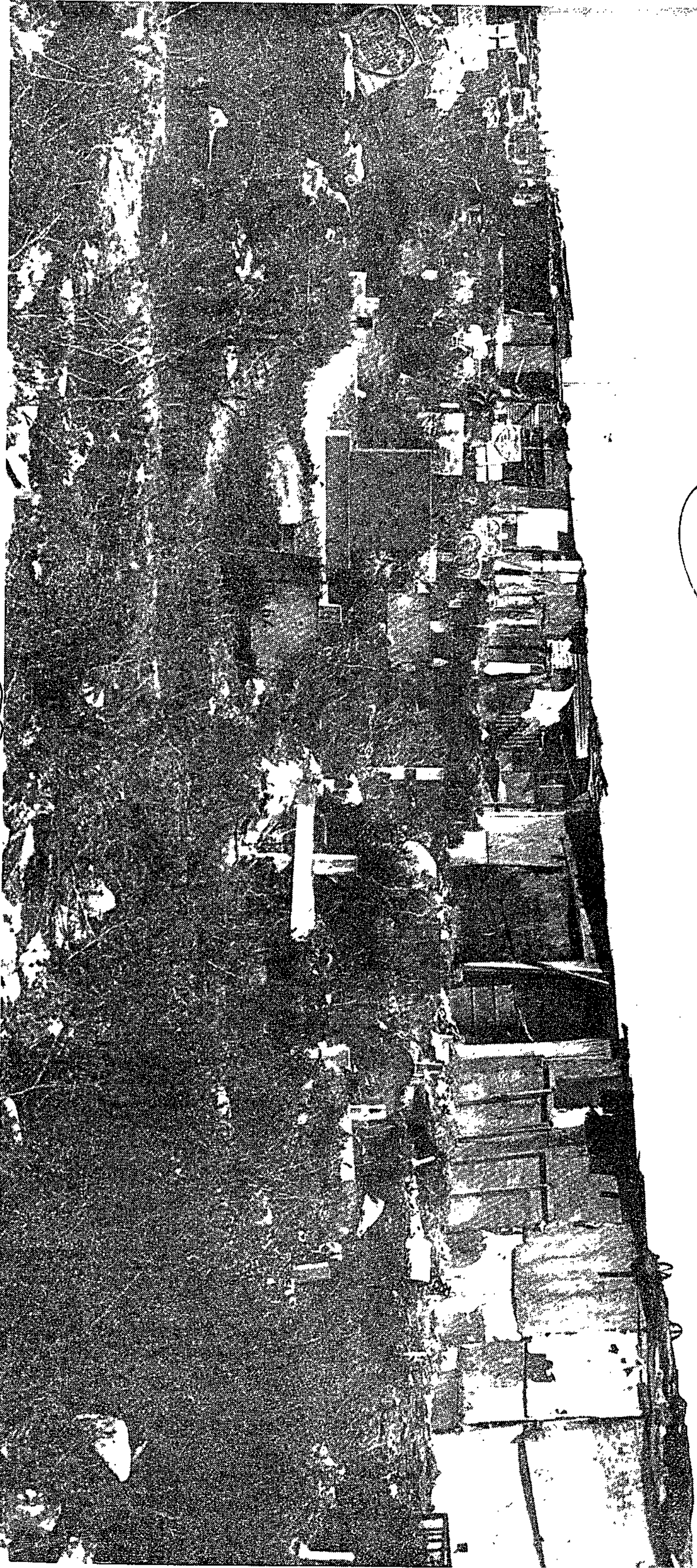
Duncan Village resident M Monwabisi Yeko said: "It is an absolute disgrace to watch front-end loaders digging up the graves. It is a tragedy and against our traditions and beliefs."

We believe that once a person has been buried, that burial place is sacred. Nobody has the right to interfere with it."

Mr Yeko said the digging up of the graves was "the worst insult which could have happened to us". "It is a disgrace that these people interfere with a cemetery for the sake of a sportsfield," he said angrily.

Living with the dead

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WEEPING CEMETERY: Some people are living there.

government department will have to be undertaken which, apart from the extent of the work attached thereto and the consequent manpower that must be utilized therefor, will take considerable time to complete. It is planned to review the system during the current year in order to simplify the recordkeeping of statistics for each individual population group.

Public Service: salaries

305. Mr S S VAN DER MERWE asked the Minister of Internal Affairs:

- (1) In what categories has full parity been achieved in the salaries paid to officers of different race groups in the Public Service;
- (2) what is the total number of non-White officers in the Public Service who enjoy full parity in salaries;
- (3) in what categories has full parity not been achieved in the salaries paid to officers of different race groups in the Public Service;
- (4) what is the total number of non-White officers in the Public Service who do not enjoy full parity in salaries;
- (5) (a) what steps are being taken to eliminate the existing disparities and (b) when is it estimated that such disparities will be eliminated?

The MINISTER OF INTERNAL AFFAIRS:

- (1) Salaries in the Public Service have been categorized in 21 standard salary levels. The highest standard salary level is 21 and the lowest is salary level 1. Full parity has already been implemented as follows in the salaries of the various population groups employed by the State:

Coloureds and Indians

Officials on standard salary levels 8 to 21 and 1 to 5.

Blacks
Officials on standard salary levels 11 to 21 and 1 to 5.

- (2) Data in regard to the total number of Non-White officials in the Public Service who enjoy full salary parity in the different categories is not maintained at a central point. In view of the fact that certain administrative actions with high priorities are at present conducted, such data cannot be obtained from the individual institutions within the foreseeable future.
- (3) Coloureds/Indians: Standard salary levels 6 and 7.
Blacks: Standard salary levels 6 to 10.
- (4) With regard to the reply in (2), no specific data can be made available at this stage.
- (5) The system of equal remuneration for equal work, qualifications and productivity is applicable to those levels where the salary gap has already been eliminated. The implementation of a further phase of the programme will be considered in the light of available funds when occupational specific market related investigations are undertaken according to needs and/or general salary adjustments can be effected.

386. Mr K M ANDREW asked the Minister of Education and Training:

- (1) How many (a) teachers, (b) pupils and (c) classrooms were there at each specified Black (i) pre-primary, (ii) primary and (iii) secondary school in (aa) Old Crossroads and (bb) New Crossroads in 1982, 1983 and 1984, respectively;
- (2) whether all children from (a) Old Crossroads and (b) New Crossroads who applied for accommodation in these schools were accepted; if not, how many children were unable to be

accommodated in each specified school in each of these years? **THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION AND TRAINING:**

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(1)	(i)			(ii)			(iii)		
	(a)	(b)	(c)	(a)	(b)	(c)	(a)	(b)	(c)
1982	—	—	—	18	818	17 shacks	—	—	—
1983	15 (unqualified)	610	2 buildings 1 bungalow 2 huts	28	1 745	17 shacks and 10 classrooms	—	—	—
1984	Annual returns not received yet			28	1 655	15 shacks	—	—	—
1982	—	—	—	44	1 818	40	—	—	20
1983	5 (unqualified)	150	1 hall 3 houses	44	1 894	40	13	348	20
1984	Annual returns not received yet			48	1 998	40	21	763	20

- (2) (a) Exact figures are not available.
(b) Yes.

SA Transport Services: staff withdrawn

395. Mr P R C ROGERS asked the Minister of Transport Affairs:

- (1) Whether members of the permanent staff of the South African Transport Services are being withdrawn from stations between East London and Queenstown; if so, (a) which stations are involved, (b) how many members of staff are involved in respect of each of these stations, (c) what is the estimated saving in each case and (d) what was the (i) revenue and (ii) operating expenses of each of these stations during the latest specified period of 20 years for which figures are available;

The MINISTER OF TRANSPORT AFFAIRS:

- (1) No, not at this stage. A final decision will be taken only after thorough consideration has been given to certain administrative adjustments involving the accounting procedure and personnel matters.
- (2) whether such members of staff will be placed in posts commensurate with their qualifications;

(a), (b), (c), (d), (i), (ii), (2) and (3) Fall away.

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE:

(a) Not available. See (b) below.

(b) Highveld Region	7 049 farms
Karoo Region	997 farms
Natal Region	2 850 farms
Eastern Cape Region	1 228 farms
Free State Region	5 905 farms
Winter Rainfall Region	5 785 farms
Transvaal Region	35 348 farms
TOTAL	59 162 farms

These are estimated figures and also include farming units which will not necessarily be planned as there are not subsidizable works involved such as crop farms, orchards and vineyards as well as a large number of small farms and plots.

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Crossroads: police called 11/4/84
751. Mrs H SUZMAN asked the Minister of Law and Order:

- (1) Whether any members of the South African Police were called to Crossroads in December 1983 and January 1984; if so, (a) when, (b) why, (c) what were the circumstances surrounding their being called to Crossroads and (d) what action did they take;
- (2) whether any arrests have been made; if not, why not; if so, (a) how many, (b) where and (c) why;
- (3) whether any of these persons were charged; if not, why not; if so, (a) how many and (b) what were the charges;
- (4) whether any statements were taken from Crossroads residents concerning this matter; if so, how many;
- (5) whether any charges were laid by Crossroads residents; if so, what charges;
- (6) whether these charges were investi-

gated; if not, why not; if so, with what results?

The MINISTER OF LAW AND ORDER:

(1) Yes.

(a) On 5, 28, 29, 30 and 31 December 1983 and on 26 January 1984.

(b) and (c) To attend to complaints of public violence, arson and general disorder resulting from retaliatory actions between two opposing factions, and to maintain law and order and provide protection.

(d) All possible steps were taken to restore order, while all complaints received the necessary attention.

(2) Yes.

(a) As the investigation progressed, 32 persons were arrested.

(b) In Crossroads.

(c) Because they were allegedly involved in the incidents of violence.

(3) Yes.

(a) 32.

(b) Murder, public violence and arson.

(4) Yes, 51.

(5) Yes. Three complaints of attempted murder, 17 of malicious damage to property and 1 of common assault.

(6) Yes. The investigation in respect of the three cases of attempted murder has not yet been completed. Two cases of alleged malicious damage to property and one of assault were

closed due to a lack of corroborative evidence.

In the other cases the decision of the Attorney-General and of the senior public prosecutor are being awaited.

Importation of dairy products: contravening of regulations

760. Mr R W HARDINGHAM asked the Minister of Agriculture:

What are the (a) names of and (b) sentences imposed in each case on (i) firms and (ii) persons found guilty of contravening regulations relating to the importation of dairy products (aa) in 1983 and (bb) from 1 January 1984 up to the latest specified date for which figures are available?

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE:

(a)(i) and (ii)

(1) Dofri Foods (Pty) Ltd ...

R200,00 fine plus payment of an amount of R2 489,76 in respect of levies to the Dairy Board

(aa) and (bb)

Contravention: 1982
Sentence: 1984

(2) Peter Robert Shewell (in his personal capacity as director of Dofri Foods (Pty) Ltd) ...

Warned and discharged

Contravention: 1982
Sentence: 1984

(3) Manfred Baisch trading as Willi's Delicatessen ...

R50,00

Contravention: 1983
Sentence: 1984

Seven prosecutions which involve 5 000 tons of skimmed milk powder are still *sub judice*.

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Reference books/influx control
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764 Mr P G SOAL asked the Minister of Law and Order:

How many (a) males and (b) females were arrested in 1983 for offences relating to reference books and influx control in each of the police station areas on the East Rand?

The MINISTER OF LAW AND ORDER:		
Spring	(a)	(b)
Delmas	866	118
Kwa Thema	12	18
Sundra	1 009	34
Brakpan	228	—
	52	101

Devon	6	9
Nigel	51	5
Dunnottar	—	6
Kempton Park	1 770	4
Boksburg	657	472
Boksburg-Noord	1 269	93
Olifantsfontein	51	34
Vosloorus	7	3
Benoni	1 199	599
Actonville	305	809
Daveyton	3	6
Petit	816	225
Puifontein	1 034	331
Germiston	933	17
Primrose	6 545	944
Alberton	1 332	685
Edenvale	643	250
Bedfordview	370	280
Elsburg	952	605
Katlehong	795	100
Heidelberg	47	5
Balfour	55	2
Greylingstad	15	36
Grootvlei	1	—
Tembisa	—	—

Crossroads fire victims await aid

Staff Reporter

WELFARE organisations are waiting for the go-ahead from the Western Cape Development Board to provide relief for the 500 Crossroads people left homeless after a fire swept through the squatter camp.

A spokesman for the Cape region of the Red Cross said the organisation had made an offer of help to the board but was "waiting for it to assess the situation".

Mr D Livesey, warden of Shawco, said two health visitors were in Crossroads today to assess the damage.

Meeting tomorrow

He said a meeting of registered welfare organisations operating in Crossroads would meet tomorrow to discuss the fire.

Several victims of the fire said today their first need was for temporary shelter.

However, welfare organisations are not allowed to provide shelter without permission from the board.

Repeated attempts to contact the board today were unsuccessful.

Early today hundreds of residents, wrapped in blankets, gathered around the remnants of their shacks which were destroyed in last night's blaze.

A few men tried to salvage what was left of the corrugated iron sheeting.

People said the fire started about 7 last night when a gas stove in a shack overturned.

The fire then swept down the hillside towards Old Klipfontein Road, burning about 100 shacks.

Many of the homeless said they had not been able to save possessions from the flames.

Miss Rebecca Madikane, said her only remaining possession was the set of pyjamas she was wearing.

No one was reported injured in the fire.

Two weeks ago a shack blaze spread rapidly through an area of Crossroads, destroying about 15 shelters.

Fires which followed faction fighting in Crossroads in December destroyed about 60 huts.

Among the victims of last night's fire were a newly married couple, Mr Joseph Baliso and his wife Nomagula, who said they did not know where they would sleep tonight.

Mrs Princess Mbiza, a mother of five who also lost her house, said she had been at the Noxolo

School, about 15 minutes walk away, when she noticed the fire.

"It spread very quickly. There was nothing I could do. We will just have to stay in the open air now," she said.

She added that many Crossroads children had run away from the fire during last night's confusion and some were still missing.

Mr Samuel Langa, a member of the Crossroads committee, said he had taken details of peoples' losses and the committee would co-ordinate gifts of blankets and plastic to the homeless.

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Huge blaze at Crossroads

By COLIN HOWELL

A HUGE blaze swept through a large section of the Crossroads squatter camp last night, destroying nearly 100 shelters and leaving hundreds of residents homeless.

No reports of casualties were received by police, firemen or ambulance rescue personnel who arrived at the camp soon after the fire had broken out about 7pm.

The fire, which spread through the wood-and-iron structures after a paraffin stove at the home of Mrs Regina Kihwelilanga had apparently fallen over while she was outside, was still burning fiercely late last night.

Flames leapt metres into the air and burning

structures in an area about the size of a rugby field collapsed under the intense heat. At least five teams of firemen doused down the devastated area.

Many residents managed to save some of their scant possessions and nearby Old Klipfontein Road was soon lined with their furniture and piles of clothing.

Brigadier Dries van den Heever, CID Chief for the Western Province, who was at the scene, confirmed later that police did not suspect arson.

He put the number of shacks destroyed at "between 80 and 90", but residents said the number could be much higher.

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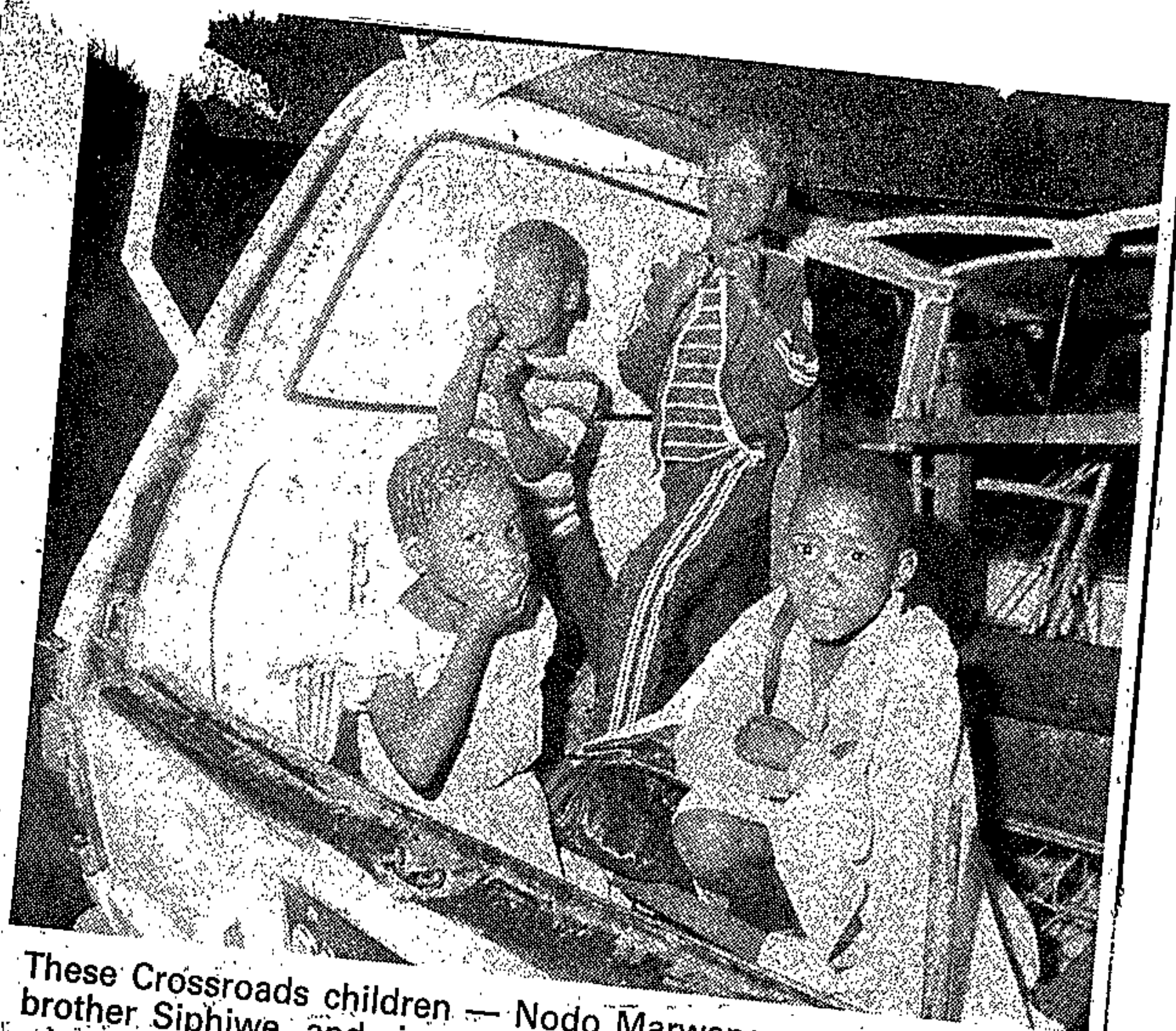
Firemen approach the smouldering remains of a shack while dousing a massive blaze that destroyed nearly 100 structures at the Crossroads squatter camp last night. No casualties were reported but hundreds were left homeless.



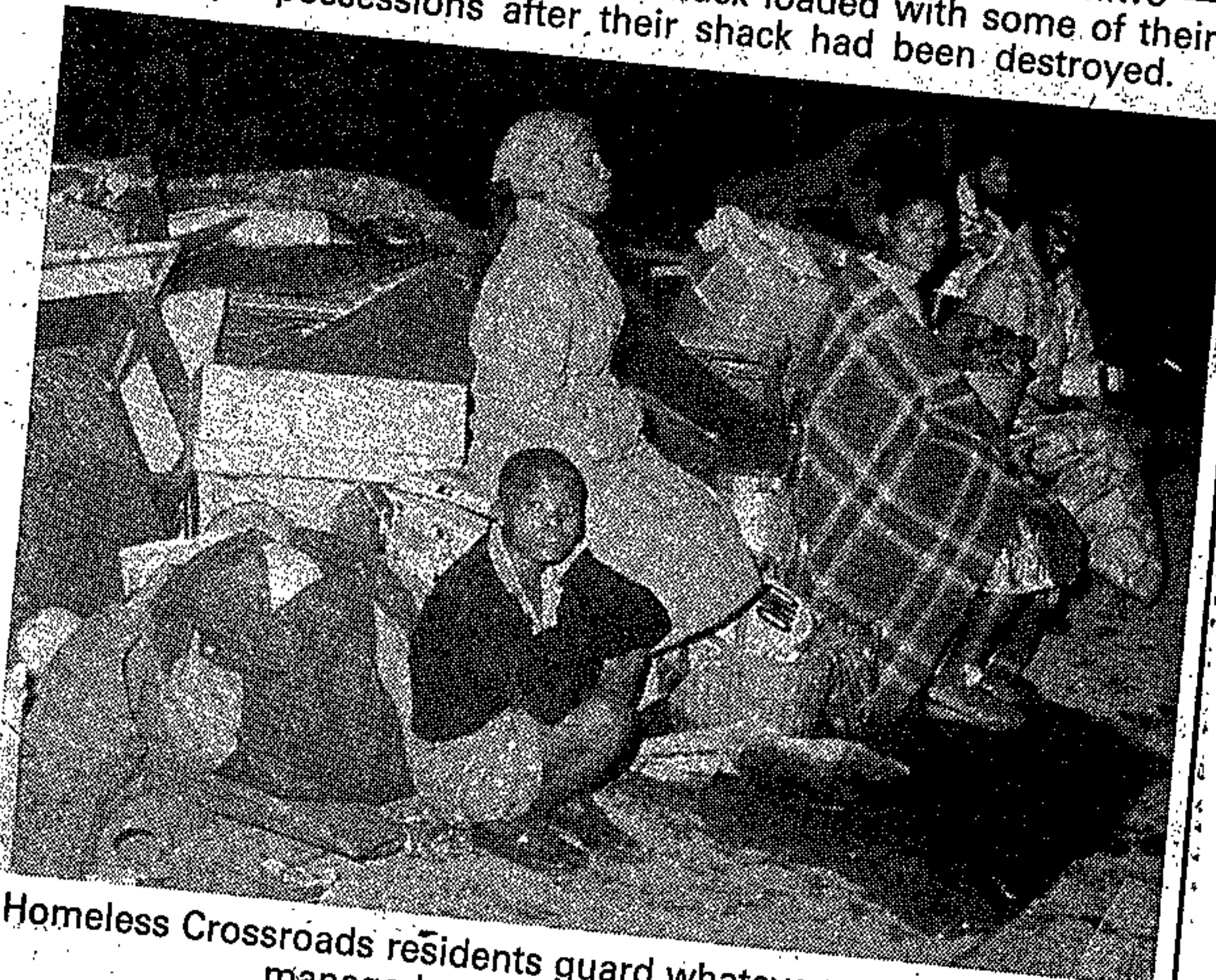
Dejected residents stand on the perimeter of the large area of the camp that was devastated by the fire.

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These Crossroads children — Nodo Marwangano (back left), his brother Siphiwe, and sisters Noeoe (front left) and Noehiwo — spent last night in the back of a truck loaded with some of their family's possessions after their shack had been destroyed.



Homeless Crossroads residents guard whatever possessions they managed to save from the blaze.

Pictures: Ivor Markman.

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Despair as families lose all in fire

By RIAAN DE VILLIERS
Labour Reporter

DAZED Crossroads residents yesterday surveyed the wreckage left by a fire which razed more than 80 shacks in the squatter camp on Monday night.

Some 500 people have been left homeless and many people interviewed at the site said they had lost everything.

Some men and women started rebuilding shacks out of charred wood and twisted corrugated iron by yesterday afternoon. But many others seemed over-

come by their loss and sat staring at the scene of destruction.

A number of people said they could not rebuild their shelters as they had no materials. Many of the shacks were plastic and cardboard structures erected by "lodgers".

Crossroads leader Mr Johnson Ngxobongwana and members of his committee inspected the site yesterday. A leading committee member, Mr Albert Napakade, said later that the committee would try to help the homeless but did not yet know what to do. He said it was the worst fire ever

in Crossroads and added: "The situation is very bad. We don't know which way to turn." Attempts were being made to contact churches.

Black-affairs officials also inspected the site. Dr Gert du Preez, liaison officer of the Western Cape Development Board, said the damage and the needs of the squatters had to be assessed before further steps could be taken.

But he appealed to any members of the public and organizations prepared to help to contact him at the board offices in Goodwood, telephone 59-2136. "We will see what we can do, in

collaboration with them and our own welfare department," he said. The Red Cross had already offered aid.

The fire broke out at 7pm on Monday when an unintended paraffin stove in a shack fell over. Firemen fought for an hour to put out the flames.

Many men from the area did not go to work yesterday. Some said their employers had given them permission to return to the site.

Residents said the wind-driven fire had spread too quickly for them to save any of their possessions. "It is a miracle that no one

died," several said. "Everybody just ran."

Miss Rebecca Madokane, 24, said: "We are bare-handed. Everything has been burnt. We have no clothes, no food, no houses and no furniture."

Other residents said they had lost television sets, radios, lounge suites, clothes and money. Mangled bedframes and blackened sewing machines lay among the ruins.

Like a number of others, Mr Charlie Jacobs, a father of three children, said: "We have lost everything, but all we can do is just try to build again."

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Crossroads fire: Relief being planned

Staff Reporter

CROSSROADS residents were today trying to rebuild more than 80 shacks destroyed by fire. And welfare organisations were to meet to plan a relief operation.

More than 500 people were left homeless by the blaze which swept through the camp on Monday night.

Shawco community health nurses toured the site today. One said that if the weather deteriorated victims would have difficulty preparing food in the open.

APPEAL

Officials of the Red Cross, the Empilisweni clinic and Shawco were to meet today to discuss the relief operation.

The Press liaison officer for the Western Cape Development Board, Dr Gert du Preez, said he had received aid offers from individuals and organisations and appealed to anyone willing to provide food, blankets or clothing to contact him at the board offices in Goodwood, 59 2136.

Move to stop Escom leaving East London

Argus Bureau

PORT ELIZABETH. — East London politicians want the Government to stop Escom moving its regional headquarters from their city to Port Elizabeth.

Mr Pierre de Pontes, MP for East London Central, has taken the city's case to the Prime Minister and the Minister of Energy and Mineral Affairs, Mr Danie Steyn.

Mr de Pontes says Mr Steyn had called for a full report from Escom on the utility's planned move.

"I can't say that this will result in the move being abandoned, but I certainly hope so," the MP said today.

"Both the Prime Minister and Mr Steyn gave me a very sympathetic hearing, and the fact that Mr Steyn has called for a full report shows that the Government is still concerned with the development of the East London area."

Mr de Pontes said he did not see the logic behind the proposed Escom move.

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600 milkmen

Labour Reporter

MILK deliveries in the city were disrupted today when about 600 workers at Dairybelle dairies stopped work.

Hundreds of workers from three Dairybelle depots gathered outside the company's main depot in Epping early today, demanding to speak to the management.

Workers said they were demanding recognition of the trade union they had joined, the Retail and Allied Workers' Union (Rawu), as well as the reappointment of three migrant workers whose contracts had not been renewed.

Several large retail stores in the city-Sea Point area, where Dairybelle operates, confirmed they had had no deliveries by this afternoon.

Woman, 22, shot

Crime Reporter

A 22-year-old woman was shot dead, allegedly during an argument in her lounge, and minutes later a man gave himself up to the police.

Mrs Tina Arnold was found in the lounge of her home in Village Close, Kenridge, Durbanville, with two bullet wounds in the head at about 2.30pm yesterday.

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Shacks demolished, materials taken in Nyanga dunes raid

Staff Reporter

INSPECTORS of the Western Cape Development Board today demolished the homes of about 13 families living on the Nyanga dunes and confiscated the building materials.

They were accompanied by police in an armoured vehicle.

Residents jeered at the board's workers while they loaded building materials on to a lorry. Children sat on beds in the open after the raid.

"VERY ANGRY"

A member of the Crossroads committee, Mr Enock Madywabe, said the demolitions were making the Nyanga bush people "very angry".

He said he could not understand how the Government could criticise the work of terrorists who bombed buildings in the country while they

allowed people's homes to be demolished.

Mr Madywabe said people would return home from work this evening to find their homes demolished.

"We hear so much talk about peace in the news. This is not a peaceful action," he said.

WEAKEN RESOLVE

Mr Madywabe said he believed the authorities were trying to weaken their resolve not to be moved to Khayelitsha.

"They are making a mistake because the people of Nyanga bush will never go to Khayelitsha," he said.

About 770 people are living in tents and plastic shelters on the dunes. They have been refused permission to build permanent structures since they moved to the site in 1982.

500 left homeless after fire

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ABOUT 500 Crossroads people have been left homeless after a fire which swept through the squatter township.

Early yesterday hundreds of residents, wrapped in blankets, gathered around the remnants of their shacks which were destroyed in the blaze.

A few men desperately tried to salvage what was left of the corrugated iron sheeting.

Eye-witnesses, said the fire had started at about 7pm last night when a pressure stove overturned in one shack.

By MZIKAYISE EDOM

It then swept down the hillside towards old Klipfontein Road, burning about 100 shacks.

Many of the homeless said they had not been able to save their posses-

sions from the flames.

One young woman, Miss Rebecca Madikane, said her only remaining possession was the pyjamas she was wearing.

"I have not even got a pair of shoes left. Everything was burnt last night," she said.

No-one was reported injured in the fire, although it is one of the worst in recent memory.

Two weeks ago a shack blaze spread rapidly through an area of Crossroads, destroying about 15 shelters.

Couple

The fires which followed severe faction fighting in Crossroads in December, destroyed about 60 huts.

Among the victims of the fire were a newly married couple, Mr Joseph and Mrs Nomagula Baliso. They said they did not know where they were going to sleep.

Mrs Princess Mbiza, a mother of five children who also lost her house, said she had been at the Noxolo School, about 15 minutes walk away, when she had seen the fire.

"It spread very very quickly. There was nothing I could do. We will just have to stay in the open air now," she said.

She added that many Crossroads children had run away from the fire during last night's confusion and some were still missing.

Mr Samuel Langa, a member of the Crossroads Committee, said he had taken details of people's losses and the Committee would co-ordinate donations of blankets and plastic to temporarily shelter the homeless.

Relief work organisations are meanwhile waiting for an assessment by the Western Cape Development Board to determine what assistance they can offer destitute families.

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intends to take any action in this regard; if not, why not; if so, (a) when and (b) what action;

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

†THE MINISTER OF MINERAL AND ENERGY AFFAIRS:

- (1) No.

(a), (b), (c). Fall away.

- (2) No. All aspects regarding industrial air pollution are handled by the Air Pollution Section of the Department of Health and Welfare. It is understood that such complaints were indeed brought to the attention of this Section which is handling the matter further.

(a), (b). Fall away.

- (3) No.

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Harward
Q. 601.903
Talks with representatives of Transkei Government 11/4/84
*14. Mr C W EGLIN asked the Minister of Foreign Affairs:

- (1) Whether he held talks with representatives of the Government of Transkei on or about 29 March 1984; if so, (a) where did the talks take place, (b) with whom did he have the talks, (c) who accompanied him, (d) what subject or subjects were discussed and (e) what was the outcome of the talks;

- (2) whether the talks will result in any action being taken by the Government of South Africa; if so, what action?

The DEPUTY MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS:

- (1) Yes.

(a) Umtata.

(b) President K D Matanzima

(c) Officials of the Departments of Foreign Affairs and Co-operation and Development.

(d) Consolidation and economic development of Transkei, including possible special employment-creating projects for Transkeian citizens. President Matanzima was also informed about the Nkomati Accord and other developments in Southern Africa.

(e) The result will depend upon steps which still have to be considered.

- (2) No; but steps to expedite consolidation and to initiate special employment-creating projects will be considered.

Harward Q. 601.904
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Boycotts/disturbances: schools/pupils affected
*15. Mr K M ANDREW asked the Minister of Education and Training:

How many (a) schools and (b) pupils under the control of his Department had been affected by boycotts or disturbances in 1984 as at the latest specified date for which figures are available?

†THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION AND TRAINING:

(a) 24.

(b) 13 107.

Statistics as on 5 April 1984.

Boycotts/disturbances at schools

*16. Mr K M ANDREW asked the Minister of Education and Training:

- (1) Whether any (a) boycotts and (b) disturbances have occurred at any schools administered by his Department since his reply to Question No 32 on 29 February 1984; if so,

- (2) (a) at which schools and (b) what

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were the (i) causes, (ii) duration and (iii) nature of the (aa) boycotts and (bb) disturbances in each case;

- (3) whether any such (a) boycotts and (b) disturbances were in progress as at the latest specified date for which information is available; if so, (i) at which schools and (ii) when did the (aa) boycotts and (bb) disturbances at such schools first occur in each case;

- (4) whether any action has been taken by his Department as a result of these boycotts and disturbances; if not, why not; if so, (a) what action and (b) with what results?

THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION AND TRAINING (Reply laid upon the Table with leave of House):

- (1) (a) Yes.

(b) No.

- (2) (a) Hofmeyer Secondary School—Atteridgeville; Dr Nkomo Secondary School—Atteridgeville; D H Peta Secondary School—Atteridgeville; Saulsville Secondary School—Atteridgeville; Sautridge Secondary School—Atteridgeville; Indumiso Teacher Training College—Pietermaritzburg; Minerva Secondary School—Alexandra; A B Zambodla Primary School—Cradock; J A Neaca Primary School—Cradock; E Macembe Primary School—Cradock; Nxuba Primary School—Cradock; Sam Xhali Secondary School—Cradock; Ilingelile Secondary School—Cradock; Solomon Akena Secondary School—Cradock; Cowan Secondary School—New Brighton; Newell Secondary School—New Brighton; Iembelele Secondary School—New Brighton; S Mazungula Primary School—New Brighton; Ernest Skosana Primary School—New Brighton;

Philip Nikiwe Primary School—New Brighton; Mzontsundu Secondary School—Kwa-Zakhele; Tamsanga Secondary School—Kwa-Zakhele; Kwa-Zakhele Secondary School—Kwa-Zakhele; Cape Teacher Training College—Fort Beaufort

- (b) (i) Alleged reasons for boycotts are, *inter alia*, the following: Corporal punishment in schools; dissatisfaction with certain teachers; too strict security measures; standard of food; suspension of pupils

(ii) With intervals as from 1 March 1984 to date.

(iii) (aa) Pupils refuse to attend classes or to admit teachers to classes;

(bb) Falls away.

- (3) (a) Yes.

(b) No.

(i) D H Peta in Atteridgeville as well as all the schools in Cradock.

(ii) (aa) As from 14 March 1984 at D H Peta and 1 March 1984 at the schools in Cradock.

(bb) Falls away.

- (4) Yes.

(a) Action taken by the Department is chiefly aimed at immediate communication with parents, school committees and pupils regarding alleged grievances in order to put matters into perspective or, if founded, to put it right.

(b) Spreading of boycotts to other

14 Nyanga camp homes destroyed

Cape Times 12/4/84 (307)

Staff Reporter

INSPECTORS of the Western Cape Development Board destroyed 14 homes in the Nyanga "sand dunes camp" in a raid between 7am and 9.30am yesterday.

"This might be the start of a new cycle of board officials demolishing tents and squatters building new structures in response," said the Rev Syd Lockett, director of the Anglican Board of Social Responsibility.

Residents had waited long enough under sheets of plastic while the board consistently refused to give them adequate accommodation.

Mr Melford Yamila, chairman of the Nyanga bush squatter camp committee, said: "The people have been forced to put up plastic structures because the board has refused to distribute tents which the South African Red Cross Society offered in April 1983."

Dr Gert Du Preez, the board's liaison officer, yesterday confirmed the demolitions.

Appeal to aid victims of fire at Crossroads

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THE SA Red Cross Society (Cape region) has appealed for cash to help several hundred victims of a fire which destroyed about 80 homes in Crossroads on Monday.

As a large number of the families lost all their possessions in the fire, a fund has been set up by the society to buy relief supplies.

The Red Cross said a concerted relief campaign had been mounted by a number of welfare organisations operating under the auspices of a Crossroads Co-ordinating Committee to assist the homeless people.

Blankets, clothing and food were being distributed from a central point in Crossroads.

The Red Cross has asked people to contribute in cash to streamline the co-ordinating committee's work.

Contributions may be sent to the SA Red Cross Society (Cape region), Box 32, Wynberg, 7824, ☎ 717170. (Fund raising number 08/800/76/000/0).

Crossroads primary schools: 110 a class

Cape Times 13/4/84 307
Political Correspondent

HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY. — Primary school pupils in Old Crossroads are crammed 110 to a class this year in rooms officially described as pondoks.

There are as yet no 1984 figures for pre-primary children, but last year they were even worse off, averaging 122 to a room in the care of 15 unqualified teachers.

Conditions at New Crossroads are much better, according to figures given in Parliament by the Minister of Education and Training, Mr Barend du Plessis. He was replying to a question from Mr Ken Andrew (PFF Gardens).

Primary schools in New Crossroads average 50 pupils per classroom and 42 pupils a teacher, compared to 59 per teacher in Old Crossroads. There are no secondary schools in Old Crossroads, but those at New Crossroads average 38 pupils to a classroom and 36 to a teacher this year.

Figures given by Mr Du Plessis showed that the 610 pre-primary children at school in Old Crossroads last year were accommodated in "two buildings, one rondavel and two shacks".

The 1 655 primary children there this year are accommodated in "15 pondoks" — a reduction on the "17 pondoks and 10 classrooms" last year.

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City shacks boost crime — residents

Municipal Reporter
INCREASING crime in Rondebosch East has led residents to step up their efforts to have corrugated iron shanties removed from the area.

They claim they first asked for something to be done about the "eyesores" almost 10 years ago. Since then, some of the shanties have been

condemned by the city fire and health departments.

The rusting and dilapidated corrugated iron shacks have been left standing for years after the people who lived in them were resettled in terms of the Group Areas Act.

Residents claim the Department of Community Development has

done nothing since then to have the area cleaned up and the shanties now serve as homes for vagrants and criminals. At least one is thought to have served as a brothel.

Not racial

They insist the problem is not a racial one, adding that they live happily alongside coloured people still in the area.

But the increasing crime rate and the embarrassment of having the eyesore of shanties on their doorstep has led the Rondebosch East Ratepayers' Association to take a firmer stand and they are now writing to the Department of Community Development and the city council to ask for quick action.

At a meeting of the committee which has been formed to deal with the problem, photographs were handed around showing the condition of the shanties, rubbish which has collected inside them and their proximity to renovated houses.

"It is a new suburb and if we want it to be upgraded, then we must fight for it and continue fighting until the area is cleaned up," one resident said.

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Desks are in short supply in a garage classroom of the Noxolo School in Crossroads. Here a pupil does a writing exercise on her knees

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By Staff Reporter **BRUCE GORDON**

EACH day more than 140 primary school children cram into two dilapidated garages in Crossroads for their classes.

The Standard 1 children are part of the overflow from the chronically overcrowded Noxolo School. An unknown number of children were turned away from the school at the beginning of the year.

In one garage 77 pupils aged between 10 and 13 years are taught by a teacher who cannot manoeuvre herself from her desk once classes have begun.

Children sit four to a desk or on wooden boards on the ground.

A chance

Two cars are kept in the privately owned garage at night. The owner, Mrs Florence Xaso, said she offered the garage to the school because she wanted to give the children a chance.

She said she had material to build a second garage to accommodate another class but was afraid it would be demolished by the authorities.

One of the biggest problems facing the pupils in the garage classrooms is the weather. There is no electricity in the township and the garage door has to be left open to allow enough light for reading and writing. The structure leaks badly and many children do not bother coming on rainy days.

Teachers interviewed at the school refused to give their names for fear of being victimised. They were unanimous that the teaching situation was hopeless.

Three toilets

There are 1 655 pupils at the school, and 27 teachers give a staff/pupil ratio of one : 61. There are three bucket toilets for the pupils.

The school is a combined primary and higher primary operating on a platoon system.

The majority of the pupils

(548) are in sub A and attend school between 12 and 5pm. The sub B to Std 3 classes start at 7am and end at 12 and the Std 4 and 5 class attend school from 8am to 2pm.

Teachers said it was very difficult to discipline big classes. She said the pupils handwriting suffered because the children had to do their writing with books balanced on their knees. They share text books and pay R8 a year for exercise books.

The Sub A children in the garage are taught English, Afrikaans, religious education, health, environment studies and Xhosa.

One teacher said many of her children came to school hungry and were unable to concentrate on the lesson.

Shared a slice

Two pupils shared a slice of brown bread in the morning and were given bread and soup at lunch time.

The teacher said there were so many pupils in the class it was impossible for her to give any child individual attention.

The teacher complained that the shift system meant they were unable to study to further their own education.

Conditions at the school deteriorated rapidly this year because 10 classrooms which were used at a school in New Crossroads last year were unavailable.

The Western Cape circuit inspector for the Department of Education and Training, Mr PJ Scheepers, said today that the department did not have a school in Crossroads.

"The school belongs to the Crossroads community. We pay the teachers' salaries and provide the necessary books and the necessary furniture. That is as far as we can go according to policy," he said.

Mr Scheepers said the department was not going to build any buildings in Crossroads.

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A teacher distributes slices of bread to pupils. Above right: Pupils cram into the garage

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A fateful day for Cape blacks

MARCH 4 1983 was a fateful day for the Cape.

On that day, Mr P W Botha climbed into a helicopter and flew over the Western Cape to survey the state of black housing. It was at the height of the KTC squatter crisis.

As the story goes, Mr Botha was angered by the proliferation of black townships and squatter areas and summarily decreed that all blacks in the Cape be moved to a new township — Khayelitsha, close to the False Bay coast, about 40km from the city. The impression that Khayelitsha is the result of careful, long-term planning is therefore said to be untrue.

"The Government likes to say 'it was planned over three years. Actually, it was planned in three weeks,' one source says. This is a remarkable story which says a lot about the way in which South Africa is being ruled.

It has resulted in a radical policy shift, the effects of which will have a major impact on the future of the Cape — and beyond.

Until the plan to move all Peninsula blacks to Khayelitsha, Dr Piet Koornhof's policy on black housing was broadly that development of the established townships of Langa, Nyanga and Guguletu would continue.

He had also just announced a 2 500 site and service scheme at KTC camp.

In a portent of things to come, this was abruptly frozen "pending further Government investigations" two days before the helicopter flight.

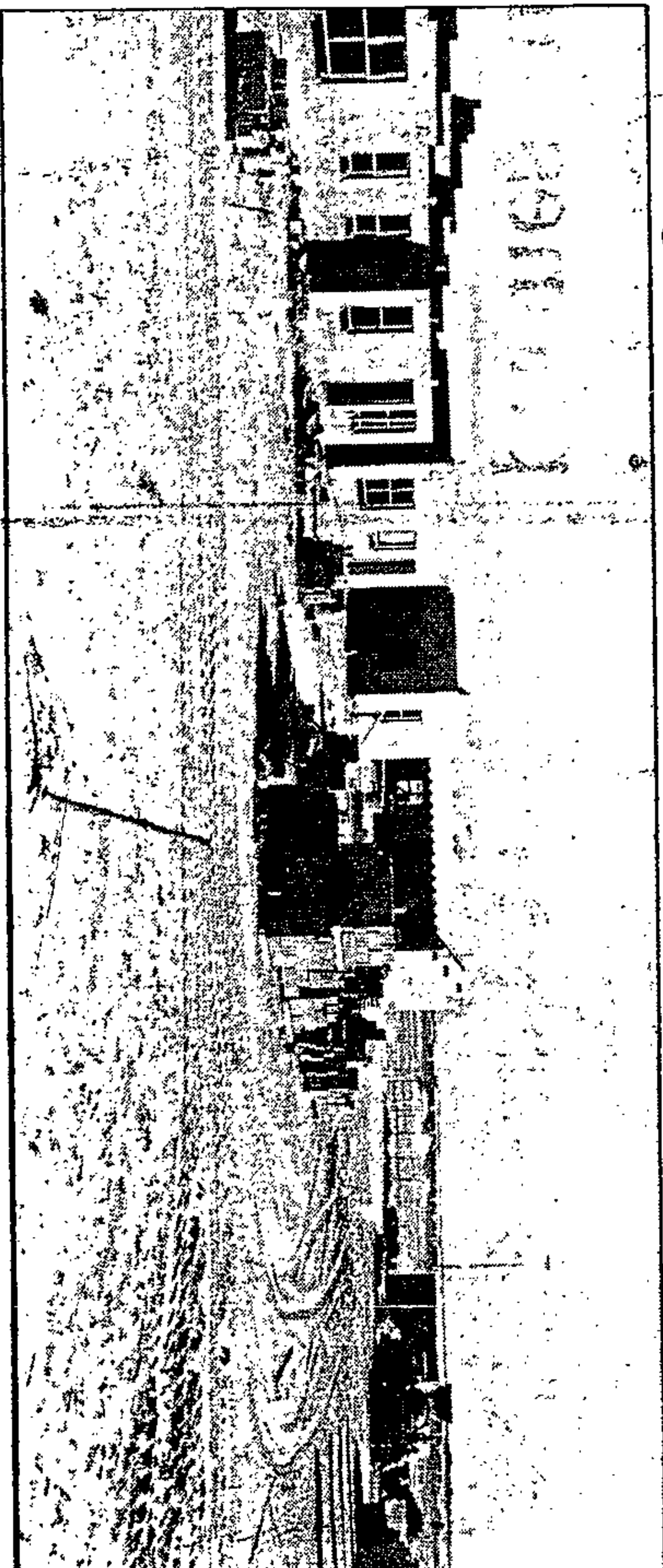
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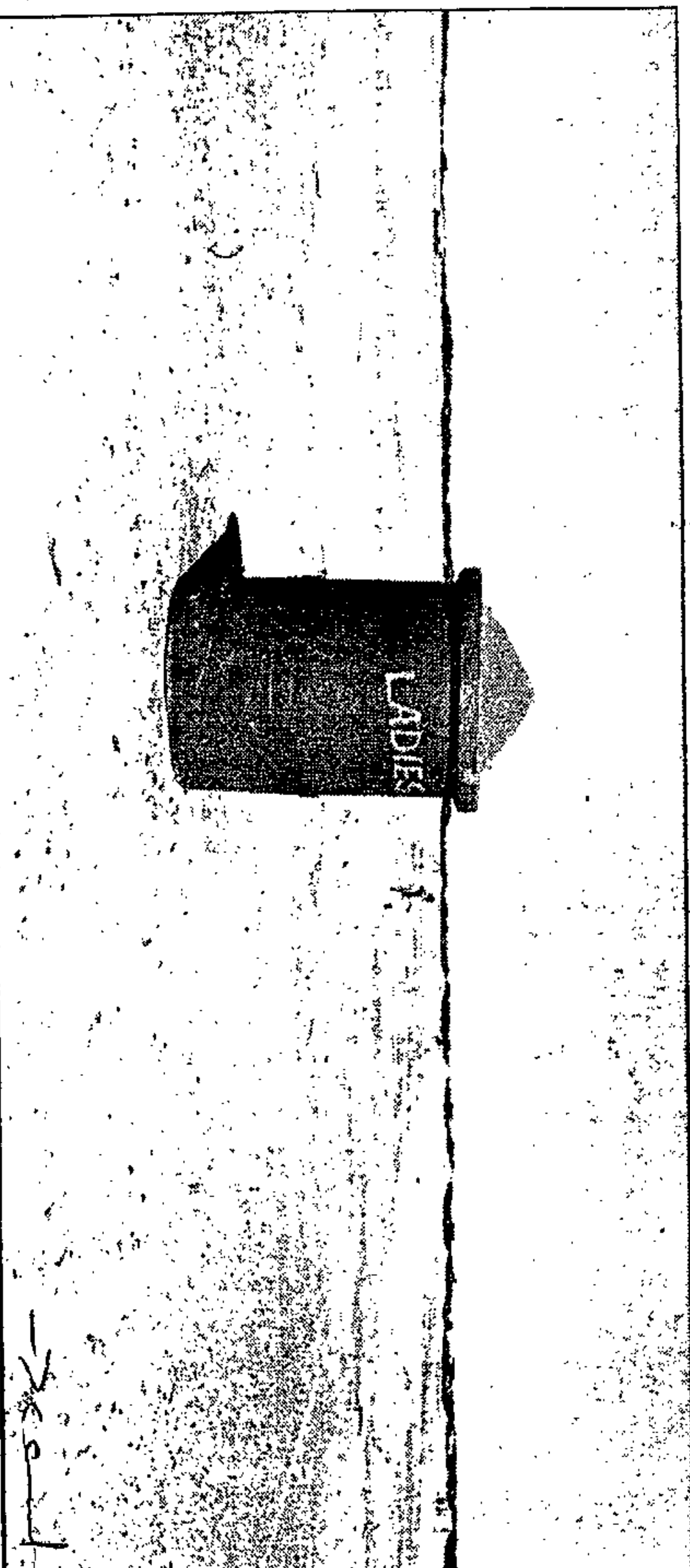
The authorities had been looking for land for a new township for some time, and the Khayelitsha site was a prime candidate.

But this was only intended to alleviate the housing shortage and provide for natu-



The demonstration houses being built at Khayelitsha.

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The Prime Minister abruptly wiped all this off the table.

Through a series of announcements it became clear that all legal blacks in the Cape were to be resettled in Khayelitsha, including those in Langa, Nyanga and Gugulethu and even Mtuleni and New Crossroads and that the emptied townships would then be filled with coloured people.

The switch was a clear victory for the hard-line Cape MPs and their coloured preference ideology, who were always opposed to Dr Koornhof's Crossroads deal and probably his subsequent approach as well, which only seemed to lead to a proliferation of townships and above all of squatter areas.

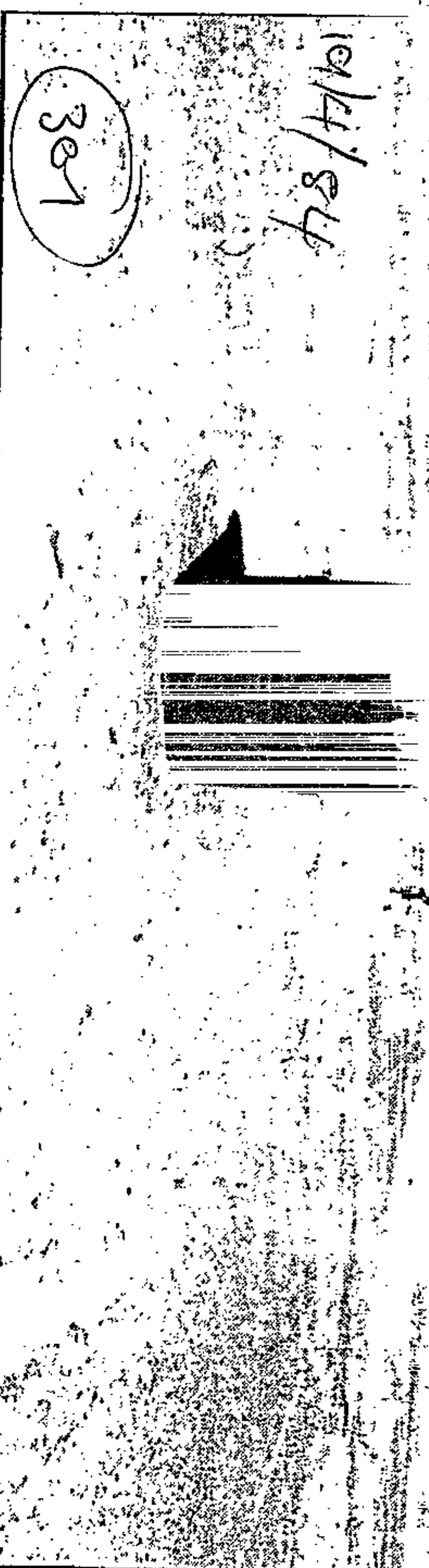
Similarly, it marked a major defeat for Dr Koornhof and his "softer" policies.

In a trade-off, he was said to be promised 99-year leasehold for Khayelitsha.

But despite its impromptu origins, the nature of the Khayelitsha master plan is all too clear.

It has ideological and strategic implications which stretch far beyond just building a new township.

While they have never been explicitly spelled out, they emerge clearly from two key concepts in Dr Koornhof's first policy statement when he said it was necessary for the "orderly" development of the Cape Peninsula that provision be made for the "consolidated" housing needs of blacks in



The sand dunes have been cleared... leaving a vista of desolation, until building takes place.

RIAN DE VILLIERS in Cape Town

the Cape.

Broadly, they are the following:

- To concentrate all legal blacks in one relatively isolated location, thereby facilitating control and administration over them;

- To weed out all "illegals" in the process, remove them from the area and wipe out squatting and the squatter camps for once and for all;

- To seal off the Cape to prevent any further illegal urbanisation.

Seen in this light, the building of Khayelitsha is part of a broader new strategy which is aimed at intensifying control over blacks.

As Dot Cieminslaw of the Black Sash has written, with the insight people in this organisation have gained through years of dealing with influx control:

"The only possible conclusion is that Khayelitsha is a dumping operation, involving the creation of an intra-urban 'black homeland' to enable total social control over the black population of Cape Town."

It is also a coercive policy, amounting to little more than a mass forced removal,

which belies repeated policy statements that all relocation at Khayelitsha will be "voluntary".

Khayelitsha, therefore, can be described as the National Party's Final Cape Solution. However, indications are it is unlikely to work out that way.

Khayelitsha is supposed to house a maximum of 240 000 people, after 15 to 20 years of development. But, according to conservative calculations, there will be 425 000 legal blacks in the Cape in 25 years' time — and that allows for no legal urbanisation whatsoever.

The Government is said to have been presented with similar figures.

A massive building operation will provide 5 000 dwelling units this year, all of which are intended for relocating remaining legal in Old Crossroads.

This will leave another 3 000 families on the official housing waiting lists.

But uncertainty surrounds building plans from as early as next year.

While officials talk of a projected rate of 3 000 units a year, they say it will depend on allocation of Government funds and

nothing concrete has materialised.

For this and a variety of other reasons — including the enormous social disruption such a move would entail — there is widespread agreement that the idea of relocating residents in the established townships is absurd.

More importantly, there is also growing consensus that it will never happen and that the whole idea will quietly wither and die.

The trouble is that, in what has been described as a "carrot and stick" strategy to squeeze people out of Khayelitsha, the Government has frozen virtually all development in the townships — creating a grossly unfair situation in which residents are being deprived of much-needed facilities a year before a single Khayelitsha house has been built.

Predictably, many people in the three communities are vehemently opposed to removal. They accept Khayelitsha as additional land but are deeply opposed to relocation and are equally angry about the freeze.

So the net effect will probably be just to lose valuable time before development starts again, needlessly alienating and antagonising the established communities in the meantime.

● The second part in this series will appear in the Mail tomorrow

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Crossroads' future hangs in the air

RIAN DE VILLIERS in Cape Town

CROSSROADS looms large in the Government's Khayelitsha master plan.

If nothing else, the Government is clearly determined that development of Khayelitsha must result in the famous squatter complex being wiped off the face of the Cape — and wants this done before the end of the year.

Disillusioned by the defunct Koorhof deal, not consulted at all this time around and opposed to its location, remaining legal Crossroads residents have developed an ideology of resistance to relocation to the extent of saying the only way they will go is if the army shoots them and buries their dead bodies there.

Since the recent faction fighting, indications are that some people will move to escape violence and oppressive internal rule in the squatter camp.

But the "legals" are only less than half the problem. There are 18 000 of them — but the total population of the camp has now swelled to somewhere near 40 000.

As far as Crossroads is concerned, the Government is really back where it started before the Koorhof

deal, except this time it's worse.

As always, it has two options: mass deportation, involving a huge paramilitary operation with all that this implies in terms of possible violence and international publicity — or to recognise its permanence and allow its upgrading.

So the success of this crucial leg of the Khayelitsha plan is anything but a foregone conclusion, and the eventual recognition of the permanence of Crossroads still not beyond the bounds of possibility.

The third leg of the master plan is influx control, which is really the heart of the matter.

Although Dr George Morrison, Deputy Minister of Co-operation, recently ventured a figure of 94 000,

nobody really knows how many illegals there are in the Cape.

On a de facto level, notwithstanding short of absolute physical barriers will stop influx into the Cape completely.

Whether the Government will ultimately resort to such a radical step is an open question.

But until it does, conditions in the "homelands" are likely to continue driving people to the Cape, however harsh the repressive measures they face here.

There are also question marks hanging over development of Khayelitsha itself.

For a variety of reasons, including the fact that the Government has run out of money to build old-style townships, Khayelitsha is a self-help scheme.

Home ownership is essential for self-help — without it, residents can't borrow money to build with and the incentive to build will be reduced. But despite much exasperation in high and low quarters, recalcitrant Cape Nationalists are still digging in their heels about 99-year leasehold.

If the township actually gets anywhere near the way it looks on paper, it will offer its residents unprecedented living conditions for blacks in South Africa.

On the other hand, experts have argued that, because of its marginal location, the whole project is fundamentally unviable and that Khayelitsha is likely to end up as a vast dormitory township filled with low-income people struggling against huge travelling costs. But seen in broader

terms, the Khayelitsha plan is a clear restatement of Verwoerdian ideology which strikingly demonstrates the nature and limits of current "reform".

The plan as a whole will probably fail, for the same reason that the Crossroads deal and other similar "solutions" have failed.

This is because they are all attempts to suppress the urban symptoms of a much more fundamental disease — the incarceration of millions of blacks in what amounts to little more than rural ghettos, with a steadily reducing capacity to keep them alive.

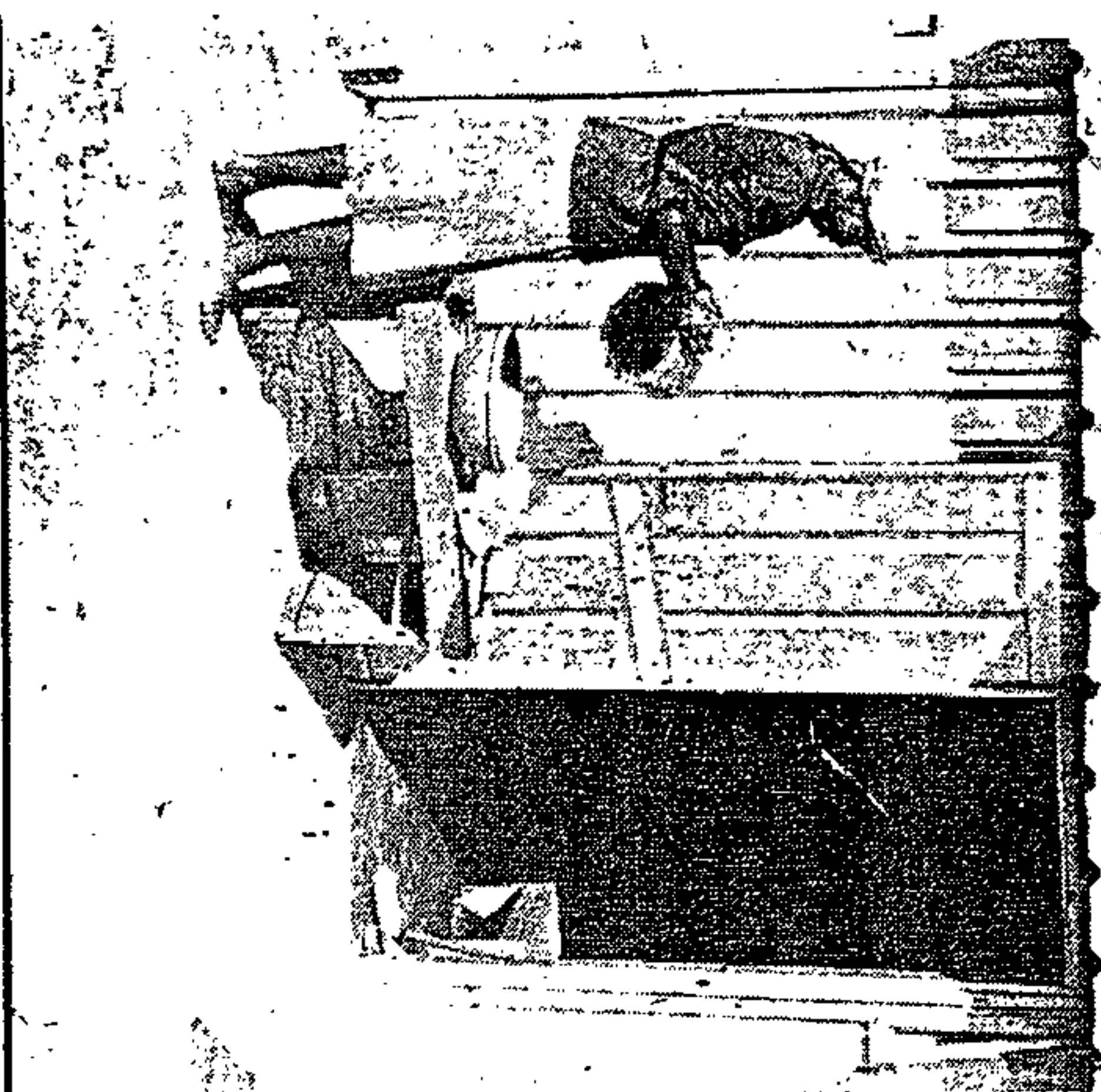
And to the extent that the Government will persist in trying to enforce the plan, it is likely to increase, rather than decrease, conflict and human suffering.

At the moment, Khayelitsha is still a very bleak place and it takes a great deal of imagination to visualise a habitable environment rising out of the desolate expanse of sand and shrub.

It is possible, as demonstrated by the neat — if soulless — "coloured" township of Mitchell's Plain which is adjacent to Khayelitsha and is built on the same type of terrain.

Whether this will be achieved in the case of Khayelitsha as well, only time will tell.

Khayelitsha outside a metal shack.



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Mother and daughter die in shack fire

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By JIMMY MATYU

A WOMAN and her five-year-old daughter died in a fire in New Brighton, Port Elizabeth, at the weekend.

The charred remains of Miss Nomaleyti Getsi and her daughter, Thembeke, were found after the fire, which destroyed her backyard shack at 119 Mendi Road, was put out by firemen.

Mr Mlindi Ncambe, who was woken at 3am by cries of fire, said by the time the fire engines arrived it was too late to save Miss Getsi.

In a separate incident in Soweto, Veeplaas, six families were left homeless after a fire destroyed six wood-and-zinc shacks.

The fire was believed to have been started by a candle, which was left burning on a hi-fi set by Mrs Nomgqibelo Kahla while she attended to her baby.

She said she had left a burning candle on top of a hi-fi set in her bedroom. She suddenly saw a ball of flame in the bedroom and ran for help.

Mrs Kahla said three backyard shacks adjoining their main shack and belonging to their lodgers were all destroyed.

Mr Dinga Tengile who lived in one of the adjoining shacks, said he arrived as his shack started to burn and managed to take out only his portable television set.

The fire quickly spread to the shack a neighbour, Mr Mvalo Jack. Assisted by members of his family and other people, he was able to save four of his five wardrobes and some of his kitchen units.

Mr Jack, whose shack was said to have been the most beautifully and expensively built in the area, estimated his loss to be more than R2 000.

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**Squatters
seek delay**

Staff Reporter **307**

SQUATTERS facing eviction from Brown's Farm near the Philippi industrial centre have appealed to the Divisional Council to allow them to stay another month.

An attorney at the Legal Resources Centre, Ms Shehnaz Meer, confirmed she had written to the council on behalf of the community.

Squatters at the farm feared yesterday that council officials would demolish their shacks after eviction orders, served a week ago, expired. But by early today no action had been taken.

Short-lived calm at Crossroads

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By RIAAN DE VILLIERS
Labour Reporter

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Paradox

The exact reasons for this paradoxical situation are not easy to pin down.

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Soon afterwards, the board offered emergency housing at Khayelitsha — but only to "legals".

The group rejected this as many of them are "illegal", and Mr Memani started off on tortuous rounds of negotiations with the black-affairs authorities in an attempt to find them another refuge. These have still borne no fruit.

Eventually the board offered them a second site, a piece of vacant land between the "Sand Dune" tent-town and the southern perimeter of Crossroads. An improvement was that "illegals" could go there as well.

Attacks

However, the group rejected this too. They claim the area floods in winter and they believe the site will lay them open to renewed attacks by Ngxobongwana followers.

The squatters themselves want the so-called "No Name" site, close to the board's Nyanga offices.

The board objected to this because there are no services.

Although no negotiated solution is in sight, the board has nevertheless been clamping down on the people at KTC since the beginning of the year.

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For the past two weeks, the board has really been turning the screws.

Inspectors are raiding the area almost every day. The people have given up trying to build plastic shelters and are using only Port Jackson branches to try to protect women and children at night.

But now, inspectors are burning these as well. A board spokesman has confirmed that inspectors are confiscating the branches as they are "board property".

"What are they supposed to do — disappear?" Mr Memani has asked.

When asked this question last week, Mr Graham Lawrence, the board's director of housing and labour, said there were three options open to them.

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Original sites

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Thirdly, he said, they could go to the other Crossroads site offered to them. This is the only option which seems remotely feasible, but the people themselves insist they cannot go because they will be attacked.

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The reason for this, in turn, is that the government is busy planning how to flatten the entire squatter complex before the end of the year.

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Divco liaises on squatters

Municipal Reporter
THE Divisional Council decided at its monthly meeting yesterday to liaise with adjoining municipalities about squatters.

A motion by Mr Stuart Collins called on the council to re-examine the question.

The Divisional Council had an obligation towards squatters, especially the "undefined,

semi-permanent squatters in unnumbered shacks". Their shelters were constantly being torn down but no alternative housing provided for them, he said.

Many of these squatters were employed in adjoining municipalities in which they were not allowed to live because of the laws of the land.

Those councils should

also meet their responsibilities towards the squatters, he said.

Mr P J Grobbelaar said the problem had to be seen in perspective. Unlimited black influx into the Peninsula would mean that even more coloured people would be unemployed and inadequately housed.

It was to the coloured population already settled here that the council owed its primary obligation, he said.

Mr Clive Bilski said the motion should be amended to call for a referral of the squatter issue back to the housing committee so that it could liaise with the other municipalities on a fact-finding basis.

Parliament and Politics

Memani faction running from arrest

Staff Reporter

MR OLIVER Memani, the former Crossroads faction leader whose group was thrown out of Crossroads by the followers of rival leader Mr Johnson Nxobongwana, now heads a sad group of temporary dwellers at KTC.

"My people no longer erect even plastic shelters in the KTC bushes, because they are constantly running from arrest," Mr Memani said.

During an Easter weekend of constant patrolling by inspectors, Mr Memani collected the names of 263 residents and their 256 children and attached them to an appeal to the administration board.

"The inspectors

should stop interfering with the people every now and then until the board gives us a place to settle", the appeal said.

On each of 14 pages attached to his petition, names, surnames, and former Crossroads shack numbers are written. Mr Memani hopes that the authorities will be moved by his appeal.

Winter

He stressed that he and his followers were not fighting against the inspectors.

"We are just claiming a place to stay," he said.

Despite the increase in raids and patrols, nobody from KTC had been arrested in the

past few weeks, because they all avoided arrest, he said.

However, winter was approaching and the raids were becoming unbearable. "Lately, the inspectors have come three times a day," he said.

Earlier this year, when Mr Memani approached the Western Cape Administration Board to secure help for the homeless, the board's liaison officer, Mr Gert du Preez, said emergency housing might be provided for homeless "legals" at Khayelitsha.

"But the board is under no obligation to supply housing to people illegally in the Western Cape", he said.

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As a result, Mr Memani has been trying to find private sector aid to provide them though the latest report is that the board has turned the whole idea down.

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charges of trespassing. They said they had fled there after being attacked by snakes.

Their cases were thrown out by the Commissioner's Court on the ground that churches were — or should be — "out of bounds".

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The hapless squatters say they also burn their firewood, but the board has denied this. The area looks like a bomb site, with sodden clothes and blankets lying everywhere after the first rains.

Cape blacks' fight for cover rages on

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this particular matter will fall under general affairs in future?

*The MINISTER: This matter?

*Mr H D K VAN DER MERWE: Yes.

*The MINISTER: Mr Speaker, this question the hon member should again... [Interjections.] The Voortrekker Monument is a White affair. Therefore it is an own affair. The hon member should know that. Why does he then put a question like that to me? [Interjections.]

Petrol: lead content

*7. Mr R R HULLEY asked the Minister of Mineral and Energy Affairs:

What was the average lead content of (a) 93 and (b) 98 octane petrol sold in the Republic during the latest specified period for which figures are available?

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION AND TRAINING (for the Minister of MINERAL AND ENERGY AFFAIRS):

The average lead content of petrol during 1983 was the following:

(a) 93 Octane petrol: 0.53 grammes/litre

(b) 98 Octane petrol: 0.76 grammes/litre

Heurand Q. 61. 1019
Squatter dwellings demolished
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*8. Prof N J J OLIVIER asked the Minister of Co-operation and Development:

(1) Whether officials of the Western Cape Development Board demolished any squatter dwellings in April 1984; if so, (a) what total number of dwellings, (b) in what areas were these dwellings situated and (c) how many persons were affected by these demolitions;

(2) whether any alternative housing or shelter was made available to the persons concerned; if not, why not; if so, where in each case;

(3) whether these officials were accompanied by members of the South African Police in armoured vehicles; if so, (a) why, (b) on whose request and (c) what action was taken by the South African Police on these occasions?

*The DEPUTY MINISTER OF DEVELOPMENT AND OF LAND AFFAIRS:

(1) Yes.

(a) 199.

(b) Nyanga Black residential area and Crossroads Black residential area.

(c) The number is unknown.

(2) No, but a site in Crossroads Black residential area was offered to squatters whose structures were demolished. They, however, refused the offer.

(3) Yes.

(a) In order to provide protection to officials of the Development Board against possible violent action by the squatters. Some members of the staff of the board were in the past attacked with dangerous weapons.

(b) At the request of the board.

(c) No steps were taken by the South African Police. They were only present in order to provide protection should violence have occurred.

Heurand Q. 61. 1020
Black townships: clinics
27/4/84
*9. Dr M S BARNARD asked the Minister of Health and Welfare:

(1) Whether there are any (a) State and (b) privately administered antenatal clinics in the Black townships of Cape Town; if so, (i) how many in each case and (ii) where are they situated;

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if not, (aa) why not and (bb) what antenatal facilities are available to Blacks in Cape Town;

(2) whether his Department plans to construct any such clinics in these Black townships; if not, why not; if so, (a) what is the nature of these plans and (b) when is it envisaged that these facilities will be available to the public;

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

The MINISTER OF HEALTH AND WELFARE:

(1) (a) and (b) No;

(aa) antenatal care is the responsibility of the Cape Provincial Administration;

(bb) antenatal provincial clinics are at Langa, Guguleto, Nyanga, Crossroads and Khayelitsha;

(2) no; as this is not the responsibility of the Department;

(3) no.

Heurand Q. 61. 1021
Soweto: properties
27/4/84
*10. Mr R G SOAL asked the Minister of Co-operation and Development:

(1) Whether the West Rand Development Board has transferred its properties in Soweto to the Soweto City Council; if not, (a) why not and (b) when will they be transferred; if so, when was this transfer completed;

(2) whether he has received any representations from any city or town councils in this regard; if so, (a) when, (b) from which councils and (c) what was (i) the nature of the representations and (ii) his response thereto?

*The DEPUTY MINISTER OF DEVELOPMENT AND OF LAND AFFAIRS:

(1) No.

(a) No formal request for such transfer has so far been received.

(b) The matter will be considered as soon as a formal request is received.

(2) No, but the Management Committee of the Soweto City Council has discussions with officials of the Department of Co-operation and Development about the matter on 16 March 1984.

(a), (b) and (c) Fall away.

Heurand Q. 61. 1022
Nyanga dune site
27/4/84
*11. Mr K M ANDREW asked the Minister of Co-operation and Development:

(1) Whether any groups of persons are living in tents and/or temporary plastic shelters on or near the Nyanga dune sites; if so, (a) what total number of persons were living in such tents and/or shelters as at the latest specified date for which figures are available and (b) when did they first occupy these sites;

(2) whether these persons received permission to move into the area concerned; if so, (a) when, (b) from whom and (c) for how long was it envisaged that they would live in these tents and/or shelters;

(3) whether it is the intention to provide them with alternative accommodation or sites for the erection of temporary structures; if not, (a) why not and (b) what steps are to be or have been taken in respect of these persons; if so,

(4) whether any progress has been made in providing them with such accom-

CAPE TIMES 28/4/84

Questions on dune³⁰⁷ squatters' 2-year wait

Political Correspondent

HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY. — Questions were raised in Parliament yesterday about 850 Nyanga dune squatters who have spent two years living in tents or plastic shelters after being promised that their case would be dealt with within three weeks.

In a reply read on his behalf, the Minister of Co-operation and Development, Dr Piet Koornhof, said these people had been living there since July 1982.

He told Mr Ken Andrew (PFP Gardens) that they numbered 852 people at the last count in July 1983.

They had been given permission to live in the Nyanga dune area "until such time as they could be settled in their countries of origin".

In the Cape 'illegally'

They would not be provided with alternative accommodation or sites on which to erect temporary structures, because they were in the Western Cape illegally.

Dr Koornhof said the government was planning at the moment and more particulars would be given in due course.

Mr Andrew then asked why these people had had to live in the cold and rain for two years when Dr Koornhof had stated on April 1 1982 that the matter would be dealt with within three weeks.

The Deputy Minister of Development, Mr Ben Wilkens, advised Mr Andrew to table a question for Dr Koornhof, under whose jurisdiction the matter fell.

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**Board:
 It was
 a police
 action**

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**Squatters
 'beaten,
 shot at'**

Star Reporter

THE operation

against Hout Bay squatters on Friday night during which they claim they were beaten up and shot at was "initiated by the police", the Western Cape Development Board declared yesterday.

It also said board inspectors "only accompanied the police in case of illegal squatting by blacks".

In a statement, the board acknowledged that some of its inspectors assisted the police with an "operation" at Kadotsloot.

"The operation was initiated by the police and the board inspectors only accompanied the police in case of illegal squatting by blacks.

"During the operation, inspectors and policemen were showered with stones and vehicles were damaged.

"The board has already ordered an investigation into all the surrounding circumstances and a report should be available today.

"At this stage, the board's view is that if the blacks and coloureds involved are making any allegations of assault, they should go to the police and lay charges for investigation.

"The board will be prepared to comment further as soon as it has received its report and has studied it.

"We want to emphasize, however, that the board does not issue its inspectors with tearsmoke and that it is also beyond the board's jurisdiction to comment on police activities."

By RIAAN DE VILLIERS

A NUMBER of squatters said yesterday police and Western Cape Development Board inspectors beat them with batons, shot at them and sprayed them with tearsmoke in a raid on the Kadotsloot squatter camp in Hout Bay on Friday night.

The Divisional Commissioner of Police in the Western Province, Brigadier Gert Odendaal, declined to comment, pending a "full and proper inquiry".

It is believed board inspectors went to the Hout Bay police station about 9am and the joint contingent went on the raid about 11pm.

Soon afterwards a nearby resident heard a volley of shots. About 1am, a number of squatters went to his home, saying they had been beaten up. He treated their wounds.

These are the accounts of people with injuries interviewed yesterday:

● A black youth, Jan Mcedisi, 17, says he was in a shack and went outside when he heard noises. As he emerged he saw two men, one of whom aimed a firearm at him and shot at him.

He has a groove above his right eye. Several children say they saw him being shot.

● Mr Manie Brown, 52, a coloured man, says he was in bed in his shack when he heard a commotion. An inspector or policeman opened the entrance flap of his hut. When he got up, he was struck in the face with a baton or kerie.

He later went to Victoria Hospital for treatment. He has a long cut on his forehead which has been stitched up. His eyes and face are badly swollen.

Charge 'not accepted'

He has been to the Hout Bay police station to lay a charge but believes it was not accepted.

● Miss Elizabeth Engelbrecht, 17, a coloured girl, says she saw police and inspectors beating other squatters. She was watching when they came up to her and hit her on the arm. There is a visible swelling on her arm.

● Her mother, Mrs Elizabeth Engelbrecht, 47, says she was walking with friends from one part of the squatter area to another when either inspectors or policemen approached them and one hit her on the head. She has a swollen lesion on her forehead.

● Miss Thelma Pockpas, 27, a coloured woman, says her sister's husband, a black man, was arrested and handcuffed. He was released later that night.

When she and her sister asked police or inspectors involved why he had been arrested, a person who she says was a policeman stationed in Hout Bay hit her sister in the neck with a baton or kerie, hit her over the head and sprayed tearsmoke from an aerosol can in her face.

Squatters say 12 people were arrested on Friday night.

According to the squatters, board inspectors took away seven more blacks — four men, a woman and two children — in another raid yesterday morning and demolished two shacks.

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Raid on shanty town: Probe on

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POLICE and the Western Cape Development Board are investigating allegations that squatters living in the Hout Bay Kadotsloot camp were assaulted and shot at during a raid last Friday night in which 12 people were arrested.

Captain Jan Calitz, police liaison officer for the Western Cape, said the Divisional Commissioner, Captain Gert Odendaal, had ordered the investigation.

A statement would be released later.

He said police would have to take statements from people concerned, because although they had told news-

papers about alleged assaults, no charges had been laid with police.

He said particular attention would be paid to a claim by one resident who said he had laid a charge which was not accepted by the Hout Bay police.

Stones

A statement released by the Western Cape Development Board claimed that police had initiated the raid.

The Board said it "only accompanied the police in case of illegal squatting by blacks" and that "during the operation, inspectors and policemen were showered with stones and vehicles were damaged."

It added that allega-

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tions of assaults should be made to the police and not to the Board.

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Charges

Twelve squatters appeared in the Langa Magistrate's Court on Monday on charges of being in an area for more than 72 hours without the necessary permission and for failing to produce the necessary documents on demand.

Six were cautioned and discharged and two received suspended sentences.

One man was fined R10 (or 10 days' imprisonment) for being in the area for longer than 72 hours and three failed to appear in court.

Cape Times 2/5/84 (302)

50 arrests as shacks razed

By RIAAN
DE VILLIERS

THE Western Cape Development Board yesterday demolished a huge squatter-shack settlement which had mushroomed at KTC over the past week.

WCDB inspectors and a large contingent of armed police watched as black board employees tore down 167 plastic and wattle shelters and carted the material away.

The "operation" continued throughout the morning. Earlier, about 7am, 50 people were arrested, most of them for being illegally in the Western Cape.

Destitute

Some 200 destitute supporters of defeated Crossroads leader Mr Oliver Memani have been squatting at the site for the past four months and have repeatedly had their shelters torn down.

Board officials met Mr Memani again yesterday to discuss an alternative

site for his followers at Crossroads.

However, many more people now appear to have congregated on the KTC site, and a new squatter crisis may be in the offing.

Dr Gert du Preez, the board's liaison officer, said the board was "watching the situation" but had "no comment at this stage about the huge increase in unauthorized structures".

Board inspectors were accompanied by about 30 policemen with side-arms and tear-smoke launchers. A Casspir armoured vehicle was present.

A large group of women sang and prayed while the demolitions continued. Men stood in groups and others watched from the crests of the nearby dunes.

Sick son

A 55-year-old man, Mr William Cubungo, removed building material from the frame of a shack where his sick son, Mr Silengo Cubungo, lay sleeping.

Mr Cubungo continued to lie immobile on a bed while board workers tore down the remaining wattle framework around him.

Squatters said the first man arrested was an elderly Zionist preacher, Mr Sperman Mbese, who was picked up and put into a van while in a praying posture on the ground.

Mr Ngopeko Alam said his wife, Mrs Lotso Alam, was taken away dressed only in a petticoat and was not given a chance to take clothes for her children, who were naked.

Squatter spokesmen said one man arrested, Mr Patrick Manka, was "kicked and smacked" when he was loaded into a van.

They said his wife, Mrs Nolutsapo Manka, was also kicked when she remonstrated against the treatment her husband received and complained when she was not given a chance to collect clothes for her two children.



Women sing during a religious service which was held at KTC during the demolition of shacks at the camp yesterday. In the background is a Casspir armoured vehicle brought in by police and part of the fleet of Western Cape Development Board and police vans.

Picture: Peter Stanfort

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Among those arrested was a woman with a two-week-old baby, a Mrs Sybil Ntamo, squatters said.

Major concession

● Meanwhile, in what appears to be a major concession, the board has given permission that followers of Mr Memani may erect shacks at the "No Name" site at Crossroads.

This site was requested by Mr Memani after he and his supporters rejected another site allocated to them by the board.

Mr Memani, his lawyer and Mr Graham Lawrence, the board's director of labour and housing, inspected the site yesterday. However, Mr Lawrence said later Mr Memani had indicated it was no longer acceptable to him either.

Mr Memani could not be contacted for comment.



Spence, 3, is already following in the footsteps of his father, Mr John Spence, founder of the Tygerberg Zoo. He has many pets to play with, among them a rabbit, a white mouse and a two-month-old Angolan vervet monkey.

Picture: Dan Bosman

of dawn



Zola meets Princess Anne

From IAN HOBBS

LONDON. — Zola Budd met Princess Anne at London's elegant Grosvenor House Hotel last night. The occasion was a glittering ball for British sportsmen and women. The meeting was arranged through the Daily Mail, but it is understood that Princess Anne was keen to meet the little South African wonder runner. A Daily Mail source said it was a very pleasant meeting indeed although Zola was awed. Zola was not in an official line-up of sportsmen to meet the Princess in public because it was feared that this could lead to controversy.

Police unaware of shots at camp

CRIME REPORTER

THE police were "totally unaware" of any shots having been fired during a scuffle between squatters at the Kadot-sloot squatter camp in Hout Bay and members of the force on Friday night, Brigadier GJ Odendaal, Divisional Commissioner for the Western Cape, said yesterday.

Brigadier Odendaal issued a statement following a report in the Cape Times yesterday which said that police and Western Cape Development Board (WCDB) inspectors had beaten squatters with batons, shot at them and sprayed them with tear-smoke during a raid at the squatter camp.

One of the squatters, 17-year-old Dyani Mncedise, said he was in a shack and went outside when he heard noises. As he emerged he had seen two men, one of whom aimed a firearm at him and shot.

No charges

"Mr Dyani Mncedise maintains he was shot at and has a sharp wound or cut above one eyebrow. He has been medically examined with a view to having evidence available, should prosecution result," the brigadier said.

He said the District Commandant of Wynberg, Colonel M van Staden, had "personally" investigated the matter yesterday, although no charges had been laid at any police station.

No one, apart from Mr Mncedise, had preferred to lay a charge, he said. Notwithstanding this, the police had registered dockets which were being investigated fully and which would be laid before the Public Prosecutor as soon as possible, "allowing justice to take its course".

'Defiant'

Brigadier Odendaal said the facts were that the station commander of Hout Bay, a Warrant Officer De Villiers, and eight policemen, along with nine WCDB inspectors, had entered the Kadot-sloot squatter camp about 11pm

Dinghy spotted in search

CHIEF REPORTER

A WATER-FILLED inflatable dinghy, with a man on board, was sighted from a Shackleton naissance aircraft of Southern Air Command yesterday afternoon, drifting about 80 nautical miles south-east of East London.

The roof of the dark-coloured dinghy was reported to be partly deflated.

This was the only positive sighting made during an all-day air, sea and land search for the five-member crew of the East London yacht, one of the 29 entrants in the disaster-ridden Wilbur Ellis Da Gama ocean race from East London at the weekend.

The Rubicon, presumed to have sunk, was one of four yachts lost in the race when the fleet was struck by exceptionally high winds and waves.

The Shackleton and an Albatross also disappeared. Southern Air Command yesterday first searched between Cape Morgan, about 30 sea-miles east of East London, and Port Alfred, and the search was later extended farther south.

Search conditions were reported to be poor, with heavy overcast and limited visibility.

And Neil Bailey, skipper of the yacht which ran aground at South Sands Beach, Wild Coast during the storm, was so sure the crew would be found along the coast that he launched a beach-search for the missing crew using a four-wheel-drive vehicle.

On Monday the Shackleton spotted a subject in the sea about 60 miles off the Basheer mouth. This was at first thought to be a minister, but it turned out yesterday to be a container from a cargo ship.

Mr Richard Crockett, editor of a Durban magazine and also skipper of the yacht which was running second in the race ahead of Rubicon when Assegai turned back at Durban, said yesterday he felt strongly for the five missing crew — which includes one Mrs Sally Fletcher — were on their life.

Meanwhile an inquiry convened by the Yacht Club is to be held in Durban today to determine the causes of the loss of three yachts almost certainly a fourth — during the race.

The 8-metre sloop Cape of Good Hope, which was poled and sank off Scottburgh, the Spinnaker off Basheer Point and Sensation founder of the Wild Coast. Their crews were rescued.

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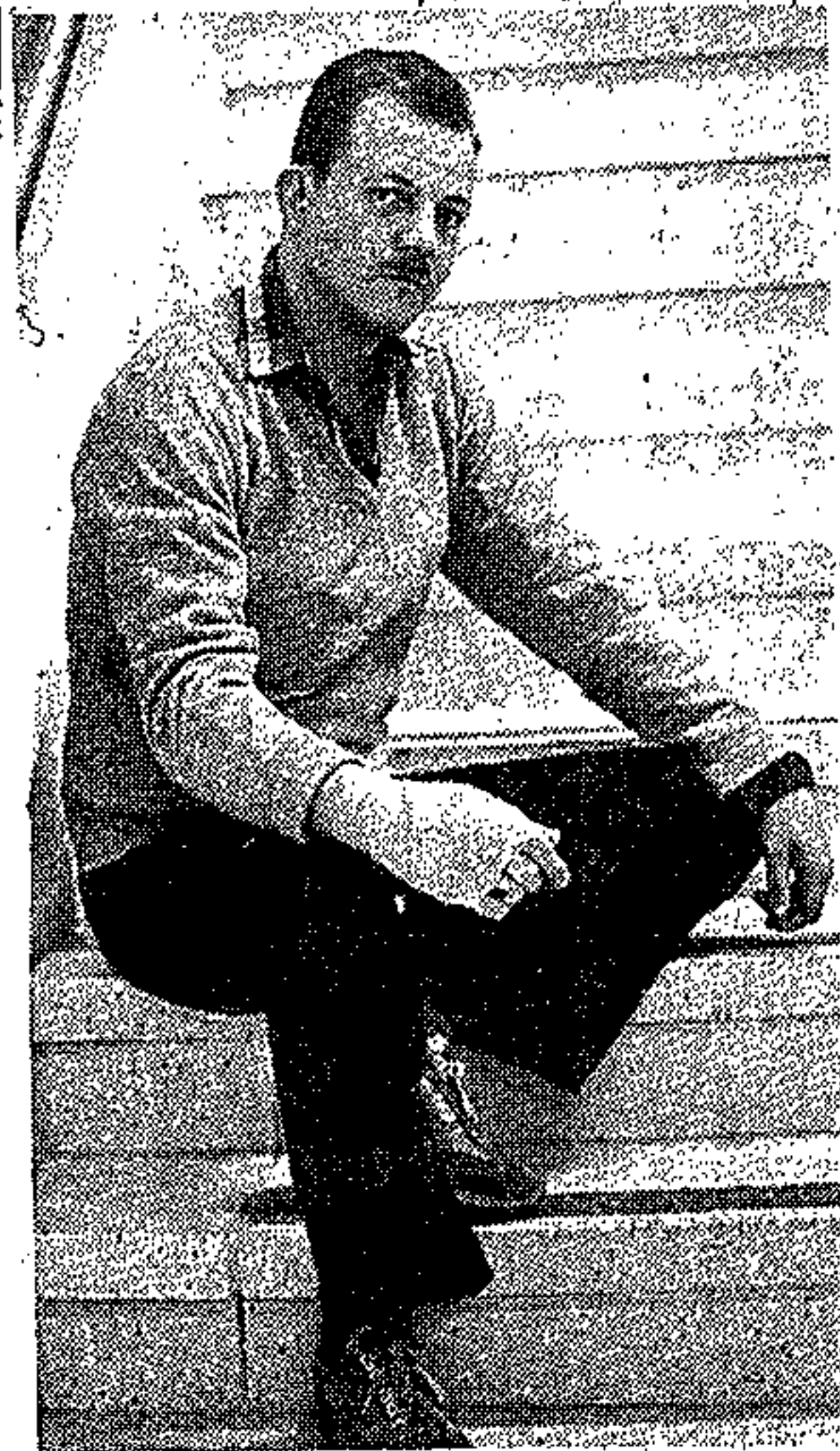
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LEFT: Constable A D Dunnett shows his bandaged right hand, which he claims was hit with a panga by one of the squatters. **RIGHT:** Mr Manie Brown, 52, one of the squatters at the Kadotsloot camp, with the stitches above his left eye where he says he was struck with a baton or kerie after either an inspector or policeman had opened the flap of his hut.

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check on "illegal squatting".

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Brigadier Odendaal said the policemen were armed with "batons and side-arms only" and a "small number" of tear-smoke canisters.

He added that the SAP was "totally unaware" of any shots having been fired during

the scuffle and that the "whole incident took place in complete darkness due to absence of any lighting".

Any allegation that the police had refused to accept any charge was untrue, Brigadier Odendaal said.

● Dr Gert du Preez, WCDB liaison officer, said yesterday the board had received a report on events at the Kadotsloot camp on Friday night but was "looking into certain aspects which require further clarification".

The board would not comment before its investigation had been completed, he said.

PFP MP calls for upliftment of Zwide shack area

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Post Reporter

THE Progressive Federal Party Member of Parliament for Parktown, Dr Marius Barnard, said in Port Elizabeth today that he saw a "contrast of desolation and a contrast of aimlessness" in the Zwide shack area.

He was addressing members of the Ntlalontle Child Welfare and Family Club at Vista University after a visit to the shack area.

He said the sanitary conditions in the area were "probably against the health laws of South Africa".

However, he said: "I do not believe in handouts — I believe in liftings."

"I wish we could show the people of Port Elizabeth the contrasts in the area. I

hope the people in the Friendly City have not lost their hearts.

"The need here is so great. Do we want our children to die because of the lack of chances?"

Dr Barnard appealed to the public to support the "magnificent" work of the club's members.

"I believe there are enough people around to help make the club members' dream (the building of a hall) come true," he said.

The hall, needed for the club to continue its community work, is expected to cost R109 000.

Social workers, teachers, housewives and community leaders were among those at the meeting.

The club was founded in 1981 by a group of Zwide residents.

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Sledge slays City workers

Staff Reporter

CHAOS reigned at a City factory during lunch-time yesterday when American soul singer Percy Sledge made a promotional stop there.

At the first sight of him, workers at Spoil Sports, in Buitenkant Street, flocked to get his autograph.

But the visit to the factory was more than just a promotional stunt. It was organized by one of the workers, Mrs Janet Fernandez, who hosted the singer during his previous visit 14 years ago.

The public relations officer for the Three Arts Theatre, where the Percy Sledge Show opens tonight, Mr Dave Yeller, said one of the workers hit his arm in an effort to get to the singer.

Squatter chief under fire for refusing site

By RIAAN DE
VILLIERS

SQUATTER leader Mr Oliver Memani was sharply criticized yesterday for rejecting an "unprecedented" offer by the Western Cape Development Board which would allow his destitute followers to erect shacks at Crossroads.

In a major concession, the board has given permission for "legal" and "illegal" Memani followers now squatting at KTC to erect shacks at the "No Name" site at Crossroads.

Mr J Gunter, the board's chief director, also disclosed yesterday that it would provide various services at the site.

The permission has come after Mr Memani and his followers rejected another site offered to them at Crossroads and requested the "No Name" site themselves.

A top board official and Mr Memani inspected the site on Tuesday afternoon.

However, the official said later Mr Memani had indicated the site was "no longer acceptable to him either".

Yesterday, sources close to the negotiations said the board's offer was "unprecedented" and strongly criticized Mr Memani for failing to accept it.

"While the shelter offered at Crossroads

may also be temporary in the light of the government's decision to demolish the camp this year, the people will be better off for the time being at least," they said.

Mr Memani's followers have been hit by repeated raids at KTC where they have been squatting since they were driven out of Crossroads during faction fighting four months ago.

The board demolished 167 shelters in a huge "operation" on Tuesday and more were torn down yesterday morning.

Mr Memani said yesterday afternoon he would only accept the site provided it was levelled, services were laid on and police protection was provided against further possible attacks by rival squatter groups.

Asked whether he would consult the squatters themselves, he said he would meet with them later — ruled out on Tuesday due to the demolitions and arrests — and would not stand in their way if they decided to move.

Later, Mr Gunter said the board's offer still stood. He said Mr Memani had not yet conveyed his conditions to the board.

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Council asked to act in feud

Staff Reporter

THE City Council was asked by a Supreme Court judge yesterday not to "drag its heels" and to accept its responsibilities so that two neighbours could end a 10-year feud over a road.

Miss Justice Van den Heever expressed the hope that the two Bantary Bay neighbours, Mr Raoul Verhovert and Mr Bennie Pascall, could "amicably" settle their fight out of court, after discussing the matter with the council.

She indefinitely postponed the action brought by Mr Verhovert against Mr Pascall and the City Council. Mr Verhovert is asking for an order restraining Mr Pascall from denying him access to his house over the disputed road.

The fight, which has been brought to court several times over the years, started when Mr Pascall built the roadway to his house. In 1976, Mr Verhovert extended the road to reach his own home.

Mr Pascall then put up a chain to deny Mr Verhovert access to his home over the road.

A City Council representative yesterday informed the court that they intended to declare the road a public thoroughfare and to take over the maintenance.

Until the matter is finally settled, the judge extended a temporary interdict, granted in 1981, restraining Mr Pascall from denying Mr Verhovert access to his house.

Mr L Dison, assisted by Mr F Brand and instructed by Roup, Wacks and Kammer, appeared for Mr Pascall. Mr P Hodes SC, assisted by Mr L Kuschke, instructed by Sonnenberg, Hoffmann and Galombik, appeared for Mr Verhovert.

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Newsman on trespass charge

Staff Reporter

A PHOTO-JOURNALIST for a newspaper, Grassroots, Mr Ryland Fisher, appeared briefly in the Goodwood Magistrate's Court yesterday on a charge of trespassing on the premises of Dairybelle in Epping.

Mr Fisher, 23, of Avro Way, Rocklands, Mitchells Plain, was not asked to plead and no evidence was led. The hearing was postponed to May 28.

Mr H Muller was the magistrate. Mr F Potgieter appeared for the State. Mr E Mohammed appeared for Mr Fisher.

Bride, mum in scuffle

LONDON. — A wedding was called off here after a mother, displeased with her daughter's choice of prospective husband, wrestled the bride-to-be away from the church door and ruined her bridal costume.

Witnesses said Mrs Hilda Simms, upset because she believed her daughter had been "bewitched" by the would-be bridegroom, grabbed her

sold her car and pickup truck to buy a house for her daughter, not for the intended son-in-law, Mr Leroy Williams.

"Now he wants to come in and inherit it," she said. Mr Williams, 29, declined to comment.

The presiding minister, the Rev Winston Stewart, confirmed the scuffle but said he was puzzled.

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**Squatters
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Staff Reporter

DIVISIONAL Council inspectors, accompanied by armed men, have demolished several shacks at Brown's Farm, near Philippi.

Squatters at the camp, some of whom claim to have lived there for nearly 20 years, were confused by the move.

Several of the older inhabitants said they believed their shacks were to be demolished.

"ILLEGAL"

However, a council spokesman said officials were demolishing only the shacks of "illegal" people who had recently either moved into existing structures, or had put up new shacks.

He added that attachments to legal shacks were also being demolished.

The spokesman dismissed the squatters' claim that new structures had been erected when the original shacks had been destroyed in a fire last November.

The council would not provide alternative accommodation for people whose shacks were being demolished — most of whom are coloured — as it did not provide housing for "illegal squatters", said the spokesman.

SAP 'unaware' of squatter camp shooting

Mail Correspondent

CAPE TOWN. — The South African Police were "totally unaware" of any shots having been fired during a scuffle between squatters at the Kadotskloot squatter camp in Hout Bay and members of the SAP last Friday night, Brigadier G J Odendaal, Divisional Commissioner of Police for the Western Cape, has claimed.

Brig Odendaal issued a statement on Tuesday following a Press report this week that police and Western Cape Development Board (WCDB) inspectors had beaten squatters with batons, shot at them and sprayed them with tearsmoke during a raid at the squatter camp.

A 17-year-old youth, Dyani Mncedise, said he went out of a shack when he heard noises outside. As he emerged he saw two men, one of whom aimed a firearm at him and shot.

Brig Odendaal said the District Commandant of Wynberg, Colonel M van Staden, had "personally" investigated the matter yesterday although no charges had been laid at any police station.

Brig Odendaal said the "facts" were that the station commander of Hout Bay, a

Warrant Officer De Villiers, and eight policemen, along with nine WCDB inspectors had entered the Kadotskloot squatter compound about 11pm on Friday. They had gone to investigate "certain crimes" and to check on "illegal squatting".

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"Thereafter the attackers fled into the bush. The officials followed them and arrested 19 black men and three black women who were subsequently charged with various offences, including resisting arrest. Presently no one is still under detention.

"During the attack on the police and officials, Constable A D Dunnett, was seriously wounded with a panga. He had to receive medical attention. One official vehicle was damaged when a side window was smashed by a stone," he said.

The policemen were armed with "batons and side-arms only" and a "small number" of tearsmoke canisters.

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75 squatters arrested at KTC

Staff Reporter

SEVENTY-FIVE people, refugees from Crossroads, were arrested at KTC today in a raid by inspectors of the Western Cape Development Board.

Press Liaison Officer for the board Dr Gert du Preez confirmed that 63 women and 12 men were being held in terms of influx control legislation.

One man, Mr William Cubungo, complained that three of his children — one of whom was sick — were "arrested" with his wife.

Dr du Preez confirmed that some of the arrested women had children with them.

Board inspectors also demolished 112 branch structures, under which people at the camp have been sheltering, and set them alight.

NOT DECIDED

Meanwhile squatter leader Mr Oliver Memani whose supporters have been living at KTC since the faction fighting in Crossroads in December, has not yet decided whether to accept the board's offer to allow his followers to erect shacks at the 'No-Name' site near Crossroads.

Mr Memani said he had not had a chance to discuss the offer with his followers because many of them had been arrested today.

"My first task is to get those poor people out of jail.

"We will consider going to the 'No-Name' camp if the board can offer us protection against groups in Crossroads and if they provide proper services," he said.

Mr Memani added that although the people were "suffering" at KTC, they were at least not being killed.

Squatters get move warning

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Political Correspondent

HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY.

— Crossroads squatters were told last night to co-operate in their planned move to Khayelitsha or else face the confrontation they were seeking.

The Deputy Minister of Co-operation, Dr George Morrison, described the squatter camp as a "place of pestilence" (peskol) which no self-respecting gov-

anarchy."

The "Mafia-gangster" activities of two so-called leaders, Mr Johnson Ngxobogwana and Mr Oliver Memani, had left the area without a vestige of law and order. Police could not even get into the camp to protect people because houses had been built in the streets.

It was a health and a fire hazard as was shown recently. Had a

"But if that is what they want, they will get it."

Dr Morrison stressed that only "legals" would be moved. The government has estimated that only 17 000 of nearly 50 000 people of Crossroads are legal.

A total of 5 000 core houses were being erected at Khayelitsha for them at a cost of R20 million.



ernment could tolerate.

"There must be no doubt that we are going to disestablish Crossroads as soon as possible."

He said during the Co-operation and Development debate that the move of Crossroads "legals" to Khayelitsha had nothing to do with Nationalist ideology.

"Crossroads is a blot on the landscape," he said.

"Crossroads today is a symbol of defiance and

south-westerly wind been blowing the whole place could have been razed with the loss of thousands of lives.

"No government can tolerate a situation like that and still retain its self-respect."

Dr Morrison appealed to Crossroads' people to co-operate in the move to Khayelitsha, saying it was they who were seeking confrontation. The government was doing everything possible to avoid confrontation.

Former Crossroads residents would, however, not be allowed to stay together as a group in Khayelitsha.

"We are going to endeavour to disperse them through the whole of Khayelitsha in order to squash the spirit of defiance and the unhealthy community spirit."

"We cannot tolerate that any longer," Dr Morrison said.

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PARLIAMENT

'Symbol of defiance to be disestablished'

Parliamentary Staff

THE Crossroads squatter camp in the Peninsula was "a symbol of defiance and anarchy" and would be disestablished as soon as possible, the Deputy-Minister of Co-operation, Dr George Morrison, said.

Qualifying inhabitants would be moved to the new black township of Khayelitsha.

Speaking in the Assembly debate on the Co-operation and Development budget vote, Dr Morrison appealed to Crossroads residents to co-operate in the removal operation.

He said the Government did not want confrontation. But if there were people who wanted confrontation, they would get it.

The move was not being planned for ideological reasons, but to uplift the living standards.

Crossroads was a fire and health hazard and was in a state of chaos and anarchy. Crime and vagrancy were rife and criminal elements were conducting a reign of terror by means of Mafia-type gangster operations.

No law and order

Police were unable to get into the camp to maintain law and order because houses had been built in the streets.

Law and order did not exist in the camp. This situation had arisen largely as a result of the actions of two "self-appointed" community leaders of Crossroads.

Dr Morrison said the development of Khayelitsha was "one of the most beautiful developments of the past 100 years in the Cape."

Great expense had been incurred by the Government in establishing Khayelitsha. A total of R20-million had already been spent and 5 000 core houses were being built.

Earlier in the debate Mr Ken Andrew (PFP Gardens) said the Prime Minister, Mr P W Botha, had in effect put his stamp of approval on the eventual forced removal of the residents of Langa, Nyanga and Gugulethu to Khayelitsha.

Refused assurances

The Prime Minister had during last week's debate on his department's budget vote refused to give an assurance that residents of the black townships would not be made to move.

"This is a tragedy for all of us and a devastating blow to any possibility of improved relationships between blacks in the Cape Peninsula and the Government. We will all suffer," Mr Andrew said.

The real reason for the removals was "to satisfy the racist ideological prejudices of certain Western Cape Nationalist MPs, irrespective of the costs to racial goodwill".

Mr Pat Rogers (NRP King William's Town) suggested that black people be given ownership rights in Khayelitsha.

The concept of 99-year leasehold was being questioned as "a somewhat second-rate ownership."



Dr George Morrison

Little Lize 'unclassified'

Political Staff

LITTLE Lize Venter is still, officially, neither white nor coloured nor anything else.

Lize is the Pretoria founding who set the authorities a racial poser last year when her parents could not be traced.

In Parliament yesterday Dr Marius Barnard (PFP Bryanston) asked the Minister of Internal Affairs, Mr F W de Klerk, whether Lize had yet been "classified".

The Minister said No.

Koornhof wants own Bill scrapped

Parliamentary Staff

THE Minister of Co-operation and Development, Dr Piet Koornhof, has requested that his controversial Orderly Movement and Settlement of Black Persons Bill be scrapped.

Announcing this during yesterday's Assembly debate on his budget vote, Dr Koornhof said an Urbanisation Bill would replace the draft legislation.

The Minister said that because the session of Parliament had reached the halfway mark, there was not enough time to deal meaningfully with "this extremely important matter" to the satisfaction of all parties.

The matter would therefore stand over.

Dr Koornhof added that the Government was determined to find a solution in consultation with the public and private sector and with black leaders inside and outside the national states.

In his address yesterday Dr Koornhof also announced that the Government had in principle approved a multi-million rand housing and development project in the Eastern Cape.

'Further ANC attacks likely'

ALTHOUGH the Nkomati Accord had disrupted and seriously affected the planning of the banned African National Congress, South Africa should nevertheless be on the alert for further attacks, the Minister of Law and Order, Mr Louis le Grange, has warned.

Speaking in committee on his portfolio, Mr le Grange said that during the past four months many ANC members had been removed by the Swaziland and Botswana governments from their terror bases in those countries.

Warning of further ter-

It was unfortunate that some highly trained ANC members had infiltrated South Africa to plan car-bomb attacks similar to the Pretoria and Durban blasts.

As a result of certain arrests that had been made, a planned attack scheduled for April 14 in the East Rand had been revealed, as well as one on a Defence Force building.

During the past week or two, Mr le Grange said, four terrorists had been arrested and information gained from them had led to the discovery

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Political Correspondent
HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY.

— The Deputy Minister of Co-operation, Dr George Morrison, was criticized yesterday for the language he used to describe the Crossroads squatter camp.

Mr Nic Olivier (PFP Nominated) was reacting during the debate on the Co-operation and Development portfolio to a speech by Dr Morrison on Wednesday.

Dr Morrison told Parliament then that Crossroads was a "place of pestilence" (peskol), that its so-called leaders used Mafia gangster tactics and that the squatter camp had become a symbol of defiance and anarchy.

Mr Olivier said Dr Morrison had used "shocking terms" which reflected on government policy itself.

He also questioned Dr Morrison's determination to move all "illegals" in Crossroads and other areas out of the Western Cape. This was prejudging the new Urbanization Bill due to be introduced into the new tricameral Parliament after consultation

with black leaders.

Mr Olivier referred to present regulations which give permanent urban rights to black people born there or who have worked there for 15 years or for one employer for 10 years. He said the Grosskopf Committee had recommended permanence should be granted after five years.

Turning to Khayelitsha, he said his impression of the debate was that the government did not intend moving the people of Langa, Nyanga and Guguletu to Khayelitsha.

Mr Olivier said that, if the government wanted stability in the Western Cape, it would have to reverse its decision not to have 99-year leasehold rights in the region.

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Memani: Raids prevent decision

By RIAAN
DE VILLIERS

SQUATTER leader Mr Oliver Memani yesterday appealed to the Western Cape Development Board to stop raiding squatters at KTC, thereby giving them a chance to take a decision about moving to an alternative site.

His appeal came after he was criticized earlier this week for failing to accept an "unprecedented" concession by the board, allowing his destitute followers at KTC to erect shacks at Crossroads.

The squatters were heavily raided for the third day in succession yesterday. Seventy-five people were arrested and charged with pass offences, bringing the total number of arrests this week to 125.

Board employees also tore down 112 wattle shelters. A hundred and eight shelters were demolished on Wednesday and 167 on Tuesday.

The raids have resulted in a spate of prosecutions in the Langa Commissioner's Court.

Eighty-eight people appeared on Tuesday, of whom 30 were found guilty.

In an interview yesterday, Mr Memani denied he had rejected a board concession allowing his followers to erect shacks at the "No Name" site at Crossroads.

He said he had told board officials he would have to report back to the squatters themselves for a decision.

However, he had been unable to arrange a meeting with them because of the confusion and disruption caused by the raids.

"There is a good chance of an agreement with the board. But as long as it continues to harass the people they have no opportunity to take a decision."

He said he himself had "no objection" to the site provided it was levelled and services were provided. He intended holding a meeting with the squatters at the weekend.

Mr Graham Lawrence, the board's director of housing and labour, said Mr Memani had requested another meeting which would take place this afternoon.

At KTC, squatters said they were rebuilding their shelters every day because they had "no place to sleep".

"We are hungry, there is no water and our children are sick," one woman said.

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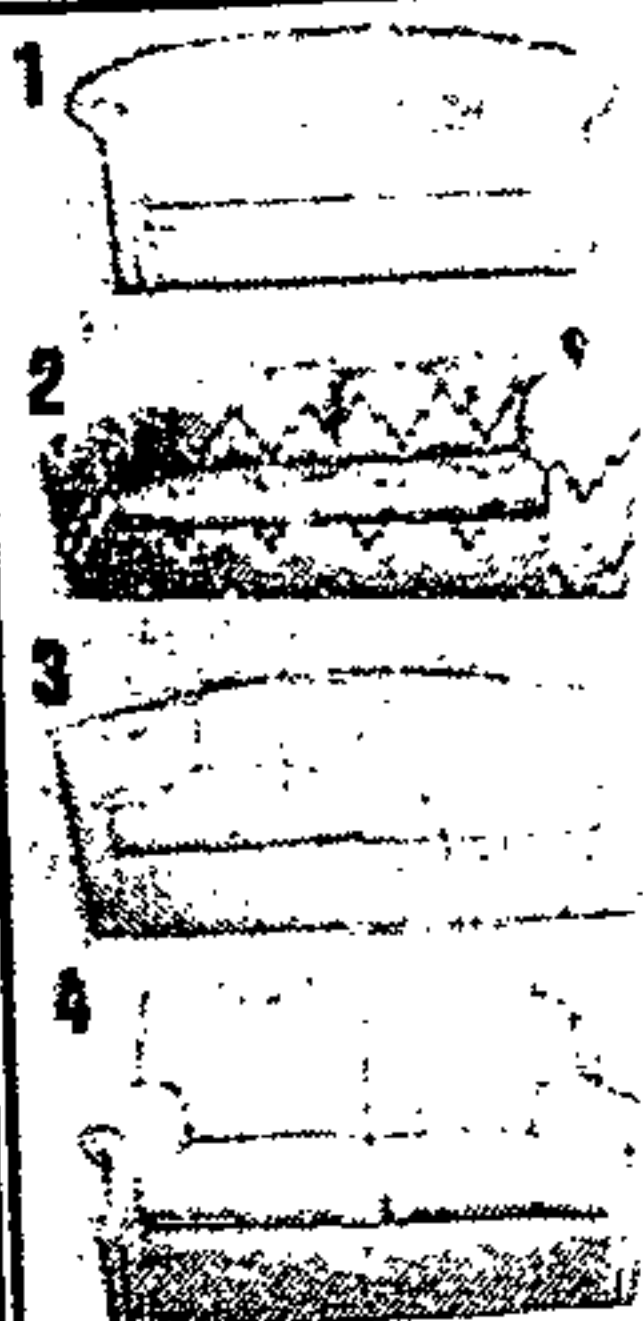
Mr Alan Lake, who was at her bedside when she died at Princess Margaret Hospital, said: "I have lost my wife and soulmate, and my son has lost a friend and a mother. The world has lost a legend."

Miss Dors, who had twice undergone surgery to remove tumors, collapsed at her home near here last Saturday with acute stomach pains.

She was rushed to hospital and underwent surgery on Monday. Her condition deteriorated yesterday, a hospital spokesman said.

Born Diana Fluck, the daughter of a railway clerk, Miss Dors was dubbed the "blonde bombshell" during the 1950s.

Her films included "Yield to the Night" and "A Kid for two Farthings". — Sapa-AP



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Reprieve for squatters

Staff Reporter
THE Western Cape Development Board has agreed to a partial moratorium on KTC squatters to give them a chance to decide about moving to an alternative site.

At a meeting with squatter leader Mr Oliver Memani yesterday afternoon, board officials undertook that no KTC squatters would be arrested in terms of influx control regulations for the next three days.

However, the board will continue to demolish any 'illegal structures' erected at KTC.

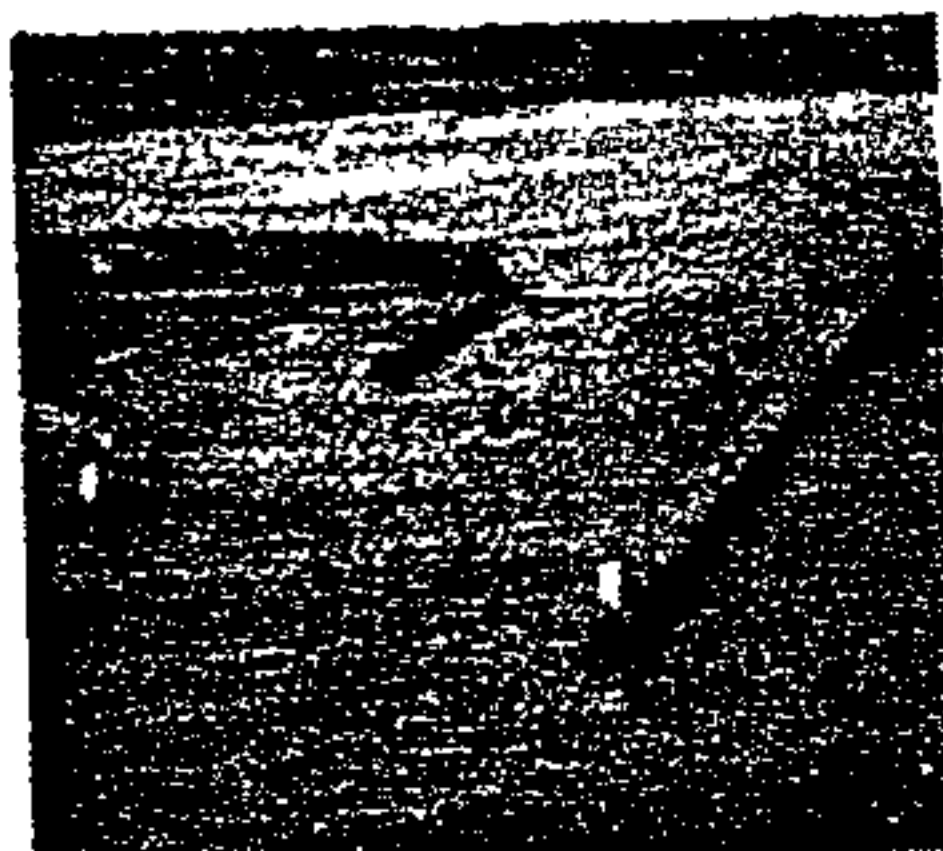
Earlier this week, Mr Memani appealed to the board to stop raiding the KTC squatters to give them a chance to take a decision about moving to the "No Name" site at Crossroads.

The appeal came after he was criticised for failing to accept the board's permission for his followers at KTC to

move to the site.

Mr Memani said he had been unable to discuss the situation with the squatters because of the confusion and disruption caused by board raids in which 125 people have been arrested and hundreds of shelters destroyed.

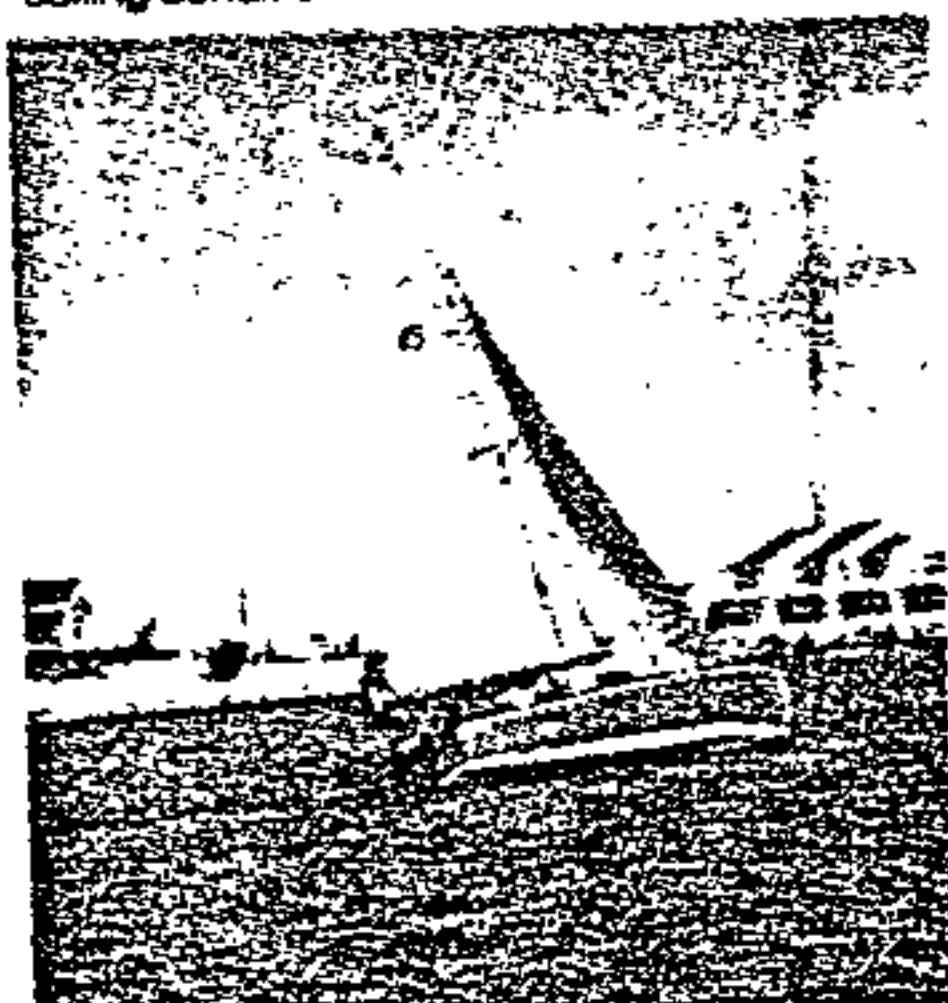
After yesterday's meeting, Dr Gert du Preez, the board's liaison officer, confirmed Mr Memani had asked for time to consult the squatters.



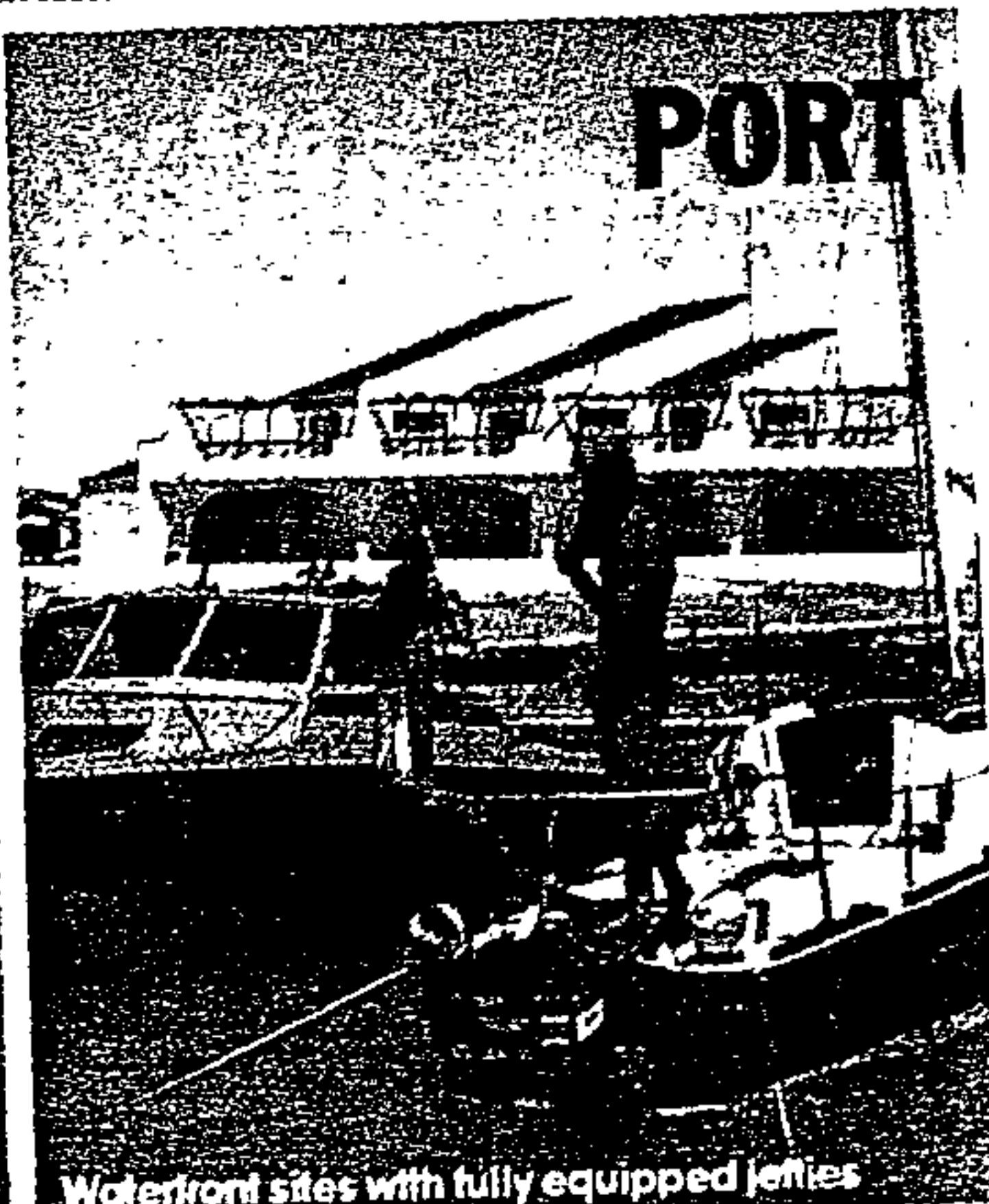
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impossible just three months ago — could not be delayed. One of the first joint monitoring patrols, for example, set out by vehicle to reach its jumping-off point for a fortnight's foot patrol — but never got there because its vehicles bogged down to their axles on the way and for more than a week delayed all efforts to reach the night after

Has the troop disengagement in Southern Angola — which is now far behind schedule — ground to a dismal halt? Cape Times Defence Reporter Willem Steenkamp, who returned to Cape Town recently after serving on the Joint Monitoring Commission as a reserve officer, does not think so.

would undertake to keep the monitored area clear of non-Angolan forces. Theoretically, then, the JMC should have been sitting on the border at Oshikango by March 30. In fact this has not happened. It did not move from Cuvelai to Mupa till March 22 — two weeks past the original schedule. On March 30, by which time it should al-

Man who ^{CAPE TIMES 5/5/84} 'heard shots' ³⁰⁷ contacts SAP

Crime Reporter

A STUDENT teacher who claims to have heard "at least three shots" being fired at the Kadotsloot squatter camp in Hout Bay last Friday has contacted police officers investigating alleged incidents at the camp.

The Divisional Commissioner of Police in the Western Province, Brigadier G J Odendaal, yesterday declined to comment further on allegations made by squatters — that Hout Bay policemen had beaten them with batons, shot at them and sprayed them with tear-smoke during a raid last Friday night — as "the matter is still under investigation".

Mr Erik Besier, a student at Cape Town Teacher's Training College, told the Cape Times on Wednesday: "I clearly heard at least three shots from the direction of the squatter camp. I was about 400 metres away at the time."

Lieutenant

In a statement on Tuesday, Brigadier Odendaal said police were "totally unaware" of any shots having been fired during a scuffle between squatters and Hout Bay policemen that allegedly resulted

in the injury of a number of squatters and a police constable.

Mr Besier said he had called the police on Wednesday after reading that senior police were "unaware" of any shots. The District Commissioner of Wynberg, Colonel M van Staden, had referred him to the investigating officer, a lieutenant.

"I furnished the officer with my name and telephone number and he said he would contact me if it was necessary," he said.

Brigadier Odendaal yesterday emphasized that statements would be taken from "all parties involved".

Treated squatters

A nearby resident, who has also said he heard "a number" of shots, helped treat squatters who arrived at his door two hours later saying they had been beaten up.

● Police standing orders stipulate that every shooting incident involving members of the force has to be reported immediately to a commissioned officer, who must then visit the scene.

No such report had been made last Friday night, a police spokesman said yesterday.

Roads must die

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of improved relationships between the Government and blacks in the Cape.

"We will all suffer," he said.

Mr Andrew said the real reason for the removals was "to satisfy the racist ideological

prejudices of certain Western Cape Nationalist MPs — irrespective of the cost to racial goodwill."

Meanwhile, Crossroads leader Oliver Memani has been sharply criticised by the authorities for rejecting an offer by the Western Cape Development Board which would allow people to erect shacks at Crossroads.

Mr Memani said later that he would only accept the site provided it was levelled.

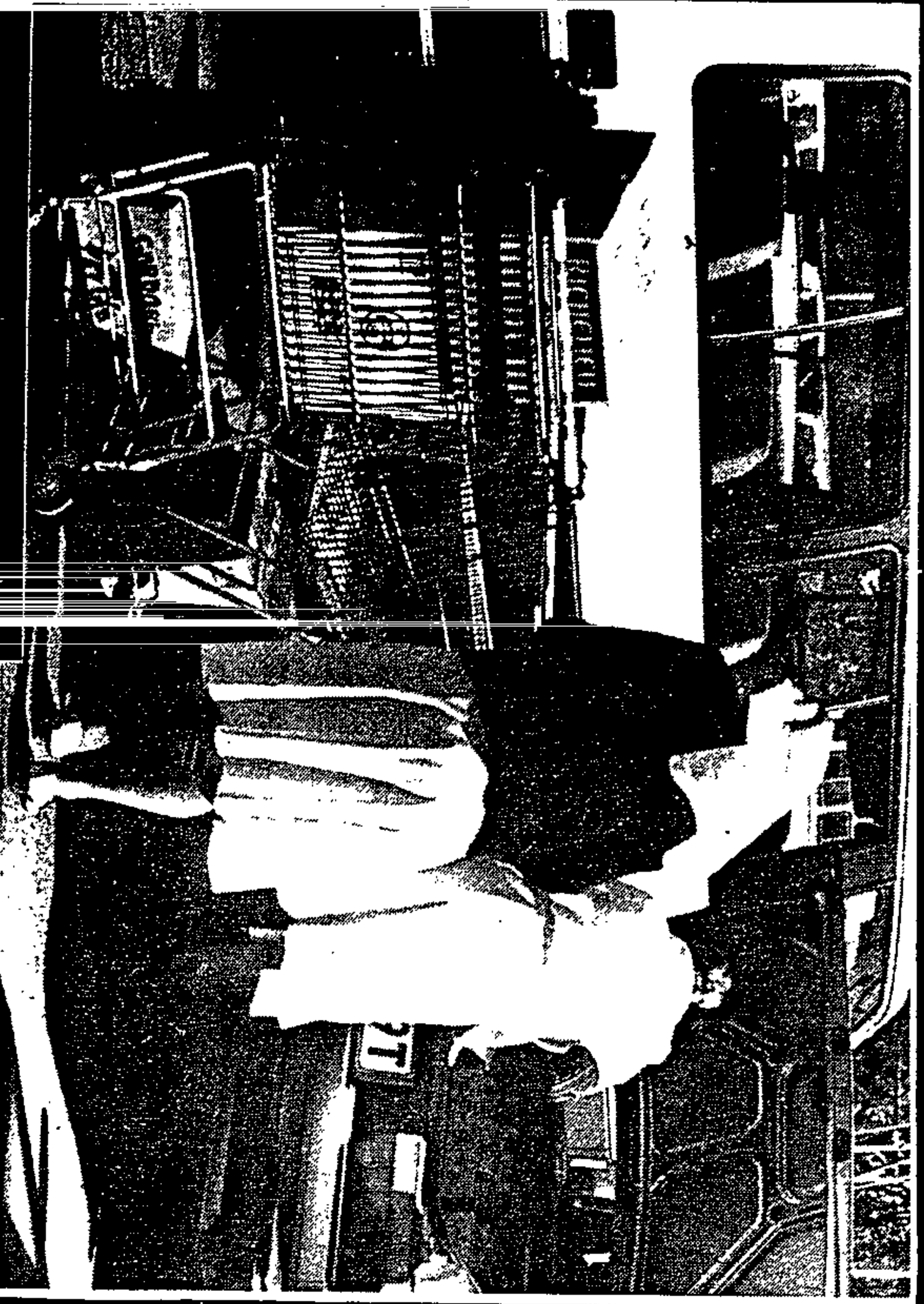


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The good old Catholic

No, they're NOT avoiding the Christmas rush — this Catholic nun's actually taking advantage of the grand opening of Makro's new bottle store in Langlaagte.
The nun's intentions were obviously different to most of

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Crossroads refugee leader to discuss board's offer of sites at No-name camp 307

Staff Reporter *AKG 43 7/5/84*
MR OLIVER Memani, leader of the Crossroads refugees living in the KTC squatter camp, is to meet the chairman of the Western Cape Development Board, Mr J F Gunter, to discuss the board's offer of sites for the refugees.

The board, which has conducted frequent raids on the squatters who fled faction fighting at Cross-

roads five months ago, has offered them serviced sites at the No-name camp near Crossroads.

Mr Memani said, however, he had not yet had a chance to discuss the offer with his followers because 75 of them had been arrested by board inspectors.

He said people were worried they would be in-

adequately protected if they lived too near rival groups in Crossroads.

Mr Memani said the board raided the camp four times last week — and destroyed shelters.

The committee at KTC was trying to raise money to pay the fines of the 75 people who have been charged under the pass laws.

2 die in PE shack fires at weekend

Post Reporter

A MAN was burnt to death early today when his wood-and-iron house was destroyed by fire in Veeplaas, Port Elizabeth.

It was the second incident of its type this weekend.

The charred body of an unidentified man was found among the debris of a shack which was gutted by fire in Tube Lane, New Brighton, early on Saturday.

This was confirmed today by a spokesman for the Northern Fire Station in Port Elizabeth.

Referring to the Veeplaas fire Lieutenant-Colonel Gerrie van Rooyen, police liaison officer for the Eastern Cape, said Mr John Goliath, 33, who lived alone, was asleep when his house caught fire.

It is not known how the fire started.

Shacks

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destroyed

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Post Reporter

THREE wood and iron
shacks were destroyed by
fire in Jamela Street,
Zwide, yesterday.

A spokesman for the Fire
and Emergency Services
Department in Port Eliza-
beth said the badly-burnt
body of an unidentified per-
son, who died in the blaze,
was discovered among the
debris.

In another fire, a shack in
Missionvale was gutted by
fire. No one was injured.

R750 000 damage to tent

Staff Reporter

THE giant Valhalla Park gospel-crusade tent, which was shredded by the gale which lashed Cape Town at the weekend, will cost about R750 000 to repair.

The tent is said to be the world's largest mobile tent and could hold 30 000 people. It was erected at the corner of Valhalla Drive and Angela Road. It was 133m long and 92m wide and had a 27m-high mast.

It was to be used for the nationwide "Christ for all Nations" crusade which was to have been held from May 19 to June 2. The meetings will still take place.

Strong winds ripped at the tent about 9am on Sunday and within three hours all the material on it was torn to shreds. The material was fibreglass covered with silicon rubber and was manufactured in the United States.

Memani group to stay at KTC

By RIAAN
DE VILLIERS
Labour Reporter

SQUATTER leader Mr Oliver Memani announced yesterday that some 400 of his followers squatting at KTC had taken a final decision not to move to an alternative site at Crossroads.

He said they had decided to stay at KTC despite continual raids by the Western Cape Development Board and intended appealing to the Minister of Co-operation and Development, Dr Piet Koornhof, for permission to stay there.

He said the group had taken this decision after he had met them repeatedly at the weekend.

The main reason for their decision was that they believed they would be attacked again by followers of Mr John-son Ngxobongwana,

dominant Crossroads leader, if they moved back to the squatter camp.

Mr Memani said some of his supporters who were still at Crossroads had reported to the group that Ngxobongwana supporters were "planning to attack them as soon as they moved back".

The decision is a major new development in the latest squatter crisis in the Cape.

The Western Cape Development Board undertook on Friday last week not to take action against the KTC squatters for three days, to let them decide about moving to the "No Name" site at Crossroads.

The "moratorium" expires today and the board is now expected to continue arresting squatters and tearing down any shelters they erect.

Explaining the reasons for the decision, Mr Memani said yesterday: "We have been attacked three times in Crossroads, with some of us killed and our houses burnt down every time. The board never took any action."

"The squatters now say it is better for the board to kill them here than that it should stand behind their brothers in Crossroads when they kill them there."

"They also say it is better to be in jail than to be killed and their houses burnt down — or to live here without shelter in the winter."

Mr Memani said he was not prepared to inform the board of the decision as board officials had used "insulting language" towards him at their last meeting on Friday. He would, however, ask his lawyers to relay the decision to the board.

The group have been squatting at KTC since the end of December, when they fled Crossroads after renewed faction fighting. They originally numbered about 200 but have now swelled to at least double that number.

Board officials could not be reached for comment.

Another signatory for GWU

Labour Reporter

PREBUILT Products, a subsidiary of the Murray and Roberts group, has signed a recognition agreement with the General Workers' Union.

In a statement, the powerful Cape-based union said the agreement recognized the union's right to represent members at the firm over "any matter affecting their employment".

The agreement also gave it rights of negotiation over wages, condi-



Left: Mr Anton Lubbe in several SA

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Staff Reporter

A SWA/Namibian who has vited to the peace talks Swapo and SADF said yesterday University of Town that the SADF had ted atrocities they pretended work of Swapo.

Mr Hans Roh of the Namibian Democratic said this to a students when Mr Anton Lub Windhoek addressed a meeting organized by the description action

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Lusaka AG goes

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WINDHOEK — Administrator-General van Niekerk disclosed that travel alone to Lusaka between and South Africa

Dr Van Niekerk is South Africa's representative talks, said yesterday morning that

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in respect of any of these recommendations; if so, (a) in respect of which recommendations and (b) why in each case;

(3) whether any steps are being taken to implement the recommendations that have been accepted; if so, what steps in respect of each such recommendation;

(4) whether any investigations have been instituted pursuant to this report; if so, what investigations;

(5) whether any legislation pursuant to this report will be introduced during the current session of Parliament?

†THE MINISTER OF JUSTICE:

I will deal with the whole matter during the debate on my vote which commences on the 17th instant and will then furnish the hon member with conclusive replies to his questions.

(1) to (5) Fall away.

Lynnwood Ridge: post office

*3. Dr T G ALANT asked the Minister of Posts and Telecommunications:†

Whether his department intends erecting a new post office in Lynnwood Ridge, Pretoria; if so, (a) on what site, (b) what is the (i) time schedule and (ii) expected total cost of the project planned and (c) what postal services will be rendered by this new post office?

†THE MINISTER OF POSTS AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS:

Yes, the designation LYNNMAR has been allocated to the office;

(a) erf 287, Lynnwood Ridge;

(b) (i) the tender invitation closes on 13 June 1984 and if matters progress favourably, the building will be completed by September/October 1985, and

(ii) R360 000; and

(c) all services except door to door postal delivery.

*4. Mr P C CRONJE asked the Minister of Justice:

What (a) is the capacity of the Greytown Prison and (b) was the average daily occupancy of this prison over the latest specified period of 12 months for which figures are available?

The MINISTER OF JUSTICE (Reply laid upon the Table with leave of House):

(a) Non-White males: 66 (sixty-six). Non-White females: 6 (six).

(b) The daily average for the period 1 April 1983 to 31 March 1984 was: 136,2 regarding non-White males and 9,3 regarding non-White females.

A total of 101 prisoners were incarcerated at Greytown Prison on 30 April 1984, presenting an overpopulation figure of 40,27%.

A new prison for Greytown appears on the major works services programme of the South African Prisons Service.

*5. Mrs H SUZMAN asked the Minister of Law and Order:

(1) Whether any members of the South African Police took any action at the Kadotstoot squatter camp in Hout Bay on or about 27 April 1984; if so, (a) why, (b) at what time and (c) what (i) was the nature of the action taken and (ii) were the circumstances surrounding the matter;

(2) whether any (a) shots were fired and (b) tear-smoke was used on this occasion; if so, why;

(3) whether any persons were injured; if so, (a) how many and (b) what was the nature of the injuries in each case;

(4) whether any persons were arrested; if so, (a) how many and (b) why;

(5) whether any persons have laid charges with the Hout Bay, police concerning incidents at this camp; if so, (a) when and (b) what were the charges in each case;

(6) whether these charges are being investigated; if not, why not;

(7) whether a departmental inquiry has been held into the matter; if not, why not; if so, what were the findings;

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

The MINISTER OF JUSTICE (for the Minister of Law and Order) (Reply laid upon the Table with leave of House):

(1) Yes.

(a) To combat illegal squatting and crime in general in the area concerned.

(b) The operation lasted from 22h00 till 23h10.

(c) (i) and (ii) In order to counter increasing illegal influx and squatting and to trace fugitive offenders and stolen property, members of the South African Police and officials of the Western Cape Administration Board on 27 April 1984 entered the Kadotstoot squatter camp. The members were immediately confronted by a black man armed with a klerie. After the klerie was taken from him, he hurled a drum containing live coals at the Police. Thereupon another drum with coals was hurled at them from a different direction while they were being pelted with

stones and bottles from the surrounding bushes. In order to protect themselves and to restore order batons and one teargas canister were used.

(2) (a) No.

(b) Yes, to restrain the rioters and restore order.

(3) Yes.

(a) 10.

(b) A member of the Force and an official of the Administration Board sustained burns while another member of the Force sustained an open wound to his right hand caused by a panga.

It is not known how many squatters were injured during the incident, but on 1 May 1984 two Coloured females and five black men alleged in statements to the police that they had been injured in the action taken on 27 April 1984. One black man alleged that he sustained a bullet wound while the others showed a variety of bruises and swellings. One also showed an open wound above his left eye.

(4) Yes.

(a) 21.

(b) 20 for illegal squatting and no identity documents, 1 for obstructing a policeman in the execution of his duties, riotous behaviour and resisting arrest.

(5) Yes.

(a) On 1 May 1984.

(b) 1 of attempted murder, 3 of serious assault, 3 of common assault.

(6) Yes.

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(7) Yes, a senior officer investigated the matter relating to the police action and found that it was justified.

(8) No.

Kadotsloot squatter camp

*6. Mrs H SUZMAN asked the Minister of Co-operation and Development:

(1) Whether any officials of the Western Cape Development Board accompanied members of the South African Police to the Kadotsloot squatter camp on or about 27 April 1984; if so, why;

(2) whether these officials took any (a) action in respect of any shacks in this squatter camp and (b) other action on this occasion; if so, (i) what action, and (ii) why, in each case;

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

†The MINISTER OF CO-OPERATION AND DEVELOPMENT:

(1) Yes. To investigate illegal squatting.

(2) (a) No.

(b) Yes.

(i) Nineteen Black males and three Black females were arrested.

(ii) They were squatting illegally.

(3) No.

Roeland Street: archives building

*7. Mr K D S DURR asked the Minister of Community Development:

What stage has been reached in the planning of the (a) new archives building on the Roeland Street prison site and (b) preservation and retention of the Roeland Street facade of this building?

The MINISTER OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT:

(a) The planning of the archives building has been completed. Tenders will be called for during July 1984 and the site should be handed to the successful contractor in October 1984. The contract period is 30 months.

(b) The present facade of the existing main entrance will be preserved and restored to serve as the new entrance of the archives building. Due to the fact that roof sheets and lead flashings have been lost on certain places and that the paint-work is peeling exposing the raw brick-work to the elements as well as the rainy season that is on hand, certain temporary protective measures have recently been taken to prevent further decay.

East London: system manager's office

*8. Mr D J N MALCOMESS asked the Minister of Transport Affairs:

(1) Whether a decision has been taken regarding the future of the system manager's office in East London; if not, why not; if so, (a) what is the nature of the decision and (b) when will it be implemented;

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

†The MINISTER OF TRANSPORT AFFAIRS:

(1) and (2) The restructuring and possible amalgamation of certain regions of SA Transport Services is a matter at present under consideration. As this exercise warrants an in-depth investigation, it is not possible at this stage to indicate whether the office of the Regional Manager, East London, will be affected.

Mr D J N MALCOMESS: Mr Speaker, arising out of the reply given by the hon the Minister, can he tell us whether the staff in the office of the East London System Manager have been informed of a possible pending move to Port Elizabeth?

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The MINISTER: Mr Speaker, a general investigation is undertaken in relation to staff. The investigation covers East London, Port Elizabeth and other urban areas. It is not, however, our intention to reduce the number of staff in East London. It is particularly important for us not to disrupt the staff in East London on account of specific problems that exist there.

†The hon member must please in future put his supplementary questions to me in Afrikaans. After all, I most courteously gave my original reply to him in Afrikaans. [Interjections.]

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Newly-born handicapped infants

*9. Mr G B D MCINTOSH asked the Minister of Health and Welfare:

(1) What procedure is followed by his Department in regard to the treatment of newly-born handicapped infants;

(2) whether any such infants are kept in State hospitals; if so, (a) how many were there as at the latest specified date for which figures are available and (b) what steps are being taken in respect of them?

The MINISTER OF HEALTH AND WELFARE:

(1) Newly-born handicapped infants are evaluated and managed on an outpatient basis by the psychiatric community service in co-operation with private welfare organizations involved in such work.

(2) No, the Department is only responsible for *mentally* handicapped infants. It is policy that no mentally handicapped infants under 3 years of age, including newly-born infants, be admitted to State Hospitals. Admission will only be considered in exceptional cases where associated physical defects are so severe as to require

specialized care, or such a child is found to be in need of care in terms of the Children's Act, 1960.

(a) None.

(b) Falls away.

Delimitation Commission

*10. Mai R SIVE asked the Minister of Internal Affairs:

When is it anticipated that the (a) Delimitation Commission proposals in respect of constituencies for the (i) House of Representatives and (ii) House of Delegates will be finalized and (b) voters' lists for these constituencies will be completed?

The MINISTER OF POSTS AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS (for the Minister of Internal Affairs):

(a) (i) and (ii) The report of the Delimitation Commission in respect of the House of Representatives and the House of Delegates has been programmed to be finalized on 30 May 1984. A definite date cannot be given at this stage.

(b) The voters' lists for the election of members of the House of Representatives and the House of Delegates will be furnished to returning officers and political parties as soon as possible but definitely not later than seven days before nomination day, namely 23 July 1984 and 30 July 1984 respectively.

Vrouemonument

*11. Mr H D K VAN DER MERWE asked the Minister of Community Development:

Whether any decisions on the use of the Vrouemonument were recently taken by the State; if so, what is the purport of these decisions?

Demolition angers Dune crowd 307

Own Correspondent 10/5/84

CAPE TOWN — Police guards were taunted today as angry squatters watched development board officials demolish more than 30 makeshift homes at the Dune squatter camp on the outskirts of Crossroads.

About 770 people are staying in tents and plastic domes in the Dune camp.

A member of the Dune committee, Mr Enoch Madywabe, warned of trouble if the demolitions continued. He said people had moved out of the plas-

tic domes and built their own shacks because they were "suffocating" in the overcrowded structures.

Squatters at KTC have rejected alternative sites offered by the development board.

A member of the KTC committee, Mr William Cubungo, said the site being offered by the board was too small and they had been warned that a rival Crossroads group would attack them if they moved there.

"We would rather remain here and be harassed by the Government than get killed by our brothers."

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Appeal to KTC squatter leader

By RIAAN DE
VILLIERS

THE Western Cape De-
velopment Board yester-
day issued a "friendly
appeal" to squatter
leader Mr Oliver Me-
mani to "seriously con-
sider" board offers of
alternative sites for his
followers squatting at
KTC.

At the same time, a
spokesman
warned: "It has been de-
cided that no illegal
squattling will be al-
lowed at KTC."
He was responding to
an announcement by Mr
Memani earlier this
week that some 400 of
his followers squatting
at KTC had taken a "fi-
nal decision" not to
move to an alternative
site at Crossroads.

Deadlocked

The lengthy negotia-
tions between the board
and Mr Memani now ap-
pear to have deadlocked
and continued raids on
the KTC squatters are
expected. Many squatters were
arrested in daily raids
last week and large
numbers of shelters de-
molished.

Board employees
again demolished 55
shelters yesterday
morning and an un-
known number of shel-
ters the day before.
There were no arrests.
The board stopped ar-
rests and demolitions
for three days from last
Friday to give the squat-
ters a chance to consid-
er its latest offer.

Responding to Mr Me-
mani's statement yester-
day, Dr Gert du Preez,
the board's liaison offi-
cer, said all offers made
by the board to Mr Me-
mani and his people
since the beginning of
the year were that "le-
gals" in the group may
settle at Khayelitsha;
that the whole group
may settle on two alter-
native sites at Cross-
roads; and that they may
settle on the "No Name"
site near Crossroads.
Dr Du Preez said the
board had not yet been
officially informed of
either Mr Memani or his
legal advisers
Mr Memani could not
be reached for com-
ment.

'Koornhof must tell us himself'

By RIAAN DE VILLIERS

CROSSROADS leader Mr Johnson Ngxobongwana yesterday challenged the Minister of Co-operation and Development, Dr Piet Koornhof, to return to Crossroads himself to tell its people of any changes in government policy towards the squatter community.

Mr Ngxobongwana declared that, until this happened, squatters would continue to refuse to move to Khayelitsha — and would continue to demand the completion of New Crossroads phase 2 and 3 Dr Koornhof had promised during their last negotiations.

Mr Ngxobongwana's statement came after a lengthy silence on recent changes in government policy.

It also came after Dr George Morrison, Deputy Minister of Co-operation, reiterated in Parliament last week that Crossroads was a "symbol of defiance and anarchy" which the government was determined to clear up "as soon as possible".

'Not an inch'

He also reiterated that the government would try to disperse Crossroads residents throughout the new township of Khayelitsha in order to "squash their spirit of defiance".

Spelling out his stance, Mr Ngxobongwana said Dr Koornhof had last negotiated with Crossroads leaders in 1978 and 1979.

The community was still waiting for New Crossroads phase 2 and 3 which he had then promised them.

"If government policy has changed, then Dr Koornhof must come back to us to tell us this.

"Until now, he has not told us anything about moving to Khayelitsha. If he wants us to move there, he must tell us this himself.

"Until then, we are still saying we want phase 2 and 3 of New Crossroads and we are still saying we will move to Khayelitsha over our dead bodies. Without talking to him, we are not moving an inch."

Mr Ngxobongwana said he was not "promising that we will change our minds and agree to move" if they did meet.

"As far as we are concerned we are still demanding the completion of New Crossroads."

He was also sharply critical of the role played by Dr Morrison, who has been making most major policy statements on Crossroads and Western Cape black affairs for some time.

"We always see statements by Dr Morrison but we don't know him. We did not discuss anything with him in 1978.

"Where is Dr Koornhof? If he is resigning, this must be announced, and if Dr Morrison is appointed in his place, we want to know that.

"If he is going to deal with us in future, I challenge him not to make statements in Parliament and the press but to come to Crossroads and talk to us himself.

"Crossroads has a leader, elected by the people, not the government," he said.

He said the government was making a "big mistake" if it thought it could "split up" Crossroads. "Crossroads is going to stay united," he declared.

'Doors open' for Crossroads chiefs

Staff Reporter

TOP black affairs official Mr Timo Bezuidenhout yesterday undertook to arrange a meeting between Crossroads leaders and Dr Piet Koornhof, Minister of Co-operation and Development.

He was responding to a statement by Mr Johnson Ngxobongwana, the dominant Crossroads leader, in which he challenged Dr Koornhof to "return to Crossroads" to inform it of any changes in government policy.

"If they want to talk to Dr Koornhof I will open the doors for them with the greatest of pleasure," Mr Bezuidenhout said.

He had already consulted with Mr Ngxobongwana and his committee on changes in government policy and had "explained the situation to them".

"But I believe it will serve a very good purpose if they can speak to Dr Koornhof as well.

"They are welcome to write to me or contact me and I will see to it that a discussion is held."

Mr Bezuidenhout has temporarily stood down as Chief Commissioner of Co-operation and Development in the Western Cape to help plan the development of Khayelitsha and the government's intended "dis-establishment" of Crossroads.



For the first time in 16 years, a Swapo leader, Mr Sam Nujoma, talks today stands between Mr General, Dr Willie van Niekerk (r

Policeman fi R100 for as

Staff Reporter

A RAILWAYS Police sergeant who "authority" and kicked and punched a Town railway station last year was yet R100 (or 50 days) by a Cape Town magistrate.

Jurgens-de Jager van der Merwe, pleaded not guilty to assaulting Mr Jstems and to swearing at him on February. He was acquitted on the charge injuria.

Evidence was that Mr Carstens and Ms Janet Sassman and Ms Moerida been searching for a man at the station.

On their way out of the station Van asked to see their tickets. Mr Carstien they did not have tickets as it was not tion to go on a train journey.

Dragged along the grou

When Mr Carstens refused to accompany Merwe to the charge office he was hit dragged along the ground by his shirt.

He had then accompanied Van der charge office where he was again ass-nose broken.

The magistrate, Mr B Carroll, said "satisfied that Mr Carstens and his friend on their way out of the station and would continued if Van der Merwe had not in.

Mr Carroll said he found the true Van der Merwe had assaulted Mr Carstien cause he had walked with his arms shoulders of "women of another race Mr J G van Zyl appeared for the State.

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Squatters
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Weekend Argus
Reporter

THE confrontation at the Nyanga Bush squatter camp in which police opened fire with rubber bullets on angry squatters need not have taken place, according to the squatter committee.

Police fired the bullets (rubber projectiles about 8cm long and 3cm in diameter) and tearsmoke during a clash over the demolition of shelters. Some people were injured.

A committee member, Mr Enoch Madywabe, said they were still negotiating their accommodation problems with Government officials. He felt the squatters were completely justified in resisting the demolition of their homes during cold and rainy weather while negotiations were taking place for better accommodation.

Two babies who were caught in the tearsmoke were taken to Tygerberg Hospital. Two women and a man were injured by rubber projectiles, according to the squatter committee. A woman and the man were taken to Conradie Hospital and a woman was taken to Tygerberg Hospital.

A board inspector and a labourer were injured by stone-throwers.

Some of the group have been living in tents supplied by the Red Cross and church groups since 1982. Most have been living in large dome-shaped plastic shelters since 1982. They have been refused permission to build more permanent structures.

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among them was a large bouquet from the gang-land twins Ronnie and Reggie Kray, and an arrangement of an open white prayer book from their brother, Charlie, who also sent a fond note.

There were wreaths of all shapes — cushions, hearts, crosses and some spelling the letters of her name. They came from the world of show business: Kenny Lynch, Elton John, Frankie Howard, Lionel Blair, Robert Wagner, from her fans, television and film studios, night-clubs and a church choir.

Outside, it was like a film premiere as sleek cars drew up to set down more famous names. Whispers went through the crowd, "Look, Shirley Bassey", or "Here comes Freddy Starr", as the well-known faces hurried inside.

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Woman alleges rape by 8

Crime Reporter

A 19-YEAR-OLD woman was allegedly raped at gunpoint by a gang of eight men in Bonteheu- wel while her boyfriend watched helplessly.

Captain Gerhard van Rooyen, a police liaison officer, said the gang had approached the woman and her boy- friend while they were walking in Bonteheu- wel at 12.15pm on Thursday.

They threatened the couple with a gun and robbed them of clothing and personal goods worth R73.

The men then hit the woman's boyfriend on the head and threat- ened him with a gun be- fore dragging her off into a field.

Her boyfriend es- caped and alerted the police. A Flying Squad vehicle rushed to the scene and patrolled the area before detectives arrested a 17-year-old youth.

He is expected to ap- pear in the Wynberg Magistrate's Court on Monday.

Parking lot attack: Man fined

Staff Reporter

A PARKING lot atten- dant who attacked a woman at the Nico Malan theatre complex after she had asked him to show her the way to a lift was fined R400 (or four months) by a Cape Town magistrate yester- day.

In addition, Ivan Den- nis Wilson, 27, of De le Rey Crescent, Eastridge, Mitchells Plain, was sentenced to six months conditionally suspended for five years.

Wilson previously pleaded not guilty to as- saulting Miss Debra van Dyk by hitting her on the chest, pushing her to the ground and choking her.

Dark alley

Miss Van Dyk testified that on the morning of November 22 last year she had parked her car in the parking area of the Nico Malan and had asked Wilson to direct her to the nearest lift. He had walked with her and had suddenly pushed her into a dark alley.

He had hit her against the ground without say- ing a word. She had had a small gas canister for self-protection and had sprayed the gas into Wilson's face, but he had not been affected.

When she got up, Wil- son had hit her again and had started choking her. She had then start- ed screaming, Miss Van Dyk said.

Arrested

Wilson told the court he had been working at the Civic Centre at the time and had relieved a colleague at the Nico Malan. He had heard a scream and had rushed to help. When he reached the woman, he was arrested by two ci- vilians.

In mitigation of sen- tence, he said he had been in the employ of the City Council for the past eight years, had started as a labourer and had "worked him-

Police and crowd clash at dune camp

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By RIAAN DE VILLIERS
Labour Reporter

POLICE used tearsmoke and rubber bullets to dis- perse a crowd which had gathered during a West- ern Cape Development Board raid on the Sand Dune tent camp outside Crossroads yesterday morning.

A police spokesman said later that two 18-month- old children had been taken to Tygerberg Hospital after being affected by tearsmoke and that an un- identified black woman had been taken to hospital after a rubber bullet hit her on the leg.

Captain Gerhard van Rooyen, a police liaison of- ficer for the Western Province, said the crowd had become unruly and had stoned WCDB employees.

A board spokesman said two board employees had been injured and criminal charges had been laid at the Guguletu police station in connection with the incidents.

The board demolished 72 illegal shelters during three separate raids on KTC squatters, a group of former KTC and Hout Bay squatters near Cross- roads, and the Sand Dune tent camp yesterday morning.

'Unruly crowd of 100'

Captain Van Rooyen said an unruly crowd of about 100 at the Sand Dune camp had started ston- ing board staff about 9.40am.

Police present in a "supportive capacity" then dispersed the crowd by firing tearsmoke and rub- ber bullets.

Dr Gert du Preez, the board's liaison officer, said one inspector had been hit when the crowd started throwing stones.

Another board employee was hit on the hand with an iron pipe. He said charges had been laid in connection with the incidents but he would not comment on action taken by the police.

Members of the community present during the raid could not be reached for comment.

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Squatters battle to rebuild shelters

Labour Reporter
PENINSULA squatter communities were desperately trying to rebuild shelters today after many were damaged and hundreds of people were left homeless after last night's storm.

At the Nyanga Bush camp, where people have been living in plastic shelters and Red Cross tents for nearly two years, four latrines were blown over by gale-force winds and about 85 families were left homeless.

Roads flooded

At least two large plastic domes, each of which house about 50 people, were shredded by the wind early today.

Residents were struggling in strong wind today to reconstruct a large tent which had blown over about 2.30am.

The tent, which was given by the Religious

Society of Friends (Quakers), had been used as a creche for the past five months.

Most access roads to the camp were flooded and large sections of the rough gravel road had collapsed under last night's heavy downpour.

A makeshift soccer field — the only one in the vicinity — was flooded.

The KTC squatter camp, where about 400 Crossroads refugees have

been living since the serious faction-fighting in Crossroads last year, was a scene of devastation.

Erected shelters

The refugees have not been allowed to erect shelters, and have been subjected to almost daily raids by the Western Cape Development Board — formerly the Administration Board.

Squatters erected plastic shelters last night during the storm.

Many of them were flooded as water rose on low-lying ground.

People were today reconstructing about 40 shelters that had disintegrated in the wind.

Women with small children tried to salvage food and blankets which had been soaked.

People at KTC said shelters had not been torn down by board officials for the past two days.



A man huddles under a blanket at a squatter camp after last night's savage storm destroyed shelters.

Picture: WILLIE DE KLERK, The Argus

Squatters sit out wind, rain

Staff Reporter

HUNDREDS of squatters were struggling to regain some shelter for their families yesterday afternoon after hurricane-force winds left a trail of devastation on the Cape Flats.

At KTC, squatters were battling to rebuild makeshift shelters on higher ground in the face of a gale-force wind after a number of shelters had been flooded the previous night.

Whole families sat huddled together in water throughout the night, according to a local committee member, Mr William Yezile. A number of shelters had also been blown down.

He said four mothers with babies had been taken to hospital yesterday. The children had become ill "after lying in water".

Sodden clothes and mattresses littered the site, where about 400 followers of Mr Oliver Memani have been squatting in the face of repeated raids by the Western Cape Development Board during the past five months.

The board has recently intensified its raids on the area and shelters have been demolished almost daily for some time.

However, Mr Yezile said while inspectors still came to the site daily, they had not demolished any shelters since the rains started two days ago.

A number of dwellings, most of them plastic shelters, were blown down in Crossroads on Tuesday night.

Large areas in the squatter camp have been flooded and many squatters have evacuated their dwellings which were still knee-deep in water yesterday afternoon.

Mr Albert Napakade, secretary of the executive committee headed by Mr Johnson Ngxobongwana, said the committee was doing "all it could" to assist stricken squatters.

Attempts were being made to acquire a pump yesterday afternoon. Mr Napakade said the intention was to pump water away in the affected sections and then fill in with sand.

Noxolo School has been badly damaged and a part of the roof has been blown off.

Staff Reporter

CONSTANTIA was one of the worst-hit suburbs in the storm.

Yesterday, in spite of determined attempts by council teams to clear the roads, the area was littered with fallen trees, rocks and mud.

Hard-hit Constantia still suffering

About 11am, a team of workers was still removing a bluegum tree which had fallen and blocked Rhodes Drive.

At the home of Mrs Helen and Mr Dennis

Tregarthen in Wycombe Road, Constantia, a large willow tree fell into the swimming pool.

The Tregarthens, like many Constantia residents, had been without

electricity since 2pm on Tuesday and are expecting to have power only later today.

Miss Lyn Fick, of Fick's Animal Travel on

Constantia Road, lost two cats in the storm.

She was taking care of them for someone else and has appealed for anyone who sees them to telephone her at 70-8305.



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Picture: Peter Stanford

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One of the cats is a white-pawed Burmese, like a long-haired Si- amese, the other is tor- toise-shell.

A tree fell on Miss Fick's cattery late on Tuesday night and she went out to see if the ani- mals were hurt.

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against any members of the South African Police in May 1984 by a Mrs Elsie Mbulawa of Cradock; if so, (a) on what date, (b) what is the nature of the charges and (c) what is the age of Mrs Mbulawa;

- (2) whether Mrs Mbulawa suffers from any physical disabilities; if so, what is the nature of these disabilities;
- (3) whether these charges have been investigated; if not, why not; if so, with what results?

The MINISTER OF INDUSTRIES, COMMERCE AND TOURISM (for the Minister of Law and Order):

- (1) Yes.
- (a) On 8 May 1984.
- (b) That she inadvertently sustained a slight injury when the police followed a number of youths who fled into her house and attempted to arrest them for public violence. I wish to express my regret over this unfortunate incident.
- (c) 87 years.
- (2) Yes. As far as could be ascertained she is partly blind.
- (3) Yes. An allegation of assault is being investigated, but the investigation has not yet been completed.

*15. Mr K M ANDREW asked the Minister of Co-operation and Development:

- (1) Whether, with reference to his reply to Question No 29 on 8 February 1984, the appeal committee for

Crossroads has met; if not, (a) why not and (b) when will it meet; if so, (i) on what dates has it met, (ii) how many cases has it considered and (iii) how many persons involved in these cases were given permission to remain in the Western Cape;

- (2) (a) what are the names of the current members of the appeal committee and (b) when is it anticipated that the committee will complete its work?

*The MINISTER OF CO-OPERATION AND DEVELOPMENT:

- (1) No.
- (a) Because some matters are still receiving attention and could not be disposed of.
- (b) At this stage it is not possible to say, probably in the course of June 1984.
- (2) (a) Mr T P Bezuidenhoud
Mr L. P. Francis
Mr H. van Huyssteen.
- (b) At this stage it cannot be determined.

Bathurst Township

*16. Mr E K MOORCROFT asked the Minister of Co-operation and Development:

- (1) Whether any persons are living on the unproclaimed land adjacent to Bathurst Township referred to in his reply to Question No 19 of 9 May 1984, if so, how many;
- (2) whether site rentals are being charged in respect of this land; if so,
- (3) whether these rentals differ from those being charged in the proclaimed township; if so, what is the nature of the

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difference; if not, what is the rental charged?

*The DEPUTY MINISTER OF CO-OPERATION:

- (1) Yes. Approximately 154 persons.
- (2) Yes. Service charges are payable.
- (3) No. An amount of R7,50 per residential site per month is payable in respect of services only. The service charge is uniform throughout the area. No rental is charged.

Trawler *Ocean Pearl*

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

- (1) Whether the owners of the trawler *Ocean Pearl* have been found guilty of infringements involving this trawler committed on the Port Alfred coastline; if so,
- (2) whether any steps have been taken against its owners; if so, what steps;
- (3) whether the trawler is still operating in this area; if so, why;
- (4) whether any further complaints about the activities of this trawler have been received; if so, (a) what is the nature of these complaints and (b) when were they received;
- (5) whether these complaints have been investigated; if not, why not; if so, what were the findings?

The DEPUTY MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AFFAIRS AND FISHERIES:

- (1) No, but the master of the *Ocean*

Pearl, Capt K Nielson, was charged in 1983 with contravening Sea Fisheries Regulation 65(1) viz failing to comply with the conditions specified in his permit, namely by trawling in water of less than 80 metres in depth.

- (2) Falls away.
- (3) Yes, as the permit issued to the *Ocean Pearl* is still valid.
- (4) Yes.

(a) Trawling in water of less than 80 metres depth.

(b) 19 April 1984.

(5) Yes, but no offence could be established as no private boats or patrol boats were available to investigate the alleged infringement at that time.

Mr Speaker, I may add that the *Ocean Pearl*'s permit expires on 31 December. Secondly, on Tuesday, at the request of the hon member for East London North, I went to East London and heard complaints from three angling bodies about the trawling activities of the *Ocean Pearl*. Thirdly, I have been in touch with the chief executive of a large trawling company of which the *Ocean Pearl*'s company is a subsidiary. Finally, I have been given the assurance that the *Ocean Pearl* is operating within the terms of her licence, that she has been forced to seek shelter over the past few weeks inshore as a result of bad weather, and that the vessel is regularly inspected and her trawl sheets are available for scrutiny.

At this moment, the *Ocean Pearl* is fishing six miles offshore. A meeting of departmental officials and representatives of the company is to be called early next week.

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City squatters living in 'untenable conditions'

Staff Reporter

CONDITIONS under which Cape Town squatters were living after this week's storm, were "untenable in a civilised society", said Mr Ken Andrew, Opposition spokesman on black affairs in the Western Cape.

Mr Andrew was commenting on the plight of squatter communities after a trip to the Nyanga Bush camp, where people are living in Red Cross tents and plastic dome-like structures, and to KTC, where 400 Crossroads refugees are living in makeshift plastic shelters.

"I hope the consciences of Dr (Piet) Koornhof, (Minister of

Co-operation and Development), the other authorities and the people of Cape Town will have been stirred when they hear of the miserable plight of people living in torn tents and plastic shelters during the atrocious weather we have been having," he said.

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Referring to the Nyanga Bush people, one of the worst hit communities, Mr Andrew said the majority had been living in Cape Town for many years.

"They ask only that they be allowed to live with their families and seek work to provide for themselves".

Mr Andrew called on Dr Koornhof to meet the squatters, whose cases he had promised to investigate two years ago, to "work out a humanitarian solution to their problems."

People in Cape Town have privately provided some relief to Crossroads squatters whose flimsy shelters were destroyed in the most devastating storm the Cape has experienced in many years.

"It is at trying times like this that the true spirit of co-operation and goodwill of Capetonians manifests itself," said Mr Timo Bezuidenhoud, a senior official of the Department of

Co-operation and Development in the Western Cape.

He said he had been "pleasantly surprised" when a group of Cape Town citizens, who wanted to remain anonymous, had given him R1 000 to help the destitute squatters.

"It is a gesture of goodwill and I can assure you a much-needed donation to those whose shelters were destroyed," he said.

The squatters were living in "the most deplorable conditions" and Mr Bezuidenhoud undertook to do everything in his power to make decent housing available to them within the near future.

Power: Mayor's warning

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By EVELYN VOSLOO

THE EXTENT of the storm damage to the City's power supply system is much worse than was first believed and some areas will be without electricity well into the weekend, and possibly beyond.

More rain predicted

Staff Reporter

MORE rain is predicted this morning but skies are expected to clear later today.

A weather bureau spokesman said the record low-pressure system had moved south-eastward and by tomorrow conditions would have improved further. However, winds would remain moderate to fresh south-westerly.

Snow fell at Sutherland at noon yesterday.

The highest rainfall recorded up until 8am yesterday was at D F Malan Airport (57mm).

All Peninsula roads, with the exception of Tafelberg Road, are now open to traffic, and trains are again running on schedule.

An Automobile Association spokesman warned motorists that gravel roads in many areas were impassable.

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This was said yesterday by the Mayor, Mr Sol Kreiner, who has spent the past two days travelling around the worst-hit areas.

Mr Kreiner said that if the present weather held, 80 percent of the City's power should be restored by late tonight, and possibly 98 percent by Sunday.

Weary repair crews have worked nearly round the clock since Tuesday night. But difficult and even dangerous conditions caused by strong winds and rain complicated their tasks.

Affluent

The City Electrical Engineer, Mr Dennis Palser, said his men were working to capacity. Crews had been out until 3am on Wednesday, and until midnight last night.

Allegations that the council was giving priority to affluent areas such as Newlands and Claremont and ignoring the Cape Flats were denied by the council's public relations officer, Mr Kendal Jarvis.

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"The only considerations are electrical engineering priorities," he said.

Consumers whose supplies are not restored by noon today should telephone their district officers in case they have been overlooked, Mr Palser said last night.

The six numbers to be called — one each for Cape Town, Mowbray, Vanguard, Mitchells Plain, Claremont and Muizenberg — are listed in the directory.

Areas still out included Klein Constantia,

Langkloof towards Hout Bay, Brommersvlei Road in Constantia, the Hohenort area, Draper Street in Claremont, and Hiddingh Estate and Cannon Street in Newlands, he said.

Bitter cold

● Electricity supplies in the Escom areas outside Cape Town improved considerably yesterday, although repair teams were troubled by rain, hail, bitterly cold wind and flooded roads, an Escom spokesman said last night.

The Philadelphia, Klipheuvel and Ongegend areas were largely back on line, but Bottelary Road, Wellington, and farming schemes on the far side of the Overberg were still without electricity, he said.

"It is possible that some outlying areas will be without electricity until next week. I appeal to those in Escom areas who have electricity to be sparing in its use," he said.

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Church plea to help squatters

Staff Reporter

THE Western Province Council of Churches yesterday appealed to the public to donate food, clothing and money for squatters left destitute by the storms this week.

While no estimates were available yesterday, it is thought hundreds of people were left homeless when shacks and other shelters were ripped apart by hurricane-force winds in the squatter communities on the Cape Flats.

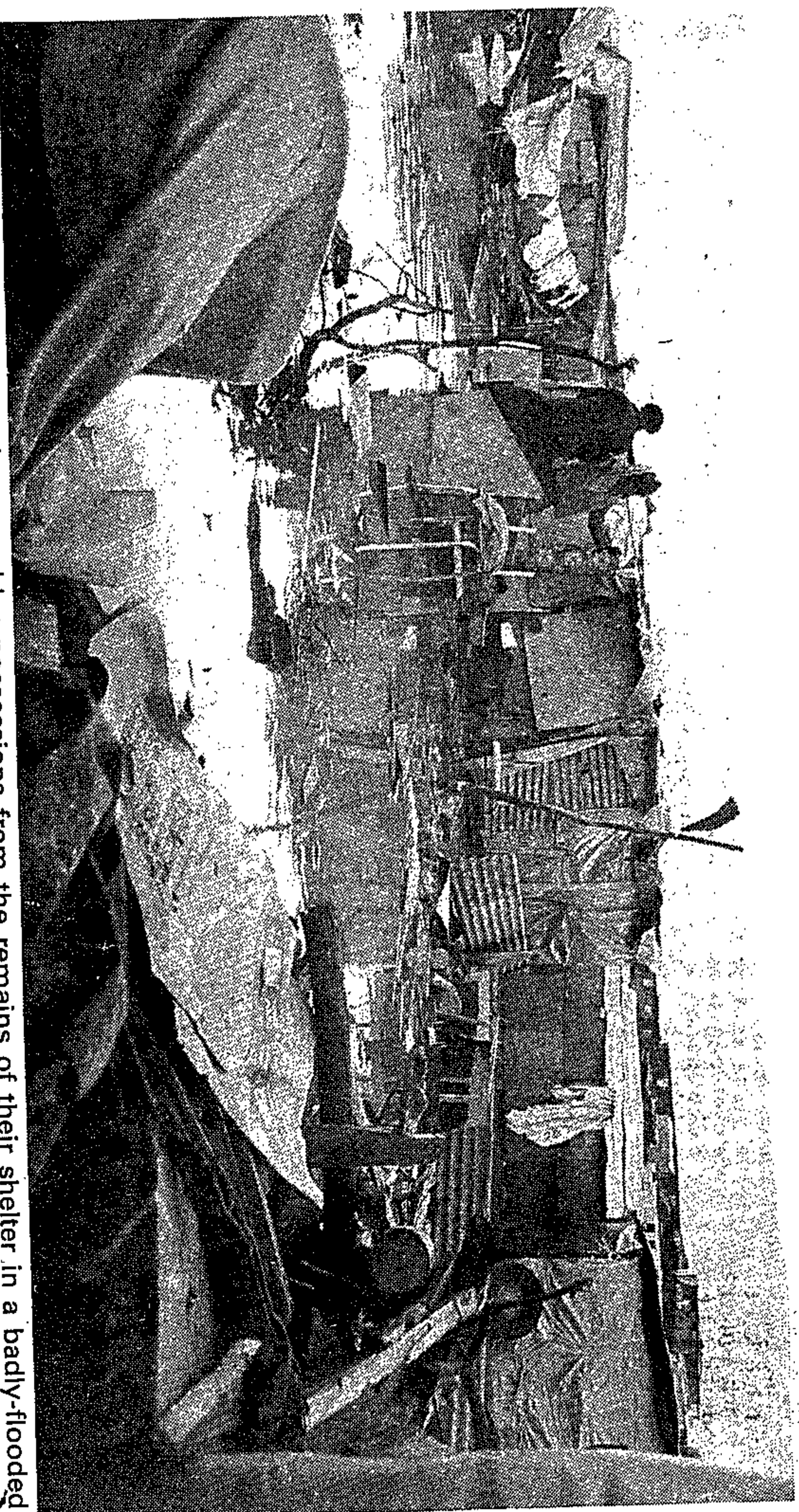
Large parts of Crossroads have been flooded with water, leaving more people homeless. The Crossroads executive committee has been trying to help those affected.

Many Crossroads residents were still trying to repair storm damage. Others in flooded sections of the camp were trying to salvage possessions out of the remains of their shelters.

Squatters at KTC were huddled in plastic shelters yesterday. Many of them have been re-erected on higher ground after being flooded.

The area has been raided almost daily for some time but the Western Cape Development Board has not demolished any shelters since the rains started.

● A spokesperson for the WP Council of Churches said donations may be brought to its premises at 126 Chapel Street, Cape Town.



Crossroads residents try to salvage sodden possessions from the remains of their shelter in a badly-flooded section of the squatter camp.

Rain fails to stop play

Staff Reporter

IT WAS business as usual at the Baxter last night, despite the fact that rain interrupted Michael Atkinson's opening night performance of *The Importance of Being Oscar* on Thursday night.

House manager Roland Peard said yesterday that workmen had fixed the roof in the morning. It has been quite badly damaged in the storm on Tuesday night and theatre patrons reacted admirably to the raindrops that kept falling on their heads — one woman in the front row opened an umbrella.

Cape Times theatre critic, Fiona Chisholm, said that Mr Atkinson handled the situation with aplomb, suggesting that the audience move to dryer seats and continuing unruffled with his performance.

Mrs Dorothy Kowen of Kenilworth said: "A new storm theatre convention must obviously be born. Part of the theatre's roof had blown off and a steady sheet of rain danced defiantly in Michael Atkinson's limelight."

Aid for homeless squatters urged

Political Correspondent

MRS Helen Suzman yesterday joined the appeal for donations of food, money and blankets to help Cape Town squatters whose shelters were destroyed in this week's storm.

Mrs Suzman, PFP MP for Houghton and a spokesman on black affairs, urged "generous support" for the collection being organized by the Western Province Council of Churches.

"Those of us who are sleeping snugly in our homes should spare a thought, and some money, for those without protection, shivering in the wind and rain on the Cape Flats," she said.

Hundreds of squatters are believed to have been left homeless after the storm ripped their shacks and shelters to pieces. Large areas of the Crossroads squatter camp have been flooded.

The WPCC has appealed for donations to be brought to its premises at 126 Chapel Street, Cape Town.



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that in 1983 and 1982. Mr Abrahamse warned that the decline had "serious implications for our disadvantaged citizens of all races who are so dependent on support from us all through the Chest".

Last year, the Chest failed to reach its target of R2,1 million, receiving only R1,93 million and disbursing R1,74 million.

Mr Abrahamse said the current economic situation and the impact of inflation "must not be used as an excuse to give less, but rather as a spur to give more since it is in the depressed conditions of today that the needs of the less privileged are greatest."



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Crossroads committee delay

Political Correspondent

HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY. — The Minister of Co-operation and Development, Dr Piet Koornhof, yesterday announced a further delay in setting up the appeal committee to settle disputes about Crossroads squatters' residence rights.

The establishment of the committee was decided in April 1979 but it has never met.

Dr Koornhof told Mr Ken Andrew (PFP Gardens) in February that the committee was expected to meet in March or April this year. Yesterday he told Mr Andrew he could not say definitely when it would meet, but it would probably be in June.

In a subsequent statement Mr Andrew described the delay as disgraceful. He said more than 6 000 Crossroads residents had been waiting for between three and five years to have their cases considered.

Dr Koornhof's "foot-dragging" meant they were uncertain, insecure and in danger of arrest. The resulting frustration and anger contributed to the problems within the squatter community.

"The government should keep its promises and get on with granting permanent residence rights to the people of Crossroads," Mr Andrew said.

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Housing for Cape squatters

Political Correspondent

HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY. — The government hopes to house within the next three years the remaining 2 500 coloured families squatting in the Cape Peninsula.

The Minister of Community Development, Mr Pen Kotze, said yesterday that the number of coloured squatter families in the area had come down from 30 000 in the 1970s to 2 502 now.

Present squatter communities were living mainly in Elsie's River, Philippi, Lotus River, Grassy Park, Retreat and Ravensmead.

His department planned to build a total of 4 242 dwelling units, comprising 4 170 houses and 72 flats, in Retreat, Belhar, Ocean View, Elsie's River, Ravensmead and Grassy Park.

Of these, 891 houses would be completed within a year and the balance during the next two or three years, he told Mr Tian van der Merwe (PFP Green Point).

A doctor at Empilisweni clinic in Crossroads today criticised Dr Tibbit's statements as "grossly unfair and sweeping, calculated to scare people".

"We don't see any cholera here and there are a few cases of typhoid. But staff do believe that Dr Tibbit has not touched on the true health problem of Crossroads — tuberculosis — which is, in fact, the duty of the Divisional Council to curb."

The doctor disagreed with the statements and said staff would meet later today to discuss a response.

● Dr Ivan Toms, who is also on the clinic staff, said: "In a community of 50 000 people an average of 12 cases of measles a month is not very bad. TB is out of control, not because of Crossroads housing but because of the apartheid system."

"Cholera is unlikely to cause a problem because we have a (Turn to Page 2, col 10)

Warning on health

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clean water supply from the municipality and cholera is water-borne.

"And how can moving Crossroads residents to Khayelitsha stop the flow of people from the Transkei and Ciskei? When people are starving in the homelands they will come to the city."

"There is very little scientific information which links housing to health issues unless it's overcrowding. According to a study done for the Carnegie inquiry into poverty there are on average 13 people in ev-

THE Department of Health is to investigate the hazardous health conditions at Crossroads with a view to deciding what State help can be given.

The Minister of Co-operation and Development, Dr Piet Koornhof, said today he had asked the Health Department to go into the matter.

He said his department was extremely worried about the present situation there and was in favour of everything possible being done to ward off a bad situation.

Earlier the Medical Officer of Health for the Cape Divisional Council, Dr L R Tibbit, had warned that the health situation at Crossroads was "potentially dangerous" to all the people of Cape Town.

Immunisation campaign

Dr Tibbit recommended that the population of Crossroads be drastically reduced if the city was to avoid possible outbreaks of cholera and typhoid.

While the council had not detected any cases of cholera in the camp, it had traced seven cases of typhoid — four of them in a small area of inter-related shacks.

An immunisation campaign was launched two weeks ago and 1 000 people in a particular area of Crossroads were immunised.

"We do not get typhoid in Cape Town. It is unusual and a serious matter."

Dr Tibbit said that cholera was the fastest-spreading of diseases and could get out of control within weeks if it reached Crossroads.

"This has not happened, but we would like to prevent it by getting people out of Crossroads."

"I do not control the housing situation in Crossroads. I am under contract to provide a preventive and promotional health service in the area. But the housing and sanitation are far below standard and potentially dangerous to all the people of Cape Town. I recommend that the population of Crossroads be drastically reduced."

He said that while he could foresee cholera coming to Cape Town, there was nothing more he could do as conditions in Crossroads made even the placing of additional pail toilets difficult. There was no room and lorries could not reach the pails to clear them out.

"The people must be moved out, density and overcrowding renders it impossible to do any more."

The overcrowding and poor sanitation at Crossroads had also led to "out of control" tuberculosis, gastro-enteritis and pneumonia.

"I believe the development of Khayelitsha along the lines of aided self-help housing is acceptable," he said. There would be less overcrowding because there would be more houses and more space.

Staff Reporters

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WCDB takes buried sheeting

Staff Reporter
A LARGE force of Western Cape Development Board officials yesterday followed up Monday's demolition of 139 "illegal structures" at the KTC squatter camp with an intensive search for buried plastic sheeting.

The Director of the Development Board's Labour and Housing section, Mr G N Lawrence, confirmed that 26 inspectors had arrived at

KTC in 10 vehicles shortly before 7am and had probed the sandy area for buried plastic sheeting and other construction materials. All material found had been confiscated and the officials had left about 10.30pm.

The 400-odd KTC "squatters" are followers of Mr Oliver Memani and moved to the site after faction fighting with a rival Crossroads group early this year.

They have consistently refused board offers to move to the "No-Name" camp near Crossroads, saying they would be in danger from the rival faction there.

One squatter, Mrs Tubeka Magahla, said that when she asked an inspector why he was "harassing" them yesterday, he had replied that he "also had children to feed and also had to earn money".

After the raid Mr Memani, arrived at the camp and called his followers together, advising them to demolish shelters at dawn each day and to hide the materials "very well" from board inspectors in future.

Mr Memani appealed to the public for blankets for women and children who would spend nights in the open till they could get more plastic sheeting.

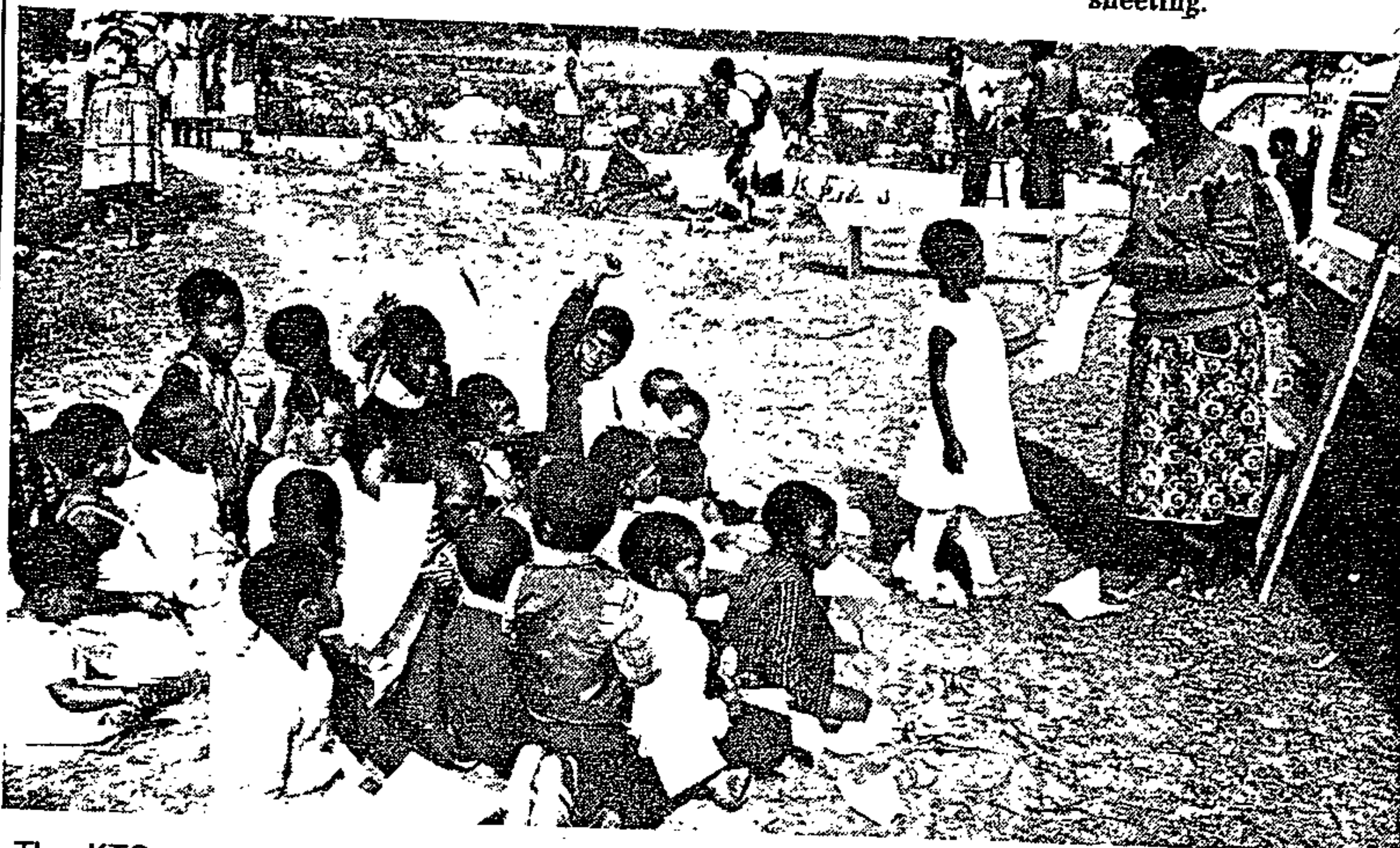
A VIEWER expressed the hope that a 4th TV channel would be devoted exclusively to English programmes.

Mr P F Platen of Mitchells Plain, feels "that a fund of some sort should be started for the disaster-stricken people down in Suurbraak. After all, when this happened to the people in Laingsburg and Tulbagh it was much talked about and a lot was done about it. But strangely enough, after the recent storm that we had, all seems to be quiet about the suffering and damage done to the people in Suurbraak."

Folly King of Kenwyn wants to know when we are going to "have all English programmes on TV, because the Afrikaners are getting the best programmes. They should pay more than us. I am hoping the fourth channel will be all English if possible. This should definitely be so because we English-speaking people are not getting our money's worth".

Mr Fairhurst of Kraaifontein would like point out to Mrs Rorich of Green Point that the Duchess of Kent's correct title is Princess Michael of Kent.

Mr Groenewald of Pinelands spoke out on terrorist bombing sentences. "It is outrageous that terrorist bombers like those in Maritzburg mentioned on TV last night can get away with such light sentences. The accomplice, someone just as guilty as the bombers themselves, received a suspended sentence, which in fact, is no practical punishment at all. It indicates that the judges presiding over cases of this nature are totally out of touch with reality, in view of the fact that hundreds of innocent people could be killed and millions of rands of damage done at this time of a poor economic climate."



The KTC squatter community yesterday began an informal on-site "school" for their children with a matriculant for a teacher and the open air for a classroom. Miss Monica Tabatha, an assistant teacher, checks one child's work.

Police probe mine blast

Own Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG. — Police are investigating a case of sabotage after an explosion had rocked the Western Holdings gold mine near Welkom soon after 7pm on Monday, destroying offices at number seven shaft.

No-one was injured in the blast and production has not been affected.

The owners of the mine, Anglo American Corporation, are offering a R5 000 reward for any information leading to the arrest of the people responsible.

Colonel Kóos Calitz, CID chief for the Northern Free State, said yesterday that a case of sabotage was being investigated.

An Anglo American spokesman said the

Police seize Azapo papers in dawn raids

Staff Reporter

SECURITY police yesterday raided the Johannesburg offices of the Azanian People's Organization (Azapo) and the homes of at least 20 prominent members in what appeared to be part of a major nationwide investigation.

Major Vic Haynes, of the SA Police Director-

ate of Public Relations in Pretoria, said the raids were part of a "routine investigation" and that it was "not the policy of the SAP to comment on routine investigations".

The dawn raids took place simultaneously in Johannesburg, Soweto, Lenasia, Durban, Cape Town, the Eastern Cape and Pietersburg.

No-one was detained,

but hundreds of documents were confiscated.

Azapo's head office in Johannesburg, was occupied by at least a dozen plainclothes policemen for more than four hours.

The policemen searched the offices carefully, allowing in only Azapo members who had to agree not to leave the office again until the search was over.

A minor scuffle broke out when police attempted to prevent Azapo's publicity secretary, Mr Muntu ka Myeza, from entering.

The policemen left in the afternoon with at

Blackburn walks out after 'lies'

Staff Reporter

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Many attend Norval service

Chief Reporter

A LARGE number of friends and professional colleagues joined the family at a memorial service for Mr Ronald Norval, Senior Assistant Editor of the Cape Times, at St Michael's Church, Rondebosch, yesterday.

Mr Norval died at his home in Kenilworth last Friday after an illness, aged 58. He had been on the editorial staff of the Cape Times for 37 years.

Mr Colin Eglin, MP, who spoke at the service, said he had first befriended Mr Norval when they were school-boys at Pinelands, and over the years he had come to know him as one who had subscribed to and upheld the highest professional standards, and also as one who could not abide pomposity.

'Conservative liberal'

He had seen Mr Norval as "a conservative liberal" who had made his imprint on the Cape Times, which he had served with distinction. "In fact much of the character of the Cape Times can be attributed to the character of Ronnie Norval."

Mr Eglin also paid tribute to Mr Norval's efforts over the years in the cause of conservation, "and to improving the quality of life of people in this area".

Mr Gerald Shaw, Chief Assistant Editor of the Cape Times, read a message from the Editor, Mr A H Heard, who is in Taiwan. In this, Mr Heard said Mr Norval had over the years been involved in every major editorial development at the Cape Times.

"We have lost a very dear colleague, a wise and balanced counselor, and a loyal friend. His passing is a great loss not only to this newspaper but indeed to the community of the Cape, which Ronnie served as a journalist of distinction and integri-

Cholera warning for City

By DI CASSERE

THE City of Cape Town could face outbreaks of diseases such as cholera and typhoid fever unless overcrowded conditions and poor sanitation at Crossroads were relieved, the Medical Officer of Health for the Cape Divisional Council, Dr L R Tibbit, said yesterday.

The Combined Health Control Scheme of the Divisional Council treated 100 000 people last year at Crossroads, as opposed to 73 668 in 1982.

"The incidence of typhoid fever has escalated in the past few months and we have undertaken massive immunisation campaigns," said Dr Tibbit.

"Measles notifications in 1982 were 290 for the whole scheme, all races, and of these 175 were from the black population. Last year the corresponding figures were 337 and 186.

"Again we had to do repeated inoculation campaigns to avoid the same situation that pertained in the recent Port Elizabeth epidemic which caused many deaths."

Cholera, possibly the fastest-spreading disease, was "knocking on our door", according to Dr Tibbit.

"The portal of entry of cholera which is expected to arrive from the north is extremely likely to be through Crossroads because of the tremendous influx of people from the homelands. If this occurred, it would be a major health hazard for the City of Cape Town."

Dr Tibbit said that the development of Khaye-

litsha was an acceptable way of coming to grips with the public health and housing problems.

He said homes at Khayelitsha would have proper sanitation and water-borne sewerage. Three to four combined day hospitals and local health clinics would be built.

"There are about 8 000 black families waiting for homes, and the Crossroads area could only provide for about 1 000. Khayelitsha will be able to provide 5 000 homes by the end of this year alone.

"I'm worried, really worried, about the overcrowding and lack of water and sanitation at Crossroads. I think the situation has gone too far, as there has been even more crowding recently.

"I am concerned purely with the human angle, the health aspect and the sheer discomfort in which those people live," Dr Tibbit said.

Dr Reg Coogan, Medical Officer of Health for Cape Town, said:

"We rely entirely on Dr Tibbit for information on conditions at Crossroads. These latest figures sound alarming, but there has not yet been any spillover into Cape Town.

"We have had a couple of cases of typhoid this year, but those were imported. For the past four or five years we have had an intensive campaign against measles, with about 36 000 doses of vaccine being given a year. This has been very successful and we have had very few cases.

"Of course we will be keeping a close watch on the situation."

SA blooms at Chelsea show

Own Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG. — South Africa had won the coveted Wilkinson Sword for the best overseas exhibition at the Chelsea Flower Show in London for the fourth time running, the Department of Foreign Affairs



Boomer at a recent dog show in Johannesburg. His orang-utan friend is also being made in South Africa.

Teleletters

TELEPHONE, rebates and the recent weather are the main topics discussed by Teleletters callers yesterday.

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Press pictures awards in City

Staff Reporter

CAPE TIMES photographer Peter Stanford was awarded the second prize in the Feature Picture Category at the annual Press Pictures of the Year award ceremony held in the City last night.

The award was presented by the former managing director of Nasionale Pers, Mr D P de Villiers, who also officially opened the exhibition of the award-winning pictures.

Jim McLagan of the Argus was named the South African Press Photographer for 1983.

Mr De Villiers said the job of the press photographer had become a combination of art, science and industry. Excellence in standards was necessary to maintain support for the print media in the era of intense competition from the electronic media.

"The alternative to such support seems a stark one for mankind. It implies that we are to become non-readers, and to be dependent for news and comment not on a variety of free, independent and competing publications, but on the spoken word plus fleeting images on screens, often from state-controlled, monop-

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PFDP calls for probe into Crossroads health hazard

Political Correspondent

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A CALL for a general watch on health conditions in Cape Town's black townships following warnings about Crossroads has been made by an Opposition spokesman.

Mr Ken Andrew MP, the Progressive Federal Party's chief spokesman on Western Cape black affairs, said today that following the serious concern about health conditions in the squatter camp as expressed by a senior health official of the Divisional Council, a thorough investigation should be made.

Accurate picture

"It is imperative that all the people and organisations providing health services to the people of Crossroads should be involved so that an accurate picture can be obtained and the necessary corrective action undertaken.

"It is important, however, to keep the matter in perspective and to be aware that there are serious health problems in other townships besides Crossroads.

"One should also be aware that the continual destruction of shelters built by people to protect themselves from the elements must also aggravate the various health problems that have been identified."

Areas monitored

Following the statement by the Minister of Co-operation and Development, Dr Piet Koornhof, that the Department of Health is to investigate the hazardous health conditions at Crossroads, a spokesman of the department today explained its involvement.

He said the department constantly monitored health conditions in areas such as Crossroads, although it was not directly involved.

The department's role was mainly preventive, but if a serious position developed it could take more direct action.

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ARGUS 24/5/84 307 Crossroads health

THE Minister of Co-operation and Development, Dr Piet Koornhof, has acted wisely by initiating an investigation into the public health risk at Crossroads. There have been conflicting reports of a potential hazard there and the Government's first consideration rightly should be to establish whether or not a threat exists.

If a health danger is discovered — and given the conditions at Crossroads it is far from an improbable prospect — then the next priority ought to be self-evident: Practical steps to improve standards of public health in the squatter community. Lamentably, however, self-evident realities do not necessarily impinge upon the Government's decision-making.

It was evident years ago, for instance, that black urbanisation was a burgeoning reality in the Western Cape. In the case of Crossroads, the Government's response was not to create the sort of infrastructure to cope with this reality, but to try to make it go away by demolishing shelters, conducting mass arrests and deportations and generally doing all it could to discourage further settlement.

Inevitably, therefore, the suspicion will exist that what health hazard there might be at Crossroads may be used as justification for the ideologically-inspired removal of the community. That would be a cold act of cynicism. If a health danger exists at Crossroads, there should be no greater priority than to deal with it where it is, even if this conflicts with the Government's racial ideology.

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Council row over removals

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By HILARY VENABLES

ILLNESS in Crossroads was the result of the "persecution of Cape Town's black population" and must not be exploited as a "stunt" to subject the people of the squatter camp to forced removal, Mrs Di Bishop, Progressive Federal Party MPC for Gardens, told the Provincial Council yesterday.

Mrs Bishop, speaking in support of a private member's motion by Mr Frank van der Velde of Wynberg abhorring "continued forced removals of people for ideological reasons", was subjected to a barrage of interjections from National Party members during the unruly debate.

She drew particularly heavy verbal fire from the NP when she reminded the council that Anne Frank had died of typhus "after a forced removal to Belsen due to her race".

"She was nevertheless murdered, and her death is on the conscience of all those who voted for Adolf Hitler," she said.

Mr Van der Velde said that although the health situation in Crossroads left a lot to be desired, infant mortality statistics among blacks in Cape Town, including those in the squatter camp, were far below the national average.

"So let's not talk

about removing health hazards," he said.

Referring to Khayelitsha, Mr Van der Velde said the PFP welcomed the building of houses for those who did not have any, but was against removing people — already adequately housed — for ideological reasons.

"The policy of forced removals is methodically, removal by removal, destroying the possibility of a peaceful future for South Africa," he said.

Both Mrs Bishop and Mrs Molly Blackburn (PFP Walmer) described in detail the pathos and misery they had witnessed in resettlement camps they had visited.

Mr S M Greeff (NP Oudtshoorn) said in contrast that "resettlement" had improved the lot of many by giving them their own houses and providing them with an infrastructure and basic necessities.

It had also brought scattered families together, created areas with greater economic potential and greater opportunities and made conflict between "ethnic groups" easier to control and eliminate, he claimed.

The motion was defeated and an amendment calling on all population groups to obey the laws of the country and to co-operate "where relocations are still to be made" was adopted after a division.

Official to visit camp, say squatters

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Labour Reporter

A SENIOR black affairs official, Mr Timo Bezuidenhoud, will visit the storm-ravaged Nyanga Bush camp to investigate conditions there, according to the Nyanga Bush committee.

Committee members, who met Mr Bezuidenhoud today, said he had promised to visit the camp where squatters have been living in Red Cross tents and crude plastic shelters for nearly two years.

Mr Bezuidenhoud, who has temporarily stood down as chief commissioner for the Depart-

ment of Co-operation and Development to concentrate on "problems in the Western Cape", was not available for comment after the meeting today.

RUBBER BULLETS

Mr Melford Yamile, chairman of the committee, said the delegation had also complained to Mr Bezuidenhoud about injuries suffered by residents after police had fired rubber bullets and tear-gas at a crowd of angry squatters objecting to the demolition of their plastic shelters.

Mr Yamile said the committee was "pleased" that Mr Bezuidenhoud

had agreed to come to the camp, and hoped he would be able to solve their problems.

Among the questions the committee raised with him were the lack of water in the camp and lack of accommodation.

PLASTIC DOMES

Nyanga Bush residents have not been allowed to erect permanent shelters. Many are living in tents provided by the Red Cross and at least 100 people are living in two large plastic dome structures.

Squatters there have frequently moved out of the "domes" and erected their own plastic shelters alongside the tents but they have been demolished by the Western Cape Development Board.

The delegation said they had tried again to settle their legal status in the Peninsula with Mr Bezuidenhoud.

Temporary permits issued to the squatters expired nearly two years ago and have not been renewed.

Squatters left out in the cold

EVELYN VOSLOO
Municipal Reporter

AFTER months of discussion, the Department of Community Development this week turned down a proposal for site and service plots in Hout Bay — leaving the plight of squatters there unresolved.

The Divisional Councillor for Hout Bay, Mr Len Pothier, said yesterday he had been negotiating with the Department's regional representative, Mr H Steyn, since October last year.

"I requested interviews with the Minister of Co-operation and Development, Dr Piet

Koornhof, and the Minister of Community Development, Mr Pen Kotze, but was unable to see them," he said.

Mr Pothier said a careful census had been taken of all the squatters in the area, listing their names, sizes of families, places of birth and employment, length of residence in the area and family connections with the harbour community.

This census, which was at present being updated, had shown that the majority of the squatters were employed in the Hout Bay area — many of them in the fishing industry, he said.

About 100 families were involved, he said. Many of the squatters had been born in Hout Bay and were an acknowledged part of the community.

The Divisional Council had a housing backlog of about 25 000, he said.

"The constant raids on squatters, coupled with the council's inability to keep up with the demand for housing, has resulted in a repetitive cycle of violent demolitions, arrests and disruption of families," Mr Pothier said.

"This debases officials, heightens the sense of frustration amongst the unhoused and angers the community at large for its senselessness."

Mr Pothier said these people had a right to be in the area, although he would be the first to acknowledge that they did not have a right to trespass on privately-owned property.

Permission refused

"But matters cannot be allowed to go on as they are at present," he said.

The regional representative of the Department of Community Development, Mr H Steyn, confirmed yesterday that his department had refused permission for site and service plots in the area.

Mr Steyn said granting permission would have been contrary to government policy. There was also no suitable ground in any 'coloured' part of Hout Bay, he said. The site Mr Pothier wanted to use was in a 'white' area, he said.

"I asked Mr Pothier verbally and in writing to supply me with details of the families he says were involved in the census, but he has not done so," Mr Steyn said.

Ocean View

"If he can supply us with this information we could see what could be done for these families. They could possibly be housed in Ocean View."

In reply to Mr Steyn's remarks Mr Pothier said yesterday that it was not true that the proposed site was in a 'white' area. It was right next to sites already occupied by 'coloureds', he said.

"Ocean View is near Kommetjie, it has nothing to do with Hout Bay," he said.

Mr Pothier said the central government should leave local issues to be solved by local people.

"But as soon as we have updated our census we will take the courageous decision as to whether to give the information to Mr Steyn and his department or not," Mr Pothier said.

Don't exploit Crossroads illness — Bishop

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By LINDA VERGNANI

Weekend Argus

Reporter

ILLNESS in Crossroads was the result of the persecution of Cape Town's black population and should not be "exploited as a stunt to subject the people to forced removal", says Mrs Di Bishop, a member of the Provincial Council.

Mrs Bishop was reacting to Nationalist MPCs who cited the health issue in Crossroads as a reason to move the community to Khayelitsha during a Provincial Council debate.

Troubled

This followed a statement earlier this week by the Medical Officer of Health for the Divisional Council, Dr R L Tibbit, that Crossroads was a health hazard. He said the population should be drastically reduced if the city was to avoid a possible outbreak of plague and cholera.

Mrs Bishop said: "Obviously any alleged threat to the health of Cape Town's population must be taken seriously. In

the case of Crossroads — a deeply troubled community because of a string of broken promises by the Government — it is essential that the issue of illness and removals be kept separate."

Mrs Bishop said she feared that the Nationalists would use the health issue as an excuse to forcibly remove the people of Crossroads to Khayelitsha and to deport illegals.

"The rows of children's graves in the relocation areas provide a monument to forced removals. A pretence of caring appears only when it can be exploited and once again build white fears. The only Crossroads threat to our future is Government ideology."

The staff of the Empilisweni Sacla clinic and doctors working in the area have issued a statement describing Dr Tibbit's allegations about Crossroads as "misleading".

Among points made were:

- Cholera had not been known in the Western Cape until now and "local experts" emphasised the unlikelihood of an epidemic at Crossroads.

- A recent survey by the Red Cross Children's Hospital showed that 63 percent of Crossroads children were fully immunised, including against measles, compared with 55 percent from other black housing areas.

- Tuberculosis was out of control on a nationwide basis and Crossroads should not be singled out.

- While overcrowding was acknowledged to be a major factor in the spread of disease, overcrowding was more of a problem in other communities than Crossroads and would be accentuated in Khayelitsha.

The group said they were opposed to forced removals and suggested that measures should be taken to improve the situation in Crossroads using existing community structures "rather than uprooting people and breaking up communities".



Mr Timo Bezuidenhoud

Squatters refused Transkei job offers

Labour Reporter

SQUATTERS from Nyanga Bush "refused point-blank" an offer of jobs in the homelands, senior black affairs official Mr Timo Bezuidenhoud said today.

He was commenting on the meeting between himself and a seven-man delegation from the Nyanga Bush squatter camp last week.

The chairman of the Nyanga Bush committee, Mr Melford Yamile, said the 1 000 squatters living in tents and plastic shelters on the dunes east of Nyanga had all been born in Cape Town.

BORN HERE

"We have lived all our lives in Cape Town. People were born in places like Kensington, Elsies River and Retreat. We want to live and work here," said another committee member, Mr Simo Menziwa.

Mr Bezuidenhoud said he had asked the squatters whether they would accept jobs in Transkei if he could arrange them. "They refused point-blank. But I don't want to comment any further," he said.

VISIT PLANNED

Mr Bezuidenhoud said he would arrange this week to visit the camp. At the meeting last week, squatters complained to Mr Bezuidenhoud of an inadequate water supply, unhealthy and overcrowded accommodation and their insecure legal status. Temporary permits issued to the squatters expired in September 1982 and have not been renewed.

Strife, 'pesti'

CARE Times

IN THE first of three instalments, RIAAN DE VILLIERS examines problems surrounding the Crossroads squatter community and government plans for its "disestablishment".

PART 1: The trouble with Crossroads

IN A RECENT speech in Parliament, Dr George Morrison, Deputy Minister of Co-operation, described Crossroads as a "spot of pestilence" and a "blot on the landscape".

There was no vestige of law and order left in the township, which was ruled by two "so-called leaders", Mr Ngxobongwana and Mr Memani, in a "Mafia gangster type of exercise".

This, he declared, was the reason why the government wanted to "dis-establish" Crossroads — it was not moving people to Khayelitsha for ideological reasons but to give them a chance to develop as a law-abiding community.

'Co-operate'

Crossroads was in confrontation or seeking confrontation with the government. However, the government was not looking for confrontation.

"I want to plead with Mr Ngxobongwana and Mr Memani to come to terms with the government and co-operate in the move to Khayelitsha," he said.

There is much evidence which can be used to support Dr Morrison's assessment.

Crossroads was once championed as a model squatter community. Today, it is deeply troubled, torn apart by two outbursts of violence.

What has gone wrong?

In August 1979, Mr Johnson Ngxobongwana was elected as the leader of Crossroads. He appointed an executive committee which included Mr Oliver Memani as vice-chairman.

Friction developed between them which eventually led to a for-

mal split, with Mr Memani claiming control of part of the camp.

Tensions grew further until the rival factions clashed violently in April last year. Eight people were killed and many injured.

Mr Memani's house and shop and those of many of his supporters were burnt down. He and others fled.

Rebuild

Towards the end of last year, Mr Memani tried to rebuild his power base in "his" section of Crossroads.

Tensions built up again, culminating in another full-scale clash at the end of December. Several people were killed, 60 houses razed and many Memani supporters fled again, this time to KTC where they are still squatting.

If the clash itself was disconcerting, the aftermath was possibly even more so.

Ngxobongwana supporters combed the camp, demanding that all residents declare their allegiance to their leader — and driving them out by demolishing their houses if they refused.

Armed bands

Then the same process spread to New Crossroads where the Ngxobongwana regime has tried to retain its influence. In a nightmare week, armed bands tried to drive out dissidents and terrorized them by hacking out doors and windows and cutting telephone wires.

The process only stopped when, after initial inaction, police finally dispersed the group with tear smoke and rubber bullets —

and made Mr Ngxobongwana address a bizarre meeting where he told combatants to "lay down their pangas".

Crucially, in both Old and New Crossroads, the targets were not only genuine Memani supporters. They included dissident leaders and residents who had been refusing to pay money regularly collected by the Ngxobongwana regime.

It emerged that many people supported neither faction and did not accept their authority — including the older Crossroads leaders, most of them women and almost all "in exile" in New Crossroads.

It became clear that the crisis stretched far deeper than a fight between two factions and fundamentally concerned the way in which the community was being ruled.

Crossroads is a self-governing mini-state, almost entirely independent of formal control by external authorities.

The Ngxobongwana regime rules in terms of an attempt at proper representative government, with an executive committee as "cabinet", tax collections, a police force and even courts.

Its actions are sanctioned by residents at mass meetings. These include money collections as well as many actions undertaken during the disturbances which seemed like unrelated acts of arbitrary coercion.

Thus, in a remarkable statement, the Ngxobongwana committee announced that residents themselves had decided at a mass meeting to clear the camp of

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ence in a mini-state



Crossroads ... once a model squatter community, now plagued by violence.

all "Memani supporters" by asking them to declare their allegiance and demolishing their houses if they supported Mr Memani.

However, the meetings are typically attended by about 1 000 people — out of a community of more than 40 000.

Dissidence

So the problem in Crossroads is not so much the fact that it is being ruled, but that it is being ruled without the consent of the majority.

During the disturbances, it also became clear that the ruling group was prepared to go to almost any lengths to crush dissidence and assert control in what was little less than a naked struggle for power and control over sources of revenue.

However, sources close to the community say there are a number of extenuating circumstances:

Crossroads people come from rural backgrounds and have little experience of democratic forms of government.

Leadership

Despite appearances, leaders are not only intent on power and money and take their leadership of the community seriously.

Also, they say they may not be in full control of events and that the shadowy and semi-autonomous "headman" system, which derives some of its power from traditional sources, played an important role during the violence.

But most important, they point out that the government is at least partly responsible for the present situation.

Here they delve a little deeper into Crossroads history — and focus special attention on the 1979 "Koornhof deal".

(To be continued).



Armed Ngxobongwana supporters stand guard after the latest bloody clash.

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Government scraps Crossroads homes plan

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By HENRY LUDSKI
Staff Reporter

THE R18-million New Crossroads Phase 2 development — 1 200 homes were to have been built — has been scrapped, Mr Timo Bezuidenhout, the Administration Board's chief commissioner for the Western Cape, said today.

The announcement ends months of speculation that this would happen after the Department of Community Development said last year the plan had been shelved because no funds were available.

A spokesman for the department at the time stressed that the project

was shelved and not scrapped — but speculation continued.

The New Crossroads development, in two phases, was the cornerstone of the historic 1979 "Koornhof agreement" between the Minister of Co-operation and Development, Dr Piet Koornhof, and the people of Crossroads.

It was seen as the most concrete victory of the fight that year by the 20 000 people of the settlement against the bulldozers.

In New Crossroads Phase 1 last year — 1 500 homes were completed at a cost of R18-million — Koornhof Street has been named in honour of the Minister, "who saved Crossroads from the bulldozers".

About two months ago the Department of Co-operation and Development granted permission for about 250 squatters to build shelters on the Phase 2 site.

Driftsands

Speculation that the project would be scrapped was reinforced three weeks later when the Minister announced that a new African township would be built at Driftsands, near Mitchell's Plain.

Mr Bezuidenhout would not comment when asked what now remained of the Koornhof agreement and would not confirm that the 20 000 Crossroads people would eventually be moved to the new township, Khayelitsha.

"All I can say is that we are going to build the township in stages and we are going to accommodate people as we go along."

Dr Koornhof announced recently that eventually the people of Guguletu, Langa and Nyanga would also move to the township near Swartklop, about 40 km from the city centre.

It is believed the Government now intends to use the money to cover the cost of Driftsands.

Planned township under fire

By Nazeem Howa

WHILE bulldozers and levellers are hacking at the bushes at Drift Sands near Mitchells Plain to make way for the new African township, Khayalitsha, community organisations have condemned the plan to shunt residents of Langa, Nyanga and Guguletu to the new township.

Some people feel this is an attempt by the Government to establish a new semi-urban homeland.

● A United Women's Organisation, which has strong support in the townships, said UWO believed that people had a right to the security and comfort of adequate and cheap housing close to their places of work.

The high costs of transport from Swartklip would increase the burden on workers and their families, the spokesman said.

"We reject the continued attempts to create a patchwork society by shunting people around according to the Government's blueprint for the maintenance of apartheid.

"Nothing causes more bitterness than this kind of uprooting of settled communities. The forced removal of people from Nyanga, Langa and Guguletu shows the Govern-

ment's determination to stick to their policies, irrespective of the needs of the people," a statement released by the UWO reads.

● "People should have the right to live and move where they want and they should be consulted before decisions affecting their lives are taken," according to a statement released by the Cape Areas Housing Action Committee (Cahac).

"The cost of living, and more specifically, transport costs will increase tremendously because people will be moved further from their places of work," the statement reads.

● The Western Province Council of Churches said that even though people were not satisfied with the conditions in the townships, they did not want to move to Khayalitsha.

The people want to stay in Langa, Guguletu and Nyanga even though the houses are very small, they say.

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● Meanwhile, many residents of the townships are very upset about the move.

They say they were moved from the suburbs and dumped in the townships. Now they are being forced out of the townships and dumped even further away.

The area earmarked for development as an African township is slightly smaller than Mitchells Plain but will consist of much higher density housing.

With the area stretching from Mitchells Plain to Macassar being planned for development many people are asking which people will be housed there. Thus far, it has been announced that the 200 "legal" KTC squatters and the 6 000 "legal" families on the housing waiting list will form part of the envisaged "city".

At present the Department of Co-operation and Development is considering the cases of the 400 Crossroads "bed squatters" and the 900 Nyanga "tent-squatters".

Other candidates who may be considered are the 20 000 residents of the Crossroads squatter camp. They were due to be moved to New Crossroads.

First families at Driftsands

Staff Reporter

A TROUBLED former KTC camp squatter, Mr Anderson Xhala, 35, and his family today moved into No 1, Khayelitsha, the first people to move to the new township at Driftsands near Mitchell's Plain.

Mr Xhala, who worked for a city construction company, was dismissed on Friday because his employer "had no sympathy with my cause."

During the recent regular Administration Board raids on the KTC squatter camp Mr Xhala stayed out of work for several days.

He said: "I have no money. I don't know how I am going to feed my family and afford to send my two children to school."

Mr Xhala said although the township was

very far and it would be difficult for him to travel to work — if he finds a job — he was happy about moving to Khayelitsha. "My family and I stayed with my father and his eight children before moving to KTC and I suppose this is better."

The resident who moved in at No 2 also has a problem. She said a Board official suggested that she should marry her boyfriend.

Perplexed

A perplexed Miss Stella Yuyu said: "They don't understand. You have to make love to a man before you marry him."

Miss Yuyu has three children. She said that although the township was very far from town, she was happy.

The moving of the first families to Khayelitsha — to which thousands of people will eventually be

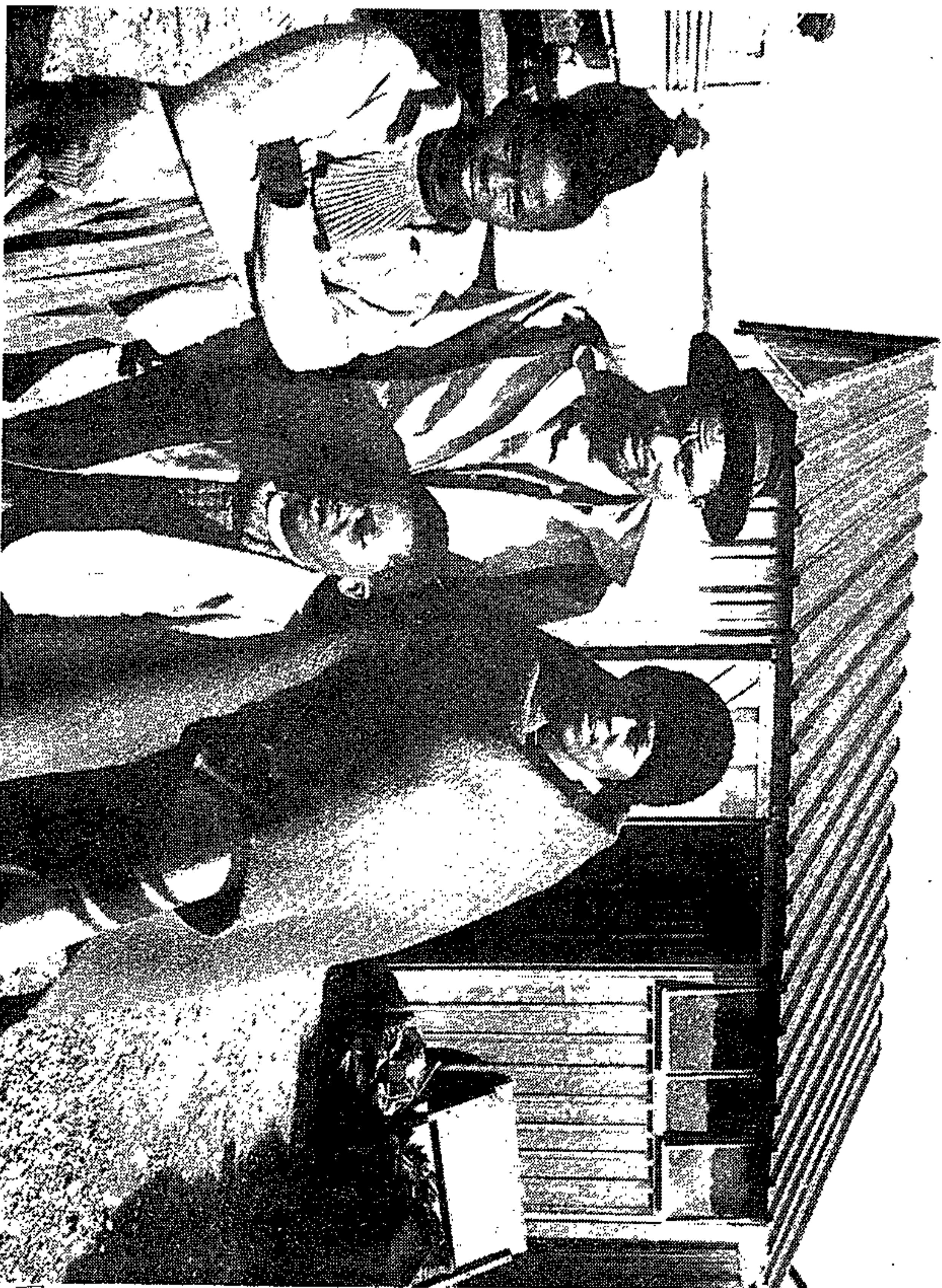
moved during the next few years — was supervised by board officials.

About six families will be moved each day. The remainder of the 200 families who are the first group to move there as part of the R9,7-million first phase of the development are at present staying in overcrowded conditions at disused beerhalls in Langa and Nyanga.

Although it was unlikely that the first two residents at the site would require public transport today, a bus with a bored driver and inspector on board stood on standby.

On the site, bulldozers and construction vehicles were nearing the end of the mammoth 18-day task to clear and level the site.

A group of health officials from the Divisional Council inspected the area while construction workers prepared a site

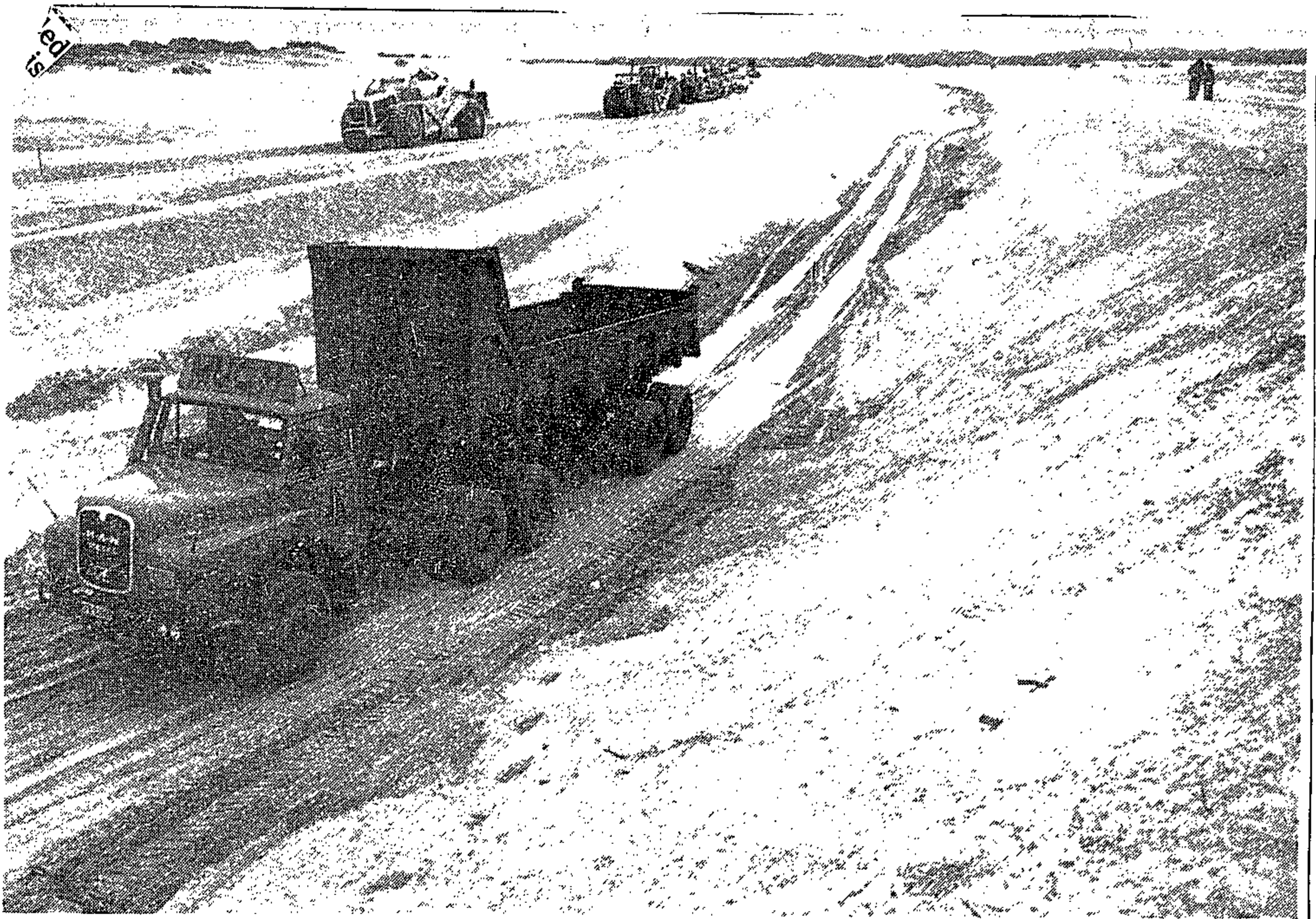


The first resident of Khayelitsha, Mr Anderson Xhala, with his wife Pemesisa and children Agnes and Eric.

for a prefabricated clinic which would be put up tomorrow.

The Administration

Board has already built an administrative office and a board official said that families moving in would be provided with station and shopping centre and about 1 km from the border of Mitchell's Plain.



CONTRACT workers race to meet their deadline today for clearing and levelling the site for the new African township, Khayelitsha, at Driftsands near Mitchell's Plain. On Monday, KTC squatters will become the first of thousands of people who will eventually be moved there.

Flat-out work carves town site in the bush

Staff Reporter

IT'S as if someone is hastily scribbling down an idea lest it is forgotten.

That's what the frantic activity is like at Driftsands near Swartklip — site of the new township, Khayelitsha.

In a clearing about the size of 20 rugby fields, 14 bulldozers and 14 front-end loaders yesterday droned about, flattening the earth, creating interesting patterns.

On the 5 km access road which graders have cut through the bush, 50 or more huge trucks sped to and fro.

MONITORED

On their way, monitors clicked up the number of lorry-loads of sand which have been taken from the bowl created in the rolling hills.

Half-a-million cubic metres of earth, that's how much sand has been moved from the area in which the Government

intends to house Africans.

On the way in, the trucks carry gravel and stone.

The site-co-ordinator, Mr John Matchett, hopes to have the site cleared and levelled by knock-off time today.

INSPECTION

Later today the Administration Board will show journalists and Government officials the results of two weeks of frantic work.

By Monday a gravel exit road, which is still being built, will wind through the hills. That day, 200 KTC squatter families are expected to move in.

Initially they will stay in shacks they will erect, or which the Administration Board will help them erect if they don't have the material.

On Tuesday, the first subsidised bus service is expected to start. And by

Wednesday it is expected that clinic services will be provided.

And then the settling-in starts, the re-organisation.

How best to travel to work, how do the children travel to school, where is the nearest shop and station?

The nearest station is about 4 km away. Mitchell's Plain and the nearest shop are 3 km away.

About 800 people, all on the African housing waiting list, will move to the area next week.

The Government hopes eventually to house all Africans in the Western Cape, including residents of Guguletu, Langa and Nyanga, at Khayelitsha (Our Home).

Contractors hope to start building the first of 1 000 houses early next year.

But, for many people, Khayelitsha will come into being on Monday.

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THIRTY-SIX of the 76 KTC squatters who are awaiting trial went on a one-day hunger strike while being held at the Pollsmoor Prison last week.

The liaison section of the Prisons Department said in a statement: "Thirty-six of the 38 male unsentenced prisoners preferred not to take meals provided to them from Monday morning, May 23 to Tuesday, May 24. Medical treatment was on hand throughout the duration of the strike."

The striking squatters were among the 76 arrested at KTC on May 17 after a night in which teargas was fired into the crowd.

● A test case in which bail was applied for one of the squatters, failed last week and the hearings for the group were adjourned to several dates between June 13 and June 27.



Co-operation and Development

Khayalitsha

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'success story'

Political Correspondent
HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY.

— The government yesterday dismissed criticism of the new black township near Mitchells Plain and said Khayalitsha would become one of the success stories of the Western Cape.

The Minister of Co-operation and Development, Dr Piet Koornhof, and his deputy, Dr George Morrison, both praised the development during the Budget debate on Dr Koornhof's department.

Dr Morrison also scoffed at suggestions that black people who moved there from other townships in the Peninsula would lose their residence rights in white urban areas.

Dr Koornhof announced that the first people had moved to Khayalitsha yesterday, only three weeks after the start of construction work to provide the first serviced sites for controlled self-build schemes.

The first phase involved the provision of about 1 000 sites averaging 170 square metres, with rudimentary services such as gravel roads, one tap for each four sites, bucket toilets, street lights and a refuse-removal service.

Permanent services such as sewerage and water would eventually be provided for each site. There would also be community facilities such as administrative offices, a school, a clinic, a post office, shops and public transport.

Dr Koornhof said Khayalitsha would have rail connections to Cape Town, 30km away, and Bellville, 15km away.

He estimated the cost of the first phase at

R2,5-million, excluding the cost of schools.

He said the total area was 3 000ha, of which 2 500ha was available for urban development. The government planned to build a city for between 200 000 and 300 000 people there.

He emphasized that while there could be no "filling in" or increase in the population densities of Langa, Nyanga and Guguletu, this did not mean there could be no normal maintenance and improvements to existing housing in these areas.

Dr Morrison said there would be five core areas, each with its own facilities.

"There will also be a separate elite area with one of the best sea views in the Peninsula. People will be able to build their own houses to their own taste and according to their means," he said.

The government was investigating the possibility of home-ownership and sectional title at Khayalitsha.

Dr Morrison dismissed demands from former squatters that the government provide housing for them, instead of sites where they had to erect their own homes.

He said it was no longer possible for the government to provide housing for everyone.

Mrs Helen Suzman (PFP Houghton) accused the government of trying to keep the Western Cape as the last redoubt of white South Africa.

She said Khayalitsha would be uneconomic because its distance from other areas would make construction costs of self-help housing much more expensive.

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*9. Mr. K. M. ANDREW asked the Minister of Co-operation and Development:

- (1) Whether the Khayelitsha site falls within a prescribed area as defined in the Blacks (Urban Areas) Consolidation Act, No. 25 of 1945; if so, within which prescribed area; if not,
- (2) whether the rights acquired by persons under section 10 of the above-mentioned Act will be affected by their moving to Khayelitsha; if so, in what way;
- (3) whether he is planning to (a) declare as a prescribed area an area which includes the Khayelitsha site and/or (b) extend an existing prescribed area to include this site; if so, (i) when and (ii) what area of areas are involved?

The MINISTER OF CO-OPERATION AND DEVELOPMENT:

- (1) Yes. Divisional Council of the Cape
- (2) No.
- (3) Falls away.

Potsdam residents to complain to Ciskei govt

EAST LONDON — Residents of the recently created squatter settlement at Potsdam say they are to meet Ciskei Government officials on Sunday to discuss their dissatisfaction with their living conditions.

The residents were moved by the Ciskei Government from a squatter settlement known as Blue Rock at Arnoldon, near Mdantsane, where, they said, they were waiting to be allocated houses in Mdantsane.

The Ciskei Minister of Interior, Mr B. L. Williams, said at the time that Blue Rock lacked basic facilities and was not controlled.

The government was going to provide essential services at Potsdam, had provided material for shacks and would ensure that children attended school.

The government subsequently provided tents to accommodate some of the approximately 600 people who did not have shelter.

A visit to Potsdam this week showed that life is expensive. Brown bread and paraffin sell for 50c

ing the bush to relieve themselves.

Conditions were dusty.

Empty soup kitchen structures were scattered around the camp.

Two women from the old Potsdam village on the opposite side of the road, Mrs Elizabeth Manga and Mrs Emily Ntombana, are working under the headman, Mr Melford April taking down names of the destitute who depend entirely on government supplies of soup and porridge, and handouts from neighbours.

Mrs Manga confirmed that the soup and porridge supplies had been discontinued and would resume when the kitchens had been completed.

Two women who say they were appointed by the tent-town community at Potsdam to air their views through the media, described life as "hell".

They are Mrs Irene Somdaka, a mother of four, and Mrs Francis Mlindiso, a mother of three.



Mrs Lisa Tanda watched by her great-grandchild, Melisizwe Feleni, reviving the flame so the meal may be ready for lunch. They cook outside, as they cannot afford to buy paraffin.

Mrs Somdaka said old residents were not pleased about the resettlement of Blue Rock people in their area.

"At bus stops these old residents resent our presence. They do not want us to board buses to Mdantsane. They claim the buses are theirs," Mrs Somdaka said.

She said there were only three single pail toilets in the main street of the tent-town.

settle, yet we are Ciskeians," said Mrs Mlindiso holding her 22 month old son Ndimphiwe.

Six hundred people filled application forms for houses at Mdantsane when Mr Q. Kewuti, MP for Mdantsane and some clerks visited the tent-town. Mrs Mlindiso said.

A diabetic, Mrs Princess Makalima Boya, 36, said she was supposed to visit Cecilia Makiwane

Hospital once a month for treatment, but since she had been resettled at Potsdam, she could no longer afford the trip to the hospital.

Mr Jackson Mpalala, who receives a disability grant, said he had not been near the Frere Hospital doctors he is supposed to see weekly, for over a month now.

"I am broke and destitute. My bed and blankets were stolen when I moved here from Blue

Rock, so now I sleep in my tent on the grass and without blankets. I have appealed to all the authorities that came here to no avail," he said.

Mrs Boya said their children still attended Mdantsane schools some as far away as zone one and two and it was costly and inconvenient.

Others had left school as their parents could no longer afford the bus fare and school fees. —

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Men from the Ciskei Department of Works are constructing corrugated iron structures that will serve as dispensaries and clinics in the future, but residents said there were no medical facilities as yet.

There were three corrugated iron toilet structures lying on their sides, and empty pails that were supposed to serve as toilets. Residents said they were us-

"Most families are starving and putting up with unkind weather in tents and shacks while other Ciskeians wax fat. This is all done in the good name of democracy, freedom and independence," Mrs Mlindiso said.

She said government officials had not responded satisfactorily to complaints raised at a previous meeting with residents.

Water for domestic purposes was drawn from taps and tanks one-and-a-half kilometres from the tent-town.

"We have been to Zwelitsha to see our president but failed every time to meet him and voice our grievances. We want the people to know the conditions under which we live through no fault of ours."

"We are a lost community with nowhere to

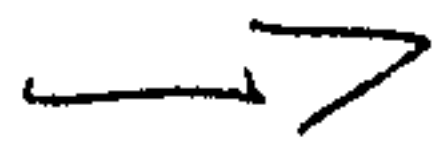
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 *4. Mr. K. M. ANDREW asked the Minister of Co-operation and Development:

- (1) Whether any provision is to be made for (a)(i) pre-primary, (ii) primary and (iii) high schools, (b) health care, (c) shops, (d) churches and (e) transport requirements in respect of the first 1 000 families to be allocated sites at the new township at Drift Sands/Swartklip referred to in his reply to Question No. 8 on 13 May 1983; if not, why not; if so,
- (2) (a) what will be the nature of these facilities, (b) when is it anticipated that they will be completed and (c) what is the estimated cost in each case;
- (3) what amount has been allocated by (a) his Department and (b) other specified sources for the provision of such facilities?

The DEPUTY MINISTER OF CO-OPERATION:

- (1) (a) (i) No, not at this stage.
 (ii) Yes.
 (iii) No, not at this stage.
 (b), (c), (d) and (e) Yes.
- (2) (a) The provision of school facilities is the function of the Department of Education and Training and it can be accepted that it is regarded as a matter of priority by that Department. The Health Department of the Divisional Council of the Cape is on site to provide health services. Mobile shops are also on the site and provision is made for churches on a site-basis. Subsidized transport is provided by means of passenger buses by Messrs Cape City Tramways.

- (b) Exact dates cannot be furnished at this stage but the availability of facilities will be programmed according to needs as families are settled in the new township. Subsidized transport is already being provided.
- (c) No firm estimate of cost can be given at this stage as planning is yet to be finalized. However, R9.7 million has been allocated for the development of the township during the current financial year.
- (3) (a) and (b) The funds for the infrastructure were allocated from the National Housing Fund. Education facilities are to be funded by the Department of Education and Training and transport subsidy by the Department of Transport.



Hout Bay

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Staff Reporter

HOUT BAY squatters living illegally on a farm beside the Disa River were told by Mr C Theron, chief inspector for the Western Cape Administration Board, that their position would be legalized and alternative accommodation provided for them, the Langa Commissioner's Court was told yesterday.

Miss Angeline Mpangele, of the Disa River squatter camp, appeared on charges of being in the area illegally and of not having a valid pass. Two others who were arrested with her will appear in court next week.

Mr Alfred Sikepe, a member of the Disa River Squatters Committee, told the court that in 1979 Mr Theron had visited the camp and told the committee that the squatters would be legalized as had those at the nearby Kadotsloot camp.

Housed in Langa

He understood the Kadotsloot squatters had been moved from Hout Bay and provided with alternative accommodation in Langa.

Mr Dan Lecordeur, the manager of an engineering supplies firm in Epping and a lay preacher who ministers to the squatters, said that in June 1980 he had

approached the WCAB in order to discuss the position of the squatters who had been anxious following a raid on the camp.

He said he had been told at a meeting with the Chief Commissioner for Co-operation and Development, Mr Timo Bezuidenhout, Mr Theron and other WCAB officials, that squatters' positions would be assessed on merit. While some might be sent back to Transkei others would be settled in an alternative area.

Confident

The people were confident that they were entitled to stay at the camp since they had been told to wait for this to be done.

Mr Lecordeur said the squatters worked mainly as fishermen in Hout Bay and they had to live in the area.

He said the community had been living on the farm for many years and until a white housing development scheme was started in the area recently, the farm owner — who employed many of the squatters in his fishing company — had not objected to their presence.

Miss Mpangele was remanded till Tuesday.

Mr W Fourie presided. Mr J J Uys appeared for the State. Mr D Burton appeared for the Miss Mpangele.

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Squatters ordered to leave

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Staff Reporter

A COMMUNITY of about 60 squatter families living at Brown's Farm opposite Nyanga have been served with notices by the Cape Divisional Council warning them that their shacks will be demolished.

The squatters, some of whom have been living at or near the camp for 20 years, were given seven days to leave.

They say they have not been offered alternative accommodation by the Divisional Council, but were visited by officials of the Department of Community Development last week who took their names.

At a meeting called yesterday to discuss the pending demolitions, residents decided to go to the Divisional Council's Ottery offices this morning and seek an explanation for the demolitions.

A Cape Times reporter was yesterday shown some demolition notices, dated from June 1 onwards.

The residents say officials have told them the demolitions will start today.

Mrs Magdelene Mathews, who has been living "in and around" Brown's Farm for 25 years, has a hospital card saying she has an

advanced case of tuberculosis.

There are a number of illnesses, including TB, among the children, and the people say they are extremely unhappy at the short notice they were given.

Mr Sammy Hartebees, 59, who has had a demolition notice served on him, is bed-ridden. He says he has no idea what he will do if the Divisional Council demolishes his shack.

There are more than 300 people living at Brown's Farm, many of whom moved from the adjoining Lourde's Farm squatter camp after it was demolished.

Some say they were then offered housing at Atlantis, but refused as they couldn't afford the long-distance transport fares to their jobs.

Others were lodgers at Lourde's Farm and lost their accommodation when the Divisional Council moved the people whose houses they were lodging in to Atlantis.

Mr G Basson, chairman of the Divisional Council, said yesterday that he had no knowledge of the pending demolitions and attempts to reach Mr W Vivier, secretary of the council, for comment were unsuccessful.

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Man was in KTC legally

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Staff Reporter

A 20-YEAR-OLD man who visited his parents at the KTC squatter camp to obtain money to get to work, was acquitted in the Athlone Magistrate's Court yesterday on charges of squatting and trespassing because the evidence against him was "both vague and lacking".

The State alleged that on May 17 at the KTC camp, Msuseli Eric Tomsana, of NY 49, Guguletu, squatted illegally. An alternative charge was that he had trespassed at KTC without the prior permission of the Western Cape Administration Board.

He pleaded not guilty.

Mr Matthys Johannes Burger, a WCAB inspector, said Mr Tomsana was arrested with other people about 7am on May 17. They had been warned the night before to leave.

Mr Tomsana said he was not aware that he had to obtain permission to visit his parents at KTC because they were on a waiting list for accommodation.

31-year squatter sentenced

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Staff Reporter

A LABOURER described as an illegal squatter in the Peninsula for 31 years was yesterday convicted on charges of squatting and of being in the Peninsula illegally and fined a total of R100 (or 100 days), suspended on condition that he returned to Lady Frere in Transkei to register as a work seeker.

From KTC

Nkosana Stuurman, 48, formerly of the KTC camp, was convicted of squatting and of being in the Peninsula illegally for more than 72 hours and fined R50 (or 50 days), conditionally suspended for 12 months, on each count.

He was ordered to report to Lady Frere to register as a work-seeker before June 30.

He pleaded guilty to both charges but said he had contravened the

laws in self-defence.

He testified that he had arrived in the Peninsula in 1952 and had lived with his brother in Langa for a while.

He had got a job in Paarl where he worked for 10 years until he was dismissed in 1962 after losing his arm in an accident.

He had also lost permission to live and work in the Peninsula.

He has been doing casual work ever since, earning between R10 and R50 a week.

He had made numerous attempts to get permission to remain in the Peninsula.

"After a while I decided to go and live in the bush, which was the only place I could stay in comfort," he said.

'Won't return'

He said even if the court punished him, he would not return to Transkei. There was no work. The law was "as good as me throwing myself from a cliff".

The magistrate, Mr A P Kotze, said: "The court is worried that you will not leave in spite of being sentenced. It will interpret your attitude as one of desperation and will give you a chance to do something about your circumstances."

Mr J Yekiso appeared for Stuurman and Mr A C Venter for the State.

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Squatter homes 'not available'

**Community Affairs
Reporter**

No alternative accommodation is available for the Brown's Farm squatters who have been sent demolition notices, according to Mr C H Mocke, acting secretary of the Divisional Council.

Replying to written questions from The Argus, Mr Mocke said 32 notices of demolition had been issued to Brown's Farm squatters.

But a lawyer who is applying for an urgent

Supreme Court interdict restraining officials of the Divisional Council from demolishing the homes of Brown's Farm residents, says he has about 60 demolition notices.

The demolitions have been ordered in terms of the Prevention of Illegal Squatting Act. Mr Mocke said in terms of legislation no notice was required but "it is the council's policy to do so".

While some squatters claim to have been in the area for 20 years, Mr

Mocke said according to the council's records none of them had been resident on Brown's Farm for this length of time.

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Asked if the Divisional Council would take responsibility for the health of the squatters if their shelters were demolished and they were forced to live out in the open, Mr Mocke replied "No comment".

Mrs Trooi Japhta, one of the Brown's Farm squatters who has been

ordered to demolish her house in seven days or have the council demolish it, said she thought her family would die if they had to live in the open.

Her five-year-old daughter Esther is being treated for tuberculosis and her 11-year-old child suffers from epileptic fits.

Mrs Japhta, who had a nervous breakdown a few years ago, said: "I feel terrible about this. I can't stand having my house broken down."

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Squatter charge: Man is cleared

Staff Reporter

A MAN was acquitted in the Athlone Magistrate's Court yesterday of squatting at the KTC camp, after the State had failed to prove that the land was owned by the Western Cape Administration Board (WCAB).

However, James Faleni, 29, was fined R100 (or 50 days), conditionally suspended for two years, for being in the Peninsula for more than 72 hours.

He was further cautioned and discharged on a charge of failing to produce his reference book on demand.

The State alleged that on May 17 at the KTC site Faleni illegally squatted at the site, alternatively that he trespassed or remained at the site without the permission of the WCAB.

Faleni said he had come from Lady Frere in Transkei, where he had lived in the bush, in 1971 because he had difficulty getting work.

He said that whether he lived in Transkei or South Africa he would suffer, but at least here he could find casual employment.

Mr A Vardy, for Faleni, said his client was at the site out of necessity. He faced a threat of hunger in Transkei and had acted in a reasonable way.

At no time did he intend harming anyone or disrupting social order, Mr Vardy said.

Acquitting Faleni on the squatting charge, the magistrate, Mr A P Kotze, said the State had failed to prove that the WCAB owned the land.

As a condition of suspension on the charge of being in the Peninsula for more than 72 hours, Faleni was ordered to return to Transkei before June 30 unless he could obtain permission to remain here.

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1975 deadline in shack demolition

Staff Reporter

THE SHACKS of all squatters not registered in a 1975 survey had to be destroyed by the authorities "irrespective of the time of year" in terms of current policy, the acting head of the Divisional Council of the Cape, Mr C H Mocke, said yesterday.

In a letter replying to written questions concerning the squatters of Brown's Farm, he said there were 32 families of unregistered squatters in non-numbered shacks which had to be demolished.

No alternative accommodation had been made available. The squatters had been giv-

en seven days' notice, "although the relevant legislation does not require notice to be given".

Extensions of the notice period were "not possible", except in cases of those who were genuinely sick, according to Mr Mocke's letter.

The question of the sick had been referred to the Health Department for investigation.

The Divisional Council had jurisdiction over the coloured people but not over blacks, the letter said. The Western Cape Administration Board (WCAB) and the Department of Community Development had jurisdiction over the blacks concurrently.

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KTC squatter camp
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961. Mr. K. M. ANDREW asked the
Minister of Law and Order:

- (1) Whether (a) floodlights, (b) spotlights and (c) any other specified forms of lighting were (i) installed and (ii) used by the South African Police at the KTC squatter camp in April and/or May 1983; if so,
- (2) (a) on what dates, (b) on whose instructions and (c) for what purpose was each of these forms of lighting (i) installed and (ii) used?

The MINISTER OF LAW AND ORDER:

- (1) (a) (i) and (ii) Yes, during May 1983.
(b) and (c) No.
- (2) (a) From 9 to 15 May, 17 to 19 May and on 22 May 1983.
(b) The officer in charge of the riot squad of the Police
(c) (i) and (ii) To illuminate the area at night in order to enable them to perform their functions effectively

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taken and (ii) what was the purport of each decision?

†The MINISTER OF CO-OPERATION AND DEVELOPMENT:

- (a) (i) 24 261 persons.
(ii) Approximately 4 246 families.
- (b) (i) The Cabinet decided on 27 March 1979 that the following categories of members of the Black community who were in "Old Crossroads" on 31 December 1978 be allowed accommodation in "New Crossroads".
- (aa) Men who qualified in terms of section 10(1)(a) or (b) of Act 25 of 1945, together with their families.
- (bb) Men (contract workers) legally employed in terms of section 10(1)(d) of Act 25 of 1945, together with their families.
- (cc) Displaced compassion cases who were for many years in or from White areas in the Western Cape and who had nowhere to go.
- (dd) Men legally present but still to obtain section 10(1)(b) of Act 25 of 1945 status, together with families.

On 5 April 1979 it was decided on Ministerial level that a survey be undertaken to determine who would qualify in terms of these categories and that a Committee be established to decide on doubtful cases. This Committee was disestablished on 20 September 1982 but re-established on 28 October 1982.

On 5 September 1979 it was ruled that workers who were illegally employed be permitted in terms of section 10(1)(d) of Act 25 of 1945 to register with their employers on a one year service contract basis. Dependents of such workers were considered on an *ad hoc* basis to legalize their

presence temporarily in terms of section 10(1)(d) permits in order to decide where they should go.

On 29 June 1982 it was decided that illegally present members of Black communities be allowed until 20 September 1982 whereafter they would be subject to normal influx control measures including prosecutions which actions were instituted.

- (ii) The decisions were taken in order to deal with the Crossroads issue in the best possible manner to ensure that difficult circumstances be stabilized and not get out of hand.

Ministers.

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Crossroads inhabitants
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*1. Mr. J. H. HOON asked the Minister of Co-operation and Development:†

(a) How many (i) persons and (ii) families have in terms of Government decisions with regard to the inhabitants of Crossroads been allowed to remain in the Cape Peninsula since 1 January 1979 and (b)(i) on what date was each of these decisions

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Pass officials: 'No legal qualifications'

By TOS WENTZEL
Political Correspondent

TWO presiding officers at the Langa Commissioner's Courts had no legal qualifications although they had considerable experience in these courts, the Minister of Co-operation and Development, Dr Piet Koornhof, told the Assembly.

Answering questions put to him by Mr K M Andrew (PFP Gardens), Dr Koornhof said that Mr L van Wyk, who was one of the two presiding officers appointed on a permanent basis from 1980 to 1983, had no legal qualifications but had 10 years of bench experience in these courts.

Another presiding officer, Mr J J Fourie, who had served in the Langa court for only two days in 1981, also had no legal qualifications but had 10 years of experience in commissioners' courts.

In answer to another question from Mr Andrew, Dr Koornhof said that only 104 of the 9 298 people appearing before the Langa Commissioner's Courts last year 1982 were legally represented.

Mr Andrew pointed out today that Mr Timo Bezuidenhout, Chief Commissioner in the Western Cape, had stated last week that the law was being applied fairly and that the majority of the cases in the courts were defended.

This was disproved by Dr Koornhof's answer, he said.

Equally serious was the fact that some presiding officers had no legal qualifications, yet these courts sentenced people to fines totalling R250 000 last year and to jail sentences totalling 684 years in 1981, all for "the crime of attempting to work and live together as a family".

Raid on Hout Bay Squatters

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Staff Reporter

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Cape Administration Board (WCAB) officials yesterday raided the Disa River squatter camp in Hout Bay, taking at least three adults into custody and leaving 11 children in the care of their "teacher".

This brings the total number of the camp's squatters taken into police custody to about 200 after a number of raids on the community during the past two weeks.

A resident, who did not want her name published, said yesterday

afternoon that the officials had taken away about 20 people in the first raid on Tuesday last week.

The next day a large number of people were taken and although she had been in possession of a valid pass she had been charged and fined R30 for trespassing.

"I find it strange that I was fined for trespassing on Mr Bill Mitchell's ground as he has never come to put up any private property signs since the Disa River community was founded here in 1979."

Last Friday the WCAB again raided the community and about 200 people were arrested including 10 small children, she said.

Yesterday morning the officials raided the camp taking the remaining three adults with them but leaving eleven children aged between three and six years, in the care of their "teacher".

The woman said most of the residents were former residents from Kadotsloot, a squatter camp on the mountain-

side near the fishing harbour, who were told they had to move to Transkei when the adjacent property was developed in 1979.

Although some of the people were taken to Transkei a group of them moved into the bush on the slopes of the Constantiaberg to found the Disa River camp.

Recently some other squatter families, who had been forced to move from the harbour side of the bay due to further development, had moved to the Disa camp bringing the total number of families to about 50, she said.

The owner of the property, Mr Bill Mitchell, said the WCAB had come to see him to ask permission to move the people on his property.

Mr Mitchell said he had not been to the property since 1974 when someone asked him permission to build a yacht in a large garage there.

Attempts to contact officials of the WCAB for comment last night failed.

While half of the Hout Bay Disa squatter camp's children are in police custody following raids during the past few weeks, schooling of the 11 remaining children continued yesterday afternoon.



SA, Transkei to meet over job dilemma

By Anthony Duigan

South African and Transkei authorities are to meet in Cape Town next Tuesday over the controversial moves to repatriate 1 000 Cape Town squatters to the black state.

Earlier this year Transkei proposed a special employment action programme to take up some of the estimated 200 000 jobless in the territory. South Africa agreed to finance a short-term programme for 4 000 jobless — if 1 000 of the places went to some of the estimated 80 000 squatters in the Cape Peninsula, many of whom are said to be Transkeians.

Transkei authorities fought against linking the creation of jobs for Transkeian jobless and the repatriation of people who had to leave the territory because they could not make a living there.

Altogether 2 500 Transkeians are already employed on public works projects under this scheme and next Tuesday's meeting will try to resolve the deadlock over whether Cape Town squatters will take up the other jobs available or not.

"We feel there is a new willingness on South Africa's side

at least to consider our viewpoint. With our unemployment rate and more than 20 000 new people looking for jobs each year we just cannot accept the repatriation of squatters," one Transkei official said.

A leading Natal businessman, underlining the growing crisis of joblessness in the homelands, has proposed a joint Government-private enterprise initiative to create work in these areas.

Mr Chris Saunders, chairman of Tongaat-Hulett Group, suggested in his company's annual report this week that the drought-aggravated situation of many rural populations will have a ripple effect felt throughout South Africa.

"There is an urgent need for relief employment schemes aided by the resources of the relevant government departments and private enterprise whereby rural rehabilitation and development can be accelerated," he said.

"Given the right financial, administrative, organisational and professional assistance there is no reason why unemployed rural populations cannot be usefully occupied in the construction of essential services.



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HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY. — Floodlights were used at the KTC squatter camp last month, the Minister of Law and Order, Mr Louis le Grange, said yesterday.

The Minister of Co-operation and Development, Dr Piet Koornhof, denied last month that floodlights were used even after being asked whether he had seen newspaper photographs of lights trained on squatters. Both ministers were answering questions put by Mr Ken Andrew (PFP Gardens).

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"I therefore fail to see any grounds for my recusal."

Three of the five accused men, Mr Zweletemba Clarick, 37, Mr Sithulise Kwele 38 and Mr Prutse Sibhozo, 39, were granted R50 bail each provided they report daily to the Guguletu police station until the day of their trial, June 24.

Releasing the men, Mr Fourie warned them that their bail receipts would not automatically entitle them to stay there until June 24. They would have to apply for visitors' permits.

Earlier in the hearing Mr Fortes said one of the accused men had described severely overcrowded conditions in Pollsmoor Prison.

Two other squatters who appeared in the same hearing, Mr Joe Mashoba, 42, and Mr Minnis Mabila, 31, were remanded until June 24 after it was learnt they would not be able to afford bail.

In a separate hearing five other squatters were remanded until June 22. They were not represented.

All 10 men are accused of being in the Disa River area of Hout Bay illegally and have been held in Pollsmoor Prison since their arrest at the squatter camp during the past two weeks.

5 ex-KTC residents convicted

Staff Reporter

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He was acquitted on a charge of remaining in the Peninsula for longer than 72 hours as there was evidence that he was a contract worker, and ordered to report to the Langa Commissioner's offices to arrange accommodation.

Mr E F van Jaarsveld, a Western Cape Administration Board (WCAB) inspector, said the men were part of a group arrested at the KTC site on May 17 because they could not show permission to live and work in the Peninsula.

Mr D C Luyt, for all the men, said they were in a desperate position and had not had any reasonable alternative course to follow.

The magistrate was Mr A P Kotze. Mr A C Venter appeared for the State.



These former KTC squatters have all vowed never to return to Transkei despite an Athlone magistrate making their return a condition of suspending their sentences. Outside the Athlone Magistrate's Court yesterday were: Edward Nginangini, top left; Elias Maqaga, top right; Litchman Mbkeni, centre; Siphon Mkesi, left, and Pinana Qomsazi, right.

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6 KTC men found guilty

Staff Reporter

SIX men were convicted on squatting charges when they appeared in the Athlone Magistrate's Court yesterday.

The men, Mhlebusina Kumikati 33, Vethezo Cholitiza, 25, Gerald Kwakwan, 35, Michael Mpaypheli, 33, Mzwandile Mankayi, 25, and Kristen Lize, 22, pleaded guilty to the charges which included being in the Peninsula for more than 72 hours, and of failing to produce a reference book on demand at the KTC squatter camp on May 17.

Kumikati and Kwakwan were each fined R100 (or 100 days) on each count of illegal squatting and being in the Peninsula for more than 72 hours. Part of the fine — R75 (or 75 days) — was conditionally suspended for two years.

Cholitiza and Mpaypheli were each fined R50 (or 50 days) on each count of squatting and of being in the Peninsula for more than 72 hours. On a charge of failing to produce a reference book, each was fined R20 (or 20 days), conditionally suspended for two years.

The three counts against Mankayi and Lize were taken together for purpose of sentence and they were fined R50 (or 50 days).

Giving evidence in mitigation of sentence, Mr Charles Simkins, a senior lecturer in economics at UCT, said: "If I were in the position of the accused, I would consider that the duty towards my dependants outweighs my duty to obey a particular law."

Mr A P Kotze was the magistrate. Mr A C Venter appeared for the State and Mr J R Bromley appeared for all the men.



The squatters have all vowed never to return to Transkei despite an agreement making their return a condition of suspending their sentences. The men who appeared in the Athlone Magistrate's Court yesterday were: Edward Nginangini, top left; Litchman Mbkeni, top right; Litchman Mbkeni, centre; Sipho Mkesi, left, and Mzwandile Mankayi, right.

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Squatters tell of Transkei starvation

Staff Reporter

THEIR stories are the same — accounts of starvation and unemployment in Transkei before coming to Cape Town in search of a better way of life.

They do not want to return to Transkei, in spite of an Achlonie magistrate making it a condition of the suspension of their sentences that

they return to their places of origin before June 30.

The KTC squatters are now on trial in the Achlonie Magistrate's Court for living in the bush in plastic shelters during a bitterly cold and wet Cape winter.

Mr Edward Nginagini was fined R150 (or 150 days), suspended for two years. He left Xhagala,

Transkei, in 1969 because he had nowhere to live and no work.

"I've got three children and I'm prepared to face prosecution to stay here. At least I can find work here even if it's casual. I will come back if I'm deported," he said.

"I've faced hardship, it's part of my life. I just think

the Administration Board can relax its attitude and give me the same rights as other people."

Mr Litchman Mbkeni also has the sword of Damocles hanging over his head. A condition of the suspension of his sentence is that he returns to Transkei before June 30, unless he is granted permission to stay.

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Khayalitsha figures revised

Cape Times 16/6/83 Political Correspondent

HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY. — The Minister of Co-operation and Development, Dr Piet Koornhof, had to admit yesterday that he had been somewhat enthusiastic last week in estimating the growing population of Khayalitsha.

Asked about the new Western Cape black township during last Wednesday's debate on his department, he stated "categorically" that 200 families were in Khayalitsha that afternoon.

He repeated the contention when PFP members, who had visited Khayalitsha the previous day, expressed incredulity at the number of families suddenly settled in the township.

At question time yesterday Dr Koornhof said the actual number of families settled at Khayalitsha on June 8 was not 200, but 20 families comprising 96 people.

"On that date 200 persons were in the process of settling there and today, nine days later, there are 436 persons housed," he said.

Sash member will live on squatter diet

By SELLO RABOTHATA

ONE OF the members of Black Sash, Ms Jill de Vlieg, is to undertake a five-day fast in the organisation's protest week to observe the 70th anniversary of the 1913 Land Act and the South African Government's policy of forced removals.

The Black Sash yesterday said it was mounting the protest vigil to focus public attention on "the fatal consequences of black exclusion and dispossession which were officially established in the Act of Union in 1910 and the Land Act of 1913 — a policy which succeeding governments have steadily consolidated".

The organisation said all the horrors of influx control and resettlement culminated in the Orderly Movement and Resettlement of Black Persons Bill.

The impetus for this week of protest came from younger members of the Black Sash's relocation committee who, in the course of routine visits to communities under threat of removal, have been exposed for the first time to the pain of rural people.

"The rest of Black Sash's members have seen this happen year after year in the last three decades. We are no less distressed but more defeated than our younger members. Their outraged sense of urgency has encouraged the rest of us to make fresh efforts and enlist all possible support to prevent the removal of more established rural communities," the Black Sash said.

Ms de Vlieg, who has been particularly moved by the friendship and hospitality of the resettlement-threatened Driefontein people, said she would like to live for a week on a slice of bread and a cup of tea each day which some of the Driefontein people told her they had to do in order to save money while purchasing title to their land.

The Black Sash's programme for today is: 10am — Phyllis Lewson, a historian from Wits University will discuss at Khotso House the implementation of segregation; the 1936 Native Land and Trust Act. Lunch 1-2 pm. The 1913 Land Act legalising conquest by Mr Ernest Wentzel and 2.30pm an anecdotal fashion on the characters who were on the scene at the time of the Land Act; The Educated Courtesy of the Black Leaders; The Uncouth Response by dramatist William Kentridge.

3.30pm — Mr Dennis Mashabela will present oral history, tape recordings on interviews with blacks who lived through this time; 5pm — Jill de Vlieg will explain why she goes on a fast. 5.30pm — Beyers Naude will conduct prayers.

Squatters back on KTC site

By PHILIP
VAN NIEKERK

ABOUT 200 squatters yesterday moved back on to the KTC site which has been vacant since it was enclosed with barbed wire five weeks ago.

The squatters, many of whom have been living in a church in Langa since the camp's residents were removed in May, said they were demanding houses and the right to stay in Cape Town with their families.

Members of the committee, who did not wish to be named as most of them are "illegals", said they had nowhere else to stay and were "waiting for an answer from the government".

They said they were all former residents of KTC, scene of a three-month-long conflict between squatters and the authorities earlier this year.

When the site was cleared, squatters with passes were moved to

disused beerhalls and are now living at the new township of Khayelitsha. While some "illegals" were arrested, others escaped into the bush.

Yesterday, they began building makeshift willow structures only 10m from the barbed wire which encircles the camp. The wire has been broken in places and residents of the "legal" KTC camp opposite the road have been using it to dry their washing.

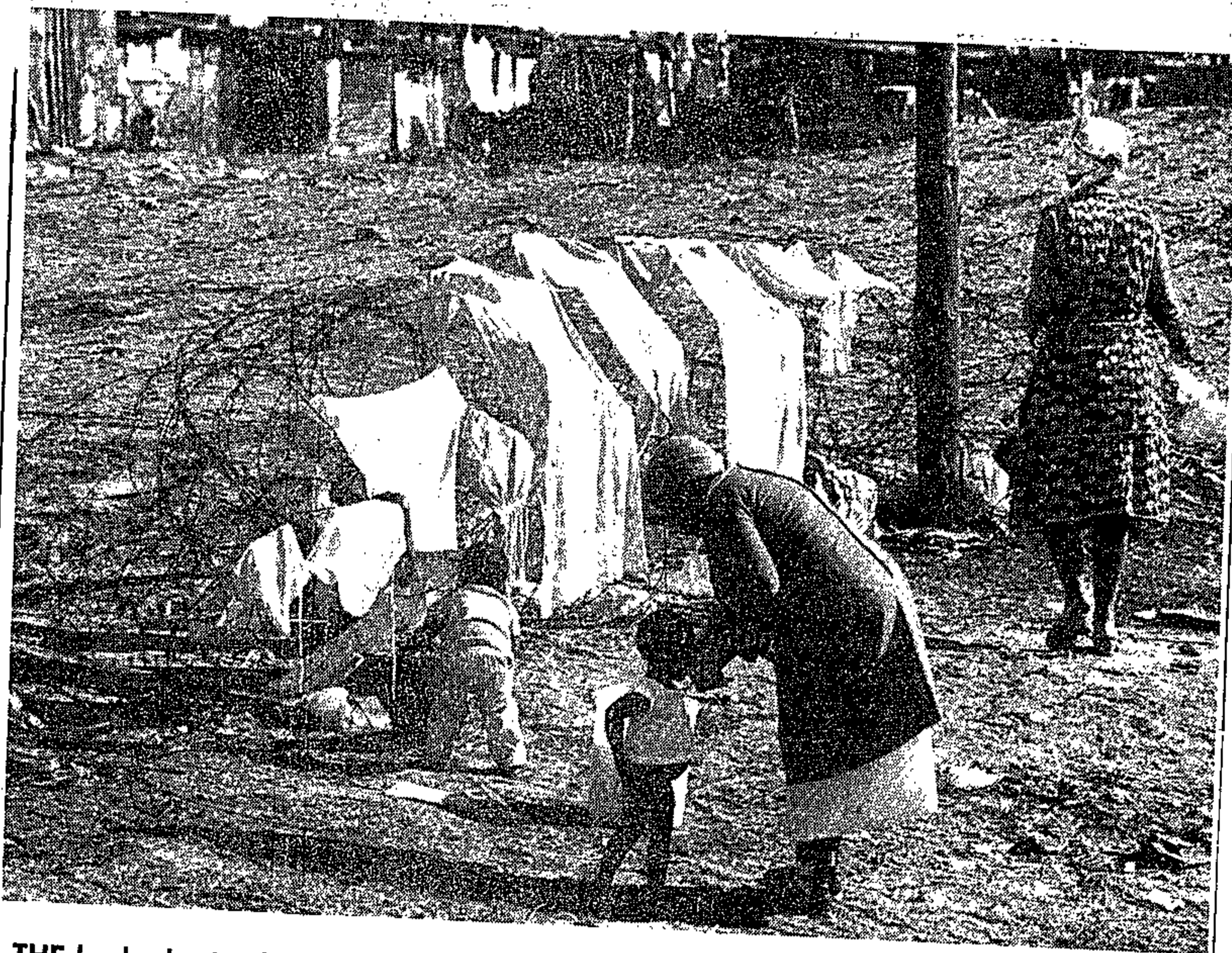
Several of the camp's residents have been recently released from prison after being charged with illegally squatting at KTC. They were arrested when the camp was cleared of all residents in May.

One, Mr Julius Komase, who was released on Friday, said he had been living in Cape Town since 1943. He has no pass, job, nor house and is prepared to go to Pollsmoor again rather than return to Transkei.



Children of some of the "illegal" KTC squatters who moved back on to the site yesterday play in the rubble left five weeks ago when all the camp's residents were removed and the site was sealed off with barbed wire.

Picture: Anne Laing



THE barbed-wire fence built around the KTC camp five weeks ago is being used by some of the squatters as a washing-line.

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Officials raid KTC site, burn shelters

Staff Reporter

OFFICIALS of the Administration Board today raided the KTC site, where about 200 squatters returned at the weekend.

The squatters yesterday erected plastic domes just outside the barbed-wire enclosure

put up a month ago when the original camp was demolished.

About six board vehicles arrived at the site just before midday today. Plastic shelters were torn down and burnt.

A squatter later said board officials warned them they would be ar-

rested if more structures were built on the site.

Most of the squatters who moved to the site at the weekend are considered "illegals" by the board.

They said they escaped arrest when the camp was demolished and stayed in the bushes

nearby or in a Langa church.

They returned to the camp because they have nowhere else to go. They are not prepared to go to Transkei.

After today's raid the squatters remained on the site, some preparing food.

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Shelters at KTC wrecked

Labour Reporter

ABOUT 200 KTC squatters fled into the bushes at the approach of a convoy of Western Cape Administration Board vehicles yesterday, and hid while WCAB inspectors demolished their shelters.

The squatters, former residents of KTC, moved back to the site on Sunday after spending the past five weeks living in a church in Langa, in the bush, or in jail.

The WCAB demolished the shacks in a half-hour raid on the KTC camp at noon yesterday — within 24 hours of the shelters going up next to the barbed wire fence.

The willow branches and plastic shelters were burnt in a large bonfire.

After the WCAB inspectors had left, the squatters returned from

the bushes, pulled their branches from the bonfire and started rebuilding their structures.

Mr Gert du Preez, chief liaison officer of the WCAB, said 21 structures had been demolished and that nobody had "as yet" been charged or arrested.

While most of the squatters fled from the WCAB, a few remained and were questioned but not arrested.

One man said he had told the WCAB inspectors that he had no pass and had asked them where he was expected to stay. He said he was told they would return today to arrest all the squatters.

"But it's better in jail than going back to the Transkei," he said. "In the meantime, I'm going to rebuild a shelter for tonight."

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Loser robs gambler

Crime Reporter

A GAMBLER scooped the pool at a game of cards in Hout Bay on Saturday night — only to be robbed of his winnings by one of the players.

Captain Gerhard van Rooyen, a police liaison officer for the Western Cape, said Mr Arryl Johnson, 26, was robbed of R388. No arrests had been made by late yesterday.

A police source said that five people, includ-

ing Mr Johnson, had been playing cards in a shack near Strandloper Court, Hout Bay. The pool had reached R388 about 7pm when Mr Johnson won it.

As he was pulling his winnings towards him, one of the players produced a gun, pointed it at Mr Johnson, stole the money and ran.

Snap, crackle and pot

MIAMI. — A Miami court clerk was fired yesterday for feeding 23 co-workers marijuana-laced cakes at a courthouse breakfast party.

Twenty people were taken to hospital over the weekend after eating the cakes, baked by Mr Howard Penn, 27, who has been charged with possession of a controlled substance.

The employees, most of whom said they had not experienced the ef-

Bonus Bonds



THE government has been accused of being less than frank on the bonus bonds issue. What do you think? Would you like to see a state lottery introduced? If you would like to comment please phone Teleletters, 41 3361 ext 219 between 9am and noon today. Be sure to give you name and address if you would like to be quoted.

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EMPANGENI. — Fourteen people were killed instantly and another three died later after a road accident between Babanango and Melmoth in Kwazulu on Saturday.

Police said the brake of a fully loaded open-backed lorry had failed while it was travelling down the Hayman Heights to a wedding near Melmoth. The truck overturned spilling the passengers.

Twelve people — four women, seven men and one child — were killed instantly. Three women died later in the Kwaagwaza Hospital. The police spokesman said 65 people were being treated for injuries.

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Staff Reporter

THE decentralization policy of the South African Government had failed in Transkei because the local industries could not absorb the large labour force, an Athlone magistrate was told yesterday.

Mr Iraj Abedian, a lecturer in economics at the University of Cape Town, was speaking at the trial of seven men accused of illegal squatting and being in the Peninsula for longer than 72 hours.

The men, Zitshonisile Mgibisa, 26, Mr Mgobozi Andries Ngwkiso, 29, Mr Alfred Qayi, 57, Mr Million Mati, 50, Mr Sydney Ngqola, 44, William Malala, 45, and Mr Skelo Eliot Jajini, all pleaded not guilty to the charges.

Mr Sydney Ngqola also pleaded not guilty to a further charge of failing to produce his reference book on demand.

Mr Abedian said he had done a thesis on the national accounts of Transkei and had lived there for 14 months.

He said the men were mainly migrant workers and an estimated 70 per cent of Transkei men were working in South Africa. The labour recruitment policy of

South Africa automatically affected most of the Transkei workforce, he said.

"As there were no major industrial or mining industries more pressure was put on people to migrate to other centres legally or otherwise. An additional national phenomenon was the drought," he said.

Mr Abedian said the two major Transkei industrial sectors, Butterworth and Umtata, were a result of the decentralization policy of the South African Government.

The policy failed because the industrial centres could not absorb the large Transkei labour force. There were neither raw material or skilled labour in Transkei to establish large industries.

"The Peninsula has an attraction because of the higher wages paid. Even if a person could get a job in Transkei he could expect to earn an average of R65 per month compared to about R200 in South Africa.

"People would rather violate the law to survive and it is an accepted fact that an individual would forego being near relatives if they have a chance to work," Mr Abedian said.

The trial continues today.

Mr A P Kotze was the magistrate. Mr A C Venter appeared for the State. Mr P J Berthold appeared for all the men.

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A SPECIAL 20-page supplement on how to improve your home, will appear with the Cape Times on Friday.

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Labour Reporter

A WESTERN Cape Administration Board (WCAB) inspector accidentally stumbled into the KTC squatters' latrine during yesterday's pre-dawn raid on the camp.

According to squatters who escaped the official net, WCAB inspectors equipped with torches made a surprise raid about 6am.

Moving in quietly through the bush, one unidentified inspector who did not know the terrain well, discovered the ground giving way to mounds of ... well, slush.

The man, in obvious discomfort, had to take off some of his clothes and remained in the background as colleagues rounded up scores of squatters.

The incident could not be confirmed by spokesmen for the WCAB, who were not available for comment. Neither could the squatters say whether the luckless inspector was given his own van to get back to the office.

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Constable Johan Landman told the court that a person would have to enter the ducts feet first and pull the rest of his body through, so it was unlikely that Mr Lensing had fallen into them.

The hearing continues today.

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Magistrate calls Transkei 'wretched'

Staff Reporter

THE situation in Transkei was wretched but it did not justify breaking the laws of South Africa, an Athlone magistrate said yesterday as he sentenced seven men for squatting at KTC.

Six men, Zitshonisile Mgibisa, 26, Mgobozi Andries Nqwikiso, 29, William Mati, 50, Sydney Ngqola, 44, William Malala, 39, and Skelo Eliot Jajini, 45, were sentenced to a total of R100 (or 100 days) each for illegal squatting and being in the Peninsula for longer than 72 hours.

The entire sentence was suspended on condition that they were not convicted of a similar offence and that they leave the Peninsula by July 15.

A seventh man, Alfred Qayi, 57, was acquitted of being in the Peninsula for longer than 72 hours. He was cautioned and discharged for illegal squatting.

Particulars in his reference book indicated he had worked for the same employer for 19 years.

"In the light of the Rikhotso judgment it appears as if he qualifies to live in the Peninsula," the magistrate, Mr A P Kotze, said.

All the men pleaded not guilty to the charges and raised necessity as their defence.

Passing judgment, Mr Kotze said: "Conditions in Transkei are bad and wretched but they cannot be classified as a state of emergency. No one testified that they approached the Transkei Government for assistance. The court is not satisfied that they did everything in their power."

Passing sentence Mr Kotze said: "The court has listened to the evidence and has sympathy with you who do not have any family left in your places of birth. The court cannot even give you advice but will impose a sentence which will prevent you from finding yourself in a similar position."

Mr A C Venter appeared for the State. Mr P J Berthold appeared for all the men.

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Govt has failed on squatters

Squatters at KTC site 'out of necessity'

Labour Reporter

MR Ken Andrew, PFP MP for Gardens and official opposition spokesman on black affairs in the Western Cape, yesterday called for a government moratorium to enable blacks to legalise their position in the Western Cape after the arrest of scores of squatters at the KTC camp in the morning.

Mr Andrew said involvement by genuine black leadership was needed to solve "the prolonged and unhappy saga". The government had "failed lamentably" to develop a realistic urbanization policy, he said.

The KTC site was again desolate yesterday after the pre-dawn arrests, which took place after Western Cape Administration (WCAB) inspectors had stalked up to the camp in the dark on foot.

A WCAB vehicle remained at the site all day to ensure shelters were not rebuilt.

A number of squatters who escaped arrest said they were determined to rebuild their shelters. Many, though "illegal", have been in the Peninsula for over 20 years.

Staff Reporter

FOUR women, all with babies, and two men pleaded not guilty in the Athlone Magistrates' Court yesterday to charges of illegal squatting and of remaining in the Peninsula for longer than 72 hours.

Mr J van Gend, for the accused, said Mr Jackson Makisi, 41, Mrs Nosandile Dlephu, 25, Mrs Daisy Nomfulana, 56, Mrs Vuyezwa Stuli, 32, Mrs Eunice Mcqatsa, 32, and Mr Thobela Caswell Makaplea, 27, would all admit that they were on the land.

He said people were at KTC out of necessity and any offence they could have committed would be excused in law by virtue of necessity.

At this stage in the proceedings, the magistrate, Mr A P Kotze said: "The court has heard a lot of these kind of cases and wonders if it should not recuse itself."

Mr Van Gend replied that he was "perfectly satisfied with the court's judgment".

Squatters fenced in

Mr E F van Jaarsveld, a Western Cape Administration Board (WCAB) official, testified that after warning people to leave on the night of May 16, officials had erected a one-metre barbed-wire fence to keep the people inside so that they could be arrested the following day.

The site was raided the following day by about 30 WCAB inspectors and police, and 72 people were arrested, he said.

Asked by Mr van Gend whether the WCAB expected people to leave the area at night, Mr van Jaarsveld replied that it was expected of the people to leave immediately.

The hearing continues today. All the accused were remanded.

Mr A C Venter appeared for the State.

KTC squatters held in 307 swoop

Staff Reporter

ADMINISTRATION Board officials arrested scores of people at KTC in a pre-dawn raid today.

A woman went into labour during the raid and was taken to hospital by ambulance.

A man who escaped arrest — he declined to give his surname — said the raid started at 6 am and about 40 vehicles took part.

A section of the raiding party parked in a road and stalked through the dunes using torches in the darkness, he said.

Radios

Radios were used to co-ordinate the raid and vehicles arrived at the camp to coincide with a raiding party on foot.

Plastic sheeting used in the construction of shelters, mattresses and wooden poles were burnt in two big bonfires on the site.

At 9 am bonfires continued to smoulder at the site which was deserted except for two officials parked on top of the sand dune overlooking KTC.

Reporters were asked to produce permits to be in the area and their presence was radioed to headquarters.

About 200 squatters fled into the bushes yesterday at the approach of a convoy of board vehicles and hid while inspectors demolished their shelters.

The squatters moved back to the site on Sunday and after yesterday's raid they returned from the bushes to rebuild their shelters.

Dispute over Great Karoo trek

Own Correspondent

PORT ELIZABETH. — The senior social worker for the Department of Internal Affairs at Beaufort West, Mrs Evelyn de Villiers, said this week that the "situation" of the Great Karoo's farm labourers, trekking from town to town in search of work, was "well under control".

"We have searched out the donkey-cart trekkers travelling south towards Beaufort West and have taken a count of their needs. We have told them there was work in the Merweville area. Some are sure to take our advice and move there," said Mrs De Villiers.

However, Mr Solly Essop, chairman of the Karoo Farm Workers' Union disagreed: "That's not how we see things. Mrs De Villiers, as a white person from the Karoo, seems to think the traditional farm trek-labourers would be happy if they trekked further westward to Merweville, Leeu-Gamka and Fraserburg and do any type of work.

"They are shepherds and wool shearers from the northern parts of the central Great Karoo and will eventually just trek back when the drought is over. Some will even move further to the Western Cape, nearer the Boland.

"This is a serious problem for the government. They must somehow improve the socio-economic lot of these people, or be prepared later to learn from the squatters around cities like Cape Town and Port Elizabeth, who originally come from that distant platteland," said Mr Essop.

Congress

Mr Essop, who is also chairman of the Beaufort West management committee, said the issue of the trekkers would be brought up at this week's annual congress of Association of Management Committees (Assomac) in Cape Town.

"The Beaufort West management committee last week approached the local town council for a temporary camp site for the trekkers — last week they were outspanned at Nelspoort, 60km from Beaufort West — but the town council appears to be arguing with the Koups Divisional Council as to which local authority should accept responsibility for the workless migrant workers."

Mr Essop said the South African Cape Corps Ex-Servicemen's League had also recently drawn up a special motion petitioning the government to urgently look into problems faced by farm labourers, especially in the Little and Great Karoo.

However, Mr Bill Francis, the league's national chairman, declined to comment on "this political matter", but confirmed he had referred the matter to the league's Karoo branch at Fraserburg and the Karoo Farm Workers' Union for an in-depth survey of work conditions on farms in the platteland.

Govt's Rikhoto stand welcomed

Political Correspondent

THE PFP spokesman on black affairs, Mrs Helen Suzman (PFP Houghton), yesterday welcomed the government's intention to accept the Appellate decision giving thousands of black contract workers permanent rights in urban areas.

She said, however, that these people faced the "Catch 22" situation of having to find almost non-existent accommodation before they could bring their families to live with them.

Mrs Suzman said now that the government had

stated its intention not to circumvent the Rikhoto judgment, it should see that all contract workers who qualified were given permanent residential rights.

"I hope no instructions will be given to administration board officials to obstruct contract workers from qualifying in terms of the law."

She questioned Dr Koornhof's intention of reducing "considerably" the potential number of 144 000 contract workers who could qualify. The law and the Rikhoto judgment were both very specific.

If a contract worker now qualified in terms of his period of employment, he had to be given permanent rights unless he lived or was employed outside the urban area concerned, or had been sentenced to a fine of more than R500 or imprisonment for more than six months.

Mrs Suzman also hoped Dr Koornhof intended to allow the families of newly-qualified contract workers to remain with them in urban areas even though these wives and children may have been in the areas "illegally" before the judgment.

Court told of migrant incomes

Staff Reporter

THE total income of Transkei, which includes money from the South African Government, was less than four percent of the income generated by migrant workers, an Athlone magistrate was told yesterday.

This was said by Mr Iraj Abedian, a lecturer in economics at the University of Cape Town in the trial of six KTC squatters — four women and two men.

Total employed

Jackson Makisi, 41, Nosandile Dlephu, 25, Daisy Nomulana, 56, Vuyezwa Stuli, 32, Eunice Mcqatsa, 23, and Thoblea Caswell Makapela, all pleaded not guilty to illegally squatting at the KTC camp and to being in the Peninsula for more than 72 hours.

Mr Abedian said Transkei's subsistence economy could employ 140 000 workers and had 60 000 informal sector employees. The rest of the people depended on the South African economy.

Of the estimated 1 million strong labour force, 400 000 people were registered legal migrant workers, and 200 000

were either unemployed or illegal migrants.

About 13 000 people were employed by the Transkei Government as casual labour. Of this total, about 6 000 would be employed for the whole of the year.

The alternative to government employment was the informal sector which at present employs about 60 000 people. The reason Butterworth and Umtata could not provide an informal sector was because trade was saturated, Mr Abedian said.

People with no skills could not move to other parts of the country because of prevailing tribal traditions. If people left their districts for a long time they would find it difficult to return.

Asked by the prosecutor, Mr A C Venter, what the role of the Transkei Development Corporation (TDC) was, Mr Abedian replied it was limited to the establishment of industries, with a preference for local industries.

There was little scope for the establishment of local industries.

Asked by Mr Venter if people starved, Mr Abedian said the situation was different to that in other parts of Africa because the possibility of illegal migration to South Africa always existed. "If people grow destitute they will violate the law", he said.

The hearing continues today.

Mr A P Kotze is the magistrate. Mr J van Gend appears for all the accused.

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Discrimination in labour policy alive and well

By PHILLIP VAN NIEKERK, Labour Reporter

RACIAL discrimination in labour policy is alive and well in the "liberal" Cape — perhaps more so than anywhere else in the country.

That much was made clear this week by Dr George Morrison, the Deputy Minister of Co-operation and Development, who again reiterated the government's stand that the Western Cape is to remain a coloured and white labour preference area.

Influx control, he said, was still being applied consistently in the area and the number of pass law prosecutions was "clear proof" of this.

Dr Morrison's statement is in fact clear proof that the government has chosen to ignore the feelings of just about every major interest group in Cape Town over the issue.

Menial jobs

The coloured labour preference policy entrenches racial job reservation by preventing employers from employing blacks unless there is no "suitable" coloured labour available. Many well-qualified black workers are forced into menial jobs because there is virtually no skilled or more attractive work open to them.

This policy goes hand in hand with the rigid enforcement of influx control in the Peninsula as evident in the pass raids, the endless and



Dr George Morrison... reiterated government stand on Western Cape

Mr David Curry... against preference area

ugly squatter crises such as at KTC and the acute housing shortage for blacks.

Cape Nationalist MPs, the firmest supporters of the policy, say it is there to protect coloured workers in their "natural habitat" from the competition of cheap black labour flowing in from the homelands.

Yet this view is based on a myth and a fallacy. The myth is that black workers are "foreign-

ers" in the Western Cape.

As several researchers have pointed out, blacks have contributed their labour to the region since the arrival of slaves from Angola more than 300 years ago.

The fallacy is that coloured workers need such protection. In fact, they did not ask for it in the first place.

Writing in the Cape Times in February, Mr David Curry, national chairman of the Labour Party, said: "Do our critics think we will rubber-stamp the continuous harassment of fellow blacks in the Western Province?"

"We are against any place being declared a preference area for employment for coloureds and whites only... We strongly object that this must be done in our name".

Trade unions with large coloured worker memberships such as the Food and Canning Workers' Union and the more conservative Textile Workers' Industrial Union have rejected the policy.

The Cape Chamber of Industries and the Cape Town Chamber of Commerce have made repeated and unsuccessful appeals to the government to grant blacks with permanent residence rights in Cape Town the same status as those in other cities.

Most telling of all, the director-general of the Department of Manpower, Dr Piet van der Merwe, told the President's Council economic affairs committee last year that the policy was a "discriminatory measure" which should be scrapped.

He said it was "difficult to justify a system which allows a person to live in an area but which effectively prevents him from looking for work". Quite clearly, the Department of Manpower, which cultivates an image of reform, is embarrassed at having to apply what is in effect a racist policy.

At the root of the policy is the belief that blacks, whether "legal" or "illegal", are temporary residents of the Western Cape.

It has been asked whether the construction of the new city of Khayelitsha, which will lead to the uprooting of the entire populations of Guguletu, Nyanga, Langa and Crossroads, will mean that the black residents of the Peninsula will be afforded some form of permanence.

'Homeland'

It has also been suggested that the consolidated Khayelitsha will function as a "semi-urban homeland", which will overcome the Western Cape's "problem" that it has no nearby homeland. This will provide local employers with a nearby reservoir of cheap labour coming from a consolidated black residential area which will be far easier for the government to control.

That the coloured labour preference policy is to be retained at full strength alongside the development of Khayelitsha is not a hopeful sign.

And at least one important feature of the whole Khayelitsha saga is consistent with the labour preference policy. Apart from the Cape Town Community Council, not one representative black organization has been consulted about the move.

Like the coloured labour preference policy, it could be a case of white bureaucrats making plans and imposing policy on an unwilling and unconsulted population.

144 000 workers quality

Cape Times 23/6/83

HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY. — Nearly 144 000 black contract workers in South Africa could be entitled to qualify for Section 10 rights following the Appeal Court decision in the recent Rikhotso case, the Minister of Co-operation and Development, Dr Piet Koornhof, said yesterday.

He was replying to a question by Mrs Helen Suzman (PFP Houghton).

Black people qualify for rights under Section 10(1)(b) of the Blacks (Urban Areas) Consolidation Act — entitling them to live permanently in an urban area — if they have worked continuously for the same employer for 10 or more years.

Dr Koornhof said

yesterday 143 802 black contract workers "could optimally qualify" for Section 10 rights.

"If, in terms of the the Appeal Court's decision and the relevant Act, the conditions under which a contract worker can qualify were to be applied, the actual number would be very considerably less."

The break-down of the figures he was giving had been obtained from the administration boards and it had to be emphasized that they represented estimated numbers only.

This was because the actual total number could only be determined on a basis of examination of each individual case.

"This task, consid-

ering the fact that there are approximately 800 000 contract workers employed and the time involved, cannot be undertaken at this juncture," he said.

The minister supplied the following figures for contract workers who could qualify in respect of each administration board:

West Rand — 42 330,
East Rand — 15 600,
Port Natal — 29 761,
Central Transvaal — 12 482, Western Cape — 12 000, Drakensberg — 9 089, Southern Orange Free State — 7 657, Orange Vaal — 4 800, Eastern Transvaal — 1 141, Western Transvaal — 3 044, Highveld — 2 510, Northern Cape — 1 735, Eastern Cape — 1 176, and Northern Transvaal — 477. — Sapa

Govt 'respects' Rikhoto ruling

CAPE TIMES 23/6/83

THE Minister of Co-operation and Development, Dr Piet Koornhof, met administration board chairmen yesterday afternoon to discuss the issue of contract labourers' rights to apply for permanent residence in South Africa.

But at a press conference in Cape Town yesterday morning he stressed that squatting would not be permitted.

This follows a decision by the Appeal Court in Bloemfontein to grant permanent residence rights to Mr Mehlo Tom Rikhoto, who had worked for one employer for longer than 10 years.

In a statement Dr Koornhof said the government would respect the judgment and would not introduce legislation that would nullify it.

"Every case will be judged on merit and strictly tested against the guidelines outlined by the Appeal Court decision."

The government would introduce amending legislation during this session to clarify the situation regarding the wives and children of the contract workers concerned.

The conditions would entail the assurance of some form of residence or site for a proposed home.

Dr Koornhof said that in order to clarify misunderstanding, confusion and speculation which had arisen as a result of the Rikhoto judgment it was neces-

sary to spell out clearly how the judgment affected the legal position of migrant workers and their dependants.

"I must emphasize that the government is obviously bound by the judgment and that it accepts responsibility for all its implications.

"I must however also stress the fact that as the responsible minis-

that the rights of affected migrant workers have been clearly established they have basically acquired the right to apply to rent or buy the right of occupation of a home by what is commonly known as the home ownership scheme or by purchasing 99-year leasehold rights.

"But they have not, in terms of the judgment, acquired legal rights to demand a house in black urban residential areas.

"It is common cause that many of the dependants of migrant workers who qualify to live in urban townships in terms of the Rikhoto judgment are already present in urban townships.

"Such persons must come forward and identify themselves to the township administration in order that it may be explained to them what these legal rights are and what steps can be taken to help them.

"It must be clearly understood that squatting will not be permitted under any circumstances."

Dr Koornhof appealed to employers affected by the judgment to clarify their position with the authorities. — Sapa

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ter it is my duty to avoid, at all costs, that unrealistic expectations of instant accommodation in urban areas are not created in the minds of migrant workers and their families who are affected by the judgment.

"I cannot emphasize too strongly that now



Bryan Collings training for his run to Knysna.

Squatters tell of starvation, joblessness

Staff Reporter

ALL the squatters who testified in the Athlone Magistrate's Court yesterday said they had come to the Peninsula because they were starving and could not find employment after close relatives had died.

This emerged in evidence given by Jackson Makisi, 41, Nosandile Dlephu, 25, Daisy Nomfulana, 56, Vuyezwa Stuli, 32, Eunice Mcqatsa, 23, and Thobela Caswell Makapela, 27, who all pleaded not guilty to charges of illegal squatting at KTC and of remaining in the Peninsula for longer than 72 hours.

Mr Makisi said he married after his father's death and looked for work for three years, during which he sold bones and bottles and cared for cattle. He could not support his family and moved to Cape Town.

Mrs Nosandile Dlephu said she lived with her grandmother until her death. Her husband was in the Peninsula and she decided to join him as there was no-one to

maintain her.

Mrs Daisy Nomfulana said she had been in Cape Town for a long time. She came to the Peninsula from Transkei and lived with her husband until he died eight years ago. She had to support her four children alone.

Mrs Vuyezwa Stuli said her husband died in 1977 in Transkei. She had tuberculosis at the time and moved to the Peninsula for medical treatment. She stayed as there was no-one to care for her in Transkei.

Mrs Eunice Mcqatsa said she came to the Peninsula in 1976 because her husband could not get work in Transkei. She had no relatives there.

Mr Thobela Makapela said he had worked in the Peninsula for eight years for the Divisional Council and a construction company. He could not go to Transkei.

Judgment will be at the Wynberg Magistrate's Court today.

The magistrate was Mr A P Kotze. Mr A C Venter appeared for the State and Mr J van Gend for all the squatters.

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side and outside of government in South Africa who are committed to peaceful change away from apartheid," he said.

'Morally wrong'

The South African political system was "morally wrong" and would be changed by one means or another.

"Black South Africans will gain fuller participation in all aspects of South African society and politics.

"Our policy is directed, therefore, not at whether a non-racial order is in South Africa's future or what the shape of that non-racial order will be, but how that non-racial order will be arrived at.

'Influence'

"Western policy towards South Africa today must focus on how various black groups can acquire the basis and influence necessary to participate in a genuine bargaining process that produces change

Mr Eagleburger lauded steps to expand home ownership, trade union rights and educational opportunities and welcomed the Rikhotso judgment on black urban rights.

However, he specifically rejected the "political premises and consequences of apartheid", including the homeland system, forced removals, stripping black people of their South African nationality and the "repression" of bannings and detention without trial.

Mr Eagleburger said virtually unanimous agreement had been reached on a basis for solving the SWA/Namibian problem. A settlement awaited only "political decisions" by key parties.

He rejected calls for disinvestment in South Africa, maintaining that US firms had been pace-setters for change through their pressure for equal employment opportunities and black

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July 15 and in Durban two days later — will receive R150 000.

Should Connors win the Sun City and the challenge series — and his recent form does not suggest otherwise — he will leave South Africa with R550 000.

Considering that he made about R2,5-million last year, the year he won Wimbledon, the sum represents a sizeable chunk of what he could win this year.

And Natalian Kevin Curren, for whom a quarter-final showdown with Connors at Wimbledon is looming, will be guaranteed a minimum of R150 000 for his efforts during the same period. Curren will also be playing in the Sun City Classic with Connors, Ivan Lendl and Johan Kriek.

The Connors-Curren meeting in Cape Town comes at an appropriate time — it is the centenary year of the Western Province Tennis Asso-

"In our centenary year, Capetonians will be fortunate in being able to see either the winner or runner-up of Wimbledon this year," Mr Chris Adam, vice-president of the WPTA said last night.

The challenge series between Curren and Connors is being underwritten solely by Southern Sun Hotels.

Curren played at the Good Hope Centre last year in the Standard Bank Cup, while it will be the first visit to Cape Town by Connors. But "Jimbo" should have little trouble adapting to the playing surface at the Good Hope Centre, which has been described as "one of the best indoor tennis arenas in the world".

There is also a chance that Connors may play in the SA Open and the Standard Bank Cup later this year.

● Booking for the Cape Town leg of the challenge series opens at Computicket on Monday. Reserved seats are R25 and R15, while un-

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WCAB takes strict line on migrants

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Labour Reporter

THE Western Cape Administration Board (WCAB) is to grant permanent residence rights only to those migrant workers whose circumstances are strictly the same as Mr Tom Rikhoto who won the landmark Rikhoto Appeal Court judgment.

This could mean that far fewer than the estimated 12 000 workers in the area who have worked for one employer for 10 years or more will qualify for their Section 10(i)(b) rights.

Mr J Gunter, Chief Director of the WCAB, said yesterday that workers who had long absences from work during their 10 years in

employment would not qualify on the same basis as Mr Rikhoto.

This is in spite of a Cape Supreme Court ruling in April granting permanent residence rights to a City contract worker, Mr Mdandweni Mthiya, who had had three absences from work of up to eight months.

The WCAB did not ap-

peal against the judgment, on which basis, lawyers believe, almost all of the long-serving 12 000 contract workers in the Western Cape could be granted permanent residence rights.

Mr Justice Pat Tebbut said in his judgment that being absent from his place of employment periodically could not disqualify a migrant worker from gaining his rights.

"A man cannot be expected to work day in and day out for 10 years without a break of any kind. If he left the area for a lengthy period and his employer agreed to his absence, he could not be said to have abandoned his employment".

Criteria

Mr Gunter, who attended the meeting between heads of Administration Boards and Dr Piet Koornhof, the Minister of Co-operation and Development, on Wednesday, said he would spell out the criteria for qualification once he had discussed them with his staff.

Meanwhile, not a single contract worker in the Western Cape has been granted permanent residence rights following the judgment, though the WCAB announced three weeks ago that they would uphold the ruling.

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Squatters not to be 'damned', says court

Staff Reporter

"THE court just wants to say that it does not damn you for what you have done, but the breaking of the law cannot be excused," a Wynberg magistrate, Mr A P Kotze, said yesterday as he sentenced six KTC squatters.

72 hours

Mr Kotze fined Jackson Makisi, 41, Nosandile Dlephu, 25, Daisy Nomfulana, 56, Vuyezwa Stuli, 32, Eunice Mcqatsa, 23, and Thobela Makapela, R50 (or 50 days) each on two counts of illegal squatting and remaining in the Peninsula for longer than 72 hours.

They all pleaded not guilty.

The entire sentence was suspended for two years on condition that they were not convicted of similar offences and that they leave the Peninsula by not later than July 15.

Raids

Evidence was that all the accused were arrested at KTC on May 17 when Western Cape Administration Board (WCAB) officials and members of the South African Police raided the camp. Their structures were destroyed and their personal possessions confiscated.

Passing judgment, Mr Kotze said he was not

convinced that coming to the Peninsula was the only means by which they could have saved themselves. Except for two of the accused, none of the others had approached the WCAB.

"The fact that warnings were given by the WCAB officials, the presence of the accused on the site when structures were destroyed and possessions confiscated, the fact that five of them were arrested on previous occasions, cannot make the court accept that they bone fide believed that their presence on the site was legal."

Mr J van Gend, for all the accused, said none of the people were criminals.

'Misguided'

"Their actions were motivated by self-preservation, albeit misguided," he said.

Passing sentence, Mr Kotze said: "The court just wants to say that it does not damn you for what you have done, but the breaking of the law cannot be excused."

"Those of you who have no family in Transkei are in a difficult position, but the court wants to appeal to you to make a concrete effort to do something to improve your circumstances."

Mr A C Venter appeared for the State.

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For written reply:

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914. Mr. K. M. ANDREW asked the Minister of Co-operation and Development:

- (1) Whether any (a) plastic sheeting, (b) corrugated iron and (c) other specified materials were removed from the KTC squatter camp in 1983; if so,
- (2) (a) in what quantities, (b) where are these materials being held, (c) who are the legal owners of the materials and (d) what steps is it intended to take in respect of these materials in each case?

The MINISTER OF CO-OPERATION AND DEVELOPMENT:

- (1) (a) Yes. (b) No.
- (c) Yes. Cardboard, discarded building materials and branches.
- (2) (a) Plastic sheeting, cardboard, discarded building materials, etc., used in approximately 1 610 cases.
- (b) These materials were destroyed because it could not be used for any other purpose.
- (c) Illegally present squatters were the owners of the materials.
- (d) Falls away.

Note: See reply to Question 924. Personal belongings of illegal squatters are kept at the Administration Board's office at Langa where it may be claimed on identification by the owners.

KTC squatter camp

924. Mr. K. M. ANDREW asked the Minister of Co-operation and Development:

Whether officials of his Department or an Administration Board removed any (a) medicines, (b) blankets, (c) clothing, (d) baby food and (e) other food items from the KTC squatter camp; if so, (i) in terms of what statutory provision, (ii) on what dates, (iii) what quantities of each were removed, (iv) where are these items being kept and (v) what is to be done with them in each case?

The MINISTER OF CO-OPERATION AND DEVELOPMENT:

- (a) No.
- (b) Yes.
- (c) Yes.
- (d) No.
- (e) Yes.

(i) In terms of the Prevention of Illegal Squatting Act, 1951 (Act 52 of 1951).

(ii) 9 and 17 May 1983.

(iii) 94 Bundles of clothing, 248 blankets and 78 bundles containing mats, pots, pans, mattresses, boxes, trunks, radios, axes, spades, chairs, buckets, etc.

(iv) At the Administration Board's office at Langa.

(v) The items may be claimed on identification by the owners.

Six sentenced for squatting

Staff Reporter

SIX women were convicted on squatting charges when they appeared in the Wynberg Magistrate's Court yesterday and fined a total of R300 (or 300 days) conditionally suspended for two years.

(or 50 days) each on the two charges. The entire sentence was suspended for two years on condition that they were not convicted of squatting and that they leave the Peninsula by not later than July 15 unless they can obtain permission to remain.

The women, Victoria Siswana, 31, Nopasile Mnyantsa, 33, Miriam Maqaga, 37, Elizabeth Ntumluba, 28, Mngdodo Qayi, 39, and Venis Stmele, 20, pleaded guilty to charges which included illegal squatting and being in the Peninsula for longer than 72 hours.

They were fined R50

application for documents.

In mitigation of sentence, Mr N F Lees, for all the women, said all the women had children and the majority of them were unemployed. They had nowhere else to go and could not return to Transkei. They came to the Peninsula to avoid starvation.

Passing sentence, the Mr Kotze said he was aware of the circumstances under which the people lived. "Although you live under difficult conditions, especially so in Transkei, it is expected of you to attempt to do something about it."

Mr A C Venter appeared for the State.

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Political Correspondent
HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY.

— Clothing, blankets, cooking utensils and food confiscated from KTC squatters can still be reclaimed by the owners, but all building materials taken from the squatter camp have been destroyed.

This information was elicited from the Minister of Co-operation and Development, Dr Piet Koornhof, in reply to questions tabled by Mr Ken Andrew (PFP Gardens).

Dr Koornhof said no medicines or baby food had been removed from the camp, but other personal items had been confiscated on May 9 and May 17 in terms of the Prevention of Illegal Squatting Act.

These items were "94 bundles of clothing, 248 blankets and 78 bundles containing mats, pots, pans, mattresses, boxes, trunks, radios, axes, spades, chairs and buckets".

They were kept at the Langa administration board offices and could be claimed on identification by the owners.

All building materials confiscated had been destroyed "because it could not be used for any other purpose," Dr Koornhof said.

Action on beach, squatters

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THE Divisional Council is to ask the Administrator to increase the part of Hout Bay beach open to all races, although a previous request was refused.

● Yesterday the council also adopted a recommendation by the Housing Committee that squatter families displaced from farms in the Noordhoek Valley be rehoused. Temporary accommodation for the seven affected families, at present living in tents in Ocean View, would be arranged.

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Seven squatters fined R50 each

Staff Reporter

SEVEN people — six women and a man — were yesterday each fined R50 (or 50 days) by a Wynberg magistrate for illegally squatting at the KTC camp at Nyanga East on May 17.

In addition, Nongekange Benu, no age given, Christina Madotyeni, 32, Cynthia Mayikana, 28, Euginia Dingwayo, 28, David Siswana, and Lucy Nontsikelelo, 47, who pleaded guilty to the charges, were also fined R50 (or 50 days) for remaining in the Peninsula for longer than 72 hours.

Their complete sentences were suspended for two years on condition that they were not convicted of contravening the Squatting Act and that they leave the prescribed area of the Cape Peninsula by not

later than July 15.

Thembela Khewu, 31, was acquitted on a charge of remaining in the Peninsula for longer than 72 hours as it was established that she was legally entitled to remain.

Charges of not being in possession of a reference book were withdrawn against all the accused.

Passing sentence the magistrate, Mr A P Kotze, said: "The court is aware of conditions in Transkei, that you left Transkei many years ago and that many of you have no family ties left."

"You are entitled to a rail warrant so that you can get back to your home town free of charge. This you can get at the Clerk of the Court."

Mr A C Venter appeared for the State.

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Sentenced for KTC visit

Staff Reporter

A UNIVERSITY of Cape Town research co-ordinator who went to the KTC squatter camp in April this year because she was "responding to a human need", was yesterday fined R50 (or R25 days) by a Wynberg magistrate.

The magistrate, Mr D J Visagie, ordered that the sentence be suspended for 12 months on condition that Helen Zille, 32, of Bellevliet Road, Observatory, is not convicted of contravening section 9 (9)(b) of the Black (Urban Areas) Consolidated Act, Act 25 of 1945.

In a statement handed to the court at a previous hearing, Zille said the charge against her was "part of a much wider attempt to prevent outsiders from wit-

nessing the relentless persecution of the KTC squatters".

Zille said she had gone to KTC of her own accord as she had read about the plight of squatters and had wanted to see conditions for herself. She did not believe she needed a permit to visit friends.

Passing sentence, the magistrate said Zille had admitted the allegations.

"The reason you gave for entering this proclaimed area is not a lawful defence," he said.

In mitigation of sentence, Zille said she had gone to KTC squatter camp when called upon and was responding to a human need.

Mr A C Venter appeared for the State. Zille was not represented.

'Demand aid', squatters told

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Staff Reporter

A WYNBERG magistrate, sentencing seven men yesterday for illegal squatting at KTC on May 17, said the "outstanding characteristic" of the cases was that "no-one confronted the Transkei Government with demands as they do here".

Goodman Paka Mesani, 31, Shadrack Tobile, 31, Agripper Maqana, 28, Wakuani Ntloko, 30, Lennox Bacai, 29, Gladwell Mtsike Wane, 62, and Mazwi Lucas Mpetstleni, 35, who had all pleaded guilty, were each fined a total of R100 (or 100 days) on illegal squatting charges and for remaining in the Peninsula for over 72 hours.

The sentences were suspended for two years on condition that they are not again convicted of squatting and that they leave the Peninsula by July 15.

Miss I Broodryk, for all the men, said they had come to look for work to avoid starving.

The magistrate, Mr A P Kotze, said the court always took the personal circumstances of the accused into account.

"The court is aware that many of you have no family in Transkei.

"The court finds it interesting that many of you have been back to Transkei, and it appears that if you cannot find work you return to the Peninsula. No-one blames you for looking for deliverance but you must not break a country's laws in the process.

"None of you have approached the Transkei authorities for assistance and the court must urge you to try that way before you break the law."

Mr A C Venter appeared for the State.

7 KTC squatters are sentenced

Staff Reporter

SEVEN squatters were each fined R50 (or 50 days) by a Wynberg magistrate yesterday for living illegally at KTC on May 17.

Agnes Nxala, 29, Cecilia Mneedani, 50, Priscilla Ndamane, 35, Patricia Mcatyelwa, 21, Nolusapo Ntese, 23, Gertrude Magwelane, 51, and Syakela Makholo, 33, all pleaded guilty. The sentences were conditionally suspended for two years.

Three of them who were legally entitled to live in the Peninsula were acquitted on the second charge of remaining in the Peninsula for more than 72 hours. The other four were found guilty and given a conditionally suspended sentence of

R50 (or 50 days) on this count.

Passing sentence, the magistrate, Mr A P Kotze, said: "You have been in prison since May 17, and the whole incident may have been a nightmare for you. But perhaps you yourself were to blame for it.

"The wretched conditions in Transkei do not excuse you, because you did not do what was reasonably expected of you.

"The court suggests that those who are here illegally should go back to your places of birth and demand aid from the Transkei Government.

"One must do that before breaking the law."

Mr A C Venter appeared for the State and Mr P Crossley for all the accused.

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Children burnt by stoves at tent camp

Community Affairs
Reporter

GROSS overcrowding at the Nyanga cathedral tent camp has caused a number of children to be burnt by cooking-pots and portable stoves.

Now, after more than a year in the tents, about 50 of the St George's Cathedral squatter families have begun building neat hardboard and plank huts.

But demolition notices have already been served on the owners of the few completed huts.

BOILING FOOD

Mr M Hoza, chairman of the Nyanga Cathedral People's Committee, said the main reason huts were being built was because of gross overcrowding which had caused many children to be burnt.

The latest victim was four-year-old Nonyameko Tshijolo, who was taken to Red Cross Hospital today with bad burns on her legs. She upset a pot of boiling food while playing in her parents' tent.

Mr Hoza said: "During the rainy weather the children are forced to play indoors and the tents are so overcrowded that they knock over cooking-pots and stoves and get badly burnt."

FAMILIES

"There are 810 people living in 154 tents. Some share three families suitable for only one family."

Mr Hoza said the committee had been to see Mr Timo Bezuidenhoud, Chief Commissioner for Co-operation and Development in the Western Cape, to explain "why we are forced to build extra houses."

"He said we must not build but he could not give us good advice on what we should do."

When the first huts were built on Friday demolition notices were served on the owners. Since then the whole tent town has been surrounded with new huts.

Mr Bezuidenhoud has said he will not tolerate new structures being erected at Nyanga.

'Primitive' services for blacks

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Municipal Reporter

PUBLIC transport services for blacks in the Western Cape were "primitive" and could cause "very serious problems" for the metropolitan road system in future, the Cape Town City Engineer has warned.

A report before the Utilities and Works Committee today recommends that about R80 000 be spent during the next five years to upgrade bus termini and routes in Langa, Nyanga and Guguletu.

According to the report, signed by the Deputy City Engineer, Mr A E Thorne, "most of the public transport interchanges for blacks are unsurfaced, poorly drained and flooded at times in the winter, causing extreme discomfort and possibly hazard..."

In summer the areas were dusty and difficult to keep clean and the lack of permanent surfaces made effective traffic management difficult.

"Lacking"

In addition "facilities for the sheltering and convenience of passengers are also lacking".

"Latest statistics show that the black population is the fastest growing sector of the metropolitan population and the use of private cars, whether individually owned, lift clubs or informal taxis, cannot but cause very serious problems on the metropolitan road system."

The report recommends that bus termini in Langa, Nyanga and Guguletu be redeveloped and that bus routes in Langa be upgraded.

The costs of the projects would be shared by the Western Cape Administration Board, the National Transport Commission, the Metropolitan Transport Plan and the Provincial Administration.

Khayelitsha road users will 'seriously overload' system

Municipal Reporter

THE City Engineer has warned that commuting by people living in Khayelitsha will "seriously overload" the metropolitan road system and has called for an "urgent study" into a rail link with the new town.

A report before the City Council's utilities and works committee today says the new town could ultimately accommodate 200 000 people, of whom at least 40 percent would be economically active.

"The transport of such a large number of people by road, even if bus transport were used, would seriously overload the existing metropolitan road system and in particular the already heavily trafficked Settler's Way," the report says.

"The position would be considerably worsened if private vehicles were used, whether in the form of private cars or car pools or taxis."

The proposed extension of the metropolitan rail system to serve Khayelitsha had been discussed by "all the officials concerned" but the SA Transport Services needed a report showing the "feasibility and viability" of the system.

The report recommends that private consultants and the Transport Research Centre at Stellenbosch University be appointed to do the study since it is imperative "that this investigation be carried out with

'Illegal' shelters to be demolished

Staff Reporter

NOTICES had been served on squatters near Nyanga to demolish a number of "illegal" shelters erected at the weekend, the liaison officer for the Western Cape Administration Board (WCAB), Mr Gert du Preez, announced yesterday.

The squatters, who are commonly known as the "sand-dune" and "cathedral" squatters, are considered illegal residents in the Western Cape in terms of the influx control measures and do not qualify for housing.

One of the structures

threatened with demolition, according to a member of the squatter committee, Mr Enoch Madywade, is a creche for 60 children.

However, Mr Du Preez told Sapa that the WCAB was not aware of the creche. He said permission had not been obtained for the erection of a creche.

Contacted by the Cape Times last night for further information about the squatters and the notices served on them, Mr Du Preez said he had "no comment to make". It was "after hours" and he "did not know what it was all about".

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Squatters starve in Transkei

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Staff Reporter

SEVEN squatters came to the Peninsula to seek work because they faced starvation in Transkei and had nowhere else to go, a Wynberg magistrate heard yesterday.

This was claimed in the trial of Zolile Khupiso, 20, Alice Manyebese, 31, Mankazana Nqatolo, 46, Nomabliana Nana, 27, Grace Frans, 24, Monica Nlangala, 27, and Eveline Nele, 28, who all pleaded guilty to a charge of illegal squatting.

They were fined R50 (or 50 days) each, but the magistrate suspended the sentences conditionally for two years.

Five of the accused were also fined R50 (or 50 days) each on an additional charge of remaining in the Peninsula for longer than 72 hours. The sentence was suspended for two years on condition

that they leave by July 21.

The remaining two women, Alice Manyebese and Monica Nlangala, were acquitted on a similar charge.

Passing sentence, the magistrate, Mr. A P Kotze, said the court was aware of the very poor conditions in Transkei.

"But there has been evidence that the Administration Board cannot cope with supplying legal residents with houses and it is common knowledge that by coming to the Peninsula you are jeopardizing their chances," he said.

"It became clear in past cases that none of the people approached the Transkei Government for help."

Mr A C Venter appeared for the State and Mrs M Kursten for all the accused.

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**Last 8
of KTC
squatters
sentenced**

Staff Reporter

THE last eight of 72 KTC squatters were yesterday fined a total of R100 (or 100 days) each by a Wynberg magistrate on charges of illegal squatting and of remaining in the Peninsula for longer than 72 hours.

Anderson Gcilitshama, 48, Constance Kweli, 31, Monica Cuba, 32, Noedia Khabka Piwana, 38, Sophie Qeya, 46, Euginia Tofile, 27, Sylvia Raqo, 41, and Sylvia Tiya, 24, all pleaded guilty to the charges.

A further charge of not being in the possession of a reference book was withdrawn.

Miss J Fleisher, for all the accused, said the court was aware of conditions in Transkei. One of the women, Constance Kweli, had had a miscarriage while in custody and had suffered emotional stress.

Some of the women had been in jail since May 17 without their children and did not know where they were, while others had been arrested with some of their children but did know where the remaining children were.

Passing sentence, the magistrate, Mr A P Kotze, said he was aware of conditions in Transkei and the hardship the squatters had suffered.

"The court must, however, point out that to a certain extent you have forced it upon yourselves," he said.

Mr A C Venter appeared for the State.

Brown's Farm residents granted a further reprieve

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Staff Reporter

BROWN'S FARM residents — threatened with demolition of their homes by the Divisional Council — have been granted a further reprieve.

Their Supreme Court application to restrain the council from demolishing their homes was today further postponed, by consent, for hearing on August 16.

Mr Stephen Dewar, the attorney representing the residents, said he had been given a written assurance by the Divisional Council's lawyers that no demolition would take place until the legal proceedings were concluded.

The application was originally brought last month by Mrs Rosaline Stevens and two others after the Divisional Council had served demolition notices on the residents under the Prevention of Illegal Squatting Act.

In her affidavit, Mrs Stevens said that unless the court granted relief

"we will be put out in the cold and rain and will suffer irreversible harm".

She said she had lived at Brown's Farm, near Philippi, for 20 years in terms of an oral agreement with the owner. Other people had lived there for between three and 20 years.

In 1982, after people had lived peacefully and undisturbed for years at Brown's Farm, the Divisional Council had served notices to vacate on them.

Later it had served the demolition notices on Mrs Stevens and 26 others.

Mrs Stevens claimed the council did not have the legal standing to issue the notices as it was not the owner of Brown's Farm.

The Divisional Council has until August 2 to file its opposing papers.

Mr Justice Tebbutt was on the Bench. Mr A Omar, instructed by A R van der Lith and Co, appeared for the residents. The Divisional Council was not formally represented at today's brief hearing.

Cape Times 6/7/83

Shelters to stay till tents come

Staff Reporter

DEMOLITION of wooden structures at the Nyanga squatter camp has been stalled until tents are provided, according to Mr Timo Bezuidenhout, Chief Commissioner for Co-operation and Development.

Demolition notices were served last week after structures were built where about 900 people — known as the "dune" or "cathedral" squatters — have lived in tents on a sand dune for almost a year.

Dr Piet Koornhof, Minister of Co-operation and Development, said 16 months ago that he would consider their status. No decision has been made.

Mr Harold Gocini, a squatters' committee member, said people had built structures because they could no longer bear the overcrowded conditions in the tents and exposure to rain, wind and sun.

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Prison reply to charges

From Mrs K KNIGHT,
(Kenilworth):

IN your report on the appearance in court of the Hout Bay squatters (Cape Times, June 17) the attorney stated that one of the accused men had described severely overcrowded conditions in Pollsmoor Prison.

I should like to tell you of conditions in the prison as described to me by another squatter.

This man had been in prison for three weeks on remand before being allowed bail and I was asked to bail him out. On the return journey I asked him what it had been like and he told me the following:

The prisoners were kept 40 to a cell and slept on the floor each with a mat and two blankets.

They were kept in the cell for 24 hours a day and not taken out for exercise or any other reason except to see a visitor if one should arrive.

They had nothing to do.

Their daily diet consisted of porridge and tea for breakfast, without sugar, samp for lunch with sometimes a potato or tiny piece of meat, porridge and tea for supper.

They were "closed down" for the night at 4pm and awakened for the day at 4.30am.

Assault and stealing among the prisoners were commonplace.

It was the first time this young man had been in prison and he said, understandably enough, it was an experience he would never forget.

The points raised in the letter are set out here seriatim and each is dealt with in a reply from the Department of Prisons:

1 The prisoners were kept 40 to a cell and slept on the floor, each with a mat and two blankets.

Answer: There were only 38 KTC squatter men admitted to the prison and each one was issued with two mats and four blankets. They could ask for more blankets if required.

2 They were kept in the cell for 24 hours a day and not taken out for exercise or any other reason except to see a visitor, if one should arrive.

Answer: Weather conditions permitting, prisoners who do not perform outdoor work, are allowed to do exercises daily for one

hour in the open. The prisoners received more than the prescribed time for exercise. The weather conditions in Cape Town during that time are common knowledge.

3 Their daily diet consisted of porridge and tea without sugar for breakfast, samp for lunch with sometimes a potato or tiny piece of meat, porridge and tea for supper.

Answer: On June 29, 1983, the diet of the prisoner consisted of the following: Breakfast: Maize porridge, coffee with milk and sugar. Lunch: Meat stew (curry and tomato) mealie rice, stewed potatoes, boiled cabbage, beetroot salad, magou powder and tea with milk and sugar. Dinner: Vegetable soup, bread with margarine and jam. The diet is varied regularly and on five days of the week the prisoners get meat, while on the other two days fish and eggs are provided.

4 They were "closed down" for the night at 4pm and awakened for the day at 4.30am.

Answer: The prisoners are locked up between 1600 and 1630, but are allowed to talk until 2000, when it is expected of them to be more quiet. The prisoners are awakened at 0500 to wash themselves and get dressed, so that those who must appear in court can be ready. The rest of the prisoners are unlocked at 0630 for breakfast, sick parade, etc.

5 Assault and stealing among the prisoner was common place.

Answer: Not a single complaint of this nature was lodged by any of the prisoners.

Crossroads slated by Reagan envoy

By ROBERT GREIG

A SENIOR member of the Reagan Administration yesterday damned Crossroads as "an island in a desert of opulence", "more than an eyesore" and "deplorable".

The Assistant United States Secretary for Commerce, Mr Carlos Campbell, a black American, is in South Africa to attend the National African Federated Chamber of Commerce (Nafcoc) conference in the City.

Interviewed yesterday, he said he had seen "great houses and great vistas, but was not oblivious to the other side of the coin", mentioning that his visit had included a tour of Crossroads and the Cape Flats.

"It's deplorable... no human being should have to live like that."

"It's an island in a

desert of opulence; it's more than an eyesore: It's a symbol of man's inhumanity to man."

Mr Campbell added that he was aware that gross poverty existed in the United States.

He said he felt the US Government could not contribute to help solve the problems that Crossroads exemplified.

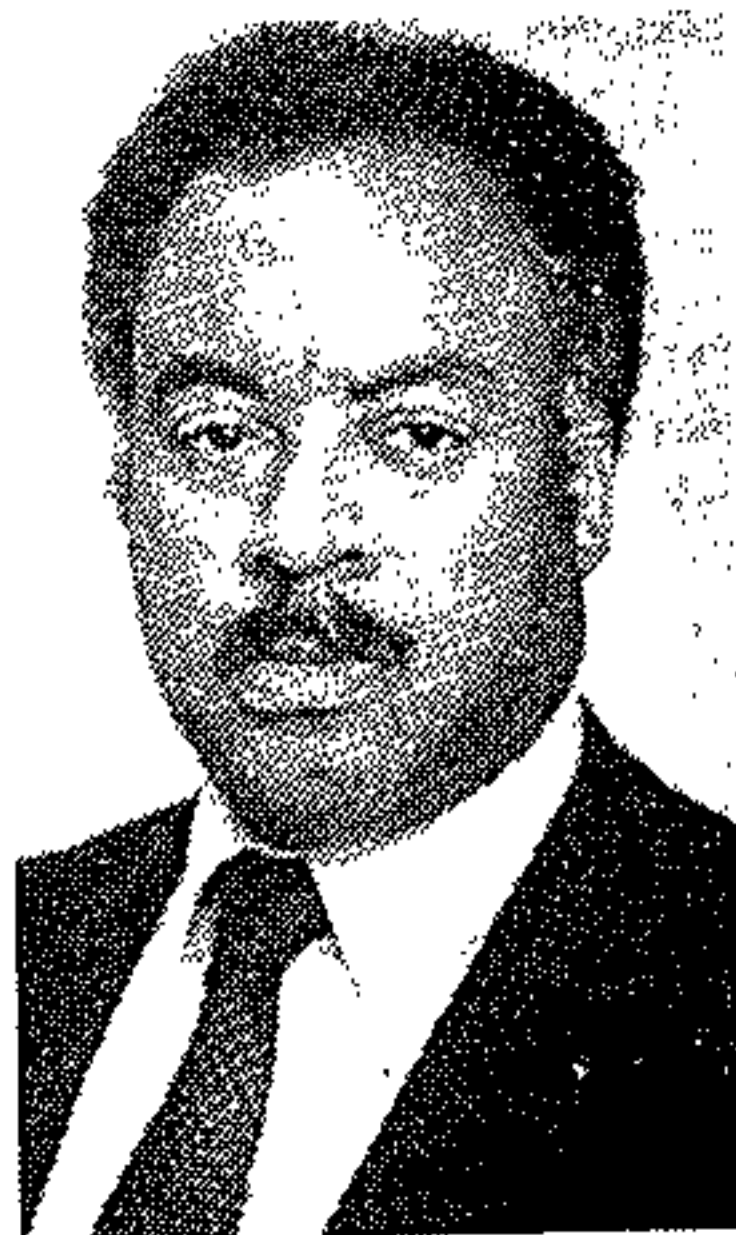
Nor could the private sector alone be expected to deal with them.

"The government must wrestle with it," he said.

Speaking of his trip generally, he said he found "the seeds of violence and the seeds of change".

He said major elements of South Africa, like the gathering of 800 black businessmen at the Nafcoc conference, were not known in the United States.

"The jailing of Nelson



Mr Campbell

Mandela, the uprisings, are known in the United States. But I have found that elements of sanity have not really crossed the Atlantic into the American consciousness.

He added that he felt it would be "enlightened self-interest" by South Africa to lift restrictions on black private enterprise since blacks would soon represent the largest buying power in the country.

One impression he had was of exaggerated expectations some South Africans had of the United States and American business.

MOTSUENYANE LASHES SHACK DEMOLITIONS

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ANY ATTEMPT to isolate the black people or to deny legitimate fundamental rights in any part of South Africa is a highly dangerous exercise, Dr Sam Motsuenyane, president of the National African Federated Chamber of Commerce said yesterday.

He said: "The retention of the strange coloured preference policy concept and the heavy cost of social and economic instability suffered by thousands of blacks living and working in this region is a blatant and intolerable injustice which must be strongly opposed by all fair minded and peace loving South Africans.

"Our presence in the Western Cape as blacks is a painful reminder to us of the fact that we are standing on a part of our country which in official circles is regarded as a coloured preference area, where black people can only be seen at best as temporary permanent citizens."

He said: "No solution of the political problems in South Africa can be regarded as complete without the inclusion of black people."

Directing his attention to the housing crisis Dr Motsuenyane strongly condemned the way local authorities (administration boards) in the Western Cape and on the Reef dealt with the housing problem.

He was referring particularly to the recent demolition of the temporary shelters of the KTC squatters by the Western Cape Administration Board.

He said: "Anywhere in the world, from Rio de Janeiro, to Abidjan and Manila, any number of shack dwellers will be found, but their shacks will never be demolished unless alternative accommodation is provided for them."

OWN CORRESPONDENT

Dr Motsuenyane said the present demolition of shacks without taking into consideration the extreme suffering which this measure inflicted upon the lives of the victims, "is totally barbaric and below civilised standards".

- Too much weight has been attached to South Africa's much-feared population explosion, and too little to poverty,

Professor Francis Wilson, the Dean of the Economic Faculty of the University of Cape Town, said yesterday.

Addressing about 800 delegates at the 19th annual congress of the National African Federated Chamber of Commerce, Professor Wilson called for a change to

this order of priorities.

To loud applause he said that if South Africa coped with poverty the population would look after itself.

He said economic growth was not sufficient. Tremendous as it is, it can itself create poverty."

Tent squatters rebuild homes

Labour Reporter

MORE than 60 wooden homes at the Nyanga bush "tent camp" were torn down yesterday afternoon by officials of the Western Cape Administration Board (WCAB), backed up by a large contingent of uniformed police and two armoured vehicles.

Later, a WCAB truck dumped about 30 Red

Cross tents at the camp and drove off.

The squatter committee distributed the tents among some of those who had recently had their homes demolished. Others sat on their beds in the open or started building new structures.

The demolitions followed an assurance on Tuesday by Mr Timo Bezuidenhoud, Chief Commissioner for Co-operation and Development in the Western Cape, that homes would not be demolished until tents were provided.

Mr Bezuidenhoud was not available for comment last night, but on Tuesday he said he would not tolerate the erection of more structures and these would be demolished "forthwith".

Another 10 wooden structures at the site of the No-Name camp, where conflict between

people at the tent town and the authorities started two years ago, were demolished.

Mr M Tayo, a committee member, accused Mr Bezuidenhoud of breaking his promise to the squatters that there would be no demolitions before tents had been provided to replace the structures.

He said the maximum of 155 tents allowed by the authorities was insufficient for the 850 people at the camp. People had built the structures because of overcrowding in the tents and constant exposure to bad weather.

"If they don't give us sufficient tents, the people will continue to erect wooden structures," he said.

● No action has yet been taken against the approximately 800 black businessmen and women attending the National African Federated Chambers of Commerce (Nafcoc) conference who have been in the City for longer than 72 hours without a permit.

Dr Sam Motsuenyane, president of Nafcoc, said he was not prepared to apply for a permit anywhere in the country. "We are South Africans, irrespective of what so-called homeland we come from," he said.

Nyanga bush shelters

razed

By PHILIP
VAN NIEKERK

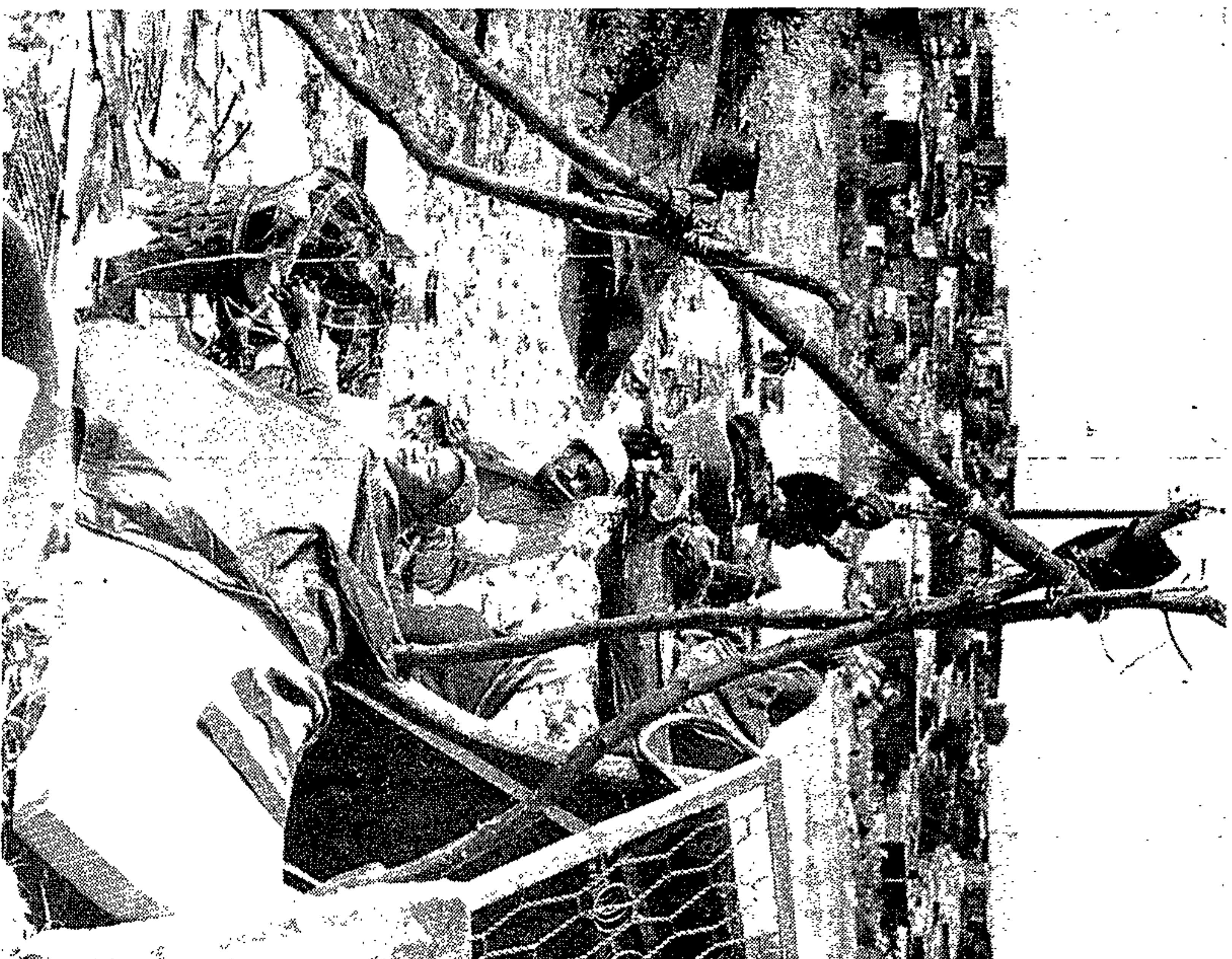
A FURTHER 26 squatter homes were flattened and a number of plastic shelters torn down at the Nyanga Bush tent camp yesterday morning by officials of the Western Cape Administration Board (WCAB), backed up by police.

Hundreds of people were left homeless by the demolitions yesterday and on Thursday, when 64 homes were demolished.

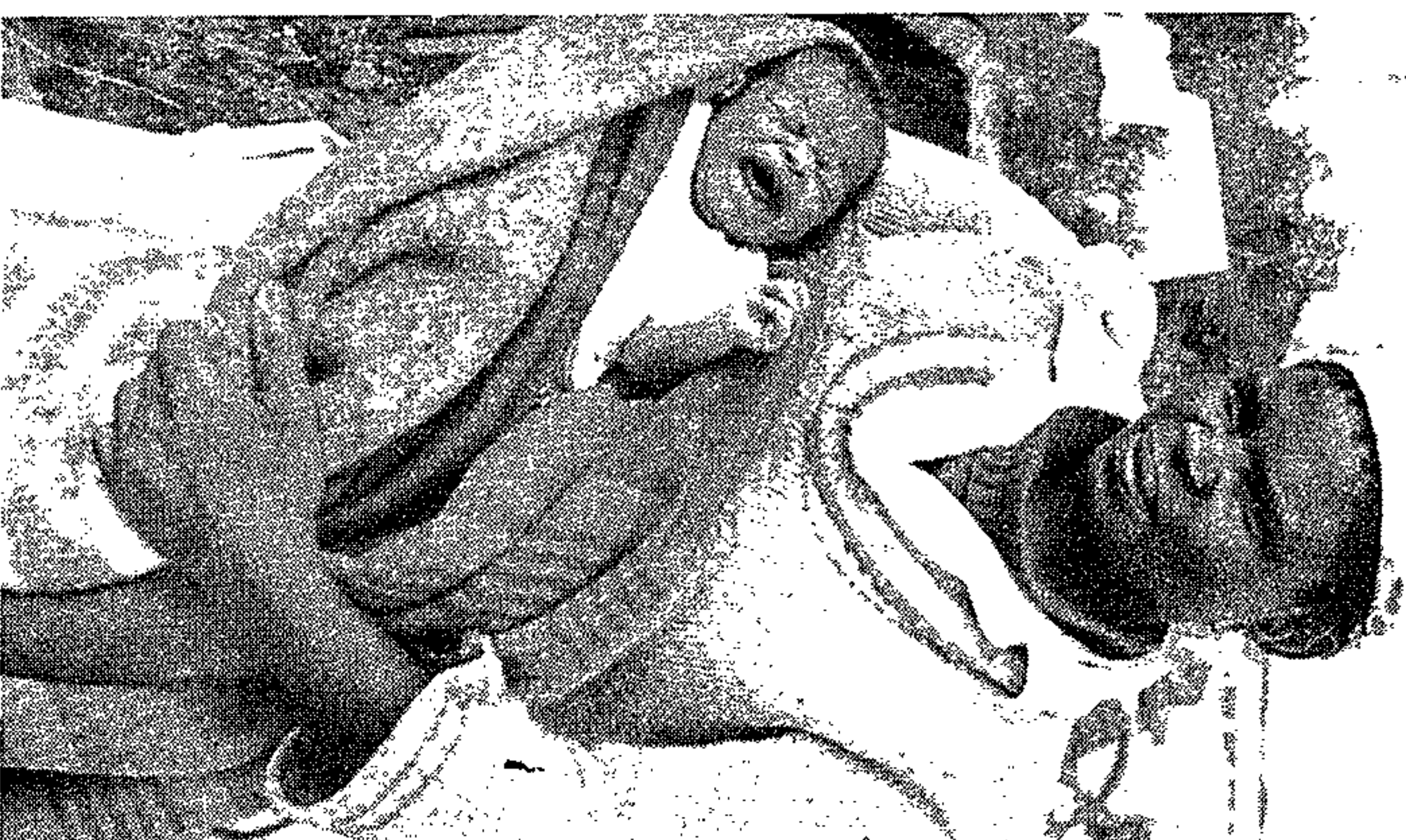
Yesterday afternoon, the WCAB returned and began "sorting out" those people who are "entitled" to be at the tent town — the so-called dune squatters and the cathedral squatters — from others who have moved in recently.

On Monday

Mr Timo Bezuidenhoud, the Chief Commissioner for Co-operation and Development in the Western Cape, said he would decide on Monday what action to take against these "illegals".



The frame of one makeshift squatter shelter remained upright at the Nyanga Bush camp after the demolitions yesterday. In the background are some of the squatters who have refused to accept Red Cross tents until the authorities promise them housing and permanent residence in the Peninsula.



Mrs Mavis Mgwane with her week-old baby, which has not yet been named, at the Nyanga Bush camp yesterday after her home was demolished by the Western Cape Administration Board.

Mr Bezuidenhoud said he could not accommodate people moving in from "outside" and the dune and cathedral squatters were his "first responsibility". He said 45 extra Red Cross tents had been provided.

Meanwhile, a small breakaway group has set up camp opposite the main site and is refusing Red Cross tents offered by the WCAB.

This group has been living on a sand dune for over a month. Their 10 corrugated iron homes were broken down by the WCAB on Thursday. Plastic shelters put up in their place were taken down yesterday.

'Broken promises'

According to the squatter committee, mistrust of the authorities is widespread at the camp because of what the residents regard as a long line of broken promises.

At the end of the hunger strike by 54 of the squatters at St George's Cathedral in April last year, Dr Piet Koornhof, the Minister of Co-operation and Development, said he would consider their situation within three weeks.

According to Mr Bezuidenhoud, no decision has yet been taken — meaning the dune and cathedral squatters are neither "legals" nor "illegals".

The squatter committee said water and sewage facilities which had been promised four months ago had still not been provided.

Decision today on future of squatters

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Post Reporter

THE fate of the 32 squatter families near Redhouse who have received demolition notices will be known after a meeting between officials of the East Cape Administration Board (Ecab) and Port Elizabeth Community Council officials today.

The Chief Director of Ecab, Mr Louis Koch, said today was the deadline for the squatters, living in the area adjacent to Veeplaas, who had received notices served on June 29.

He said they were families of contract workers who did not have the right to reside in the Port Elizabeth area.

"We cannot condone the illegal erection of houses in the area, and this policy decision has already been taken at a joint meeting of the community council and the Ecab," he said.

He added that officials

would begin considering the qualifications of each family before deciding what would be done.

He said they would not be dealing with squatters in a "hard-hearted way"

He said their settlement had unfortunately become a health hazard because it was not served with water or sewerage facilities.

"The area is also unsuitable because it falls within the flood plain of the Chatty River, although this is not a deciding factor," he said.

Mr Koch said the administration board had "pulled out all the stops" to get sites ready.

Sites would be established in Motherwell and they were busy installing services at the Qamakate area for 2 000 sites.

He said he could not tell exactly where squatter families would be placed as cases had to be considered individually.

MPC hits plans to demolish shacks

Post Reporter

THE Progressive Federal Party MPC for Walmer, Mrs Molly Blackburn, spoke out strongly today against the proposed demolition of illegal squatter shacks near Redhouse, an issue that has been deferred while officials evaluate the situation.

This follows the expiry of 14-day notices served to about 32 squatter families, ordering them to pull down their shacks or have them

demolished by East Cape Administration Board (Ecab) officials.

Mrs Blackburn said it was both "tragic and unbelievable" that a State department should contemplate destroying the meagre shelters of desperate people in a time of "intense human suffering".

She said she deplored the obvious health hazards in the settlement, but the lack of facilities was being perpetuated by the administra-

tion boards.

Calling the notices to the squatters "futile and unwarranted harassment", she said there were more than 100 000 squatters, many of whom had legal rights, in the Veeplaas area.

"Surrounded by brick houses, the settlement has no evidence whatsoever of normal services such as sewerage or water."

She said she had witnessed "a great many

shacks" being erected yesterday on "miserable 10 by 10 metre sites" demarcated by Ecab in the Kwazakele-Zwide area.

Ecab's Chief Director, Mr Louis Koch, said yesterday he could not say where families served with notices would be moved until their qualifications were considered individually.

He said Ecab would not be dealing with the squatters in "a hard-hearted

way", but reaffirmed that Ecab would not condone the erection of unauthorised structures.

He said alternative accommodation would be sought for people who did not qualify for residence in the Port Elizabeth area.

Mr Koch said Ecab was doing its best to provide new housing areas and several projects were under way at Motherwell, Kwamagxaki and Kwadwesi.

Squatters' school used to house families

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Staff Reporter

ABOUT 200 Crossroads families, who fled the shanty town after a faction fight in April, have moved back to find that the Western Cape Administration Board (WCAB) is housing hundreds of homeless squatters in their school.

The 200 families, followers of community leader Mr Oliver Memani, fled Crossroads after a fight with a rival faction on April 10, which left eight people dead, 26 injured and a number of shacks razed.

Hundreds moved

While the families were absent the WCAB moved hundreds of squatters, who had been living in the open for several months, into the Sizamile School; the seat of Mr Memani's power.

Mr Memani said yesterday that the families were "very angry" that their more than 200 children could not return to classes.

"The school does not belong to the board," he

said. "It was built by us, with the help of the Urban Foundation. It is the board's responsibility to find proper housing for the people."

"We demand that the WCAB clear the school as soon as possible."

'Not used'

Dr Gert du Preez, the chief liaison officer for the WCAB, said the people had been moved there because the school had not been in use for some time.

"I am not prepared to discuss or comment on any statement by Mr Memani until I have seen it and the board has had time to consider it," he said.

The people who were moved to Sizamile were known as the "bed" squatters because they lived on their beds in the open for several months.

The people, all former lodgers at Crossroads, became homeless when their landlords were moved to New Crossroads last year.

They were moved to the Sizamile School in May.

Cape Times 13/7/83 (307)
Khayelitsha move rejected

Labour Reporter

THE Western Cape Civic Association (WCCA), an organization based in Cape Town's three black townships, has "totally rejected" the removal of people from these areas to Khayelitsha.

At a mass meeting in Guguletu on Sunday, the association demanded that the authorities

grant people the right to buy their present houses, for which they say they have already paid more than the construction costs.

The WCCA also called on the government to talk to authentic civic leaders and not the "imposed leaders of dummy bodies like the Community Council".

Squatters may get nod to finish houses

PE to get sundial?

Municipal Reporter

SQUATTERS in the Aloes area will be allowed to finish their semi-completed houses if a recommendation from the Port Elizabeth's Director of Housing, Mr Mick Molyneaux, is accepted by the council's Community Services Committee at its monthly meeting today.

One section of the Aloes squatter camp, on municipal ground near the brickfields on the old Grahamstown road, comprises

25 houses made of rejected bricks.

Four more were nearing completion when the City Engineer's Department gave instructions that no further houses were to be built or completed.

After this instruction the City Council authorised the Rose Lane Congregation and the Urban Foundation to erect a school and now the principal, acting on behalf of the parents of some of the pupils, has requested permission for the houses to be completed.

Mr Molyneaux said he had no objection to the completion of the houses as this would not aggravate the squatting situation because the "owners" of the semi-completed houses already lived with neighbours.

In addition the residents of the brick houses would be the last to be removed because their homes were more durable than those of the shack dwellers.

The City Engineer, Mr Arthur Clayton, also has no objections to the proposal.

Municipal Reporter

PORT ELIZABETH may soon get a sundial.

In April, 1982, Mr E M Suter asked the council for permission to erect a sundial on Market Square.

After negotiations between Mr Suter and the council it has now been suggested that the sundial be erected on the rollerskating rink site in Humewood.

The Director of Parks Mr Peter Gibbs, has recommended that Mr Suter be allowed to erect the sundial with material acceptable to the council.

Barred woman allowed in S Africa for seven days

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Weekend Argus
Reporter

MRS Kathy Lockett, wife of the chairman of the Anglican Board of Social Responsibility, the Rev Syd Lockett, has been allowed to enter South Africa for seven days.

Last night Mrs Lockett was refused re-entry when she arrived at Jan Smuts Airport after a holiday in Zimbabwe.

A passport control official said she had not satisfied visa requirements.

Mrs Lockett, a Briton who has been living in Cape Town for several years, and her husband,



Mrs Kathy
Lockett

spent the night at Jan Smuts Airport transit hotel.

Today Mrs Lockett was allowed to leave the hotel after being given

permission to spend seven days in South Africa.

Speaking from Johannesburg, Mr Lockett said: "We'll use the time to try to clear things up with the Department of Internal Affairs in Cape Town.

"We have been trying to get permanent residence for Kathy for some time, but in order to get it she has to have a valid temporary residence permit and a valid work permit."

Although no official reason was given, it was widely believed that Mrs Lockett's role in helping Nyanga squatters led to the initial refusal to renew her permit.

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Hout Bay 'squatters' in court

Staff Reporter

THIRTY-TWO alleged squatters — most of them women with children — appeared briefly in the Wynberg Magistrate's Court after police had arrested them on a Disa River farm at Hout Bay earlier yesterday.

The arrests were accompanied by large-scale demolition and burning of shacks at the camp.

No evidence was led and the accused were remanded till tomorrow. None of the accused, who all face a main count under Section 1(A) of Act 52 of 1951, that of illegal squatting, and an alternative of trespassing, were represented.

At least 21 children, many of them infants, accompanied the 33 adults at the hearing.

Pollsmoor

According to the prosecutor, Mr R Metz, special arrangements were being made for accommodation of the children at Pollsmoor Prison.

The magistrate, Mr D Visagie, told the women they would not be separated from their children. They were being remanded so that arrangements could be made for legal counsel

and bail. Police were still investigating the case, he said.

Their addresses were given as Disa River Farm and no ages were specified. They are:

Names

Mr William Ngalo, Mr Alfred Sekepe, Mr Mthantsane Zikayi, Mr Patrick Solizwe, Mr Elliot Badman, Mr Peter Mqobuka, Mr Isaac Dabula, Mr Gila Dumuzwini, Mr Albert Matyeleni, Mr Methula Majola, Mr Attwell Nhloga, Mr Mantu Maquwaga, Ms Ziphili Booi, Ms Peswina Ntlantiso, Mr Themba Memani, Ms Evelyn Bless, Ms Prascilla Kwatshabe, Ms Ivy Booi, Ms Mavis Nanganene, Ms Agnes Sipho, Ms Theline Kowia, Ms Notyhine Msolo, Ms Arginetta Baartman, Ms Agnes Fonti, Ms Nodanaphara Mbeti, Ms Deborah Mhlaga, Ms Silia Ngolo, Mr Nadenko Seyisane, Ms Sindiswa Hlanyane, Ms Lucy Jingxela, Ms Gloria Jingxela and Mr Michael Sutani.

Mr Sutani and Ms Gloria Jingxela face an additional count of failing to appear in court on March 30 on charges of trespassing on the same farm.



Mrs Kathy Lockett and her husband, the Rev Syd Lockett, outside their Bishops-court home yesterday.

Mrs Lockett in new bid to remain in SA

Staff Reporter

MRS KATHY Lockett, the Cape Town teacher who was allowed to enter South Africa for seven days after being refused re-entry last Friday, will be trying again today to gain the right to stay in the country she has come to regard as home.

Mrs Lockett, wife of the Rev Syd Lockett, chairman of the Anglican Board of Social Responsibility, has been trying unsuccessfully since the beginning of 1981 to gain permanent residence.

She has never been told why her applications have been unsuccessful, but believes it could be because of her husband's work in the townships, where he ministers to the people of Crossroads and the surrounding squatter communities.

Mrs Lockett, a Briton, was refused re-entry when she arrived at Jan Smuts Airport after a holiday in Zimbabwe. After spending the night in the airport's transit hotel she was granted permission to spend seven days in South Africa.

Today she will be going to the Department of Internal Affairs to see if her stay in the country will be extended.

"We're not too pessimistic," Mr Lockett said yesterday. "In fact, we're not sure if the whole situation is not an administrative bungle."

Mrs Lockett, who has been living in Cape Town since August 1980, first applied for permanent residence in 1981.

A few months later, during the Nyanga squatter crisis, she was questioned by the security police after catching a bus from Transkei to Cape Town along with returning squatters who had been deported.

Mr Lockett said: "In January 1982 she was told her application for residence had been refused and she had to leave the country by the end of February."

The decision was reversed by Mr Chris Heunis, then Minister of Internal Affairs, who granted her a year's temporary permit on condition she "behaved herself".

The permit expired this year and has not been renewed.

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Temporary permit for Mrs Lockett

Staff Reporter

MRS KATHY LUCKETT, the Cape Town teacher who has applied unsuccessfully for permanent residence in South Africa since the beginning of 1981, has been granted a temporary permit to remain in the country for a month.

Mrs Lockett, who was initially refused re-entry to South Africa at the weekend after spending a holiday in Zimbabwe, entered the country on a seven-day visa.

She is the wife of the Rev Syd Lockett, chairman of the Anglican Board of Social Responsibility, who is widely known for his ministering work among the squatter communities of the Peninsula.

Mrs Lockett went to the Department of Internal Affairs yesterday and was told that "Pretoria had not made up their minds" whether she should be allowed to stay.

Mrs Lockett was granted a month's permit and told to keep applying to Pretoria.

CAPE TIMES 20/7/83
**191 get
Rikhoto
rights**

Labour Reporter

A TOTAL of 191 contract workers in the Western Cape had been granted their "Rikhoto rights" by the end of last week, according to Dr Gert du Preez, chief liaison officer of the Western Cape Administration Board (WCAB).

But a further 221 migrant workers — more than half — have had their applications for Section 10 (i) (b) or permanent residence rights turned down by the WCAB.

Dr Du Preez said the WCAB had so far received 3 075 formal applications for these rights.

The workers have applied for permanent residence on the basis that they have worked for one employer for more than 10 years. This right was established in the Appeal Court case of Mr Tom Rikhoto, a Germiston contract worker.

The WCAB has made it clear, however, that they are applying the ruling strictly.

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Mass arrests feared at Crossroads

Staff Reporter

ABOUT 1000 Crossroads residents last night met to discuss alleged warnings by the Western Cape Administration Board yesterday that the presence of "illegal Transkeians and Ciskeians" in the camp would not be tolerated.

Fears of further pass raids and mass arrests were aroused among the residents following an earlier meeting

between the Chief Director of WCAB, Mr J Gunter, and the Crossroads Committee.

At the evening meeting, held in a packed Noxolo School hall, an executive committee member, Mr Elliot Dyakopu, told residents Mr Gunter had indicated WCAB would "move in on thousands of 'illegal' Transkeians and Ciskeians" in the squatter camp.

The meeting, was in-

terspersed with song, ululation and chanting. Hundreds gathered at windows outside to hear the speakers.

Referring to apparent delays by WCAB in setting up a promised "appeals committee" to examine the cases of more than 6000 Crossroads residents trying to establish their status in the Western Cape, Mr Dyakopu said:

"There is no longer co-operation between

the board (WCAB) and the committee. We have been waiting to put our cases for months but he (Mr Gunter) told us it had nothing to do with him," Mr Dyakopu said.

"We say that nothing must happen before people have been given the chance to go before the appeal committee."

The Minister of Co-operation and Development, Dr Piet Koornhof, had "on many occasions"

given the people of Crossroads the assurance that they would be given rights to stay with their children, he said.

Mr Timo Bezuidenhoud, Chief Commissioner for Co-operation and Development in the Western Cape, had also "promised" to form the appeals committee, but nothing had happened. Crossroads Committee members said residents feared that promises would "not be kept".



A section of the 1000-strong singing, chanting crowd at last night's Crossroads meeting.

Chambers Call for urgency slam new on local township housing

Staff Reporter

THE Western Cape Chambers of Commerce yesterday urged the government to develop "a sense of urgency" over the housing crisis in the Peninsula.

A unanimous resolution taken at their annual congress yesterday urged the Department of Community Development to make more land available for coloured housing.

A delegate from the Cape Town Chamber of Commerce which put forward the motion, Mr Harold Groom, said the interests of the community were inextricably bound with those of business.

One prerequisite of productive labour was an adequately-housed workforce which preferably had a stake in it.

Businessmen had accepted the challenge thrown out by the government that private enterprise had to help provide housing. However, since the announcement a year ago on the new State housing policy, no progress had been made with the provision of more land and serviced plots.

The guest speaker at the congress, Mr Chris Heunis, Minister of Constitutional Development and Planning, said the problem was more to do with the use of the limited land. Density would have to be increased and standards lowered.

He suggested to the chambers that they channel these problems through the newly-formed regional economic advisory committees.

By JANE ARBOUS from existing townships THE Western Cape Chambers of Commerce yesterday condemned the construction of the new township Khayelitsha as a consolidated housing area for blacks in the Peninsula.

In a resolution passed by a large majority of the chambers at their congress at The Strand yesterday, the government was urged — in the interests of the Western Cape economy — to let blacks legally occupying houses in the existing townships remain there.

Also, blacks would be deprived of facilities to which they had contributed substantial funds over the years. Large sums of money had been spent on renovating and improving their homes in the townships.

The removals, the chamber said, should also be seen in the light of the fact that employers had erected housing for their migrant workers which would have to be rebuilt at Khayelitsha at considerable added cost.

There were at least 72 000 illegal blacks currently in the Peninsula, and their numbers were sure to grow. While it made sense to accept this influx and provide accommodation in Khayelitsha of varying standards, uprooting residents of Langa, Guguletu, and Nyanga would be unwise.

Asked to address the congress on the issue, Mr Timo Bezuidenhoud, Chief Commissioner of Co-operation and Development in the Western Cape, said a consolidated housing area was necessary for the "orderly development of Cape Town".

'Grim conditions'

Mr Stern said people had already been moved to Khayelitsha and because of an inadequate infrastructure, were living in grim conditions.

Referring to confusion in government circles on the provision of transport and other facilities, he said: "Infrastructure should be on a basis of planning and not emergency."

The chamber believed it was naive in the extreme to assume there would be a large-scale voluntary movement

**59 arrested
at Crossroads**

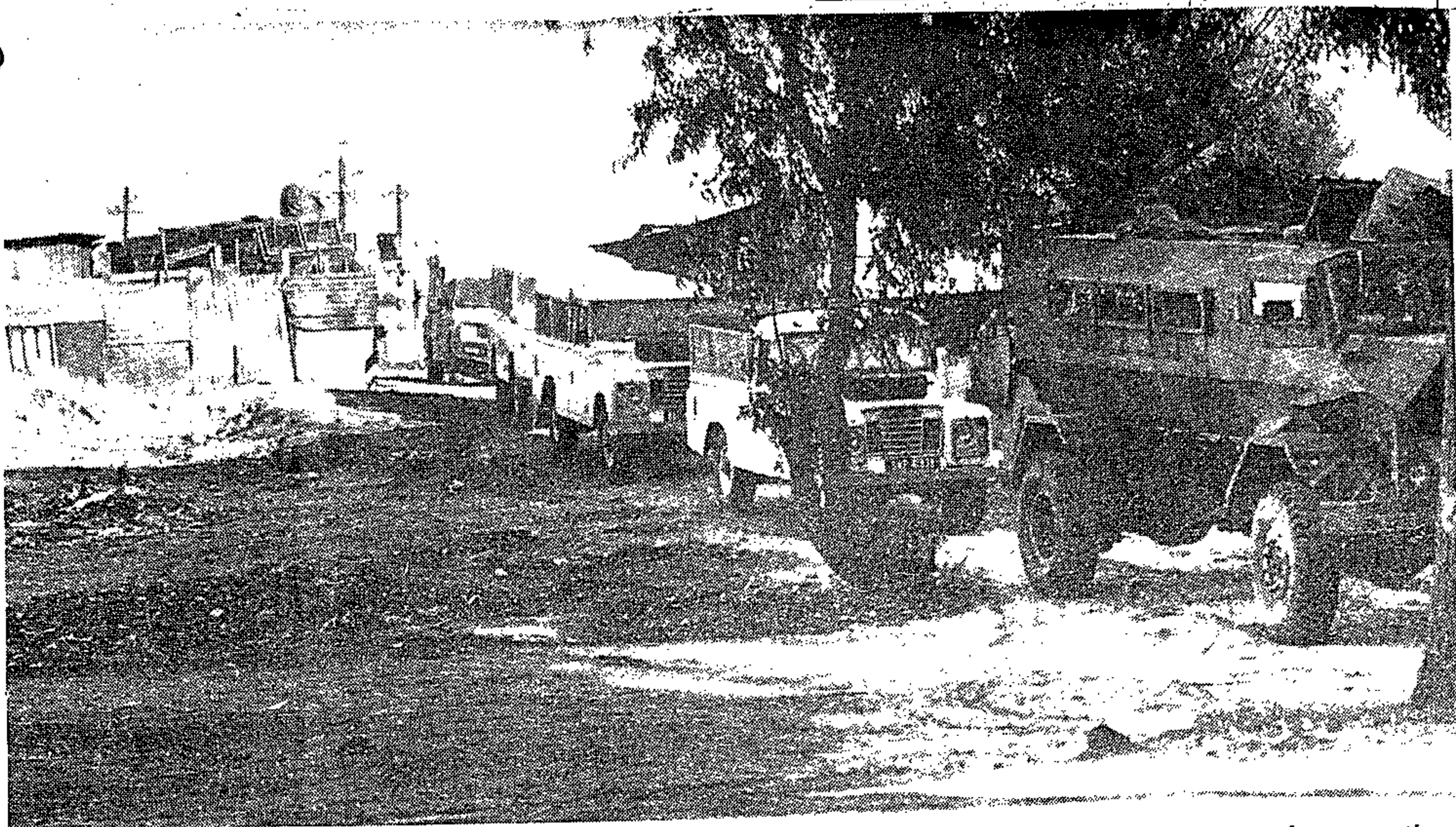
CAPE TOWN 25/7/83
Staff Reporter

FIFTY-NINE Crossroads residents were arrested in a raid by Administration Board officials this morning.

Dr Gert du Preez, liaison officer for the board, said the 16 men and 43 women arrested were being "screened" by the inspectorate. This meant not all of those arrested would appear in court immediately.

He said, however, that he was sure the inspectors would not arbitrarily arrest people without being satisfied they had committed offences.

"Our officials executed the inspection in accordance with normal influx control measures — we do not raid," he said.



A convoy of police and Western Cape Administration Board vehicles leave the squatter camp after arresting some of the residents.

59 held in Crossroads raid

Staff Reporters

FIFTY-NINE people — 16 men and 43 women — were arrested during a Western Cape Administration Board (WCAB) swoop on the Crossroads squatter camp yesterday morning.

Several police and WCAB vehicles moved into the area about 10am. Shacks were searched and residents were lined up outside while policemen with dogs stood nearby.

The WCAB chief liaison officer, Mr Gert du Preez, later denied the swoop had been a "pass raid" and said the arrested people were being "screened" and that the board was still investigating.

Mr Du Preez said the people would appear in the Langa Commissioner's Court today. He would not comment on charges.

Asked whether the arrests had signified the start of a "concerted" effort by the WCAB to clear Crossroads of "illegals", the Chief Commissioner of Co-operation and Development for the Western Cape, Mr Timo Bezuidenhoud, said: "I don't see it that way. The action taken was in the scope of normal

WCAB work."

At a meeting attended by about 1 000 Crossroads residents last week, an executive member of the Crossroads Committee, Mr Elliot Dyakopu, said the chief director of the WCAB, Mr J Gunter, had indicted that the WCAB would "move in on thousands of illegal Transkeians and Ciskeians" in the squatter camp.

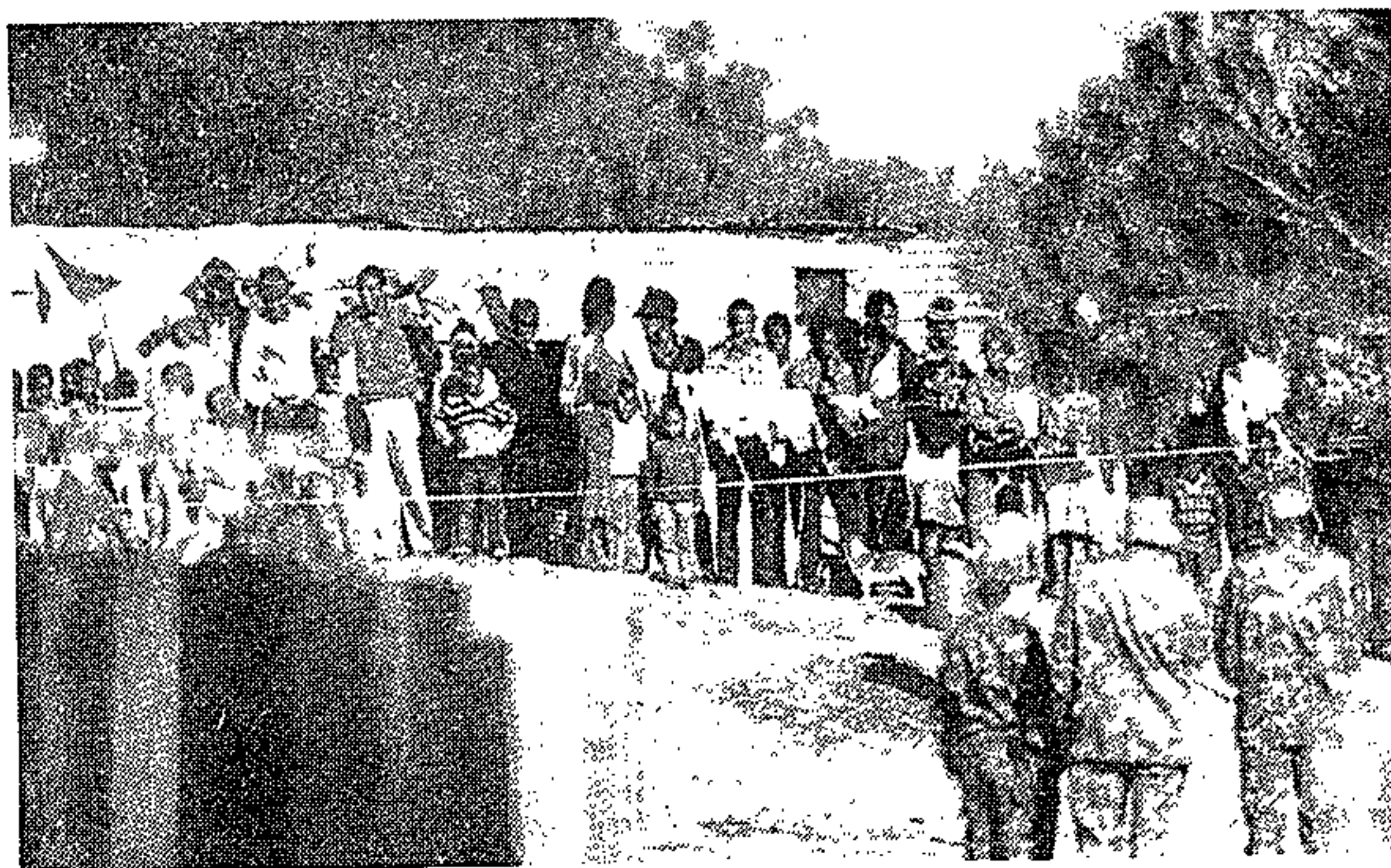
Mr Gunter could not be contacted for comment yesterday.

Mr Bezuidenhoud said the WCAB "had to apply the law" because many "illegals" were "infiltrating" into the Western Cape from Transkei and Ciskei.

He emphasized that WCAB officers had "specific instructions" not to arrest any of the 6 000 people waiting to put their cases for permanent residence.

Mr Bezuidenhoud denied allegations that there was a "breakdown in co-operation" between Crossroads community leaders and the WCAB.

He said he had personally spoken with the camp's two community leaders, Mr Johnson Ngxobogwana and Mr Oliver Memani, during the last two weeks.



ABOVE: Crossroads squatter-camp residents are lined up outside their shacks during a WCAB swoop yesterday morning. BELOW: Mrs Mavis Machiwa stands alone outside her shack — the rest of her family were arrested during the swoop.



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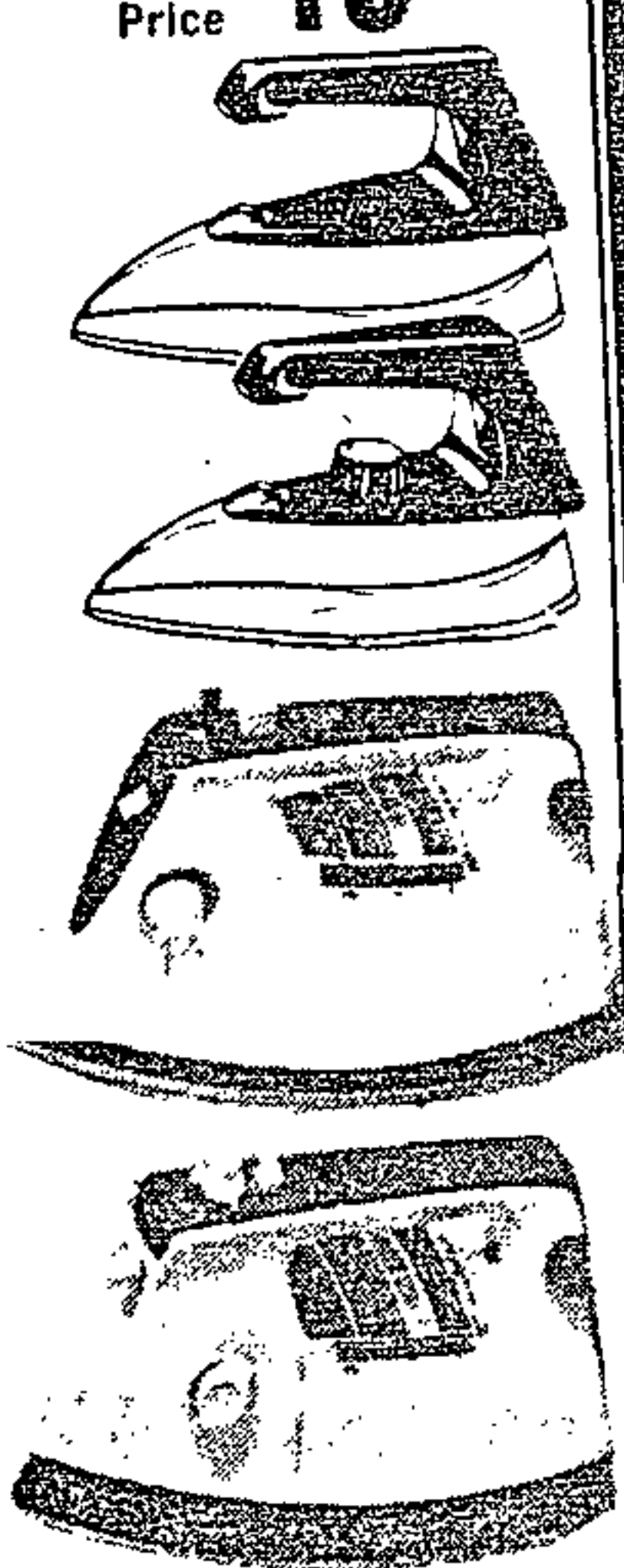
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Marriage of Prince Michael approved

LONDON — Five years after they wed in a civil ceremony, the marriage of Prince Michael of Kent, an Anglican, and his Catholic wife, the former Baroness Marie-Christine von Reibnitz, has been approved by the Roman Catholic Church, a royal spokesman said today.

As a result, the couple plan to renew their vows before a Catholic priest.

Their private secretary, Colonel Michael Mitchell, said church authorities in Britain had indicated the marriage would soon receive official sanction.

"We expect it to arrive very shortly and the ceremony will then take place."

The prince, 41, a cousin of Queen Elizabeth II, is an Anglican like the rest of Britain's royal family.

The Prince had to give up his 16th place in line to the throne to marry Princess Michael. — Sapa-AP

Call on PEM to help coloured Dias squatters

THE Dias Divisional Council decided today to ask the Department of Community Development to instruct the Port Elizabeth Municipality to allocate a percentage of its new houses for the re-housing of coloured squatters from the Dias division.

In a letter submitted to the monthly meeting of the council today, the Regional Representative of the Department of Community Development, Mr A C Verwey, says he has asked the Port Elizabeth Municipality to provide houses for Dias squatters.

However, the council was only prepared to place names on the waiting list.

According to the secretary of the Divisional Council, Mr N W Anderson, help from the Port Elizabeth City Council would not be forthcoming if it was only based on a request to the council.

For this reason the Department of Community Development would be asked to include a clause that in any future provision of houses in Port Elizabeth a percentage should be allocated for the re-housing of squatter families in the Dias Division.

A councillor, Mr Geoff Bird, said this was not a solution to the problem.

He said the Port Elizabeth City Council had built about 700 houses a year over the past 10 years.

"There are 4 000 squatter families in the Divisional Council area and even if we get 50% of the new houses it will take 20 years to house the squatters."

"The Department of Community Development must allocate money to solve this problem. They are prepared to move people out of Willowdene but do not show enough concern for the squatters," he said.

Israeli culture on show at UPE

Post Reporter

AN "Israel Day" is being held at the University of Port Elizabeth on August 4 to bring the cultural and historical background of Israel alive to students and members of the public.

Professor Wentzel van Huyssteen, of the Department of Biblical Studies at the university, said his department was arranging the day in conjunction with the East Cape Zionist Council.

"Our aim is to introduce people to ancient and present-day Israel as a background to the interpretation of the Bible," he said.

There will be an exhibition of archaeological material, Israeli artefacts, scrolls and manuscripts, ancient and modern Jewish clothing and money and stamp collections.

The day will start with a talk by Dr Moshe Natas, followed by the official opening by the Mayor of Port Elizabeth, Mr H van Zyl Cillie.

Israeli music will be played and traditional folk dancing will be taught.

A Jewish lunch has been planned and all are welcome to attend.

Sinn Fein MP wants dialogue

LONDON — Irish Republican leader Mr Gerry Adams, who was once barred from Britain but now holds a seat in the British Parliament, arrived here today saying he wanted dialogue with the British people.

Mr Adams, whose militant Republican stance helped him win the West Belfast seat in the June General Election, was visiting the House of Commons today, but said he would not take his seat.

The arrival of Mr Adams, vice-president of the Irish Republican Army's political

party, Sinn Fein, coincided with a visit to Britain by the Irish Foreign Minister, Mr Peter Barry.

It was seen by some political commentators in Dublin as an attempt to embarrass both the British Government and Mr Barry, who is appealing for a joint Anglo-Irish peace effort in Ireland.

On his arrival at Heathrow Airport, Mr Adams, 34, said he wanted to start dialogue with the British people over Britain's rule in Northern Ireland. — Sapa-Reuter

Eastern Cape

Wet weather

News briefs

— Komga (CBJ), Jansen-ville (CBG), Hartenbos (CBS) and Pearson (CBV). In addition to having more registration offices closer to home than before, the new Road Traffic Ordinance also promulgated today, will give motorists a much more simplified registration system.

Bathurst and Port Alfred municipalities. In addition to giving CAU numbers to local motorists, will also allocate CCH numbers for Seymour motorists. The major Eastern Cape registering authorities will be Port Elizabeth for CB vehicles, East London for CE vehicles, Grahamstown

honoured the Cape Provincial Administration's undertaking not to change from the Cape's tradition of lettering system. In terms of the new law, town and divisional council Revenue officers — will handle motor registrations from August 1.

police reservist who laid the charge of masquerading against him. Wellen pleaded guilty to the charge and in a long statement handed to the court by his lawyer, Mr M H Marcus, said he gave assistance to people overcome by smoke and shock during the fire at the Rand Show on April 12. The prosecutor, Mr J Grobler, said Wellen indulged in a type of activity which could have had serious consequences. The magistrate, Mr L S du Toit, in finding Wellen guilty said it was clear Wellen had not harmed anyone and wanted to help people. — Sapa

Divco members clash on unequal pay, squatters

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Staff Reporter

LIBERALS and conservatives on the Cape Divisional Council clashed today on the issues of unequal pay for blacks and whites and on squatters.

The liberal councillors, with Mr Neil Ross, national director of the Progressive Federal Party in the vanguard, won the unequal pay issue but lost the squatter issue.

The first dispute occurred over the issue of

allowances for road construction staff.

The recommendation before the council included camp allowances of 52c an hour for married whites and 49c an hour for unmarried whites. The corresponding allowance for other races was to be 30c an hour for married employees and 27c for unmarried.

Mr Ross said this would mean that black and white people with the same qualifications

would be paid differently and proposed this aspect be discussed with the Cape Provincial Administration.

Mr M J Aggenbach, deputy chairman of Divco, said he was not prepared to go to the province on the matter.

The item was put to the vote and Mr Ross won narrowly by eight votes to seven.

Mr Ross later raised the issue of Divco's demolition of squatter

shacks. He moved that the housing committee be directed to consider a squatter policy including the question of alternative accommodation and temporary site and service schemes.

But Mr P J Grobbelaar said he felt strongly about the subject as farmers in the Boland complained that labourers left the roofs over their heads to go and squat in the cities.

"We should not make it

so easy for them to lie in the bushes," he said.

Mr D Lambert, chairman of the housing committee, said there must be some form of influx control, but he was taken to task by Mr P L Andrew who dissociated himself from the idea of influx control and said South Africa must accept the world trend to urbanise.

Mr Ross's motion was defeated by nine votes to six.

Housing plea to Divco fails

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Municipal Reporter

A PROPOSAL that the Divisional Council re-think its policy on "illegal" squatters and provide them with accommodation or temporary site-and-service schemes was rejected by the council yesterday.

Mr N D Ross introduced the motion after the council had noted the Squatter Control Operations Progress report of the Housing Committee.

He pointed out that in the past eight years, 8393 "illegal" shacks had been demolished a year. This meant that 80 were demolished a month. In the three-month period from March to June, 148 had been demolished.

This rate of demolition perturbed him as the council was dealing with people, he said. He moved that the housing committee turn its attention to establishing a new policy on these squatters.

Mr P J Grobbelaar said the council should "not make it so easy for

people to come to Cape Town from the Boland to lie in the bushes". The cost of accommodating them became the burden of the tax-payer.

These people came to Cape Town without knowing if they had jobs or houses, and then appealed to the mercy of Capetonians with "heartrending" stories in newspapers.

Mr D Lambert said some type of influx control was needed, but the council should keep demolition to a minimum. Mr J J Walsh said he was not in favour of "indiscriminate squatting", but the council had to face up to welfare problems.

Mr P L Andrew said he dissociated himself from the statement that influx control, as it was practised, was needed. South Africa was only 47 percent urbanized, as opposed to 57 percent in other industrialized countries. It was "stupid" not to expect a higher degree of urbanization, he said.

Mr Ross's motion was lost by nine votes to six.

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90 arrested in WCAB raid at Crossroads

Staff Reporter

NINETY people — 78 women and 12 men — were arrested by Western Cape Administration Board (WCAB) officials in the Crossroads squatter camp yesterday, bringing the total of "illegals" arrested in the camp this week to 149.

In almost the same procedure as that followed on Monday morning, WCAB officials and policemen dressed in camouflage uniforms arrived in the camp in a convoy of armoured vehicles, land-rovers and trucks about 8am.

A police liaison officer for the Western Cape, Captain Jan Calitz, emphasized that policemen had been

present "only to maintain law and order".

The arrests had been made by WCAB officials only and there had been "no trouble", Captain Calitz said.

The chief liaison officer for the WCAB, Dr Gert du Preez, said the 90 'illegals' arrested yesterday would appear in the Langa Commissioner's Court today.

On Monday, Mr Bezuidenhoud said the WCAB "had to apply the law" as many "illegals" had "infiltrated" into the Western Cape from Transkei and Ciskei.

He emphasized that the 6 000 Crossroads people waiting to put their cases for permanent residence before an appeals committee would not be arrested.

Another raid on squatters

Staff Reporter

FOR the fourth day in succession, Western Cape Administration Board officials and police today raided Crossroads, searched homes for weapons and made arrests.

Mrs Florence Hlantlala, a Crossroads committee member, said more than 20 vans of officials and police took part in the raid near Noxolo school.

"They arrested many people and also searched for weapons."

Mr D Nofemele, a Crossroads executive committee member, said his daughter and his niece were arrested in the raid.

"The officials have given no explanation to the committee. They can't continue to treat Crossroads residents in this way. The people are getting really angry."

Neither Mr J F L Gunter, director of the Western Cape Administration Board, or Dr Gert du Preez, the liaison officer, was available for comment. Mr Timo Bezuidenhoud, Chief Commissioner of the Department of Co-operation and Development, could also not be contacted.

Captain Jan Calitz, a police liaison officer, stressed that the police presence was only to maintain law and order.

EXCERPTIONS.

Misery of mud an

By MARC DOBSON

THE torrential rains which this week brought relief to drought-stricken regions in the Eastern Cape were not considered a blessing by all.

In the shanty townships of Veeplaas and Soweto, on the outskirts of Port Elizabeth, the deluge brought nothing but misery, underlining the critical shortage of housing for blacks.

Hundreds of the shack-dwellers were forced to flee their homes when the rising floodwaters engulfed their rickety wood-and-iron shacks clustered along the banks of the Chatty River.

When the Weekend Post visited the Veeplaas-Soweto area late this week the saturated townships had not yet recovered from seven days of battering rain.

Many shacks were still surrounded by expanses of cold, muddy water, while swiftly-flowing streams poured down the churned-up roads and pathways, inhibiting transport.

In an effort to drain their sites, many residents dug furrows around their shacks, diverting the swirling gullies of water.

But the rain had permeated everything. Roofs were leaking, floors were sodden and moisture clung to every corner and crevice.

The townships' filthy living conditions — described recently by Dr Marius Barnard, PFP spokesman on health, as "abominable" and a "disgrace" to South Africa — were exacerbated as the floodwaters deposited a legacy of flotsam.

Assorted refuse, rusty tins, bottles and pieces of



soggy cardboard, either cluttered up yards and roads or floated idly on the dozens of dirty ponds that glistened across the entire area.

However, life was going on despite the inconvenience. A miserable drizzle blanketed the sky, but outside many of the shacks damp clothing fluttered valiantly on makeshift washing lines.

Housewives waded through ankle-deep ponds to collect water from the communal taps, while children scabbled in the mud with their soccer balls.

The disastrous effect of heavy rain is a fact of life to the thousands of residents of Veeplaas and Soweto, who have nowhere else to go.

Their shacks, constructed of packing case wood, corrugated iron sheets, wire and fencing,

are more than just shelters — they're home.

Which explains why some residents are prepared to invest what money they have in making their shacks more attractive and comfortable. Like Mrs Laetitia Matikinca, who so resigned herself to the periodic flooding of her home that she built on an extra room on stilts.

"Now when the rains come and wash out my house, I just take my family and climb up to the other room," she said.

Another resident who took precautions is Mrs Nareh Mongo, whose shack is home to herself and five children. Mrs Mongo carefully built up her floors so that her belongings would not be swamped in the event of a downpour.

When floodwaters encircled her shack this week, Mrs Mongo's possessions

remained dry. Her neighbours were not so fortunate. They were forced to evacuate their homes and seek shelter in the local community hall.

Many of the residents of Veeplaas and Soweto can afford the rentals of R28 a month in the adjacent townships of New Brighton and Zwide, but the acute shortage of houses there has forced them to resort to building shacks on the large tract of land allocated for this purpose by the East Cape Administration Board.

Most of the shacks that were affected most severely by the flood are situated in low-lying ground edging onto the Chatty River.

According to Mr Louis Koch, Chief Director of Ecab, these shacks had been erected without permission by people desper-

Above: Part of the enormous shackland housing 100 000 people. Right: Standing outside her shack in Veeplaas is Mrs LAETITIA MATIKINCA and her daughter, SAMANTHA.

ate for accommodation.

These shack-dwellers did not have to pay the usual service charge of R10 a month for their site since the land was not suitable for occupancy. (The fee includes a bucket service for latrines, refuse disposal, water and the shanty townships' mast-head lighting.)

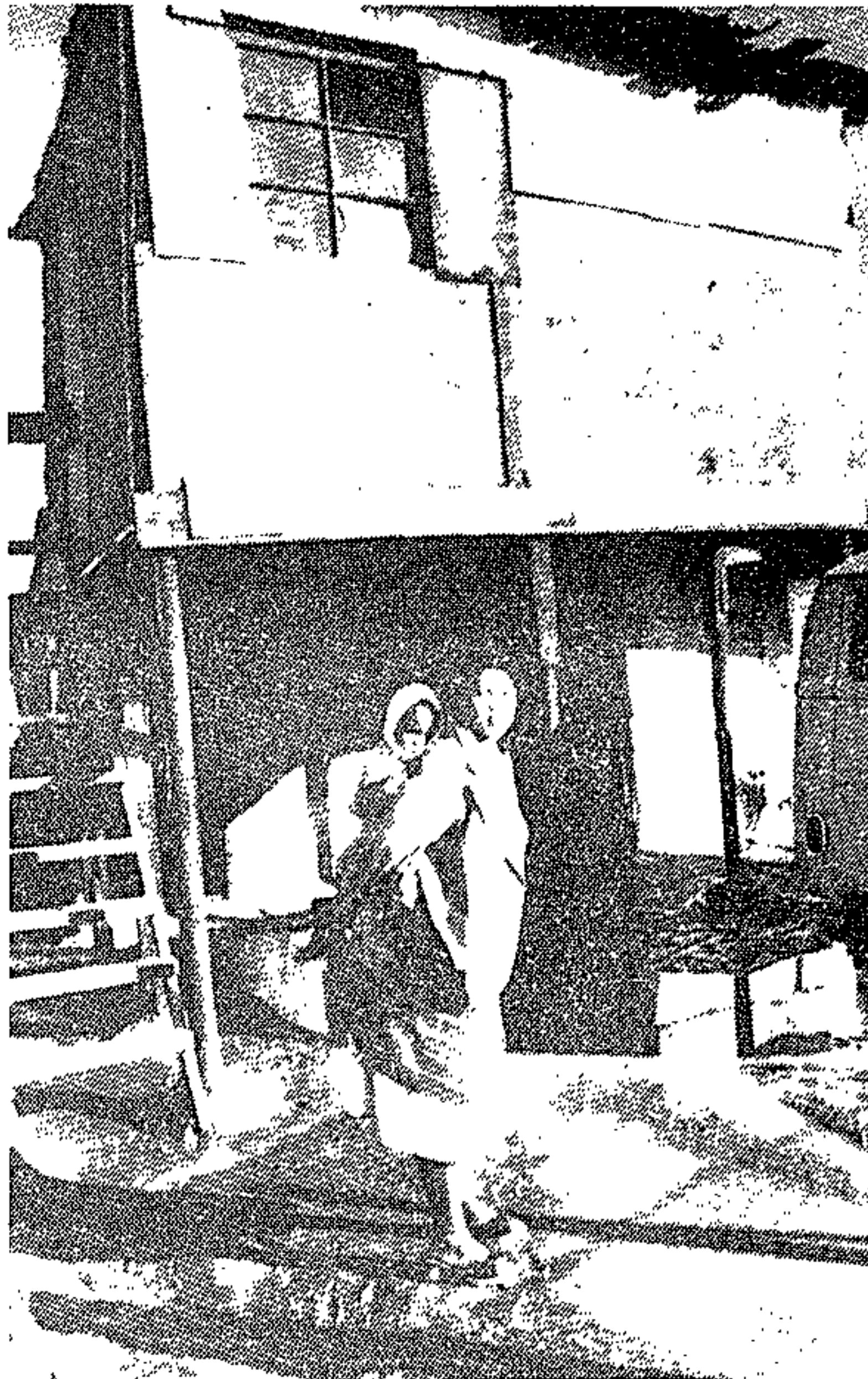
But the plight of the shack-dwellers, though extremely dismal, is not without hope.

With work progressing smoothly on the massive R300-million township of Motherwell, near Coega,

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hundreds of families can look forward to living in new homes and better circumstances within the next 12 months.

The nine neighbouring units in Motherwell are to provide homes for over 100 000 people — roughly the population of the sprawling shanty townships.

Two additional new townships, Kwamagxaki, north of the Chatty River, and Kwadesi, will also help alleviate the tremendous backlog of housing units.

"The standard of living of the shack-dwellers will be greatly enhanced once they've all been resettled," promises Mr Koch.

The first 500 homes in Motherwell will be ready for occupancy by January next year, with a further 500 houses to be available every three months until the full quota of 17 000 homes has been reached.

Each neighbourhood unit in Motherwell has been designed to provide clusters of about 17 houses facing a central court, with flats, schools, shopping centres, sports fields, creches and churches situated nearby.

And that forsaken area now known as Veeplaas and Soweto? It's to be transformed into lush parks and playing fields, an ironic end in the light of its present poverty.

247 held in week of raids

By COLIN HOWELL

A TOTAL of 247 people were arrested during early-morning swoops by inspectors of the Western Cape Administration Board (WCAB) on "illegals" at the Crossroads squatter camp this week.

The arrests, from Monday to Thursday, followed a pattern. WCAB trucks and armoured police vehicles drove into the camp about 8am each day.

Police in camouflage uniforms stood by with police dogs to "maintain law and order", according to a police liaison officer for the Western Cape, Captain Jan Calitz.

WCAB officials then combed the camp and arrested 188 women and 59 men on charges of being "illegally" in the Peninsula for longer than 72 hours, without permission, or failing to produce the relevant "pass", or both.

Briefly in court

On Thursday, 132 of the arrested squatters appeared briefly in the Langa Commissioner's Court. Nine were cautioned and discharged. The others were not asked to plead and were either released on warning or on bail of up to R50. The hearings were postponed till between August 22 and September 16.

A 16-year-old schoolgirl, Virginia Rasmeni, was among those cautioned and discharged. She spent Wednesday

night in Manenberg police station cells.

Her mother, Mrs Judith Rasmeni, told the Cape Times that inspectors of the WCAB had arrested Virginia despite pleas that she was a schoolgirl who "didn't need a pass".

"They wouldn't listen to me. I tried to explain but they just took Virginia away in a van on Wednesday morning."

Mr D Mngomeni and Mr T Brown appeared for the State. The Commissioners were Mr J Uys and Mr L van Wyk. The accused were represented by Mr D A Newton, Mr N Yekiso, Mr T de Bruyn, Mr A Segers or Miss B Sidego, all instructed by Groepe, De Bruyn and Yekiso.

Earlier this week, the Chief Director for Co-operation and Development in the Western Cape, Mr Timo Bezuidenhoud, said the 6 000 Crossroads people waiting to put their cases for permanent residence before an appeal committee would not be arrested.

On Thursday, an executive member of the Crossroads Committee, Mrs Alexandria Luke, said that some of those arrested were "waiting for their appeals to be heard".

At a meeting of more than 1 000 residents last week, executive members of the Crossroads Committee told of a "breakdown in co-operation" between the committee and the WCAB.

Squatters flee floods

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Two die as rivers sweep down

By KOOS
GOETZEE

MORE THAN 1 000 squatters had to evacuate their houses, many thousands more are soaking wet because of leaking roofs and at least two people are believed to have drowned during this week's severe flooding in Port Elizabeth.

Hardest hit were squatters living on the banks of the Chatty and Swartkops Rivers. Many were cut off from the outside world as roads became impassable.

Emergency evacuation operations started shortly after Monday midnight and at

least 198 families, totalling 1 140 people, some of whom had their shacks washed away completely, were accommodated in community and church halls.

Blankets, food and mattresses were provided by the Red Cross and a wide variety of church and welfare organisations.

On Wednesday, some of the evacuees had started looking for alternative accommodation with family and friends, but not

many had moved out of the halls.

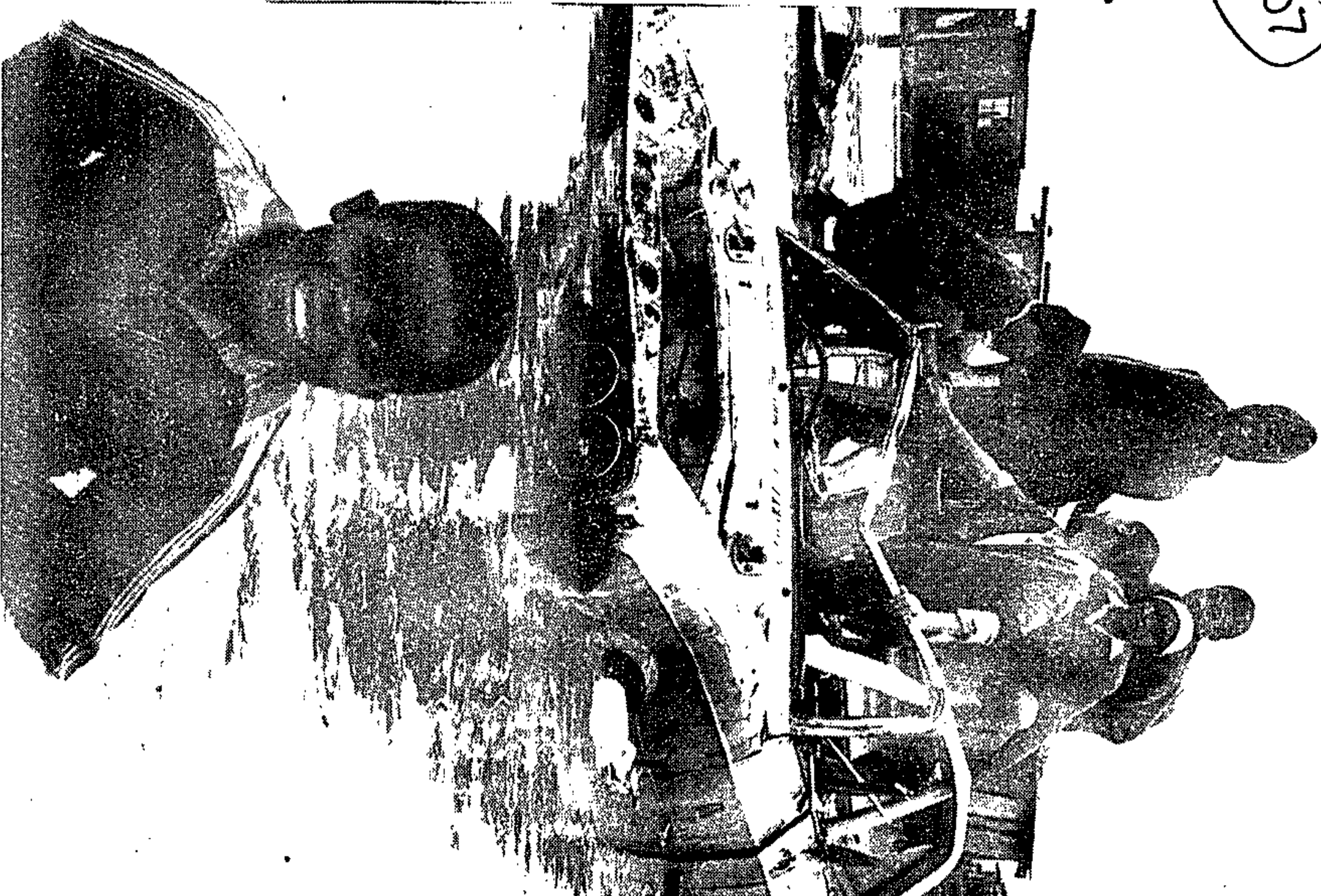
More than 70 people were airlifted from Kleinskool and Veeplaas adjoining the Chatty river on Tuesday afternoon.

By Wednesday, emergency operations — in which police, the East Cape Administration Board, the Air Force and the Blue Water Bay Lifesaving Club took part — had been virtually completed.

The two people believed to have drowned have not yet been identified, a police spokesman said.

Two men rescued from an island on the Swartkops River said a woman had been swept away and drowned.

An unidentified man also drowned in the PE Soweto squatter area on Tuesday.



● Not all of us are scared of the flood! This youngster was able to make the most of the burst rivers — unlike most others.

'Bed camp' squatters' shelters demolished

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Staff Reporters

ABOUT 20 riot squad vehicles and a sneeze machine were parked at the "bed camp" in Crossroads today as Western Cape Administration Board officials demolished shelters for the second successive day.

Residents stood in the rain this morning, watching quietly as board employees loaded poles, boards and plastic from the broken-down shelters on to trucks.

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According to community sources, the people living in the camp are legally permitted to be in the Cape. They said they had discussed the matter with board officials who had agreed they could stay there for a while.

"We told them we want a place to build houses but they told us they would let us know later about that. They did not say when and we have not been told anything yet."

A board official, who did not want to be named, confirmed that the camp was demolished yesterday and that people had erected shelters again during the night.

The chief liaison officer of the board, Dr Gert du Preez, said today that 17 "illegal shelters" were demolished in Crossroads yesterday. More than half were demolished by the residents themselves.

Dr du Preez said there had been "four or five successive inspections in Crossroads recently".

A number of people had been arrested and had appeared in court on various charges. Between July 25 and July 28 246 people were arrested in Crossroads, he said.

He said today's demolitions would be commented on "at the end of the operation".

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Homeless lose 200 shelters

Staff Reporter

AT LEAST 200 shelters erected by homeless people at Old Crossroads were flattened when Western Cape Administration Board (WCAB) officials swooped on the area early yesterday morning.

An Old Crossroads resident said several WCAB vans arrived to demolish shelters before people had even woken up.

Dr Gert du Preez, chief liaison officer of the WCAB, said 200 "illegal shelters" had been demolished. He added that at least 100 inhabitants had dismantled their own shelters.

He said there had been "no incidents" and no arrests were made.

The Crossroads resident said people had demolished their own shelters rather than have them confiscated or ruined.

Asked whether the homeless people at Old Crossroads had been provided with tents, Mr Timo Bezuidenhoud, Chief Commissioner of Co-operation and Development for the Western Cape, said the Old Crossroads situation should not be confused with the Nyanga bush people.

"Illegals will certainly not be provided with tents," he said.

Demolition again at Crossroads

Staff Reporter

HUNDREDS of people huddled in the rain as demolitions continued today in the Crossroads squatter camp for the third successive day.

At least 16 official vehicles, including armoured personnel carriers, surrounded the shanty town.

A resident claimed more than 40 vehicles were involved.

Hundreds of Port Jackson shelters mushroomed in the camp overnight following the demolition of plastic homes.

"LEGAL"

Squatters said they were legal residents of Crossroads, but were forced out of their dwellings by overcrowding.

Officials, accompanied by police in camouflage uniform, loaded building materials on lorries and removed them.

Spokesmen for the Western Cape Administration Board were unavailable for comment. However, it is believed there were no arrests, and today's raids were aimed at destroying "unauthorised" shelters.

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Dwellings

demolished

THE West Cape Administration Board (WCAB) demolished a further 180 dwellings at Old Crossroads yesterday, bringing the total number of shelters destroyed in the area this week to 549.

On Tuesday it was reported that squatters had demolished about 100 shelters rather than have their possessions damaged by board officials.

A spokesman for WCAB yesterday confirmed the demolitions, adding that no arrests had been made. The demolished dwellings belonged to "illegals".

CAPE

Many in open as shelters removed

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Staff Reporter

THE DEMOLITION of shelters erected by homeless people at Crossroads continued for the fourth successive day today, leaving hundreds huddled in the open in bitterly cold weather.

Riot police and Administration Board workers surrounded a section of Crossroads, and makeshift shelters were torn down and the materials taken away in lorries.

People in the "bed camp" were issued with

cards and told to report to the board offices on Monday.

The Progressive Federal Party spokesman on black affairs in the Western Cape, Mr Ken Andrew, visited the "bed camp" today and spoke to the homeless, who claimed to be legal residents of Crossroads.

Mr Andrew said that over the past month there had been a particularly "vicious campaign of harassment of various groups which have housing accommodation problems".

Promises

He blamed the situation on the Government's failure to keep promises made by Dr Piet Koornhof in 1979.

"The result has been that the combination of natural population growth, the cancellation of phase two of New Crossroads and the demolition of all shacks of heads of households moved to New Crossroads have resulted in hundreds of legal Old Crossroads lodgers having no place to live."

The authorities had known for nearly a year how severe this problem was, but had refused to allow these people to erect shacks or any other form of shelter to protect themselves from the elements, he said.

"The only practical action by the authorities has been to harass these people and demolish whatever meagre shelter they have attempted to provide for themselves.

"Once again it is the poor and voteless people who have to bear the brunt of the failure of Government policies and the inadequacy of their plans to cope with urbanisation."

WCAB levels ^{6/8/83} 93 more shacks ³⁰⁷

Staff Reporter

THE West Cape Administration Board (WCAB) has denied that it is conducting a campaign to "clean up" Crossroads, after a further 93 demolitions at the squatter camp yesterday brought to 644 the number of dwellings destroyed there by the board this week.

Last week, 247 people were arrested in four swoops on the camp on charges of being in the Peninsula illegally for longer than 72 hours without permission or not being in possession of valid passes or both.

Yesterday, Dr Gert du Preez, chief liaison officer for WCAB, said the demolished dwellings were all "illegal structures", adding that no arrests had been made during the demolitions.

He said the board's present activities in Crossroads should not be seen as a campaign to clean up the camp.

'No arrests'

Asked why, when the dwellings of people illegally in the area were being demolished, the board was not taking action against the people themselves, Dr Du Preez said he could only repeat his comment that "an operation took place at Crossroads this morning and no arrests were made".

He did not expect any arrests at this stage, he said.

Mr Ken Andrew, Progressive Federal Party MP for Gardens, who witnessed part of the demolitions yesterday, said last night that it was "a human tragedy and a political scandal that these defenceless people are being denied the right to provide shelter for themselves".

Their situation had been created primarily "by the failure of the government's policies".

Crossroads shelters¹⁸⁶⁴³ demolished^{10/8/03}

Staff Reporter³⁰⁷

THE Western Cape Administration Board tore down 80 shelters in Crossroads yesterday, bringing the number of homes demolished in the past two weeks to more than 700.

Hundreds of people were left in the open in a section of Old Crossroads. The bed camp surrounding Nxolo School covered a wide area and people's belongings were stacked in the open next to their beds.

CLAIM

Residents of the camp claim they are legally entitled to be in the area but have been forced out of their homes because of overcrowding, which resulted when shacks were demolished after people moved to New Crossroads.

The Progressive Federal Party spokesman on black affairs in the Western Cape, Mr Ken Andrew, has blamed the situation on the Government's failure to carry out the promises made by Dr Koornhof in 1979.

He warned the authorities that the demolitions solved nothing and caused "bitterness and racial hatred".

WCAB demolishes 80 squatter shelters

Staff Reporter

ANOTHER 80 squatter shelters at Crossroads and the Nyanga tent camp were demolished by the Western Cape Administration Board (WCAB) yesterday morning.

And Mr Ken Andrew, the MP for Gardens and PFP spokesman on black affairs in the Western Cape, accused the authorities of waging a "deliberate campaign of harassment" against the squatter groups in the area.

The WCAB has denied the recent activity is part of a concerted move to "clean up" the camps.

In the past two weeks the WCAB has demolished 724 structures and arrested 247 people at the various squatter camps. There were no arrests yesterday or last week.

Mr Andrew said most of the people affected by the actions of the WCAB were legally in the Western Cape and were "waiting for the government to keep the promises that have been made over the

past four years".

He warned that the "harassment" solved nothing but caused "bitterness and racial hatred".

"People should be aware that the reason these people are treated with such contempt is because they have no vote."

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Squatters living on beds in open

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By PHILLIP
VAN NIEKERK

ABOUT 1000 Crossroads people are living on their beds in the open following the repeated raids and demolitions of their shelters by the Western Cape Administration Board (WCAB) in the past two weeks.

The people, some of whom have been living at the site for longer

than eight months, have resorted to pulling their shelters down in the morning and rebuilding them in the evening.

They say this is to prevent the WCAB confiscating and burning their flimsy plastic and wood structures.

'Mini-town'

During the day, hundreds of beds, along with the occasional kitchen cabinet or wardrobe, are left in the open at the site. Every evening, a mini-town of shelters mushrooms up within hours, and is dismantled again in the morning.

According to Mr Timo Bezuidenhoud, the Chief Commissioner for Co-operation and Development in the Western Cape, the vast majority of the "bed people" are "legal" residents of Crossroads who have no other accommodation.

"But there are also quite a number of 'illegals' and the Administration Board will continue to take steps against them," he said.

Moved out

A number of the "bed people" were moved to a school on the other side of Crossroads in April, but have since been moved out again to allow the pupils to return to their classes.

Most of the people be-

came homeless when those they were lodging with at Old Crossroads were moved to New Crossroads and their shanties were taken down. They built their own shacks, which were demolished at the end of last year.

Mr Bezuidenhoud said the department was still deciding what to do with the "legal bed people", many of whom have been homeless for more than a year.

'Long wait'

● Referring to the "cathedral" and "dune" squatters, who have been living in tents next to Crossroads for more than a year, Mr Bezuidenhoud said: "I can't really blame them if they're getting angry. They've been waiting there for a long time."

He pleaded with them to remain calm, though he said he did not know when the government would take a decision on their future.

After a hunger fast by 54 of the cathedral squatters in February last year, Dr Piet Koornhof, the Minister of Co-operation and Development, said he would consider their demand to be allowed to remain "legally" in the Western Cape "within a few weeks".

Housing laws seen as source of misery

Staff Reporter

THE CHAIRMAN of the Black Sash in the Western Cape, Mrs Mary Burton, yesterday criticized government black housing policies, saying they caused huge human misery and suffering.

"Black people in the Western Cape are worse off than blacks in other areas," she told a lunch-time meeting in the City.

Talking on "Squatters, the Human Problem", she said: "Government policy has created a black housing problem of critical proportions. Housing needs are desperate, and because of this people are forced to make their own provision."

Mrs Burton gave figures to show that 42 percent of the blacks in the Western Cape's cities and towns were there illegally.

"The machinery which set up the so-called independent homelands has deprived millions of black people of their South African citizenship.

"Influx control regulations mean that it is the black people of this country who face the problems."

The laws were designed as a weapon against these people, she said — and the odds were stacked against them.

She pointed to the series of raids and arrests at the KTC squatter camp in mid-May, calling them "disastrous episodes".

"Rapid urbanization, the recession and the drought have aggravated the pressures to move from the country to the city.

"But there is a battery of laws and regulations set up to prevent country people making their lives in the city."

She said the urban blacks were "driven by human needs", striving for the right to live together as families.

"It is our human problem as well as theirs. They are being forced by our rules to live that way."

The drive to live a community life and the search to find something better would continue, Mrs Burton said.

"What these people want is the right to live in the area, the right to live with their families, and the right to work," she said.

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'Bush People' threatened



● A CROSSROADS mother digs the trenches for another dwelling next to her plastic shelter which was one of a large number of shelters demolished by the Western Cape Administration Board last week.

THE Western Cape Administration Board (WCAB) has threatened to prosecute the Nyanga Bush People's Squatter Committee if "they continue to harbour people illegally in the camp."

Notices to this effect were circulated among committee members at the tent camp near Crossroads. The WCAB also told committee members that a survey carried out had shown that there were people who were not on the lists approved by the Chief Commissioner, living in the tents and structures.

Members of the com-

mittee were warned to ask the "illegals" to leave the area. They also warned committee members that failure to abide by the instruction could lead to prosecution of the committee members as well as the people who are illegally in the area.

According to some of the squatters at the camp, the additional people in the tents were husbands or wives of the people who missed the original survey.

SHOTS

They say the lists were compiled after a raid on the camp when shots were fired and residents had fled for their lives. The result was that some of the residents had returned after the survey was taken.

● The Nyanga bush people have been living in tents for more than a year while they wait for a decision on their legal status in the Cape. The WCAB has refused permission for them to build permanent structures to live in.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Nusas not a white liberal organisation

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SIR, — In response to a letter from SASA and AZASM published in the Cape Herald of July 30, I would like to correct a complete misrepresentation of NUSAS' position.

The letter states that "When NUSAS ... became involved with their divisive actions in Crossroads, Vrygrond and other camps they had all the freedom to continue with their reactionary activities — which resulted in, for example, the split in the Crossroads Committee — as long as there was white dependency."

While respecting the political views of other organisations, we can only condemn the blatant distortion of historical facts. It must be stressed that at *no time* has NUSAS ever played a divisive role in regard to the struggles of squatters. NUSAS did not intervene in the negotiations between the Crossroads squatters and Koornhof; in fact, following the struggles of the people of Crossroads in 1978, NUSAS was one of the few organisations to produce a clear and progressive analysis of the situation, explaining how the intervention of certain liberal groupings had played a divisive role. This analysis was published in a document entitled "Crossroads: Would You Make A Deal With This Man?", which unfortunately cannot be quoted from, as it was banned.

SUPPORTIVE

During the present struggles of squatters at KTC, NUSAS has played a supportive role, *always* in conjunction with other progressive organisations, and in consultation with the legitimate representatives of the squatter community. Moreover, NUSAS has attempted to educate students about the situation of the squatters, showing how the housing crisis is linked to the system of migrant labour, and to the fundamental inequalities of wealth and power in our society.

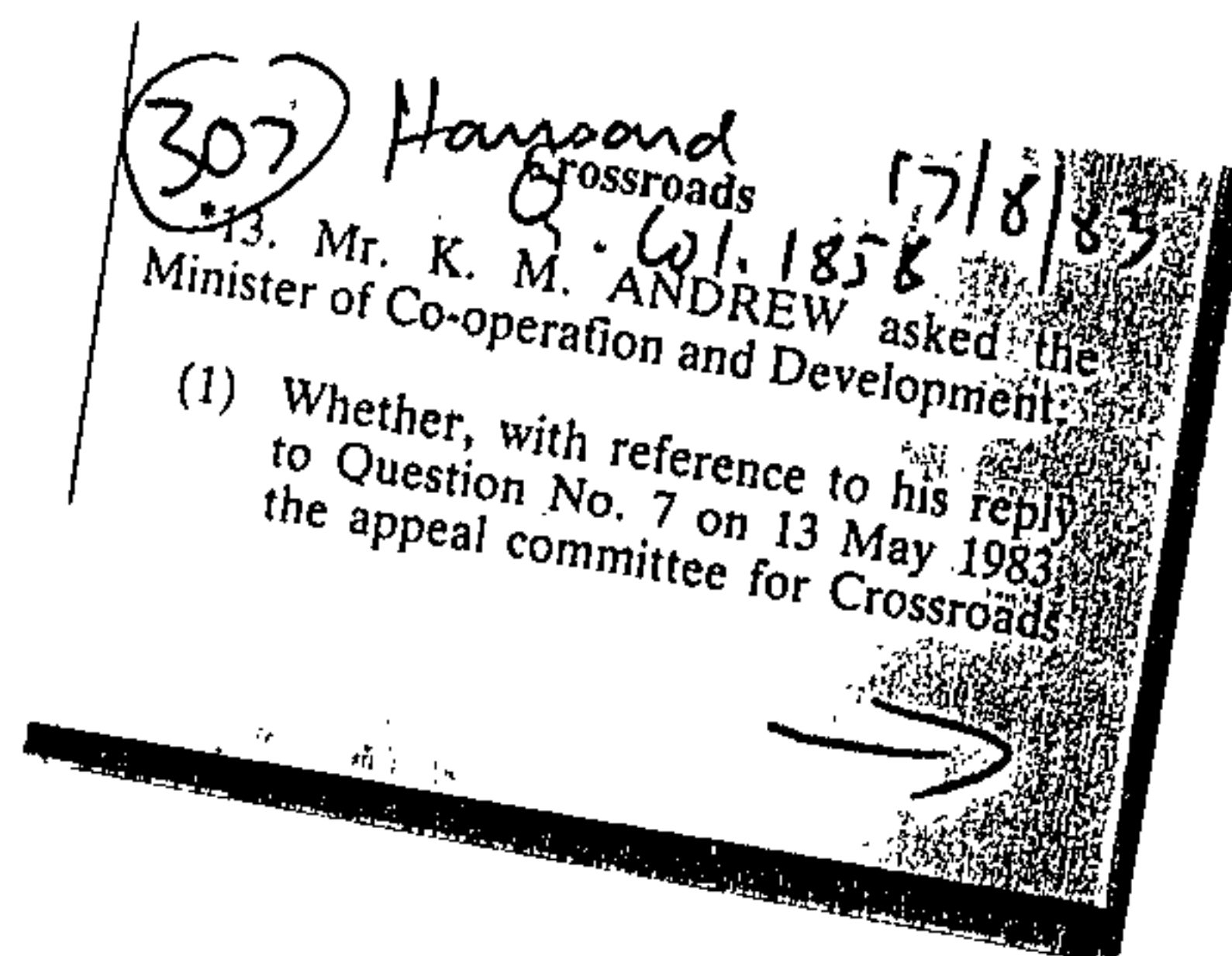
NUSAS has demonstrated consistently, both through its programme and its actions, that it cannot be labelled as a "white liberal organisation." To imply that the involvement of progressive students in such squatter struggles creates "white dependency" can only be termed racist.

NUSAS supports AZASM/SASA in their call for the immediate release of detained students.

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residents has met; if not, why not; if so, (a) on what dates and (b) how many cases has it considered;

- (2) whether any persons involved in these cases were given permission to remain at Crossroads; if so, how many?

The MINISTER OF CO-OPERATION AND DEVELOPMENT:

- (1) Matters relating to the functioning of the Committee are still under consideration by the Department. (a) and (b) Fall away.
- (2) Falls away.

Move from flood-prone area welcomed

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By RAYMOND HILL

PEOPLE living on the flood plain of the Chatty River have welcomed the news that they will be moved to Motherwell soon.

Those spoken to today said they would be more than willing to leave their makeshift homes on the bank of the river.

The Chief Director of the East Cape Administration Board, (Ecab), Mr Louis Koch, said yesterday that 500 families in the area would be moved to Motherwell, possibly before the end of September.

He said he was concerned about the possible catastrophic effects of flooding.

The families would be housed at Motherwell for about 18 months before being moved to the massive housing complex known as Unit 1.

Today people in Veeplaas, on the banks of

the Chatty River, were overjoyed to hear of prospects of better accommodation.

All said they lived in fear of death whenever it rained because they were too near the river.

Mr L G Toto has been staying in the flood-prone area since last October and had to seek shelter in an upstairs room of his wood and iron home in the floods last month.

"I am happy to leave immediately," he said. "Our lives are at stake here every time the river overflows."

Mrs Thembisa Lungani and her husband, Welile, live with their two young children in a riverbank shack. They were rescued from floodwaters by helicopter.

Mrs Lungani said: "It is wonderful news. I wish we could be moved right now."

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Ecab plan to move families to safety

By SHIRLEY PRESSLY
THE chief director of the East Cape Administration Board, Mr Louis Koch, said yesterday that the fear of more serious flooding and the possible loss of life in the Chatty flood plain area of Port Elizabeth had forced the board to consider moving about 500 families living in shacks to higher ground in the Motherwell area.

Speaking at a Press conference called to explain the move, Mr Koch said Motherwell was the only possible site available for the families.

A temporary site had been selected, adjoining Neighbourhood Unit No 1 in Motherwell. The "flood families" would be moved to Neighbourhood Unit 1 when it was ready — within 18 months of the move to the temporary site.

Mr Koch said the first families would be moved by the end of September. The board was awaiting approval from the Department of Co-operation and Development for the move.

Mr Koch convened a Press conference yesterday to which he invited Mrs Molly Blackburn, PFP

MPC for Walmer, and Mrs Bobby Melunsky, chairman of Cape Eastern Region of the Black Sash. Both were involved in helping families in the recent heavy rains which flooded out homes on the banks of the Swartkops and Chatty Rivers.

Mr Koch said he had invited them so that "when we move ahead we don't get conflict and criticism if what we're trying to do is reasonable".

He said the ground in the area was saturated and the dams were full. As little as 100mm would bring down the Chatty and Swartkops Rivers in flood.

"We are busy with construction and have to dam up the river at certain points to carry on with it. If that wall breaks there will be very little time to evacuate people and there is a real danger we might have severe loss of life."

The only place at Motherwell where the "flood families" could be placed close to existing water supplies was the area adjoining Neighbourhood Unit No 1.

The sites would measure 120 square metres and the board would determine



Mr LOUIS KOCH
... fear of floods

building lines so that the families did not obstruct their neighbours.

A building inspector and superintendent would be appointed and monthly rentals would not be more than R10, he said.

There would be one tap to every 30 sites. Each site would be equipped with a sanitary pail and dustbin with a twice-weekly removal service.

A house in the neighbourhood was being converted into a clinic and this clinic was 600 metres away from the nearest families and

1,4km away from the farthest families.

Mr Koch said that, because this was an emergency, families would be moved while children were in the middle of a school term.

He said arrangements would be finalised for their schooling and if need be the children would be transported by bus to their present schools.

He had held talks with the South African Transport Services and PE Tramways to arrange this.

Mr Koch said he had also called a meeting of community leaders from the Soweto area and explained to them what was happening.

Tender specifications were being drafted and the soonest the contractors would be able to move onto the site would be mid-September.

● Mrs Blackburn said she welcomed the invitation to attend the meeting and hear firsthand what was being planned.

She said she regretted that it had taken a flood for them to get together and communicate.

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Weekend Post Reporter

A LITTLE boy and his younger sister burnt to death in Kwazakele, Port Elizabeth, last night in a fire that destroyed the shack in which they were sleeping.

They have been identified as Siphuwo and Nandupha Mdlulu, aged seven and five respectively.

The cause of the fire in the corrugated-iron shack was not known, a police spokesman said.

Squatters: We were assured a place to live

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Staff Reporter

SHORTLY before arresting 11 Disa River Farm squatters last month Western Cape Administration Board (WCAB) inspectors had assured them they had come to transport them to "new accommodation", a Wynberg magistrate heard yesterday.

This was said by two of 10 people who have pleaded not guilty to squatting and being in the Peninsula longer than 72 hours without official permission.

The two, Mrs Perseverance Ntantiso, 31, and Mrs Priscilla Kwatshube, 32, said they believed the inspectors had come to fulfil a promise made to them by Chief Inspector J Theron in 1979.

Mr Theron had told them to stay on the farm until he had arranged accommodation at Langa.

Mrs Ntantiso testified the squatter community had placed great faith in Mr Theron's promises as he had helped resettle people from Kadotspruit, another Hout Bay community, last year.

Mr Theron was not among the inspectors.

Mrs Kwatshube quoted the inspectors as saying they "had come to give us houses and also our reference books and we would receive permission at Langa".

She had never seen any signs on the farm which prohibited them staying there and there were no fences or walls over which the people had to climb when walking to and from work in Hout Bay.

The case was postponed to August 31.

Remanded in custody on charges of being in the Peninsula longer than 72 hours without permission were: Mr Elliot Blackie Badman, 29, Mr Gila Mathofa Dumuzweni, 43, Mr Albert Mteto Matyeleni, 26, Mrs Priscilla Kwatshube and Mr Micheal Zwela Solani, 31.

Bail of R50 was extended for Mr Mathula Majola, 35, Mr Atwell Mhaga, Mr Mawtu Magwaca, 25, Mr Zipehele Booi, 35, and Mrs Perseverance Ntantiso.

Mr M Broeksma prosecuted. Mr A P Kotze was on the bench. Mr L Bozalek and Mr A Vardey appeared for the squatters.

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Futile measures enforced at human cost

By PHILLIP VAN NIEKERK
Labour Reporter

SOUTH Africa's deepening unemployment crisis does not often make the headlines. But whether people in the well-off areas are aware of the problem or not, the hundreds of thousands of unemployed and hungry people who they share this country with should be a major cause for concern.

Of course, the full extent of the problem is difficult to measure. It is masked, both by official statistics which have been criticized as being unrealistically low and because it is largely out of sight.

In spite of the present severe recession, city people do not see long dole queues on their way to work. The great mass of unemployed people are tucked away

of unemployment.

If in fact the official figures are masking the reality of unemployment in South Africa, it would be a pointless exercise. Juggling with figures won't change the poverty and starvation experienced by the unemployed, their families and the people from their own community on whom the burden of supporting them has fallen.

● Cape Town's black population must, in the eyes of the government, be the most unwanted community in the country, a 120-page report on the coloured labour preference policy released by the Southern Africa Labour and Development Research Unit (Saldru) this week shows.



An African labour queue

in the black townships, on rural farms or in the homelands.

Still, the warning signals are visible enough. The National Manpower Commission report, released this week, reported a "marked deterioration" in unemployment for all races and expected the situation to worsen.

Major point

Figures released by the Central Statistical Services on Tuesday revealed that between May last year and May this year the numbers employed in the six major work categories — mining, construction, manufacturing, electricity, SA Transport Services and the post office — dropped by a massive 137 928.

At the same time, a major point of contention has arisen between economists who have made their own calculations of the numbers involved, and the official government statistics.

The Current Population Survey (CPS) figure for total unemployment of blacks and coloured people in April this year was 540 000, compared to various other estimates of between two to three million. Such a marked disparity is disturbing on its own.

In its report the National Manpower Commission states that there is not enough justification for questioning the accuracy of the CPS figures, as generally-accepted international standards are used to measure unemployment.

However, a University of Cape Town economist Mr Charles Simkins, claims that unemployment in South Africa was more than two million at the end of 1981 — before the recession — rising by another half-a-million by the end of this year.

The CPS figures are too low, he says, because they don't include the underemployed (all people who have worked for more than five hours in a week are counted as "employed"), the chronically unemployed who have stopped looking for work, poverty-stricken children under 15 who are looking for work and migrant workers unable to accept a job within a week. In addition, the CPS does not survey in the "independent" homelands such as the Transkei or the Ciskei, which are major areas

The very existence of blacks in the City, in fact, is a symbol of the failure of government policy.

The report, which details the history of the labour preference policy and influx control in the Western Cape, shows that virtually every township or housing area for blacks was established grudgingly, as a result of economic and other pressures.

Population pressure and economic forces "obliged" the government to establish Nyanga in 1957 and as the preference policy developed in sophistication and design, the government was forced to establish Guguletu in 1963.

Realities

The provision of further family housing in 1977 and the Crossroads deal in 1978 similarly happened in spite of attempts by the authorities to tighten up. Even Langa — opened in 1927 — came immediately after the failure by the authorities to move 3 000 blacks from the Western Cape.

Surely, one would argue, a great deal of misery and suffering would have been avoided had the government faced up to the realities of urbanization decades ago.

Yet the report quotes from the Department of Bantu Administration annual report of 1963, which notes: "The shift in population of the working Bantu population and the accompanying process of urbanization are functions of economic development... a shift has taken place in the process of development with the result that an increasing proportion of the Republic's total Bantu population has settled in the urban areas".

The Saldru report comments that, on the basis of this "admirably clear understanding of the issues involved", pleas of ignorance by the authorities of the social forces at work in the process of urbanization would have to be "disallowed".

And now, in 1983, with the "Verwoerdian" Khayelitsha plan on the table, the report notes: "Although their grand scheme is in tatters the government persists in enforcing futile measures at a human cost which cannot be counted."

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Disa squatters demand homes

Staff Reporter

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A GROUP of Disa River squatters threatened with demolition of their shacks above Hout Bay have written to the Divisional Council demanding houses and a guarantee against harassment.

The seven-day deadline for the demolitions expired yesterday, but though several SA Police vans and Divisional Council bakkies patrolled the area for a short while, no action was taken.

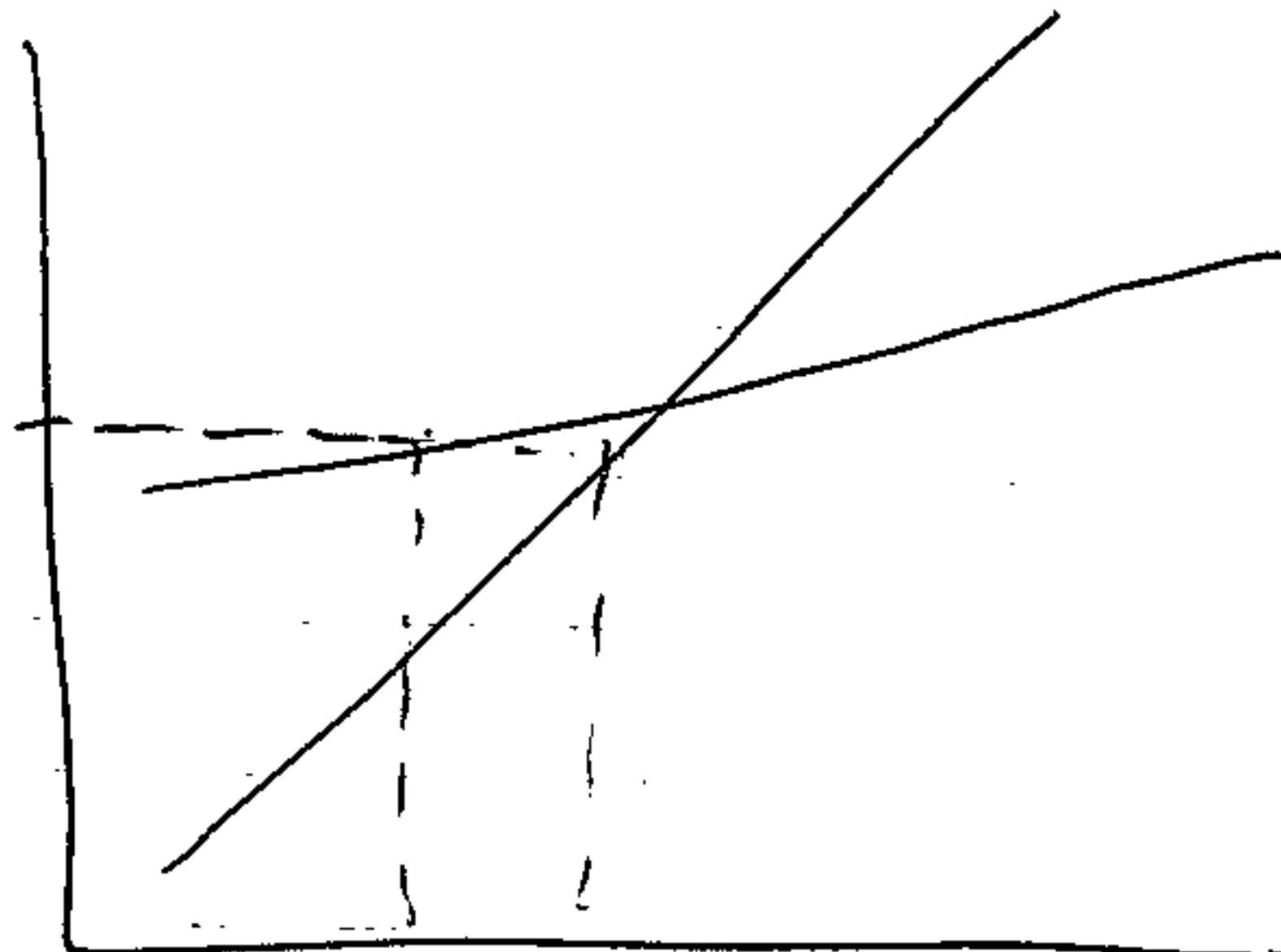
In the letter the squatters say that they were forced into the bush because of the housing shortage. Most of them had been living at the site for 10 years or longer, many of them worked in Hout Bay and their children were at school in Hout Bay.

"On numerous occasions," the letter said, "we have made applications for housing, meaning we are on the waiting list now. We are willing to move if you can tell us where to move to."

They demanded that the council provide proper housing, or alternative accommodation in the meantime, and that they be assured they will not be harassed while waiting for houses "as we have committed no crime".

Written questions on the issue were sent yesterday afternoon to the Secretary of the Divisional Council, Mr W R Vivier, for comment.

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Crossroads Shacks razed

Staff Reporter

WESTERN Cape Administration Board (WCAB) officials yesterday demolished shelters near the "perimeters" of the Crossroads squatter camp as anxious residents and riot policemen looked on.

Since Friday last week, about 400 plastic and cardboard structures in the area have been wrecked.

Some residents maintain the officials in charge of the demolitions are not adhering to an order given by the Chief Commissioner for Co-operation and Development in the Western Cape, Mr Timo Bezuidenhoud, that only shelters "outside the perimeters" of Crossroads should be demolished.

A number of the plastic-covered structures next to the Crossroads Development Centre,

about 40 metres from Klipfontein Road, were flattened by WCAB officials yesterday. Similar shelters erected behind an "established" home bordering the camp had been demolished in earlier raids.

Mrs Di Bishop, PFP MPC for Gardens, who witnessed the second series of demolitions yesterday afternoon, said an inspector had told her the official reason for the demolitions next to the development centre was that a school was to be built there.

When she asked why the residents had not been informed of this development, Mrs Bishop said she had been told that it was "useless speaking to them".

Neither Mr Bezuidenhoud nor Mr Gert du Preez, the chief liaison officer for the WCAB, could be reached for comment yesterday.



Riot policemen stood by in Crossroads yesterday while WCAB officials demolished a number of shacks near the Crossroads Development Centre. No arrests were made.

under whom he had trained at the naval gymnasium, Saldanha Bay, about 30 years ago.

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Staff Reporter

HUNDREDS of squatters were left without a roof over their heads in pouring rain yesterday when Western Cape Administration Board (WCAB) officials demolished 107 plastic-covered shelters at Crossroads while police stood by "to maintain law and order".

Yesterday's WCAB swoop follows similar "operations" at Crossroads on Friday and Monday, during which a total of 363 shacks situated on the perimeter of the squatter camp were knocked flat and burnt.

No arrests

Dr Gert du Preez, chief liaison officer for the WCAB, said no arrests had been made in the "incident-free operations".

He refused to comment on claims by residents that structures near the Crossroads Clinic — some distance from the camp's outskirts — had also been demolished.

Mr Timo Bezuidenhoud, Chief Commissioner of Co-operation and Development in the Western Cape, told the Cape Times last week that he had given the order for shacks outside the perimeters of Crossroads to be demolished.

The new camp, he said, was the result of a "terrible influx" of people into the Peninsula over the past few months.

A police liaison officer, Captain Gerhard van Rooyen confirmed that policemen in anti-riot vehicles had accompanied the WCAB officials.

He emphasized that police had not assisted in the actual demolition of the structures but had been present "only to maintain law and order".

A Caspir armoured vehicle remained on a line on the edge of the camp after the demolitions on Monday. A total of 11 WCAB and police vehicles did likewise on Tuesday to prevent squatters from re-erecting their shelters.

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Jobless must wait for money — claim

JOBLESS Cape Town workers say they are down to their last few rands as they wait for months to receive their Unemployment Insurance Fund (UIF) benefits.

"Come back in two weeks" is the instruction given time again by Department of Manpower officials, a number of unemployed say.

A Worcester motor mechanic unemployed since he was injured in a serious car accident last October, dragged himself on crutches for the umpteenth time down the long flight of stairs of the department's city offices in the Thomas Boydell Building.

He asked The Argus not to publish his name for fear of victimisation, and said he had received no UIF benefits since his accident.

HAVE TO SUFFER

"For the last 23 years I have paid into the UIF and now I have to suffer day in and day out," he said.

His wife who was injured in the same accident, said she too had lost her job. She had taken a job three months before the accident but had been told she was not entitled to UIF benefits because she had not worked for 99 days last year.

"I worked five years for one firm and then stopped for about two years. I paid my UIF money all that time," she said. At present their son in Parow supports them.

"My son cannot take it much longer — he has his own financial problems," the man said.

BACKLOG

The deputy divisional inspector of manpower, Mr J G Slabbert, said there had been a backlog in paying UIF benefits but "as far as we know it has been worked off".

He said the department would do what it could to help solve individual cases and that unemployed should provide senior officials with their full names and identity numbers if they had trouble receiving benefits.

Mr Slabbert said that according to the relevant Act, people had to work for at least 13 weeks in one year to qualify for unemployment benefits.

But there has been nought for the comfort of the workers told to come back "in two weeks".

COMPUTER

"Every time I come here, they tell me 'its the computer this and the computer that,'" said a 44-year-old father of four.

He was referring to problems the department had with its computerisation programme earlier this year.

Mr Christian Adams of Mitchell's Plain said he had been unemployed since the beginning of March.

"I have signed every two weeks since then and they told me to come back today for my cheque. I have been wait-

ing here for four hours and I still have received nothing.

"Every time something goes wrong, it's blamed on the computers," he said. Mr Adams has four children, and his wife is expecting a fifth.

A full meal for 6c

Staff Reporter

THE down-and-out and unemployed of Cape Town can pay just as much for a meal now as they did in the Great Depression 48 years ago — if they lunch at Service Dining Rooms in Canterbury Street.

And with today's unemployment problems, the dining rooms are becoming more popular, with more than 300 customers daily, says secretary, Mrs Buntly Martin.

The tariff is an inflation-defying 1c for bread and soup, 3c for a plate of food and a mug of tea, 1c for bread and jam and 1c for bread and margarine.

A TASTY SAUCE

For 6c you can eat your way through the entire menu.

The food may be good — on the day The Argus visited, the main course was fish in a tasty sauce — but the stigma lingers on.

"I don't belong here, if your get my meaning," said one diner conspiratorially.

This is the fate of those who for some or other reason have failed to receive unemployment benefits and are down to their last few rands.

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Disa River Farm camp, Hout Bay
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11. Mr. S. S. VAN DER MERWE asked
the Minister of Community Development:

- (1) Whether squatters in the Disa River Farm camp in Hout Bay are to be moved; if so, (a)(i) when and (ii) where are they to be moved and (iii) how many persons are involved;
- (2) whether alternative accommodation has been made available to them; if so, what is the nature of such accommodation; if not, why not;
- (3) whether any steps are being taken to provide them with housing; if not, why not; if so, what steps;
- (4) whether he will make a statement on the matter?

†The DEPUTY MINISTER OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT:

(1), (2), (3) and (4) No, the squatting is illegal and has occurred within the area of jurisdiction of the Divisional Council of the Cape which is responsible for the control of illegal squatting.

As the hon. member is aware, squatter huts which existed on 1 October 1975 were condoned and the Government undertook to provide these concerned with alternative accommodation. At the same time it was indicated that no new squatting would be condoned. Since 2 October 1975 26 714 squatter families in the Cape Town Metropolitan Area have been provided with alternative accommodation, whilst 4 439 condoned squatter huts remained to be cleared as soon as alternative housing is available.

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- (1) What was the total (a) area of land which had been bought in each province in terms of the Development Trust and Land Act as at 31 December 1982 and (b) amount paid for this land;
- (2) what area of land (a) was bought in each province in 1982 and (b) remained to be bought in each province at 31 December 1982;
- (3) (a) what area of land was added to the national states as compensation for the removal of Black spots in each province and (b) what area of compensatory land remains to be acquired in each province;
- (4) what is the total area of land held by the South African Development Trust?

The MINISTER OF CO-OPERATION AND DEVELOPMENT:

		Hectares
(1)	(a)	Orange Free State 105 700
		Cape Province 1 403 153
		Natal 463 395
		Transvaal 2 945 650
	(b)	R682 000 000.
(2)	(a)	Orange Free State 1
		Cape Province 123 284
		Natal 7 570
		Transvaal 106 213
	(b)	The quota to be acquired in terms of Act 18 of 1936 includes land acquired by Blacks as well as State-owned land which vest in the South African Development Trust in terms of section 6 of the said Act.

The quota still to be acquired is as follows:

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	Hectares
Orange Free State	2 548
Cape Province	55 858
Natal	—
Transvaal	—

- (3) (a) The required information is not readily available. No land was however added to the national states as compensatory land during 1982.
- (b) The consolidation proposals of the Commission for Co-operation and Development are still being considered and the area of compensatory land to be added will therefore depend on the outcome of the consolidation proposals submitted by the Commission for Co-operation and Development.
- (4) The total area of land presently being held by the S.A. Development Trust is not readily available because large portions of certain of the areas must still be surveyed. It is however estimated that excluding the land transferred by the S.A. Development Trust to the various Independent States that approximately 7 400 000 hectares (quota and non-quota land) are still being held by the said Trust while approximately 1 500 000 hectares are being held by members of the Black community (quota and non quota land).

Purchase of land

1100. Mrs. H. SUZMAN asked the Minister of Co-operation and Development:

What area of land remains to be acquired in each province under the quota

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laid down in terms of the Development Trust and Land Act, No. 18 of 1936?

The MINISTER OF CO-OPERATION AND DEVELOPMENT:

	Hectares
Orange Free State	2 548
Cape Province	55 858
Natal	—
Transvaal	—

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1106. Mr. A. SAVAGE asked the Minister of Co-operation and Development:

- (1) What was the total revenue collected by the Eastern Cape Administration Board in 1982 (a) in house rentals, (b) in liquor sales, (c) in service charges and (d) from any other specified source of revenue in respect of the Zwelitsha settlement in the Sundays River Valley near Addo;
- (2) what amount was spent in 1982 on Zwelitsha, including expenditure on the access roads, in respect of (a) running costs, (b) items of a capital nature, (c) the maintenance of (i) housing and (ii) other buildings and (d) any other specified items;
- (3) whether there is a regular refuse collection system in this settlement; if not, (a) why not and (b) when will it be introduced;
- (4) whether additional lodgers' fees are charged for the adult children of residents; if so, (a) why and (b) what amount;
- (5) whether the (a) 99-year leasehold and (b) indefinite occupation scheme is to be extended to this settlement; if not, why not; if so, when;

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- (6) whether there is piped water at Zwelitsha; if not, (a) why not and (b) when will it be installed?

The MINISTER OF CO-OPERATION AND DEVELOPMENT:

- (1) (a) Nil.
- (b) Nil.
- (c) R33 569,00
- (d) R4 892,80 in respect of lodgers' fees, dog tax, cemetery fees, visitors' permits, entry permits and duplicate documents.

- (2) (a) R34 786,07.
- (b) R56 287,67.
- (c) (i) Nil
- (ii) R4,11.
- (d) R444,75 in respect of the cemetery and streets.
- (3) No.
- (a) At present residents dispose of their own refuse in a satisfactory manner. However, as a result of a request by the Addo Liaison Committee a regular refuse removal service is to be introduced.
- (b) 1 November 1983.
- (4) No additional lodger's fees are charged over and above the approved lodgers' fees in respect of children over the age of 18 years who are employed. (a) and (b) Fall away.
- (5) (a) and (b) No, because it is not an urban Black residential area but an emergency camp.

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- (6) (a) and (b) No, not at present. Contractors have already started with a water supply scheme comprising a 360 kl tower tank and a pipeline from the water supply scheme for the Addo area presently being constructed for the Winterhoek Divisional Council. Tenders will be called for soon to commence with the installation of the internal water reticulation.

... a warm reception to oust Mr Scargill as ...



Almost oblivious to the destruction surrounding them, two children sit on a bed where their Crossroads shelter stood till yesterday. Picture: Colin Howell

88³⁰⁷ shelters go in raid No 5

By COLIN HOWELL
HUNDREDS of homeless people sat dejectedly on their scant possessions after the demolition "operation" in a week by officials of the Western Cape Administration Board (WCAB) at Crossroads squatter camp yesterday.

As hundreds sat in the open, others searched for scattered belongings in a wind-swept area where 88 shelters had been flattened by WCAB officials.

A contingent of between 20 and 30 riot policemen left the camp in two Caspir armoured vehicles and a "sneeze machine" vehicle about noon, after the demolitions behind the Crossroads Development Centre.

Angry residents were adamant that armed policemen had helped pull down some of the plastic and cardboard structures, but this was

denied by a police spokesman last night.

"The police were present only to maintain law and order," a liaison officer, Captain Gerhard van Rooyen, said. "They have been given strict instructions not to break down shacks."

Confusion among residents as to why the recent demolitions had not been restricted to "illegal" shacks on the perimeters of the camp — as the Chief Commissioner for Co-operation and Development in the Western Cape, Mr Timo Bezuidenhoud, ordered last week — seemed to be cleared up yesterday when those who had erected shelters near the Crossroads Development Centre were told by a WCAB official that a school was to be built in the area.

Mr Bezuidenhoud said last night that the school was to be built, but neither he nor Dr Gert du Preez, chief liai-

son officer for the WCAB, could say when construction work would begin.

More than 450 shelters have been broken down in Crossroads since last Friday. Hundreds more of the plastic-covered structures are scattered around the camp, squeezed in between "legal" shacks.

A "terrible influx of blacks over the past 10 days" had blocked service roads in the camp, Mr Bezuidenhoud said.

"I will now have to reconsider the whole unsatisfactory situation."

Asked if he knew the reasons for the influx, Mr Bezuidenhoud said: "Yes — I stopped allowing the WCAB to act at Crossroads and the message has reached Transkei already."

He said he was "reluctant" to order the demolition of "legal" shelters in the camp as "that would be un-Christian".

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33 Hour Bay squatter families sit helplessly ...

Waiting for the axe to fall!

A TELEVISION aerial stands out like a sore thumb on one of the shacks in the little riverside squatter community — home to 33 families living in squalid poverty on the mountainous slopes facing Hout Bay beach.

**By
Nazeem
Howa**

When one first encounters it, it appears to be like so many other settlements of its kind ... women washing and cooking, children playing in the dust and dogs — many of them — sprawling lazily in the sun as they have done for the past 23 years or so.

But the relative serenity of the scene is deceptive.

The people living on the banks of the Disa River are living in constant fear of the dreaded knock on the door — a knock which will

property if they are given suitable housing elsewhere, at rents they can afford.

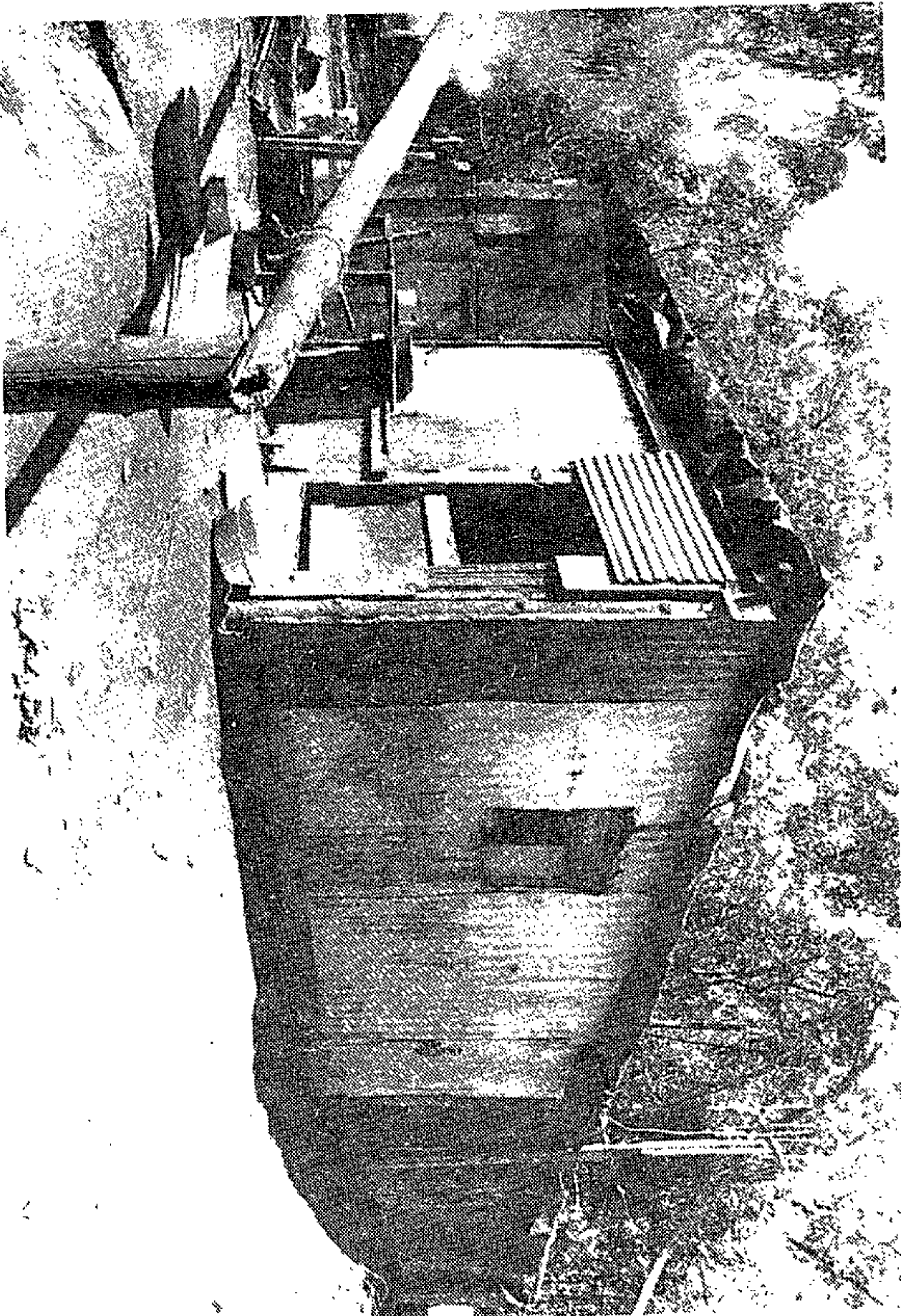
Cape Herald visited the families last week and spoke to some of them about their sad plight.

After the initial 200-metre climb through dense

"If we move out to Ocean View, the school children will either have to be transferred, or we will have to continue sending them back to Hout Bay," she said.

Cape Herald contacted the property owners, Orpington Investments, to hear their side of the story.

A spokesman for the company said they had nothing to say and he refused to give his name. He did, however, say that the company was doing "nothing" illegal by evict-



ONE of the homes scheduled for demolition in the Disa River squatter

...they were saved to get out. The families are living on private property. And, for as long as they have been living there, they have not paid rent. The owner of the property and the families had an unwritten agreement — as long as there was no trouble, the families could live on his property.

SMOOTHLY

For many years things ran smoothly. But, earlier this year, the families received the shock of their lives. The property had changed ownership and the new owners wanted the families to leave the property.

Many of the families claim they have applied to the Divisional Council for homes, on numerous occasions, during the past seven years — but none of them has been given suitable housing.

The families have repeatedly said they are prepared to leave the

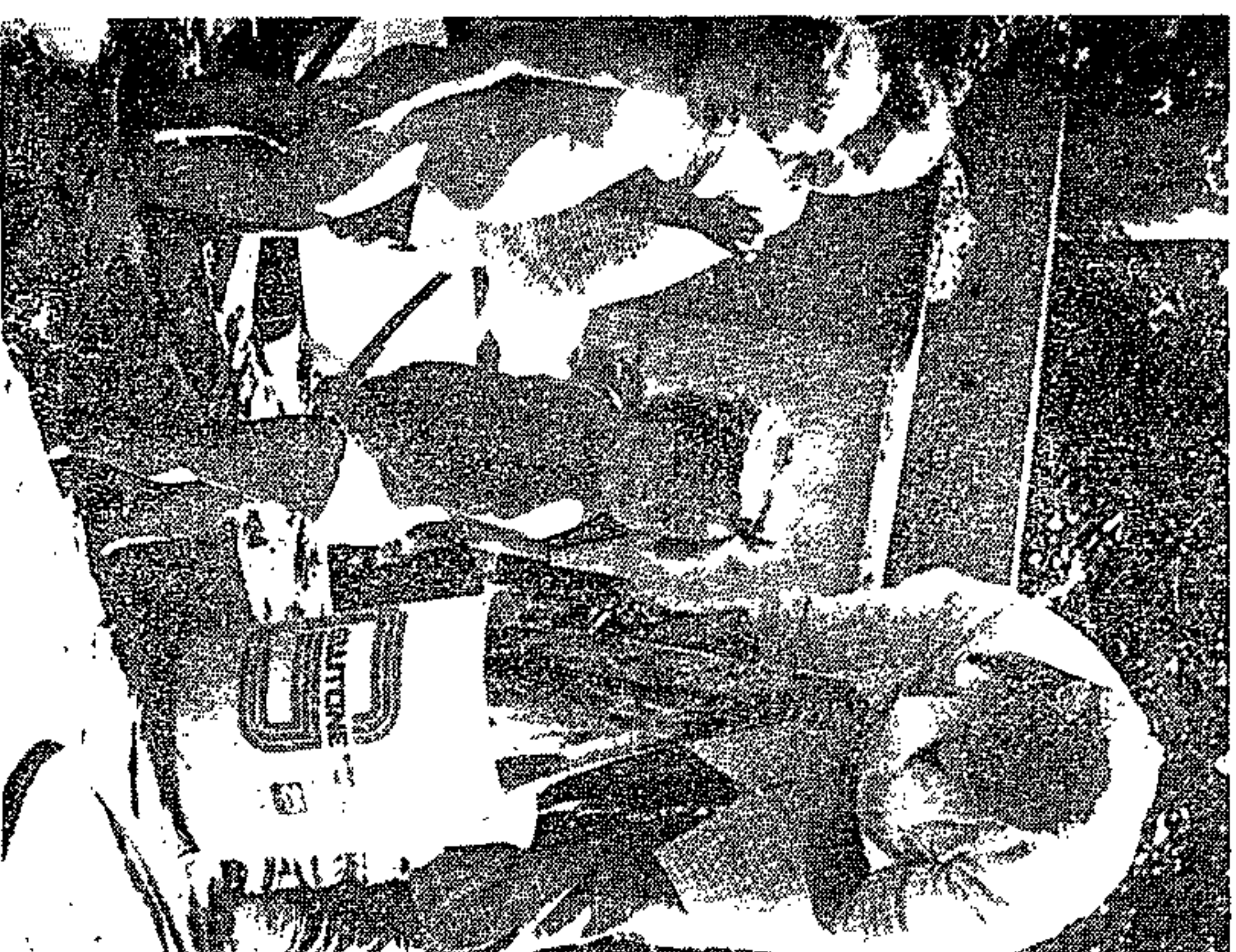
upon the clearing were the families have made their homes. Their shacks are almost invisible from the road.

Busy wives were doing their chores. Some were doing their washing near the only camp, others were cooking on open fires while some were feeding their toddlers. The younger children were playing in the sand while the older children were at school, 3 kilometres away.

Mrs Lilian Manual, 64, one of the older residents of the community, told us that her family had received a number of eviction notices since the beginning of this year.

"Our living out here is not all that comfortable, but we have enjoyed it. If the council can give us houses at suitable rents tomorrow, I, for one, will move. It is not that we want to cause any problems. It is just that we need a roof over our heads.

ing the people.



● **CHILDREN** play around the settlement unaware of the threat facing their homes.

^{10/9/87} 'Council must provide us with homes' — squatters

IN a final effort to keep the homes they have occupied for more than 10 years, Hout Bay's Disa River squatters have sent the Divisional Council an open letter after receiving notices to quit the property.

According to the notices, the council was scheduled to have demolished the families' wood-and-iron shacks if they had not moved from the property by last Thursday.

In the letter the squatters told the council that they had applied for houses on numerous occasions and had been on the waiting list for a number of years.

The letter reads: "We are willing to move if you can tell us where we can move to. If rents are within our reach, we are prepared to move to

Ocean View although this would be inconvenient.

"Travelling will also be more difficult as there is no direct bus link-up between Fish Hoek, Wynberg and Hout Bay. This would also lead to unnecessary expenses."

The residents have demanded that the council find them alternative accommodation and not harass them. They also asked that the council keep them informed about developments.

"We only want houses," is the final line of the letter.

Crossroads raided

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MORE than 1 000 dwellings at the Old Crossroads squatter camp have been demolished in raids by officials of the West Cape Administration Board (WCAB) since the beginning of last month.

Yesterday, groups of squatters sat in the open watching over their possessions after WCAB officials, accompanied by riot squad police, demolished plastic shelters at the camp for the sixth consecutive working day.

Residents said yesterday's raid, on the Lansdowne Road side of the camp, was carried out against "legal" people.

Spokesmen for the Department of Co-operation and Development could not be reached for comment.

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Better life for squatters

KEN VERNON, Argus Bureau, reports from Port Elizabeth

MORE than 100 000 squatters living on the outskirts of Port Elizabeth are to benefit from a scheme to upgrade living conditions in the area.

The project is part of a comprehensive plan devised by Mr Louis Rive, chairman of the Metropolitan Black Planning Board, which will cost between R200-million and R300-million.

Services

The main thrust of the scheme is to upgrade the services now supplied to the existing townships, while establishing new sites with all services laid on where those now living in shacks can build their own houses. Plans for these would be approved according to existing regulations.

As such the scheme is designed to fit in with the Gov-

ernment's present "self help" answer to the critical housing problem

Recently a "first instalment" of R20-million was made available to the East Cape Administration Board (Ecab) as bridging capital to enable important tenders to be called for while the Government decided on the final implementation proposals.

The Chief Director of Ecab, Mr Louis Koch, has welcomed the Government's acceptance of the scheme in general, saying it would enable Ecab to overcome the deplorable conditions in the townships, which were "brought about by a combination of poor planning in the past and the influx of thousands of squatters from rural areas."

It is estimated that there are approximately 350 000 blacks in the Port Elizabeth area,

with a shortfall of about 23 000 houses needed to shelter them. The result is a massive and growing squatter camp which is breeding disease and crime.

The Rive plan offers two basic alternatives: a "minimum" standard of services which would include the provision of water and flush toilets for each house, the majority of township roads to be tarred, and electricity supply to each house. It is estimated that the scheme will cost about R300-million.

Alternative

A second, cheaper alternative, estimated at about R200-million, would leave only main arterial roads tarred and exclude domestic electricity, but

would still provide water and flush toilets to each house.

A major problem impeding the successful implementation of both schemes is that the cost of household wiring for electricity, and of internal plumbing, is expected to be borne by the occupier.

But in many cases they cannot afford these high costs, or, if they can afford it, are unwilling to lay out hundreds of rands on improvements to houses they do not own.

In one recent scheme electricity was made available to over 1 200 houses in an area of New Brighton, but only 155 people took advantage of the service. This represented "a tremendous wastage of capital resources", said Mr Koch.

For this reason, he said, the scheme was intimately tied to the Government plan to sell State houses to their occupiers under the 99-year leasehold scheme.

"At present a survey is being undertaken to identify just which houses can be sold, and the first should be coming onto the market by the end of the year," he said.

Work begun

"In the meanwhile work has begun on the provision of new stormwater and sewage systems, and the R20 million will enable this work to be continued and expanded."

Apart from upgrading of the existing permanent townships, the Rive plan calls for the creation for three new townships, all to be of the "self help, site

and service" type, where only the services are provided by the Government and the houses are built by their owners.

Work has begun on two of the sites, at Kwa Magxaki on the Uitenhage Road, and at Motherwell, adjacent to the new Markham Industrial site on the Grahamstown road north of Port Elizabeth.

Tenders are expected to be called for the third site at Kwa Dwesi, opposite Kwa Magxaki, later this year, while it is hoped that all three will be completed within five years.

By far the largest of the three sites is at Motherwell where it is planned to provide sites for over 15 000 homes, expected to shelter over 100 000 people, mostly living in the squatter camps.

Last plastic shelters razed

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By PHILLIP
VAN NIEKERK
Labour Reporter

OFFICIALS of the Western Cape Administration Board (WCAB), backed by riot police and armoured vehicles, yesterday swooped on Crossroads for the ninth consecutive working day, and tore down the squatters' last remaining plastic and hessian shelters.

In the campaign of demolitions since the beginning of the month, which has seen almost 1 000 shelters demolished, about 3 000 people — most of them "legal" residents of

Crossroads — have been left without a roof over their heads.

Yesterday hundreds of squatter possessions lay in the open and WCAB inspectors took to looking under beds for building materials.

Dr Gert Du Preez, chief liaison officer for the WCAB, said 40 shelters were demolished yesterday while 111 — "the magic cricket score" — were taken down on Wednesday.

Mr Ken Andrew, Progressive Federal Party MP for Gardens, said it was revealing that during a referendum campaign "while the government is professing to stand for reform, it is unwilling to move away from its racist and brutal attitude towards the majority of people in South Africa".

He said the legal residents of Crossroads whose homes were being demolished were being offered no alternative shelter. "The authorities claim that there is no money, nor sites available yet they spend hundreds of

thousands of rands on employing officials and policemen to demolish people's humble homes."

Mr Johnson Ngxobogwana, chairman of the Crossroads Committee, said all the people were asking for was a plot to build a house of their own. He said the squatting problem was not the result of a large influx of people to Cape Town, but of overcrowding in Crossroads.

Mr Timo Bezuidenhout, the Chief Commissioner for Co-operation and Development in the Western Cape, claimed yesterday that he was unaware that not a single plastic and hessian structure was still standing.

Two weeks ago he told the Cape Times that only those shacks next to Lansdowne Road on the perimeter of Crossroads would be demolished and gave his assurance that shacks of legal residents would not be taken down because "we have no alternative accommodation to offer them".

Violence, gas used at Crossroads

Agnes 23/9/83
Staff Reporter

VIOLENCE erupted at Crossroads today as hundreds of angry women confronted riot police and Western Cape Administration Board workers during the continuig demolition of plastic shelters.

Women danced and sang with tears streaming down their faces from the effects of tear gas cannisters and a sneeze-machine used to control the crowd.

Many carried dishes of water to dampen their faces, and the gas did not stop stone-throwing and angry, violent encounters with police.

POLICE DOG

A snapping police dog escaped from its handler, but women lashed out at it with sticks.

The dog was retrieved before it could injure anyone.

Police fired tear-gas cannisters and used a sneeze-machine mounted on a four-wheel drive vehicle to try to disperse the squatters who resisted attempts to destroy their shelters.

TUGS-OF-WAR

There were confrontations between groups of men brandishing sticks, ululating groups of women and police and WCAB workers throughout the exercise.

At times women fought with police. There were tugs-of-war as women tried to retrieve their confiscated building materials from WCAB inspectors.

Bed camp children are ill

By PHILLIP
VAN NIEKERK

DOCTORS from a nearby clinic yesterday expressed alarm at the state of health of the children living in the Crossroads "bed camp".

Fifteen children of 38 examined at the camp yesterday afternoon were found to be suffering from bronchitis.

Dr Ivan Toms, who works at the Crossroads clinic, said they had decided to examine the children at the camp after a number of adults and children had come to the clinic over the past few days suffering from bronchitis.

Thousands of people at the camp have been exposed to the cold during the past few days following almost daily raids and shack demolitions by officials of the Western Cape Administration Board (WCAB).

Colds

The people on the edges of Crossroads have taken to dismantling their homes in the morning and rebuilding them in the evening, leaving the children without shelter against the rain during the day.

Dr Toms said that of the 38 children checked, almost all were suffering from colds or some form of chest infection, while many had worms and diarrhoea.

He said he had pre-

scribed treatment for them, but this would probably be ineffective because of the conditions they were living under. However, medical examinations of the hundreds of children living in the camp are to continue.

Dr Toms said a woman from the camp who gave birth to a baby on Wednesday was being sheltered in the clinic, which usually functions only as a day hospital.

Meanwhile, the WCAB swooped on the camp for the 14th consecutive working day yesterday, but the majority of plastic and hessian shelters had been dismantled before they arrived.

Plea

However a number of shelters which have sprung up on the other side of Crossroads housing the "Nyanga Bush" squatters were also demolished.

● The Crossroads committee yesterday appealed for an urgent meeting with Mr Timo Bezuidenhoud, Chief Commissioner for Co-operation and Development in the Western Cape, and a halt to the demolitions.

Mr Bezuidenhoud said last week that the demolitions would continue but that he was looking into the situation. By yesterday no decision had been announced.



Dr Ivan Toms examines a child from the Crossroads "bed camp" where many were found to be suffering from colds.

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Teargas used on angry squatters

By PHILLIP VAN NIEKERK

POLICE fired rubber bullets and teargas at hundreds of angry squatters protesting against the demolition of their shacks in pouring rain at Crossroads yesterday.

The violence erupted as officials of the Western Cape Administration Board (WCAB), backed up by riot police and Cassper armoured vehicles, swooped on the camp for the 16th demolition raid since the beginning of the month.

Angry groups of women, brandishing sticks, thronged around the officials breaking down their shelters. On several occasions stones were lobbed at police who drove the people back with dogs, and fired rubber bullets and teargas into the crowd.

Hundreds of people covered their faces and ran for cover as palls of tearsmoke from a sneeze machine perched on the back of a police van engulfed the camp.

There were several heated altercations between WCAB officials and squatters, many of whom stood their ground in attempts to resist having their shelters removed.

The crowd reacted angrily to the arrest of a University of Bophuthats-

wana lecturer, Mr Patrick Donnelly, who was taking photographs of the demolitions. Mr Donnelly was later charged with swearing in public and being in the area without a permit.

Three people were treated at the Crossroads clinic after being hit by rubber bullets — two with two deep gashes on their heads and one with a badly bruised leg. Two were treated for dog-bites. At one stage the clinic was overflowing with people, many of them children, suffering the effects of the teargas.

A total of 79 shelters were taken down yesterday, adding to the more than 1 000 that have been demolished in the campaign of demolitions which started at the camp on September 2.

Captain Gerhard van Rooyen, a police liaison officer, said: "While WCAB officials were breaking down illegal shelters at the Crossroads squatter camp, a crowd of women suddenly became unruly and started throwing stones at the officials and policemen. The police were present at the scene to maintain law and order. Tearsmoke was used in an attempt to disperse the crowd. Rubber bullets were fired and batons were also used."

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Court sentences squatter group

By RONALD MORRIS

EIGHT MEN and two women from the Disa River farm, Hout Bay, were given suspended sentences in the Wynberg Magistrate's Court yesterday on a charge of squatting illegally on the farm on July 18.

Passing sentence on the 10, Mr A P Kotze said that when black people were tried for this kind of offence, "the court gets the impression that the cause of the situation is the symptoms of a system that does not always have the desired effect".

The 10 — Elliott Blackie Badman, 29, Gila Dumezweni, 43, Albert Mteto, 26, Mthulo Majola, 35, Atwell Mlagha, 50, Mawtnu Magwaca, 25, Zipikele Booi, 35, Perserverance Ntantiso, 37, Priscilla Kwatshube, 32, and Michael Solani, 31 — were fined R50 (or 50 days), conditionally suspended for two years.

Badman and Mteto were further fined R60 (or 60 days) and Kwatshube and Solani were fined R90 (or 90 days)

for being in the Peninsula illegally.

The entire sentence was suspended for 12 months.

Mr Kotze said further in passing sentence: "You were personally responsible for your di-

"The court has sympathy with you, especially with the women who followed their husbands from the homelands and also the men who came here on contract and who subsequently sent for their wives."

All 10 had pleaded not guilty to the charges, saying a Western Cape Administration Board (WCAB) Chief Inspector,

Mr J Theron, had said they could stay on the farm while he arranged for their documents and for alternative accommodation.

Mr Kotze rejected their claim that Mr Theron had given an undertaking to them, saying he had found Mr Theron "an honest and truthful" witness who did not contradict himself.

Mr M Broeksma was the prosecutor. Mr A Vardy appeared for Matybeni and Mr Mhaga and Mr Bozalek for the other accused.

THIS SUNDAY LUNCH MENU
SEAFOOD COCKTAIL

CREAM OF ONION SOUP



Crossroads residents cover their faces as they run to escape teargas fired at them yesterday.

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A Crossroads woman waves a stick in the face of a riot policeman during mass shack demolitions at the Crossroads camp yesterday.



An umbrella to shield her from the rain and wet cloth to protect her from teargas, a Crossroads woman watches yesterday's demolitions.

See our suffering, squatters tell PM

Weekend
Argus Reporter

ANGRY Crossroads residents have called on the Prime Minister, Mr P W Botha, and the Minister of Co-operation and Development, Dr Piet Koornhof, to visit the area and see their suffering.

After yesterday's confrontation, a group of residents appealed to Mr Botha and Dr Koornhof to stop the daily demolitions.

Mrs Emily Mshudulu said: "We are sick and tired of having our places broken down.

"They say we must go back to the Transkei but this is our place. I was born in Cape Town, I have always been here.

"I'm trying to build a home for myself and my four children. Yet every week they break down my place and take away the plastic and sticks. We didn't take this place from the Europeans. Before we came here, there was just bush."

Mr Thembi McKenzie: "We are tired of staying like this because we are suffering too much. Mr Botha himself must come here and stop the demolitions."

Mr McKenzie stood in the mud among beds and scattered possessions where shortly before Administration Board officials had been in a bizarre struggle with howling women for pieces of plastic and twigs.

The squatters who resisted had tears, smoke and rubber bullets fired at them.

Heads showing

In one bed three children who had witnessed the battle sat wrapped in plastic with only their heads showing. They looked calm and unafraid although their eyes were still watering from the tears, smoke which had been fired earlier in the morning.

The Rev Shadrack Mhambi of St Philips Apostolic Church, who has spent three months in the open with his three children, said: "Dr Koornhof must come and see what is happening. I'm very serious about this because my children are going to die in this cold and rain."

Nearby, a dazed Mr

Sam Ndima, 88, said tear gas cylinders fired into his shanty set it on fire and Mr Ndima lost many of his possessions, including R450 in cash.

He said: "I'm angry because I don't know what they were doing firing at my house."

Yesterday morning tears, smoke drifted into the Empilsweni Sacla Clinic.

Stitching up a seven centimetre gash in the scalp of Wibrum Vetman who had been hit by a rubber bullet, Dr Di Hewitson said: "It's been terrible. We've all been sniffing and sneezing.

The clinic also treated two women bitten by police dogs.

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Plan to destroy Crossroads 'inhuman'

By MARTINE BARKER

THE government's plan to destroy Crossroads completely and disperse its population in Khayelitsha was yesterday angrily criticized as "inhuman and disgusting" by politicians and civil-rights groups.

The plan, described by the Deputy Minister of Co-operation, Dr G de V Morrison, at the National Party congress in George this week, had to be seen alongside the government's recently-announced plan to spend R200 million on housing for whites struggling to make ends meet, said critics.

At the congress Dr Morrison described Crossroads as a "symbol of provocation and of blackmail of the government" which community councils themselves had identified.

Mr Ken Andrew, Progressive Federal Party MP for Gardens, said at a meeting in Milnerton last night Dr Morrison's statement was "as inflammatory as it is disgusting".

Dr Morrison knew that his government was



'Playing with the future of Crossroads children.'

"primarily responsible" for the acute shortage of housing for blacks in the Peninsula, "yet he sees fit to virtually declare war on 30 000 Crossroads residents".

The Civil Rights League warned in a statement that Dr Morrison and his colleagues were "inciting an anger they may not be able to control".

"It may be satisfying to be acclaimed at a party congress as a politician determined to keep the black people in their place but inno-

cent women and children are suffering because of Dr Morrison's policies in the persecution of Crossroads."

Dr Morrison was "playing" with the future "of the children of Crossroads and of our children".

The Civil Rights League called on the Prime Minister, Mr P W Botha "to remove Dr Morrison forthwith from the sensitive cabinet post for which he clearly is not equipped".

A statement from the

Cape Areas Housing Action Committee (Cahac) said that while the government refused to supply housing for blacks earning more than R150 a month with a claim that it had "no money", the announcement that R200 million was to be spent on white housing showed "once again" how housing was used as a "major tool" of the government.

The allocation of the R200 million was "a clear move to win support for a 'yes' vote in the referendum".

The director of the Athlone Advice Office and acting regional chairman of the Black Sash, Mrs Noel Robb, slammed Dr Morrison's statement for "going completely against" the promises made to Crossroads in 1979 by Dr Piet Koornhof, Minister of Co-operation and Development.

Mrs Robb praised the Crossroads community as "a fine example of independence, self-government and a healthy free-enterprise system".

Paarl community councillor Mr Mattheus Scott said that Dr Morrison's reference to community councils gave a false impression.

At meetings with the deputy minister, councillors from Paarl and Cape Town had "expressed reservations" about Crossroads. They had told him they perceived Crossroads as a "socio-economic" problem. Alternative housing had to be provided and Crossroads as it existed at present should then be demolished, they had said.

(Report by M Barker, 77 Burg Street, Cape Town.)

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Rents explained to Crossroads women

Staff Reporter

THE Chief Commissioner of the Department of Co-operation and Development in the Western Cape, Mr Timo Bezuidenhoud, conferred for two hours with a delegation of 86 women from New Crossroads protesting about high rents and water bills.

The delegation was turned away earlier yesterday by police when they marched on the Nyanga Administration Board offices.

The women then caught trains to central Cape Town and went to see Mr Bezuidenhoud in his Foreshore office.

The women crowded into the department's board room.

They left the meeting feeling "heart sore" that their problems had not been solved, but grateful that Mr Bezuidenhoud had taken the time to explain to them the rent structure in New Crossroads.

The women said they objected to theirs being the only township where separate accounts for water were paid.

METERS

Mr Bezuidenhoud said New Crossroads was the newest township in the Cape and for that reason had water meters. Me-

ters were being installed in other townships and they would also soon be paying separately for water.

He said at present water was charged for at a flat rate in the other townships and built into the rent.

The women told Mr Bezuidenhoud they were having to pay water bills ranging from R50 to R100 and he said he would have the meters checked.

They said their rents were increased by R6 each year and it was becoming difficult to meet the payments. They were recently notified that the rent would be increased by R6 again next year.

In reply, Mr Bezuidenhoud said rents were calculated on a formula to repay the loans raised to build the township over a period of 30 years.

He said rents were also calculated on income of the individual and that people in New Crossroads were paying less than the standard rent scales because he had negotiated with the Government to allow people to move into the houses at a reduced rental and to slowly increase rents over the years until they matched the standard housing formula.

Police stop march to WCAB offices

Staff Reporter

ABOUT 150 women from New Crossroads who yesterday morning marched to the Nyanga offices of the West Cape Administration Board (WCAB) were dispersed by police after they had been told the WCAB official they had asked to speak to was not there.

The women, who were protesting against a rent increase which is due to come into effect next month, later went to the city offices of the Chief Commissioner of Co-operation and Development, Mr Timo Bezuidenhoud.

Mr Bezuidenhoud confirmed that they had expressed unhappiness over higher rents (due to go up from R35 per month to R41) and high water bills.

A police liaison officer, Captain Gerhard van Rooyen, said about 150 women had gathered around the WCAB offices. Police, who were in the area "as they always are", had observed the group and had asked them to disperse, he said.

Permit deadline at Crossroads

By MARTINE BARKER
CROSSROADS residents began queuing outside the Nyanga offices of the Western Cape Administration Board (WCAB) at 2am yesterday in an effort to beat today's deadline to have their pass books stamped with temporary permits allowing them to remain in the Peninsula until a committee of inquiry has assessed their right to be here.

This was explained to the Cape Times yesterday by the Chief Commissioner for Co-operation and Development, Mr Timo Bezuidenhoud, after Crossroads residents interviewed had said they had no idea why they had been instructed to report to the WCAB offices by September 30.

Residents, angered by an announcement earlier this week that Crossroads was to be destroyed and its inhabitants moved to Khayelitsha, said they did not trust what was happening.

Last month they were told to report to the board's Langa offices but last week people

queuing there were told to report to Nyanga. Yesterday some residents said they feared the change of venue was a "tactic" to divide them before moving them.

They also expressed fears that the people were being processed very slowly so as to force some of them to miss the deadline.

Residential rights

Mr Bezuidenhoud, who estimated there were about 1 200 people outside the WCAB offices yesterday, said he had now appointed a committee of inquiry to assess the residential rights of the people who were not named on the list of Crossroads residents made in 1979.

This committee (which was promised to the residents by Dr Piet Koornhof in 1979) was due to begin work "soon", he said.

He declined to name the members of the committee "yet", adding that he was "waiting for something" from his head office before getting in contact with "the parties concerned" and inviting them to supply

affidavits from those who claimed they had been residents of Crossroads "on 31 December 1978".

Residents said yesterday that they were not prepared to be moved to Khayelitsha "under any circumstances". They demanded the rest of the development of New Crossroads promised to them by Dr Koornhof in 1979.

The chairwoman of the Residents' Committee, Mrs Regina Ntongana, said the community demanded of Dr Koornhof that he carry out the promise he had made to them in 1979. The residents were not prepared to be split up; they had been promised homes at New Crossroads and would not settle for others, she said.

The "mayor" of Crossroads, Mr Jackson Ngxobongwana, called on Dr Koornhof to meet his promises, saying peaceful consultation and negotiation were needed. People could not simply be thrown "like bits of paper into a wastebin".

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Reports: LINDA VERGNANI
Pictures: PIERRE OOSTHUYSEN
Weekend Argus Staff

WHEN the rain began pelting down at Crossroads, five-month-old Nontuntuzelo Sithethi was sitting on a bed in the open while police in four vans and two armoured personnel carriers looked on.

Within minutes Nontuntuzelo's mother covered the gurgling baby with a sheet of plastic while she stood and surveyed the scene around her.

There were dozens of beds on the gently sloping dune covered only by blankets and bits of black plastic. Women sheltered under umbrellas around fires while children huddled under benches and other pieces of furniture.

On one bed Adelaide Boukwe cradled her 20-month-old child Hester.

Tearsmoke

Mrs Boukwe said a number of times officials ripped plastic shelters down from over little Hester's head. Last week the toddler vomited when the police threw tearsmoke.

"I feel very hurt when they break down my plastic because my children need a home. I was living in a very small room in Crossroads paying R7 a month to the Board for rent. I needed a place for myself and my chil-

dren so I came out in the open where I could be seen."

There are an estimated 25 000 to 40 000 people still living in Old Crossroads.

In the past year hundreds of them have emerged from overcrowded shanties and built shelters of plastic and branches in the dunes. Their hope is that officials will realise their plight and provide them with sites for housing.

Instead Western Cape Administration Board officials, backed by police in camouflage uniform, repeatedly rip down the shelters.

Latest blow

And this week came the latest blow. The Deputy Minister of Co-operation and Development, Dr George Morrison, announced that the people of Crossroads would be dispersed in the distant township of Khayelitsha — to deal with their "provocative spirit".

Dr Ivan Toms, who heads the Empilweni SACLA clinic, says: "The people of Crossroads are really just standing for what is a normal right for any human being — to have shelter and to live with their families."

The clinic, whose

staff includes two doctors, a dentist and two full time nurses, offers the only curative services for the entire Crossroads community.

In the year ending June 1983, the clinic treated more than 30 500 patients. Most of them were children and many were suffering from the diseases of poverty including malnutrition, tuberculosis and gastro-enteritis.

Dr Toms says the reason people don't leave Crossroads despite poverty, over-

crowding and official harassment is "because they are more likely to get a job and enough money to keep their family alive here than in the homelands".

While many Crossroads residents are employed in Cape Town, others operate a thriving free enterprise system amid the shanties of Crossroads.

Many people have converted their shacks into small businesses offering everything from shoe repair services to travel bookings

to 18 Transkei towns.

Old women braai and sell sheep intestines for 5 to 10c a piece. There are open air stalls selling everything from fruit to sheep heads, from enamel bowls to second hand clothes.

Mrs Flora Twitso, for instance, sells 250 raw chickens from her open air stalls at New and Old Crossroads every Friday and Saturday. She employs 10 women to clean and pluck the fowls which sell at R5 each.

Ask her what she

thinks of Dr Morrison's plan to send Khayelitsha shrugs. "I don't know where"

Mrs Regina, the former chairwoman of Crossroads Committee, don't like Dr Morrison's statement.

"What he says is the same as Dr Mulder said when he was the Government Minister of Crossroads. It was filthy. He's j



Baby Nontuntuzelo Sithethi sits on a bed out in the open at Crossroads

'Authorities mock God'

THE authorities are "mocking God" when they tear the shelters from defenceless people at Crossroads, says the Rev David Russell.

Mr Russell, a former Crossroads minister, said: "To pull down people's rudimentary shelters is an act of violence. If the law says such violence is allowed then one can only say the authorities are involved in legalised violence against the bed people of Crossroads. They are making it a crime to protect your family from the elements."

Commenting on the statement by Dr George

Morrison, Deputy Minister of Co-operation and Development, that the people of Crossroads would be dispersed at Khayelitsha to deal with their "provocative spirit", Mr Russell said: "It really strikes me as a statement of open betrayal of the understanding developed between his department, in the form of Dr Koornhof, and the people of Crossroads."

He said the people of Crossroads had been promised that they would be rehoused in an area of land between Guguletu and Nyanga. Yet the building of New Crossroads had been

stopped and phase two and three had not

There had also been an understanding that an appeal structure would be set up to deal with cases of Crossroads residents who had been included in the original survey. This had been established.

"Dr Morrison is riding roughshod over the whole understanding with the residents of Crossroads. And one must take Dr Morrison representing Dr Koornhof because the latter has not corrected him or denied his sta-

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Mulder who squashes people up although he doesn't know the basis on which they are here.

"They can try and scatter us but we are not prepared to trek to Khayelitsha. We are not going to allow them to break us. We are demanding what was promised by Dr Piet Koornhof.

Lodgers

"In 1979 Dr Koornhof promised hJe would build houses for everybody who was here at Crossroads — including the lodgers. New Crossroads has been built and now we are waiting for phase two and phase three to come.

"They can shoot us but they can't solve the problems of Crossroads without discussing the matter with the community around a conference table."

Housed

Mrs Ntongana said the Crossroads Committee had been shown an L-shaped piece of land, including the KTC area, where all Crossroads residents would eventually be housed.

"What we asked from Dr Koornhof was not peculiar. We as women asked to stay with our families like all other nations.

Mrs Ntongana said the people living out in the open were all lodgers whose names had been included in the

original Crossroads census or in two lists subsequently submitted to officials.

"Now these people who are part of the community are being raided. We don't like it."

Apart from the overcrowding and the raids, Mrs Ntongana says the main problem of Old Crossroads is lack of schools and crèches.

There is only one functioning primary school to serve the entire community and there are no all-day crèches for working mothers. High school pupils have to travel to New Crossroads or one of the nearby townships because there are no secondary schools in Old Crossroads.

Bright

Mrs Ntongana says: "We want our children's future to be bright — like those of other nations. The classrooms in the primary school here are really cramped — they have to have double sessions.

"Even in New Crossroads everything is short. There is no shopping centre, no crèches, no church sites or community centre."

A New Crossroads community worker, who wished to remain anonymous, said the biggest problem there was the high rentals. Residents have to pay up to R35,51 for a single bedroomed house.

Russell

Mr Russell said it was the authorities who were being provocative of peace-loving people.

"What would Dr Morrison do if he had no cover or home for his family and was told it was illegal to keep them covered? It's a travesty of any kind of Christian law. It's demonic really.

"The authorities are saying there is a fundamental shortage of housing but you are not allowed to make any shelter. You have to stay in the rain.

"What sort of inhuman authority is that? It cries out for justice from God."



Dr Ivan Toms with a tiny patient at the Crossroads Empilisweni SACLA Clinic.

Doctor's protest at raids

A CAPE TOWN doctor has said he is unwilling to complete his military service after seeing police and Administration Board officials tearing down shelters from Crossroads people.

Dr Ivan Toms, principal medical officer of Crossroad's Empilisweni SACLA Clinic, said the "horrific events" of the past two weeks had clarified his views on military service.

He said: "As a Christian, to see this kind of needless violence — because that's what it is — being done in the name of the South African Government has made me sure that I'm not willing to defend this regime by serving in the SADF."

He has sent a letter to the South African Defence Force to explain his action.

In the letter to the Officer Commanding Three Medical Services Battalion, Dr Toms — who has the rank of lieutenant — wrote that his Christian conscience would not allow him to continue serving in the SADF even as a non-combatant medical officer.

Dr Toms, who is a graduate of the University of Cape Town, completed his initial two years military service as a non-combatant. He is not married.

His decision had not been taken lightly or easily "but I am convinced that in the light of the Gospel of Jesus Christ this is the only option open to me".

He wrote: "I have been doing 'National Service' to the nation of South Africa by serving the squatter community of Crossroads as the only medical doctor at a salary of R661 per month for over three years. I long to continue serving my fellow man in this way."

In an interview, 31-year-old Dr Toms who was "born and bred in South Africa" said: "I'm fully aware that under the new legislation I'm liable to three years in jail but to sit back and remain part of that inhuman system is something my Christian conscience will not allow."

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Self-help shelter offer for Crossroads



Mr Bezuidenhoud

Staff Reporter

AN offer of temporary self-help shelter for the people of Crossroads has been made by the Urban Foundation's Western Cape regional board to the Chief Commissioner for Co-operation and Development, Mr Timo Bezuidenhoud.

This was disclosed yesterday by the foundation's regional director, Mr C S Appleton. He said the founda-

tion would also seek an interview with Dr Piet Koorhof, Minister of Co-operation and Development, to clarify a speech made by his Deputy Minister, Dr G Morrison, at the Cape National Party congress last week, referring to the relocation of the people of Old Crossroads to Khayelisha.

In a statement at the weekend, the foundation recalled that in 1979 it had acted as an intermediary between the Crossroads committees and Dr Koorhof.

On April 5, 1979, the minister had announced a scheme for the proper housing of all residents of Crossroads, subject to certain criteria, "with a view to better mutual understanding, and securing the maximum of trust and co-operation".

In its statement the foundation said: "The foundation fears that parts of the speech at last week's congress, as reported, run the risk of destroying what remains of the spirit of mutual understanding, trust and co-operation."

"The foundation is not oblivious to problems which have arisen, but feels sure that nobody would wish to see innocent people suffer as a result."

The statement added: "This is what humanity requires right now, whatever the ultimate political solutions to be negotiated with the community," it said.

(Report by Clare Stern, 77 Burg St, Cape Town.)

Crossroads vote to resist move

Staff Reporter

Mitchells Plain.

IN AN angry response to the government's vow to destroy Crossroads, the residents of the shanty town yesterday voted to resist being moved to Khayelitsha, the resettlement township being built east of

Several thousand residents attended a meeting to discuss a statement by Dr George Morrison, Deputy Minister of Co-operation and Development, that the residents of Crossroads would be dispersed in

Khayelitsha.

Dr Morrison told the Cape National Party congress last week that Crossroads was a "symbol of provocation and blackmail of the government and we want to destroy that symbolism at all costs".

A statement issued by the Crossroads committee after yesterday's meeting said the residents were not prepared to be moved.

"We say that Dr Morrison can come and kill us and take our dead bodies to Khayelitsha — because that's the only way we'll go there," the committee said.

The residents of Crossroads called on Dr Piet Koornhof, Minister of Co-operation and Development, to honour his promises — made in 1978 and 1979 — and go ahead with the construction of New Crossroads phases two and three.

Earlier this year, the government said the promised development of New Crossroads phases two and three had been scrapped.

The committee said Dr Morrison must "first destroy the people" before he could destroy Crossroads. They warned that the Cape Town Community Council were "burning their fingers" by supporting the "cruelty" of Dr Morrison.

Housing problem

"Dr Morrison can move his councillors to Khayelitsha and we would like to see his house there as well. He cannot solve the housing problem in the Western Cape by dumping us in Khayelitsha.

"We think he is trying to use hatred to win votes in the November 2 referendum."

The committee's statement said the black people of the Western Cape did not belong to Dr Morrison, they belonged to God, who had not made a mistake by putting black people on the earth.

(Report by P van Niekerk, 77 Burg Street, Cape Town.)

Squatters: '79 pledge is recalled

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Staff Reporters

THE URBAN Foundation is to approach the Government on the future of Crossroads following assurances given in 1979 and recent threats by the Deputy-Minister of Co-operation and Development, Dr G de V Morrison.

The foundation's Western Cape regional board met after Dr Morrison's speech at the Cape National Party's congress in George, where he said Crossroads was not being regarded as permanent.

In the open

He also said those living at Crossroads would be dispersed in the new township, Khayelitsha. He emphasised they would not be resettled as a group "in order to break the spirit of provocation in Crossroads".

The executive director of the foundation, Mr Jan Steyn, said today the foundation had from time to time offered self-help

schemes to provide temporary shelter for people living in the open.

Such schemes could also apply for the entire site-and-service camp in the area.

In a statement the foundation's Western Cape board recalled that in 1979 it acted as an intermediary between the Crossroads committee and the Minister.

A reprieve

The Minister's statement then was regarded as a reprieve for many blacks.

The foundation said it feared the speech at the congress could destroy what remained of a spirit of mutual understanding, trust and co-operation.

Dr Morrison and the Minister of Co-operation, Dr P G J Koornhof, were not available for comment today. Both were travelling on referendum campaign activities.

At a meeting at the Noxolo School yesterday

many Crossroads residents resolved "to die rather than move to Khayelitsha or Ciskei".

Later, the United Democratic Front committed its support to the Crossroads people at a meeting of about 1 200 members in Hanover Park Civic Centre.

Fought back

Mr Joe Marks, an executive member of the United Democratic Front, told the meeting the people of Crossroads faced daily attacks from police using dogs, batons and rubber bullets.

"The people of Crossroads have fought back courageously. They have stated they would rather die than move to Khayelitsha, Transkei or Ciskei," he said.

"The UDF resolves to support the Crossroads residents in their fight for a place to live."

(News by T Wentzel and B Gordon, both of 122 St George's Street, Cape Town).

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SQUATTERS

WCAB orders tents removed

Staff Reporter

THE Western Cape Administration Board (WCAB) has ordered that tents given by the Red Cross to the Nyanga Bush squatting community be removed. And it has refused to allow the Red Cross to provide further shelters.

According to the Nyanga bush squatters' committee, the board demolished plastic shelters, which had been built to replace the tents, on Tuesday morning.

"Last week the Red Cross gave us five tents, but on Monday they came and pulled them down. Then we built plastic shelters and the board came the next morning and pulled them down.

PROMISED

"In July the Red Cross promised to give us 95 tents but the board has not allowed them to give them to us," said a committee member.

A Red Cross spokesman confirmed the organisation had dismantled the tents after being ordered to do so by the board. He also confirmed that the Red Cross had promised 95 tents to the community but had not been given permission to go ahead.

The Chief Commissioner of the Department of Co-operation and Development in the Western Cape, Mr Timo Bezuidenhout, said today that the board refused to allow the tents to be used until they received a list of names of who would use them.

"All the board require from the Nyanga squatters is a list of names of people who would move into the tents to ensure that they are the same people whose names appeared on the original list handed to the Minister of Co-operation and Development, Dr Piet Koornhof," he said.

BITTER

The Nyanga committee said they felt bitter about being forced to sleep in the open, when they had no other place to go.

"If the Government does not want us here they will have to kill us and take us to the graveyard. We have rights to be in Cape Town. We were born here and our fathers were born here," said a committee spokesman.

According to the committee, the squatters have only 27 toilets, no running water and no refuse removal scheme.

Squatters given only 72 hours

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By MARTINE BARKER

ALMOST all the Crossroads residents who responded to a call to report to the Western Cape Administration Board offices so that they might be "indemnified against arrest" received permission to be in the area for only 72 hours, residents of the camp said yesterday.

This was despite an explanation given to the Cape Times last week by the Chief Commissioner for Co-operation and Development, Mr Timo Bezuidenhoud, that the people were being granted permission to stay in the area until their status had been clarified by a committee of inquiry.

Only people whose names were submitted as residents after the official census was taken in 1979 had been asked

to report to the board offices, he said.

The committee, whose members Mr Bezuidenhoud has not yet announced, would decide the status of each claimant by examining affidavits from them.

While none of them has yet been instructed to submit an affidavit the three-day endorsement means that almost all these Crossroads residents are again without a formalized right to be in the area.

Residents said yesterday the last permits issued to people awaiting the long-promised committee's decision expired in September last year. They could not understand why, a year later, people had been told to report to the WCAB — and then been given only three-day stamps.

One person who spoke

to the Cape Times at Crossroads yesterday said he had heard of "three or maybe four people" who had been given permission to be in the Peninsula for periods of two weeks and one month.

All the others had been given three days — and most of them were people with WCAB lodger cards which proved their right to be in the area, he said.

The deadline for residents to report to the board to have their books stamped expired on Friday.

A spokesman for the Athlone Advice Office said that Crossroads residents with three-day endorsements had approached the office for assistance and advice.

Mr Bezuidenhoud was not available for comment yesterday.

Sash tells Koornhof to OK Crossroads' building

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Staff Reporter

THE Black Sash has called on the Minister of Co-operation and Development, Dr Piet Koornhof, to "honour his promises and go ahead with the construction of New Crossroads phases two and three".

The call was made at a meeting of Crossroads residents on Sunday where it was decided to oppose the planned move to Khayelitsha.

A statement issued this week by the regional head of the Black Sash, Mrs Mary Burton, said they understood the residents' rejection of the move.

"The extraordinary remarks made by Dr George Morrison, the Deputy Minister of Co-operation and Development, have revealed that the government's



Dr Piet Koornhof

attitude to the people of Crossroads is not one of co-operation and assistance, but of suspicion and resentment," the statement said.

Dr Morrison had "clearly understood" that Crossroads had become "a symbol to all

black people in South Africa threatened with forced removal and that the Crossroads community's ability to organize itself, to demand its rights to family life and economic opportunity has attracted widespread admiration."

The Black Sash said it was deeply distressed at the recent destruction of hundreds of rudimentary shelters at Crossroads by the Western Cape Administration Board.

"The Urban Foundation's offer to assist in the establishment of temporary self-help shelters to meet the people's immediate needs is much to be commended.

"However, what is needed is a commitment to the provision of secure housing in New Crossroads as originally promised, an end to provocative demolitions and the proper planning of adequate community facilities.

"We call on all Cape-tonians to support the residents of Crossroads in their reasonable, consistent demands."

15 arrested in police raid on squatter camp

Staff Reporter

A CONTINGENT of Hout Bay policemen moved in on the Disa River squatter camp last night and arrested seven women — four of whom were carrying small children — and eight men.

A group of about 20 squatters who said they had just returned from work arrived at the camp during the raid about 7pm and gathered in Hout Bay Road. They said they were afraid to enter their shacks for fear of arrest.

A police spokesman said last night that the arrested people would appear in the Wynberg Magistrate's Court today on a charge of illegal squatting, alternatively trespassing.

The squatters had been told at a meeting last month to leave the farm by yesterday, the spokesman said.

Yesterday's action by

the Hout Bay policemen came after a further complaint had been received from the owner of the property on which the small squatter camp is sited, he said.

Squatters gathered in Hout Bay Road said members of their families had been loaded into two police vans and taken away.

"We have nowhere else to go," one said. "We will probably build a big fire and sleep next to the road."

No shacks were broken down in last night's raid.

● In a letter to the Divisional Council last month, the squatters, many of whom claim to have lived at the site for 10 years or longer, demanded alternative housing.

They also sought a guarantee against harassment after several raids by police and Divisional Council officials.

March 6 marked the second anniversary of the start of the marathon trial of veteran trade unionist, Oscar Mpetha and 18 other people on charges of 'terrorism' and alternatively, murder, following their alleged involvement in certain incidents sparked off by the 1980 bus boycotts. Still these people sit at Pollsmoor Prison. They were originally detained in August 1980 and the case began 7 months later. Oscar Mpetha, 74, and the 17 others who still stand accused, have already sat an effective sentence of two-and-a-half years. Yet their spirit and unity remains as strong as ever. Their case continues on March 28 in the Cape Town Supreme Court. It is important that people attend the trial as often as possible to once again show our support for the accused.

SUPPORT THE MPETHA ACCUSED!

Disa River squatters held in two raids

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Staff Reporter

THE Disa River squatter camp in Hout Bay was raided by the Western Cape Administration Board before dawn today, less than 12 hours after a police raid on the camp.

Fifteen squatters, including an invalid and mothers with their children, were arrested last night by Hout Bay police.

Today eight women and one man were arrested by WCAB officials.

The Press liaison officer for the WCAB confirmed today that the board had "worked in the area" and that nine people had been arrested.

3-day notice for 4 000 squatters

By MARTINE BARKER
Staff Reporter

ABOUT 4 000 Crossroads residents who responded to an "invitation" from the Western Cape Administration Board (WCAB) to see if their names were on official lists of people claiming the right to live in the Peninsula came away from the board's offices last week with stamps giving them 72 hours to get out of the area.

Yesterday Mr Timo Bezuidenhoud, Chief Commissioner for Co-operation and Development, said claims from numerous Crossroads residents that they had received the 72-hour endorsement in spite of being in the area legally and having their names

on the lists were "difficult to believe".

Last week he told the Cape Times that residents were being given stamps allowing them to be in the area until a committee of inquiry had met to assess their claims to be here. The names of only "30 to 40" of the 4 000 who went to the WCAB offices had corresponded with those on the lists, he said.

Notices

The residents received notices at the end of August telling them that people who "are of the opinion or allege" that their names appeared on the lists would "be indemnified against arrest provided they have their identification documents endorsed at the Administration Board offices in Langa on or before 30 September 1983".

Mr Bezuidenhoud said he had extended the deadline for Crossroads residents to have their passes stamped to October 14 because the Transkei Consul was having difficulty making travel arrangements for so many people.

Mr G Lawrence, director of labour and housing for the WCAB, said yesterday that it was

"not true" that people were told to come to the offices to have their pass books stamped. Those who were "in doubt" had merely been "invited" to come to the offices to look at the lists to check if their names were included.

Thousands

Asked why in that case thousands of people had had their pass books endorsed with 72-hour stamps he said: "We are required by law to give a 72-hour stamp to a person who announces his presence to us."

He added that by giving them such a stamp, the board was "advising them that their presence is illegal".

He said the board had acted on strict instructions from the chief commissioner that the only basis for deciding on the endorsements was whether names in pass books corresponded with those on the lists.

Tents donated

● THE Western Cape Administration Board has refused to allow squatters at Nyanga Bush to put up tents donated to them by the Red Cross "until lists giving the names of those who will live in the tents have been supplied".

Yesterday Mr Bezuidenhoud confirmed that the squatters had been ordered to dismantle five tents erected this week and has prohibited the erection of others until lists are supplied.

This was because the board wanted to make sure that those using the tents were there legally and that their names corresponded with the original list of residents of the area handed to the Minister of Co-operation and Development, Dr Piet Koornhof, he said.

'Kill Crossroads over our dead bodies' residents

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CROSSROADS residents have replied with a unified "NO" to the Government's vow to "kill" the giant squatter town.

This response follows statements made by the Deputy Minister of Co-operation and Development, Dr George Morrison. In a clear attempt to get the support of white voters in the coming referendum, he said the Government wanted to destroy the symbolism that goes with Crossroads.

He told the Cape congress of the National

Party that Crossroads was seen as a symbol of provocation and blackmail of the Government, and had to be destroyed at all costs.

On Sunday, several thousand Crossroads residents met to discuss plans to moved them to Khayelitsha.

In a statement released to reporters after the meeting, the Crossroads committee called

on the Government to honour promises made in 1978 and 1979.

At that stage, the Government had promised to develop New Crossroads. Phase One of Crossroads has been completed, and work has not as yet started on Phase Two and Three. The Government has blamed a shortage of funds for its decision not to start development of Phase Two and Three.

The committee said that the only way they would be moved to Khayelitsha was if they were dead.

"Dr Morrison will have to kill us first and then move our bodies to Khayelisha — because that is the only way we will move there. Dr Morrison will first have to destroy the people before he can destroy Crossroads.

"The Cape Town Community Council is burning its fingers by supporting the cruelty of Dr Morrison. He can first move his Community Councillors to Khayelitsha and we would like to see his house there as well.

DUMPING

"There is no way that the severe housing crisis can be solved by dumping us in Khayelitsha, where we will have to build shacks to live in again.

"Dr Morrison is using hatred to win a few extra "yes" votes in the November 2 referendum," the residents said.

They said that black people did not belong to Dr Morrison, they belonged to God, and He had not made a mistake by placing them on earth.

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The policewomen in Ohio wore men's uniforms and it was not considered strange or masculine.

Most women she had trained and spoken to were initially afraid of guns but soon became good shotists. Firearm training for women was important for protection of oneself and the family.

Women also often made better shotists than

men because they were not afraid to admit they did not know anything about guns and were willing to learn.

She said it would take "big change" before South African women would be willing to do the same job as policemen.

Policewoman Bray is a member of the Police Honour Guard, the Fraternal Order of Police and the International Association of Police.



Detective
Jeanne Bray



as real as a fairy tale, and judging by the glint in their eyes, these young sses are going to make this year's Sleeping Beauty real magic. They are holic Community Centre in Grassy Park, where the pantomime will be er 18 and 19. At yesterday's dress rehearsals are, from the top, Anton on Aploon, 6, Leola Francis, 6, Seta Rhoda, 6, and Allan Tonkin, 4.

Police disperse squatter group

Staff Reporter

ABOUT 35 Hout Bay squatters who gathered outside the Divisional Council head office in Wale Street yesterday to plead for houses, left without being granted an interview after being ordered by police to disperse.

The squatters, whose shacks near the Disa River were demolished on Thursday, wanted to meet Mr W Viviers, secretary of the Divisional Council.

While waiting outside the council offices, a community worker, Ms Shirley Gunn, was taken away to Caledon Square in a van. However, a police spokesman said no arrests had been made.

The squatter community has been ordered to leave the site in the forests above Hout Bay — where they claim to have been living for 20 years — as the land is due for development by the new owners, the Trust Bank.

Third visit

Their shacks have been demolished four times this year. Yesterday was their third visit to the Divisional Council offices to demand proper housing and the right to remain at their present site till alternative accommodation is provided.

At present, the squatters say, they are living under plastic sheeting and cannot leave the site as they have nowhere else to go.

The squatters, who arrived at the council offices at 3.30pm yesterday, were first refused an interview when they reported at the eighth-floor office of Mr Viviers.

After Ms Gunn had been taken away, the squatters milled around outside the Divisional Council offices till they were given three minutes to disperse. A group of more than a dozen uniformed police stood by.

The police spokesman said 30 to 40 squatters were interviewed by police before being asked to leave.

Mr Viviers could not be reached for comment yesterday evening.

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ly bad writer.

"I meant that the
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else, Mr Monat, as a pro-
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Car kills boys: Man in court

Staff Reporter

MOMENTS after hearing a crash, a Mitchells Plain woman saw two boys being flung into the air, one then falling on to a car and being dragged a distance before the vehicle stopped, a Wynberg magistrate was told yesterday.

This was evidence given in the trial of Mr Edward Adams, 42, of Carnation Street, Beacon Valley, Mitchells Plain, who pleaded not guilty to two counts of culpable homicide and one of driving under the influence of alcohol.

He appeared in connection with the death of Ricardo Faro, 6, and Mario Lewis, 10, who were killed crossing A Z

Ratepayers back Garvin

Staff Reporter

THE Rondebosch Ratepayers' Association last night elected Mr Michael Garvin as its official candidate for the City Council seat which became vacant on the death of Mr Manfred Müller.

Mr Garvin, a property developer and Rondebosch resident, is chairman of the Community Chest finance committee.

Berman Drive in Mitchells Plain.

The accident took place on Christmas Day last year.

Mr Adams also pleaded not guilty to two alternative charges of reckless or negligent driving and one of driving while his alcohol level was 0.15g per 100ml of blood.

Miss Pauline Ward testified that she had seen the two boys on a field next to the road. Mario had taken Ricardo's hand and after checking that there was no oncoming traffic, they had run across the double-carriage road.

"They were near the island in the road when a car appeared and smashed into them. I saw both boys being flung into the air. The older, Mario, landed on the traffic island and Ricardo rebounded on to the bonnet of the car and was dragged for a few metres.

"I screamed and ran to the assistance of the injured boys."

Miss Ward said the car was speeding and she could not remember Mr Adams braking or using his hooter.

The hearing was adjourned to December 12 and Mr Adams' bail of R50 was extended.

Mr J A B Nel was the magistrate. Mr A J Basson appeared for the State and Mr J Kudo for Mr Adams.

Transkei not aware of plan to move 4 000

By MARTINE BARKER

TRANSKEI's Foreign Minister Mr Mtutuzeli Lujabe says he knows nothing of travel arrangements that are supposedly being made by the Transkei Consul in Cape Town for some 4 000 Crossroads residents who have been given until the end of this week to return to Transkei.

Last week Mr Timo Bezuidenhoud, Chief Commissioner for Co-operation and Development, said the Transkei Consul was "having difficulty" making travel arrangements for so many people.

Mr Lujabe said yesterday that questions put to him by the Cape Times were the first he had heard about the matter. He said that if claims on the matter were true, South Africa was engaged in "foul play" which "could never get the blessing of my government".

He said he would immediately investigate through the Transkei Consul in Cape Town.

If South Africa was endorsing the past books of Transkeians with 72-hour stamps, they were "not honouring the agreement between us that a Trans-

keian may be in South Africa for 14 days without being required to seek permission".

Transkei had made it "very clear" to South Africa that it considered the squatter problem in the Western Cape to be South Africa's problem, not Transkei's.

Mr G Lawrence, director for housing and labour for the Western Cape Administration Board (WCAB), said the board had "invited" all the residents of Crossroads to report to WCAB to see if they had a right to be in the area. They had had to do this by September 30.

At the same time, however, by "announcing" themselves at the WCAB offices they had forced the board in terms of the law to give them permission to be in the area for only 72 hours, he said.

Mr Bezuidenhoud announced that he had granted a 14-day extension on the September 30 deadline because the Transkei Consul was having difficulty making the necessary travel arrangements for so many people.

The Transkei Consul in Cape Town could not be reached for comment yesterday.

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her husband on Sunday night.

"I read the report to my husband when he called," Mrs Mueller said. "He told me similar allegations had been broadcast on TV in Germany and that he had decided to stay there.

"I asked him if he had ever had any dealings with East Germany, to which he replied 'no'. He also assured me that he had not been to the United States in 1976."

The report said Mr Mueller is alleged to have had illicit technology tradings with East

Germany. Together with another German businessman, Mr Volker Nast, he was "being investigated in connection with strategic computers sent to East Germany".

It said Mr Mueller and Mr Nast had fled to Germany after being indicted by a federal court in San Francisco in 1976 for alleged violations of the American Export Administration Act.

Mrs Mueller said she had not asked her husband whether he had "reported" to West

German police yet. "But he is travelling widely in Germany — if the police are looking for him, why hasn't he been stopped at airports?"

"He sounded upset and sad that I had been confronted with the allegations — he has always been very protective towards his family. My husband will not return to South Africa on October 19. He wants to settle the case in Germany.

"I don't think there is any substance to the allegations — otherwise he wouldn't face

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Mid-Week Homefinder Inside

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THE Transkei Consul-General in Cape Town, Mr B B Sidwaba, today disputed the findings of the Western Cape Administration Board (WCAB) that more than 4 000 Crossroads people screened at the board's offices were in the Cape illegally.

Crossroads residents, who claimed they appeared on lists compiled by Crossroads leaders, were asked to report to the board to have their reference books endorsed. More than 4 000 people responded and most were given until the end of the week to return to Transkei.

"People are being robbed of their rights. My government is not going to accept people being dumped in Transkei," he said.

"Playing for time"

Mr Sidwaba also criticised the way the screening was being done. He said the board had given the people a deadline to report, but they had been processing people at a slow rate, making it impossible for people to meet the deadline.

"My impression is that the South African Government is playing for time so they will be able to say they gave people a chance to have their positions legalised but the people did not come," he said.

He had requested an extension to the September 30 deadline for people to report to the board offices. He was disappointed that only a two-week extension had been granted.

Torn up

There were allegations that people's documents were being torn up when they reported at the offices.

He offered to help Crossroads people under pressure from the South African authorities by putting himself and his office staff at the disposal of people who claim they have rights to be in Cape Town but are rejected by the authorities.

Mr Timo Bezuidenhout, chief commissioner of the Department of Co-operation and Development of the Western Cape, said he had agreed to Mr Sidwaba's request for an extension because he realised the Transkei Consul "had many people coming to him for travel documents".

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Hout Bay squatters in court

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THIRTEEN adult Hout Bay squatters and eight children appeared briefly in the Wynberg Magistrate's Court yesterday on charges of illegally squatting on the Disa River Farm.

Martin Anthony, 30; Elvis van Deki, 50; Angeline Abrahams, 27; Margaret Geswind, no age given; Fraser Anthony, 71; Florida Anthony, no age given; Angeline Anthony, 40; Lilla Anthony, 64; Rosemary Abrahams, 23; Aubrey Anthony, 27; Jacky Duckett, 34; Anne Anthony, 38; and Charmaine Anthony, 19, all of Disa River Bush, Main Road, were not asked to plead to charges of illegally squatting, alternatively trespassing on the property of Orpington Investments, Hout Bay, on October 6.

The hearing was adjourned to October 28 and bail of R50 was extended for each.

Mr J A B Nel was the magistrate. Mr A J Basson appeared for the State and Mr E Daniles for the squatters.

Transkei to help squatters

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Staff Reporter

THE Transkei Government will "leave no stone unturned" to get to the bottom of allegations that Crossroads residents with a legal claim to be in Cape Town have been endorsed out of the area, the Transkei Consul General, Mr B B Sidwaba, said yesterday.

Mr Sidwaba was responding to reports that some 4 000 residents of the camp who reported to the Western Cape Administration Board (WCAB) were "invited" to inspect lists of names to see if they had a claim to be in the Peninsula. They were then given 72 hours to get out of the area if they did not. WCAB officials said the names of only 30 to 40 of the people who reported were on the lists.

The lists, of about 6 000 names, were compiled by the Crossroads Committee after a number of residents missed an official census of the camp in 1979. The Minister of Co-operation and Development promised that these people's claims would be investigated.

Mr Sidwaba said yesterday that he "could not believe" that so few people with a rightful claim to be in Cape Town had responded to the WCAB "invitation". The "invitation" promised that people whose

names were on the lists would be "indemnified against arrest".

He said any of the people who had received a 72-hour endorsement and felt that they had a legal claim to be in the area should report to the Transkei Consulate offices, where they would be given all possible assistance to establish their rights.

Mr Sidwaba wished to point out that, contrary to reports, his government had not been involved "at any stage" in making travel arrangements for the people who were endorsed out. The consulate's only involvement in the matter had been in supplying travel documents by which the residents could prove their identity.

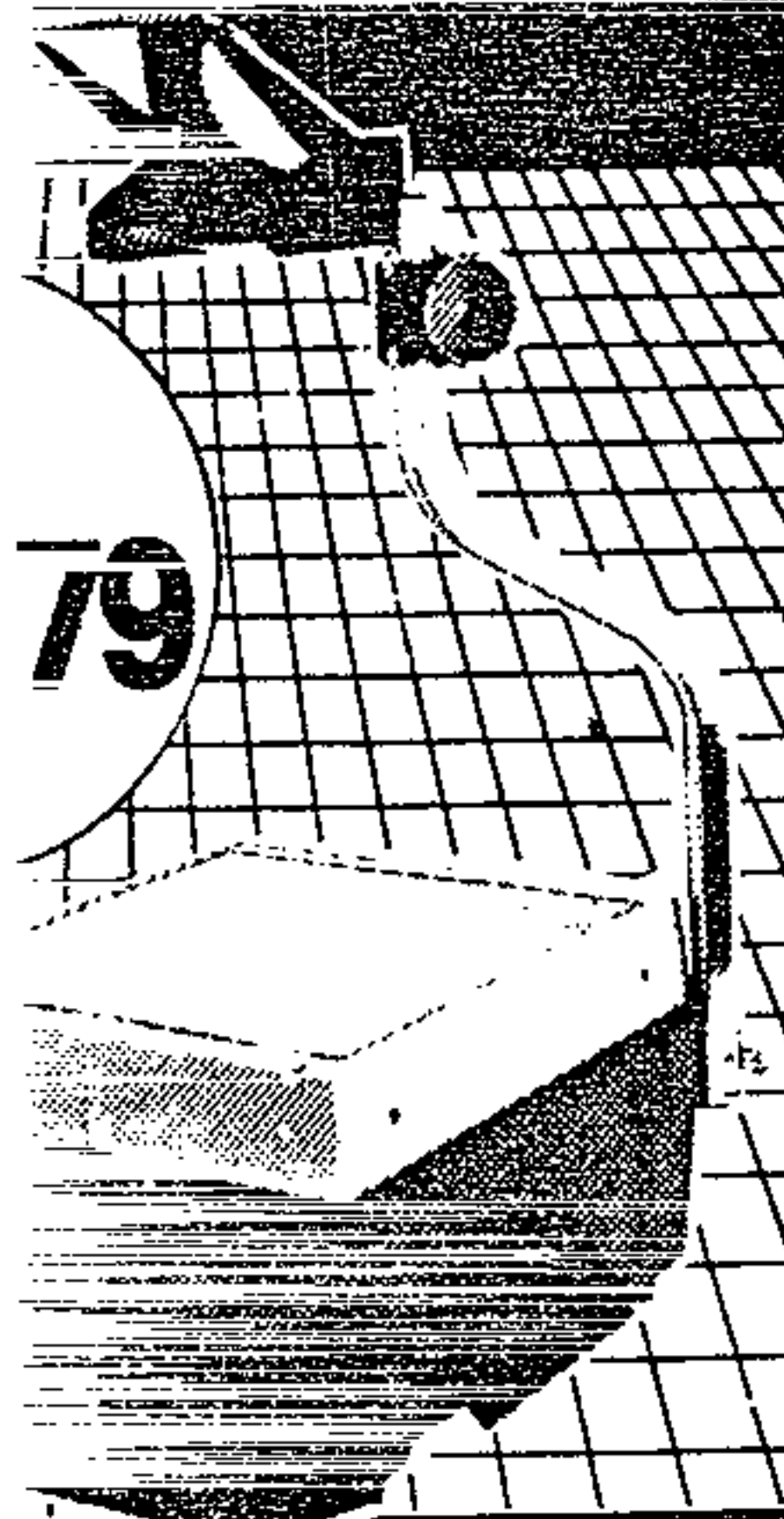
He had requested that the WCAB extend the deadline for people to report to the board by 14 days because he could not cope with arranging documents for so many people within the given time. This was not, as reported, because he was having difficulty in arranging travel facilities for them.

'Uproot people'

"We regret this misunderstanding and wish to make quite clear that the Transkei government and its Consul in Cape Town will not, at any stage, be party to any move that will uproot people from the Western Cape".

Mr Bezuidenhoud, Chief Commissioner for Co-operation and Development, who was quoted in earlier reports on the matter, could not be reached for comment yesterday.

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Drank water: Man dies

LONDON. — A man who was terrified of being poisoned drank himself to death with 20 litres of water, a pathologist told Luton Coroner's Court on Wednesday.

Dr David Lawrence said that in an attempt to cleanse his system, Mr Fensome, 45, drank so much water that he died of water on the brain and water intoxication.

He had been admitted to hospital, where he became convinced that his medicines and food were poisoned.

Dr John Harte, the coroner, recorded a verdict of death by misadventure.

Dr Kenneth Collins, an authority on water intoxication, said that "although water seems an innocuous substance, when taken in excess it can be dangerous."

35 Disa squatters made homeless

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Staff Reporter

ABOUT 35 squatters living at the Disa River squatter settlement in Hout Bay were made homeless when officials of the Divisional Council of the Cape, accompanied by police, demolished nine dwellings yesterday.

The same squatters last month petitioned the Divisional Council after being told they had to leave the area immediately and being given a one-month extension which expired last week.

Eye-witnesses said the squatters, some of whom claim to have lived in the area for 20 years, were not given time to take their possessions out of the structures before officials began breaking them down with picks, axes and hammers yesterday morning.

Demolition

Crockery and furniture were broken in the demolition, they said.

The squatters, who are in the Peninsula legally, have no prospect of being housed. Mr N Vivier, secretary of the Divisional Council, confirmed yesterday that there was "no housing available".

It is claimed that those of the community who have jobs are employed in the Hout Bay area and would not be able hold their jobs if they had to commute from elsewhere, because the area is so isolated.

Man who axed

Own Correspondent

ESTCOURT. — Prominent Winterton farmer Mr Cornelis van der Merwe, 67, was convicted here yesterday of murdering his 67-year-old wife Christina Helena with an axe as she lay on their bed.

Church elder 'Oom Neels' stood silently as Mr Justice Broome rejected his claim that he had struck the fatal blow

while in a "mental vacuum" caused by a low blood sugar level and sentenced him to 12 years' imprisonment, with five years conditionally suspended.

The judge said specialist medical evidence had been inconclusive, and on the doctors' own admissions had relied on the accused's claim that he had been unaware of his actions on the night of March 31.

However, Van der Merwe had by his own admission been aware of fetching the axe from his garage and later taking it to the farm dam about 600 metres from the house to throw it away.

The court found that Van der Merwe had lied to the police and had for some time kept the knowledge that he had killed her to himself, all of which meant he had hoped he would get away so

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Crossroads shocks US rights leader

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A VISITING American civil rights leader has told of his shock at living conditions in the Crossroads squatter camps.

Standing between ragged lines of makeshift tents, veteran campaigner Mr. Bayard Rustin said: "I am shocked to find people living in these conditions."

"I hope this matter will be cleared up soon and these people will be provided with adequate housing, an adequate water supply and proper medical care."

"I believe this is important because these people are clearly making a contribution to society by going out to work and by occupying a responsible place in society."

SOCIAL CHANGE

Mr. Rustin, who served for seven years as special assistant to Dr Martin Luther King, is president of the A Philip Randolph Educational Fund, an American civil rights institute.

His visit to South Africa with two other members of the institute, Mr Charles Bloomstein and Mr Walter Naegle, is a joint project of the institute and the New York Friends Group, both dedicated to non-violent social change.

In a statement, Mr Rustin said: "As a black American, I have a deep interest in Africa, particularly South Africa, for I believe that what happens here may very well determine whether democracy and peaceful change will flourish in the whole of Southern Africa."

The visitors were taken to see the Crossroads squatter camps yesterday by the chairman of the Civil Rights League, Mr Brian Bishop.

ACRID SMELL

With the acrid smell of burnt plastic shelters still hanging over the tent camp following a morning raid, Mr Rustin heard how squatters rebuilt their homes each day or dismantled them when a police raid was imminent.

He spoke to several women huddled on beds in the open and heard how 250 adults and their children had lived for 18 months in two cramped shelters covered by plastic sheeting.

THE axe is about to fall on the Disa River community near Hout Bay. Thirty-three families who have lived on the mountain slopes above the picturesque bay for the last 23 years could find themselves without homes by the end of this week.

Last Thursday night, 13 adults and six children were rounded up by police and taken into custody, signalling what could be the beginning of the end in their battle to stay in their homes until suitable and affordable accommodation can be found.

They appeared in court on Friday and will appear again this week in the Wynberg Magistrate's Court on charges under the Illegal Squatting Act.

Only the adults were charged. They were not asked to plead and no evidence was led. After paying their bail of R50, they were allowed to return to their homes.

HOSPITAL

Mr Fraser Anthony, 72, one of those arrested, had to be rushed to hospital shortly after being taken into custody.

Among those arrested was an 82-year-old man and a year-old baby.

The prosecutor argued that bail should be refused as the people had nowhere else to go. He felt that the people would simply return to their shacks and continue to live there.

Their arrest and subsequent appearances in court could mean that the families, who have lived on the property since 1960, will soon leave the area.

DEVELOPERS

They were all under the impression that they would not be kicked off the land but recently the property changed hands, and the new owners, Orpington Investments, wanted them off. The company plans to develop the land.

The families have previously said that they were prepared to move off the land as soon as they had found suitable housing.

They said that they



● **SOME** of the Disa River families head for home on the back of a truck after their court appearance but they are not sure for how long "home" will mean the slopes above Hout Bay.

had applied to the Divisional Council for homes on numerous occasions during the past seven years — but none of them had been given suitable housing.

LETTER

Recently, the residents sent a letter to the Divisional Council explaining their plight and asking for houses at rents they could afford.

● In a move to prevent

police from arresting the squatters or moving them from the shacks, their lawyer, Mr Enver Daniels, and Advocate A M Omar sent Hout Bay police a letter telling them of the court case and the postponement.

They told the police that they would apply to the Supreme Court for an interdict if police were to take action against the squatters.

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Squatters: Govt set to act

By PHILLIP VAN NIEKERK

THE government is set to take action against more than 6 000 Crossroads residents who have been endorsed out of the Peninsula.

Mr Timo Bezuidenhout, Chief Commissioner for Co-operation and Development in the Western Cape, said yesterday that the "law would take its course" against the residents, whom he described as "out-and-out illegals".

Yesterday was the deadline for people with a claim to permanent residence in Crossroads to report to the Western Cape Administration Board (WCAB) offices for stamps in their pass books.

According to Dr Gert du Preez, chief liaison officer of the WCAB, 6 388 people — the vast majority of those reporting — have been given 72 hours to get out of the Peninsula.

Very few of those reporting have been allowed to stay — in spite of claims by squatters that they are

among people whose right to remain in the Peninsula is to be investigated by a Department of Co-operation and Development appeals committee.

Squatter leaders fear that a massive operation is pending.

The Consul-General of Transkei, Mr B B Sidwaba, said yesterday that his information officer had placed radio advertisements inviting people who believed they had a legal claim to be in the area and had been endorsed out to inform his office.

He promised to investigate all such cases which came to his notice.

● Meanwhile, WCAB demolitions of shelters are continuing at the Crossroads "bed" camp, scene of an intensive demolition campaign last month when more than 1 000 homes were torn down, and at the Cathedral tent camp. According to Dr Du Preez, 39 structures were demolished at the Cathedral camp on Thursday, while 12 were taken down at the bed camp yesterday and on Thursday.

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Government's dream 'false'

Staff Reporters

THE Government's dream was a false dream if it thought black people would leave the Western Cape, said Mr Johnson Ngxobongwana at a meeting at Crossroads.

Residents pledged not to move, "nor be dumped" in Khayelitsha.

The main speakers at the meeting yesterday were Mr Oscar Mpetha, national president of the United Democratic Front, and Mr Ngxobongwana, chairman of one of the Crossroads committees, who said black people would not go to the Transkei or the Ciskei.

"Go to Holland"

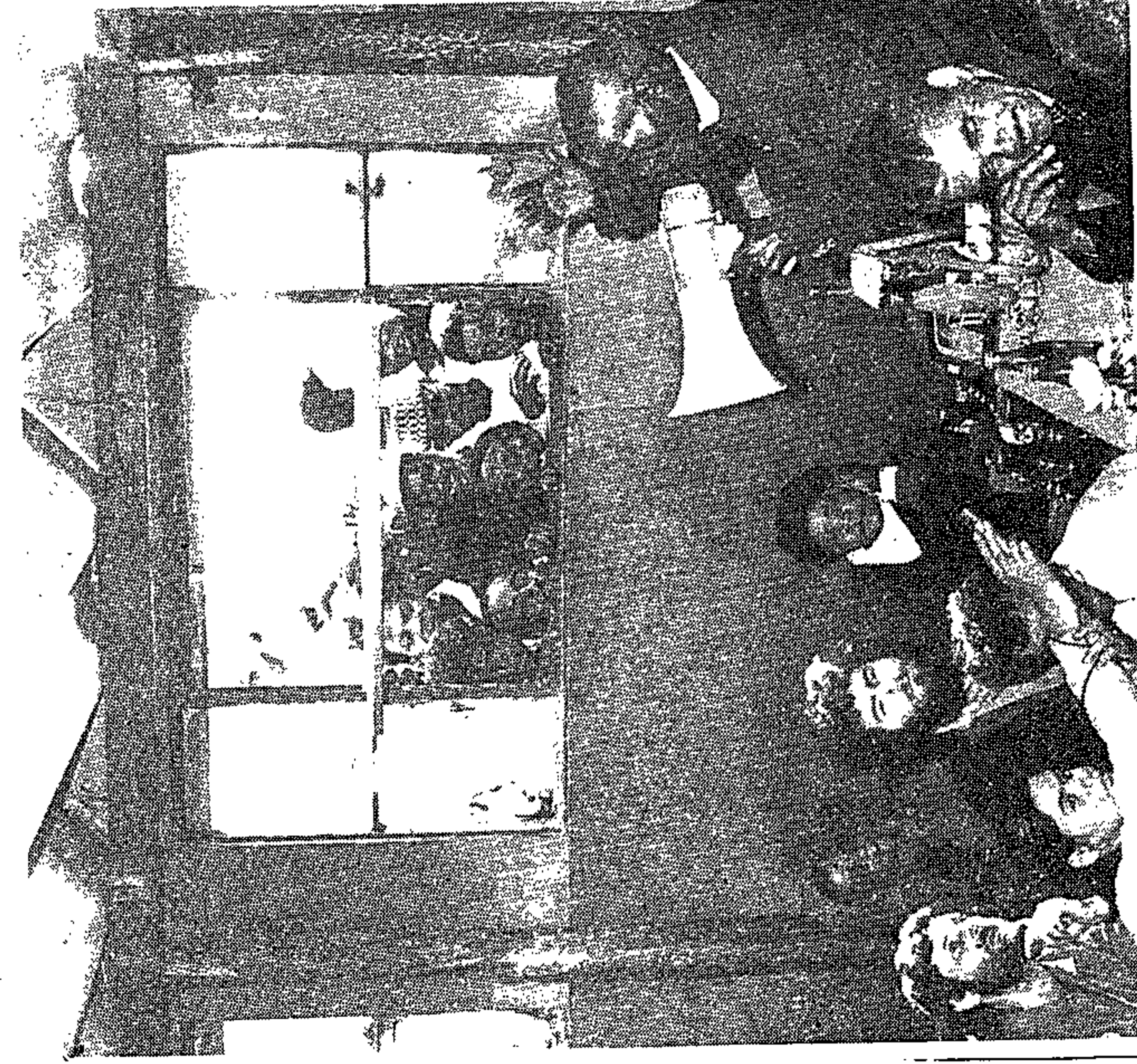
"If the Government says black people should go to the homelands, then why don't whites go back to Holland? asked Mr Ngxobongwana.

"It is only the black man who has no place to live. This is our country, where we were not only born but also created.

"The Government's dream is a false dream if they think we will leave the Western Cape. We will not leave. We will die and be buried here."

At the meeting, called by the UDF, it was decided to "support the UDF in the struggle for democratic rights".

The Noxolo School hall, where the meeting was held, was filled to capacity. The overflow of people crammed into classrooms and many people hung from windows to listen to the speakers.



ABOVE — The Noxolo school hall in Crossroads was packed for a meeting yesterday organised by the United Democratic Front. Here, residents hang from windows listening to the speeches.

RIGHT — A national president of the United Democratic Front, Mr Oscar Mpetha, addresses the meeting in Crossroads.

"Day of peace"

Mr Mpetha received a resounding welcome when he addressed the meeting from his wheelchair.

He praised the people of Crossroads for their will not to be moved. The ailing Mr Mpetha told the cheering crowd that he "would not die before he saw freedom".

Veteran Crossroad's resident Mrs Alexandra Luke appealed to the Crossroad's people to look on the gathering as a "day of peace".

People all over the world had great respect for the people of Crossroads and it was important that they stand united, she said.

"There is a long way for us to go. There are people outside in plastic shelters.

"There are people with three-month permits. There are people with six-month permits. There are people with three-day stamps.

"All these problems are on the shoulders of the people of Crossroads."

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UDF VOWS to support squatters

Labour Reporter

MR Oscar Mpetha, a president of the United Democratic Front (UDF), yesterday pledged solidarity with the people of Crossroads and called on them to support the UDF.

Speaking before a crowd of several thousand people at a joint UDF-Crossroads committee meeting — the first of its kind — Mr Mpetha said that without the support of the people, the UDF would be just a name.

The meeting, held at Noxolo School in Crossroads, was called following a resolution at an anti-Ciskei rally two weeks ago in which the UDF pledged itself to actively support the people of Crossroads in their "struggle against government harassment".

Standing ovation

Mr Mpetha, who was given a five-minute standing ovation, praised the people of Crossroads for their strength and unity and said it reminded him of his vow that if his involvement in the struggle meant dying in jail, "then so be it".

However, he said, he would not die before the day of liberation.

Mr Johnson Ngxobogwana, chairman of the Crossroads committee, said the government was mistaken if it believed it could move the people of Crossroads to Khayelitsha.

"This dream will never materialize," he

said. "We will resist the removal. We will die in Crossroads."

Mrs M Luke, of the Crossroads women's committee, appealed to the women of Crossroads to be united and strong. She reminded them of how strong they had been when they "started the fight" from Modderdam Road.

The Crossroads residents resolved that instead of supporting the community council elections, they would actively support the UDF-inspired "People's Weekend" which is to be held on the weekend before the referendum.

Three days

In a statement after the meeting, the Crossroads committee said that if the government took action against the more than 6 000 Crossroads residents who have been given three days to get out of the Western Cape, "we are also going to take action".

On Friday Mr Timo Bezuidenhoud, Chief Commissioner for Co-operation and Development in the Western Cape, said the "law would take its course" against the 6 388 who have been endorsed out. He did not say when the government would act.

The committee called on the government not to take action before consulting with Mr Ngxobogwana and the committee and establishing who had the right to be in Crossroads.

(Report by P van Niekerk, 77 Burg St, Cape Town).

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Mr Andre Spier

'No one abroad was interested'

In 1982, fleets of Indian army trucks rolled into downtown Bombay and troops scooped-up 30 000 squatters in a series of raids.

They were transported to rural areas and dumped to fend for themselves.

"The fact that it was an Indian doing it to an Indian meant no one overseas was interested," said Mr Andre Spier who has co-ordinated conferences on the population explosion and education and employment crises.

US civil rights man 'shocked' at Crossroads camp

A visiting American civil rights leader said he was shocked at living conditions in the Crossroads squatter camps and hoped authorities would soon provide adequate housing and other vital services for the community.

Standing between ragged lines of makeshift tents, veteran civil rights campaigner Mr Bayard Rustin said: "I am shocked to find people living in these conditions."

"I hope this matter will soon be cleared up and that these people will be provided with adequate housing, an adequate water supply and proper medical care. This is important because these people are clearly making a contribution to society by going out to work and by occupying a responsible place in society."

"It is surely in the interests of society that they be properly housed and cared for. Workers living under these conditions cannot possibly be as efficient as those living under better conditions."

Mr Rustin, who has been arrested 24 times in America for his civil rights campaigning and who served for seven years as a special assistant to Dr Martin Luther King, is the president of the A Philip Randolph Educational Fund, an American civil rights institute.

The 24-hours team reviews the conditions under which squatters live in Cape Town, East London and Ciskei.

In a statement, Mr Rustin said: "As a black American, I have a deep interest in Africa and particularly South Africa."

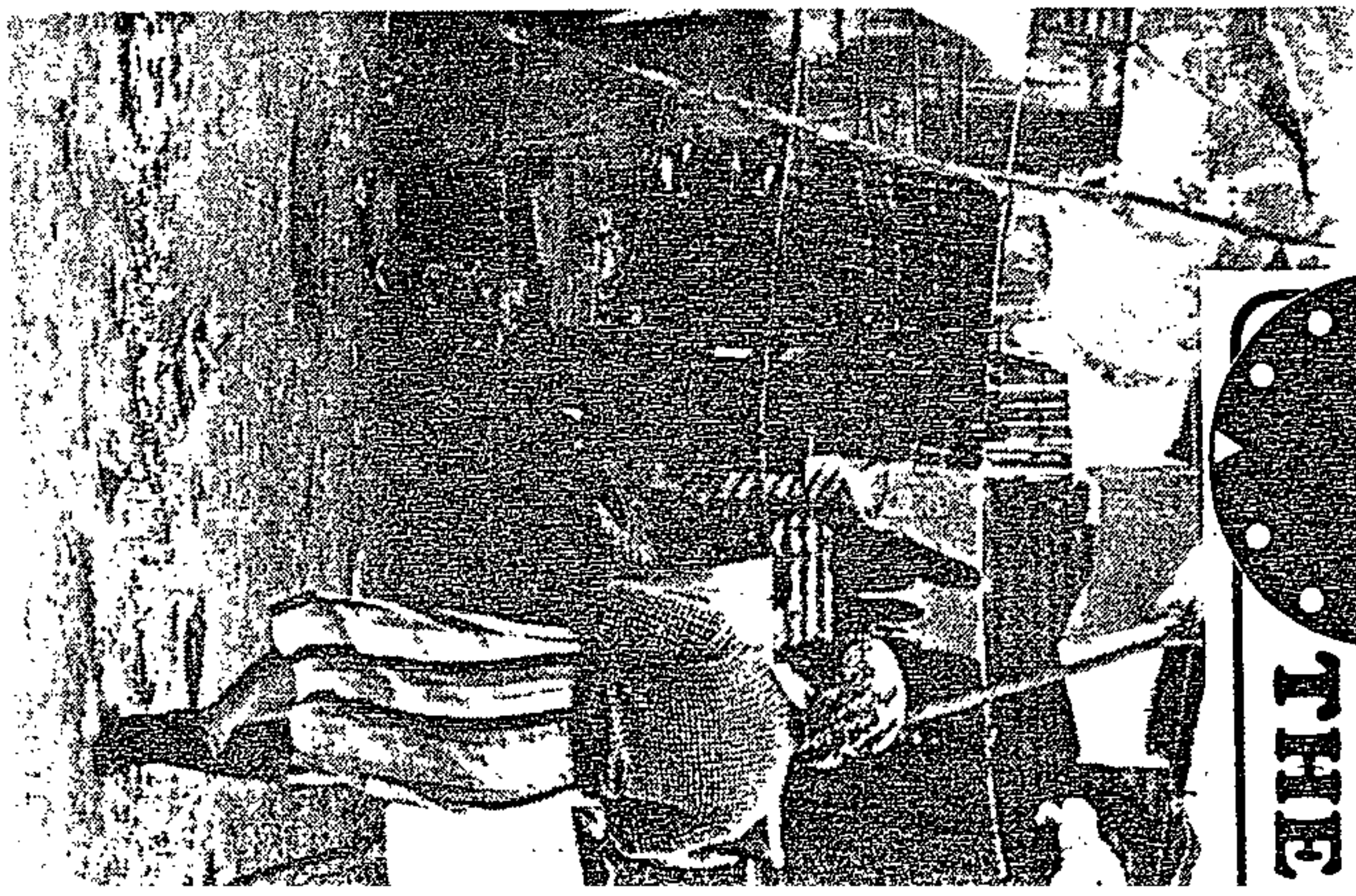
"I believe that what happens here may very well determine whether democracy and peaceful change will flourish in Southern Africa."

"I have come to try to find out what the people of South Africa really feel about their situation."

The American visitors were taken to see the Crossroads camps by the chairman of the Civil Rights League, Mr Brian Bishop, who explained to Mr Rustin that Crossroads was not a slum.

"The problem here is not poverty. These are not people who have flocked to the city from the rural areas and now have no employment. Up to 40 per cent of the people here have been in Cape Town for 10 years."

"One of the residents here was a registered homeowner in Woodstock. With the introduction of the Group Areas Act, she was forced to move here. Then her shack was torn down and she now lives in a tent," said Mr Bishop.



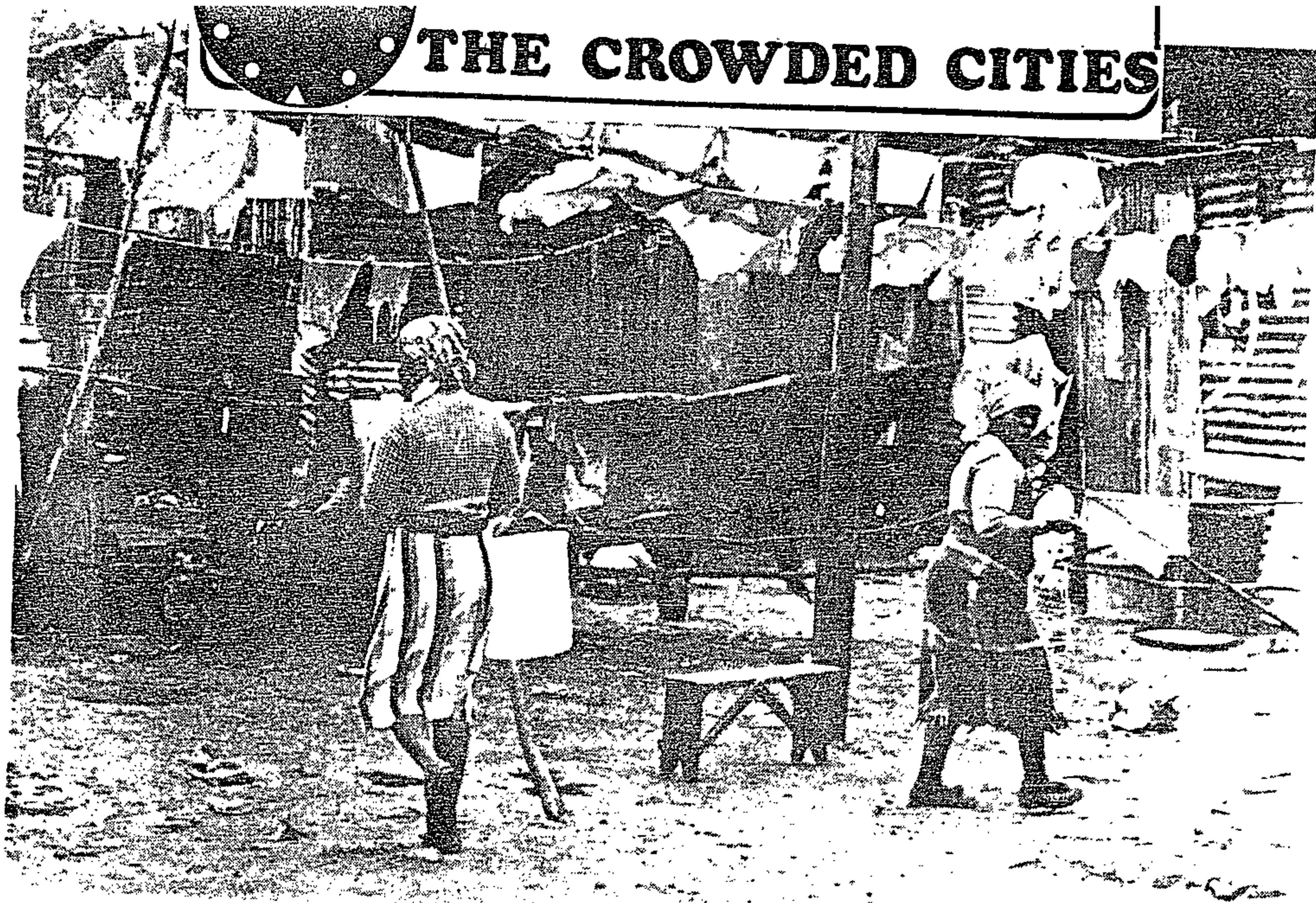
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THE CROWDED CITIES



Crossroads squatter camp in Cape Town. Now a visiting American civil rights campaigner has spoken of his shock at conditions there.

19/10/83 397 No ray of light on the Cape squatter problem — SAIRR

Own Correspondent

There is no ray of light on the squatter problem facing East London and the surrounding Ciskeian districts, according to the local director of the South African Institute of Race Relations, Mrs Roselle Frasca.

East London, unlike many other areas which draw squatters seeking employment, not only has to deal with the impossible task of providing employment of thousands streaming to the city, but must also deal with a "culture" problem.

Mrs Frasca describes local squatting — which occurs mainly on the outskirts of East London's giant Ciskeian satellite township of Mdantsane and the nearby resettlement camp, Potts-

dam — as gut level type.

"People who come here (there are no statistics available) have no high ideals of getting jobs. They are literally dying of starvation," says Mrs Frasca.

"They are unsophisticated people from rural Ciskei and Transkei mainly and cannot speak English or Afrikaans. They have no identity because they have been relocated and it is a case of having to rebuild a culture."

These squatters do not hope for formal employment but merely for odd jobs, she says.

People flock to the area because of the enormous unemployment problem in Ciskei. The Minister of Manpower, Chief Lent Mqoma, said last year 130 000 people

were unemployed and this figure would increase by about 21 000 each year.

The current drought has also speeded up the problem, Mrs Frasca says.

In East London there are no recognised squatter camps but the problems are "enormous" in the resettlement areas in Ciskei.

"The ECAB (East Cape Administration Board) is pretty efficient in East London," Mrs Frasca says.

She believes there is no ray of light to the problem as local businessmen are "nervous".

"Despite the tremendous industrial concessions businessmen are nervous because the labour force is unstable as the bus boycott has shown," Mrs Frasca says.

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'Did you know about that?' — a mother visits Crossroads

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By CORNELIA BULLEN-SMITH

I TELL my friend about that morning at Crossroads. She says: "It's absolutely horrifying. I don't even like to think about it." I don't either, and surely nobody does. But it's happening here among us every day — not an unreal horror movie but real, so frightening it causes nightmares.

I would like everybody to know what is going on. Nobody should ever be allowed to hide behind "I didn't know" as, after World War II, many did in Germany, excusing themselves for not having done anything to stop the terrifyingly inhuman actions against the Jews. And here in South Africa, what are we doing now? We pretend it can't possibly be so bad, or we don't like to think about it.

See for myself

When I read in the paper that shelters had been torn down at Crossroads every day since early September, I wanted to see for myself what was going on, so I took my 18-month-old daughter Maude there on a rainy morning.

At first I didn't want to get out of the car. There was no raid. Everything seemed calm, children playing in the mud, dogs barking, people laughing, chatting — a peaceful scene. Except for two enormous trucks standing right there, and the remnants of blankets and plastic sheeting smouldering from the early morning raid.

Maude was restless, so we finally left the comfort of our car and walked towards a group of people. They immediately encircled us and started telling me about the raid — plastic shelters torn down and possessions burnt. My spontaneous "Why?" seemed ridiculously inadequate. "They say we make things look ugly here," replied one woman. How absurd. You want to laugh in disbelief.

Maude was playing, singing and dancing with the children. Children of her age were



The writer took her 18-month-old daughter Maude to Crossroads.

barefoot, some just in shorts and a jersey. They were playing around rain-soaked mattresses. How can you possibly sleep when cold and wet? "We can't even cook a hot meal," said a woman, "because they have taken everything away. So we have to live on bread and things. And it's so cold. We have no more plastic to rebuild our shelters, no blankets. We are suffering too much here."

I didn't know what to say. What can you say when some wrong is so obvious? "That's why we lose our jobs," another woman said. "We have to stay here in the mornings to save what we can, we can't go to work." I kept repeating "Why?" all the time. I promised to be there next morning at 7.30 to witness the raid.

So there we were on time, Maude and I. The sun was shining, the air filled with early-morning noises, no trucks, none of "them" in sight. After half an hour I grew quite hopeful. "Maybe they won't come today," I said, hoping so

much they wouldn't. But of course — just before nine the first cars arrive, men in uniform jump out and it all begins.

They spot me fairly quickly, ask for my permit to be there (which I believe I don't need) and, as I have none, order me to leave. I move to Lansdowne Road. Women start shrieking, shouting, singing. They run, trying to save their possessions and shelters.

But they move steadily, ten, twenty, thirty men. Some of them come back to the trucks for small black pistols, some for rubber batons. The sneeze machine arrives — a bakkie with a thing like a loudspeaker on the back. It turns and suddenly lets out white smoke.

People run as fast as they can, they dip cloths into water and hold them in front of their faces. Men, women and even small children, all run, shouting in panic. It is no game of catch, although the men in uniform seem to think so. They drive their vehicles with incredible speed into the crowds, reverse suddenly, go forward a bit, stop, reverse, sneeze machine on. And then they get their dogs.

Another van arrives, six men get out. One comes up to me immediately and says: "Lady, I

tell him I want to stay and I have a right to stay. Another approaches. "Lady, the situation is such that I would like you to leave." I ask him "Why?" "Well," he answers, with a long look at my five-months pregnant body, and then at Maude, "I don't care about you, but about your child. It's dangerous here." As I insist on staying he looks me up and down with utter horror and shouts: "Are you a mother?"

Well! Am I irresponsible because I want to see what's happening in the country where my children are born? Am I not to care if hundreds of mothers at Crossroads have that same problem, only worse, because they are the hunted ones? What makes Maude and me so precious is that the officials fear to endanger our lives but don't care about the others? Or are we dangerous because

we are watching what normally no white face in this country is supposed to see?

They finally put a sneeze machine right next to us, and I had to leave because Maude started to cry, understandably, with fierce dogs barking furiously only centimetres away from scared people, a grandmother breaking down right next to us, tears streaming (she must have been right next to the sneeze machine), one of them chasing a crowd of people as if they were chickens...

Maude didn't sleep well after this. She had nightmares and even now is much more clinging than before. I realize it was a lot for a small child to cope with. But imagine, she was only there for two hours, and she was not one of the hunted ones. What about all the children there, and what about their nightmares and anxieties?

Can we really keep on saying: "I don't want to think about it."?

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Tension as 40 Crossroads shelters are demolished

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FORTY Crossroads shelters were demolished by Western Cape Administration Board (WCAB) officials today.

After the demolitions the atmosphere was tense as several WCAB vans and an armoured personnel carrier carrying riot policemen kept a vigil at the camp.

A WCAB official at Crossroads said the policemen and officials were "protecting" workers, who were flattening earth with bulldozers.

The official said the workers were "making a road".

A resident, Mrs C Luzipo, confronted a senior board official, demanding to know why her building material — mainly sheets of plastic — had been confiscated.

WCAB Press liaison officer Dr Gert du Preez confirmed that 40 "illegal structures" were demolished.

Dr du Preez said he knew nothing about the road being built in Crossroads as this was not part of the WCAB's work.

W Cape NGK in bid to help squatters

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Religion Reporter

THE NED GEREF Kerk's Western Cape Synod decided yesterday to assist squatters in the area by creating a commission which could act in times of crisis.

At the 39th annual meeting of the synod in Cape Town City, the Rev J W Hanekom, chairman of its Mission Commission, proposed a motion calling on all NGK members to combat unemployment by creating new opportunities for employment and to assist the unemployed as much as possible.

Members of the synod were asked to watch the resettlement of blacks closely and to report to the General Synod for transmission to the central government.

"The squatter problem has not yet been solved. During 1982, a group of squatters withdrew to the Anglican Church and refused to come into the open be-

cause they were afraid of being arrested and sent back to the homelands or the independent black States.

"After considerable negotiations with the government, and after an undertaking was given that each individual's case would be carefully considered, an offer of tents and a new squatter camp was accepted," he said.

Mr Hanekom emphasized that the commission should consist of a limited number of people so that it could respond to a crisis situation within hours and be in a position to request an interview with a cabinet minister without delay.

The commission was to consist of the Moderator, the mission secretary and representatives from the NG Sendingkerk, the NG Kerk in Afrika, and the Reformed Church of Africa.

Shelters hit ³⁰⁷ were 'decoys'

Cape Times 21/10/83

Labour Reporter

WESTERN Cape Administration Board (WCAB) officials backed by a contingent of police with armoured vehicles tore down a number of dummy shelters, erected by squatters as a decoy, in a demolition raid on Crossroads yesterday.

According to "bed camp" squatters, who have been subject to almost daily raids and demolitions over the past few months, no one was living in the shelters, which were made of sticks, bits of plastic and rags.

Dr Gert du Preez, chief liaison officer for the WCAB, said 19 shelters had been demolished at Crossroads. It was impossible to establish whether all the structures were dummies.

The squatters, who have come to be known as the "refugees", moved this week from the site on the outskirts of Crossroads where many have been living since the beginning of winter.

Small pockets of plastic shelters are now dotted around inside Crossroads, though none of them have been demolished yet.

Mr Timo Bezuidenhoud, Chief Commissioner for Co-operation and Development in the Western Cape, gave his assurance two months ago that shelters inside the perimeters of Crossroads would not be demolished.

According to Dr Du Preez, a further 21 shelters were demolished yesterday at the Cathedral camp adjoining Crossroads, where there have also been numerous demolition raids over the past few months.

Meanwhile, there has been no sign of official action against the 6 388 Crossroads residents who have been "endorsed out" of the Peninsula.

DESTRUCTION OF CROSSROADS SQUATTER SHELTERS 'INHUMAN'

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Doctors hit out

THE DESTRUCTION of squatter shelters at Crossroads has been condemned by leading members of the Faculty of Medicine at the University of Cape Town.

In a letter to the South African Medical Journal, the Dean of the faculty, Professor David McKenzie, and its executive say they cannot countenance summary eviction at the Crossroads squatter camp and the destruction of shelters without the provision for alternative accommodation, especially in bad weather.

"We call once again on all members of the medical profession to use what influence they have to prevent the destruction of shelter and the resulting deleterious effect on the health of those deprived of such cover," the letter said.

In another letter, the head of the faculty, Professor R E Kirsch, said surely it was time the medical profession expressed in "clear and unambiguous terms" its abhorrence of "inhuman practices" at Crossroads.

It was strange that members of the medical profession who had witnessed the constant destruction of shelters in Crossroads remained silent. The Press had carried descriptions and pic-

By TRISH HANDLEY
Weekend Argus
Reporter

tures of babies and children exposed to the Cape winter.

Surely it was time the profession expressed its abhorrence of these inhuman practices for which the profession had to assume responsibility since they affected the health of citizens of South Africa.

"As members of the medical profession we teach our students that health, which is a right and not a privilege, is dependent on housing, nutrition, education and employment," Professor Kirsch said.

The letter from Professor McKenzie and the executive committee said health was a "state of complete physical, mental and social well-being, not merely the absence of disease or infirmity".

It had been reliably reported, the letter said, that in September, 1983 more than 1 000 dwellings had been demolished at the Crossroads squatter camp.

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Anglican clergy attack removals

By MARTINE BARKER
Staff Reporter

CAPE Town's Anglican churchmen have resolved to support actively the communities of Langa, Nyanga, Gugu-

letu and Crossroads in their determination to resist relocation to Khayelitsha.

During the 53rd session of the Synod of the Cape Town Diocese of

the Church of the Province of South Africa, which ended last night, the gathering of about 300 clergy and senior churchmen noted "with deep concern and dismay" that the government intended relocating these communities in Khayelitsha.

Such relocation would "uproot and destroy settled communities and cause further divisions among the poor and oppressed".

As this had been done without any consultation with the communities concerned, the synod believed it to be "a grave injustice" which conflicted with a Christian understanding of just government.

The synod therefore called urgently on the Minister of Co-operation and Development, Dr Piet Koornhof, to reverse his decision.

● In another motion, the synod declared its "total opposition to the authorities that the government has set up over the Ciskei region".

It gave its "full moral support" to the workers and residents of Mdantsane in their bus boycott and called on the government to immediately reverse its homeland policy by divesting the "so-called governments" of their authority.

The motion, which noted the contents of the Haysom report on incidents surrounding the boycott with "dismay and concern", recognized that the boycott was the "climax of the simmering anger" of workers and students against Chief Sebe's "despotism", and that popular resistance to Chief Sebe's "despotism" was a manifestation of wider resistance to the homeland system and to apartheid philosophy.

Squatters: Appeal to doctors

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Staff Reporter

THE dean and executive committee of the faculty of medicine at the University of Cape Town and the head of the university's department of medicine have called on medical practitioners to take a stand against the destruction of shelters at Crossroads because of the deleterious effect of this on the health of the people there.

In letters to the South African Medical Journal, they point out that the health of a person means more than just the absence of disease.

"We teach our students that health, which is a right and not a privilege, is dependent on housing, nutrition, education and employment," says Professor R. E. Kirsch, head of the department of medicine.

"We speak of the sanctity of life and warn that a disease or a patient suffering from a disease cannot be seen as isolated from his home, his family and his place of employment.

"Surely it is time that we as a profession expressed in clear and unambiguous terms our abhorrence of these inhuman practices for which we must assume responsibility for they affect the health of citizens of this country," he says.

The letter from the dean and executive committee of the faculty says they "cannot countenance such summary eviction, with shelter destruction, without provision for alternative accommodation, especially in bad weather conditions".

They state that the guiding principle of the World Health Organization has always been that health is a state of complete physical, mental and social well-being.

In South Africa, the fundamental objectives of the Health Services Facilities Plan (HSFP) of 1980 related to the provision and protection of a safe environment where it would be possible for people to reach this ideal.

The HSFP specifically addressed the issues of the development, provision and protection of a safe water supply, appropriate sanitation and acceptable housing, says the letter.

The letter calls on doctors to use whatever influence they have to prevent the destruction of shelters "and the resulting deleterious effect on the health of those deprived of such cover".

In reacting to the problem, practitioners would be supporting the philosophy of the Health Act, it says.

Doctors urged to act on squatters

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By HELENE ZAMPETAKIS

THE National Medical and Dental Association (NAMDA) and the University of the Witwatersrand's department of community medicine are backing a recent call for doctors to take a stand against the destruction of shelters at Crossroads squatter camp.

And the Medical Association of South Africa (MASA) will discuss the call, made by doctors at the University of Cape Town, at its executive committee meeting next week.

The call, made by the executive committee of the faculty of medicine at the

University of Cape Town and the head of the university's department of medicine, Professor R E Kirsch, appeared in the South African Medical Journal this week.

The medical academics argued that physical and mental health could not be isolated from the patient's home, family or place of employment.

It was time that doctors expressed their abhorrence of practices which jeopardised people's health, they wrote.

Commenting on these observations yesterday, Dr E Jassat, publicity secretary of NAMDA, commended the doctors for their "courage and foresight in raising problems which medical person-

nel usually try to shy away from".

Doctors, and especially black doctors, should work on a voluntary basis in communities to ease medical problems caused by South Africa's apartheid laws.

Already, Transvaal doctors belonging to the Hospital Workers' Association — mainly from Baragwanath and Coronationville hospitals — provided medical services, tents and food to squatters in Katlehong and Kliptown.

Professor John Gear, head of the department of community health at Wits, said doctors' knowledge of the causes of ill health gave them a responsibility to speak out against the demolition of squatter camps.

As responsible members of society, they should protest against inhuman practices which destroyed family life and broke down an individual's physical and mental health.

Responsible doctors should provide voluntary health care and speak out against conditions which fragmented the "sacrosanct" family-unit and deprived people of the basic amenities of a water-supply, shelter, and sanitation, he said.

Mr N Prinsloo, registrar of the South African Medical and Dental Council, said yesterday the call "did not fall within the purview of the council" and declined to comment.

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Council reviewing squatter situation

Staff Reporter

THE Divisional Council of the Cape was reviewing the squatter situation in its area and investigating ways of providing alternative accommodation, the chairman of the housing committee, Mr D Lambert, said at the council's monthly meeting today.

Mr Lambert said he had spoken to the council's housing engineer about the squatter issue and the matter was receiving attention.

A housing committee report on squatter-control operations revealed that 117 numbered squatter shacks had been demolished between June and September.

Mr J J Walsh raised the issue by asking what provisions had been made for squatters whose shacks had been demolished by the council. The secretary, Mr W R Vivier, replied that if the squatters were not legally in the area they were not rehoused by the council.

LACK OF POLICY

Mr N D Ross expressed concern about the council's lack of a coherent policy on squatters. He said the council demolished their houses but were not in a position to offer them any alternative form of accommodation.

He had three months previously proposed to the housing committee that a site-and-service scheme be set up and alternative forms of housing provided.

● Divisional Council inspectors raided squatters in Disa Kloof, Hout Bay, early today and broke down about four shelters in which about 40 people were staying.

Mr Vivier refused to comment.

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Kotze says row is just 'hysteria'

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Political Reporter

THE Minister of Community Development, Mr Pen Kotze, last night accused his critics of inciting hysteria and of failing to acknowledge the careful handling of cases under the Group Areas Act.

Replying to a question on the Group Areas Act at a referendum meeting in Parow, Mr Kotze said the "hysteria" over his statement on coloured people and Indians living illegally in Mayfair had been mainly in the English press.

Votes

In an earlier speech to about 250 people at the meeting, Mr Kotze did not refer to the controversy which most observers believe has cost the government votes in the coming referendum.

He repeatedly accused opposition newspapers of hysteria when the issue was raised by a questioner.

Referring to the English press, he said: "Even they will have to admit that there was never a time when the Act was applied with so much circumspection (omsigtigheid)."

"The hysteria of chiefly the English press is not because they have so much love for the coloured people but because they want to keep the coloureds out of the new dispensation."

Mr Kotze said nothing positive was said about allowing coloured people to stay in areas such as Kalk Bay, Maitland Village, Helderberg and Kleinmond.

Neither was credit given to the department for giving housing to 30 000 squatters in the Peninsula or to the fact that its administration was always carefully considered.

Mr Kotze said it had been said over the years that the Act had "sharp

corners". As a result, a committee was appointed to investigate it.

Changes could be still made to aspects of the Act, but not to the principles. This would ensure good-neighbourliness.

Integration

● Another cabinet minister, Dr Dawie de Villiers, told the meeting that critics of the new constitution said it would lead to integration.

The essence of integration, he said, was that the differences between people were removed and they were accommodated uniformly on an individual basis in the political dispensation.

Integration, however, was impossible with the new constitution because it was based on group interests and representation.

(Report by Jane Arbous, 77 Burg Street, Cape Town).

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Plan for Hout Bay squatters

Staff Reporter **ARGUS** of the Hout Bay Rate-payers' Association.
HOUT BAY Divisional Councillor Mr Len Pothier has proposed to work towards a site-and-service scheme for 100 families as a solution to the area's squatter problem.

Mr Pothier told a group of 20 members of the Disa River squatter committee at a meeting yesterday that the scheme had the approval

He hoped the Government would also approve the scheme.

The Urban Foundation had already offered to provide prefabricated homes for the project, which would be near Hout Bay harbour.

Mr Pothier said he was trying to see Dr Piet

Koornhof, Minister of Co-operation and Development, to get his approval.

Until he met the Minister there was little the people could do, "but pray that I am successful".

He told the squatters who had been raided several times — the latest raid was on Tuesday — that he had appealed to

the authorities not to raid while he was trying to negotiate with the Minister.

He could not guarantee that the Administration Board and the Divisional Council would heed his request.

Squatter committee members said the plan was vague. It would be discussed by their communities.

Court reinstates suspended doctor

Argus Correspondent
PRETORIA. — A Cape doctor, suspended for six months following the death of a patient, has been provisionally reinstated by the Supreme Court here.

In August a disciplinary committee of the South African Medical and Dental Council found Dr Gert Jeremias Daniel Volschenk guilty of improper and scandalous conduct.

It found that Dr Volschenk, of Ceres, did not

give Mr Pieter Goeieman the treatment he needed when he was admitted to Kenhardt Hospital with a bullet wound in August 1981.

He later did not perform a complete autopsy on Mr Goeieman and gave wrong information on the autopsy certificate.

The committee recommended that Dr Volschenk be suspended for six months, but that the suspension be suspended for three years.

But the council ordered the suspension to become effective from October 13 this year.

In an affidavit before court Dr Volschenk said he had built up a large practice which he had to close in October, causing his patients inconvenience and himself financial loss.

He believed he would have a reasonable chance if he applied for a setting-aside of the council's decision in a Supreme Court action.

Mr Justice Preiss granted a temporary setting-aside of the suspension, pending such an action.

Five women die in blaze

Argus Foreign Service
LONDON. — Five women who are believed to belong to the same family have died in a blaze at a clothing factory.

Two women who escaped were taken to hospital with shock after the fire swept through the premises above a betting shop in Mile End Road, London, yesterday.

Firemen battled their way into the the smoke-filled building and found the bodies on a stairway

and jammed against a window.

Mr Mark Sycamore, 35, who owns the shop next door, said last night: "I believe the women all had the surname Singh. They were Asians."

He said two brothers ran the business and their women relatives worked the machines.

The women who escaped crossed a flat roof on the first floor of the factory to safety. Last night their condition was described as "stable."

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Kotze asked to evict EP squatters

Argus Bureau

PORT ELIZABETH. — The Minister of Community Development, Mr Pen Kotze, was last night thanked for threatening to throw Indians and coloured people out of Mayfair and invited to the Eastern Cape to "throw out some people" from the Dias Divisional Council area.

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"CLUBBING"

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The association also decided to write to the Prime Minister, Mr P W Botha, the Minister of Agriculture, Mr Hendrik Schoeman, and the Administrator of the Cape, Mr Gene Louw, alleging high rates and wasteful spending by the Divisional Council.

(News by K Vernon, ABC Standard Bank Building, Main Street, Port Elizabeth).

Pen Kotze invited to *S. Post* 'throw out' *27/10/83* squatters

By STEPHEN ROWLES, Municipal Reporter

THE Minister of Community Development, Mr Pen Kotze, was last night thanked for threatening to throw Indians and coloureds out of Mayfair in Johannesburg and invited to the come to Eastern Cape to "throw out some people" from the Dias Divisional council area.

At a meeting of the Dias Ward 2 Ratepayer's Association last night it was decided to send a letter of congratulation to Mr Kotze and ask him to deal with squatters in the Dias area. Several speakers complained that the squatter problem remained unresolved.

It was also alleged that people of "other races" were acquiring property in the rural areas.

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The association also decided to write to the Prime Minister, Mr P W Botha, the Minister of Agriculture, Mr Hendrik Schoeman and the Administrator of the Cape, Mr Gene Louw, complaining about high rates and wasteful spending by the divisional council.

The chairman, Mr Roger Flanagan, appealed to the authorities to do away with the divisional council system.

He said the recently established Greenbushes fire station was a complete waste of money with seven firemen sitting there and doing absolutely nothing.

A member, Mr Louis Nel, said not one day went by without the council advertising in the Press either to buy something or to hire additional staff.

"They even have an area planner who does nothing and now they want to employ someone to help him do nothing," he said.

It was also decided to ask the Director of Local Government, Mr J W A E Walters, or the MEC for Local Government, Mr Herinus Kriel, to receive a deputation from the association, when visiting Port Elizabeth, to clarify the property valuation system.

In a letter, Mr R Clarke asked if the increased council rates were a move to force farmers living near cities off the land.

● Opposition was also expressed to a proposed water reticulation system for the Greenbushes sub-divided estates. The vice-chairman, Mr V Roux, said most residents had their own water supply and the estimated cost of R20 a month for each of the 117 plots was too high.

● It was also decided to object to a council decision to demolish the sea wall of the Seaview tidal pool.

Plot for squatters?

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Staff Reporter

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THE Divisional Council-
lor for Hout Bay said
yesterday he would try
to get government ap-
proval for a proposal
that squatters in the
area be given a site-and-
service plot where they
would not be harassed.

Mr Len Pothier was
addressing a meeting of
the Hout Bay Action
Committee and repre-
sentatives of squatters
from Disa River and
other areas at the
Cathedral Hall.

He said he would have
to discuss the proposal
with Dr Piet Koornhof
— when and if the Min-
ister of Co-operation
and Development chose
to see him.

He said he could not
promise that the 'squat-
ters' shacks would not
be torn down in the in-
terim. Dr Koornhof had
said that till after the
referendum he could
not give any attention to
the matter.

Mr Pothier said land
and funds were not
available because of a
long list of people wait-
ing for houses. A com-
mittee member replied
that reports had ap-
peared recently that
thousands of rands had
been allocated to white
housing.

A report-back meeting
will be held in Hout Bay
on Sunday to discuss the
proposal with squatters.

Slabbert lashes at squatters policy

By Peter Sullivan,
Political Correspondent

After warning his audience that he intended getting "emotional", the Leader of the Opposition, Dr Van Zyl Slabbert, last night lashed out at the Government's squatter policy and said this policy alone should stop anyone from voting "yes" to the new constitution.

He had watched women and children chased across the Cape Flats like guineafowl, and seen grown men cry because their dignity had been taken away, he said.

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Yet this was condoned by Government Ministers.

"If you want to vote 'yes' and have that company then do so — I will have nothing to do with it," Dr Slabbert told his audience of about 1 000 in the Johannesburg City Hall.

He was given a standing ovation that lasted for about a minute.

"I have visited Crossroads," he said, "and I have seen Land Rovers chase women and children across the Cape Flats like guineafowl. And I have seen them being loaded into those Land

Rovers and carted off to the Langa courts and processed at 90 seconds a case.

"I have seen a grown man crying with helpless rage because the shift has been ripped off his wife and children and he cannot do anything about it.

"And I have heard the Deputy Minister say he is going to expose Crossroads as a symbol of those people who are in opposition to the whole system of migrant labour and a coloured preference area in the Western Cape," Dr Slabbert said.

"What is more the deliberate exclusion of blacks from this constitution is a guarantee that the Government has no other option but to continue and persist with those policies.

"I have seen the rape of District Six as a result of the implementation of the Group Areas Act, I have seen the dislocation it has brought about in several communities, and I will not vote 'yes' for a Prime Minister who says deep in their own hearts the communities of South Africa really want the Group Areas Act."

Dr Slabbert said he had seen dozens of cases of race classification with the humiliation and degradation that people had to go through.

"I have seen them lose their dignity in front of me, because they are trying to change their identity for the sake of their children," he said.

This was done in terms of Section 54(c) of the Population Registration Act which was the key Act of the new constitution.

In his 45-minute address, Dr Slabbert spelt out five main reasons being put forward for a "yes" vote and said none of them were valid.

(Report by Peter Sullivan, 47 Sauer Street, Johannesburg.)

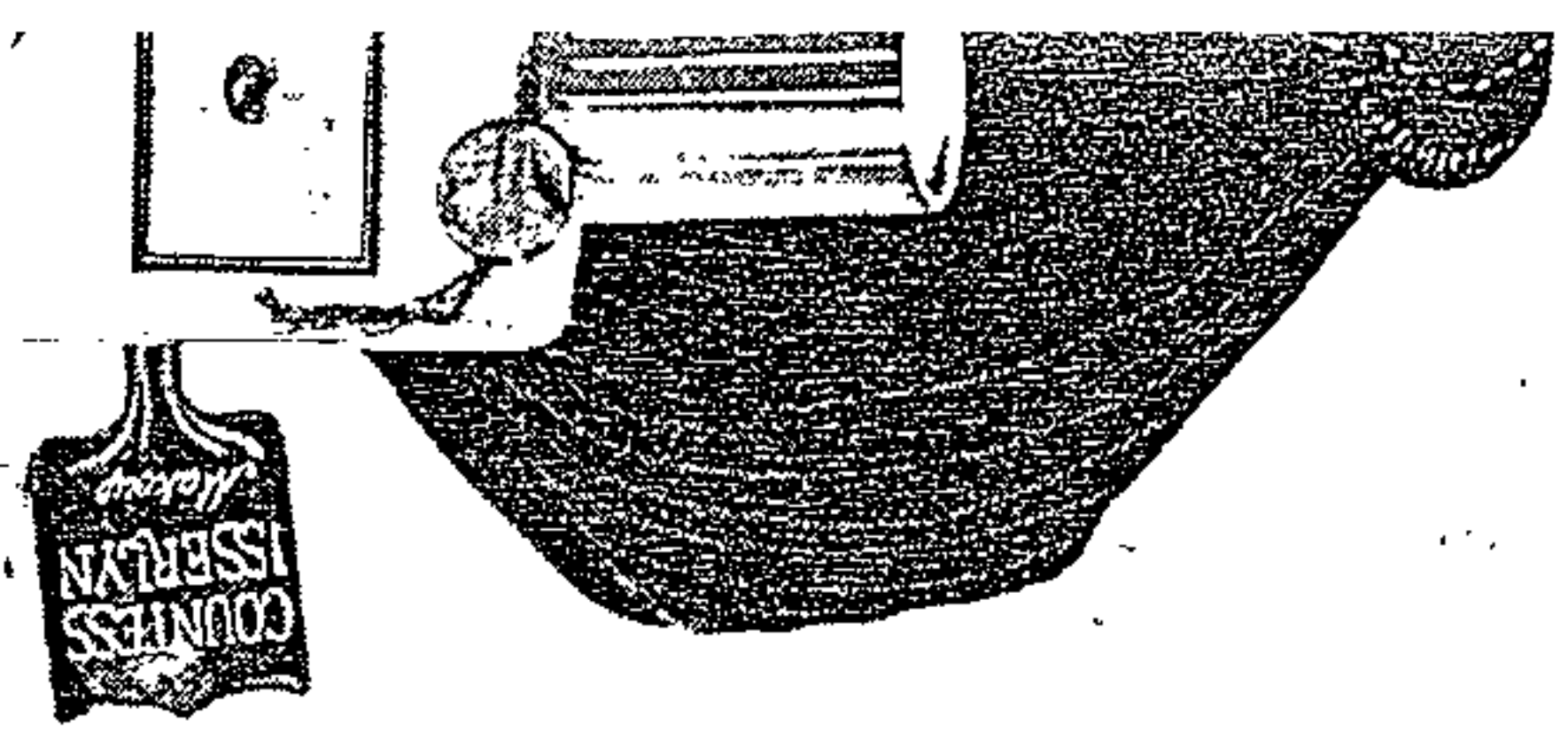
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A mother and child visit Crossroads

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By Cornelia Bullen-Smith

I tell my friend about that morning at Crossroads. She says: "It's absolutely horrifying. I don't even like to think about it." I don't either, and surely nobody does. But it's happening here among us every day — not an unreal horror movie but real, so frightening it causes nightmares.

I would like everybody to know what is going on. Nobody should ever be allowed to hide behind "I didn't know" as, after World War 2, many did in Germany, excusing themselves for not having done anything to stop the terrifyingly inhuman actions against the Jews.

And here in South Africa, what are we doing now? We pretend it can't possibly be so bad, or we don't like to think about it.

When I read in the paper that shelters had been torn down at Crossroads every day since early September, I wanted to see for myself what was going on, so I took my 18-month-old daughter, Maude, there on a rainy morning.

At first I didn't want to get out of the car. There was no raid. Everything seemed calm, children playing in the mud, dogs barking, people laughing, chatting — a peaceful scene. Except for two enormous trucks standing right there, and the remnants of blankets and plastic sheeting smouldering from the early morning raid.

Maude was restless, so we finally left the comfort of our car and walked towards a group of people. They immediately encircled us and started telling me about the raid — plastic shelters torn down and possessions burnt. My spontaneous "Why?" seemed ridiculously inadequate. "They say we make things look ugly here," replied one woman. How absurd. You want to laugh in disbelief.

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How can you possibly sleep when cold and wet? "We can't even cook a hot meal," said a woman, "because they have taken everything away. So we have to live on bread and things. And it's so cold. We have no more plastic to rebuild our shelters, no blankets. We are suffering too much here."

I didn't know what to say. What can you say when some wrong is so obvious? "That's why we lose our jobs," another woman said. "We have to stay here in the mornings to save what we can, we can't go to work." I kept repeating "Why?" all the time. I promised to be there next morning at 7.30 to witness the raid.

So there we were on time. Maude and I. The sun was shining, the air filled with early-morning noises, no trucks, none of "them" in sight. After half an hour I grew quite hopeful. "Maybe they won't come today," I said, hoping so much they wouldn't. But of course — just before nine the first cars arrived.

They spot me fairly quickly, ask for my permit to be there (which I believe I don't need) and, as I have none order me to leave. I move to Lansdowne Road. Women start shrieking, shouting, singing. They run, trying to save their possessions and shelters.

But they move steadily, ten, twenty, thirty men. Some of them come back to the trucks for small black pistols, some for rubber batons. The sneeze machine arrives — a bakkie with a thing like a loudspeaker on the back. It turns and suddenly lets out white smoke.

People run as fast as they can, they slip clothes into water and hold them in front of their faces. Men, women and even small children, all run, shouting in panic. It is no game of catch, although the men in uniform seem to think so. They drive their vehicles with incredible

speed into the crowds, reverse suddenly, go forward a bit, stop, reverse, sneeze machine on. And then they get their dogs.

Another van arrives, six men get out. One comes up to me immediately and says: "Lady, I must ask you to leave." I tell him I want to stay and I have a right to stay. Another approaches. "Lady, the situation is such that I would like you to leave." I ask him "Why?"

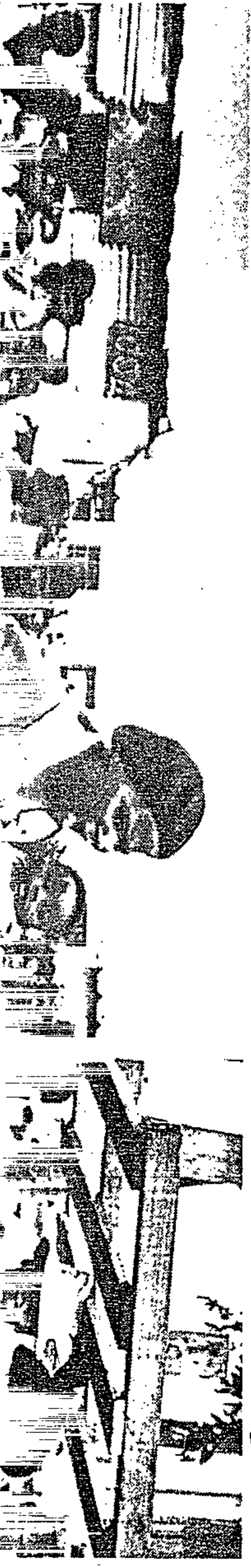
"Well," he answers, with a long look at my five months pregnant body, and then at Maude, "I don't care about you but about your child. It's dangerous here." As I insist on staying he looks me up and down with utter horror and shouts: "Are you a mother?"

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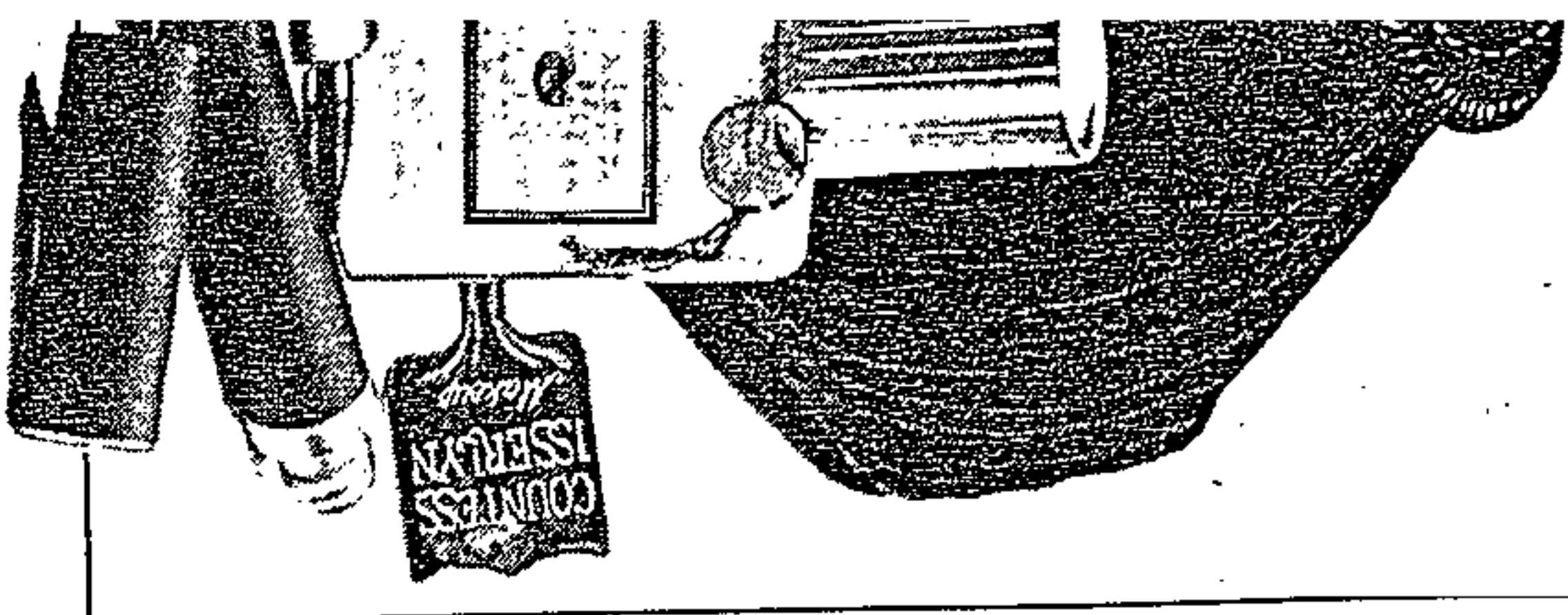
and me so precious that the officials fear to endanger our lives but don't care about the others? Or are we dangerous because we are watching what normally no white face in this country is supposed to see?

They finally put a sneeze machine right next to us and I had to leave because Maude started to cry, understandably, with fierce dogs barking furiously only centimetres away from scared people, a grandmother breaking down right next to us, tears streaming (she must have been right next to the sneeze machine), one of them chasing a crowd of people as if they were chickens.

Maude didn't sleep well after this. She had nightmares and even now is much more clinging than before. I realise it was a lot for a small child to cope with. But imagine, she was only there for two hours, and she was not one of the hunted ones. What about all the children there, and what about their nightmares and anxieties?



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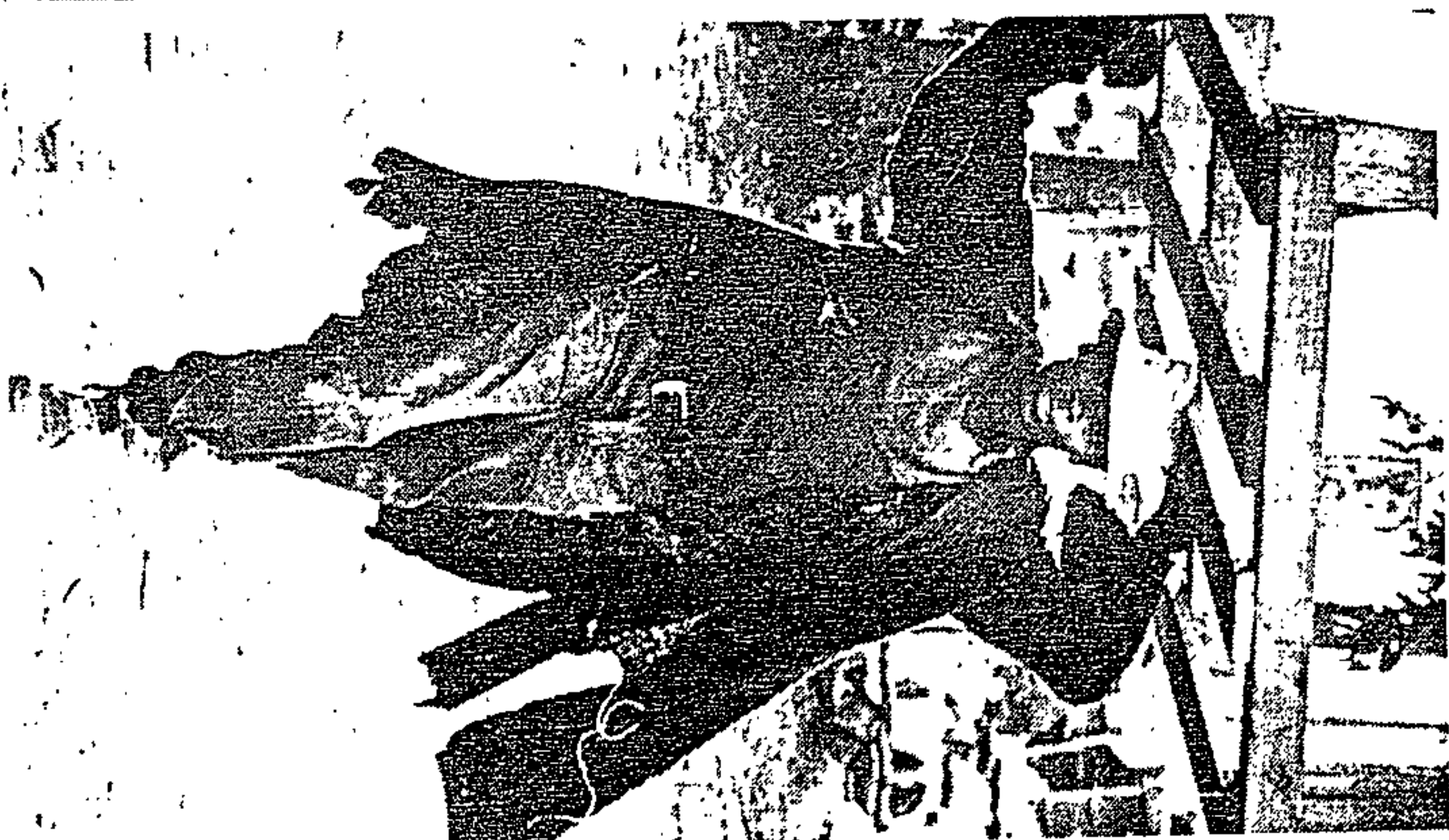
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A Crossroads woman leads her crying child out of the path of other fleeing squatters during a police raid in 1978.



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Crossroads children to lose classrooms

Education Reporter
AT LEAST 500 primary schoolchildren in Old Crossroads will be without educational facilities from next year when they will have to give up classrooms they occupy at present to make way for new Std 6 and 7 pupils.

This figure does not take into account the hundreds of children who are on waiting lists for the three primary schools in the area.

A spokesman for the Department of Education and Training yesterday confirmed that the children would be forced out and that no new classrooms would be built for them "because the Western Cape Administration Board has informed us there is no site available".

Plans to build the 12 classrooms that would be needed immediately to accommodate the primary schoolchildren had been under consideration since January but, without a site, no requests would be put to Pretoria to approve the construction of classrooms, he said.

Mr Albert Napakade, chairman of the Crossroads School Committee, said yesterday he was "extremely disappointed and annoyed" by the way in which he had been told of the decision not to build.

He claimed a site was available and that a department inspector had told him approval from Pretoria had been received for the 12 classrooms to be built.

Confirmation that no site was available could not be obtained from the WCAB yesterday.

There are so many old people and single young men and women staying in the City in little rooms or flats who hire or buy TV sets and live for a Saturday night."

Mr O Henbos of Milnerton just wanted to make the observation that "JR in Dallas hasn't got a patch on Lucy Pringle in Town Guard". Mr Tom Beddy of 38 Rosmead Avenue, Clare-

After watching the short of Misdaad for Friday night, Brian Albert of Vredehoek said: "It's a repeat. I think the SABC gets sufficient money from the public's TV licence fees to enable them to buy new programmes for us."

● If you would like to comment on television programmes or on any television issues ☎ 24-2233 Ext 216 tonight.

Producer denies 'racist' terms

Own Correspondent
PAARL. — Filming is taking place at Paarl for a television series "Stories van Bergplaas" in Klein Drakenstein, where dozens of historic farms are situated.

A controversy raged when it was alleged that the film was riddled with racial terms such as "kleinnooi" and "kleinbaas".

The producer, Dr Hermien Dommissie, has categorically denied that such terms were being used in the film. The film depicts life on a farm in Klein Drakenstein during the 1930s.

An Afrikaans Sunday newspaper in its "Extra" issue alleged that racist terms such as "baas" were being used.

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Own Correspondent
MARITZBURG. — Murder accused Mr Pieter Grundlingh told the court here yesterday that he was not guilty of the murder of a woman.



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Hout Bay squatters

THE Hout Bay squatters, who are in danger of losing their homes have been given three weeks' reprieve after a Supreme Court hearing this week.

Three of the affected residents of the Disa River Farm asked the court to stop the Divisional Council of the Cape from evicting them from their homes or demolishing them. The Council has until November 18 to respond to the inderdict.

Lilian Anthony, 64, Anne Anthony, 38, and Rosemary Abrahams, 23, submitted affidavits with the interdict to support their application.

Mrs Anthony, a mother of four, said she had been nominated to represent and speak for the other residents of the farm.

Her affidavit said that for more than thirty uninterrupted years she lawfully and continuously lived on the Disa River Farm in Hughenden Road, Hout Bay, without paying any rent, together with her common-law

husband, Fraser Anthony, 72, and her children".

"In 1975 the Divisional Council conducted a census in Hout Bay to establish who exactly was living within its area of jurisdiction and passed a resolution that no residential structure then being occupied, would be demolished unless the Divisional Council provided the occupiers with suitable alternative accommodation.

"I was allocated the number 23 by the Divisional Council to protect my house under this resolution.

"During the course of the past five years the Divisional Council has

demolished our homes in contravention of its own resolution and undertaking not to do so.

"We have been harassed and hounded in a most brutal way in what appears to be a concerted effort to drive us off the land and out of our homes. Furniture and crockery have been broken and our clothes torn and dirtied."

The affidavit continued: "I was informed on October 6 1983 that Disa River Farm had recently been sold to the Trust Bank, but have not been able to verify this. I have never been told to leave the Disa River Farm".

DEMOLISHED

"On Thursday October 13 this year the Divisional Council demolished certain structures, including my own. Some structures have been re-erected and tents pitched to house myself and my family.

"I was arrested on charges of squatting and trespassing recently. I intend pleading not guilty when the case comes to trial.

She said that she felt that the Divisional Council acted in bad faith in the light of its undertaking not to demolish houses, and in the light of its duty to provide people with houses.

Mrs Anthony claimed right of occupation on the farm either through the fact that she has lived there continuously for more than 30 years in peaceful and undisturbed fashion, or through the understanding of the owner of the farm, a Mr Mitchell, who was aware that she resided there.

She feared that the demolition of her home might result in the death of both herself and her husband, whose ill-health might not stand up to being exposed to the elements.

Squatter removal taking shape?

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Education Reporter

THE authorities' decision not to allow any further schools to be built at Old Crossroads has been interpreted as an indication that the government's plan to remove the residents of the camp to Khayelitsha is taking shape.

Earlier this week the Chief Commissioner for Co-operation and Development, Mr Timo Bezuidenhoud, said it was not known when the move would begin but confirmed that the decision not to build further facilities was "partially" because of the planned move.

This week a spokesman for the Crossroads School Committee said he had been told 12 classrooms promised to the community would not be built.

A spokesman for the Department of Education and Training said no classrooms had ever been promised. The department had considered building classrooms but the Western Cape Administration Board (WCAB) had said no site was available.

This could not be confirmed by the WCAB but in September a board spokesman told the Cape Times a number of shelters had been demolished near the Crossroads Development Centre because a school was to be built there.

The regional director of the Urban Foundation, Mr Colin Appleton, said this week he believed the problem of finding a site for the school was "a red herring" which was "definitely" linked to the Khayelitsha removal.

"I have difficulty believing that sufficient ground cannot be found for such an essential community service," he said.

4 000 more families for Khayelitsha

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Staff Reporter

THE first phase of Khayelitsha — the town for blacks near Swartklip where the Government plans to house about 200 000 people — has been extended to include sites for 4 000 more families.

The Administration Board and the Department of Co-operation and Development had initially planned to settle 1 000 families in the area.

About 100 families have already been moved there.

Mr Franko Maritz, chairman of the board, said the Khayelitsha planning committee had decided to extend the plan for economic reasons and better planning.

The first phase would include self-help schemes and, possibly, home ownership, if approved by the Government. People who wanted to build their own

homes would be given preference.

Planners hoped to have the 5 000 sites cleared by the middle of next year and to have moved the 5 000 families to Khayelitsha in less than three years "or even 18 months".

Mr Maritz said the first phase would have all the services and facilities of a small town such as Malmesbury.

He would not comment when asked whether the change of plan was connected to a recent statement by the Deputy Minister of Co-operation, Mr G de V Morrison, that Crossroads was not being regarded as permanent and that residents from the camp would be dispersed in the new township.

Mr Maritz said: "We don't make the speeches, we build the homes."

Khayelitsha would be for squatters, the 3 000 people on the African housing waiting list, Crossroads residents and "whoever else wished to live there".

The plan for a railway line would possibly be included in the second or third phase of the development.

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Khayelitsha plan begins on Monday

By RIAAN DE
VILLIERS

THE Western Cape Administration Board will begin massive development at Khayelitsha, the controversial new black township east of Mitchells Plain, on Monday.

A total of 4 000 stands are to be developed in addition to the existing 1 000 stands.

This was confirmed yesterday by Dr Gert du Preez, the WCAB's liaison officer, after Mr Timo Bezuidenhout, Chief Commissioner for Co-operation and Development, said in an interview earlier this week that the WCAB was working "full steam" to provide the additional plots which would be made available "as soon as possible".

Crossroads

The massive extension of the township has renewed questions about the fate of the black communities in the Cape, particularly the Crossroads squatter camp.

While officials have still not announced for whom the new stands are intended, the move is likely to fuel fears that a large-scale removal of Crossroads residents is in the offing.

Dr G de V Morrison, Deputy Minister of Co-operation, recently told the Cape National Party congress that the government had no intention of turning Crossroads into a permanent township and that those in the squatter camp who were legally in the Western Cape would be resettled in Khayelitsha.

He said Crossroads had become a symbol of

"provocation and blackmail of the government" and that this symbolism had to be destroyed "at all costs".

Following Dr Morrison's statement, residents again vowed at a mass meeting to resist any move to Khayelitsha.

The Crossroads committee said in a statement that residents were not prepared to be moved. Dr Morrison could "come and kill us and take our dead bodies to Khayelitsha — because that's the only way we'll go there".

In an interview last week, Mr Bezuidenhout said he had received no new instructions after Dr Morrison's statement and could not comment.

"Until now I have received no final instructions about the ultimate fate of Crossroads.

"All I am prepared to say is that the entire question of the development of Khayelitsha and the Crossroads situation is still under investigation."

"My personal opinion is that with the extremely poor conditions prevailing there at present, I cannot see Crossroads continuing to exist."

Asked yesterday for whom the plots were intended, Dr Du Preez said there was still no "absolute clarity" on this issue.

"Of course, people on the official waiting lists will be taken into account, but the whole matter is still being considered by the Board."

Dr Du Preez said it was difficult to estimate when the development of the 4 000 stands would be completed.

Dr Morrison has not been available for comment this week.

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New wheels for 'king of Crossroads'

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Reporter

THE "mayor" of Crossroads, Mr Johnson Ngoxobongwana, has received a car from the Crossroads community and he has

given a new car to the community.

The cars were handed over at a ceremony in Crossroads attended by representatives of the Transkei and Ciskei governments.

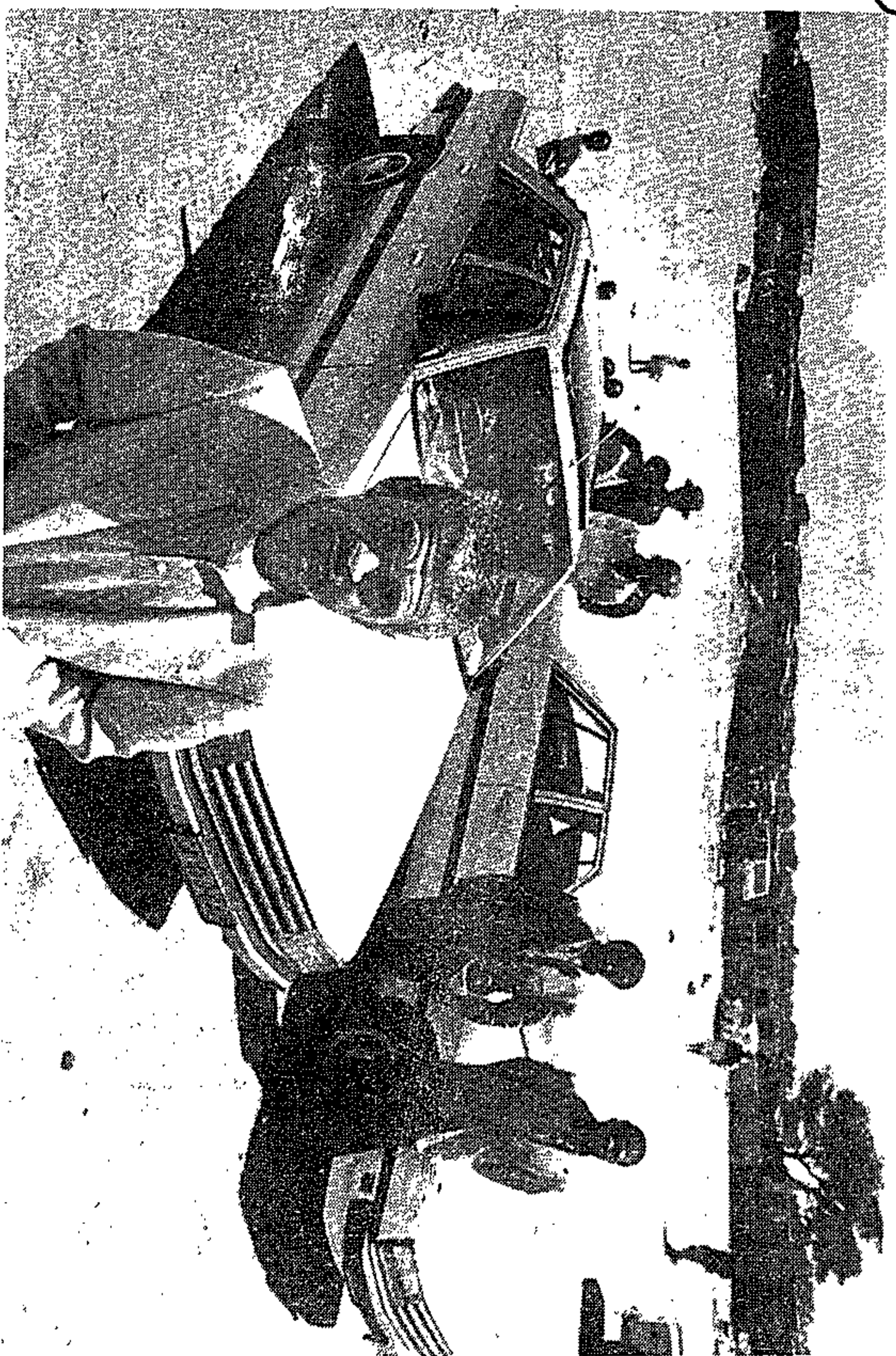
Mr Ngoxobongwana received a car valued at about R15 600. He gave his own car valued at about R14 000 to the community.

He traded in a car given to him by the community in 1978 to buy the new car and paid the balance himself, according to Mr Albert Napakade of the Crossroads Committee.

The car will be used mainly by Crossroads Committee members for community business.

Mr Napakade said the decision to collect funds for Mr Ngoxobongwana's new car was taken about five months ago at a meeting convened by Crossroads residents.

"The residents de-



Mr Johnson Ngoxobongwana stands in front of his new car given by the Crossroads community. Two members of the Crossroads Committee, Mr Samuel Langa, left, and Mr Albert Napakade, are alongside the car which Mr Ngoxobongwana gave to the Crossroads community.

cided what to do and how to go about it. Money was collected by a member of the community and records kept.

"Residents donated between R2 and R10 each — depending on what they could afford. No one was forced to contribute," he said.

Speaking at the

Nxolo School, Crossroads resident Mr L. Melanie said that before 1975 Crossroads had been a bush area with many snakes. The bush had now been cleared and the snakes removed. There had been leaders of the community before, but since Mr Ngoxobongwana took over many things had changed.

He said the car was being given to Mr Ngoxobongwana in appreciation of the work he had done for the community over the years.

Chief Makawula of the Transkei Government said Mr Ngoxobongwana had united the many nationalities in Crossroads.

River squatter loses ^{apt time} appeal ^{8/11/63} ³⁰⁷

Staff Reporter

AN appeal by a Hout Bay squatter, Joe Mashoba, 42, of Oakhurst, against his conviction for being in the Hout Bay area for more than 72 hours without the necessary permission was dismissed in the Supreme court yesterday.

In July, Mashoba was sentenced in the Commissioner's Court, in Observatory to a fine of R70 (or R70 days) suspended conditionally for a year.

Mashoba was arrested with others on the Disa River Farm, Hout Bay, by Western Cape Administration Board officials on June 10 this year.

The Supreme Court was told yesterday that in proclaiming Hout Bay a prescribed area under the Blacks (Urban Area) Consolidation Act in 1960, the then Governor-General had exceeded his powers.

Counsel for Mashoba, Mr K N Silke, argued that because Hout Bay was not an urban area, the proclamation of 1960 was *ultra vires*, since the Governor-General had powers only to declare any urban area to be a prescribed area.

Mr D Kawalsky, appearing for the State, submitted that all subordinate legislation which had a bearing on Mashoba's conviction was validly promulgated and remained in force.

Dismissing Mashoba's appeal, Mr Justice De Kock said: "There is no reason to think the proclamation of 1960 a nullity. It is clear the conviction of the appellant is in order."

Mr Justice Baker and Mr Justice De Kock heard the appeal. Mr Silke was instructed by Mr C Forbes of Schneider, Galloen, Reef and Co.

Squatters cut ties with WCAB

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By RIAAN DE VILLIERS

CROSSROADS residents have decided to withdraw "all co-operation" with the Western Cape Administration Board (WCAB) following a pass raid at the squatter camp earlier this week.

They will stop paying a monthly service charge of R7 per household to the WCAB and pay the Divisional Council directly for services

rendered to the community.

The decision was taken at a general meeting attended by several thousand residents soon after WCAB officials arrested 40 people at the camp on Tuesday morning.

It was the first pass raid within the camp itself for some time.

WCAB officials also demolished 67 plastic shelters of a group of former KTC squatters

on the perimeter of the camp.

Announcing the decision yesterday, Mr Johnson Nxobongwana, chairman of the Crossroads Committee, said residents had decided to stop paying the levies because the WCAB were "arresting people without consulting the committee".

"I want to emphasize that we are stopping all co-operation with the board from now on. We want nothing to do with them and we want to hear nothing from them either."

He said residents intended paying the Divisional Council directly for services rendered. He would seek an interview with the council on Friday and would propose that the council should either submit accounts to the committee or open an office at the camp where the levies could be collected.

He added that he would seek an interview with Mr Timo Bezuidenhoud, Chief Commissioner for Co-operation and Development, this morning to discuss the situation.

Mr Bezuidenhoud was not available for comment yesterday.

'No comment'

Dr Gert du Preez, the WCAB's chief liaison officer, said yesterday board spokesmen could not react to verbal statements.

He confirmed that 40 people — 12 men and 28 women — had been arrested during the pass raid on Tuesday morning and that 67 shelters had been demolished.

A number of men and women arrested during the raid appeared in the Langa Commissioner's Court yesterday.

● A young Crossroads resident, Mr Maxwell Ntshayi, came to the court yesterday morning to search for his wife, Gladys, whom he said was separated from their three-month-old baby when she was arrested.

A Crossroads Committee member who attended the court proceedings said later that arrangements had been made to have Mrs Ntshayi released on bail from Pollsmoor Prison.



Langa singing sensation Brenda Fassie, on her return home after more than a year where she launched her singing career. It culminated in a single, "Weekend Special", which sold 30 000 copies in less than a month. Nine of her albums hold three concerts at the Fun City Skating Rink this weekend.

Barratt calls for SA denial of MNR link

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Staff Reporter

IF the South African Government was covertly supporting the Mozambique National Resistance Movement (MNR), it would be contributing to the political and economic disintegration of Mozambique and the severe economic problems of Zimbabwe and Malawi.

This was said by the Director-General of the South African Institute of International Affairs, Professor John Barratt, at the annual meeting of the institute's Cape Town branch last night.

strong, had deteriorated since independence. In addition the MNR, in an attempt to overthrow the Frelimo government of President Sam Machel, was "ravaging large areas of the country. The effect on the whole region, including countries like Zimbabwe, Malawi, made the situation more serious.

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Call on Koornhof to see Mbekweni living conditions

Staff Reporter

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AN urgent call has been made to the Minister of Co-operation and Development, Dr Piet Koornhof, to visit a black Bolland township to see living conditions there.

The call has been made by a former member of the Mbekweni Community Council, Mr Matthew Scott, who said he had been asking Dr Koornhof for three years to visit the Paarl township.

Mr Scott, who resigned from the community council a few months ago after a demonstration by residents against increased rents, said Mbekweni had a housing crisis. People without homes could not build their own because of legislation prohibiting squatting.

"SUFFERING"

"The Western Cape Administration Board is inflicting suffering on the people here, yet the law is on their side. Only Dr Koornhof can ease the unrest that is growing here," Mr Scott said.

He said he had written to Dr Gert du Preez, liaison officer for the board, and to Dr Koornhof's office asking the minister to come to Mbekweni, but had been unsuccessful.

"One day I'll be forced to go to Dr Koornhof's residence to get him to listen to me. This will be the only way we can achieve social change without violence," he said.

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Dr du Preez confirmed he had received a letter from Mr Scott detailing the request.

"I acknowledged Mr Scott's letter last week and referred it to the Chief Commissioner for the Department of Co-operation and Development in the Western Cape, Mr Timo Bezuidenhoud," Dr du Preez said.

A spokesman from Dr Koornhof's office in Pretoria said he would investigate the matter.

Mr Bezuidenhoud said he had spoken to Mr Scott today and knew of the urgent request to see Mr Koornhof.

He said he would send a letter to the Minister today explaining the situation in Mbekweni and would tell him of the request.

He acknowledged there were serious problems in Mbekweni, but said his department and the Administration Board were "looking into the matter".

He said that meanwhile, while the request for the visit was being considered, he would visit the township and report to the Minister.

Mr Bezuidenhoud again appealed to the people of Mbekweni to be patient, and said the resignation of councillors would not solve the problem.

Squatter problem to be thrashed out

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Tygerberg Bureau

AN URGENT public meeting is to be arranged in Welgemoed by Bellville city councillor Professor Christo Pienaar to discuss the problem of bush squatters.

He said today: "We can't sit still. I'm going to arrange a meeting to thrash this thing out properly."

Professor Pienaar was responding to reported fears of Welgemoed housewives for the safety of their children and a call by the District Commandant for Bellville, Colonel H O Eksteen, for the public to get together and make suggestions on possible solutions.

Professor Pienaar said police and officials such as the Town Clerk would be invited to the meeting.

He said the people of Welgemoed should face the fact that they were not blameless, as many did not know what was going in their backyards at night and some expected domestic workers to work for them and disappear at night.

"Let us climb into one other and lay the blame wherever we want... but we must talk about it."

Colonel Eksteen had the same view, and said that although the police saw this in a serious light and intended taking strong steps, the public should put their views forward.

The problem of bush squatters was also a social one, he said, and it did not help for police just to remove them because they simply turned up again somewhere else.

Various Government departments concerned — Welfare, Coloured Administration, Community Development — rehabilitation centres, and employers should also be involved, he said.

Colonel Eksteen said that although many of the bush squatters were alcoholics or spirits-drinkers who had nowhere else to go, they did not really commit serious crimes.

The Mayor of Bellville, Mr Dame Uys, said the municipality would again clear the bush around the golf course and Welgemoed Dam.

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Committee rejects Govt proposal on Khayelitsha move

Staff Reporter

THE Crossroads committee has rejected the first overture by the Government to move the 20 000 residents of the squatter camp to Khayelitsha, the new township near Mitchell's Plain.

'Payments boycott illegal'

Staff Reporter

CROSSROADS people have been warned that it would be illegal not to pay their R7 service charge levies to the Administration Board.

Several thousand of the 20 000 residents decided this week to sever all ties with the Western Cape Administration Board after a raid on the camp in which 40 people were arrested.

They decided to boycott the board and pay the levy directly to the Divisional Council, which renders services to the camp.

MEETING

Mr Timo Bezuidenhoud, chief commissioner in the Western Cape for the Department of Co-operation and Development, yesterday tried to persuade Mr Johnson Nxobongwana, chairman of the Crossroads committee, not to pursue the boycott plan.

He said today that in terms of legislation it was illegal not to pay levies to the board.

He would continue to appeal to Crossroads people to pay the board but, if they refused, "the law would have to take its course".

Mr. Nxobongwana could not be reached for comment.

At a two-hour meeting in Cape Town yesterday the chairman of the committee, Mr Johnson Nxobongwana, told the chief commissioner of the Department of Co-operation and Development, Mr Timo Bezuidenhoud that the people of Crossroads would not move.

Mr Bezuidenhoud, who called the meeting to explain the "chaotic situation" in Crossroads, gave the committee reasons why the Government wanted the people of Crossroads to move to Khayelitsha, and said the move would benefit them.

He said later he had told Mr Nxobongwana that disease was rife in the camp, the Divisional Council was finding it impossible to service the area properly, and the influx of illegal residents in the Western Cape was aggravating the situation.

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He said Mr Nxobongwana had rejected the proposal "point blank" but said he would not stand in the way of any residents wanting to move to Khayelitsha. He had demanded that the Government revive the Phase 2 housing project which was scrapped a few months ago.

Mr Bezuidenhoud said the project was for 1 200 families only and that the Government had committed itself to housing all black people in the new township. He would continue to try to persuade Mr Nxobongwana and the people of Crossroads to move.

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Plea to 'mayor' on removals

By RIAAN
DE VILLIERS

THE TOP black-affairs official in the Western Cape has formally asked the "mayor" of Crossroads to agree to the removal of the squatter community to the controversial new township Khayelitsha.

The "request" was made at a meeting between the Chief Commissioner for Co-operation and Development, Mr Timo Bezuidenhoud, and Mr Johnson Ngxobongwana, chairman of the Crossroads committee, in Cape Town yesterday morning.

Set in motion

This is the first step the authorities have taken to set in motion the removal of the Crossroads community to the new township.

In line with repeated decisions by Crossroads residents to resist removal from Crossroads, Mr Ngxobongwana refused to agree to the move, but agreed not to stand in the way of people who choose to move there.

This was confirmed by both parties after the meeting yesterday morning.

Mr Bezuidenhoud also asked Mr Ngxobongwana to reconsider a decision by Crossroads residents earlier this week to sever all ties with the Western Cape Administration Board.

This includes a decision to stop paying a R7 service levy to the WCAB and to pay it directly to the Divisional Council instead.

He said he had pointed out that Crossroads was a prescribed black area and that the direct payment of levies to the Divisional Council instead of the board would be illegal.

However, Mr Ngxobongwana did not agree to this and plans to hold talks with the Divisional Council next week.

Commenting on the talks, Mr Bezuidenhoud said yesterday he had still not received any final instructions from Pretoria regarding the resettlement of the Crossroads community, and the massive extension of the township by 4 000 stands would only be completed next year.

But he added: "The idea is that all legal residents of Crossroads should be resettled in Khayelitsha, and it may be accepted that they will eventually have to move there."

● Meanwhile, WCAB officials resumed pass raids and shelter demolitions in the Crossroads area yesterday.

Shelters torn down

Plastic shelters in the "Cathedral" squatter area next to Crossroads were torn down and a large number of people — estimated by the Black Sash at about 100 — were arrested in a pass raid in the adjacent "Nyanga extension" area.

Official figures could not be established as Dr Gert du Preez, the WCAB's chief liaison officer, was not available for comment.

People arrested are expected to appear in the Langa Commissioner's Court from today. Yesterday, the court was still dealing with people arrested in Tuesday's raid in Crossroads itself.

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Residents living in t c

By IRVING STEYN

FOURTEEN bush squatters at Welgemoed were arrested during a police raid on the area following complaints from residents.

The District Commandant for Bellville Colonel H O Eksteen said the men and women had been taken to the Bellville charge office and would appear in the Bellville Magistrate's Court on Monday on charges of trespassing.

Residents of the luxury northern suburb of Welgemoed with homes close to the Bellville Golf Course have been living in fear of attack and are concerned for the safety of their children.

And no matter what action the authorities — the police and the municipality — take, there appears to be no permanent solution.

Recent complaints follow a number of assaults and burglaries in the area. They are launched, residents say, from squatter "nests" in the bush around the golf course.

Many of the luxury homes verging on the golf course have been fitted with elaborate burglar alarm systems and residents in Nederburgh Street say insurance companies have given it the dubious distinction of being "the most burgled street in Bellville".

The latest complaints, which have led to the police and municipal investigations, follow a stabbing incident in which a man was seriously injured on the golf course, and two incidents in which women were assaulted in the area — all last week.



Bellville Golf Course with nearby Welgemoed homes.

Housewives, particularly, are jumpy and do not wish to be named for fear of reprisals.

After the stabbing last week, one family whose home is next to the golf course, woke up to find their stoep covered in blood. This was preceded by a burglary in which they lost thousands of rands in jewellery and television, hi-fi and radio equipment.

"I really am very much afraid," the wife of the owner said. They have since had an extensive burglar alarm system installed.

Next door three attempts have been made this year to break into the house while the owners were away on holiday. The door handle to the wine cellar had been broken off and there were signs that attempts

were made to break into the sauna. There was also an attempt to chip away the frame of a bedroom window. A burglar alarm system has since been fitted.

At another home in Nederburgh Street there have been five or six burglaries in a year and the owners have put burglar bars over the picture window in the lounge.

The Town Clerk of Bellville, Mr John Marshall, told me this week: "It is our policy to destroy undergrowth as soon as possible and large tracts have been done over the last 18 months. I do not deny that there could be squatters in the area and I have asked for an investigation and that the municipal police keep their eye on the area."

By MARC DOBSON

ABOUT 150 families living in shacks on the Chatty River floodplain have already been resettled in the transit camp established at Motherwell.

By the end of November a further 350 families will have joined them, Mr Louis Koch, Chief Director of the East Cape Administration Board (Ecab), said this week.

Ecab is moving 30 families a day to the camp, which is two kilometres from the massive R300-million township currently being built 17 kilometres from Port Elizabeth.

Most of the shack-dwellers are being transplanted from the shanty township of Veeplaas, an area devastated by floods whenever there are heavy rains.

Mr Koch said the families would be remaining in the camp for a maximum of 18 months, after which they would be settling in their new homes in Motherwell's Neighbourhood Unit 1.

He said the first 500 homes in Neighbourhood Unit 2 would be ready for occupation by January next year, but these had been reserved for the residents of Soweto and Red Location townships.

However, the servicing of Neighbourhood Unit 1 would begin early in 1984 and homes would be ready for the estimated 3 000 camp residents by the beginning of 1985.

Each neighbourhood unit in Motherwell has been designed to provide clusters of about 17 houses facing a central court, with flats, schools, shopping centres, sports fields, creches and churches situated nearby.

Weekend Post visited the transit camp yesterday and found it a scene of bustling activity, with the sound of unrelenting hammering and banging rising from every quarter.

Dozens of Ecab trucks

begun in all earnest

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An additional 350 families will arrive at the mushrooming transit camp at Motherwell, near Coega, during the next two weeks.

shuttled between Veeplaas and Motherwell, ferrying families, possessions and homes (reduced to piles of building materials but reassembled within the space of a couple of hours).

Since the first shack-dwellers were transported to the camp two weeks ago, the landscape has seen daily changes. Streets of homes have virtually mushroomed overnight.

Most camp residents have erected their own

son to rebuild their one-roomed home, although the family had plans of adding on rooms later.

Mr Pacific Ngoza, a self-employed handyman who arrived at the camp on Wednesday, began building his home the following day.

He had given himself four days to complete it and said he intended calling the double-storey edifice Summerstrand, because it would be much grander than the previous shack his

family had lived in.

Most of the camp residents told Weekend Post that they were relieved to have left Veeplaas. Although conditions at the transit camp were not ideal, they were an improvement on those at the shanty township, they said.

The site rentals at the camp are R10 a month. The camp has one water standpipe for every 30 families and each family has been given a bucket toilet and

rubbish bin. Nightsoil and rubbish are removed twice a week.

PE Tramways is already operating a bus service between Motherwell and the city.

Mr Koch said the Department of Education and Training would be supplying temporary classrooms for the children of Motherwell as from January next year.

Arrangements had been

made with the Dias Divisional Council to convert a nearby farmhouse into a clinic, but the Red Cross Mobile clinic would continue to service the camp in the interim.

There was a temporary delay on the construction of a general dealer's store because the Provincial Council had refused to grant a licence for it on the grounds that the existing structure

Durban

demo:

44 arrests

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Own Correspondent

DURBAN. — Forty-four demonstrators — including leading officials of the Natal Indian Congress (NIC) — who picketed the Prime Minister's meeting outside Durban City Hall yesterday were arrested by police and charged under the Internal Security Act.

However, some were released last night after paying bail of R200 each.

Among those arrested were NIC president Mr George Sewpersadh, executive members Mr M J Naidoo, Mr Mewa Ramgobin, Dr Farouk Meer, Mr Zac Yacoob, Mrs Fatima Meer, Mrs Ela Ramgobin, Mr Rabi Bugwandeen, Mr Ramlall Ramesar, Mr R D Pillay and Mr Pravin Gordhan.

A police spokesman last night confirmed that the demonstrators were being charged under Section 47 of the Act, which refers to illegal gatherings.

The placard demonstration against the constitution was broken up by police shortly before the Prime Minister arrived at the City Hall to address a selected Indian audience.

Gathering of workers

The picket line, which initially comprised about 30 NIC members on the steps of the City Gardens, was swelled to more than 150 by a multiracial gathering of lunch-time workers and curious onlookers.

The placards stated "Equal rights for all", "Indians will never accept apartheid", "Botha's deal has No appeal", "Indians, Africans and coloureds stand united", "Stooges will not lead us", "Rajbansi will divide us" and "SAIC — apartheid stooges".

Shortly before police made the arrests, a uniformed policeman filmed the demonstration while another officer, speaking through a loud-hailer, ordered onlookers to move on.

The NIC members, singing freedom songs, were then led into two police vans and taken to C R Swart Square. The crowds which gathered in Church Street and in the City Gardens were dispersed by police with dogs.



Guests turned away

There was more drama later when more than 200 invited guests — some of whom had travelled about 300km — reacted angrily as they were turned away by police because of a lack of seats. Among them was a member of the South African Indian Council, Mr P I Devan, who has just returned from a tour abroad.

They assembled in front of the main entrance and refused to leave in spite of an order by a uniformed police officer who said the police had received a "bomb scare". However, the crowd dispersed when police with dogs were called.

Mr Devan was later allowed into the City Hall after a heated confrontation with the police.

• Last night, a crowd of more than 5 000 turned out for a protest meeting in Durban organized by the NIC at which the new constitution and the South African Indian Council (SAIC) were rejected.

• In Cape Town, Mr Dawood Khan, chairman of the Western Cape Traders' Association, said last night the demonstrations once again proved that the "so-called Indian leaders the Prime Minister speaks about don't represent the Indian community".

PM tells Indians of their 'options'

Own Correspondent

DURBAN. — The Prime Minister, Mr P W Botha, yesterday spelled out the political options facing South African Indians, calling on them to accept political responsibility and stand up and be counted.

He told more than 3 000 people packed into Durban City Hall that nowhere outside of India had any Indian community reached the constitutional recognition offered since November 2 when the white electorate voted by a two-thirds majority to share power.

'A far cry'

It was a far cry from the policy of repatriation which existed in South Africa till 1961, when he had successfully persuaded Dr Hendrik Verwoerd to recognize Indians as a permanent community.

They could accept the constitution in the conviction that the government and white electorate were sincere in offering coloured people and Indians control of their own affairs, with joint responsibility in common matters.

This did not mean "a ganging-up" against other people in Southern Africa nor did it eliminate constitutional

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development for other people.

He believed in advancing and developing the constitutional potential of all the people of South Africa, including blacks. And he advocated a Southern African Confederation of States, co-operating with each other in the economic fields and signing defence and mutual peace pacts to keep out terrorism.

Other options facing the Indian people were: To endure the constitution, treating it as a foot in the door; to reject it and maintain the status quo; to align themselves with a black state or to reject the new dispensation and opt for radicalism, which would lead to conflict, bloodshed and violence.

He would not tell the Indian community whether to opt for constitutional development or conflict politics. They could have a referendum, or a general election or both, or even a scientific opinion poll if they wanted.

• The South African Indian Council would be asked at its meeting later this month to give the government's new constitution a try, executive chairman Mr Amichand Rajbansi told the meeting yesterday.

He said he would do this even at the risk of being labelled a stooge or a sellout.

"We do not want to be accused of saying 'no' to peaceful change now," he said.

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26 Vrygrond pass arrests

Staff Reporter

INSPECTORS of the Western Cape Administration Board (WCAB) yesterday arrested 26 people for pass-law offences in the Steenberg Vrygrond area.

The chief liaison officer for the WCAB, Dr Gert du Preez, confirmed this, saying that 10 of those arrested

were women and 16 were men.

He said the 26, who were arrested on the street and in raids on sleeping quarters, were arrested in terms of influx-control regulations.

No further pass raids were conducted in Crossroads yesterday and no demolition of squatter dwellings took place, said Dr Du Preez.

63 arrested in Crossroads raids

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Staff Reporter

OFFICIALS of the Western Cape Administration Board (WCAB) yesterday arrested at least 63 people for allegedly squatting illegally at Crossroads and being in the Peninsula illegally.

Dr Gert du Preez, chief liaison officer for the WCAB, said the arrests of 25 women and 38 men had taken place early yesterday.

Those arrested were expected to appear in the Wynberg Magistrate's Court on charges of illegal squatting and in terms of influx control laws, he said.

He also confirmed that 112 people — 53 men and 59 women — were arrested in single quarters in Langa this week for alleged offences under the pass laws.

The Black Sash received reports that 168 KTC squatters — 83 adults and 85 children — were arrested early yesterday morning at Crossroads, but Dr Du Preez could only confirm that 63 people were arrested.

Mrs Sue Joynt, of the Athlone Advice Office, condemned the present spate of raids. She hoped whites now realized what they had voted "yes" for in the referendum on the new constitution.

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WCAB 'clear up' squatter community

Staff Reporters

AN ENTIRE squatter community on the perimeter of Crossroads has been "cleared up" in a raid by Western Cape Administration Board officials this week.

The group of former KTC squatters, thought to number more than 100, lived in plastic shelters in the bushes near the "cathedral" squatter section for several months.

Early on Thursday morning, WCAB officials raided the area, arrested at least 63 people, tore down their shelters and carted all personal possessions away for "safekeeping". The site was deserted yesterday. All that remained was rubble, remains of household goods and partly burnt poles from plastic shelters.

It is not known whether any members of the group escaped the raid. However, a squatter spokesman told the Black Sash yesterday that all but 17 members of the group had been arrested.

It could not be ascertained whether the children who had been in the area were in prison with their mothers. The Black Sash has received reports that 85 children were among those taken from the site.

Dr Gert du Preez, chief liaison officer for the WCAB, yesterday confirmed that 63 people had been arrested. He said he had only been furnished with numbers of adults arrested, and could not say what had happened to the children.

Questions concerning the whereabouts of the children put to the Prisons Department in Pretoria yesterday had not been answered by late afternoon.

A total of 63 members of the group have appeared in the Wynberg and Athlone magistrates' courts on charges of illegal squatting as well as pass-law offences.

Thirty-eight people appeared in Wynberg. Their cases have all been postponed and they are being held in custody till their trial dates from December 5.

The remainder, who appeared in the Athlone Magistrate's Court, have also been remanded in custody till trial dates between December 12 and 15.

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98 squatters held in Nyanga raid

By RIAAN
DE VILLIERS

NINETY-EIGHT people were arrested by Western Cape Administration Board officials in a raid on the Nyanga extension squatter camp on the perimeter of Crossroads early yesterday morning.

Officials also broke down 50 "illegal" plastic structures and confiscated their contents for safekeeping.

The WCAB's chief liaison officer, Dr Gert du Preez, said yesterday 51 men and 47 women had been arrested. Some of

them would appear on charges of illegal squatting and others for pass offences, he added.

Yesterday's raid was the second in which squatters have been arrested in terms of the Prevention of Illegal Squatting Act, and their possessions impounded, since large-scale raids resumed in the area after the referendum.

The first came on Thursday morning last week when 63 ex-KTC squatters living on the edge of Crossroads were arrested, their shelters demolished and their possessions removed.

Homeland 'development' — myth or reality?

INCREASINGLY repressive influx control measures and demolitions at KTC and Crossroads have for a long time been justified by promises of "development" and "employment creation" in the homelands. Sentiments of this sort were echoed during the last National Party congress in George.

While it is widely agreed that the homelands at present are not economically viable, it is usually accepted that, given the correct development strategy, economic stagnation will be arrested and the homelands will be able to carry on absorbing population. In the case of the Transkei, one of the "best chance" homelands, it seems likely that their proposed development strategy will not improve matters and could worsen them considerably.

In the White Paper published this year the Transkei government commits itself to the "overriding objective of employment creation". There are two main elements to this development strategy, the first being rural development.

Peasant farmers

Rural development will involve the creation of fulltime commercial peasant farmers, who will produce for sale on both local and export markets. However, there are two main difficulties which will have to be faced.

The first is that the task of turning present rural dwellers in the Transkei into commercial farmers is formidable to say the least.

At present only 0.01 percent of rural households in the Transkei produce for the market on a regular basis, and a further eight percent occasionally sell their produce. The Transkei region, potentially a productive agricultural area, at present has to import 90 percent of its food supply!

The reasons for this are not difficult to find. Firstly migrancy has proved a far more lucrative option than farming; it has been estimated that three weeks' work on the mines will provide the same in-

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This article stems from recent research conducted by the Urban Problems Research Unit at UCT. It forms part of a larger research project which aims to investigate urbanization in South Africa and the applicability of various settlement policies to the South African context.

come as a year spent in maize production. So we find that over half of the male labour force is working away from home and, as a result, farming is left in the hands of the women and the old people.

Secondly, those Transkei farmers who do try to produce for sale find that the market is continually flooded by South African surpluses produced under very heavy subsidy. They simply cannot compete.

Thirdly, very low rural incomes result in a low level of local demand for food products. A fieldworker has commented that a single communal garden can saturate demand in an entire village.

Fourthly, influx control has meant a rapid increase of population on a limited amount of land. At present some 25 percent of rural households have no land at all and for the rest the average size of landholding is only 1.9 ha. This is hardly sufficient (given the lack of irrigation) for viable agriculture.

The second major difficulty which will face the rural development strategy is that in order to establish commercial farming it will be necessary, over the next 16 years, to remove 60 percent of the people from the land. Where will these people go?

According to the 1983 White Paper the surplus rural population, nearly three-quarters of a million people, will be located in 90 newly created "rural service centres" and in 20 other small rural "market" towns. The cost of implementing this scheme will be R800m. The most important question then becomes: How are these people to survive economically, given that the chances of improving agriculture are remote?

It is possible to make

a prediction of this by looking at past "rural development" strategies used in the homelands. Over the last 30 to 40 years "betterment" schemes have involved the movement of thousands of rural families into "betterment villages". These families, with no access to land and no alternative employment, are forced to rely entirely on migrant remittances and pensions for survival.

Alternative

It is possible to predict with a fair degree of certainty that this will be the fate of those moved under the new 1983 proposals. What this means in effect is that a new wave of migration will be precipitated. More and more people will find that movement to the metropolitan areas and larger towns is an alternative to starvation.

The second element of the development strategy concerns the continued development of industry in Umtata, Butterworth and eZibeleni as part of the South African government's industrial decentralization policy. Over the last 20 years only 11 000 industrial jobs have been created in the Transkei, a drop in the ocean compared with the 30 000 new entrants to the Transkei job market each year. In spite of this, incentives have been raised, investment funds have been increased, and there are great expectations as to the success of the policy.

Theoretically, a decentralization point is supposed to do two things: Firstly, it is supposed to achieve self-sustained (that is, unsubsidized) growth; secondly, it is supposed to bring benefit to the surrounding region. In the case of the Transkei, Butterworth, the only decentralization point of any size, has not been able to achieve either of these requirements.



Generally the kinds of firms which have relocated to Butterworth have been either traditional, slow-growing firms such as textiles, taking advantage of subsidies and cheap labour, or more modern, highly mechanized firms which have few links at all to the Transkei region. Companies are highly dependent on subsidies: 60 percent of companies in Butterworth would probably leave if incentives were removed. And now the equally fa-

ization policy. Butterworth industries buy 80 percent of their raw materials from outside the homeland and rely on the Transkei for only 35 percent of their market. There is therefore little in the way of spin-off to the Transkei. Some jobs have been created but wages are low; in many cases firms in the Transkei pay half that of South African based firms, for the same job.

More migration

It is gradually being recognized in official Transkei circles that industrial decentralization is unlikely to fulfil employment needs. However, there is little chance that the rural strategy will do so either. Given increasing pressure on the Transkei (and the other homelands) and the likely effects of rural policies, it appears that the main outcome will be seen in the form of more migration — and more KTCs and Crossroads.

The inevitable fact remains. The homelands are not economically viable, and no amount of planning, within present constraints, will make them so.

Prof David Dewar, head of the UCT's department of urban and regional planning, and co-author of this article with Ms A Todes and Ms V Watson

vourable subsidies are available at better located points such as Dimbaza in the Ciskei, there are several Butterworth companies which are considering relocating.

There is little indication that Butterworth is building up any inherent advantage which will result in self-sustaining growth. Its main attractions are low wages and large subsidies and both of these are available elsewhere.

It also appears that there has been little benefit to the Transkei region from decentral-

Life in the

Aid groups put spotlight on problems

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Some bush dwellers are struggling to maintain a semblance of respectability.

But most of them have discarded all social norms for a subculture of poverty, living from hand to mouth in a physically and spiritually immoral fashion.

Daily Dispatch reporter SALLY FLETCHER went into the bush for an on-the-spot investigation and also spoke to people concerned with the problem. (Pictures by GARY HORLOR).

EAST LONDON — Between two and three hundred people, many of them children, are squatting in the bush between Parkside and Buffalo Flats and the indications are that their numbers are increasing.

They live in "shake-downs" — fragile shelters of cardboard, plastic and corrugated iron and many of them have no visible means of support save what they can scavenge from the municipal tip at Second Creek.

Life in the bush is sordid and sad. The Daily Dispatch photographer and I saw babies lying on filthy mattresses, covered in flies; eyes and noses streaming. Some wore tattered clothing, most were naked.

Many children have been deserted and can be found close to the tip, inhaling glue or drinking the skokiaan — a lethal concoction brewed from battery acid, bread and water and sold for 20 cents a cup.

Prostitution is rife and the violence of bush life is mirrored in the knife scars and makeshift bandages displayed by many of the young people.

Most of the people have discarded all social norms for a subculture of poverty, living from hand to mouth in a physically and spiritually immoral fashion.

and it is no good preaching to people with empty stomachs," Mr Barlow said.

Mr Leeuw said that the main problem faced by his organisation was the public view of the squatters. They were regarded as human trash, shirkers and needing a good dose of discipline.

"In fact they are the casualties of society. They have been crushed and a whole generation of people are growing up without dignity or self-respect. They are in need not only of practical help but of spiritual guidance."

Dominee Leeuw said that many people had gone into the bush because they were unemployed. Of the women, many had been deserted by their husbands and evicted from their homes and had been forced into prostitution.

Mrs Elsabe Kemp, who holds the housing portfolio on the East London city council, was shocked when she was told of the squatters in the area.

"We are going full steam to provide housing in this area but I doubt whether these people would be eligible for it.

"I had no idea that this many people were involved. I shall definitely be looking into the matter," Mrs Kemp said.

Mr L. Deetlefs, director of management services and responsible for controlling the squatter problem said his department had cleared the area six months ago.

"When we come here with trucks and men the people run into the bush. It is impossible to count them and very difficult to get near them," Mr Deetlefs said.

When the area is cleared the homes are destroyed, illegal squatters arrested and children handed over to the welfare authorities.

Mrs R. Frasca, regional secretary of the South African Institute of Race Relations, said that life in the bush was a gut-level type of existence.

"The settlements breed corruption and break down the family structure. The people are desperately in need of help and something must be done for them other than simply tearing down their homes. That is no solution," Mrs Frasca said. — DDR

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But some are struggling to maintain a semblance of respectability. We met two children returning from school at 4.30. It took them one and a half hours to walk the 10 km to school.

They wore torn uniforms and sat down on an old car seat to do their homework, a piece of plastic sheeting protecting them from the sun.

Concerned churchmen and laymen in the area have formed an interdenominational organisation to help the bush-dwellers and their ultimate aim is to set up a centre to rehabilitate them into society.

The society, named Afesis meaning "to liberate" is chaired by Dominee Eddie Leeuw. He said that the problems facing the squatters were so great that his group hardly knew where to begin.

"At present we are concentrating on rendering a service to these people in situ. We have people going into the bush all the time and a soup kitchen to give food. The centre will come much later and we will need government assistance for that.

"The coloured affairs section of the Department of Internal Affairs have told us we must provide them with facts and figures so they can send a report to their head office, but the very task of doing a survey of such an area is enormous.

"The bush is very thick and, by their nature, the squatters are transient. But there is a permanent population of anything up to 300," Mr. Leeuw said.

He said the people were of all races, predominantly black and coloured, which created a problem as racial authorities were only authorised to deal with specific race groups.

Mr. Leeuw said that even when the Buffalo Flats extension was completed, these people would not be eligible for housing because they were unemployed in the main and regarded as drop-outs.

Mr. F. Barlow, chairman of the Coloured Management Committee, said he would be liaising closely with Afesis.

"The problem is enormous. Due to financial hardship and family problems these sort of people have lost the desire to achieve. No one is trying to help them

bush is sordid, sad



When this picture was taken the shelter housed a sick child (below) whose mother said she had no food or money for a doctor. Yesterday the shelter had been taken down and the people had gone.



Bush squatters: action pledge follows report

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By SALLY FLETCHER

EAST LONDON — The authorities were very much aware of the squatting problem in the East London area and were doing all within their power to cope with the problem, Mr Errol Spring, the mayor, said yesterday.

In response to a Daily Dispatch report of growing numbers of squatters in the Buffalo Flats-Parkside area, Mr Spring said the situation was one which needed attention but that scarce resources hampered the elimination of the problem.

"We view these people very sympathetically — they are human beings and their needs are very acute, but it is very difficult to accommodate them all," Mr Spring said.

"Squatting is not a phenomenon exclusive to East London. It is a world-wide problem. We try to offer these people accommodation where we can but there are so many of them."

Mr Spring said that in coping with the squatting problem, the authorities attempted to identify the families in need and offer them alternative housing.

Where no alternative was available, the people were permitted to squat and the authorities attempted to provide them with better facilities in the interim. This Mr Spring termed "controlled squatting".

These squatters are still, however, classified as illegal residents since they are squatting on

municipal land. In the main, black squatters are contravening the influx control laws can be returned to their "rightful" place of residence. It is coloured squatters, who are living in their own area but without proper housing, who constitute a real problem.

Mrs Elsabe Kemp, who holds the housing portfolio on the city council, said that there was currently a waiting list of 2 000 coloured families on the waiting list for housing.

These families live mostly in the area below Braelyn 4 and will have first priority when the new Buffalo Flats extension is completed in March next year.

"This problem is not just a housing one, it is one for the welfare authorities. As far as I can see they must move in there and contribute to the alleviation," Mrs Kemp said.

Mrs Kemp also said she would be asking for a complete report on the number of squatters involved in the bush to discover what their requirements were and whether they could be accommodated. Mr A. Mauritz, of the coloured affairs section of the Department of Internal Affairs Department said that he would not be sending social workers into the bush until the matter was formally brought to his attention. And if this occurred, he thought there would be certain practical problems facing his staff in operating in the bush.

Mr L. Deetlefs, director of municipal manage-

ment services, said there was very little his department could do except fulfil their obligations to the East Cape Administration Board and clear the area.

"These people are occupying land illegally. We cannot allow it because of the wealth of social problems arising in these areas. The bad element operates from here and we have a responsibility to the general public," Mr Deetlefs said.

Dr Ken Tinley, an ecologist working in East London, said there was an obvious and simple solution to the squatter problem.

"There are hundreds of unemployed people out there without housing. The logical answer is to provide them with materials and supervision and get them to build their own housing.

"The latest projections reveal that about 37 million people will be urbanised in South Africa by the year 2000. And is already a housing backlog of nine million units," Dr Tinley said.

He said that it was the squatter settlements which were the breeding grounds of rapists, muggers and burglars who made it increasingly unsafe for people to walk the streets or lie on the beaches alone.

"Now is the time to do something about this situation. It calls for initiative and local authorities should prove that they can be imaginative and aren't bound by convention and bureaucracy," Dr Tinley said. — DDR.

Squatters without shelter while (307) tents 'gather dust'

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Staff Reporter

WHILE hundreds of Cape Flats squatters are without shelter, 33 tents earmarked for them are "gathering dust".

The tents were asked for on July 5 by Mr Timo Bezuidenhoud, chief commissioner for the Western Cape for the Department of Co-operation and Development, and were supplied by the Red Cross for the Nyanga bush squatters.

But after wrangles between the squatters and the Red Cross, and the Western Cape Administration Board, 33 of the tents were stored at the board's premises.

The Red Cross reclaimed its property, and the 33 tents were returned.

CROSSROADS

The Red Cross tried to erect five for the Crossroads "bed people". But board officials ordered the tents to be removed.

In a letter published in a Cape Town newspaper today, Sir Richard Luyt, acting chairman of the Cape region of the Red Cross, says: "Weeks of frustrating delay followed because most of the tents, due to one administrative problem after another, were not issued to squatters or put into use by the board.

"A request by the Red Cross to erect the tents itself for squatters who had no shelter was turned down."

REPLY

Mr J F L Gunter, chairman of the administration board, replies in a letter: "The delay... was caused because the Cathedral squatting committee failed to react to the request to state to whom the additional tents be allocated".

The board could not, by law, offer help to people who were in its area illegally. "That is why the board insisted that the squatters identify themselves."

But Miss Bertha Pienaar, regional director of the Red Cross, said today that both the Cathedral squatters committee and the committee of the Nyanga bush squatters had submitted lists.

She said 78 tents supplied by the Red Cross this year had been used to shelter squatters.

"COMMUNICATION LACK"

But the additional 33 were gathering dust. She said there was a lack of communication between Mr Bezuidenhoud's department and the administration board.

The board has denied that it acted in contravention of the chief commissioner's approval about the issuing of tents. It has also denied it refused to allow the tents to be donated.

However, it adds in a statement that it was not present at any discussion between the chief commissioner and the Red Cross about the tents.

Mother of four ^{AKGUS} evicted ^{28/11/83} ³⁰⁷ from tent

Staff Reporter

A NYANGA bush woman with four children has been evicted from a Red Cross tent and is now in the open.

Miss Nozwi Jokazi, in the Nyanga Bush community for almost two years, has been sharing a tent with a family of five for the past few months.

Last week she arrived home and found all her belongings outside.

"The family told me they did not have space. Their children were coming home for the school holidays. They said I should ask the board for my own tent.

"The board told me I could not have a tent because I am not married," Miss Jokazi said.

BUILD ROOM

Mrs Jokazi, in Cape Town for 18 years, said she had nowhere else to go.

"I will just have to build myself and my children a room in the bush. I am asking the board please not to knock it down. I can't do anything else."

Dr Gert du Preez, Press liaison officer of the WCAB, said 17 Red Cross tents had been allocated to the Nyanga Bush community.

"The Board has no objection to tents being allocated to any person, provided their names appear on the lists accepted by the Department of Co-operation and Development, they can identify themselves" and that the number of tents does not exceed that number approved by the Department i.e. 100 additional tents with effect from 7 July 1983," he said.

New aid plans for bush squatters

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EAST LONDON — Afesis, the group formed to combat the problems of squatters in the East London area held a public meeting here yesterday to outline a series of programmes which will be launched in the bush within the next few weeks.

Dominee E. Leeuw, chairman of Afesis, said that the primary programme would be an educational one and it was hoped to set up a bush school, employing teachers and workers on a purely voluntary basis, in the very near future. "We feel that the education of these people is of paramount importance. The syllabus will be designed to accommodate the bush dwellers and their particular problems so it will not necessarily follow a formal educational format," Mr Leeuw said.

A health programme will also be put into operation with the assistance of Dr R. Newbery, Superintendent of the Frere Hospital. Mr Leeuw said that Dr Newbery had agreed to try to organise a service of some sort for the bushdwellers. At present Afesis were investigating the possibility of acquiring premises in

Pefferville where doctors could tend to the sick. A home industries programme would concentrate on developing practical skills among the squatters as part of the rehabilitation scheme and would be attended by social workers and other volunteers. A spiritual rehabilitation programme would complement the other schemes. Mr Leeuw said that last, on the list of programmes would be a feeding scheme. "I say it is last because just feeding people is not really a means of helping them. It is,

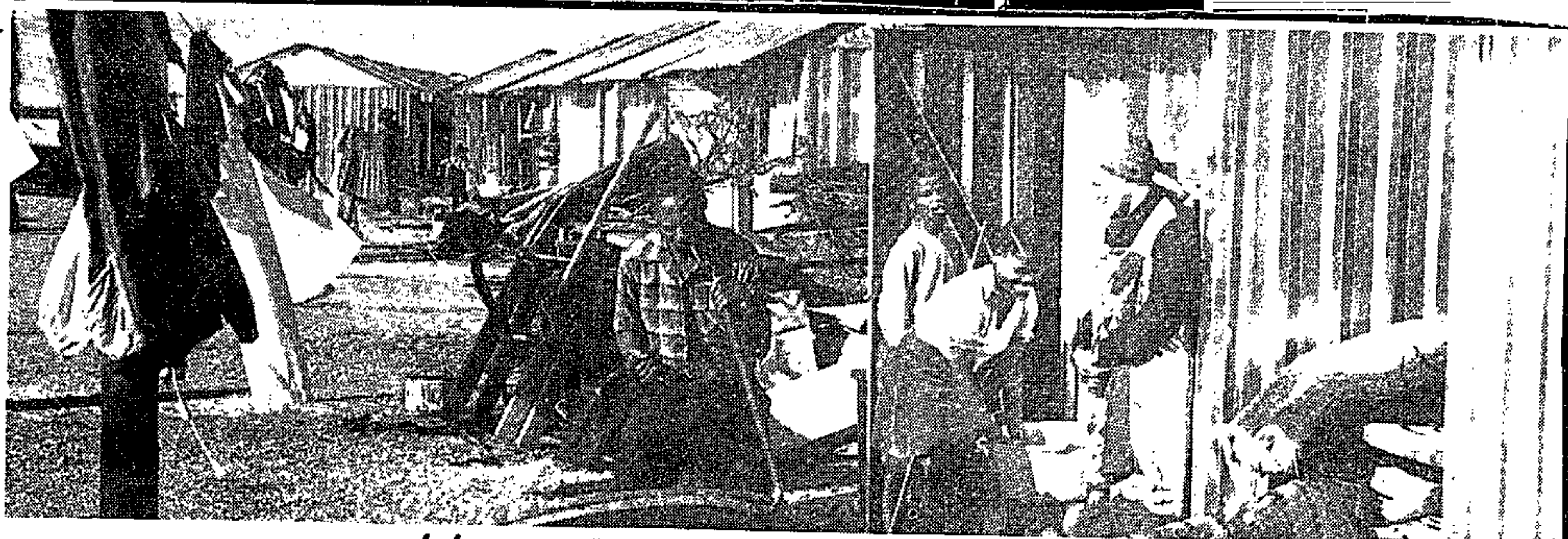
however, a vital part of the project as it is so true that one can't preach to people with empty stomachs." Mr Leeuw said that members of Afesis would be going into the bush with soup and other foodstuffs on a regular basis. He hoped it would be possible to organise a committee of bush dwellers with whom Afesis could liaise to determine the exact needs of the squatters. Training of voluntary workers for the project was also under consideration and Afesis were planning a training scheme with the aid of advisers from Cape Town who would be holding seminars and

workshops for volunteers. Mr Leeuw stressed that Afesis was an organisation which operated across the colour bar. "We are not here to deal with coloured bush-dwellers. We are here to deal with the bush-dweller, be he black, white, pink or green. And for that reason we cannot seek help from the authorities because in the main they are only interested with distinct racial groups. Therefore we must rely entirely on voluntary assistance."

Mr Leeuw said that Afesis would have one area as a starting point for their operations and that would be the bush behind John Bisseker High School. "There are many squatting settlements in East London. C. C. Lloyd township, Duncan Village, Eastern Beach, just to name but a few. We feel we cannot spread our resources thinly and go into all these areas, but in time, we hope to offer a service to all squatter areas."

Mr W. Kroutz, secretary of Afesis, expressed concern that the organisation's efforts would be fruitless if the authorities simply moved in

and cleared the area. "It would be a tragedy if we built up a strong aid group and began to project success in the project and the administration board cleared the area. "It is well-known that these people have nowhere to go, and so would simply spring up in another area. Therefore I sincerely hope that the authorities will recognise that we are determined to be an effective and constructive organisation and allow us to prove that we can achieve results," Mr Kroutz said. — DDR



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'Crossroads a symbol of provocation'

nothing could be done to hold back the incoming tide of homeless people.

Perhaps the most that may be claimed for the Crossroads delegation in its meetings with Dr Koornhof is that patience and hard work stopped the demolition that had been threatened for December 1978, and did in fact result in an increase in the housing stock for African families in the face of previous adamant refusal by the authorities to permit this.

The original agreement was that houses would be built at New Crossroads to accommodate the community, whose numbers were always vague, but were estimated at 26 000 people.

However, during 1980 this number increased to 40 000 as a result of additional people being issued with permits. Charges of corruption in this connection were brought against both Crossroads leaders and Administration Board officials.

Dr Koornhof announced in May 1980 that 1 731 houses built in New Crossroads formed the first phase of a projected plan for 2 575 houses. There were complaints that residents could not afford to pay rentals set.

Self-help

Dr Koornhof said Phase II would include a controlled self-help scheme to cater for those who could not afford conventional housing, but ultimately the remaining phases were cancelled, statedly due to lack of finance.

As the months have gone by pass raids and arrests have continued in an attempt to keep out "illegals" as part of

the state's policy of controlling the size of the urban black community and of exporting unemployment to the rural areas.

Repeated efforts have been made to control squatting by the demolition of shelters, use of tear smoke, rubber bullets, and police dogs, often in atrocious weather, and in the glare of newspaper publicity and frequently in sight of influential visitors.

Both Ciskei and Transkei stated emphatically that they could not absorb these homeless people.

Given the pressures of such circumstances, it was hardly surprising that the legitimacy of leadership was further undermined. There were complaints of extortion of money, acts of intimidation, and a degeneration at one stage into violence and bloodshed.

Relocate

Now the Government has formally announced the creation of "a new black city," Khayelitsha — "our new home" — about 35 km from the centre of Cape Town.

It is intended to relocate the present residents of Nyanga, Langa and Guguletu, as well as those of the black townships of Paarl and Stellenbosch.

The long established African population of Cape Town has been rudely told that their present homes will be taken over for "coloured" housing.

Crossroads residents have been threatened by Dr Morrison with dispersal in Khayelitsha, in order to destroy that spirit which enabled them to stand up and demand the imple-

mentation of Dr Koornhof's promises.

The Khayelitsha proposals as they now stand are a recipe for social and economic disaster, stated Professor D Dewar and Vanessa Watson. Their criticisms were published in The Argus on June 30, 1983. To summarise these briefly:

Low-income

- Construction and servicing costs of sites at Khayelitsha will be high because of the increased distance from Cape Town, resulting in unaffordable rentals.

- Khayelitsha has no chance of becoming a "real city." It will be populated by low-income people.

- Planned as a dormitory suburb, it will not provide a full range of jobs, and there will be large-scale daily commuting to Cape Town. The cost of such travel will escalate, as will food, education and health bills.

- Fathers will be absent from home for long hours, with adverse effects on family life, and inevitably delinquency and crime among neglected children.

- There will be few facilities in this isolated area, whether commercial, social or recreational.

- There will be no real security of tenure. It seems that little more than 30-year leasehold will be granted.

- The proposal to include "self-help building" is a cynical prostitution of the concept — the latter requires spontaneous commitment and community support for success.

- The only possible conclusion is that

Khayelitsha is a dumping operation involving the creating of an intra-urban "black homeland" to enable total social control over the black population of Cape Town.

Suspended

While officials claim that no-one will be forced to go to Khayelitsha, all development in existing townships has been suspended, and it is clear that peo-

ple desperate for shelter will be induced by carrot and stick methods to accept housing there.

In existing townships the level of insecurity will rise as people begin to realise that the intention is to uproot and relocate them. They will fear to lose the value of such improvements as they have managed to make to their homes.

Divco motion on squatters is defeated

Staff Reporter

A DIVISIONAL Councillor's attempt to find a solution to the Hout Bay squatter problem failed today when his motion to approach politicians on behalf of the Divisional Council was turned down.

Mr Len Pothier, who has campaigned for improved conditions for squatters in Divisional Council areas, particularly in Hout Bay, said he had been told the Hout Bay squatter problem would be discussed at Cabinet level if he could submit a properly formulated proposal.

Mandate

To do this he had to obtain a mandate from the council to represent it in discussions.

His motion was defeated by eight votes to five.

He wanted to suggest that a site and service camp for squatters be created in Hout Bay as an experiment. If it succeeded it could well solve the squatter problem in other areas.

He said a full census had been taken in Hout Bay which had shown that most of the squatters, apart from those who were social problems, were employed and accepted by the Hout Bay community.

"Living" crime

"I would ask you to put yourself in their shoes, where the fact that you have nowhere to live is your only crime and the only thing you can do is to squat on an open piece of ground and be subject to raids."

He noted that the raids, which were carried out by Divisional Council officials, only strengthened the squatters' family ties and determination.

He said he had obtained mandates from the ratepayers, landowners and the Hout Bay Harbour Action Committee to go ahead with his proposal.

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MR P W BOTHA, in his post-referendum victory address, invited his political opponents to join the team, go forward in faith and plan for the future on a basis of freedom and justice for all.

He rejected radicalism but was prepared to talk to and co-operate with all reasonable leaders in all population groups.

This benevolent invitation contrasts strangely with the blunt threat by Deputy Minister of Co-operation Dr G de V Morrison, reported on September 29 as follows: "Speaking on resolutions calling for stricter influx control in the Peninsula, he told the Cape National Party congress that the Government had no intention of making Crossroads a permanent township."

"Crossroads is a symbol of provocation and of blackmail of the Government, and we want to destroy that symbolism at all costs," he said. "We want to destroy that unlawful philosophy by dispersing them in Khayelitsha," Dr Morrison said.

If ever there were "reasonable leaders"

prepared to talk with Government to save their community from imminent destruction by front-end loaders, it was the delegation from the Crossroads committees which met Minister Koornhof in 1979.

These discussions enabled Dr Koornhof to announce on April 5 that year that a new township was to be built to house Crossroads residents. Policy would be relaxed on an *ad hoc* basis to permit certain categories to remain either temporarily or permanently in Cape Town.

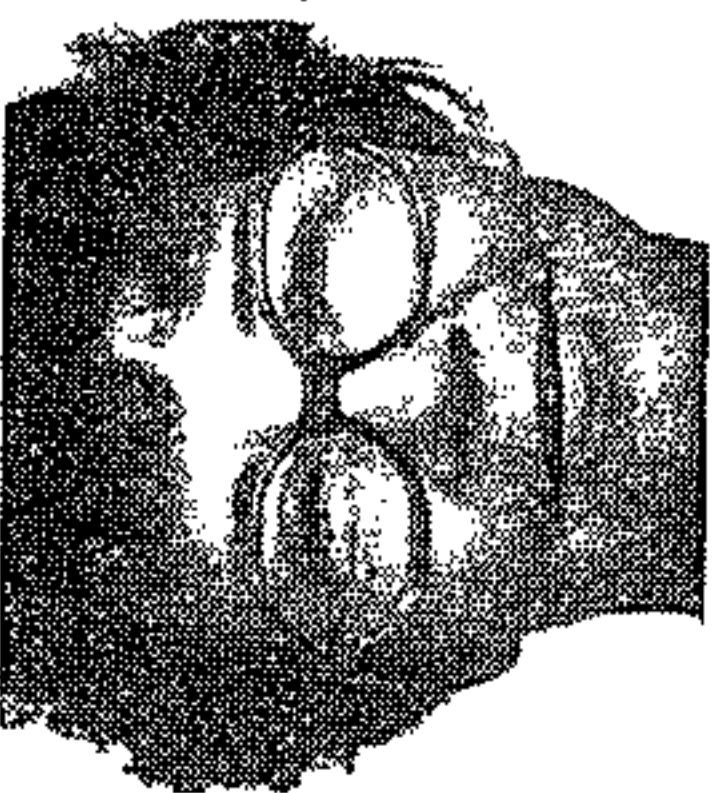
Broadly defined these were:

- Families where either father or mother qualified under Sections 10.1a or 10.1b of the Urban Areas Act;
- Contract workers and their families;
- Craftsmen, or those providing a service to the community;
- Compassion cases.

The main criterion would be that a person had a job and did not prey on the community. Serious criminals were excluded.

Survey

A survey to identify Crossroads residents would be undertaken. An Appeal Tribunal for claimants to such identity would be set up



In this report, DOT CLEMINSHAW of the Black Sash, Cape Western Regional Council, sums up the state of play in the Crossroads contest.



From Crossroads . . .

comprising a senior official of Dr Koornhof's department and one or two outside independent persons with legal qualifications and experience.

In this regard it was understood that the Urban Foundation would play a meaningful role.

This tribunal would provide a safety net for just about every member of the community to qualify for inclusion in the new Crossroads, and the legal protection

other than, as the Crossroads delegation put it, that the Minister's intentions were to be carried out "according to the letter and in the spirit in which those intentions were conveyed to us."

Resentment

The delegation did succeed in conveying to the Minister the depth of their fear and resentment of Administration Board officials, who ruled their daily lives, but they were somewhat reassured by the agreed participation of the Urban Foundation, both on the Appeal Tribunal and in the building of the new township.

The Crossroads issue moved to the back plate of the international publicity cooker.

There is insufficient space to chronicle the long list of problems which then arose to plague both the Crossroads community and the authorities.

There were serious deficiencies in the carrying out of the survey, divisions surfaced in the previously admitted tentatively, united community, and soon different leaders were claiming their own different lists of residents as authentic.

The Appeal Tribunal was not established in

the way originally conveyed to the delegation. A problem of arrears rentals arose, and squatters from elsewhere tried to establish themselves in Crossroads.

These were only some of the factors which began to undermine "the letter and spirit of Dr Koornhof's intentions."

Unreasonable

The essence of the agreement with Dr Koornhof was that he would provide housing for the inhabitants of Crossroads in the New Crossroads. At no stage did the Crossroads community agree on the role of a policeman to keep out others from the rural areas, and it was unreasonable of the authorities to expect this.

In fact the "agreement" had from the start little chance of success in face of overwhelming pressures of poverty, starvation and unemployment in the rural areas.

Let alone the failure in previous years by the authorities to provide family housing in Cape Town for the natural expansion of its black population.

Soon Dr Koornhof was seen to be an inveterate maker and breaker of promises, while



Mrs Rosie Smit, whose home was destroyed yesterday.



His possessions scattered over the ground behind him, Mr P. Harold finds time to brew some tea.

Squatter's tents: Representations to be made to Pretoria

Staff Reporter

THE chief commissioner of the Department of Co-operation in the Western Cape, Mr Timo Bezuidenhoud, is to make "representations to Pretoria" to allow the Red Cross to erect more tents for squatters.

But he has "very little" hope that he will be successful.

He told this to a delegation of squatters from the tent town near Crossroads who had gone to see him about their future in the Western Cape.

The Red Cross is presently involved in a wrangle with Mr Bezuidenhoud's department over its refusal to grant permission for the Red Cross to erect 33 more tents for squatters.

GATHERING DUST

The tents are now gathering dust at the Red Cross premises, and the organisation is angry because many squatters are without proper shelter.

The squatters want more tents to allow one family to stay in a tent. Many families have been sharing tents for more than a year.

The squatters claim that when they move out and erect plastic shelters they are harassed by the board and their shelters are demolished.

Father Des Curren, chairman of the Western Province Council of Churches, said that at yesterday's meeting, which he attended, Mr Bezuidenhoud reiterated his "instructions from Pretoria" that only 100 tents could be erected.

He promised squatters that he would make representations to Pretoria to have the restriction lifted to allow more to be erected, but said he held out very little hope that he would be successful.

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Crossroads will be 'cleared up'

By RIAAN DE VILLIERS

AFTER months of uncertainty, the fate of Crossroads seems finally to have been sealed with a firm declaration by Dr George Morrison, Deputy Minister of Co-operation and Development, that the squatter camp will be "cleared up as a matter of priority".

In an interview yesterday, Dr Morrison said legal residents of Crossroads would be the first to be moved to the new township of Khayelitsha, together with people on waiting lists for houses in other black townships.

He also disclosed that the government is investigating the possibility of granting 99-year leasehold to Khayelitsha residents, which has been ruled out until now in terms of the coloured preferential area policy.

In a recent speech at the congress of the Cape

National Party, Dr Morrison said Crossroads had become a "symbol of defiance" that had to be destroyed "at all costs".

Yesterday he said no target date had been set for the final clearance of Crossroads and the "full strategy" for doing so had not yet been worked out.

"But Crossroads will be cleared up and there must be no doubt about that whatsoever."

Initially, people who volunteered to move would be resettled first and a campaign would be launched to persuade others to move voluntarily as well.

"However, in the end we will sit with a number of obstinate people who will refuse to move. No decision has been taken about what we will do then. It is a sensitive situation and much will depend on the political climate."

"But the impression must not be created that

Crossroads will be left to continue to exist."

In line with his speech at the NP congress, Dr Morrison reiterated that Crossroads residents would not be resettled together but would be dispersed among people from other areas, as a "spirit of resistance" had developed among them which could no longer be tolerated.

"The emphasis will be on true community development and we don't want any cliques forming there," he said.

● Dr Morrison also reiterated a policy statement by Dr Koornhof, Minister of Co-operation and Development, that residents of all established black townships in the Cape, including Langa, Nyanga and Guguletu, would eventually be resettled in Khayelitsha.

But he emphasized that resettlement of blacks would be a "long-term, evolutionary process" which could take decades to complete and would "hopefully take place on a voluntary basis".

"We simply don't have the money to resettle, say, all 80 000 people in Guguletu within three years — it's physically impossible," he added.

● Dr Morrison said it was hoped the development of Khayelitsha would gain a "momentum of its own" through self-help schemes.

Asked whether development of the established black townships had been frozen, Dr Morrison said it was stated policy that no further "filling-in" would be allowed and no further housing would therefore be built.

However, the erection of other facilities may be allowed as they may be suitable for later use by "other population groups", and an application from the Small Business Corporation to build a shopping centre in Guguletu was being evaluated in this light.

Influx controls 'failing' in Cape

Staff Reporter

PRESENT measures to combat the influx of "illegal" blacks into the Western Cape were failing, Dr George Morrison, Deputy Minister of Co-operation and Development, admitted yesterday.

He estimated the number of blacks illegally in the area at 94 000 — the highest known figure yet to be given by a government spokesman.

Dr Morrison disclosed that a new influx control strategy had been formulated to try to stem the tide of blacks streaming to the area from the rural areas.

He said it was already being implemented but declined to give details, saying it would "become apparent as it unfolded".

He added, however, that the new strategy contained "positive elements and not only negative elements", and referred to a recent controversial scheme in terms of which the government offered to create 4 000 jobs in Transkei on condition that 1 000 should go to "illegal" Transkeians in the Peninsula.

Dr Morrison said no-one took the jobs offered, which showed that blacks had been "instigated to come to the Cape" and had come for "political purposes and not to find work".

He added that the government was continually monitoring influx control measures to see whether they were effective, and future strategies would be closely tied to new influx control legislation now under consideration by a Select Committee and due next year.

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EAST LONDON — Mystery still surrounds the identity of the raiders who destroyed shelters at the Buffalo Flats-Parkside squatter settlement earlier this week.

Both the municipality and the South African Police have denied responsibility and Mr Louis Koch, the chief director of the East Cape Administration Board (Ecab), has not been available for comment.

There is some debate as to the jurisdiction of authorities to move squatters and destroy shacks.

Mrs Valerie Viljoen, chairman of the Black Sash in East London, said that coloured squatters were the responsibility of the municipal authorities and Ecab was concerned with the destiny of black squatters. One of the major problems in dealing with the Parkside squat-

Squatters: officials to help volunteers

ters has been the multi-racial nature of the settlement.

However, municipal officials have said they are willing to co-operate with Afesis, the voluntary organisation working with the squatters.

Mr Eddie Leeuw, chairman of Afesis, said he had had constructive talks with Mr K. Martinsen, director of housing and the mayor, Mr Errol Spring this week.

"Mr Martinsen and Mr Spring were both very sympathetic. They have asked me to put up a report containing facts and figures so that the

squatter problem can really be tackled," Mr Leeuw said.

Mr Martinsen confirmed that the squatter question would be on the agenda at the next meeting of the action committee and a think tank would be formed to find a solution to the problem.

"We have 2 200 coloured families on our housing waiting list and the new housing at Buffalo Flats extension won't even cater for all of them.

"In any case, to be realistic these squatters must be handled separately. Many of them are without jobs and have dropped out of society and their situations are a little different from those waiting to be rehoused."

Mr Martinsen said

that Mr Leeuw was anxious to find a base from which a rehabilitation programme for the squatters could be put into operation and that the municipality would be happy to help in this wherever they could.

He said it appeared that, for the time being, squatters would be permitted to squat in a controlled environment. This project would require consultation and advice from the engineers and town planners and it was hoped that something constructive could be organised.

Mr Leeuw also had discussions with the manager of the administration board in East London, Mr J. Sutton.

"We explained the aims of Afesis and said we would be most grateful for the co-operation

of the board in our work. Mr Sutton said he would be happy to help us where he could.

"He told us of an aid centre the board is running in Duncan Village and said that we can send black squatters to the centre where they will receive help." Mr Leeuw said that Mr Sutton had promised that the squatters would not be harassed and that board officials would not be going into the bush.

"In fact he told me that if I hear anything about raiders in the bush I am to telephone him immediately," Mr Leeuw said.

Afesis has also found premises from which to offer its projected medical service.

On Thursday Afesis made their first major expedition into the bush with soup and foodstuffs. Mr Leeuw said they fed about 100 people, most of them women and children. — DDR

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3 women with babies jailed

Staff Reporter
THREE black women carrying babies on their backs were jailed for five months after being convicted in the Wynberg Magistrates' Court yesterday of illegal squatting.

They were among a group of eight women with small children who appeared in court yesterday, the first of 56 illegal squatting cases to

be heard over the next two weeks after a spate of raids at Crossroads two weeks ago.

The three women sent to prison, Monica Mazala, 29, Noyekanye Benn, 36, and Alice Manyebese, 32, had been convicted previously for illegal squatting. All pleaded guilty.

Pronouncing sentence, the magistrate, Mr P Koekemoer, said

he had taken their personal circumstances into consideration.

Because their previous suspended sentences would probably come into effect as well, he would not enforce a clause in the Illegal Squatting Act in terms of which they could be sentenced to "phenomenal fines or very long prison sentences" on a cumulative daily basis since their previous offences.

Mr Koekemoer said the Illegal Squatting Act was also aimed at "protecting the interests of the accused and their children, by preventing them from living under unhealthy conditions".

The five other women, all first offenders, also pleaded guilty and were fined R90 (or 90 days), suspended for three years. They are Lindelne Goba, 21, Nozale Kolisi, 28, Nothembele Tubeni, 35, Frances Mgobeni, 34, and Primrose Dosdi, 25. All had been kept in custody in Pollsmoor before appearing.

● Giving evidence in mitigation, Benn told the court she was divorced and had five dependent children. She had come to Cape Town to provide for them, as people were "starving" in the Transkei.

Kolisi told the court she had come to Cape Town to care for her husband who was receiving treatment at Groote Schuur hospital for epilepsy. He had been arrested with her and was still in Pollsmoor.

Tubeni said she was divorced and had six dependent children. She came to Cape Town as her former husband had not sent money home and her children were "suffering from hunger".

Mr A Segers of Omar, Vasson, Sonn and Abercrombie appeared for the accused. Mr S Kunz appeared for the State.

Squatter vow not to be moved

Staff Reporter
THE residents of Old Crossroads have reiterated their determination to resist all attempts to move them to Khayelitsha.

"They can bring in the army and shoot us and then take our dead bodies to Khayelitsha and bury them there," the squatters said in a statement issued after a meeting at Old Crossroads at the weekend.

The statement was drawn up by the Old Crossroads Committee.

The meeting was called in response to the confirmation last week by the deputy Minister of Co-operation and Development, Dr George de V Morrison, of the government's intention to move Crossroads people to Khayelitsha as a matter of priority.

The community was "very, very disappointed" that the government had taken the decision without consulting the committee which represented them, the squatters' statement said.

The committee again appealed to the authorities to discuss the matter with them in the light of the unfulfilled promises on development at Crossroads made by the Minister of Co-operation and Development, Dr Piet Koornhof, in 1979.

The statement rejected Dr Morrison's statement that people were coming to the Peninsula from Transkei for political reasons.

"They come to seek bread for life," it said. "We are here for the purpose of seeking work to be able to live. We are not prepared to be moved to Khayelitsha. We repeat that we are not moving from here alive."

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Mothers jailed for squatting

Court Reporter

TWO women with babies on their backs have been sentenced to five months' jail after being convicted in Wynberg Magistrate's Court of illegal squatting.

They were among a group of eight women who appeared yesterday on squatting charges. All carried babies.

The women were the second group of squatters to appear in court after a spate of raids in the Peninsula two weeks ago. Over the next two weeks 54 more squatting cases will be heard.

Convicted

The women sent to prison — Monica Chuba, 23, whose baby is two weeks old, and Margaret Mnyantsi, 38 — had previously been convicted for squatting.

All the women, who had been living on Cape Portland Cement property in Philippi, pleaded guilty.

The magistrate, Mr P Koekemoer, said he had taken their personal circumstances into consideration.

He added that he could enforce a clause in the Illegal Squatting Act in terms of which the women could be fined R10 a day or seven days imprisonment on a cumulative daily basis since their previous offences.

This would mean Chuba and Mnyantsi could be fined R720.

Mr Koekemoer said it was obvious Chuba and Mnyantsi had not attempted to observe their previous sentence and there was no guarantee they would go back to Transkei.

The other six women, all first offenders, were fined R90 (or 90 days), suspended for three years.

They are Thozama Ncitha, 32; Florence Gwadiso, 38; Notshetshi Mago-mara, 27; Nobuyisile Mapanjara, 40; Virginia Matinise, 38, and Maria Qwiliso, 27.

They were held in custody in Pollsmoor for two weeks before appearing.

Mitigation

In mitigation Mr D Burton, for the accused, submitted that squatting was more of a socio-economic problem than a criminal offence.

The court had to implement the law but could exercise discretion.

A more enlightened, just and fair sentence for Chuba and Mnyantsi would be for them to be sent back to Transkei by the Western Cape administration Board (WCAB).

Mr Burton asked for suspended sentences for the others.

A WCAB inspector, Mr Jacobus Nel Visagie, said the squatter problem in the Western Cape was so big that a special unit had been created to deal with it.

"The big thing with these people is that they do not want to leave," he said.

Mnyantsi said she wanted to go back to Transkei as she was "tired of the struggle here".

"In Transkei I also struggle, but I do not get arrested," she said.

Gwadiso said she was not prepared to go back to Transkei as she would not know where to go. She had been in Cape Town since 1968.

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2 mothers jailed for squatting

Staff Reporter

A YOUNG woman with a two-week-old baby and a mother of five with a month-old baby were jailed for five months yesterday after being convicted in the Wynberg Magistrate's Court of illegal squatting.

Monica Chuba, 23, and Margaret Mnyantsi, 30, were among eight women with babies who appeared on the second day of a two-week session of illegal squatting cases, in the wake of a spate of recent raids in the Crossroads area.

Both had previous convictions for the same offence. The others, all first offenders, were fined R90 (or 90 days). All the women, who had been held in Pollsmoor since their arrest, pleaded guilty.

In mitigation, Chuba said she had come to Cape Town to be with her husband, who was a contract worker. They could not stay in a township as they had no residence rights.

Mnyantsi also said she had come to the Peninsula to join her husband, who was a contract worker. They had been squatting at the site because they had no other place to stay.

In mitigation, Mr David Burton, who appeared pro Deo for the women, said their appearance in court was

the result of a socio-economic problem rather than criminal offences per se. He described their situation as a "social tragedy" which he submitted the court was not competent to deal with.

"Their crime amounts to a desire to live a normal family life and to escape the impoverishment of the Transkei," he said.

Pronouncing sentence, the magistrate, Mr B Koekemoer, said the offence, situation of the offender and the interests of the community had to be weighed up against one another in a balanced manner.

'Unjust'

He would take into account the fact the women were first offenders and had joined their husbands. On the other hand, they had been living in "terrible socio-economic circumstances" which were to the detriment of them and their children.

That two of the women had ignored their previous convictions amounted to contempt of court, which could lead to "chaos".

However, he believed it would be unjust to apply the cumulative sentence clause in the Illegal Squatting Act.

Mr S Kunz appeared for the State.

Promises 'forgotten'

— Crossroads people

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Staff Reporter

CROSSROADS residents, who say the Government has "forgotten" promises made to them four years ago, want to discuss their future with Mr Timo Bezuidenhoud, Chief Commissioner of the Department of Co-operation and Development.

Mr Albert Napakade, secretary of Mr Johnson Ngxobongwana's Crossroads Committee, says residents are still determined not to move to the new township of Khayelitsha.

At a meeting held at Noxolo School, Cross-

roads at the weekend it was decided to "resist" moving to Khayelitsha.

Crossroads residents were angry because promises made to them in 1979 by the Minister of Co-operation and Development, Dr Piet Koornhof, had apparently been forgotten by the Government.

"Dr Koornhof promised us then that there would be three phases of building houses for Crossroads people. The first, near Guguletu, has been completed. The second was to be where the KTC camp is, and the third phase would be

where Old Crossroads is now.

"Now all of a sudden these promises are forgotten. We read in the newspapers that we are to be moved to Khayelitsha. Dr Koornhof gave us no notice and did not come to discuss these new plans with us," Mr Napakade said.

Other objections to moving to Khayelitsha were that it was situated too close to a shooting range and that it was far for most people to travel to work.

● Mr Bezuidenhoud said the people of Cross-

roads had not made an appeal to him. "I have offered to talk to them," he said.

He said that provided the Government established an infrastructure in the new township "thousands of inhabitants of Crossroads will move to Khayelitsha to get away from the squalid conditions".

"If a survey were to be conducted among the mothers in Crossroads — especially in winter when many houses are literally under water — I have no hesitation in saying they will move," Mr Bezuidenhoud said.

Call for doctors to help ease plight of squatters

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By Pamela Kleinot,
Medical Reporter

The director-general of Health, Dr F P Retief, has called for suggestions from University of Cape Town doctors to ease the plight of people living in Old Crossroads and other squatter communities.

"My department and I personally would welcome them for further consideration," he said in a letter to the South African Medical Journal.

Dr Retief's comments follow a call to the medical profession to take a stand against the destruction of shelters at Crossroads squatter camp.

The call was made by the executive committee of the faculty of medicine at UCT and the head of

the university's department of medicine, Professor R E Kirsh, who said health was dependent on housing, nutrition, education and employment.

In a letter to the SAMJ in October, Professor Kirsh said he found it "strange" that the medical profession, which had witnessed the constant destruction of shelters at Crossroads, had remained so silent.

"We cannot plead ignorance since the Press has carried vivid descriptions as well as photographs of infants and children exposed to the Cape winter.

"Surely it is time that we as a profession expressed our abhorrence for these inhuman practices for which we must assume responsibility

since they affect the health of the citizens of this country."

In a second letter, the faculty's dean and executive committee argued that the demolitions were contrary to the philosophy of the Health Act.

In the latest SAMJ, Dr Retief said it was gratifying to note that the dean and committee had invoked the Health Act in expressing their concern about conditions at Crossroads.

"The Department of Health and Welfare was instrumental in formulating this Act," he said.

Dr Retief said squatters were a fact of life in most countries and South Africa was no exception.

Dr Retief said the funding of health care in the future had to shift from the provision of expensive and sophisticated curative services to the provision of housing and primary health care services.

These include safe water, sewerage and refuse disposal as outlined in the health care facilities plan formulated by the Department of Health.

More tents for squatters at Nyanga

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THE Red Cross today finally obtained permission to send more tents to Nyanga squatters after being held up for months by administrative red tape.

The 33 tents had been collected for distribution to squatters who had no shelter.

But while the organisation had previously supplied 97 tents to the Western Cape Administration Board for distribution, a controversy

arose over the additional tents.

Miss Bertha Pienaar, regional director of the Red Cross, said the tents would be delivered immediately to the board at Nyanga, which would in turn distribute them to squatters on a fair basis in terms of a priority list.

She said she received confirmation from a senior board official today that the tents could be delivered.

The about-turn by the authorities follows representations to Pretoria by

the chief commissioner of the Department of Co-operation and Development in the Western Cape, Mr Timo Bezuidenhoud.

The 33 tents have been the subject of a long wrangle with the authorities. At one stage they were put in storage at the board's premises in Khayelitsha.

GATHERING DUST

When the Red Cross realised this, it took the tents back and they have been gathering dust at the organisation's head-

quarters in Wynberg.

The controversy led to an exchange of letters in the Press between Sir Richard Luyt, then acting chairman of the Cape region of the Red Cross, and Mr J F L Gunter, chairman of the administration board.

A board spokesman said the priority lists submitted by the squatter committee were being examined to check whether recipients were in the area legally. A start would soon be made on erecting the tents.

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Woman squatter is jailed for five months

Court Reporter 307 was previously convicted of a similar offence.
A BLACK woman has been jailed for five months in the third trial involving illegal squatting to be heard in Wynberg Magistrate's Court this week.

No-Inda Puwana, 38, are Mavis Ndube, 24, Pa-

Three women who appeared with her were each fined R90 (or 90 days).

All first offenders, they

tricia Papigana, 33, and Tryphina Sutomela, 29.

All were arrested on November 17 by Western Cape Administration Board inspector Mr Andre Farrell on ground belonging to Anglo Alpha Concrete, outside

Nyanga.

More cases of alleged illegal squatting will be heard during the next fortnight — a sequel to raids on squatters two weeks ago.

Mr P. B. Koekemoer was on the Bench. Mr S. Kunz appeared for the State.

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WCAB levels 45 squatter shelters

Staff Reporter

WESTERN CAPE
Administration Board inspectors tore down 45 shelters on the perimeter of Crossroads yesterday morning.

Among those who had erected the shelters were women believed to have appeared in the Wynberg Magistrate's Court on charges of illegal squatting this week. No-one was arrested during the raid.

Two groups of former KTC and Hout Bay

squatters have been living in the area.

After their shelters were repeatedly torn down, the area was finally "cleared" in several large raids a few weeks ago during which people were arrested for illegal squatting, their shelters demolished and their possessions confiscated.

The raids have resulted in a series of trials in the Wynberg Magistrate's Court this week. Mr G Lawrence, the

WCAB's director of Labour and Housing, yesterday confirmed that 45 "unauthorized structures" had been demolished.

He said he understood that some of the people involved in erecting the shelters had appeared in court this week. A number of them had reclaimed their possessions from the board.

'No arrests'

He added that no one had been arrested in the operation.

The Red Cross issued 85 food parcels to squatters in the area yesterday morning.

● A further five women were sentenced for illegal squatting and pass law offences in the Wynberg Magistrate's Court yesterday, bringing the total for the week to 29.

N Lutshiti, 42, E Tofile, 34, and E Ngcukayephi, 29, were sentenced to a fine of R90 (or 90 days), suspended for three years.

Jailed

M Maqaga, 37, and E Ntumbuka, 28, who had previous convictions, were jailed for five months for illegal squatting and fined R50 (or 50 days) for being in a prescribed area for longer than 72 hours without a permit.

All pleaded guilty.

The trials were to have continued in the Wynberg Magistrate's Court next week, but court officials said yesterday the remainder of the 56 cases had been switched to the Langa Commissioners' Court.

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Tent issue prevented by hitch

Staff Reporter

AFTER A delay of several months, the Western Cape Administration Board has finally received permission to issue 33 more tents supplied by the Red Cross to "Cathedral" squatters living on the perimeter of Crossroads.

However, the tents were not issued as planned yesterday because names supplied by the squatter group for receipt of the tents did not meet criteria laid down by the board for issuing them.

Miss Bertha Pienaar, regional director of the Red Cross, said yesterday afternoon that the society was "very concerned" about the last-minute hitch.

She said she would continue to make inquiries next week about erection of the tents.

"However, I understand from the board that the delay does not mean the tents will not be issued, and I have been given an assurance that they will be used," she said.

Another list

Squatters had been asked to submit another list, she added.

The issuing of additional tents to "Cathedral" squatters — who have been waiting for their position to be clarified since September last year — has led

to a growing row in recent weeks.

The Red Cross expressed anger that the tents were gathering dust because of "bureaucratic delays" in allocating them.

The Black Sash also intervened after being approached by "Cathedral" squatters who have been living in overcrowded conditions.

Yesterday Mr G Lawrence, the WCAB's director of Housing and Labour, announced that permission to put up more tents had finally been received from the Chief Commissioner for Co-operation and Development, Mr Timo Bezuidenhout.

The tents were delivered to the board's offices in Nyanga yesterday morning.

Already received

However, 15 of the people whose names were supplied by the squatter group had already received tents, and the names of the other 18 did not appear on the recognized list of "Cathedral" people, Mr Lawrence said.

As a result, no tents could be issued. "We remain willing to issue the tents, but only to recognized, bona fide squatters whose names appear on the official list."

He added that the board was waiting for a further response from the squatter group.

Ill mother and baby left in open

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LINDA VERGNANI
Weekend Argus Reporter

A TWO-week-old baby and her mother, who is recovering from a caesarian section, were left lying in the open after Administration Board officials destroyed 45 squatter shelters near Crossroads.

The woman, Mrs Elizabeth Nocephe, gave birth to twins at Groote Schuur Hospital two weeks ago. Mrs Nocephe, who said she was "still feeling very sore from the operation", lay on a blanket in the blazing sun after the raid.

While the last of the plastic shelters smouldered in a bonfire made by Administration Board officials, one of Mrs Nocephe's babies lay sheltered under a bed. She said the other twin was still at Groote Schuur Hospital.

Confiscated belongings

The squatters whose shelters were destroyed were among those who were arrested in a raid on the camp on November 21. They returned to the site after some appeared under charges of illegal squatting this week.

Mrs Ivy Ngqeyi said: "We have nowhere else to go. We came here from Killarney and Hout Bay and now nobody wants us. We need a place to stay. We need a pass."

Mrs Ngqeyi was one of a number of people at the site who claimed the Administration Board had not yet returned possessions confiscated in the raid in November.

She said her bed, mattress and two blankets had been taken. She said she went to the Langa offices to complain but "the inspectors don't talk nice to us. They chase us like dogs".

Baby clothes

Mrs Miriam Rulumente said her stepdaughter Eunice, who is expecting a baby this month, had about R40 worth of baby clothes, nappies and blankets taken by officials.

"When we went to Langa they told us they don't know about the baby things."

Other women claimed that possessions ranging from Primus stoves and pots, to shoes and a baby's walking-ring had not been returned.

Mr J F L Gunter, director of the Western Cape Administration Board, confirmed that 45 "unauthorised structures" had been destroyed during an "inspection".

Only building materials were confiscated and personal possessions taken by officials during the "inspection" could be claimed at the board's offices in Langa.

GOING... GOING... GONE?

THE EIGHT-YEAR fight for survival by the Crossroads squatter camp near Cape Town is over.

At least that is what the Government thinks.

For the second time in its history, the Government has decided that Crossroads must go.

"Crossroads is a symbol of provocation and defiance of the Government, and we want to destroy that symbolism at all cost," Deputy Co-operation Minister George Morrison told the Cape Congress of the National Party earlier this year.

Dr Morrison has reiterated that stand in an interview with a Cape Town newspaper: "Crossroads will be cleared up and there must be no doubt about that what-

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**'We'll destroy
Crossroads
—but residents
fight on...'**

soever."

The residents of Crossroads, whose resistance has made headlines throughout the world, are determined to stay. They have said the only way the Government will

move them, is to kill them.

Five years ago, the then Minister of Plural Relations, Dr Connie Mulder, told the 1978 Cape Congress of the Nationalist Party that

Crossroads would not be tolerated.

But the resistance by the Crossroads inhabitants, backed by various outside groups including the Urban Foundation, and the desire of Dr Mulder's successor, Dr Piet Koorhof, to promote "co-operation", resulted in an historic compromise early in 1979.

As the Urban Foundation said in a statement in October after Dr Morrison's first announcement that Crossroads would go, the Minister's statement in 1979 was regarded as a reprieve. At that time plans for the model township of the new Crossroads were announced and the first houses there were constructed.

Today, Dr Koorhof

is strangely silent about Crossroads.

But Dr Morrison is adamant: The legal residents in Crossroads must move to the new Township of Khayelitsha.

And the Government is "encouraging" the move to Khayelitsha with various administrative moves.

No new schools or even extensions to schools will be built in the black areas of Cape Town, except in Khayelitsha.

The Cape Regional Director of Education and Training, Mr Gunther Merbold, says he has received "clear policy directive" to this effect.

Official approval for a R2-million shipping complex at Gugulethu by the

Small Business Development Corporation has been withheld and there are fears that it will not get off the ground.

The Chief Commissioner for the Western Cape, Mr Timo Bezuidenhout, says "no instructions in writing (have been given but) in practice, a freeze is taking place", except at Khayelitsha.

In line with these decisions, Dr Morrison said the policy was for the eventual resettlement of all black people in Langa, Gugulethu, Nyanga and Crossroads at Khayelitsha.

The first people to go there, according to Government plans, are the "legal" residents of Crossroads.

But the people want

none of it. They say Khayelitsha is remote and they do not want to be "dumped" there.

A meeting of several thousand Crossroads residents, held after Dr Morrison's first statement on the area's future, was blunt: "We say that Dr Morrison can come and kill us and take our dead bodies to Khayelitsha — because that's the only way we'll go there."

"Dr Morrison will first have to destroy the people before he can destroy Crossroads."

As in 1978, the Government is determined.

But the people are equally determined. The battle for Crossroads is not yet over. It seems that 1984 could see the decisive skirmish.

No more 'co-operation' on Crossroads

By BARRY STREEK

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NEARLY five years ago, the new Minister of Plural Relations, Dr Piet Koornhof, announced a much-publicized "deal" over the future of the Crossroads squatter camp near Cape Town.

A township, to be called New Crossroads, was to be built to house the 20 000 shanty dwellers and the Urban Areas Act was to be relaxed so they could stay.

Despite some reservations about the details of the deal, his announcement in April 1979, received considerable praise — and helped to create a new image for his department which was shortly afterwards renamed the Department of Co-operation and Development to back up this impression.

When Dr Koornhof had taken over the department from Dr Connie Mulder, now prominent in the Conservative Party, government policy on Crossroads was clear: The squatter camp had to go.

In Parliament later in 1979, Dr Koornhof boasted that the negotiations over Crossroads had shown what co-operation could achieve.

"We can only stop conflict by means of co-operation. Crossroads has given evidence that it can work."

He must be eating those words now.

Dr Willie Vosloo, then Deputy Minister of Plural Relations, had said in a debate in Parliament about Crossroads in May 1978 that: "One thing will happen, however, and this must be clearly understood. These people will have to leave."

"It will serve no purpose for any church organization or anyone else to agitate against the removal of these people."

"They must leave before the end of the year."

Dr Mulder backed up

his deputy minister in the same parliamentary debate, also emphasizing that the removals from Crossroads would be handled "humanely".

Four months later, Dr Mulder was telling the Cape congress of the National Party that Crossroads would not be tolerated, regardless of the campaigns being organized locally and abroad to save the squatter camp.

While the political leaders were making these announcements, government officials were giving effect to the policies.

On September 15, 1978, Crossroads got a martyr: Sindile Ndlela, a resident of the camp, was killed when 600 policemen raided at 2 am in the morning, detaining 500 people.

Shortly afterwards, Dr Vosloo reiterated the government's determination to destroy Crossroads by the end of that year.

"Time will determine what method we will use. There are many methods, but everyone is trying to put the words bulldozers and front-end loaders into my mouth," he said.

But events overtook him. Dr Mulder was ousted during the Information Department scandal, and Dr Koornhof was appointed to succeed him — and immediately a different approach became evident.

After telling the New York Times there would be "no more bloody bulldozers", a series of meetings took place in Cape Town, resulting in the April 1979 deal.

Basically, Dr Koornhof's deal involved the construction of the new township into which all

Crossroads people, except those who were criminals and those who could show no visible means of support, could move.

Before his announcement, Dr Koornhof himself had unexpectedly visited the squatter camp one evening.

In their book on Crossroads, Keith Kiewiet and Kim Weichel, described the scene: "The response of the people there must have swayed him. They greeted him like a returning hero."

Later, Dr Koornhof told Parliament that the Crossroads negotiations had showed what he had always believed: "Through negotiations, co-operation is possible to solve our problems."

"That is why I am so proud that the department's name has been changed and will in future be known as the Department of Co-operation."

"Wonders can be achieved through negotiation and there is no reason why we in this country cannot work together."

In the same debate he again referred to Crossroads, saying that it "shows that problems in this country can be solved provided that one does not try to make petty political capital out of the damn thing when human lives are at stake."

His 1979 announcement on Crossroads received praise from people like Bishop Desmond Tutu, the general secretary of the South African Council of Churches, who described the plan as "a wonderful step in the right direction" and the Progressive Federal Party's Mrs Helen Suz-

man, who called it "eminently sensible", and Dr Alex Boraine, who "warmly welcomed" this "historic and dramatic step".

Today, however, government policy on Crossroads has shifted back to the Mulder era. Talk about "dialogue" and "co-operation" has gone.

"Crossroads is a symbol of provocation and defiance of the government, and we want to destroy that symbolism at all costs," Dr George Morrison, Deputy Minister of Co-operation, said at this year's Cape congress of the National Party.

Echoing Dr Vosloo in 1978, he has subsequently said in an interview: "Crossroads will be cleared up and there must be no doubt about that whatsoever."

Whatever one may feel about Dr Morrison's policies, you always know where you stand with him. He does not mince words and he means what he says.

And he is adamant: the legal residents of Crossroads must move to the new township of Khayelitsha.

The central figure in the 1979 deal, Dr Koornhof, is, however, silent on the matter.

The Urban Foundation, which was involved in the behind-the-scenes negotiations then, recalled Dr Koornhof's plan in a statement in October and said it would be raising the matter with the government because, it said, the 1979 arrangement had been regarded as a reprieve.

The Crossroads people have said they don't want to move to Khayelitsha. They say it is remote and they don't want to be "dumped" there.

Next year, it seems the crunch will come for the eight-year-old squatter camp.

Woman jailed, children left 'alone in bush'

Staff Reporter

THREE women — one eight months pregnant — yesterday received the first jail sentences meted out in the Commissioner's Court in Langa for illegal squatting.

The pregnant woman, 23-year-old Priscilla Ndamande, who also has three young children, was jailed for five months without the option of a fine after pleading guilty to charges of illegal squatting and contravening the pass laws.

In mitigation, Ndamande's pro Deo lawyer, Mr Stephen Dewar, said she was unmarried and without the support of the father of her children. She had come to Cape Town because there was "nothing for her in the Transkei".

Under cross-examination by the Commissioner, Mr W Fourie, she said her three children, aged 7, 4 and 2, were "alone in the bush".

'Died'

Bukelwa Jiya, 25, was also jailed for five months for similar offences. In mitigation, it was pointed out that she had two young children and had come to Cape Town because all her family in Transkei had died.

A mother of three, Nondumiso Mgatyelwa, 21, who is legally in Cape Town, was jailed for three months for illegal squatting. The court was told that her husband was in Polls-

moor awaiting trial.

All three had previous convictions for illegal squatting.

The sentences follow similar prison terms handed down in the Wynberg Magistrates' Court last week. Mr Fourie said he had been guided by the Wynberg sentences.

Widow

A 55-year-old widow, Nosagini Nomfulana, was fined R90 (or 90 days) for illegal squatting, suspended for three years on condition that she left the prescribed area "forthwith".

Mr Fourie told the three mothers he jailed there were social workers who could try to contact their children.

Mr Dewar said the situation of the four women could be "likened to the aborted foetus of inhumane laws operating in South Africa".

He added that the court hearing was a "travesty of human values in the civilized Western world".

'Unhappy'

Mr Fourie said later he was "unhappy" with these remarks as squatting was a world-wide problem.

Three men and a 15-year-old boy received fines varying from R30 (or 30 days) to R90 (or 90 days) for illegal squatting, suspended for three years on condition they leave the area within three days.

Mr L Looock appeared for the State.

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Red Cross tents for squatters

Staff Reporter

AFTER months of dispute, 25 Red Cross tents are being erected at Nyanga today.

The tents were delivered by the Red Cross to the Nyanga offices of the Western Cape Administration Board on Friday.

But a delay in issuing the tents arose when officials found a priority list submitted by the cathedral squatters' committee did not accord with the board's own list of squatters legally in the area.

A senior board official

said today that 25 of the 33 tents supplied by the Red Cross would be handed out today for squatters to erect. The other eight tents would be handed out later when more legal squatters had been identified.

Another five tents were erected earlier at the Nyanga "tent town" by Shawco, the University of Cape Town students' welfare organisation.

Initially Shawco was instructed by the board to remove the five tents. But a board spokesman said today there had been

a misunderstanding as Shawco had erected the tents without permission. The tents could now stay.

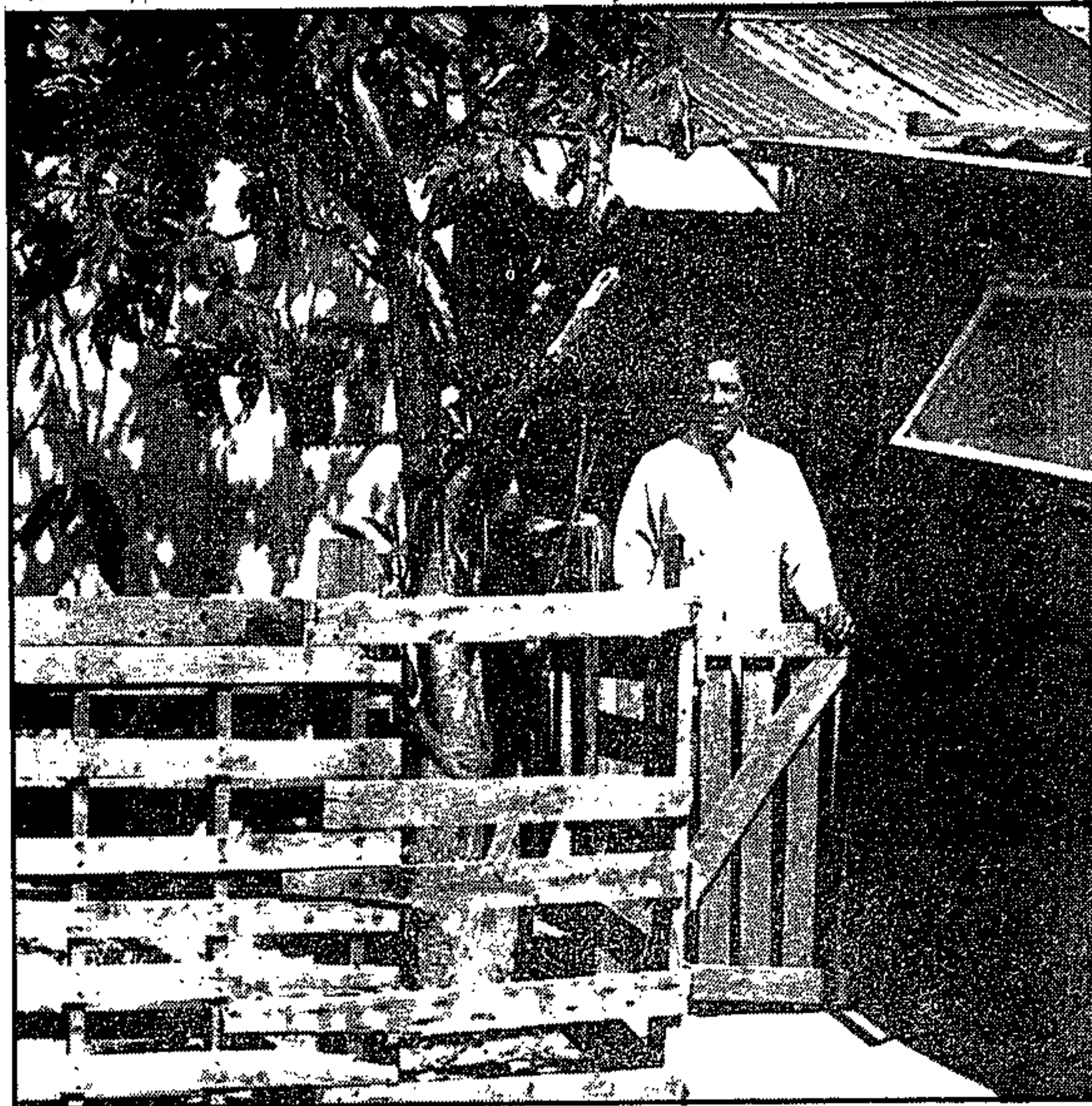
A Red Cross spokesman today welcomed news of the issuing of the tents.

The Red Cross would also investigate the whereabouts of three children aged seven, four and two whose pregnant mother, Priscilla Ndamande, was yesterday jailed for five months for illegal squatting.

According to the mother, the children are "alone in the bush".

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Suspended



● MR Anthony Ford believes that the Richmond Park people have no right to the land on which they live because it belonged to the Divisional Council. They should have prepared themselves for the removal, he says. Mr Ford has bought a plot of land in Ravensmead. He was born in Richmond Park 54 years ago and has been a lay preacher there for 27 years.

By Peter Delmar

THE people of Richmond Park near Milnerton — 83 families in all — have been granted a temporary reprieve from being uprooted from homes their families have lived in for almost 90 years.

They are being allowed to stay in the area temporarily because of a housing shortage in Atlantis.

The land on which the families have lived since the turn of the century, is owned by the Divisional Council, which intends building a cemetery there.

The Council, however, has not yet given notice to the families, according to Mr W Vivier, secretary of the Divisional Council of the Cape.

A tortuous dirt road connects Richmond Park to the outside world. The corrugated iron homes are spread out among Port Jackson willows and many families have built enclosures for their livestock. Inside, the iron shacks are, surprisingly, well furnished and homely.

DELAYED

The resettlement of the families has been delayed because new industrial activity has led to an increased demand for housing. Those working in Atlantis have first preference and the Richmond Park people cannot be accommodated.

The majority of the families work in the Milnerton area. They chose to move to Atlantis because of its proximity to their places of work.

They claim, however, that they will be unable to afford the high rents in Atlantis and the R8 a week transport costs. According to Mr. N. Eales, public liaison officer for the Department of Internal Affairs (Coloured Education), it was decided earlier this year to resettle the families elsewhere, but this has been delayed because of the housing shortage in Atlantis.

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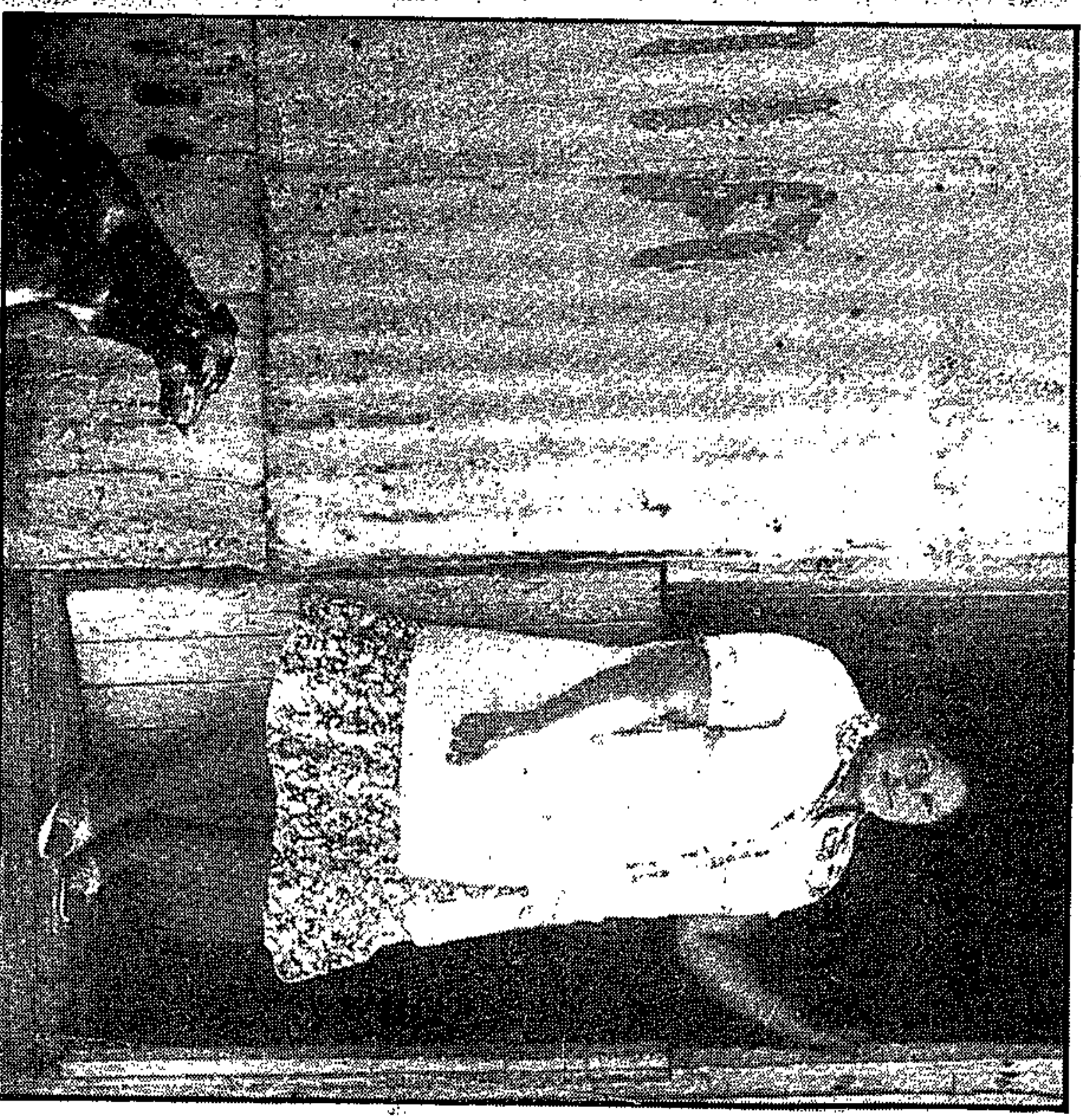
A housing scheme for whites is being developed in adjacent Richmond Park, formerly a part of Richmond Park.

Those who were living in the Richmond Park area have been resettled in Atlantis. The costs of moving house and their first month's rent were paid by the company undertaking development.

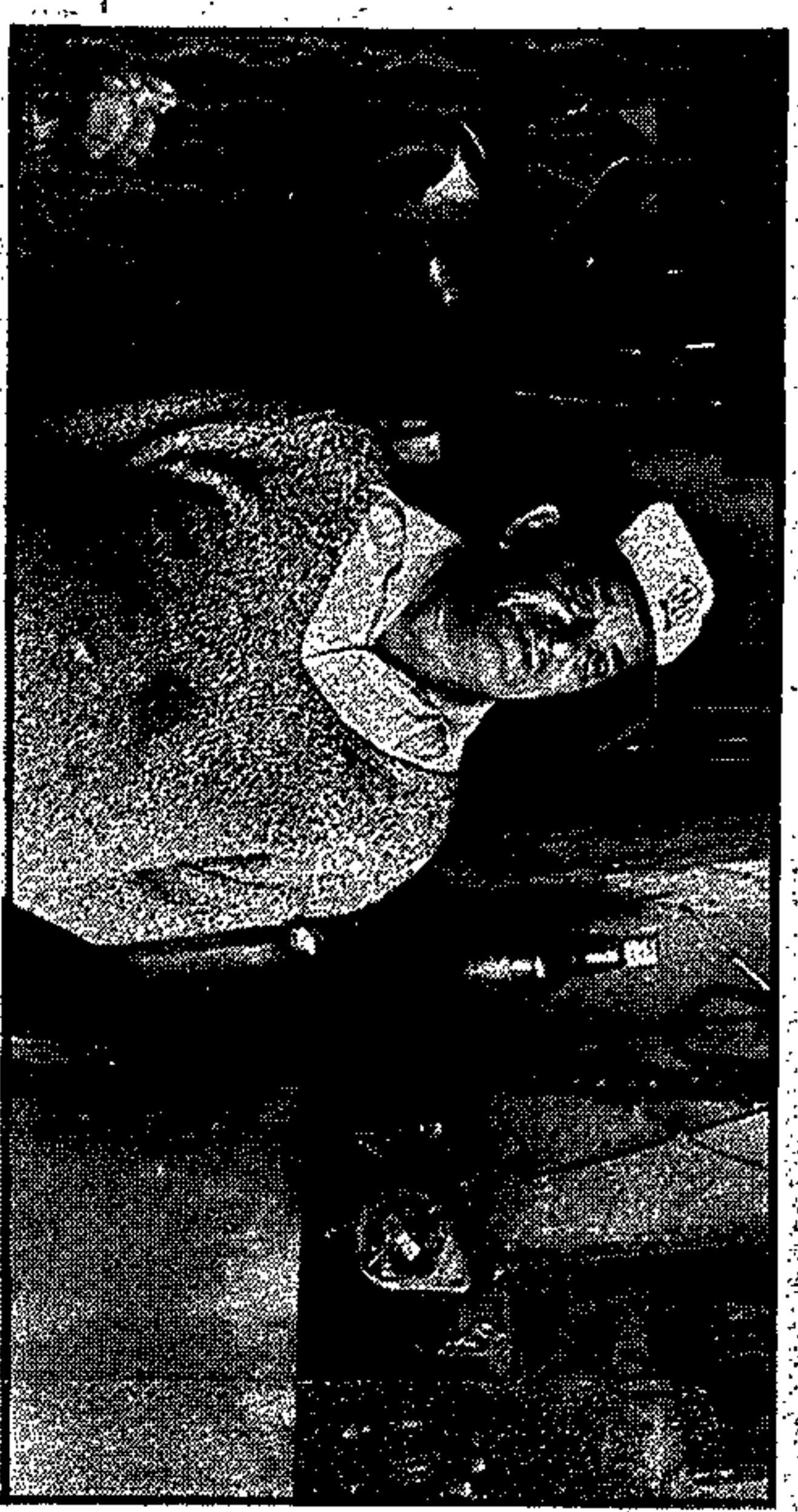
There are only two taps and no refuse services. Richmond Park is regularly visited by a Red Cross mobile clinic.

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Sentence



● **MRS Bertha Clarke** outside her home in Richmond Park. She has a lively interest in the welfare of the Potsdam Primary school. According to Mrs Clarke, the Richmond Park people live "alright" and are not keen to move elsewhere.



● **MR Hannes Hansen** has lived in Richmond Park for 70 years and raised 12 children in the area. He supplemented his pension by ferrying water to the community in his bakke. He feels that the Divisional Council should build houses. "We're South African citizens," he says, "we can also pay rents."

WCAB issues tents as new row brews

By RIAAN
DE VILLIERS

THE Western Cape Administration Board yesterday issued the last of 33 tents donated by the Red Cross to "Cathedral" squatters living on the edge of the Crossroads squatter camp.

This has brought to an end a growing row in recent weeks in which the Red Cross and the Black Sash criticized black affairs authorities for delays in authorizing erection of the tents.

However, a new row has broken out over the erection of five additional tents in the area by representatives of Shawco.

Father Des Curren, the chairman of the Western Province Council of Churches, who has helped the Cathedral squatters to obtain more tents, said it was appreciated that the 33 Red Cross tents had finally been issued.

But this was not a "final solution" to their problem and their position still needed to be legalized.

'Immunity'

"They still have immunity from arrest in terms of temporary stamps issued to them last year, but no final decision has been taken about their position. They have been living in this manner for a long time and an answer is urgently required," he said.

Both the Cathedral and "Dune" squatters maintained they needed many more tents, he added.

Meanwhile, the WCAB has dismantled five tents erected in the area by representatives of Shawco, which runs a soup kitchen there with the board's approval.

Mr Graham Lawrence, the WCAB's director of labour and housing, said yesterday the tents had been erected without the board's authorization.

'Recognized'

Earlier this week, Shawco officials had been asked to remove the tents till an agreement had been reached with the board, but had refused to do so, he said.

This had left the board with "no option" but to remove the tents itself, and to await renewed discussions with Shawco about their re-issue.

Mr Lawrence said the board appreciated Shawco's aid to squatters and would "gladly co-operate" with it.

"But we have to operate within a legal framework and we are disappointed that they won't co-operate with us," he said.

He said it appeared the intention behind the incident was to "create a public impression that the board was acting inhumanely once again", and added this could "jeopardize" relations with Shawco.

Mr Derek Livesey, warden of Shawco, said yesterday he could not comment on the matter as it was under discussion and therefore "sub judice".

Potsdam Primary escapes final bell

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THE Potsdam Primary school in the Richmond Park squatter community has been allowed to stay open for one more year.

The school was scheduled to close down at the end of this year. The authorities have now decided not to close the school before December 1984.

There are 220 pupils and eight teachers at the school.

Parents were faced with the prospect of having to enrol their children at new schools in Atlantis before the end of the school year.

The closure of the school was delayed after the school's principal, Miss Valma Brink, had complained to the circuit inspector. It was decided not to close the school after a survey showed that 200 children will still be attending it next year. The

squatters will not be resettled this year because there is no housing for them in Atlantis.

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Two meetings were held recently by the residents to discuss their grievances. The problem of moving the children to new schools is expected to be one of the major problems associated with the move to Atlantis.

When Cape Herald recently visited the school, a farewell party was in progress. Miss Brink had only recently learnt of the reprieve and had decided to go ahead with the party.

In the meantime, the fate of the Richmond Park community and the Potsdam Primary school has been left in the balance for another year.

Board wants house halted

Staff Reporter

THE Western Cape Administration Board is considering legal steps against the "mayor" of Crossroads to prevent him from continuing to build a brick house in the squatter camp.

Mr Gerald Lawrence, the WCAB's director of housing and labour, said earlier this week it had come to the board's attention that Mr Johnson Ngxobongwana, chairman of the Crossroads committee, was having a house built.

A lawyer's letter had been served on him, warning him to stop.

Mr Ngxobongwana was not available for comment yesterday.

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Not quite adequate

agreement (which is an agreement, that according to them never took place - ie it is illegal to make an agreement about keeping prices constant between suppliers). And thus the only way to expand their share of the market is through non-price competition rather than lowering price and keeping the same share of the market and thus making lower profits than originally.

Children missing after squatter mother jailed

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By LINDA VERGNANI, Weekend Argus Reporter
THE Red Cross Society is still searching for three young children left "alone in the bush" after their mother was arrested and sentenced to five months' jail for squatting.

Ntombesibeni Priscilla Ndamande was arrested in a dawn raid almost four weeks ago and has been unable to search for her children, Albertina, 2, Albert, 6, and Elias, 7.

A Red Cross spokesman said: "I have been told by the organiser of the KTC women's committee that the children were definitely with Mrs Ndamande throughout her stay at KTC and in the bush. They disappeared when she was arrested on November 21.

"Ran away to escape"

"It seems the children ran away to escape the inspectors and haven't been seen since.

"The KTC people are almost sure the children are being cared for by someone, but the fear is that they might have been stolen by a childless woman."

When Ndamande appeared in the Langa Commissioner's court this week her pro Deo attorney, Mr Stephen Dewar, said in mitigation of sentence that her three children were "alone in the bush".

The chief commissioner, Mr W Fourie, told Ndamande and two other mothers, all of whom he sentenced to five months without the option of a fine, that there were social workers who could try to contact their children.

Mr Dewar told Weekend Argus he was "totally sickened" when he tried to discover which social workers were responsible for contacting the children.

"Nobody had any interest"

"It appeared to me that nobody had any interest in them," he said.

Mr Dewar said Mr Fourie told him the mothers could discuss any problems with the prison social worker.

The prison social worker referred him to the Department of Co-operation and Development and told him arrangements for the care of the children should have been made when the mothers were sentenced.

When he contacted Mrs Petra Botha, supervisor of black social workers at the Department of Co-operation and Development, she said there was not much that could be done for the children because the department did not have the facilities in the Western Cape.

"She told me there was a place of safety only in Langa and the nearest children's home was in East London," said Mr Dewar. "But she said no one was prepared to help the children of these illegals.

Agreed to raise matter

"I said this was intolerable and she agreed to raise the matter with Mr E L Kleynhans, acting-commissioner for the Department of Co-operation and Development in the Western Cape.

"Mrs Botha said she would try to find the children and get them into the place of safety in Langa while the possibility of putting them into foster homes was investigated."

When Mr Dewar contacted Mr Kleynhans he said he had given Mrs Botha a directive to find out where the children were and try to get them into the Langa place of safety.

Mr Fourie told Weekend Argus it was up to the person involved to approach social workers.

Statements "could be lies"

"The problem is that many of the statements made in court are not always genuine. Some of them could be lies.

"The court has never been in a position to ascertain where children are and whether it is true there are such children," he said.

A spokesman for the Prisons Department said: "Since admission to Pollsmoor the prisoner has not made any request or mention that her children are possibly left without care. She had the opportunity to do so on admission and daily after that.

"When the staff at Pollsmoor were informed of the situation on Thursday they immediately brought it to the attention of the Department of Co-operation and Development."

Mr Kleynhans had left his office for the long weekend when Weekend Argus tried to contact him.

children intensifies Hunt for missing squatter

By RIAAN
 DE VILLIERS

THREE young children are still missing after being separated from their mother during a raid by the Western Cape Administration Board on a squatter camp near Crossroads more than a month ago. Red Cross and WCAB personnel have intensified their search for the children, aged 2, 4

and 7, after interviewing their mother, Mrs Priscilla Ndamane, in Pollsmoor prison earlier this week.

However, they have found no trace of the children or Mrs Ndamane, said Mrs Ndane looking after them.

A special meeting of "dune" squatters was held on Monday night at the request of the Red

Cross and the board, in an attempt to find the children or Mrs Polisa.

But Mr Melford Yamile, chairman of the "dune" squatter committee, said yesterday that no-one at the meeting knew anything about her or the children.

Mr Getti Mercurio, assistant director of the Cape region of the Red Cross Society, said he was "extremely con-

cerned" that the children had not yet been found.

Mr Gerald Lawrence, the WCAB's director of Housing and Labour, said a senior inspector assigned to investigate the matter was continuing with his search.

Mr Les Strydom, acting Chief Commissioner of Co-operation and Development, said social workers of the depart-

ment would also continue looking for the children.

The search began after Mrs Ndamane, who is eight months pregnant, appeared in the Langa Commissioner's Court on Monday last week charged with illegal squatting.

She was arrested with other ex-KTC squatters living under plastic shelters on the edge of

Crossroads on November 17, and was held in custody until her trial.

Under cross-examination, she said her three children were "alone in the bush". She was sentenced to five months in jail.

On Monday, Mrs Ndane told Red Cross and WCAB officials permitted to interview her in Pollsmoor that during the raid she had shout-

ed to a friend named Noma Polisa from the adjacent "dune" squatter camp to take care of her children.

Mr Lawrence said earlier this week WCAB inspectors had "standing instructions" to let mothers being arrested choose whether they wanted to take their children with them to prison or leave them in someone's care.

While being arrested, Mrs Ndamane had not mentioned her children to inspectors. She had also not mentioned any problems regarding their care during interviews with Aid Centre officials before her trial, he said.

However, in interviews at the squatter camp earlier this week, women arrested with Mrs Ndamane said: "We

were just rushed to the vans and we went as quickly as we could, because we think they will shoot us if we don't go."

They confirmed that the children had been missing since November 17.

A spokesman for the Department of Prisons at Pollsmoor said Mrs Ndamane had not mentioned any problems regarding her children to the prison authorities

till she was interviewed last Thursday as a result of press reports.

●The Red Cross has appealed to anyone with any knowledge relating to the children's whereabouts to contact their nearest police station, or to telephone Mr Mercurio at 717170.

They are two girls, Vuyisile, 7, and Phindile, 4, and a two-year-old boy, Noluvo.

Children not lost, jailed mother says

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Staff Reporter

A SEARCH for three children whose mother was jailed for five months for illegal squatting has been called off after she signed an affidavit saying she had lied about their whereabouts.

Mrs Priscilla Ndamani signed an affidavit in Pollsmoor Prison yesterday stating her three children were with her mother-in-law near Mount Fletcher in Transkei. According to the affidavit, she lied because she hoped she could get out of prison that way.

She said in court last month that her three children were "somewhere in the bush". She later stated that just as she was arrested, she called to a Mrs Noma Polisa to look after the children.

"Fictitious name"

In the affidavit, Mrs Ndamani said Mrs Polisa was a fictitious name.

Mr Norman Patterson, Western Cape regional chairman of the Red Cross, which has been searching for the children, said today he accepted the validity of the document.

He said a lot of people had gone through a lot of trouble to look for the children. The search was now off.

Mrs Ndamani signed the affidavit after a senior inspector of the Western Cape Administration Board visited her previous addresses at Crossroads.

He said he was told at all the addresses that no children had lived with her, and when he told her this at Pollsmoor yesterday she agreed to make a new statement.

Mr Graham Lawrence, the WCAB director of labour and housing, said he was putting the record straight because allegations, although not directly concerning the board, had been a reflection on it.

'Missing' children safe in Transkei

By RIAAN DE VILLIERS

THE hunt for three young children of a failed squatter ended abruptly yesterday when their mother declared they were "safe" in Transkei, in a sworn statement obtained from her by the Western Cape Administration Board in Pollsmoor Prison.

The Red Cross, the WCAB and the Department of Co-operation and

Development have been searching for the children, who were believed to have been lost since their mother's arrest near Crossroads on November 17.

In the statement, Mrs Priscilla Ndamane admitted she had lied to the court, her lawyer, Red Cross officials, WCAB inspectors and prison authorities at Pollsmoor about the whereabouts of her children.

She had told the fictitious story in an attempt to escape a prison sentence, according to the statement, which was read out at a press conference at the board's offices in Goodwood yesterday afternoon.

Mr Graham Lawrence, the WCAB's director of Labour and Housing, told the conference the sworn statement had been obtained from Mrs Ndamane yesterday following investigations

by a senior inspector.

While the board had not been directly implicated in allegations that the children were missing, it had set the probe in motion as it felt reflections had been cast on its role in the matter.

"We now regard the matter as closed," he added.

Mr Getti Mercorio, assistant director of the Cape Region of the Red Cross, would not comment on the statement.

He said he would discuss the matter with his executive committee today.

The hunt for Mrs Ndamane's children began when she appeared in court on a charge of illegal squatting last week.

Under cross-examination, she said her three children were "alone in the bush". She was later jailed for five months.

After failing to find the children, Red Cross

and WCAB officials interviewed Mrs Ndamane in Pollsmoor earlier this week. According to the Red Cross, she then said she had asked a friend from the nearby "dune" squatter community to look after her children.

However, in the statement read out yesterday, Mrs Ndamane said all three children were in the care of her mother-in-law in Transkei. She

said she had been in Cape Town without them since November last year.

"I am very sorry I told all these lies and misled everyone," the statement said.

The WCAB inspector involved in the investigation said he had returned to Mrs Ndamane yesterday after friends of hers had told him her children were not with her.

'Mayor' may not build

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Staff Reporter

THE "mayor" of Crossroads, Mr Johnson Ngxobongwana, has been temporarily restrained from building his brick home in the squatter camp.

The urgent application by the Western Cape Administration Board (WCAB) that Mr Ngxobongwana be interdicted and restrained from any further building operations on WCAB's property in Nyanga Extension 3 was granted in the Supreme Court yesterday by Mr Justice Viviers.

In papers before the court, the Director of WCAB's Labour and Housing, Mr Graham Lawrence, said Mr Ngxobongwana was "obviously trying to have a political confrontation with WCAB, and by erecting a permanent structure he wants to try and force this issue".

Mr Lawrence added that Mr Ngxobongwana's "attitude and action" pointed to confrontation, and that he was contravening the regulations governing the control and supervision of an urban black

residential area.

According to the regulations, no building may be erected in such an area without a building permit from the superintendent.

Mr Lawrence said Mr Ngxobongwana has no such permit.

He said Mr Ngxobongwana and other residents in the Old Crossroads Camp had been informed on November 10 by the chief Commissioner of the Department of Co-operation and Development that they were to be resettled in Khayelitsha.

When he inspected the site on December 19, Mr Lawrence noticed that foundations were already laid, a meter-high wall was being erected and a lorry was off-loading bricks.

Mr Ngxobongwana told him he was building a house. He was ordered to stop, but he refused, Mr Lawrence said.

The hearing was postponed till January 18 for replying affidavits from Mr Ngxobongwana.

Mr R S van Riet, instructed by Mr J J Brink, of Bornman and Hayward, appeared for the WCAB.

Court halts building at Crossroads camp

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Supreme Court
Reporter

AN order preventing the chairman of the Old Crossroads committee from continuing construction of a permanent house at Old Crossroads has been granted by a Supreme Court judge.

An urgent application was brought yesterday by the Administration Board of the Western Cape against Mr Johnson Ngxobongwana.

The board asked the court to restrain Mr Ngxobongwana from carrying on building pending an action against him declaring the structure illegal and compelling him to remove it.

In papers before the court Mr Graham Norman Lawrence, the board's director of labour and housing, said although Mr Ngxobongwana was the registered owner of the site, he was only a temporary inhabitant who had been settled there with other squatters in 1976.

Mr Lawrence claimed it had been made clear to the inhabitants that they were not allowed to erect permanent buildings without a permit.

Resettled

In October the Deputy-Minister of Co-operation and Development, Dr G de V Morrison, had told the inhabitants of Old Crossroads that they would be resettled in the new township, Khayelitsha.

However, Mr Ngxobongwana's reaction to this was that he would refuse to be moved or move voluntarily to Khayelitsha.

Mr Lawrence said that on Monday he heard Mr Ngxobongwana had started building on the site he occupied. An inspection had shown that the building was of a permanent nature, with concrete foundations and a one-metre wall was being built.

Mr Lawrence said he explained to Mr Ngxobongwana that it was illegal to erect a permanent structure and that he should stop further work on the building, but Mr Ngxobongwana refused.

Mr Lawrence claimed Mr Ngxobongwana had no authority from the superintendent to erect the building and was obviously trying to provoke a political confrontation with the Administration Board.

The matter was postponed to January 18.

Mr Justice Vivier was on the Bench.

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Labour Reporter

TWENTY-ONE black people — 13 men and 8 women — appeared in the Langa Commissioner's Court yesterday after being arrested in a police raid in the area stretching from Milnerton to Blouberg yesterday morning.

Almost all were charged with pass-law offences, and 14 with squatting illegally on ground owned by the Graaff Trust.

All pleaded guilty.

Fines for pass-law offences ranged from R10 (or 10 days) to R70 (or 70 days), with some offenders being cautioned and discharged.

Fines for illegal squatting ranged from R20 (or 20 days) to R50 (or 50 days).

A 65-year-old man, Filemon Skiti, was cautioned and discharged on the grounds of his age after pleading guilty to being in a prescribed area without a permit for longer than 72 hours and being unable to produce his reference book.

An 84-year-old man, Pikeman Lusibo, was also cautioned and discharged after pleading guilty to similar pass-law offences.

A 16-year-old girl was fined R30 (or 30 days) on one pass-law offence, cautioned and discharged on another and fined R30 (or 30 days) for illegal squatting.

Mr L van Wyk was on the bench. Mr V Majebe appeared for the State.

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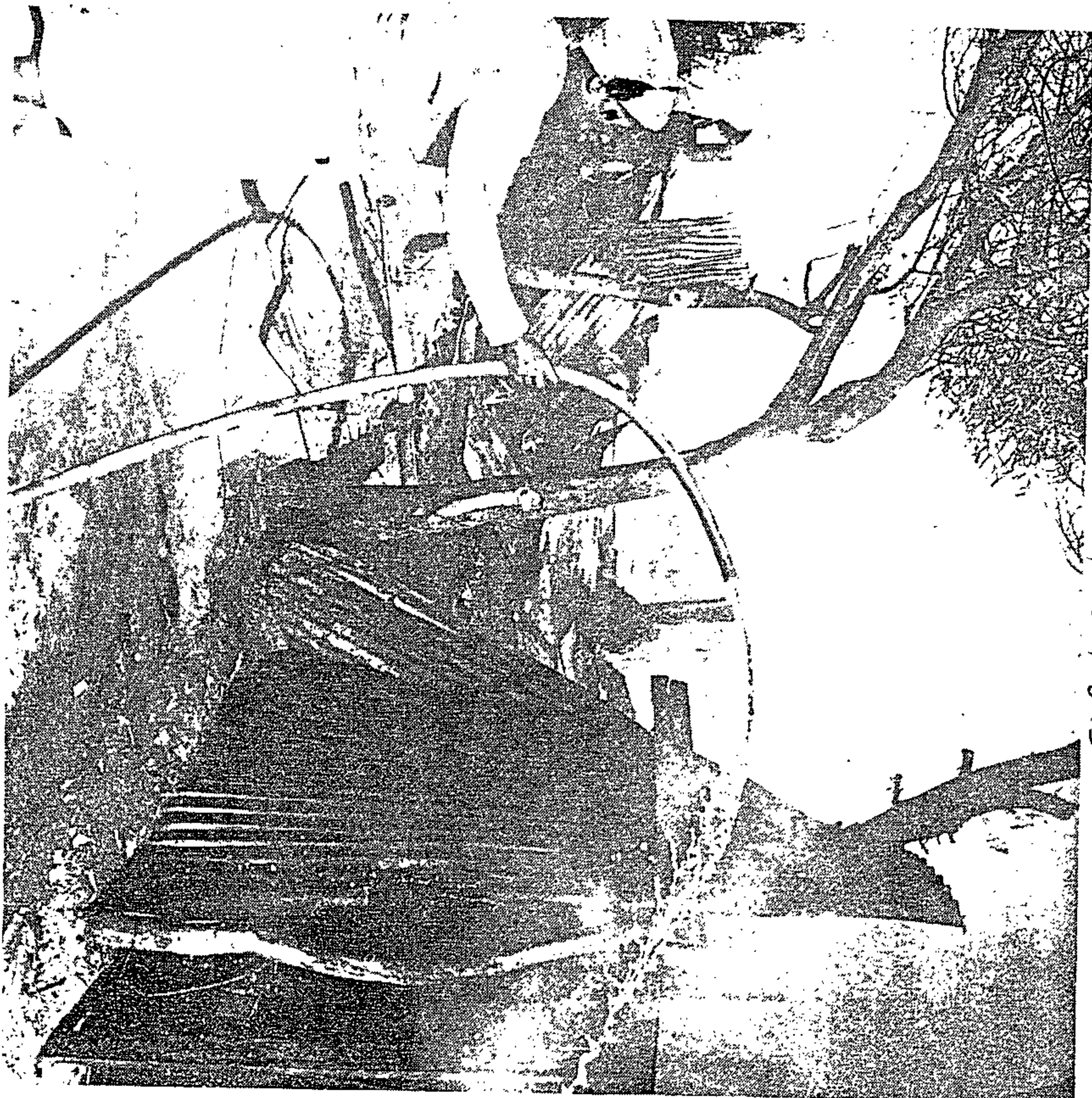
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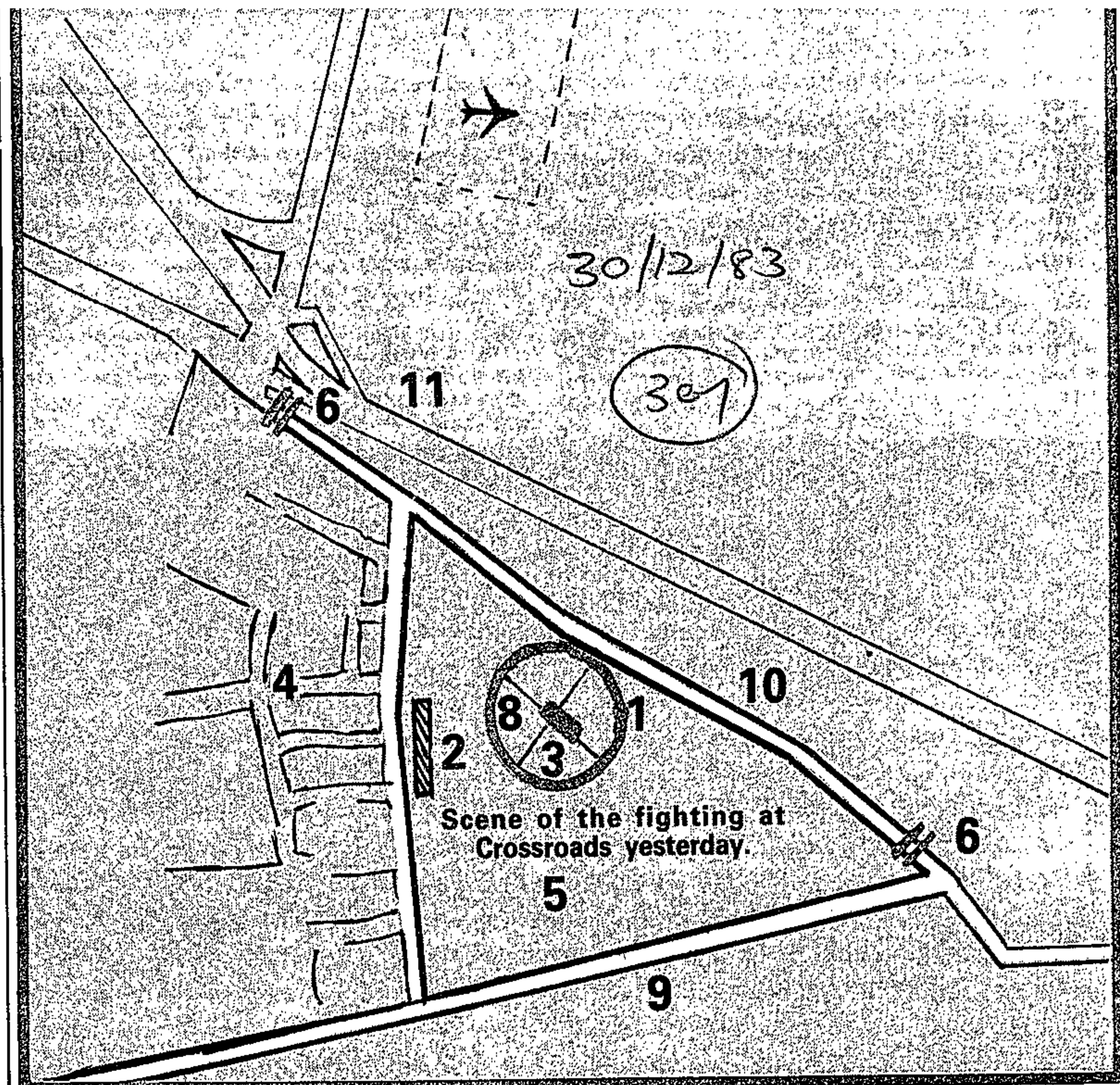
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A Crossroads woman aims a hose into the flames flickering among the contents of her ruined home which was still burning early today.



The scorched and twisted remains of about 40 shacks burnt down in last night's faction fighting in the Crossroads squatter camp lie strewn about the devastated Section Four of the camp. BELOW: Still smouldering today burnt-out vehicles lie abandoned under a haze of smoke. Full report Page 1.

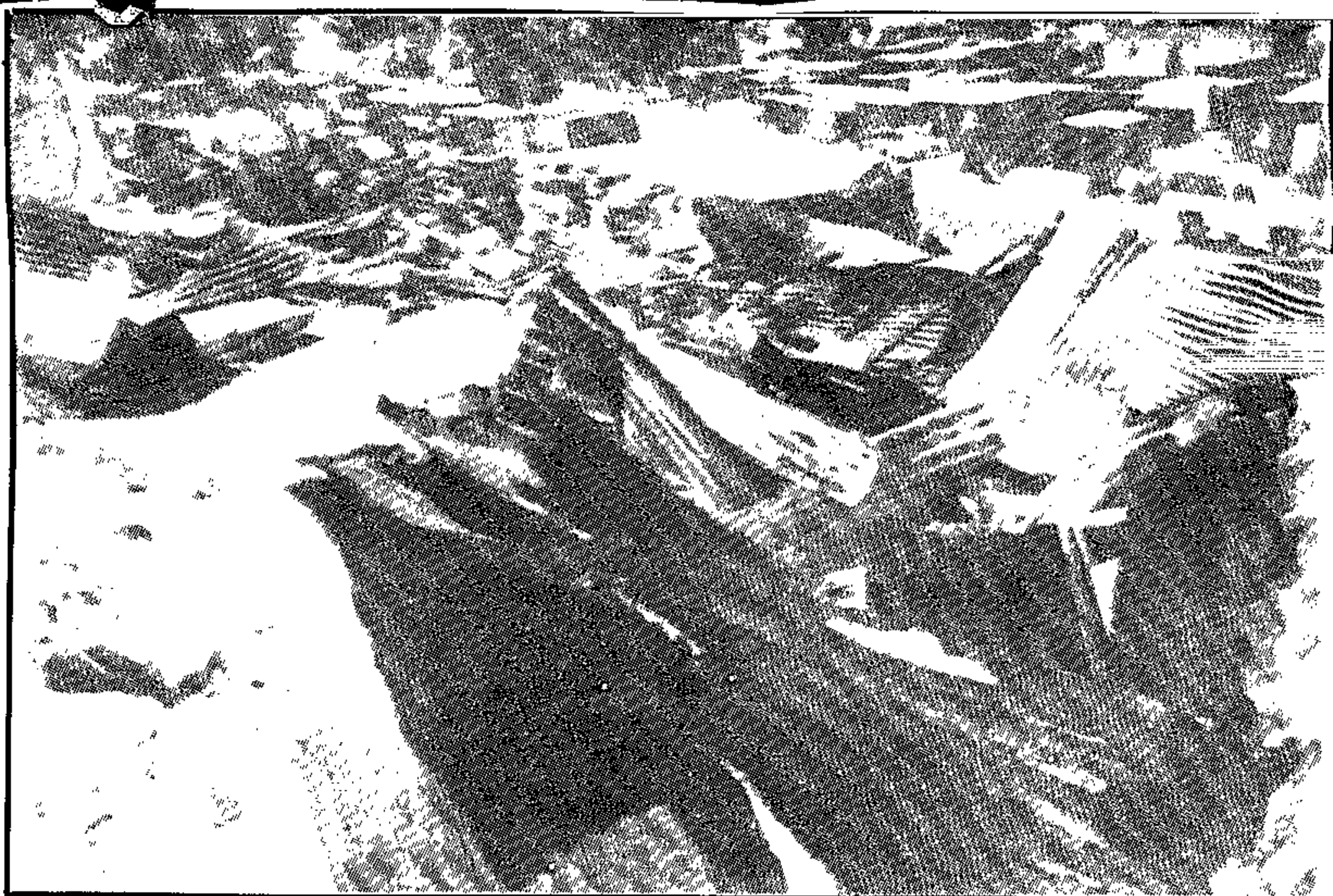


1. Section Four; 2. WCAB Offices; 3. Sizamile School; 4. New Crossroads; 5. Old Crossroads; 6. Road Block (indicated twice on map); 7. D F Malan Airport; 8. Shots fired; 9. Lansdowne Road; 10. Klipfontein Road; 11. Settler's Way.



A group of Mr Ngxobongwana's Crossroads Committee's armed supporters, identified by white headbands, stand guard at the squatter camp last night in case of another outbreak of violence.

Picture: Alvin Andrews



CROSSROADS . . . has become the scene of vicious faction fighting, where once the whole community stood united against the Government's removals policy.

ONCE it was a symbol of the struggle for family and community life in the face of the pass laws and Government demolitions of squatter communities in the Western Cape.

Today Crossroads is fast acquiring a new reputation as a faction-ridden battleground. The community, which was once an example to other threatened communities of successful unity and resistance, is now at war with itself.

The death of two people and the burning of about 60 shacks on Wednesday night, following more than a week of mounting tension, could not have come at a worse time for the community.

The Government intends to move the entire population of the shanty-town to Khayelitsha, the resettlement town being built on the False Bay coast 40km from Cape Town.

Dr George Morrison, the Deputy Minister of Co-operation and Development, told the Cape Nationalist congress in September that Crossroads — a symbol of defiance — had to be "destroyed".

The squatter leadership, backed by progressive community and political organisations in Cape Town, is set to resist the removal.

They have been attempting to rebuild the Crossroads spirit to the level it was at in 1979 when the historic deal was struck up with Dr Piet Koornhof, the Minister of Co-operation and Development.

Then, massive international publicity and the determined resistance of the Crossroads people triumphed over the Government's stated resolve to flatten the camp which had mushroomed up on the sandy wastes of the Cape Flats in 1975.

Because of their resistance, the people of Crossroads, unlike those of Modderdam Road, Unibell and the other camps which were demolished wholesale, is still there today.

It is home to an estimated 30 000 to 40 000 people, many of them "illegal".

At the time of the Koornhof

Crossroads now a symbol of faction fighting

By PHILLIP VAN NIEKERK

deal — which granted many families the right to remain in Cape Town and provided for a model township, New Crossroads, to house the residents of the squatter town — there was a mood of joy and optimism.

Four-and-a-half years later the New Crossroads plan has been scrapped, the entire community is threatened with removal to Khayelitsha, there is uncertainty over the legal status of more than 6 000 residents and the leadership is divided.

The division is the result of a long-standing feud and leadership struggle between Mr Johnson Ngxobogwana and Mr Oliver Memani, chairman and vice-chairman respectively of the committee which negotiated the deal with Dr Koornhof in 1979.

The feud between these men began under mysterious circumstances in 1980 but divisions go back to the early days of Crossroads when there were two leadership groups, each located near one of the two schools — which were their meeting places.

This geographic division has persisted to this day and most of the recent fighting and burning has been in the vicinity of Sizamile, the school of Mr Memani's followers.

The 1980 split in the Crossroads committee, which has never been adequately explained, took place while Mr Ngxobogwana was in jail facing corruption charges, which he was later acquitted on, and

Mr Memani became chairman of Crossroads.

The feud came to a head in April this year when seven people were killed and numerous shacks razed to the ground.

Mr Memani fled Crossroads with his followers. They have only recently returned and, in the past few weeks, both sides have been accusing each other of provocation.

Apart from an obvious power struggle, personality differences and allegations of corruption levelled at both sides, no-one is quite sure what is behind the extreme hostility between the two committees.

The net effect, though, has been to weaken Crossroads' opposition to the Government and turn the anger, tension and frustration of the community — which is worsening daily — in on itself.

In the past six months, Crossroads has been the scene of an intensive series of raids both against people "illegally" in the Western Cape and "legal" squatters without housing.

The camp has become a refuge for the thousands of people fleeing drought, starvation and unemployment in the homelands. They have added a burden to the already cramped poor housing in the camp as well as inviting the constant administration board raids.

Unemployment, the stress of urbanisation, poor health

facilities and housing conditions, pass and demolition raids, poor-paying repetitive jobs and the daily long haul to work and back are among the factors adding stress in Crossroads.

The Government's long line of broken promises — including the scrapping of New Crossroads phase two — have further created insecurity in the camp.

More than 6 000 people have been waiting since 1979 to go before an Appeals Committee to find out if they have a "legal" right to remain in Crossroads as they were not on the lists drawn up at the time of the Koornhof deal.

This group has been at the centre of the row between Mr Ngxobogwana and Mr Memani as each leader has supplied their own lists of people to the Department of Co-operation and Development to be considered for legality.

And the department has been accused of "playing the committees off against one another".

When the department asked the people on the lists to come forward in September this year, more than 6 000 squatters were given 72 hours to leave the Peninsula and warned that the "law would take its course" against them.

Finally, the threat of removal to Khayelitsha hanging over Crossroads has exacerbated tensions and insecurities in the camp.

Attempts to unite to resist the removal could well have suffered a severe set-back through the latest wave of faction fights.

Squatters seek calm after night of violence

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Staff Reporters

RIOT policemen fired birdshot, rubber bullets and tearsmoke at Old Crossroads yesterday morning after violence there on Wednesday night had left two people dead, scores injured and about 60 families homeless.

Yesterday afternoon, the Crossroads Committee met with police representatives to discuss ways of maintaining calm in the camp.

Late last night it was quiet at the squatter camp although large groups of supporters of the camp's "mayor" Mr Johnson Ngxobongwana were visible among the tin shacks. They said they were guarding their property and their wives and children from Mr Oliver Memani's supporters whom they claimed were "hiding in the forest".

A police van and a Casspir armoured vehicle were seen slowly patrolling the perimeter of the camp.

According to a police liaison officer for the Western Cape, Captain Jan Calitz, police acted yesterday morning after sporadic fighting had broken out in different locations in the camp.

Injured

Yesterday afternoon, however, people at the camp claimed police had acted to disperse a large crowd which had gathered in Section Four where Wednesday night's violence took its worst toll. No fighting had taken place during the day, they said.

Seven people who were seriously injured on Wednesday are in hospital, but there have been reports of scores of others injured.

According to a spokesman for the Crossroads Committee, which supports Mr Ngxobongwana, the destruction on Wednesday night began when supporters of Mr Memani threatened to attack residents in Section Four who would not support Mr Memani.

He said two people were shot, two were axed to death and three shelters were set on fire in ensuing fighting. The fire spread rapidly and razed 55 shelters and the Sizamile School.

No spokesmen for Mr Memani's supporters could be reached for their version of events, but previously they have claimed that provocation by Mr Ngxobongwana's supporters has sparked violence in the camp.

It has been claimed that for the past several nights vigilante groups of Mr Memani's supporters have been intimidating Crossroads residents.

The Acting Chief Director of the Western Cape Administration Board, Mr F van Eeden, said yesterday afternoon that efforts to contact the leaders of the rival groups had failed.

'Difficulties'

He said difficulties in tracing the homeless families had been aggravated by the fact that squatters were not sure they could trust WCAB officials, and would not give their names.

Additional patrols of the camp by WCAB officials, additional guards at WCAB buildings and radio contact with officials had been arranged, he said.

Captain Calitz said police patrols in Crossroads were continuing.

Roadblocks manned by traffic policemen were set up at both the Klipfontein Road entrances to the squatter camp yesterday morning. Two armoured Casspir vehicles packed with armed riot policemen, and about 10 police vans and several WCAB vehicles and ambulances were waved through soon after 10am.

Police yesterday identified a man who died after being assaulted on Wednesday night only as "Khehle".

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Staff Reporters

POLICE fired shots in Crossroads today and all entrances to the area were sealed off after violence flared in the squatter community.

Last night's violence left two people dead and at least 300 homeless.

The entrances were sealed off soon after an Argus reporter and photographer left the area at about 9.30 am.

Later in the morning, traffic police manning roadblocks barred the media from going into the area, saying police escorts were necessary.

A senior police spokesman said that "as from 9.30 today police at seven locations fired rubber bullets as well as tear-smoke and birdshot at fighting and riotous crowds in order to maintain order and to prevent them from killing one another.

Police stoned

"By 11 am things had quietened down but police continued to patrol the area to maintain presence and order."

The spokesman said that during the morning police were repeatedly stoned.

The border area between Nyanga East and Crossroads was tense at noon today as hundreds of people gathered on hillsides and looked towards Crossroads.

Several police vans and armed personnel carriers were seen coming out of the western side of Crossroads into Nyanga.

Black smoke

One traffic policeman at a roadblock said a Divisional Council fire-engine had gone toward Section Four in Crossroads.

Palls of black smoke could be seen billowing from the direction of Section Four.

The police are known to be concerned about the difficulties of patrolling the area.



Picture: LES HAMMOND, The Argus

Part of the devastated area of Section Four in Crossroads. Armed supporters of Mr Ngxobongwana's Crossroads committee keep guard in the background.

Police fire shots as squatter camp sealed off

Crossroads

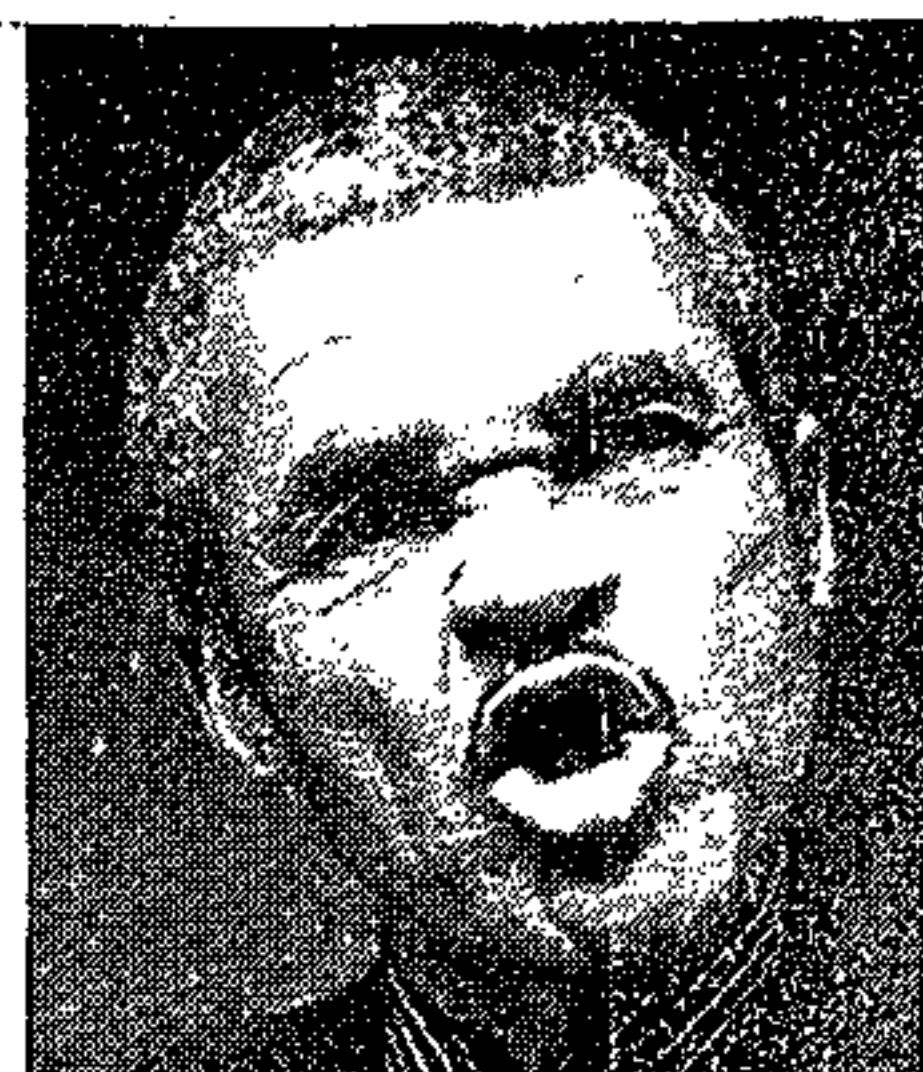
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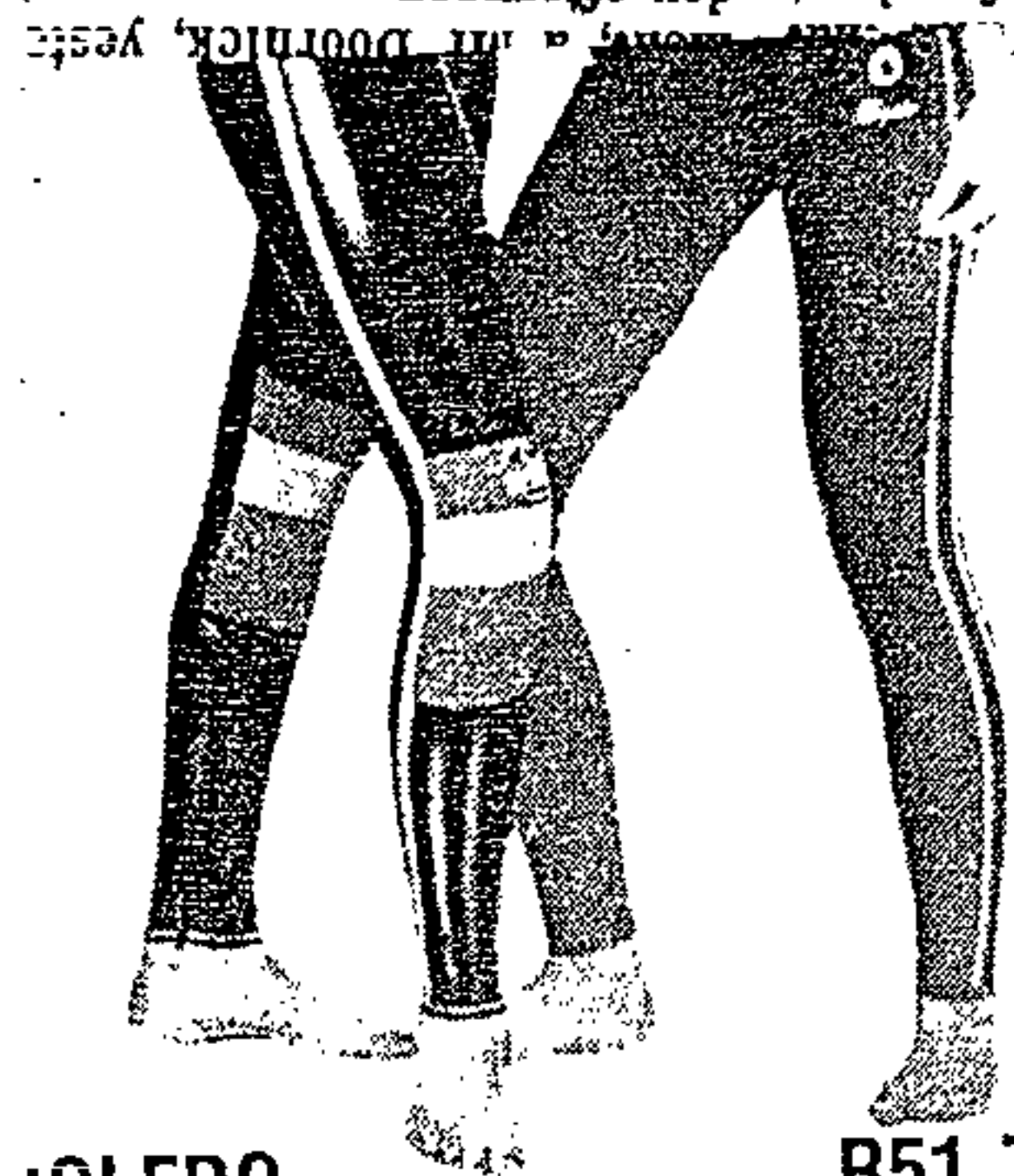
Last night's fighting left about 60 shacks ablaze and many families homeless. The Sizamele School was also burnt down. Armed supporters of Mr Johnson Nxobongwana have been patrolling the devastated area since last night.

Man axed

Most of them were reluctant to talk about the events of last night. However, some of the women said that a group of armed men opposed to Mr Nxobongwana's committee had set three houses alight and axed one man to death. Flames fanned by a moderate south-easter spread to other shelters in the vicinity. A member of Mr Nxobongwana's committee, Mr Samuel Langa, said Section Four and Noxolo School were unaffected by the violence.

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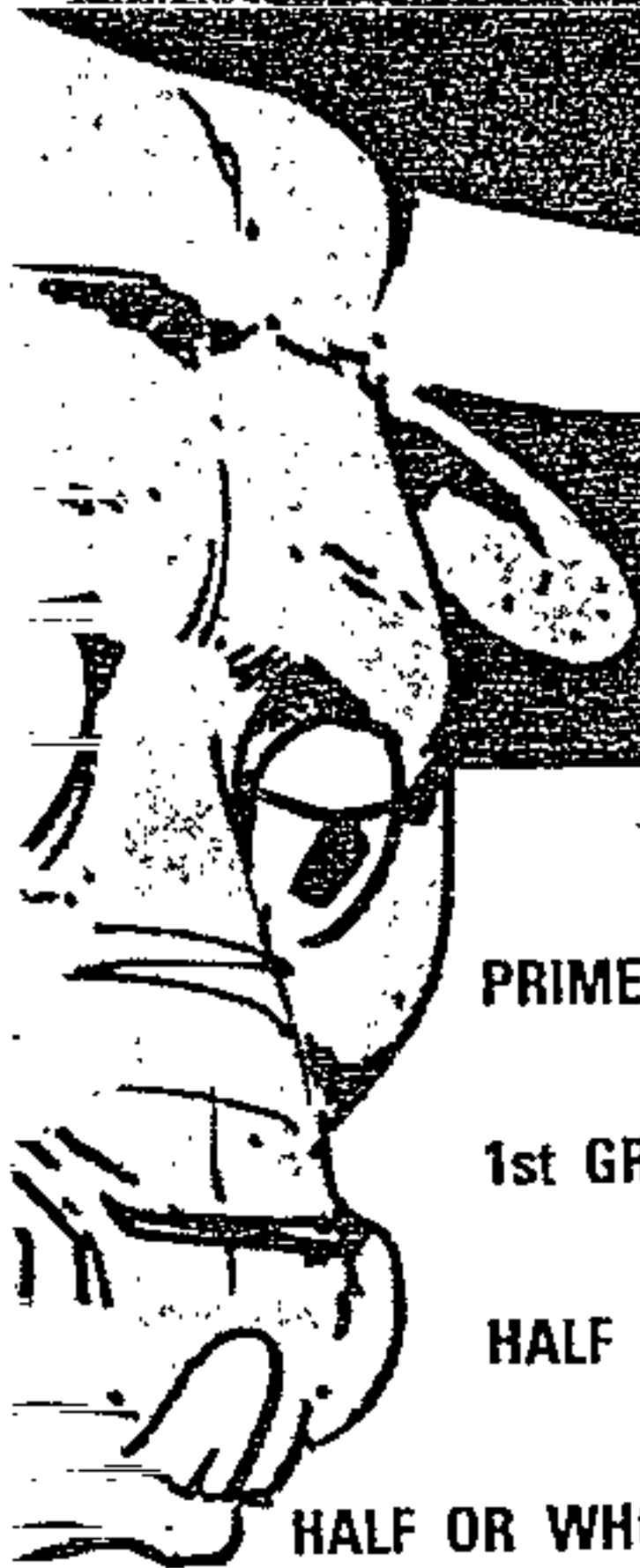
Trouble has been brewing at Crossroads since last Friday when, according to residents, groups of men, who are opposed to Mr Nxobongwana, patrolled Section Four and assaulted Nxobongwana supporters. Neither Mr Nxobongwana nor his rival Mr Memani has gone to Crossroads at present. Mr Nxobongwana was not at his home in Transkei, while Mr Memani, who is believed to be living in New Crossroads, was not at his home today when The Argus called there. People in the house said he had also gone to Transkei.



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Two hurt in faction fighting

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Staff Reporter

TWO more men have been injured in continuing clashes between rival factions in the Crossroads squatter camp.

A spokesman for Mr Johnson Ngxobongwana's Crossroads Committee said yesterday that the men had been assaulted with axes on Tuesday night.

Captain Jan Calitz, a police liaison officer for the Western Cape, yesterday confirmed that two men had been assaulted by "an unknown group" on Tuesday night.

This has been the latest in a series of incidents in Crossroads which have seen numerous people injured since Christmas Day.

Allegiance

Spokesmen for Mr Ngxobongwana's committee claim the violence is being caused by armed supporters of rival community leader Mr Oliver Memani.

They say residents are being assaulted and told to leave their houses if they refuse to declare allegiance to Mr Memani.

● This version of events was disputed yesterday by a group of men who said they were members of Mr Memani's Crossroads Committee.

At a meeting in a house in New Crossroads, a spokesman for the group said the violence was being initiated by Ngxobongwana supporters instead.

He said Memani supporters had been returning to their homes in Crossroads after being "chased away" following the clash between the two factions on April 10 when eight people were killed.

'Reservists'

Memani supporters were in the majority in section 3 and 4 of the squatter camp and Ngxobongwana supporters in section 1 and 2.

Patrols by "police reservists" similar to those controlled by the Ngxobongwana committee had been re-established since October, to prevent crime and protect Memani supporters.

The current trouble started on Christmas Day after Memani "reservists" caught a suspected car thief, he said.

When they took the man to the owner of the car, they were attacked by a large group from the Ngxobongwana section.

He also claimed that a large group launched another attack on Memani supporters on Monday night.

● Three fire engines were called out to Crossroads about 10.30 last night when at least six shacks caught fire.

A fire brigade spokesman said that a "riot" had broken out.

Captain Calitz confirmed that at least four shacks had caught fire. He said the police could not confirm whether the cause had been faction fighting.

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NOTHING causes more revulsion to ordinary decent people than the notion that transient things such as wealth, privilege, power, education, religion or some physical attribute makes one person better or more worthy than another.

Somehow it is offensive to all decent feelings and to man's universal conscience. Maybe this is why it is the theme of so much great art and literature. Cruelty and injustice are exposed and punished and power and pomposity are debunked and cut down to size.

The great leveller is our common potential and vulnerability in whatever we do, and the alarmingly short span of our lives and how we live itself.

I often think this is why apartheid causes such enormous waves of dismay and sadness all over the world and holds all South Africans up to such scathing contempt.

For apartheid is the very essence of the superior thinking that rates one man as being better than another for whatever reason. It negates the one thing that unites people, the fact that intrinsically we are all made of the same stuff.

So what explanation can we offer the outside world for throwing a party of people off a beach because of the colour of their skins? Can South Africa really afford such incidents if it wants to convince the world that we are on the road of reform.

Incidentally, I couldn't help feeling

make them better than anyone else? Or make them better qualified to use a white beach?

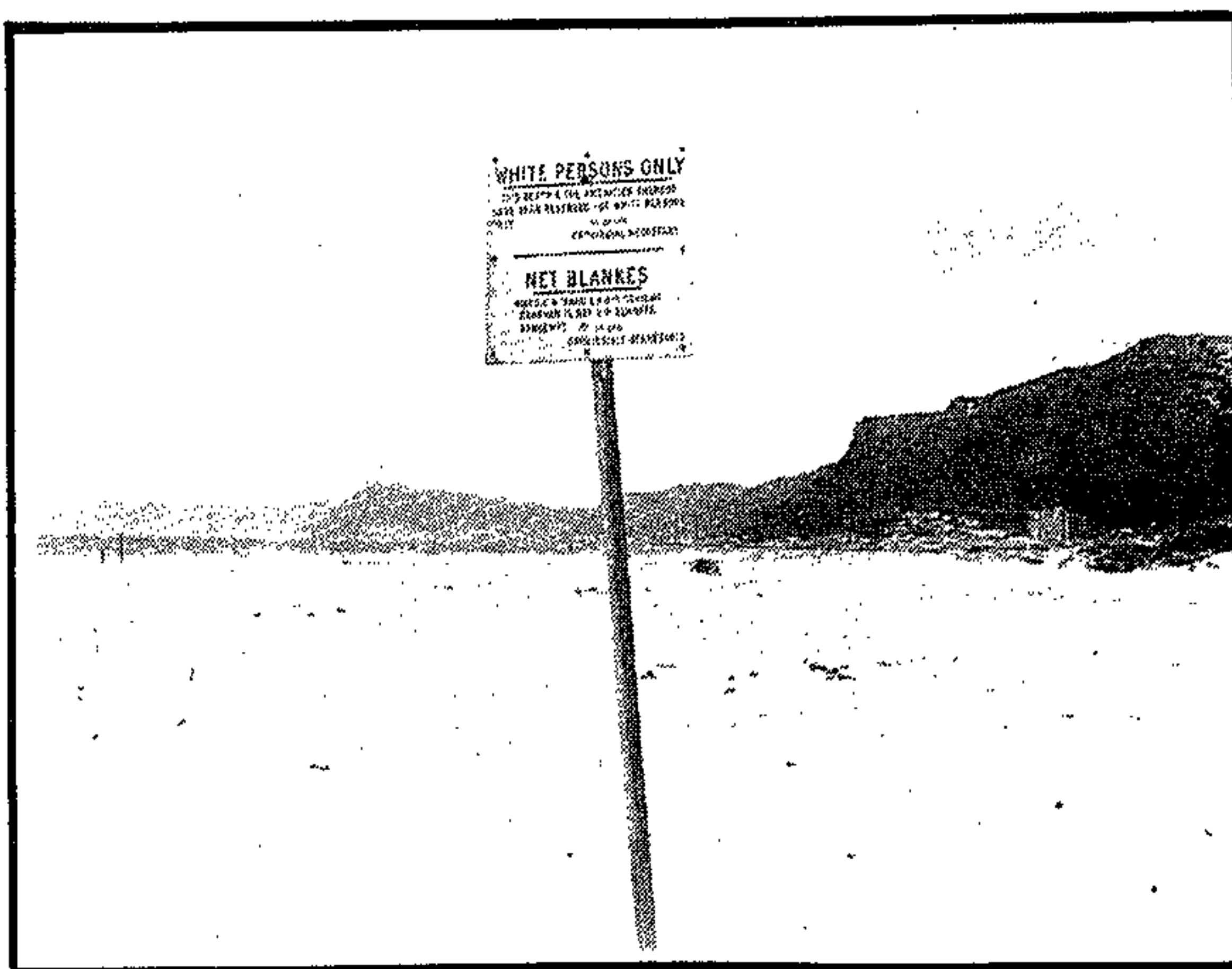
It strongly suggests that if they had been a party of people with no degrees at all, kicking them off the beach would have been all right.

Poor English

THE way we speak English and our use of many words is turning out to be a nightmare for a young Frenchman I know who is anxious to master the language.

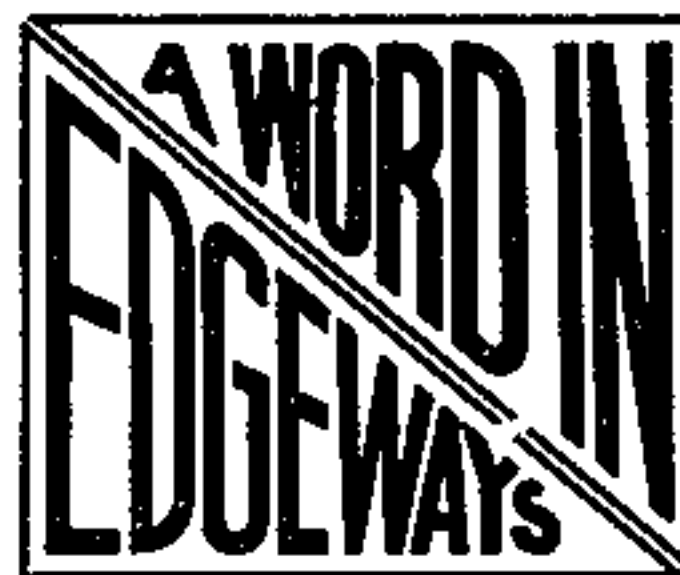
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Notices that cause dismay

Cutting down on pomposity



Brian Barrow

"forcibly abducted against their will" and "each in their own way".

There are many others: "Everyone has their own point of view", "if anyone is guilty they must be brought to trial".

So what is right? In these contexts "their" may be more concise than "his or

broadcasters use them. The only way of avoiding the "his or her" difficulty is to say "people" instead of "everybody" and other such singular subjects.

A purist I have spoken to says the proper rule is that a singular pronoun or possessive refers to a singular subject and this applies to everything.

Occasionally the rule is broken when the individual members of a body which has a singular form, like the government, generally are agreed that ... but the government is quite

Beach police

Staff

THE City Council was "ridiculous" and, because of a beach use in the drownings could have been avoided immediately, as saving authorities

A call this week from the Province Surf Life Saving Society (WPSLA) for people to be employed on week-end beaches on week-end teenagers drownings and Kogel Bay

On Tuesday Stan Evans, told City Council "did not have legal responsibility for beaches", but a man of the Executive Committee reportedly stated by professional lifesaving Council's employment, Strandfontein to Camps Bay.

Mr David Herold, relations officer doubts about the "supposedly professional" and accused the "totally unfamiliar of beach safety"

"We would have trained these lifeguards," he said. "For four years we have been offering training in the techniques, free of charge, but have been ignored."

Voluntary

Voluntary surf lifesaving to WPSLA clubs hundreds of thousands of rescue equipment

Mr Herscheldt, a "staunch" beach constable first aid and had the water.

"It is impossible to have efficient lifesaving trained lifeguards."

After issuing the City Council officials in a helicopter insula beach, Herscheldt released and first aid

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Man shot in faction fighting

By RIAAN
DE VILLIERS

A 26-YEAR-OLD man was shot in the leg and several others injured in continued conflict between opposing factions in Crossroads on Monday night and early yesterday morning.

The shooting incident follows repeated clashes between supporters of two rival community leaders, Mr Johnson Ngxobongwana and Mr Oliver Memani, in the squatter camp since the weekend.

Spokesmen for Mr Ngxobongwana's Crossroads committee said yesterday a group of armed Memani supporters were continuing to "terrorise" people in sections 3 and 4 of the camp.

They were trying to force residents in the area to declare their allegiance to Mr Memani instead of Mr Ngxobongwana, the spokesmen said.

Right leg

They said a man was shot late on Monday night and taken to Victoria hospital. Five other people who had been assaulted had been treated and discharged at Tygerberg and Victoria hospitals.

Captain Jan Calitz, a police liaison officer for the Western Cape, yesterday confirmed that a 26-year-old Crossroads resident, Mr Lindile Baule, had been shot in the right leg early yesterday morning.

Police were investigating but no arrests had been made, he added.

In an interview at his home in Crossroads yesterday, a man who was injured on Monday night said the Memani vigilante group attacked him "for no apparent reason" while he was walking home from his brother's house in section 3.

Pangas

He was attacked with pangas, swords and iron bars and robbed of all his money. He was discharged after being treated at Tygerberg.

Mr Ngxobongwana's Crossroads committee met again yesterday morning to discuss the situation and were to have another meeting with police yesterday afternoon.

In response to a police request, people who claimed they have been harassed by the Memani followers went to Guguletu police station yesterday morning.

Mr F van Eeden, acting director of the Western Cape Administration Board, yesterday confirmed that violent clashes had taken place in Crossroads since the weekend and said the incidents were being investigated.

The Zizamile school had been inspected after claims that Memani supporters were keeping an "arsenal" of weapons there but nothing had been found, he added.

Transcript
of the
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in
the
Cape
Times

Attack on the home of squatter leader

By MARTINE BARKER

THE home of the prominent Crossroads community leader and chairman of the Women's Committee of Old and New Crossroads, Mrs Regina Ntongana, has been destroyed by panga-wielding men in the ongoing violence at Old Crossroads.

In an early-morning raid on Thursday, when all eyes were on the damage caused by fire and violence during the previous night, the Ntongana home was smashed apart and money and possessions were taken by men whom Mrs Ntongana said yesterday she believed intended to kill her.

Old Crossroads was tense all day yesterday after reports that another house had been set alight and a man stabbed and seriously wounded in renewed violence that flared up during the morning.

Tearsmoke

Riot police fired bird-shot, rubber bullets and tearsmoke at a crowd of about 400 people police said had refused to disperse.

Captain Jan Calitz, a police liaison officer for the Western Cape, said people had threatened to set alight a shop next to the Nkobo School shortly before the police took action.

Dozens of vigilante groups of residents armed with large sticks patrolled the area and police set up road blocks at the entrances to the camp for the second consecutive day.

At mid-morning, hundreds of people gathered in Section Four where earlier this week about 60 shacks were set alight during fighting.

Spokesmen for the Women's Committee of Crossroads yesterday laid blame for the violence and deaths that have occurred at the squatter camp this week on Mr Johnson Ngxobongwana, the elected chairman of the camp who is away.

Violence

The women say the present spate of violence has been sparked by a decision by many people to withdraw their support from either side in the power struggle that has been simmering since the 16-member camp committee split into two equally-sized committees in 1979, one in support of Mr Ngxongwana and one in support of Mr Oliver Memani.

Captain Calitz said the situation had "quietened down" yesterday afternoon but police patrols of the camp would continue through the night.

● It is believed that the Western Cape Administration Board has agreed to allow supporters of Mr Memani who have been forced out of Old Crossroads to set up camp in the KTC site in tents supplied by the Red Cross.

No confirmation of this could be obtained yesterday.