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# Union warns of future 'horror'

The continued demolition of shacks by authorities in three townships under the East Rand Administration Board has come under fire from the 10 000-strong Metal and Allied Workers' Union shop stewards.

Mawu's Transvaal secretary, Mr Moses Mayekiso, said yesterday that the shop stewards had urged the administration to build more homes in the area to avoid "a horrible situation".

The union's reaction arises from the recent demolition of shacks — scores have so far been destroyed in Katlehong, Wattville and Thokoza — mostly owned by contract workers employed by industries on the East Rand.

The union also sees this action, which affects wives of contract workers coming from "homelands" to stay with their husbands in the urban areas, as an embodiment of the country's influx control laws.

The union believes their employers must "flex their muscles" and urge the board to build more homes.



# TOMORROW, THEY'RE OUT ON THE STREET

The number is up for these luckless Klipstown families.

TOMORROW over sixty black families from Klipstown's Firstgate will join the growing ranks of the homeless. There will be no reprieve. They're out in the cold and the bulldozers will be moving in. This is the horror story

of the numbers game. It is played by officials, who a year ago painted numbers on the houses at Firstgate. For coloureds the numbers mean a move to another part of Soweto. For black residents it means being kicked out — into the

street. Now numbers are being painted on houses across the road and less than one kilometre away, at Tamatevlei. Here, a white Wrab official and two black assistants go ahead with their work. And the residents of this small precinct

of Klipstown know that their number is coming up too. Many at Firstgate have been living there for a decade or more. Take the case of Miss Rose Makubo: It's a slum, it's squalid, but it was home. She told GCP: "Last April, Wrab came to



● Miss Rose Makubo, her belongings packed, waits for Monday to arrive. She doesn't know where she will go next and she is sure that Wrab doesn't know either.

our home and painted a number on the door. The man in charge asked me to ask him why this was being done. "So I asked him, and was told that we were to be given new accommodation. "This was a lie. The very same evening pass raids commenced and we have been harassed by Wrab officials since. "Then, in January of this year," Mrs Makubo said, "we were given notice to leave. But no alternative accommodation was offered. "We have to be out by Monday or stand by and watch our homes destroyed." The people of Firstgate are living in fear. Their pitifully small collection of belongings and pieces of furniture are packed ready to go. But to go where? And in Tamatevlei the residents also wait. Time is running out for the blacks. The future for coloured residents looks only a little brighter.



● Rose Makubo with her youngest daughter. On the step with her is Mrs Lillian Nyembe. They sit and wait, they don't know where they are going to live after tomorrow's eviction. Behind, a friend — who declined to give her name — sits stunned.



# 25 000 families to lose shack homes

BY DEENA SHAPIRO

AN estimated 25 000 families — almost half the population of Katlehong, near Germiston — have been ordered to demolish their shack homes by the East Rand Administration Board.

But there are no houses to accommodate the shackdwellers and Erab's chairman Mr F E Marx, said: "They are living in Katlehong illegally and will have to go to where they are supposed to be."

Since November, 1 000 families have been expelled and their shacks demolished.

Another 9 000 families living in shacks will not be "acted upon" because they live in the township legally, according to Mr Marx. Many people who have received notices ordering them to demolish their shacks say they have lived in the township since the early Sixties and have nowhere to go.

"I will find a pipe or some hole to live in," said one woman, who lives in a shack with her family of ten.

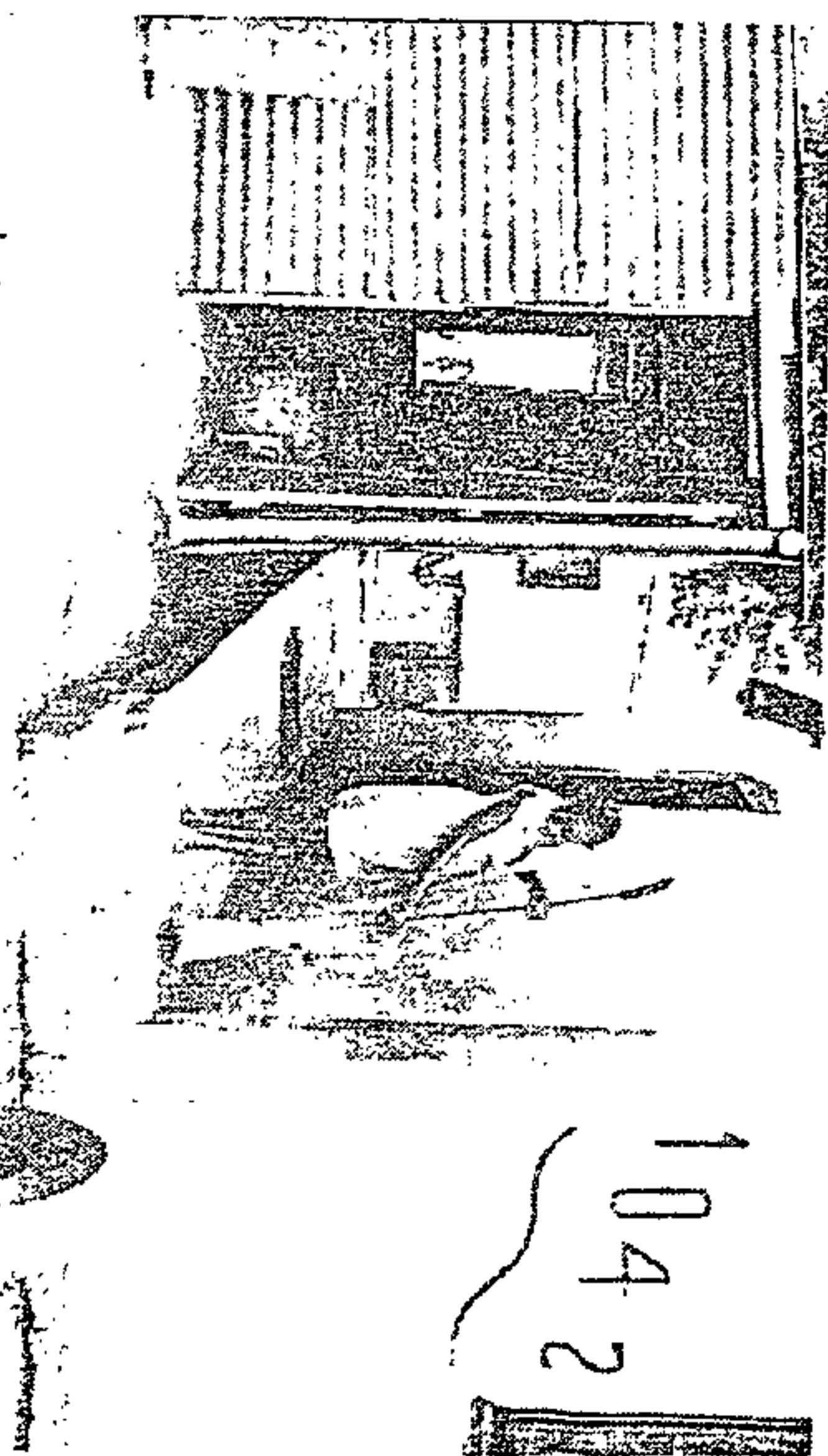
Most Katlehong homes have a shack in the yard and many have six or seven — which can mean more than 40 people living on one property.

There are 204 000 shackdwellers in the township, while 100 000 people live in its houses.

The shackdwellers pay the owners of the property R10 a month and the community council R5 a month for sewerage and refuse removal.

The shacks are assembled from corrugated iron and cardboard and other scraps of material. Inside there is usually a high bed, a dressing table and a stove.

Mr Marx said people were being expelled because the infrastructure in the area could not cope with the number of people.



● A typical Katlehong shack. About 1 000 families have been expelled from the area — and their shacks have been demolished.

"We are not trying to make it difficult for them," he said.

"The place is overpopulated. There is not a large enough sewerline and water system to cope.

"The structures don't conform to building regulations. In summer it is hot inside the shacks, in winter it is cold and there is not proper ventilation. It is a health hazard."

He said: "I don't know where they will go." Mr Marx described the "removal" of people as a "delicate matter" and stressed that no force or violence had been used to expel the people.

The notice from Erab asks occupants to demolish their shacks by a certain date to avoid "embarrassment and inconvenience". Said Mrs Violet Mashabela, whose hus-

band, Daniel, has been told to demolish his shack by February 26: "It is better to do it yourself. That way your things don't get damaged."

Erab built 1 000 houses in the last financial year. Until the board knows how much money they will receive from the Department of Community Development this year, they cannot say how many houses will be built.

Mr Mpiyake Khumalo, chairman of the East Rand Community Council's liaison committee, said the removals had "a serious destabilising effect".

He proposed the establishment of a central area for shacks to be built in Katlehong where the community council could provide all the necessary facilities.



● Facing an uncertain future: Mrs Leah Mafong with her two grandchildren outside their shack in Katlehong. Pictures: DEENA SHAPIRO



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Crime Reporter

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## Union anger on shacks grows

By STEVEN FRIEDMAN  
Labour Correspondent

ANGER at the demolition of shacks in East Rand townships is rising among Metal and Allied Workers Union members and MAWU shop stewards plan to approach employers to ask them to intervene, a union spokesman said yesterday.

He said the decision to take the matter up with employers followed continued demolition of shacks in the township, many of which were occupied by union members. The decision was taken at a meeting of the union's Waddeville shop stewards' council.

Demolition of township shacks by the East Rand Administration Board began towards the end of last year, with the board alleging that the shacks were "illegal structures".

According to MAWU members in the townships, demolitions are continuing.

MAWU organiser Mr Moses Mayekiso said yesterday that most of the union mem-

bers who had occupied demolished shacks were contract workers, who, in terms of influx control laws, must live in hostels without their families.

Mr Mayekiso said that these workers had been joined by their families in the cities and had therefore moved out of the hostels and built shacks to enable them to live a family life.

Others were workers with city residence rights who had built shacks as they could find no other accommodation in the townships.

"At the meeting, shop stewards said they believed that employers had a responsibility to see to it that their workers had proper accommodation.

"They also believe employers must support workers who want to live with their families in the cities."

It had been decided that stewards would approach employers and ask them to either intervene, or to see to it that accommodation was provided for workers and their families.

## Public water record is clean

Mail Reporter

WATER restrictions have been in force in Johannesburg and on the Reef for almost four weeks and to date nobody has been charged with contravening them.

Most municipal representatives who spoke to the Rand Daily Mail yesterday could not specify what the penalties were for violating the restrictions in their areas, but all said that as yet nobody had been charged.

In an earlier interview, Mr John Bates, a spokesman for the Johannesburg City Engineer's Department, said fines in the city were pegged at R20 but he pointed out there were no special personnel to ensure the implementation of the new restrictions.

He said the Johannesburg Municipality was having to rely on police officers to make checks in the course of their normal duties.

A spokesman for the Pretoria Municipality said yesterday it had set a fine of R10 for offences in terms of municipal by-laws dealing with water restrictions.

The Pretoria local authority has embarked on a campaign to gain co-operation by alerting the public to the water situation.

In Germiston, the fine for contravening water restrictions is R300, but the town clerk, Mr J du Plessis, said nobody had yet been caught.

In both Vanderbijlpark and Vereeniging, fines for water contraventions may not exceed R100.

The Vaal Dam, the main source of water for the Reef, is 42% full at present.

Johannesburg's average daily water consumption is 650Ml during the summer months. However, the average daily consumption for November was 667Ml, and for Pretoria 281Ml.



Leaving a trail of debris behind, a barrier and shrubbery on the roadside.

## More rail hikes are

By GERALD REILLY  
Pretoria Bureau

FURTHER rises in railways tariffs are possible in the SA Transport Services budget on March 2, it was learnt in Pretoria yesterday.

Tariffs were raised by 15% from the beginning of January.

If they are raised again the fight to keep inflation below 14% may be lost, economists claim.

And from Cape Town yesterday the Minister of Transport Affairs, Mr Hendrik Schoeman, said that during the next two weeks he would have discussions with his senior officials on the financial plight of the administration.

"We will come to certain decisions after studying the available figures, which will be made known in the budget," he said.

However, Mr Schoeman indicated that the fuel pipeline tariffs would not be raised because of the undertaking given by the Prime Minister of a 1c cut in the fuel price from April 1.

"For the foreseeable future there is no intention of adjusting the pipeline tariffs."

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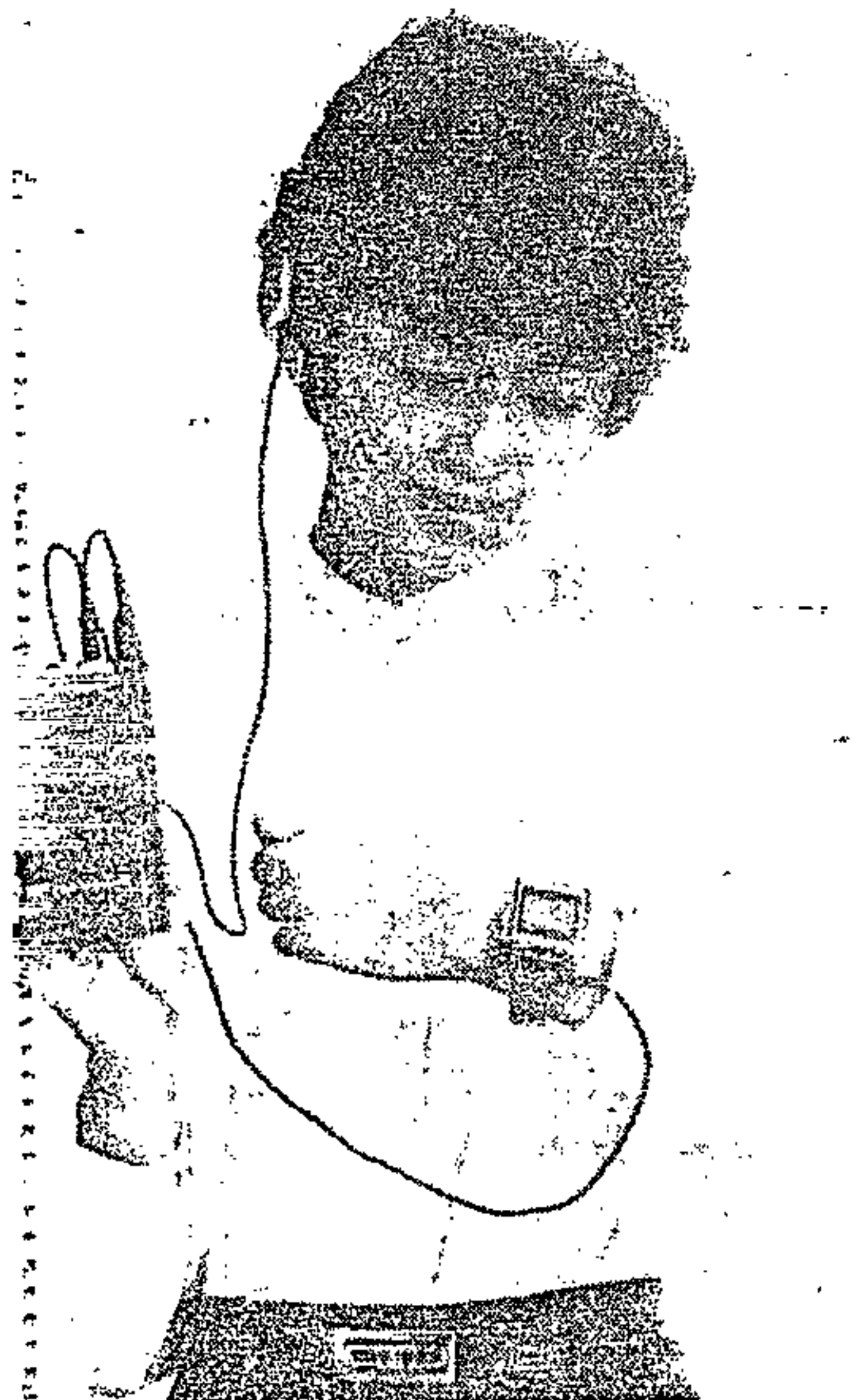
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## Japanese invent TV wristwatch

Mail Reporter

THE latest in micro-electronics is the creation of a tiny 17mm by 25mm television set that straps onto the arm like a wristwatch.

Claimed to be the smallest television set in the world and weighing only 80g, it also tells the time and has day, date and alarm facilities.

The watch comes with a pocket receiver and stereo headphones which double as an aerial.

Its advantage is that instant image and sound can be seen and heard outdoors as well as indoors.

The watch is still in the development stage but is expected to hit the Japanese market in April this year. It may also even be marketed in South Africa next year.

A spokesman for the Department of Posts and Telecommunications said yesterday there were no legal obstacles barring the sale of the TV watch in South Africa.

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# WE ARE MOVING



# Squatters wait while row flares

By ALINAH DUBE

THE Department of Co-operation and Development has denied responsibility for building about 3 000 houses for the thousands of squatters in Winterveldt.

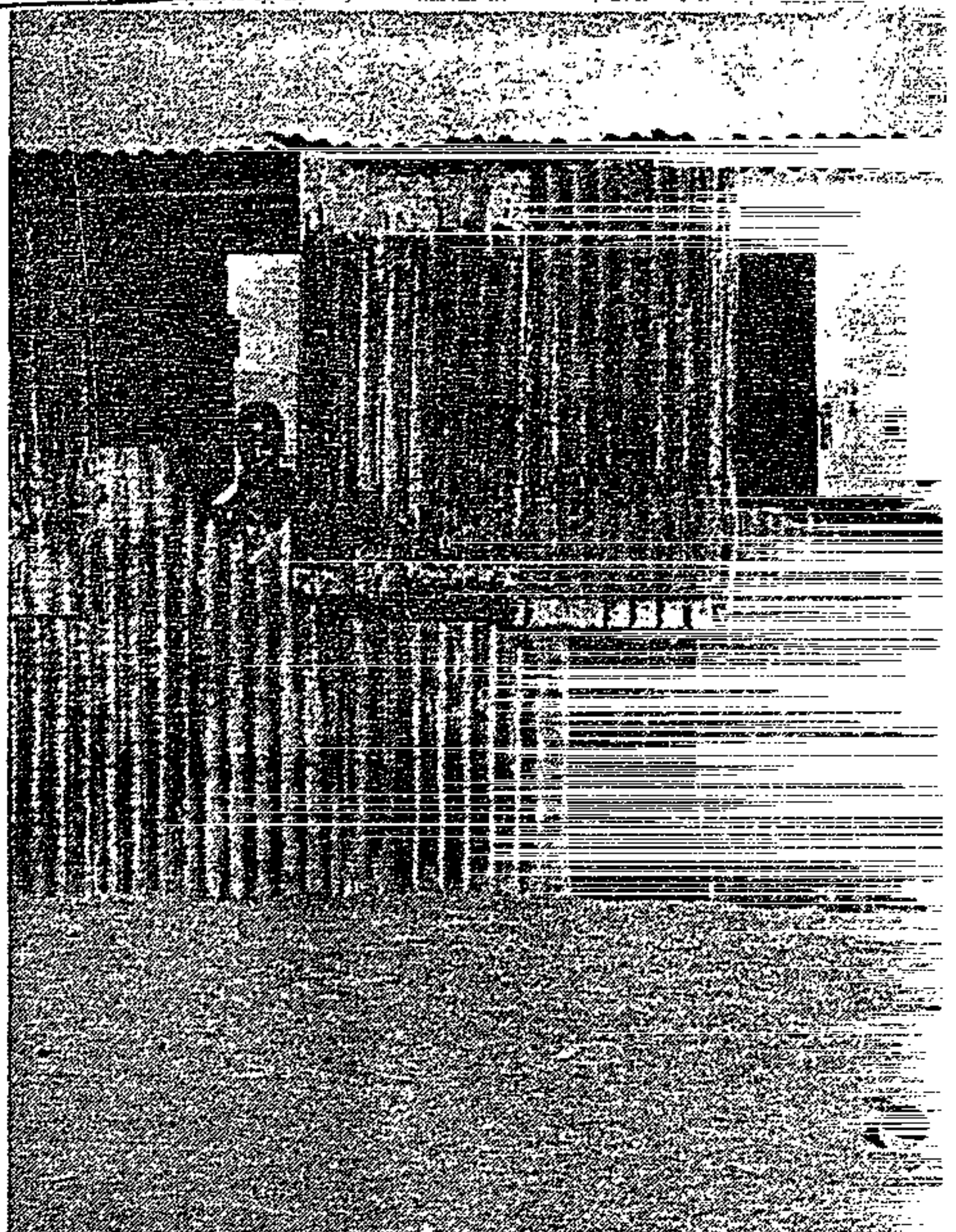
According to last year's report, a meeting was held between the department and the committee representing squatters in the area at which the department's officials announced the housing scheme would start this month.

Winterveldt is a slum area about 35 kilometres north of Pretoria.

A spokesperson for the Department of Foreign Affairs this week said the Department of Co-operation and Development was not directly involved in the proposed scheme. She also pointed out that the number of houses mentioned in previous reports was incorrect but would not say what the correct number was.

"The number will be determined by available funds and after consultation between South Africa and Bophuthatswana," the spokesperson said.

Tenants who will qualify for new houses are said to be those who had temporary residential permits. Those who did not have permits were encouraged to apply as soon as possible to ensure their inclusion in the housing scheme.



SHACKS: Winterveldt squatters have to put up with these conditions while a wrangle over building more houses rages on.

## Help for single parents

THERE is an association that cares about single parents and their problems.

The PWVA Single Parents Association will see the new year in with a meeting on Sunday January 30 at 2pm at house no 3360 Zone 2, Diepkloof.

Besides giving single parents the opportunity to meet other parents in the same situation, the meeting will focus on the generation gap between children and their parents.

So if you thought you were alone with your troubles, come along to the meeting. Phone 944-2624 for further details.

# WARRING GANGS FACE THE PRESS

A WOMAN, claiming to be a Christian worker has appointed herself spokesperson for the tough Western Coloured Township gangs, the Spaldings and the Vikings.

The woman, who identified herself as Iris, barred the Press from holding a pre-arranged meeting with the gang at their hideout in the township.

The meeting with the members of the Vikings and Spaldings had been made for 12 noon. At midday reporters were driven to the house where the meeting would take place, our hearts beating in our chests.

Accompanying us was

SOWETAN staffer ELLIOT TSHINGWALA and photographer MAGWAZA recently found themselves face to face with the Coloured Township gangs, The Vikings and the Spaldings, and gave their account of the meeting.

Mrs Pat Louw, the woman alleged to be the "godmother" of the gangs.

Her presence in the car was not comforting enough for this reporter and colleague Robert Magwaza. We found ourselves sweating for no apparent reason in the cool weather.

The gangster's hideout was set in a neat apartment block just outside Pedestrian Court. Inside we found at least 15 gangsters la-

zing in the lounge. All fifteen pair of eyes had a mixture of fear and arrogance. They looked like the faces of men tired of being taunted and waiting for the worst. None of them spoke a word.

Mrs Louw made introductions and explained our mission to the gangsters but before she could finish Iris was on her feet. She appeared shocked that Mrs Louw could have said such a thing.

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print," she said. The SOWETAN Vikings were discharged yesterday from the house where they were shooting. Johnson carries a stomach ache of the slum van Roooy of the Fa also discharged day.

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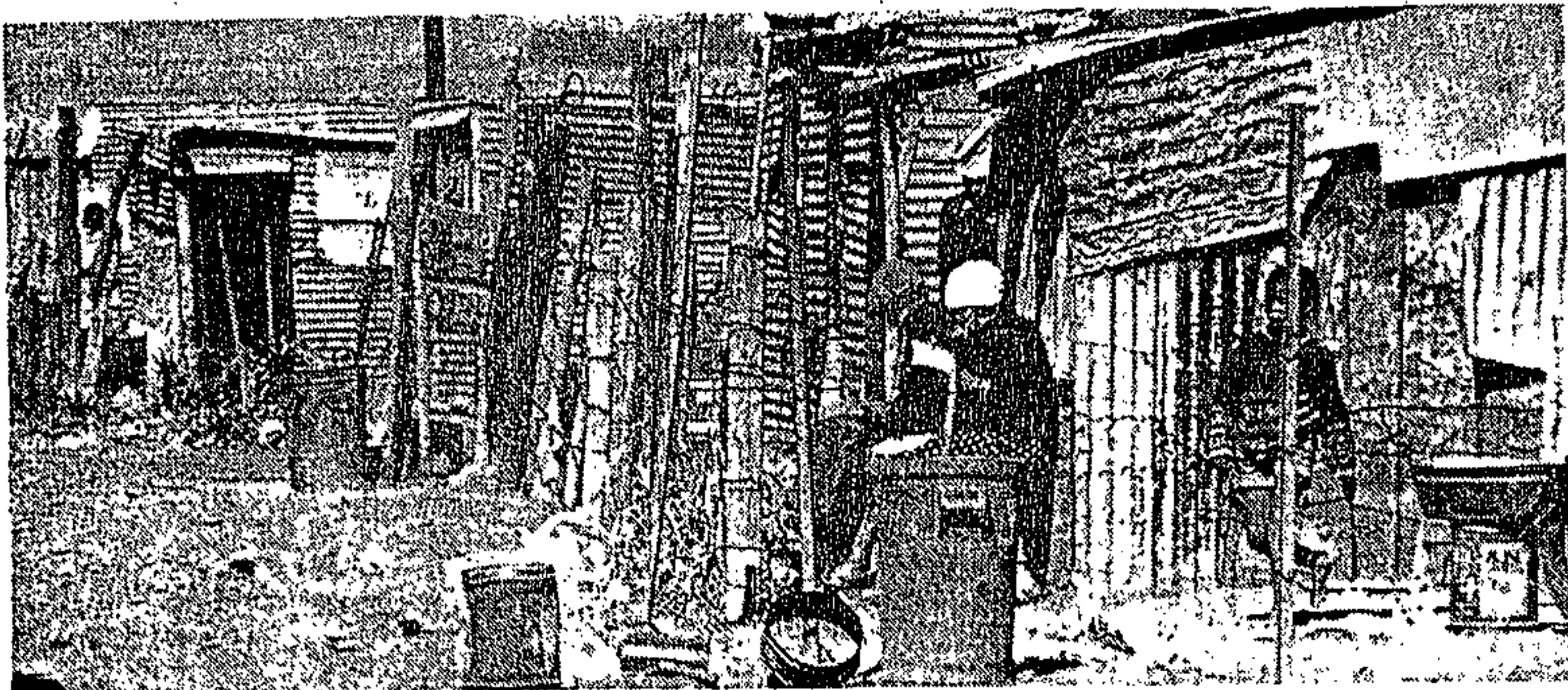
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# Shack dwellers unite against order

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DEMOLISH: Soweto Civic Association to seek Supreme Court order against council.

ORLANDO EAST shack dwellers have vowed they will defy an order to demolish their shacks following yesterday's ultimatum by the Soweto Council to do so or face prosecution.

The move has been endorsed by the Soweto Civic Association, who have consulted lawyers with the aim of seeking a Supreme Court order restraining the council or Wraab from going ahead with the demolition plan.

In a new threat, the council warned Orlando East tenants who have shacks in their backyards that they will be charged under the Squatters Act and face tough fines and demolition of their structures.

This was confirmed yesterday by a senior council official who said the move was taken to eradicate the squatter problem in the area.

Amid these threats, Orlando East residents vowed at a meeting attended by hundreds at the weekend that they would not demolish their shacks until the authorities had built more homes in the township.

By JOSHUA RABOROKO

The residents said they would show their protest in this regard by staging a peaceful demonstration at any place where shacks were demolished.

Residents will gather near the scene as a sign of protest and pray. This, they believe, will show solidarity among themselves.

The civic association's secretary, Mr Tom Manthata, told The SOWETAN yesterday that the demolition of shacks would be a challenge to all the people of Soweto to unite.

"It is a simple issue of fighting for accommodation for desperate people who are homeless and have tried to build themselves temporary structures in a bid to have a roof above their heads," he said.

The residents have the right to fight for their accommodation, just as the Cape Squatters have been doing, he said.

A spokesman for the civic association confirmed they had briefed lawyers on the matter.



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**WATER:** The poverty and droughts in the area have aroused fears of another cholera outbreak.

# Where a barren flat means home

● Story: LEN MASEKO ● Pics: ROBERT MAGWAZA

For the people of Zwelisha and Pienaar resettlement areas in the Eastern Transvaal, the light of hope filters gloomily through a dusty tunnel.

FOUR years ago, three poor families took off from a white-owned farm in the Eastern Transvaal to try to start a new life elsewhere.

They were on the run from a Kaapmuiden farmer and wanted to settle at a place where he would not find them. The story behind their escapade has not been established but it is believed the farmer ill-treated them while they were working and staying on his farm.

However, the run-away families managed to elude the farmer and settled on a barren stretch of land about 20 kilometres from their previous home.

Today that dusty piece of ground is home to about 2 000 families. The area, now called Zwelisha, grew primarily as a result of the resettling of people from nearby towns.

A kilometre or so from Zwelisha, another resettlement area called Pienaar is mushrooming. Its population is estimated at 3 000.

Both places have one common feature — abject poverty. The ground is barren and rocky and people in the area are not growing any vegetables.

Other than removals, their reason for staying there vary from the lack of jobs and the increasing inflation-rate in the

towns. Some had been staying in Nelspruit townships and left after they could not afford rent there.

The unemployed start small businesses like selling vegetables and fruit while others do "piece" work in the towns to make a living.

From this year those staying in Zwelisha will be expected to pay a rental of R7 a year to a local chief who is also responsible for the allocation of sites in the area.

Already signs are that the Government is intent on providing essentials for these people. A corrugated iron school has been erected. The school building is used for church services by the local population.

"Various churches use the school and this results in a chaotic situation every Sunday. Ministers find it difficult

to concentrate during services while others are going on in other classes," said a headman.

When there is drought in the area, as there has been in the past few months, misery unfolds for the local people. Children and women carrying buckets scuttle in search of water. The only water available from communal taps — each serving 100 families — is muddy.

Headmen fear another cholera outbreak like the one that struck in various parts of the country two years ago. Many were hospitalised as a result of the cholera epidemic in the area.

The only clinic that serves the community has three voluntary nurses. Facilities there can hardly cope with an epidemic, so serious cases are referred to hospitals in Nelspruit.

Despite all the hardships and dreary living conditions the Zwelisha and Pienaar communities still hope that their area will one day be developed. After all, there is always light at the end of the tunnel.

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# Orlando shacks are demolished

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By Themba Khumalo  
Soweto Council officials and West Rand Administration Board police moved into Orlando East, Soweto, today to demolish backyard tin shacks which had been declared illegal by the authorities.

Angry crowds gathered at the scene where vans were parked to ferry the confiscated property to the Soweto Council office in Orlando East.

A white official who supervised the raid told the shack occupants that furniture would be kept at the superintendent's office until they came to claim it. They were expected to pay for storage and transport.

He warned the crowds to keep away, saying they were told long ago to demolish the structures.

## LOAN

"How long have we been telling you that a R3,5 million loan was set aside for adding extra rooms to your existing houses. But instead you listened to your own committees who misled you."

The move to demolish the shacks came after residents received circulars last Thursday warning them to pull down their shacks within three days or be faced with prosecution.

The residents rushed to the home of the chairman of the Orlando East Civic Association, Mr S F Nakani, in a bid to get help from him.

When he, in turn, approached officials at the scene, they warned him to keep away.

A disabled pensioner, Mrs Elizabeth Mathibe, said she had nowhere to go after the police destroyed her shack. She could not pay for storage of her furniture at the offices. "I have no money to claim my property. God knows what will happen to me next," she said.

Mr Nakani went to the homes of all his executive members to mobilise them, and they went to the superintendent's office. They asked for a meeting.

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The Orlando Civic Association (OCA) also phoned Dr Nthato Motlana, chairman of the Soweto Committee of Ten, but he was not home.

The residents intend to re-erect the structures after the police leave. This decision was taken at a public meeting held in the township on Sunday.

Mr J J Oosthuizen, chief director of housing for the Soweto Council, yesterday warned that the shack dwellers would be charged under the Squatters Act if they continued to build.



# SHACKS TORN DOWN

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**SOWETO Council** employees, accompanied by a squad of **Wrab police** armed with batons and machine-gun rifles yesterday tore down at least ten shacks in Orlando East.

More demolitions are expected today, and yesterday residents watched helplessly as authorities packed their belongings into vans, including furniture and clothing as a penalty for staying in the shacks. The shack owners will have to pay a fee to retrieve the goods.

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Authorities gave **The SOWETAN** on-the-spot comments and said residents have been warned for much too long to pull down the tin structures. All the illegal occupants would be charged under the Squatters Act or for trespassing.

The shack-owners will however be given 30 days to claim the confiscated goods, pay for transport and storage.

By **LEN KALANE**  
and **ALI MPHAKI**

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Commenting on the harsh action taken, he said shocking conditions

in more than 95 percent of the shacks in the area forced them to tear down the tin structures.

Mr Oosthuizen said that it was unfortunate that the very people who stood up bravely at public meetings urging people not to demolish the shacks are not doing anything to help those they misled.

In Orlando East after the sudden action, several residents could be seen voluntarily pulling down their own structures to protect their goods.

Mr Tom Manthatha of the Committee of Ten said there was nothing illegal about the shacks — "people are merely trying to say we need houses," he said.

Mr Manthatha added: "This ruthlessness is nothing anything unexpected in South Africa. It is typical of the oppressive structure which is South Africa."

The Orlando East Civic Association branch chairman, Mr Sampson Ngakane, said he was shocked by the brutality.

Mr Ishmael Mkhabela, Azapo's publicity secretary said the

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Mr Oosthuizen said that it was unfortunate that the very people who stood up bravely at public meetings urging people not to demolish the shacks are not doing anything to help those they misled.

In Orlando East after the sudden action, several residents could be seen voluntarily pulling down their own structures to protect their goods.

Mr Tom Manthatha of the Committee of Ten said there was nothing illegal about the shacks — "people are merely trying to say we need houses," he said.

Mr Manthatha added: "This ruthlessness is nothing anything unexpected in South Africa. It is typical of the oppressive structure which is South Africa."

The Orlando East Civic Association branch chairman, Mr Sampson Ngakane, said he was shocked by the brutality.

Mr Ishmael Mkhabela, Azapo's publicity secretary said the harassment of the black people, especially those without accommodation was an act of extreme insensitivity.

Oh God, help us!



WEEPING: Shack owner Mrs Sylvia Majozi of Orlando East.



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Squatters stay away from work to guard possessions

# Shacks demolished: scores left homeless

By Langa Skosana

An uneasy calm prevailed in Soweto today as hundreds of shack dwellers stayed away from work to watch over their possessions in case Soweto Council demolition teams moved through Orlando East to demolish their homes.

People milled around the streets waiting for demolishers — but they did not come.

The Director of Townships of the Soweto Council, Mr J J Oosthuizen, said officials responsible for the demolition were attending court cases in connection with shacks.

The decision to stay away was taken at an emotion-charged meeting at the N G Kerk in Orlando East. About 1 000 people attended the meeting which lasted until early this morning.

Yesterday scores of shacks were torn down by teams of workmen from the council and many people found their homes razed when they returned from work.

A meeting of residents was hastily called by the Soweto Civic Association to decide what steps should be taken following the council's move.

At 12.30 am the angry squatters marched to the home of a Soweto councillor, Mr T J Ramathibela, to demand an explanation for the demolitions.

## Armed police

Some of the 1 000 marchers threw stones on to the roof of Mr Ramathibela's house, who then emerged to address them.

When the crowd became unruly, armed police arrived.

Mr Ramathibela told the residents it was not his decision but that of the Soweto Council to pull down the shacks.

He said the council had no choice but to demolish the shacks.



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but the people said they had nowhere to go.

"I personally visited the area and inspected what was being done. We pulled out the nails and placed them together, packed the zinc and labelled it and we carried the furniture nicely to our offices," said Mr Oosthuizen.

He said the media was expecting bulldozers or front-end loaders to be put into operation.

The aim of the council in tearing down the shacks was to encourage people to apply for loans to erect proper homes. The council had R3,5 million available for such a purpose, he said.

Mr Oosthuizen said the shack problem was created by politicians who misled the residents and by people who wanted to cash in on the housing crisis.

"I know of people who have built shacks in other people's yards and charged tenants up to R20 a month rent. The registered tenant, who is usually a pensioner, is helpless to kick the shack people out," said Mr Oosthuizen.

He said there were about 4 000 shack dwellers in Soweto.

The Soweto Council was not prepared to encourage residents to build shacks and would in future charge them under the Squatters Act, which carried heavy fines and seizure of building materials.

The furniture and building material taken yesterday was being kept at the township manager's offices.

Anger and resignation is mirrored on the faces of these Orlando East shack dwellers. Mr Joe Simelane, Mrs Elizabeth Matsepe and Mr August Kwaele were among those whose structures were razed. Mr Kwaele wept bitterly when his R800 shack was demolished. He watched helplessly when his furniture was impounded by the workers for "storage."



West Rand Administration Board policemen survey a shack before the Soweto Council workmen move in to pull it down. A large group of WRAB police, carrying rifles, were on standby in Orlando East. At least two people were taken in by the police when they objected to their shacks being torn down.

● Pictures by Alf Kumalo.

## Illegal shacks demolished

About 1 000 shacks have been demolished in Katlehong since November last year, the chief director of the East Rand Administration Board, Mr F. E. Marx, said yesterday.

He said that according to the latest survey conducted by the East Rand Administration Board, there were 34 000 shacks in Katlehong and about three quarters of these were illegal.

Mr Marx said the board would continue to demolish illegal shacks. The demolition follows an extensive survey undertaken by ERAB last year to determine how many families were living in shacks in the township.

Demolition of the illegal shacks started in November last year after a month's notice had been given to illegal shack owners to demolish their shacks, failing which the East Rand Board would pull them down.



# Ugly scenes as shacks are razed

By MONTSHIWA MOROKE  
and SOPHIE TEMA

THE sounds of hammers, crowbars, spades and picks echoed through Orlando East yesterday as West Rand Administration Board and Soweto Council workmen demolished backyard shacks.

Ugly scenes developed between Wrab policemen and residents as household belongings and sheets of corrugated iron were carted away. About 20 homes were affected by the demolitions, which are expected to continue today.

Residents watched in disbelief as the structures were brought down and belongings which included beds, blankets, clothes, cooking utensils, and the building materials were loaded onto trucks and taken away for "storage".

In Motha Street a four-month pregnant woman, Miss Pinky Mabhiqa, was slapped several times by three Wrab policemen when she angrily asked them whether they were there to check passes or demolish shacks. She was then dragged to a waiting Wrab police van and taken away.

A white Wrab police "superintendent" told the policemen in Afrikaans: "Lock her up if she gives you trouble".

Two women with babies were loaded onto vans after they were found in the shacks.

There was tension as crowds of onlookers gathered around.

Hours before, on Tuesday night, a meeting was called by the Orlando Civic Association just before the deadline for the demolition of the shacks expired. The meeting resolved that they would not voluntarily demolish their shacks — described by Wrab as "health hazards" — until alternative accommodation could be found.

A sobbing Miss Violet Msimanga told the Rand Daily Mail that she had a family of 11 staying in a two-roomed house. She had put up a shack in the yard so she could stay with her two sons.

Lawyers acting for the Orlando Civic Association visited the areas yesterday afternoon in an attempt to prevent the demolition.

The Rev E M Tema, of the DRC Church in Orlando East, yesterday held talks with Mr D Jacobs, assistant director of housing for the Soweto Council, and asked that the demolitions be stopped immediately.

Mr Jacobs told him the matter was being dealt with at high level.





**HOMELESS:** Some of the angry residents who went to Mr Ramathibela's house demanding a place to sleep.

• Pic by Vusi Zwane

# Widow's war on council

**AN 82-YEAR-OLD widow brought an urgent application before the Rand Supreme Court yesterday to restrain the Soweto Council from demolishing shacks in Orlando East and to restore those already demolished.**

The matter, heard by Mr Justice Goldstone at 4pm, will be heard again in the same court today.

The matter was postponed during argument by counsel for the Soweto Council, Mr J I van Niekerk, that the Supreme Court had no jurisdiction over the matter because it involved the Soweto Council and black persons, and as a result, should be heard in the Commissioner's Court.

Mrs Caroline Mathope, of 3524 Orlando East, said in papers before the court that she lived in a two-roomed house and because the house was too small to accommodate her son, a nephew and two granddaughters, she had built a corrugated iron structure in her yard.

She said she received a notice on January 27 which gave her three days within which to demolish the structure herself. She said she did not demolish the structure and that on February 2 it was demolished by Soweto Council officials.

## By SAM MABE

After the structure was demolished, all other members of her family who slept in the structure had to come into the house and the house was now overcrowded.

The other two applicants in the matter are Mrs Beatrice Buthelezi (73) and Mrs Margaret Hlongwane (33).

Mrs Hlongwane said she shared her two-roomed house with her husband and their two daughters. The structure they had built was used solely for storage purposes and no-one lived in it.

After the postponement yesterday, counsel for the applicants and the respondent were to meet to agree on an undertaking to be made by the Soweto Council to stop demolishing shacks, pending the judge's decision on the matter today.

• Meanwhile, 32 Orlando East residents appeared before the Johannesburg Commis-

sioner's Court yesterday, on charges under the Squatters Act. The case has been postponed to April 7.

In another incident on Wednesday, more than 100 angry Orlando East residents had to be dispersed by police when they converged on the house of a local community councillor demanding a place to sleep.

The residents, chanting freedom songs and holding clenched fists in the air, converged on Mr Ramathibela's house at about 10pm. Mr Ramathibela told the crowd that he had tried his best to persuade the Soweto Council against demolishing the shacks.

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# Shacks: Politics shares blame

**By Langa Skosana**

Past neglect and misleading advice by politicians had led to the squatter problem getting out of hand in Orlando East, according to a Southwest Council official.

Mr. J. J. Oosthuizen, Soweto's director of townships, said that if the West Rand Administration Board or its predecessor, the Johannesburg City Council, had nipped the problem in the bud there would not be people crying that their homes were being razed by merciless authorities.

His comments follow the demolition of 16 shacks in Orlando East on Wednesday — which led to a massive stay-away from work by other shack tenants, the next day because they feared that theirs would be razed next and their furniture seized.

Mr Oosthuizen blamed local authorities for letting the situation grow

out of proportion.

"My idea is that if you demolish shacks as they go up you will solve the problem. In other townships in Soweto I do not allow shacks to go up. I demolish them as soon as I hear about them."

Mr Oosthuizen said squatting was a problem the world over, and a

danger to people in the neighbourhood

"From a health point of view, shacks are a hazard, because when an epidemic breaks out it affects not only the squatters but others in the neighbourhood.

"We are taking this drastic action of demolishing shacks not becau-

se we want people to suffer."

but have ignored them.” He added that people had no reason to build

shacks because there were funds available in the form of council loans for them to erect proper homes.

Registered tenants could borrow from the R3.5 million set aside to build additional rooms for their families or sub-tenants.

"People have been re-

said: "I personally went to inspect what was happening, and a woman asked how she could go about to obtain a loan. I was pleased with this because people are be-

ginning to adopt the right approach."

Mr Oosthuizen said his council had tried several approaches to the shack problem, but they had little effect.

"Now we are charging them under the Squatters Act."

Under the Squatters Act, the council can move into a squatter's house, demolish the structure and destroy the building materials.

Mr Oosthuizen said this would discourage people from re-erecting shacks.

He said a major factor which had contributed to the squatting problem was the stand by some politicians and civic leaders. They had encouraged residents to ignore orders to demolish shacks.

"They mislead people by telling them they will take the council to court, or that their rents will be very high. . . . They are encouraging human suffering and politicking 'to their own ends.'"

# Owners bring urgent application

**By Michael Tisong**

Three owners of backyard shacks brought an urgent application against the Soweto Council in the Rand Supreme Court late yesterday in an effort to stop it demolishing buildings added to their houses and also to replace shacks already demolished.

In documents before the court, Mrs Carol Mathope (82) of Orlando East said she had built a backyard shack in her yard in 1981 for R600. She lived in the main house which had a kitchen and a single room.

Her son Titus (38), her nephew Titus (27) and her two granddaughters, Daphne (23) and Francina (18) lived in the shack be-

She said that on January 27 she received a letter from the Soweto Council calling on her to demolish the structure in three days, or else "the structure was going to be demolished without further notice."

Mrs Margaret Hlongwane (33) said she, her husband and two daughters used their backyard shack for storage purposes, while Mrs Beatrice Buthelezi (73) said she, her three sons and a daughter needed the shack because there was not enough space in the small house.

**Mr J van Niekerk, who appeared before**

Mr Justice Goldstone on behalf of the Soweto Council, said that, according to the Community Council Act of 1977, if the parties in a civil matter were a black person and a community council the matter "shall" be heard in a Commissioners' Court and so the Supreme Court had no jurisdiction in this matter.

Mr P Morehan who appeared on behalf of Mrs Motopi, Mrs Buthelezi and Mrs Hlongwane said the Soweto Council had no powers to act as it had because it claimed to be working under the Squatters Act and not under the Community Council Act.

**The hearing continues.**

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**Ever so humble, but Shack was home**

**built for her family behind her two-roomed home.**

**Agnes saw the demolition men coming so she grabbed an axe and started to do the job herself in a bid to save the materials from confiscation.**

**After all, she had scrimped and saved and sweated for months to build the ramshackle dwelling.**

Working feverishly, with the strength of desperation, she managed to save the

A smaller shack used by her 35-year-old mentally retarded son was built out of smaller pieces of corrugated iron she picked up in the street.

The toothless, despondent woman has an income of only R20 a week from her ex-husband. The rent for her house is R38 a month. Only one member of her family

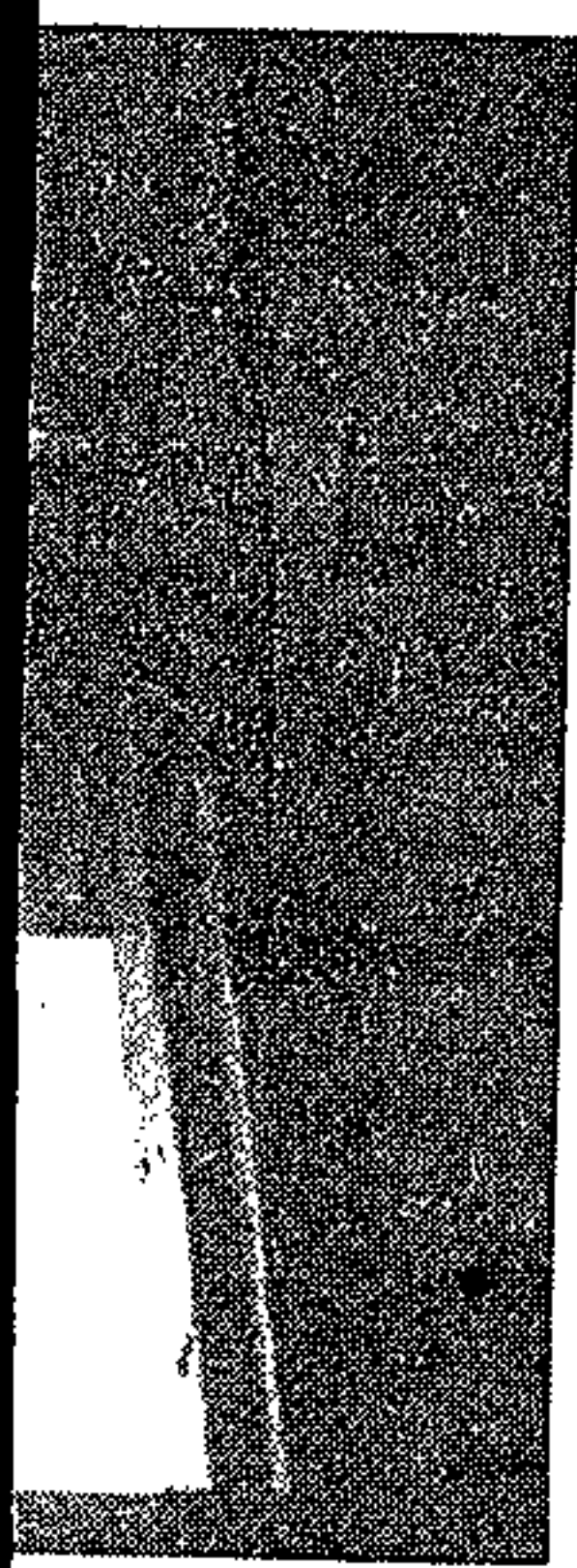
is working and he helps with the rent. "I thought it best to take everything down on my own when I heard those people were coming in to tear down the shacks," she said.

Agnes has applied in vain three times for a loan to extend her house so she resorted to building a shack.

Still she is lucky compared to her neighbours. Their shacks were broken down and the materials carted away.

One of them was the home of Mrs Neo Lekoma. She and her husband Joel paid R1 229 for their do-it-yourself corrugated iron house.

**Soweto's shacks were  
cosy homes for many**



She heard of the demonstration gangs while at work in Rosebank, Johannesburg and rushed home to



**MANY shack-dwellers in Orlando East returned home from work on Wednesday to discover that their homes had already been demolished and their belongings confiscated by authorities.**

Many had rushed home from their workplaces in Johannesburg to be met by the sight of trucks carrying uniformed Wrab policemen, some of whom wore batons and guns.

The Sunday Express witnessed the demolition of eight shacks built by residents to alleviate the overcrowding of their houses — many of which had only two-rooms.

Most of the shacks were solid structures built of materials which included corrugated iron, wood and tin and had been there for two years. They had become cosy living spaces. 'Mekukhu' is a Sotho word Soweto residents use to refer to them.

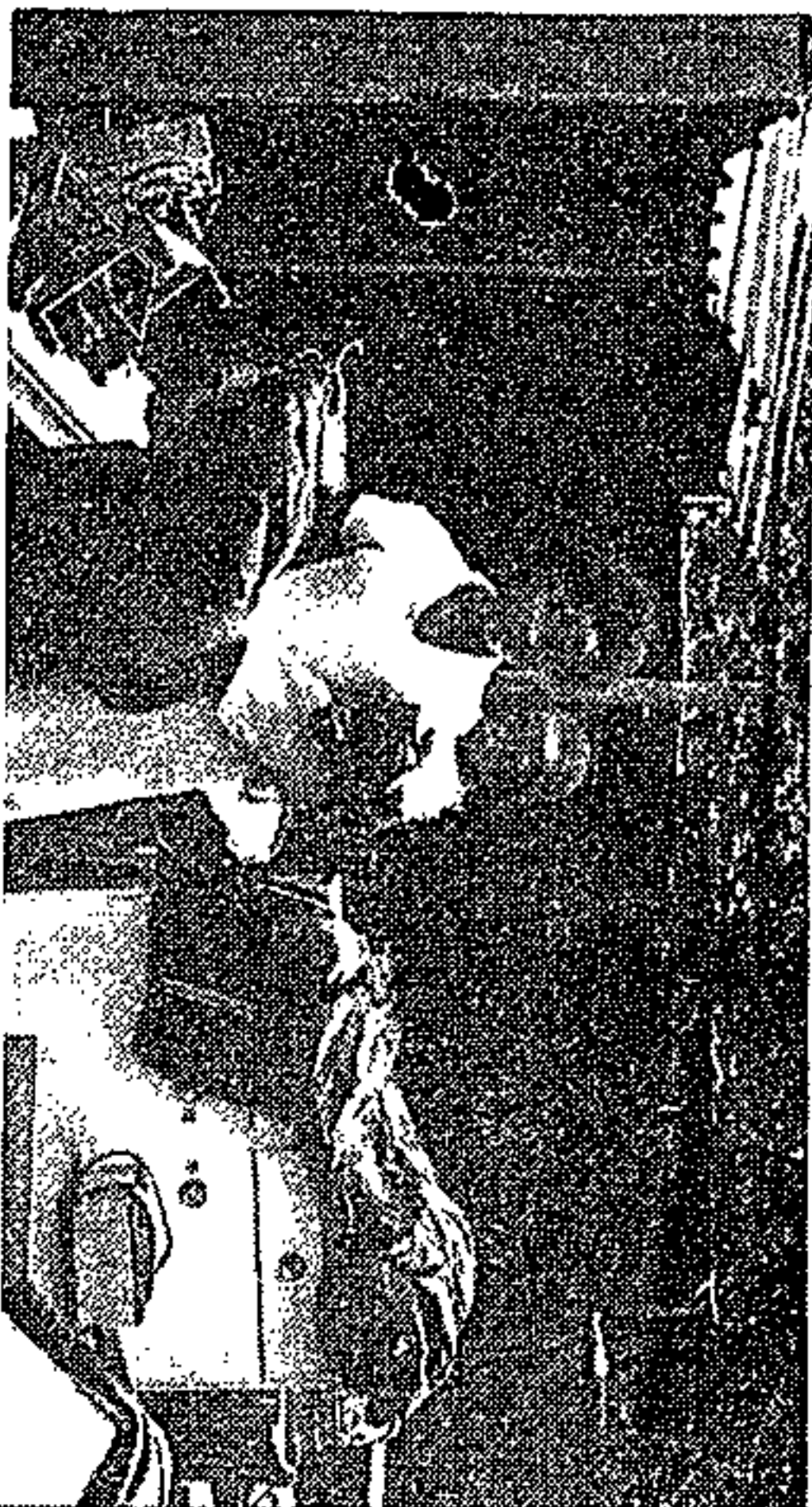
"It does not have the negative connotations that the word shack has," one man said.

After shacks were broken up materials were loaded on to trucks along with furniture and other belongings and taken to the Wrab offices in Orlando East.

According to Wrab's director of Community Services, Mr Alec Rabie, 16 shacks were demolished by Soweto Council employees. He said Wrab officials and policemen were present only as a backup measure.

Four people were arrested during the day, he said. Two people had been charged under Section 10 of the Black Urban Areas Act (Act 25 of 1945) and two "for obstructing officials in the execution of their duties".

On Thursday it was announced by the Soweto Council that residents would have



● Mrs Neo Lekoma and her two-year-old nephew Sibusiso with their belongings.

**Report: STEPHANIE VENTER**

**Pictures: HERBERT MARIJZA**

to pay for the demolition of shacks and the removal of materials in exchange for their impounded belongings.

And on the same day hundreds of uneasy Orlando East residents stayed home from work to guard their possessions in case their homes were demolished.

On Friday, the chief executive of the Soweto Council, Mr Nick Malan said that materials used to build the shacks would not be returned to the residents.

But they would have to pay about R10 to retrieve their personal belongings which were "in storage" at the Soweto Council office in Orlando East.

He said the R10 charge would be to cover the costs of "pulling down" of the

shacks and the "removal of the materials".

The Soweto Council would probably decide to destroy "useless material", he said. "We may decide to hand back the rest if we are given a guarantee that it would not be re-used to build shacks."

Also on Friday, three Orlando East women, Mrs Beatrice Buthelezi, Mrs Caroline Mathope and Mrs Margaret Hlongwane were granted an order in the Rand Supreme Court against the Soweto Council restraining them from demolishing Mrs Buthelezi's shack. It was speculated that the Soweto Council would halt all demolitions until the Supreme Court ruling which is expected on February 22. The So-

weto Council will decide at a meeting tomorrow whether to do this.

Most people interviewed said they had been on the waiting list for a house for years and could not afford to build extensions onto their houses.

According to Mr Rabie, loans costing on average R50 a month to build extensions were available to Soweto residents, including widows and pensioners.

He said that since September 1981 over R1-million in loans had been allocated to Orlando East residents for extensions to their homes.

The Soweto Council had decided to demolish the shacks in September, 1981 and residents were issued with notices to demolish their shacks, Mr Rabie said.



● One Orlando East resident not prepared to have her shack demolished was 65-five-year-old grandmother Mrs Agnes Lepota. She knocked it down herself to save the material.

the shack down herself to save the materials. She managed to stop the wreckers but not before the roof had been ripped off. Some of her furniture was damaged and, she claims, R150 disappeared from her dressing table.

Mr and Mrs Lekoma and their two children — Makei, eight, and Thabo, 10 — have lived in the shack in Mrs Lekoma's parents' backyard for about two years.

They contribute R16 to the R38 rent for the house.

Mrs Lekoma is a Lesotho citizen and her husband is classed as a 'lodger' so they have been unsuccessful with applications for a house or a loan.

"You aim high, but look where it gets you," Mrs Lekoma said. "These people are just discouraging."

Mrs Lekoma stayed at home on Thursday and Friday in case the demolition teams returned.

"I am scared they will come again, but I do not want to lose my job," she said. "We just do not know what to do anymore."

Mrs Lekoma, like many other residents deprived of their homes, has not given up. On Friday she was rebuilding her home. She has no choice. She and her family have nowhere else to go.



# Sofasonke shacks are safe — for now

By TEBELLO RADEBE

SOWETO — The Soweto Council has stopped demolition of the Orlando East shacks of members of the Sofasonke Party until the outcome of a Supreme Court hearing next month.

The Council said it would stop the demolition after an urgent application to the Rand Supreme Court on Friday by three women shack dwellers, all members of the Sofasonke Party.

Mr Justice Goldstone granted an interim order, pending a final judgment on February 22, on whether the council is permitted to demolish shacks in terms of the Prevention of Illegal Squatters' Act.

The council will meet tomorrow to decide on the fate of other shack dwellers.

Meanwhile, the Black Sash has condemned the destruction of the shacks as "unforgivable and stupid".

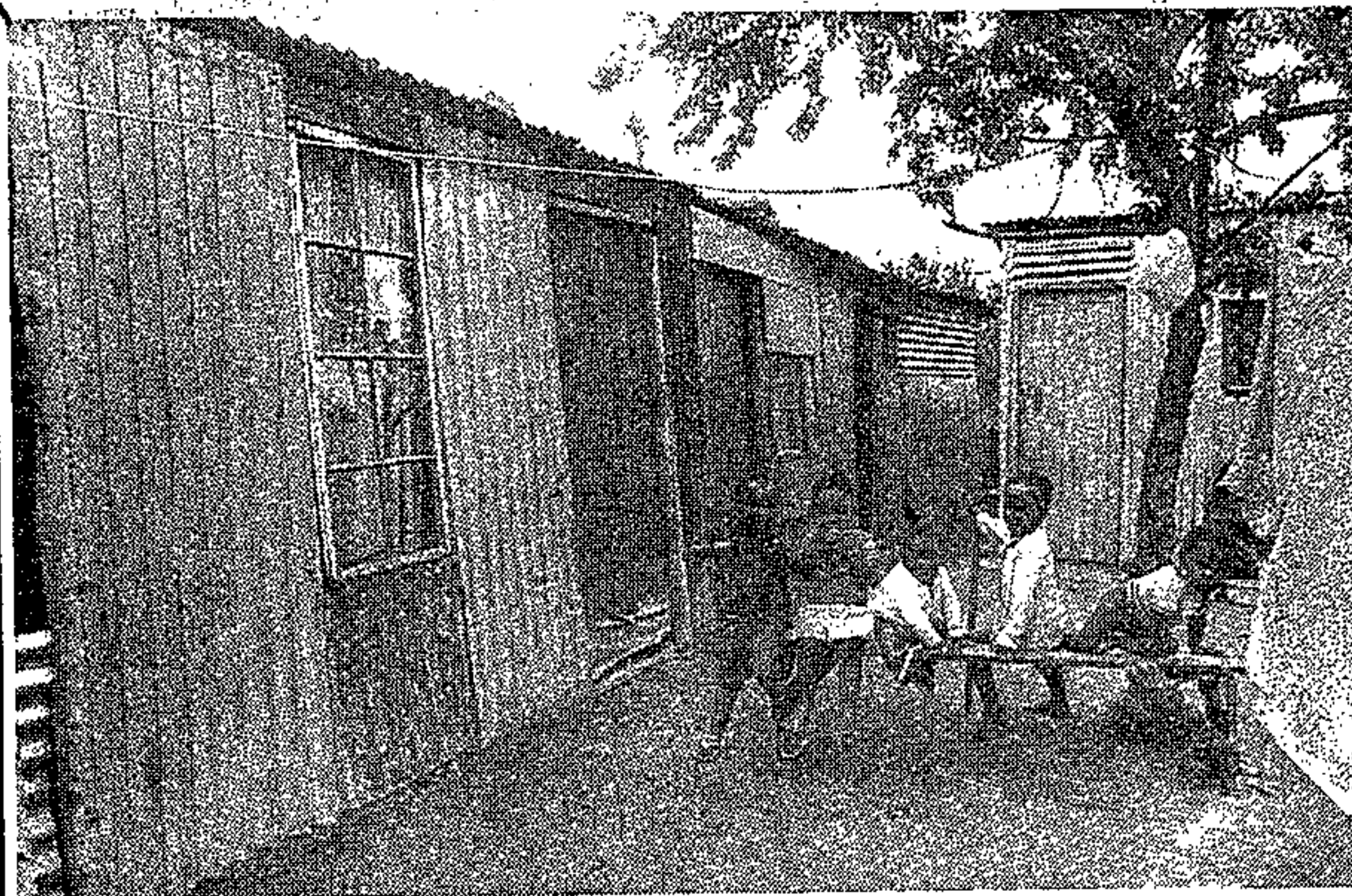
"It makes no sense to demolish homes, however inadequate they may be, when there is a housing crisis and an enormous waiting list for accommodation," a spokesperson said.

"Many of the people whose homes have been destroyed are living legally in Soweto. There can be no justification for terming these people squatters or treating them as such."

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# Section III



Home should not have to be a backyard shack for these children in Orlando East. Picture: ROBERT TSHABALALA

## Build rooms and not shacks, says Wrab, and we'll help you do it

IT CAN cost as little as R1 800 to add a proper room on to an existing Soweto house — and if the person renting the house doesn't have that amount of money, Wrab will provide them with a loan.

The average cost of adding one room to a house through Wrab's home improvement service is R3 000, provided no major alteration is needed to the existing roof structure. But a cement block room with asbestos roof, and without plastering or ceiling or tiles, can cost as little as R1 800.

No request for a loan will be refused, says Mr Piet Genis, chief estate officer at Wrab's New Canada office — as long as the applicant is not someone living in a R30 000 house who can afford to go to a building society for a loan.

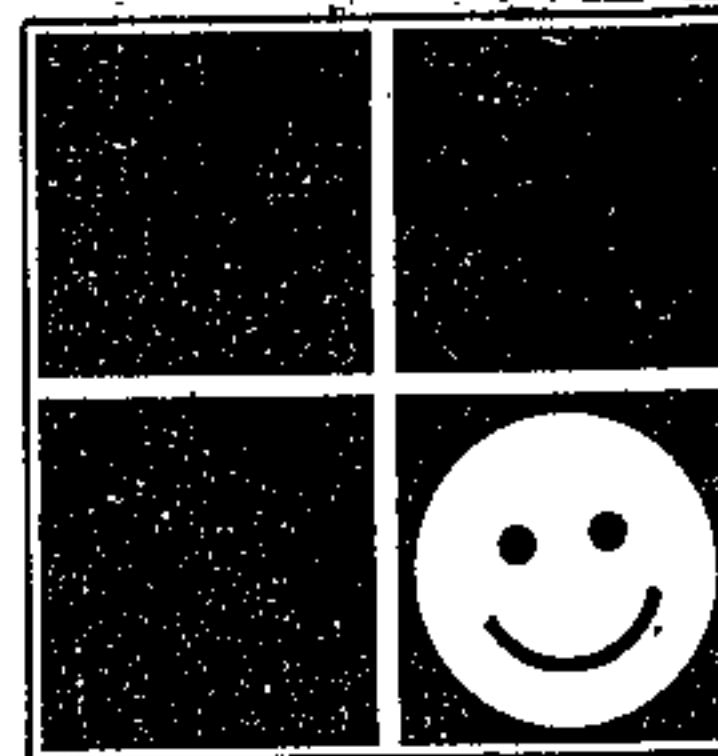
Loans of less than R10 000 require a 10% deposit, loans of more than R10 000 require a 20% deposit. Interest

**IF EMPLOYERS** would help more people to build a proper room or two on to their township houses, fewer people would have to live in illegal backyard shacks in perpetual fear of demolition.

ranges from 13,5% to 17% and there is a R20 fee for submitting the plans. Some companies lend their employees money for home improvement.

Since September 1981, 19 000 plans have been approved and more than R8-million has been lent to 869 people who made additions to their homes, Mr Genis told HOMEFRONT. These people borrowed an average of R9 000 each.

But it is no good the child-



ren of the household approaching the home improvement centre on their own, says Mr Genis. Their father or mother, being the registered tenant, must come with them and negotiate the building additions. Wrab helps them get plans drawn and to find a builder, and pays the builder in instalments as the building inspectors approve each stage of the building.

It costs nothing to talk the matter over at New Canada (tel 673-5200).

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# Hands sewn on: Elize is well

Five-year-old Elize Roenewald, of Vereeniging, is in a "very satisfactory" condition in Johannesburg Hospital after a nine-hour operation to have both her severed hands sewn back on.

But according to the hospital's public relations officer, Mr Lionel Spies, it is too early to tell if the surgery has been success-

Elize caught both her hands in a scrap metal press at her grandparents' home near Houtop. One was severed

just above the thumb and  
the other at the wrist.

Her grandparents, Mr and Mrs A Sachs, and an employee, Mr Jonas Rathulo, took Elize to hospital. In an emergency operation at 2 am on Sunday surgeons sewed both hands back on.

Mr Sachs was admitted to Vereeniging Hospital suffering from shock.

Elize's parents, Mr and Mrs L Groenewald, said they expected to hear more about the success of the operation on Thursday.

## 2 escape injury in air crash

**By Joao Santa Rita**

light aircraft crash-landed near Johannesburg yesterday when a flight instructor was simulating a forced landing.

Nobody was injured in the accident, but the raining plane was badly damaged.

The managing director of Rand Flight Centre, which owns the aircraft, Mrs Val Grange, said she could not disclose the names of the two people involved.

"Until our reports are submitted to the Department of Civil Aviation, we are not allowed to disclose the names," she said.

Mrs Grange said the accident happened when the night instructor was showing a trainee pilot the correct procedures during an emergency landing.

"When the instructor tried to lift the plane again, there was not enough power in the engine which failed to respond.

"Nobody suffered the slightest injury — not even a scratch," she said.

Demolition  
will go on  
in Soweto

**By Khulu Sibiyi**

The deputy chief executive officer of the Soweto Council, Mr G J Jacobs, said today the demolition of shacks in Soweto will continue.

He said the interim interdict restraining the council from demolishing 15 shacks had no bearing on the demolition of the rest of the 4 000 shacks.

The council, he said, had taken a decision a long time ago on the razing of the illegal structures.

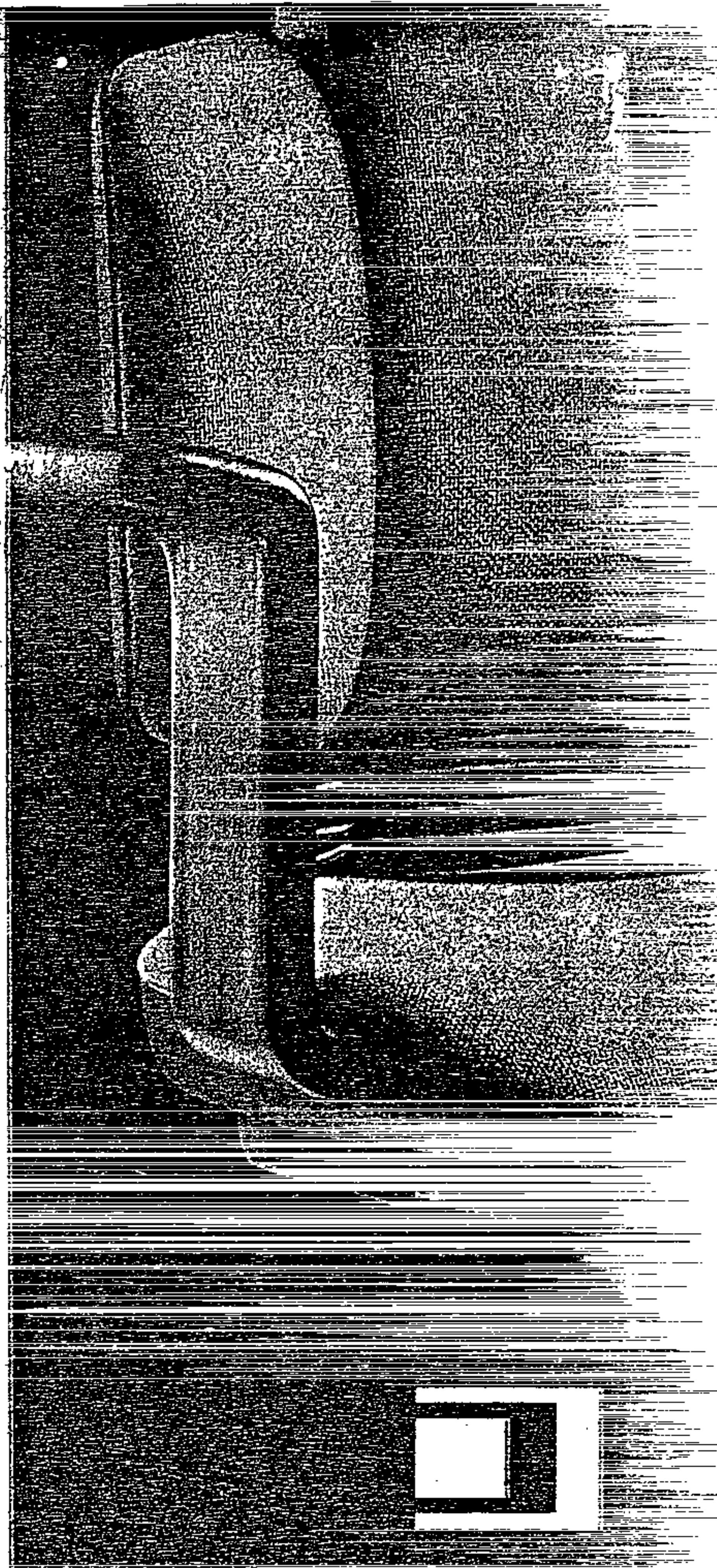
At an emotion-charged meeting yesterday, residents attacked the Soweto Council for failing to provide people with accommodation.

"We have made several appeals to the council about our need for houses, but we have received no response. Instead they are talking about building flats at Chiawelo and other townships," said Mr Ambition Brown, chairman of the Sofasonke Party, who called the meeting.

The meeting was attended by more than 300 people.

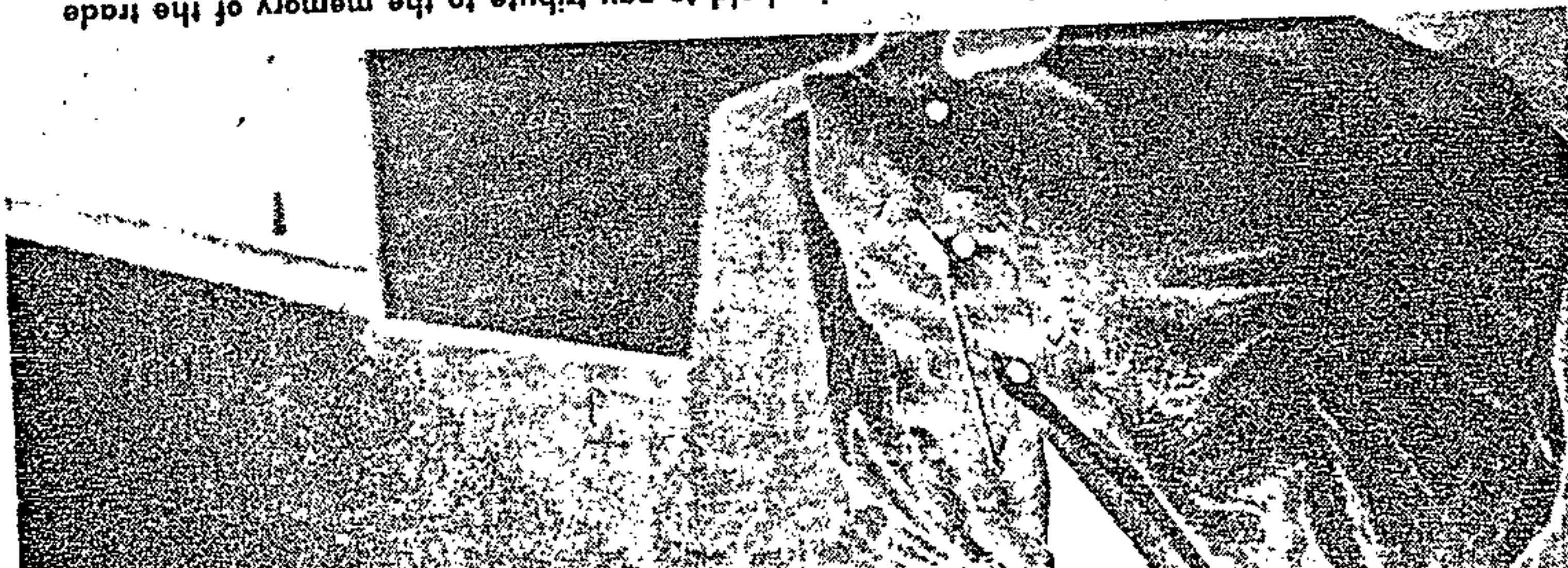
Speakers from the floor called for the Minister of Co-operation and Development, Dr Piet Koornhof, to intervene.

Another meeting of the Sofasonke Party has been arranged at the Orlando DOCC for February, 20



Hundreds pay

Dr. Liz Floyd was one of the speakers at a service held to pay tribute to the memory of the trade unionist who died in detention on February 5 last year. Dr. Floyd said it was important to come together to mourn his death, to be together to celebrate and appreciate the courage and solidarity he had shown, and to carry on his work in this spirit.



By Carolyn Dempster  
At a four-hour service  
in Johannesburg this  
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Tired and visibly upset at the life of his baby son, Mr Ash said that he would give other babies with the same heart defect a foundation, named after him from the United States. "There is a chance, and even a hyper-plastic ventricle syndrome. It costs an enormous operation. For babies with one chance in this world Boston," he said.

He added that the success depends on the people of South Mrs Janice Ash, who lives at Smuts Airport, told reporters offered to pay for the operation would meet the costs involved. This follows reports in a mystery millionaire had assisted the family. "I think darling," said Mrs Ash will call from the wealthy Pretoria confirming his pledge.









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"What do you expect the people should do? Where should they put up?" he asked.

His council had taken a decision to pull down the shacks and was keeping to that programme.

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## Shacks will be torn down - official

By SAM MABE

THE demolition of Orlando East shacks which caused a controversy leading to a court action last week, could be resumed at any moment, according to Mr J G Jacobs, deputy Chief Executive Officer of the Soweto Council.

In an interview yesterday, Mr Jacobs said the interim court interdict by which the Soweto Council was restrained from carrying on with the demolition of 15 shacks, had no bearing on the demolition of the rest of about 4 000 shacks scattered throughout Orlando East.

On January 27, a number of residents were served with notices by the Soweto Council to demolish the illegal shacks they

had built in their yards voluntarily within three days.

On February 2, armed West Rand Administration Board policemen supervised the demolition of some shacks by Wrab's employees. The corrugated iron with which most of the shacks were built, was loaded on the board's trucks and taken away.

Many families were left stranded and others were shocked when they arrived home from work to find that they had nowhere to sleep. An emergency meeting held during the same evening by angry residents under the leadership of community leader, Mr Ambition Brown, led to a court action being taken by some residents.

A Supreme Court judge, Mr Justice Goldstone was asked to restrain the Soweto Council from demolishing shacks and to restore those already demolished.

The hearing was postponed to February 22 this year but an interim court interdict restrained the Soweto Council from continuing with the demolition of 15 shacks pending the judge's decision when the hearing resumes on February 22 in the Rand Supreme Court.

Meanwhile a number of residents were seen demolishing their own shacks at the weekend to protect their material from being confiscated should the shacks be demolished by Wrab.

A YOUNG Soweto taxi-driver was shot in the head after he and his twin brother were hijacked by passengers at Emdeni while a Kliptown policeman was shot thrice in the stomach when he went to the rescue of a woman who was being molested, not far from the police station.

The dead taxi-driver was Mr Jacob "Jackie" Mahlangu of Senaoane township. According to his twin brother, Esau, who was with him at the time, they picked up "stranded" passengers near Molapo.

"We had dropped all the people in the car and were about to drive home when these men begged us to take them to Emdeni. They looked alright and we did not suspect that they would turn out to attack us," Esau said.

When they reached Emdeni the men asked to be taken to a farm outside the township.

"We refused as we were beginning to feel suspicious of their behaviour. One of them took out a gun and pointed it at my brother's head. He told him to drive towards the farm.

"We were driving at great speed and when the car reduced speed, I jumped out and ran into a backyard."

Esau said he hid in some bushes and saw his brother stumble out of the car. "He fell down not far from where I was hiding. Later when I crept up to him I saw he was shot and dead."

In another incident, a Soweto policeman who tried to help a woman who was being molested was shot three times in the stomach when his semi-automatic rifle went off during the struggle with a man.

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## Widow tells of threats

THE Supreme Court heard in Thohoyandou, Venda yesterday how the wife of a former detainee was threatened with arrest by Security Policemen, because her husband, who they wanted, was not at

tion on November 12, 1981, told the court that on November 9, the day before her husband's detention, police came to her home and demanded her husband's whereabouts. Mr Muofhe had

two Security Policemen, Captain M L Ramaligala and Sergeant P Mangaga, are charged with the murder of her husband, who was found dead on November 12

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# Soweto Council raids court-case shack dwellers

By Langa Skosana

Three Soweto shack dwellers who made an urgent application to the Supreme Court to restrain the Soweto Council from demolishing their backyard shacks were yesterday raided by Soweto Council officials accompanied by West Rand Administration Board policemen.

The women, Mrs Caroline Mothupe, Mrs Margaret Hlongwane and Mrs Beatrice Buthelezi, all of Orlando East, claim the council officials demanded to see their reference books, their house permits and asked whether people living in the shacks were relatives of the registered tenants.

This information was supplied.

The women later went to the home of the Orlando East civic leader Mr Ambition Brown. He heads the Sofasonke party which is fighting the demolitions.

They said they felt they were not obliged to provide the information to the officials, in view of the pending court case, but had done so because they felt threatened.

## NO COMMENT

A spokesman for the council Mr J J Oosthuizen, said today he did not want to comment on the raid.

On Friday last week the three women sought an order in the Rand Supreme Court restraining the council from demolishing their shacks and requesting it rebuild those already flattened.

Mr Justice Goldstein, who heard the application, postponed the hearing to February 22 after ordering all parties to file replying and answering affidavits.

Mr Brown today condemned the raid and called on all shack dwellers to meet the situation with calm until the final judgment of the Supreme Court.

He also said if any of the 4 000 Soweto shack dwellers were raided they should contact him and he would arrange legal representation.

# Jaycees provide music for hospital patients

Patients in the Johannesburg Hospital will soon be able to listen to music requests played over their headphones once visiting hours are over.

The service will be provided by the Randburg Jaycees. It starts on April 11 and will be broadcast between 7.30 and 8.30 each morning, and from 2 to 3 pm at weekends.

Training courses for presenters start on February 22.

One of the organisers, Mrs Grace Williams, has appealed for donations of records. Her telephone number is 678-2111, or Mrs Carol Hampton can be reached at 673-2623.

# Mystery man keeps pledge on Ash bills

By Joao Santa Rita

An anonymous Pretoria man yesterday fulfilled his promise to pay the medical costs of heart baby Matthew Ash, who died in Boston last week.

Matthew's mother, Mrs Janice Ash, said from Pretoria today they had received a R30 000 cheque at their home yesterday.

"I am going to the bank this morning," she said.

"We still have not received the medical bills from the Boston clinic but we hope to get them soon. If they are less than R30 000 we will use the rest of the money to open a fund for babies who have the same heart disease," said Mrs Ash.

## APPEAL

The anonymous Pretoria man promised to pay the medical costs after Mr James Ash launched an appeal through the Press for funds to try and save his four-day-old son.

Matthew had been born with a rare heart disease and doctors at the Johannesburg Hospital said the operation could only be done in America.

The baby was flown to the United States and was operated on in Boston, but died last week. Doctors had warned there was only a 50 percent chance of success.

Mrs Ash said today she wished to thank the public for their support during the attempt to save her son's life.

"If we are able to open a fund we hope that other babies can be saved," she said.



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**NOTE**

"I appeal to residents to come forward for the available loan for extensions. We are not in a hurry to destroy all shacks, and I can assure you that 'the more response we receive for the loan, the less action we will take against the shack-dwellers,' he said.

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# For some, happiness was just a home-made shack

By Sol Makgabutlane

Mr Dan Senye sits on a piece of wood, wondering what he will do now that his shack had been demolished. Beside him is his wife, Mrs Julia Mlambo (44); their children Sibongile (4), Hilda 14, Nomshado (4), Ntombi (2) and Lindiwe (20).

"The rain is coming and it is also getting windy. Where do they expect us to find shelter?" Mr Senye asked, pointing to the building materials strewn all over the yard.

His shack was pulled down on Wednesday by officials of the Soweto Council and the West Rand Administration Board. He was one of 15 people whose tin structures were knocked down because they were illegal.

## STILL TOO YOUNG

"What makes me angry is that I applied for a house in 1965 and until now I haven't heard anything from the council," Mr Senye said.

"Where will my children sleep? How will this affect them? They are still too young. They can't understand what is happening."

Mr Senye said he was born in the Johannesburg area in 1933 and, therefore, was qualified to live in Soweto.

"I was born in Prospect township, near George Goch station, and came to Orlando East in 1939 when the township was established. Since then I have stayed in many houses as a sub-tenant."

"It is amazing that they can just force people who qualify to be in Soweto out of their homes and not offer any alternative accommodation," he said.



An Orlando East shackdweller tries to cover his possessions during last night's rain. His shack was demolished on Wednesday.



When rain falls many people whose shacks were pulled down become stranded. Mr Simon Mbattha sought shelter in his car for the night.



## NO WORK THIS WEEK

Since last week, when runnour spread that the So-weto Council and Wrab would demolish the remaining shacks in the township, Mr Senye has not been to work. He said he feared that his shack might be knocked down in his absence and he would lose his building material and furniture.

When the demolishers came on Wednesday, Mr Senye put up a fierce struggle to protect his property from being impounded.

"I saw they wanted to take away my things and I grabbed a crowbar and challenged them to come near my possessions. No one did. They saw I meant business."

## APPLY FOR LOANS

Mr Senye's wife, Julia, could not contain her anger. "These people have no feelings. How can they justify what they have done to us. We live like rats here. Last night I spent the night in the wind, under that piece of zinc sheet," she said.

"They say we should apply for loans. Where would I get the money to repay a loan?"

She said she earned R53 a week as a factory machinist. But she is afraid she will lose her job because she has not been to work since their shack was torn down.

"I've read that they are to build a big boxing stadium costing millions of rands. Why do they do this when people are suffering, with nowhere to sleep?"

Mr Senye said that when they wanted to wash themselves they had to go into the toilet where there was privacy.

"I have given up washing. It is my wife who still washes herself. But when she wants to change her dress, she can't find another one because there is only confusion here."

Some of the people in Orlando East who had their shacks demolished. They had nowhere to store their goods in yesterday's rain.



Mrs Elizabeth Matsipe (51) in the make-shift shelter where she has been sleeping since her shack was demolished.

● Pictures by Alf Kumalo.



# MORE SHACKS RAZED

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SEVERAL Orlando East shack dwellers and their children were forced to sleep in the open after their "structures" were demolished by the authorities.

The West Rand Administration Board's chairman, Mr John Knoetze, told The SOWETAN yesterday that the Board and the Soweto Council were prepared to help anybody who qualified to be in the area to find accommodation.

There is also growing fear among residents that more shacks are likely to be demolished by the authorities and community leaders have warned of a "chaotic situation erupting" unless something is done soon.

Mr Samuel Mbatha and his wife said they had been on the waiting list for a house since 1980. They were forced to build a shack while waiting for a house.

## SHOCKED

"I was shocked when I arrived home yesterday and found my home razed and immediately demanded an explanation. I was told the authorities had done the work during the day.

"How can these people leave our belongings exposed to adverse weather. All my belongings were soaked by rain which fell in the area," he said.

He said he had nowhere to go and was prepared to sleep in the open. Things are likely

By JOSHUA RABOROKO

to be tough for shack dwellers as the weekend approaches.

"We will be exposed to all sorts of hooliganism," he said.

Mrs Lettie Molahlehi said her children, a married couple, Chere and Agnes, had nowhere to sleep as their backyard shack had been demolished.

"The authorities are unfair to us. What have we done to deserve this kind of treatment when other people are staying peacefully with their families?" she cried.

The councillor for the area, Mr T J Ramathibela also expressed his concern about the demolition of shacks in Orlando East.

"My life was threatened by angry people who came to my house after the authorities had destroyed the first batch of shacks. Stones and other instruments were thrown at my house until the police arrived.

"Now that the authorities are continuing with the exercise I feel quite threatened because I do not know how I will be treated this time," he said.

Mr Knoetze said that the demolition of shacks would continue where necessary.



WHAT HAVE WE DONE: Mrs Lettie Mbatha.

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DOWN: Mrs Virginia Loyidi holding baby with neighbours next to torn shack.

# ERAB ACCUSED OF CORRUPTION

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By GOBA NDLHOVU

**KATLEHONG residents allege that East Rand Administration Board officials are selling corrugated iron removed after the demolition of illegal shacks in the area on the black market.**

This new twist in the demolition of "illegal structures" was alleged by three former shack owners in Shongweni Section. They claimed that they saw white businessmen in big trucks buying the corrugated iron from Erab officials.

Mr Willie Mthimba, who owned a shack near the Katlehong Station,

told The SOWETAN that his corrugated iron was worth R150. He has not been refunded after his shack was pulled down while he was at work on Wednesday.

"These trucks follow the demolishers around the township and as soon as the structures are pulled down the white businessmen stand ready with cash to buy," said Mr Mthimba.

## UNHAPPY

According to the chief director of the East Rand Administration Board, Mr F E Marx, such a practice was unauthorised. He said no administration board officials involved in the destruction of the illegal structures had the right to sell the corrugated iron.

"I am unhappy about

such a practice. I will have to investigate and find out what exactly is happening.

"We are going to continue demolishing these illegal structures because they are owned by people who do not qualify for houses in Katlehong. We do not destroy structures owned by residents who are on our waiting list for houses," Mr Marx said.

He added that the demolition work was being done in the most humane manner possi-

ble. He said his board was very sympathetic in their treatment of the illegal owners of the shacks.

The owners of the shacks we are demolishing now were given notice long ago. They were also given a final notice a week before the demolition work started," he said.

Mr Marx also said that the illegal residents were adding weight to the already strained water supply in the township. He blamed them also for the numerous sewerage blockages common in Katlehong.



# A township bursting at its shack's seams



**SQUASH:** Three of the six shacks in one yard in Katlehong. It is quite common to see up to seven shacks in a yard.

**THE FIRST** thing that strikes a stranger entering Katlehong, a township next to Germiston, is its abundance of shacks that seem to outnumber houses at some places.

There are more than 35 000 shacks in the area. All sorts of struc-

tures including the standard tin shack, "zozos" and even hardboard

ones are found. All this can be found huddled together in backyards in the township.

The local council is locked in an ongoing war against the squatters and have on many occasions threatened to demolish them. Residents, on the other hand, feel the council wants to destroy their "homes" and leave them in the street without alternative accommodation.

In a survey conducted by Wrab last year it was found that most of the people living in these structures were hostel inmates who had brought their families from the homelands.

Only about 20 percent of those qualified to be in the area. Those who qualified were called upon to apply for houses so that they should have an official green light to live in their shacks.

Shack dwellers who were interviewed by **The SOWETAN** agreed the shacks were making their township squalid but "there is nothing we can do", said Mrs Johanna Mahlangu. "If they give us houses these things will disappear."

She said shack dwellers were not happy to be living in such uncomfortable homes. "We would also like to rear our children in healthy conditions."



● **Stories by SAM MABE and ELLIOT TSHINGWALA.** ● Pictures by ROBERT MAGWAZA

## Dongas and muddy traps awaits the stranger on the road to Katlehong

**IF YOU** are particular about where you drive your car or if your car's shock absorbers are not up to standard, Natalspruit wouldn't be the best place to drive around.

The roads there are among the worst on the Reef. They are in a bad state of disrepair and when it rains, motorists become the first people to feel the discomfort in the area.

Numerous pools are formed after rains in many of the streets that are untarred. The few that have been tarred — seemingly up to 20 years ago — have not been attended to for a long time. They have many pot holes which many drivers complain are damaging their cars.

Mr Phillip Mosooeu (49) believes that he could have saved himself up to R400 in the last seven years if the

roads in his area were properly maintained.

"Listen, I am not the type of person who buys a new car every year because I know how to look after my car. But in a place like this you have to change shock absorbers from time to time because they give in very quickly."

"You can imagine what it's like when it rains. With most of the streets being covered in water, you are never sure whether it is safe to drive through the pool or not. There was a time when I landed in a deep pothole and was stuck for about two hours before I could get help," said Mr Mosooeu.

Miss Joyce Makofane (18) said: "On two occasions a passing motorist splashed my tunic with muddy water when he drove past me. I was not mad with him because I noticed that he slowed down when he approached me but he was unfortunately not slow enough."

"You should have seen how embarrassed I was after that incident because I had to go back home to change and I was late for school. I wonder what our so-called leaders in the community councils are doing if they cannot fix the roads."

"The place needs to be tarred and a storm-water system installed. We cannot carry on like this forever," she added.



**MUDDY:** Large pools form in the roads after rains.



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## Shack dwellers try to escape demolition hammer

About 30 Orlando East  
shacks have been demo-  
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Council but dwellers are  
now trying a new tactic  
— adding on verandas  
to houses.

The council's, Mr J J  
Oosthuizen said today it  
was pulling down struc-  
tures which had been at-  
tached to existing houses.

"People are trying  
funny tricks and we can't  
tolerate it. It's even  
worse when they enclose  
the verandas with corru-  
gated iron. It makes the  
whole township look

ugly," Mr Oosthuizen  
said.

The council had found  
that most people in  
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to be in Johannesburg.

Those who were legal-  
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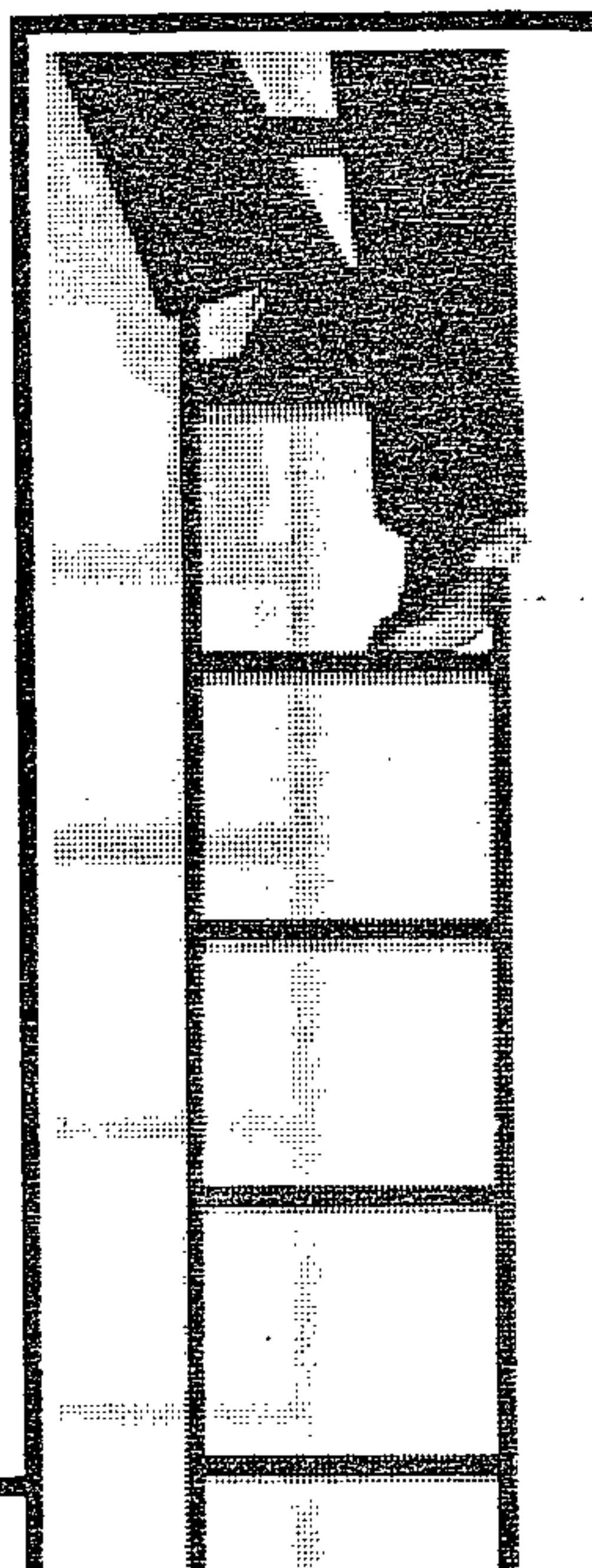
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# SHACKS TORN DOWN AGAIN

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**MAKE-SHIFT** shacks which were built around Orlando East house verandas by families who had their shacks demolished by the West Rand Administration Board (Wrab) were torn down yesterday as the board continued with its demolitions.

The structures which were put up by owners to store furniture and other household goods were torn down. Most of the household goods removed are now in the open.

lessly as board workmen knocked down her shack. "I do not know just what I am going to do with all this furniture as I do not even have relatives with space to help me store it. I will be going out to look for space some time," she said.

Another resident, Mrs Elizabeth Makutso, who has a family of 23,

wept when her shack was knocked down.

She told **The SOWETAN** she was prepared to sleep at the local superintendent's office because there would not be room in her two-roomed house for the family. She said she put up the shack in 1971 and it proved to be of some help to her large family.

Most of the people involved yesterday watched helplessly while their goods lay in the open.

About 15 shacks were demolished yesterday bringing the number of recently demolished structures to about 50.

An atmosphere of tension continued to grip other shack-owners whose structures have not yet been affected. Some people stayed at home to demolish their own shacks and safely store their possessions.

A 72-year-old woman, Mrs Margaret Maseko, watched help-

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**KICKED OUT:** Mrs Margaret Maseko next to her belongings.



## Sofasonke Party shack meeting

THE ORLANDO East-based Sofasonke Party is to hold a public meeting this weekend to discuss the ongoing demolition of the area's 4 000 shacks.

The party's chief executive officer, Mr Ambition Brown, said yesterday the meeting would be expected to decide on the proposed building of

additional rooms by the Soweto Council at Orlando East. The council has proposed plans to build extra rooms at a cost of R1 000 each in place of shacks.

The meeting will be held at DOCC on Sunday and will start at 9am. The residents will, among other things, discuss the proposed rent

increase of R12 a month per extra room and the pending case which is due to be heard in the Rand Supreme Court next Monday.

Mr Brown said: "The authorities have continued to demolish shacks at Orlando East despite appeals from different organisations to leave the structures".

## Stokvels could cost you your home

THE SOWETO Council is still determined to take away homes from residents who hold "gigs", stokvels and gumbas in them, the council's chief director, Mr J J Oosthuizen, said yesterday.

He told The SOWETAN that although he did not know if any action had been taken so far, following the council's September meeting

last year, the senior township managers were aware of the decision.

He said residents had been warned about the council's decision that they ran the risk of losing their houses if they allowed unlawful parties to be held in their homes.

"I presume many people have heeded our warning because this year we have not re-

ceived a single complaint," he said.

According to a report, this decision was adopted unanimously by all councillors after a motion passed by Mr M A Makhanya, the council's Trade and Transport Committee chairman.

The feeling was that stokvels and "gigs" were a nuisance to other law-abiding residents.



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# SPOTLIGHT

## ON KATLEHONG

• SAM MABE reports • Pics by ROBERT MAGWAZA •

# Shack problem mushrooms

THERE are twice as many shacks as there are houses in Katlehong, Natalspruit, according to the chairman of the local community council, Mr A P Khumalo.

Speaking in an interview with The SOWETAN yesterday, Mr Khumalo released shocking figures which showed that of the 18 000 houses in Katlehong, there were 35 000 illegal shacks. This means there are an average of two shacks for every house in the area.

Mr Khumalo also said there were 6 000 families on the housing waiting list and that his council was trying to devise means of helping them with houses.

Shacks, he said, were causing his council a headache but found it "too inhuman" to demolish the shacks.

"On health grounds we have objected to the demolition of shacks until we can provide alternative accommodation. Surveyors are at work and we hope to build about 1 100 houses, which we accept are not enough to meet the demand.

"But what can we do because we have no fi-



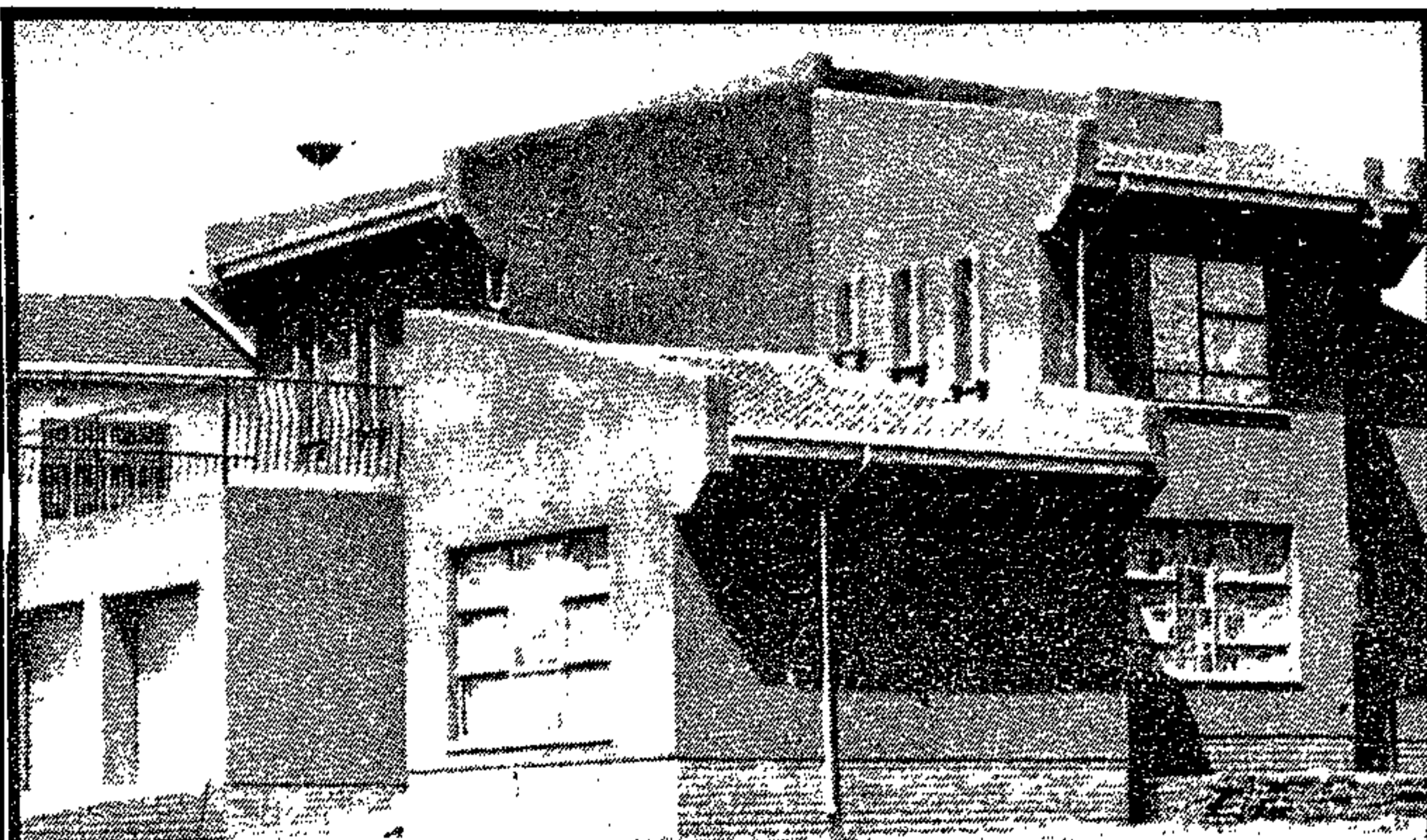
MR A P KHUMALO: Eighty percent of the houses are privately owned.

nancial resources. We are trying to do what is humanly possible but we inherited lots of problems from the Germiston City Council.

"They were more sympathetic to the homelands than the urban townships, that is why they pumped funds into the development of Lebowa instead of this area," he said.

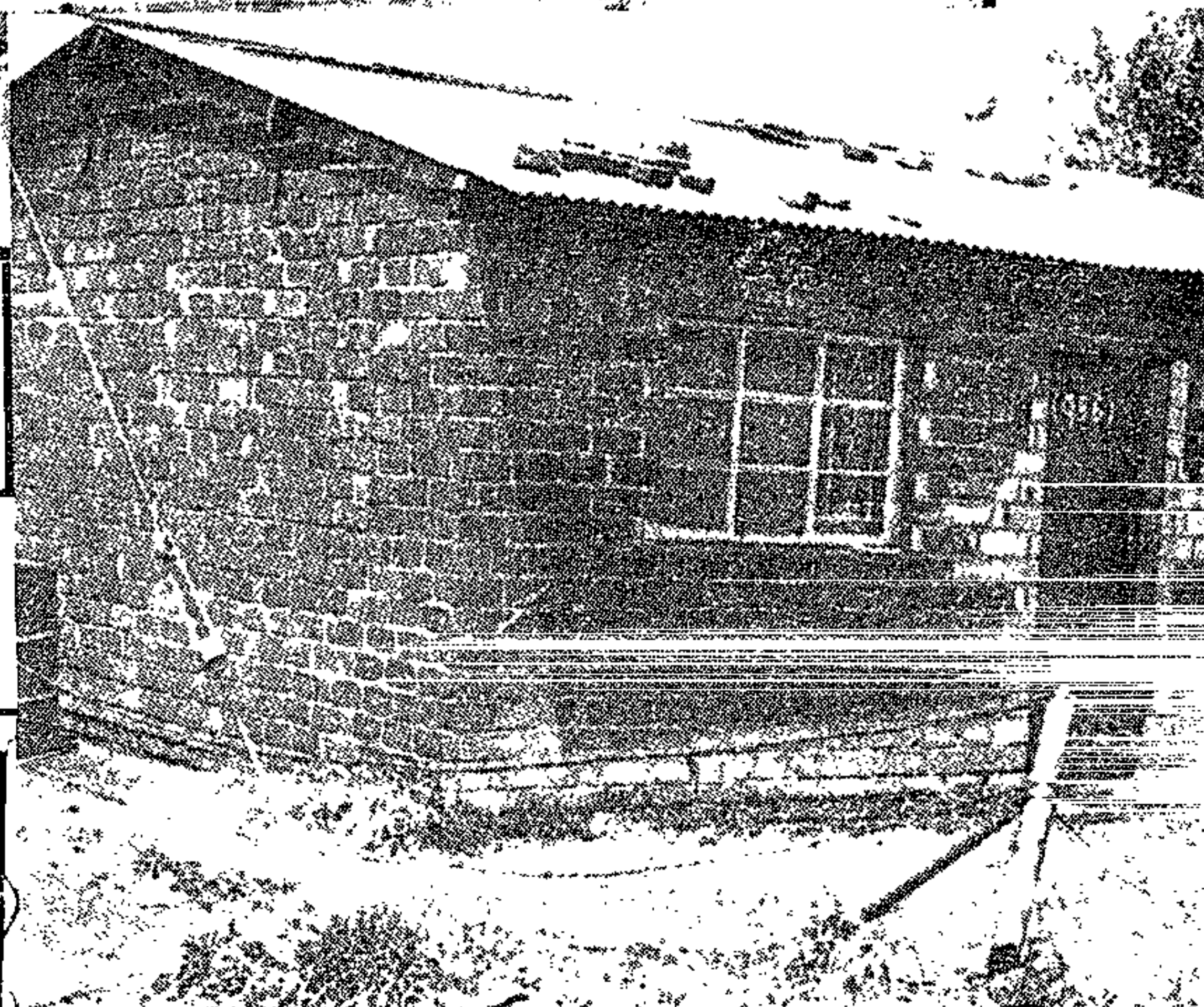


# A tale of two towns in a single township



**MANSIONS.** They are a familiar sight in Katlehong.

**SLUMS:** They blemish the potential beauty of the township.



COMPARED with other black residential areas like Soweto, Kagiso, Mohlakeng and others on the Reef, Katlehong is most qualified to be called a slum.

The houses there are old and falling apart and there is a complete lack of proper fencing which shows that maintenance has not been done for many years.

But this is only as far as the council-owned houses are concerned. Otherwise, many residents of Katlehong seem very particular about the houses they live in and are going all-out to improve their appearances.

## IMPROVE

According to the chairman of the Katlehong Community Council, Mr A P Khumalo, only 20 percent of the 18 000 houses in Katlehong are owned by the

council. The rest have been bought from the council by their occupants.

And those who have bought their houses have done a lot to improve them. Some have added more rooms to the four-roomed houses, while others have completely demolished the houses to build better ones from scratch.

Double-storey mansions with double garages, four and five bedrooms, big lounges, dining-rooms and family-rooms are a familiar sight in Katlehong.

May of them, however, are surrounded by the old shabby-looking houses and the numerous shacks which have turned Katlehong into a

"shack-city."

Said Mr Elphus Monareng who owns a nine-roomed house: "We have been blessed with big plots here and this is what has made us the envy of many people from places like Soweto.

## PROBLEMS

"Our only misfortune is that while some of the houses may be nice-looking, they happen to be in awful surroundings because the streets here are not tarred and we have problems with dust during the dry seasons and mud during the wet seasons.

"This results in houses not appreciating quickly in value, because the area where a house is situated has a lot to do with its value," he said.



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## Court rules in shacks' favour

THE Soweto Council has undertaken not to demolish shacks in Orlando East of three residents who had brought an urgent interdict before the Rand Supreme Court yesterday. (310) Sowetan

The matter between the Soweto Council and the three residents, Mr James Mongwe, Mrs Mary Masibi and Mr Petrus Ngakane was settled before Mr Acting Justice Levenson in an interdict heard in the afternoon.

The Soweto Council agreed it would refrain from demolishing the shacks pending a forthcoming application at the Rand Supreme Court which Mr Levenson postponed to March 22.

Meanwhile a spokesman for the families' attorneys said more interdicts were expected to be heard next week after more Orlando East shack owners had briefed their lawyers.



# Squatters use school as hideout

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TEACHERS at an Alexandra primary school are up in arms against two homeless families who have taken refuge in two of the school's classrooms.

Teachers at Golden Lower Primary, where the families stay, said they always found the classrooms in a mess every morning, with blankets and clothing strewn about on the floor.

## CLOTHING

A team from The SOWETAN visited the school yesterday and found heaps of clothing and blankets packed outside the classrooms. According to one teacher, the families only came to the school at night and "disappeared" early in the morning.

"Efforts to lock the classrooms after lessons

have been futile. Each time we lock them, we find doors and windows damaged. Sometimes we find desks and tables in a mess. We have reported this to the local West Rand Administration Board but nothing has been done," one teacher said.

## RESIDENT

One resident, who stays near the school, told The SOWETAN that the families moved into the school two years ago.

"They only come at night and leave early in the morning before the pupils and teachers arrive," he said.



SHOES: A pupil shows some of the clothes at the school.



# Court halts township woman's eviction

310 Pretoria Correspondent ~~Star~~ 23/2/83

A Pretoria Supreme Court judge has set aside an order evicting a Soshanguve woman and her teenage daughter from their home.

Mr Justice Charl Theron yesterday granted the urgent application brought by Mrs Lobisa Elina Renkenkula (34), of Soshanguve, against the township's manager, and set a return date of March 15.

In an affidavit before the court, Mrs Renkenkula said her husband had left her in 1980 and she and her 16-year-old daughter had remained in the house. The couple finally separated in January last year.

Mrs Renkenkula, who is at present stay-

ing with her sister in the township, said she had been locked out of her house after protracted legal correspondence with the township manager to transfer the residence of the house into her name.

Meanwhile, writes The Star's labour reporter, the 11-member Council of Unions of South Africa (Cusa) has stepped into the Orlando shacks fray by condemning the demolition of workers' homes in the Soweto township.

In a statement issued on behalf of its 11 affiliated trade unions, Cusa states that the housing shortage in Soweto is not the fault of the shack dwellers as there were no serious attempts being made by the Gov-

ernment to provide adequate housing.

"These might be shacks to callous administration board officials, but they are the only homes that thousands of people know," the statement says.

● The plight of Orlando East shack dwellers will come under focus at the Azanian People's Organisation's annual meeting at the Senaone Anglican Church on Saturday.

The meeting, which starts at 2 pm, will be addressed by Mr Ishmael Mkhabela, the organisation's chief spokesman.

According to the secretary of the branch, Mr Pule Pule, the meeting will also discuss pending community council elections.

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# Unions blame Govt for shacks

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THE hearing of Orlando East residents who early this month brought an application before the Supreme Court to restrain the Soweto Council from demolishing their shacks may be on today.

A spokesman for the advocates representing the residents who brought the action to court, said although the hearing was scheduled for yesterday, it could not be heard because of the number of cases on the court roll.

The hearing is a sequel to the demolition of 15 shacks by officials of the Soweto Council in Orlando East at the beginning of this month. Since then, a number of other shacks have been demolished.

Meanwhile, the Council of Unions of South Africa (Cusa), yesterday issued a statement condemning "the demolition of workers' homes as a futile exercise of creating a problem and substituting it with a more vi-

cious one.

"The housing shortage in Soweto is no fault of the shack dwellers. There is no serious attempt on the part of the Government to provide adequate housing for the black workers of this country.

"The reason for the housing crisis is the stubborn refusal of the Government to regard them as more than just a temporary phenomenon.

"This recalcitrant attitude forces people to take refuge in shacks and to live in appallingly overcrowded conditions. Instead of responding to this by building more homes, administration boards are increasing the suffering by the present wave of demolishing activity," the statement read.

"No degree of repression or force will curb the need to find adequate shelter. People will continue to stream to the cities to find jobs. Influx control is therefore not the answer to the housing crisis."



# A township waits for the bulldozers

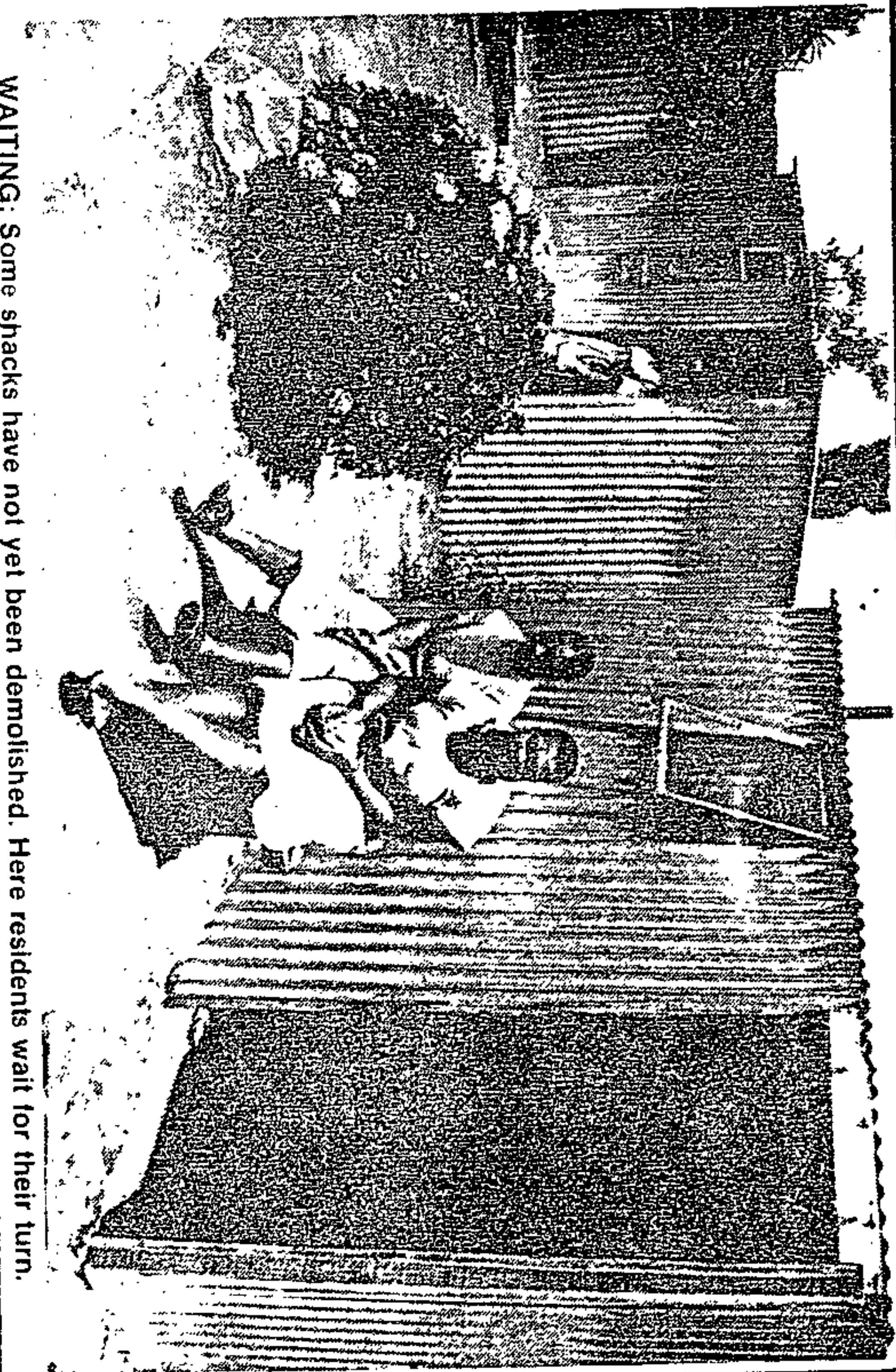
310 ~~187~~ By ALI MPHAKI *Sowetan* 24/2/83

SOME families virtually sleep in the open while others have to crowd into two-roomed houses in Orlando East since the demolition of shacks by the Soweto Council and West Rand Administration Board started.

The demolition of shacks which started on February 2, leaving families stranded and furniture and other household effects exposed, has also caused a number of students to halt their studies temporarily as they have nowhere to study.

To date up to 50 shacks have been demolished in the area and more than 4 000 shack owners whose shacks are still intact are living in fear.

The leader of the Orlando East-based Sofoanke Party, Mr Ambition Brown, said yesterday that a meeting to discuss a common strategy for all shack dwellers on the Reef would be held on March 6. He said people from all over the Reef had similar problems and they had to unite to form common strategies.



WAITING: Some shacks have not yet been demolished. Here residents wait for their turn.

## No appeal for Durban bomb trio

THREE men who were found responsible for the seven bomb blasts which rocked Durban in 1981, were refused leave to appeal against their convictions in the Supreme Court, Pietermaritzburg yesterday. ~~(253) (31) (11A) (84A)~~ Durban attorney Patrick Ntshela Mqubela, Mabojiswa Richard Mbulana of Umkhonto, and Seth Mputso Gaba of Mdantsane, were found guilty of high treason and sentenced to 20 years' imprisonment by Mr Justice J A van Heerden in September last year. *Sowetan* 24/2/83

## Dobsonville Council pumps R10-m into housing

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## Funds flow in to help student

# Aid for cripple

YOUNG Soweto paraplegic who did not have the money to complete his BCom studies at the University of the North this year, received help from good samaritans through an article published in The SOWETAN.

Henry "Master" Modise (22), who obtained distinctions in accountancy and business

economics last year, ran out of funds when the Self-Help Association of Paraplegics were unsuccessful in raising money for him to return to university.

According to Shap coordinator Mr Mike du Toit, contributions started pouring in after The SOWETAN published the plight of the young man. A Jewish Afrikaans attorney who reads The SOWETAN

daily, to find out what blacks are saying about whites," contributed money, while an Indian doctor based in Vereeniging, who wishes to remain anonymous, has promised to cater for all his expenses while studying.

Mr Du Toit said other people too have contributed and he wished to extend his Association's gratitude to all the contributors.



PROBLEMS OVER: Mr Henry Modise back at university.

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A MEAL OF DRICES

## Ambulances - resident offers to take control



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## More shacks pulled down

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house yesterday, the even sleep at home

Back in Pretoria, we — Sundowns game.

house when we heard a noise outside. When we looked, we saw them busy demolishing the structure. I ran to them and asked what was happening, and they told me they were demolishing the shack. I asked them to stop so that we could remove the furniture."

Mr Nakane said he was seeking legal advice on the issue.

"We are going to try and get a court interdict to stop these people. I was at work when they started this. When I came back I tried to reason with them but they would not understand. I then left them alone and went to see my lawyers," Mr Nakane said.

Sapa reports that officials of the Western Cape Administration Board backed up by the police and two armoured vehicles demolished about 50 structures at the KTC squatter camp near Gugulethu yesterday.

Also affected was Mr Samson Nakane, the chairman of the Soweto Civic Association, whose three shacks were the first to be brought down.

At one house, a shack was brought down while the home owners were away at work. Concerned neighbours who went to the scene to try and plead with the officials were sent away.

Residents interviewed said in some instances the families were not even warned to remove their belongings.

Said Mrs Phumla Nakane: "We were sitting in the



# ~~1st~~ Court orders shack restored ~~310~~ 26/2/83 ROOM

By TONI REYNEKE

A RAND Supreme Court judge ordered the Soweto Council yesterday to restore a demolished shack in Orlando East, and leave another standing following applications brought earlier this month.

The Soweto Council was also ordered to refrain from demolishing a shack belonging to a 73-year-old widow, Mrs Beatrice Buthelezi.

Mr Justice F H Grosskopf said in judgment the Soweto Council was not a local authority and was not entitled to demolish a shack standing on the property belonging to Mrs Margaret Hlongwane.

The Soweto Council was ordered to pay costs.

About 100 members of the Sefasonke Party — wearing tartans and red sashes — were singing outside the court building under the leadership of Mr Ambition Brown.

The Sefasonke Party originated in the 1950s, under Mr James Sefasonke Mpanza, who worked for better housing conditions in Soweto.

Mr Justice Grosskopf found that the Soweto Council was a community council, which had no powers in terms of the definition of a local authority.

Mrs Buthelezi and Mrs Hlongwane said in papers they and their families had permits to live in Orlando East.

Mrs Buthelezi lives with her three sons and a daughter in a two-roomed house and a shack on her property.

Mrs Hlongwane lives with her husband and two young daughters. Their corrugated iron shack, which was added on in 1979, is at present used as a storeroom.

Mrs Hlongwane said their shack was demolished on February 2. It forced them to move all the furniture into the main house which resulted in a lack of space.

Mrs Buthelezi said she received a letter from the Soweto Council earlier this year informing her of its intentions to demolish the shack which houses her one son.

Mr A Franklin, for the applicants, argued that the Soweto Council, which purported to act in terms of the Prevention of Illegal Squatting Act, was not a local authority in terms of this act.

"Only local authorities as defined by this act, may issue instructions to demonish structures," he said.

"It is a matter of the gravest importance that the Soweto Council be allowed to approve plans. Shacks going up in backyards will eventually lead to chaos," Mr Rene Kruger, SC, for the respondents said.

"It is a local authority in that it has an area and a board," he said of the Soweto Council.



# Vaal shack people get a break

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Shack dwellers in the Vaal complex have been given a temporary reprieve.

Chairman of the Vaal Community Council, Mr Esau Mahlatsi, said this week the council had resolved to stop all raids and arrests until the matter had been discussed with housing director, Mr Nicholas Louw.

The council meeting was told that the shack situation was becoming critical as thousands of people flocked into the Vaal townships in search of work. Shacks are springing up to accommodate them.

Meanwhile, the president of the Isolumuzi Party in Evaton, Mr George Simelane, is to appeal against his conviction for accommodating "illegal" people in shacks on his property.

Last week Mr Simelane, 75, who is blind, was fined R30 (or 30 days) for building illegal shacks and R90 (or 60 days) for accommodating "illegals".

Mr Simelane said he would appeal against the conviction because Evaton was a freehold area and the administration of the township by Proclamation R322 was, in his opinion, illegal.

"I'm not going to pay the fines. I'd rather go to jail," said Mr Simelane.



## Plan for R60-m canal scheme to go ahead

CAPE TOWN — The Government has decided to go ahead with the construction of a R60 million canal scheme between the P K le Roux Dam and the drought-stricken Rietrivier area in the south-western Orange Free State.

The decision had been taken despite severe financial restrictions, the Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries, Mr Sarel Hayward, said in a statement issued in Cape Town.

The Rietrivier area was experiencing an exceptional drought and the Kalkfontein Dam had been able to meet requirements only to a limited extent for the last few years, he said.

"This dam presently contains less than three percent of its capacity and no water could be released in the current season."

The irrigation farmers in the Rietrivier water scheme were experiencing serious socio-economic problems and financial aid was already being given to them.

After the Department of Environmental Affairs, in co-operation with the Department of Agriculture, had considered various possibilities to improve the situation, it had been decided to go ahead with the construction of the canal scheme despite severe financial restrictions, Mr Hayward said.

The scheme will form part of the proposed Orange River project.

It consists mainly of a pump station and an ascending conduit at the end of the Vanderkloof scheme's existing right-bank main canal, as well as a canal of over 100 km to the Rietrivier area, and a number of regulating dams.

"The estimated cost of completing the scheme at present prices is about R60 million, and it is intended to start construction in April," Mr Hayward said. — Sapa.

## Council to seek options on shacks

By Langa Skosana and Tony Duigan

Officials of the Soweto Council and the West Rand Administration Board were today examining the possibly far-reaching implications of last week's Supreme Court ruling that the council was not a proper local authority.

Mr Justice Grosskopf ruled on Friday that the Soweto Council was not a local authority in terms of the Prevention of Illegal Squatters Act and was therefore not entitled to demolish the shacks in Soweto.

The court action was brought by three Orlando East women whose shacks had either been demolished by or were under threat of demolition from the Soweto Council.

Previously about 50 shacks had been demolished after several warnings had been given.

Wrab and council officials, determined to continue the demolition of the estimated 4 000 shacks in Soweto which they see as health haz-

ards, were today examining the options left open by the court ruling.

The officials were reluctant to comment but the likely alternatives under consideration are:

- Legal "loopholes" that will give the Soweto Council power to continue the demolition.

- Using Wrab to carry out the demolition in terms of the Squatters Act.

- Using the Government notice 1036 of 1968 which would enable the Council to act against residents who do not comply with the regulations governing housing in the townships.

Meanwhile the Sofasonke Party, the civic body which has been fighting the shack demolition, is to seek further legal advice to try and force the council to rebuild the demolished shacks.

Mr Ambition Brown, Sofasonke's chief executive, said today the Supreme Court ruling would obviously also affect the Council's rights to levy service charge increases.

## R270 000 taken in two robberies

By Mike Cohen, Crime Reporter

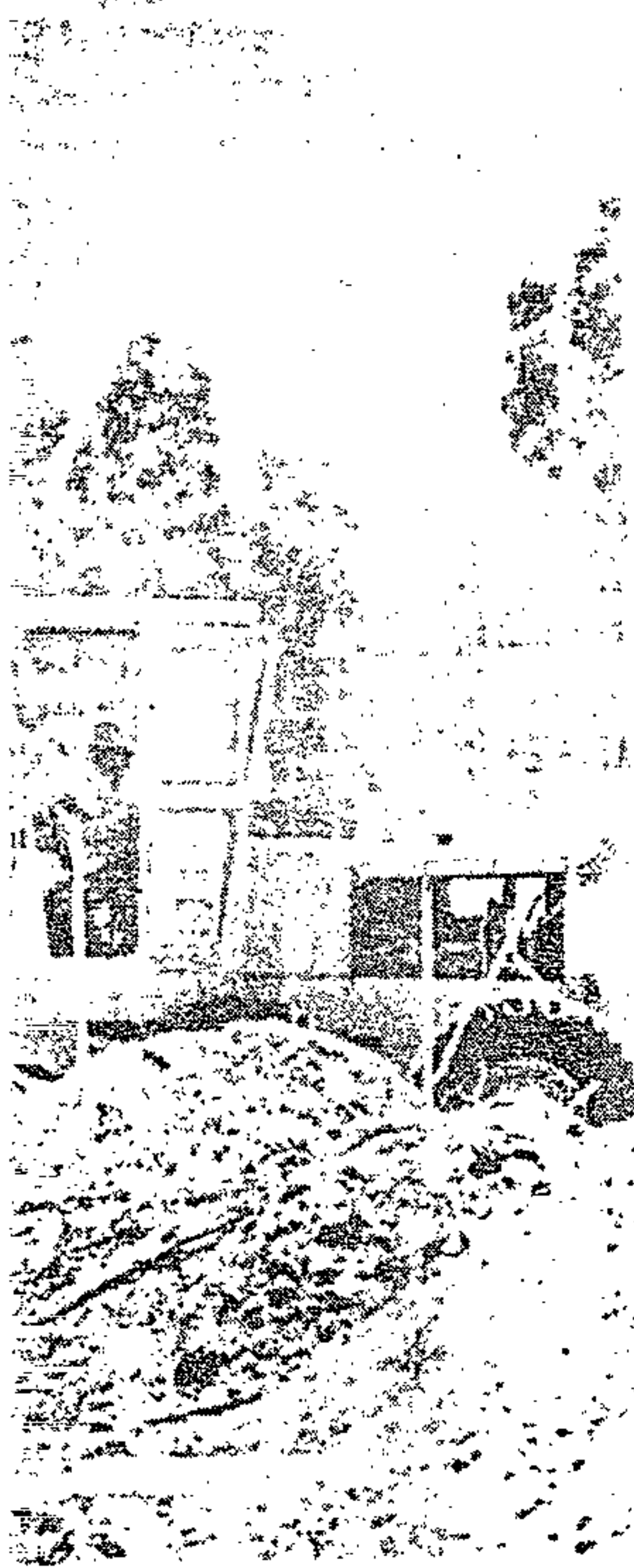
Armed robbers cashed in on R270 000 at the weekend when they attacked workers at two Pretoria branches of Checkers, forcing them to open their safes at gunpoint and then escaping with the cash.

On Saturday afternoon two armed men entered the branch in Moot Street, Hercules, and forced their way into the office while the employees were cashing up.

They held Mr C Swanepoel (28), Mr CJ Coertzer (27) and Mrs A Boshoff (52) at gunpoint and ordered them to open the safe. The men bundled R200 000 in cash into bags before fleeing. The employees were not injured.

In the second attack, five men armed with guns, knives and a kerie stormed into the Brooklyn branch of Checkers and threatened Mrs H S de Klerk (27) and several schoolboy helpers.

They tied Mrs de Klerk up with rope and removed R70 000 in cash from the safe before fleeing. Mrs de Klerk has minor injuries to her wrists.



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A piece of Johannesburg history crumbles . . . . Buildings that once housed thousands of workers in a self-contained village are pulled down to make way for the 50 ha Rand Show grounds at Crown Mines No 16 shaft between Johannesburg and Soweto. With the rubble out of the way it is just a case of filling in the holes and levelling off the ground before construction begins.

● Picture by David Sandison.



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# Only brief respite for shack dwellers

By Anthony Duigan

Soweto's 4 000 shack-dwellers will have only a brief respite.

The West Rand Administration Board will continue to demolish the backyard shacks even if the Soweto Council does not have the power to do so, said the chief of Wrab, Mr John Knoetze.

At the same time Wrab would honour last week's Supreme Court order re-

straining the Soweto Council from demolishing the shack of an Orlando East resident and directing the council to restore the demolished shack of another resident, he said.

"But I must state clearly that Wrab will not tolerate illegal structures in the townships.

"We have gone out of our way to help shack-dwellers with loans for adding rooms on to houses. We have offered them ad-

vice and even technical assistance."

Mr Knoetze added that even if the Soweto Council could not continue with shack demolitions, Wrab could.

The following was the policy Wrab would adopt towards shack dwellers, he said:

- Wrab would go ahead with steps to prevent the erection of shacks and other illegal structures.

- The board would deal sympathetically with those people forced to live in shacks because of a housing shortage.

- Only when residents were not prepared to comply with the standards and regulations laid down would action be taken against them. As far as possible Wrab wanted to help and not evict people.

- Wrab would study the court ruling before deciding on further action.

Mr Ambition Brown, chief executive of the So-fasonke Party, which has spearheaded the fight against shack demolitions, today warned residents not to take the law into their own hands following the shackdwellers' court victory. "This is not a licence to erect shacks indiscriminately," he said.

He said he had noticed verandahs were being closed in to create an extra room.



# Union to fight against tightened influx control

By STEVEN FRIEDMAN  
Labour Correspondent

THE Metal and Allied Workers' Union (MAWU) has vowed to "rally" its members to fight tightened influx control and will ask the Federation of SA Trade Unions, to which it belongs, to back the campaign.

MAWU says it has taken this step because, although the Orderly Movement and Settlement of Black Persons Bill has been temporarily withdrawn, administration boards have already begun to implement its "worst parts".

Its move is also a reaction to the demolition of squatters' shacks on the East and West Rand. Many of the East Rand shacks were occupied by MAWU members.

MAWU's East Rand shop stewards have been discussing this issue for months and have issued statements attacking tighter influx control and demolitions.

But the decision to campaign against them has been

taken by the union's national executive and means MAWU has now decided to campaign nationally against these measures.

Among moves recommended by MAWU's executive is an attempt to "make clear to employers that the new measures will cause great dissatisfaction and instability among workers, and employers will also suffer directly from an unstable work force".

It will also call on community councils to resist these measures.

Many MAWU members are migrant workers and are affected by the Bill.

MAWU said in a statement that measures taken by administration boards to tighten control over workers include:

- The tearing down of "hundreds" of shacks owned by workers in East and West Rand townships. Because of the housing shortage, the shacks provided "the only

way they can live with their families.

- "Very heavy" pass raids in all townships and towns.

- A measure by the West Rand Administration Board stipulating that a contract worker who brings his family to the cities can have his work contract cancelled "so not only will he be fined, but he and his family will be sent home to starve".

"It is clear to all workers that influx control laws have one purpose only — to oppress workers, to keep them weak and to keep their labour cheap.

"Through these laws our members are cut off from their families, forced to live in degrading hostels and condemned to starve if they lose their jobs.

"Now their lives are to be made even worse — they will be even more insecure," the union said.

It said workers and their children could "never accept" laws which made them "criminals".



# Plan for shackdwellers

By SAM MABE  
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SHACK dwellers from various parts of the Reef are expected to attend a big rally to be held on Sunday at Eyethu Cinema in Mofolo, Soweto, to discuss their plight and to develop a common strategy for their dealings with the authorities.

The rally, expected to attract hundreds of people, will highlight last week's successful application by Orlando East residents submitted before the Supreme Court to restrain the Soweto Council from demolishing their shacks and to rebuild those already demolished.

According to Mr Am-

bition Brown, one of the organisers of the meeting and an executive member of the Sofa-sonke Party, an earlier report in an afternoon newspaper which said the meeting was going to be held at the Orlando DOCC Hall, was incorrect.

"The meeting will be at Eyethu Cinema and not the DOCC as was mistakenly reported earlier," he said.

Mr Brown said that the shack problem could best be handled by all people concerned throughout the Reef and if possible, throughout the country, because it was a widespread prob-

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He said shack dwellers everywhere in the country were living under a threat and that unless they took a united stand on how to sort the matter out with the authorities, many more people would lose their shacks.

In Orlando East, Soweto, there are about 4 000 shacks and in Katlehong, Natalspruit, there are 35 000 of them — twice the number of houses in the area. Soweto Council officials demolished about 15 shacks early last month.

Some residents took the matter to court and a Supreme Court ruled

that the Soweto Council had no authority to demolish the shacks because it was not a local authority.

The council was also ordered to rebuild demolished shacks.

In Katlehong about 1 000 shacks were demolished by East Rand Administration Board (Erab) officials in November and a meeting called by Transkei Government officials was scheduled to have been held last weekend.

Mr Brown also said his party intended taking up the shack matter with Dr Piet Koornhof, the Minister of Co-operation and Development.



**Thebehali on court's shack ruling**

# Council to lodge appeal

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THE SOWETO Council is to lodge an appeal to the Appeal Court in Bloemfontein after the Supreme Court ruling on Friday that the council had no power to demolish shacks in Orlando East.

**By ALI MPHAKI**

Chairman of the Soweto Council, Mr David Thebehali, yesterday said lawyers for the council were looking into the viability of an appeal and would be reporting their findings to the council later in the week.

Mr Thebehali said although his council was not listed under the Squatters' Act as having the same authority as a town council or an administration board, demolition of shacks in the Orlando area would continue under the West Rand Administration Board.

Mr John Knoetze, chairman of the West

Rand Administration Board, said although his board would honour last week's Supreme Court ruling, they will not tolerate illegal structures in the townships.

Mr Knoetze added that together with the council they had gone all out to try to help shack dwellers with loans for adding rooms to their houses, but they did not come to the board to ask for the loans.

He said Wrab would continue with steps to prevent the mushrooming of shacks and other illegal structures in the townships and will deal with every case accord-

ing to merit.

Mr Justice Grosskopf, in his judgment on Friday, said the Soweto Council was not entitled to demolish a shack standing on a property belonging to Mrs Margaret Hlongwane and he ordered the council to rebuild it.

This ruling, according to legal experts, entitles residents whose shacks were torn down to take the council to force it to rebuild them. So far about 50 shacks have been demolished.

Some legal experts also pointed out that the judgment meant the full responsibility of shacks now rested with the Minister of Co-operation and Development.



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## Mawu executive slams migrant laws

# 'Bill intolerable'

THE NATIONAL executive committee of the Metal and Allied Workers Union (Mawu) yesterday issued a statement condemning the planned Orderly Movement of Black Persons Bill and the destruction of shacks in the townships.

The committee resolved to rally its members to oppose the new measures and will also request the Federation of South African Trade Unions (Fosatu) to take up the campaign. The shop stewards councils have been discussing the matter for some months and found that more than half the union's members are directly affected.

The union felt that although the bill had been temporarily withdrawn, the administration boards were already implementing many of the

worst aspects of the bill:

- Hundreds of shacks have been torn down in Katlehong, Soweto and Alexandra. These shacks are said to belong to workers and because of the shortage of housing, this is the only way they can live with their families;
- There has been heavy pass raids in all townships and in the town centres;
- The West Rand Administration Board has ordered that a worker who brings his family to the town can have his contract cancelled — so

not only will he be fined, but he and his family will be sent home to starve.

Mawu said: "The national executive supports the initiative of the Transvaal branch in informing all members about the Bill and in mobilising members, through the shop steward councils, to demand that employers and the community councils condemn these measures. It also recommended that it be made clear to employers, that the new measures will cause great dissatisfaction and instability among workers. Em-

ployers will also suffer direct from a dissatisfied and unstable workforce."

Mawu's NEC stated: "It is clear to all workers that influx control laws have only one purpose, to keep them weak and to keep their labour cheap. Through these laws our members are cut off from their families, forced to live like ants in degrading hostels and condemned to starve in the areas if they lose their jobs.

"Now their lives are to be made even worse — they will even be more insecure. The new



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**More  
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By MONTSHIWA MOROKE

THE West Rand Administration Board (Wrab) yesterday demolished at least four corrugated iron dwellings in Orlando East, Soweto, instilling a new fear in the occupants of the township's 4 000 shacks.

Wrab's demolition of the dwellings comes a week after a Supreme Court judge ordered the Soweto Council to restore a demolished shack and leave another standing.

Mr Justice F H Grosskopf said in judgement last week the council was not entitled to demolish shacks. The council was also ordered to pay the costs of the action.

The latest demolitions come on the eve of a mass rally at the Eyethu Cinema in Mofolo, tomorrow, which residents, civic parties, community councillors, church people and the youth are expected to attend.



## Wrab's wreckers take over...

By STEPHANIE VENTER

MORE shacks were demolished in Soweto this week — this time by the West Rand Administration Board and not the Soweto Council.

Since the recent Rand Supreme Court order preventing the council from destroying shacks in Orlando East, Wrab has taken over the task.

The board said this week its staff were involved in the demolitions when they first began in February. This had previously been denied.

The Wrab action this week followed last month's Supreme Court ruling that the Soweto Council was not empowered to destroy shacks in terms of Section 3B1b of the Prevention of Illegal Squatting Act.

That section specifies that only a local authority has the power to demolish shacks, and as far as the Act is concerned, the Soweto Council is not a local authority.

The court action was brought against the Soweto Council by three Orlando East women during the first week of the demolitions.

Wrab's chief executive officer, Mr C J Bezuidenhout, said the idea of the continued demolitions was to "exert pressure on the people to make use of the facilities to erect proper buildings".

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HOMELESS: Mrs. Agnes Zukelwa outside the demolished shacks.

## Employees refuse to demolish shacks

By CHARLES MOGALE  
and ALI MPHAKI

RESIDENTS watched in silence yesterday as black employees of the Soweto Council refused to demolish shacks in White City — Mr David Thebehali's constituency — and a white supervisor took off his jacket to do the job himself.

The employees said they feared for their lives as they lived in the same township.

The incident took place at Mrs Grace Maema's home where

the white official took about an hour dismantling the zozo while the employees watched from a distance.

An employee who asked not to be named, said he feared for his life. "I live in this area. What will the people think of me if they see me destroy their homes? I can't bring myself to do it," he added.

Residents said the men had "surprised" everyone by defying orders from their supervisor when he ordered them to demolish the shacks.

Meanwhile, at least 15 more shacks were yesterday demolished in Orlando East as officials launched another blitz.

Others demolished their structures themselves for fear of losing

their building materials which officials confiscate.

Crowds of concerned residents gathered in groups and watched helplessly as their homes went down. Some pleaded with the men destroying their homes, but the pleas fell on deaf ears. In one case an elderly man in the "destruction squad" came close to tears as he explained to 60-year-old Mrs Agnes Zukelwa that he had no choice.



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# United front to stop demolitions planned

Mail Reporters

A NEW body to fight shack demolitions amid the acute housing shortage is to be formed on the Reef.

It will be launched at a meeting at the Donaldson Orlando Community Centre in Orlando East, Soweto, on March 27, according to Mr Ambition Brown of the Sofasonke Party.

The meeting has been called by community organisations in Soweto, Katlehong and Daveyton.

At the forefront are Mr Aubrey Mdekazi of the Katlehong United National Committee, Mr Shadrack Sinaba of the Sinaba Party in Daveyton, and Mr Brown and Mr I Galela of the Sofasonke Party.

"Local authorities and community councils want shacks demolished while no homes have been provided for the shack dwellers," Mr Brown said yesterday.

"People with the right to live in these areas will be rendered homeless. We want to form a united front to stop the shack demolitions."

Meanwhile, more families were left stranded yesterday as the West Rand Administration Board (Wrab) continued to bring down some of the 4 000 backyard structures in Or-

lando East.

And while workmen from Wrab went hammer and tongs, many backyard dwellers voluntarily brought down their own shacks for fear of losing their belongings.

Spokesmen for Wrab were not available for comment, but the Rand Daily Mail counted at least six structures being demolished in one part of the township.

Since last month's Supreme Court ruling preventing the council from destroying shacks in Orlando, Wrab has taken over the task.

The Central Transvaal Administration Board was warned by Mr Joe Tshabalala, chairman of the Atteridgeville Community Council, not to demolish shacks in Atteridgeville and Saulsville at the weekend.

He said some community councils, for example the Soweto Council, encouraged the authorities to demolish shacks.

"We do not have shacks in Atteridgeville and Saulsville. Neither do we have squatters. We instead have people who do not have houses, and they stay in self-built structures in the backyards," he said.

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# Sofasonke plans to take Wrab to court

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PLANS are afoot to obtain a court interdict restraining the West Rand Administration Board (Wrab) from demolishing more shacks in Soweto.

The move was announced yesterday by the general secretary of the Sofasonke Party Mr Ambition Brown. Three weeks ago, three women secured a Supreme Court interdict against the Soweto Council which was demolishing shacks in Orlando East. The council, which was ordered to build the shacks, has announced its intentions to appeal.

Since the court order, more shacks have been

By **CHARLES  
MOGALE**

demolished by Wrab.

"We could have already brought the issue before court, but our lawyers were out of town and will only be available tomorrow. They will get onto the matter right away and we hope the issue will be finalised soon," Mr Brown said.

He also revealed plans to contest the le-

gitimacy of the present council.

Meanwhile Mr Tom Manthata, executive member of the Soweto Civic Association, has called on mass action against the demolition of the shacks.

"It is an influx control device which goes beyond the claims of cleanliness alone. It has come to a point where the people's feelings about it will have to be demonstrated in mass activity.

We are not doing it for any political mileage like other parties," Mr Manthata said.



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## Taxi-owners set by ruling mini-buses

Khulu Sibiyi

Jimmy Sojane, president of the Southern African Taxi Association (SABA), said today thousands of black taxi-owners would be hit should the Johannesburg Transportation Board implement a ruling not to register mini-buses as taxis.

A meeting held by taxi-owners at Orlando Donaldson yesterday, Mr Sojane announced that the

Johannesburg Transportation Board was not allowing mini-buses to be registered as taxis.

Mr Sojane said the board apparently wanted only sedan-type vehicles with a capacity for five passengers.

"Black commuters are going to suffer the most. Even now we cannot cope with the demand."

He said taxi-owners were not using mini-buses to make more money but because so many commuters used taxis to get to work.

Mini-buses were introduced on the Reef in 1977 after an application to the Government was welcomed by commuters.

Mr Sojane said his committee would make representation to the Welgemoed Commission into transport to allow licensed black taxi-owners to increase the number of passengers they were allowed to carry from the present eight to 10.

## Jo'burg's detective chief to retire

By Mike Cohen, Crime Reporter

Brigadier Tertius Wium, the chief of detectives in Johannesburg since 1980, is retiring from the force on May 31 after 37 years' service.

He will be replaced in the Witwatersrand "hot seat" by the Divisional CID Officer for the Free State, Brigadier F A "Kierie" Spies, who has been in the post for seven years.

Brigadier Wium joined the SAP in 1946. Brigadier Spies joined in 1947.

### KEEPING THE RECORD STRAIGHT

It was reported in the early editions of The Star yesterday that the John Tate-Gerrie Coetzee fight took place at Sun City. The fight was in fact held at Loftus Versfeld rugby ground, Pretoria.

## Four out of five shack dwellers are 'illegals'

By Anthony Duigan and Langa Skosana

Four out of five people living in the 4 000 shacks in Soweto's Orlando East are illegal in terms of influx control Mr John Knoetze, chairman of the West Rand Administration Board, said yesterday.

On April 7 cases against another 32 shack-dwellers who have been given notice to demolish their shacks will be heard in the Johannesburg Commissioner's Court.

"According to our information the vast majority of those living in the Orlando East shacks are illegal," Mr Knoetze said.

Mr Knoetze said the shack people — who were not paying for services — were an expensive drain on the 6 000 stands in Orlando East which was now the most crowded area in Soweto.

Residents who wanted to add rooms to their homes would be given

technical assistance and loans.

Mr Ambition Brown, the leader of the Sefako Mphahlele Party, which has spearheaded the fight against shack demolitions, said yesterday his party was planning to take the West Rand Administration Board to court.

His lawyers are to serve papers in the Rand Supreme Court next week restraining the board from any action against shack dwellers, he said.

The Soweto Council, he said, was appealing against the decision of Mr Justice Grosskopf, who ruled that the council had no powers to demolish shacks in Orlando East under the Squatters Act.

"If the West Rand Administration Board decides to shoulder the responsibility of the Soweto Council, then we are taking action against it," he added.

## Elderly woman's death fall

An 81-year-old woman fell to her death from the tenth floor of the South and Hospital in Johannesburg early today.

The woman, who may not be identified until her next-of-kin have been informed, was resident at an old age home and was being treated at the hospital. Police do not suspect a crime.

# Unforgiving husband died during row

By Fiona Macleod

A man who would not forgive his wife for an affair she had more than 40 years ago died when she pulled his tie and fell on him while he was beating her, a Johannesburg inquest magistrate heard yesterday.

Bellevue commercial traveller, Mr Ralph Gerald Gherson (68), married Lydia in Egypt

in 1934 and initially their marriage was happy.

"But he later got to know about an affair I had and a serious rift developed," Mrs Gherson (69), who now lives in an old-age home in Switzerland, said in an affidavit.

"He became a heavy drinker and was very abusive. He reminded me constantly of my infidelity and often assaulted me.

"From 1979 the beatings became intolerable and I had to have frequent medical treatment.

She said her husband claimed that he could never forgive her.

"On July 7 last year he was drunk and started calling me a filthy whore. I was recovering from a hip injury sustained during a previous beating and had to walk with a walking ring.

"He grabbed the walking ring in the bedroom and struck me with it three or four times. I could not move, so I lunged out and instinctively grabbed his tie to ward off the blows.

"He fell with me on top of him and when I managed to get up, I saw he was immobile."

The Gherson family doctor of 30 years, Dr H Seeff, told a Johannesburg inquest magistrate yesterday that Mr Gherson died from pressure on the carotid sinus which could have been caused by the tie or his fall.

The magistrate, Mr A B Joubert, ruled that no one was responsible for Mr Gherson's death.

Mr J Meltz appeared for the State and Mr B Gundelfinger appeared for Mrs Gherson.

## Death case

Even if negligent, court told

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# State houses have to be sold

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**THE PROPOSED** building of flats in Orlando East to solve the "shack problem" in the area depended on the forthcoming mass sale of 500 000 State-owned houses later this year.

This was said yesterday by Mr John Knoetze, chairman of the West Rand Administration Board (Wrab), who added that the "flatland" idea would only become a reality if the township's residents

bought their homes under the leasehold or home ownership schemes.

Mr Knoetze said his board expected most residents of the township to buy their homes when the selling scheme came into effect. "Those who buy their houses will be approached to

find out if they are in favour of the idea of forming a consortium which will build flats. That is, if residents staying in one street group themselves, they can then have their houses turned into high-rise flats," he said.

More than 80 000 houses in Soweto are expected to go on sale when the Government's plans to sell all State-owned houses in black

areas are finalised soon.

The Orlando East houses could be sold at cheaper prices — possibly for R800. "The housing stock in the township is very old and tenants get them very cheap," he added.

At present, Wrab was still waiting for the Government to stipulate conditions for the selling of the houses. Residents could buy the houses under the 99-year lease-

hold plan or the 30-year home ownership scheme.

"The flatland idea could help solve the serious housing shortage in the area. But the whole thing is a long-term procedure that will depend on the co-operation of the township's residents, Wrab, the Department of Co-operation and Development and the Soweto Council," Mr Knoetze added.



## Council asks for reprieve

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THE VAAL Community Council has asked the Orange-Vaal Administration Board to halt the demolition of shacks and the arrest of shack dwellers until alternative accommodation is available, Mr Esau Mahlatsi, the council's chairman said yesterday.

"We have decided that a full scale investigation should be made on the issue to avoid confrontation with the residents," he said. He said in some cases people were being forced to build shacks as four-roomed houses were too small to accommodate big families. Others built shacks as store rooms and garages.

The administration board told the council that people who wanted to build shacks should have building plans passed at the township managers offices.



# TENSION MOUNTS IN SHACKLAND

*(310) City Press 20/3/83*  
**PRETORIA** - Tension is mounting in Pretoria townships as the fate of hundreds of shack dwellers hangs in the balance.

House permit-holders in Mamelodi, Atteridgeville and Saulsville have been threatened with raids and prosecution by the administration board should they defy the order to demolish their backyard shacks.

The board has warned it may bulldoze the shacks if owners fail to act.

Mr Joe Tshabalala, the "mayor" of Atteridgeville - Saulsville,

said yesterday that instead of flattening the shacks the board should first provide alternative accommodation.

"The people are bona fide residents of this township who are forced to erect shacks because of the housing shortage."

Mr W M Aphane, the "mayor" of Mamelodi, said: "My council is prepared to take further action should the board start raids and prosecutions."

## 'Foot-in-mouth' Xaba to get the boot

## For Ciskei read Sebeland

*(105) City Press 20/3/83*  
**ZWELITSHA** - Ciskei will soon be headed by a triumvirate of Sebe brothers, according to sources in the homeland government, with vice-president Rev Willie Xaba likely to be ousted from his post any day now.

Government officials are tipping the third Sebe brother, present Transport Minister Namba Sebe, to take the post.

Namba's brothers already control virtually every government activity in the homeland.

Elder brother Lennox is president while Charles heads the Ciskei Central Intelligence service.

### In grip

If the third Sebe brother does take up the deputy premier's post it will leave the homeland firmly in the grip of the Sebe family, a situation rivalled only in neighbouring Transkei where Matanzima brothers Kaiser and George are president and prime minister res-

most prominent government spokesman and public representative of Ciskei policy.

The post was radically restructured, however, when Rev Xaba embarrassed the government with several public blunders which on at least two occasions prompted government corrections.

Rev Xaba has been publicly castigated by Charles Sebe for his remarks on the security situation and was repudiated for his criticism of the South African Government's offer to help cover the cost of the recent cricket tour by West Indian players.

### Faded

**JOHANNESBURG** - Police have arrested several people in connection with the sadistic slaughter of Abdul Bulbulia, 17, whose mutilated body was discovered on a pavement in Fordsburg last week. Mr Bulbulia was apparently dragged into a house and shot five times. His attackers



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# NOORDGESIG KICKS AGAINST BROWN

BY DERRICK LUTHAY

**SOWETO** — Sifasonke Party leader Ambition Brown, was called "a Government estate agent who embraces the Group Areas Act in his wish to get Noordgesig residents kicked out of the area."

This follows Mr Brown's call for the annexation of Noordgesig to Orlando to house homeless shack dwellers.

Speakers at a meeting of the Youth 2000 in Noordgesig condemned Mr Brown for "trying to enforce laws that oppress black people."

In support of his wish for Noordgesig, a "coloured" suburb, to be sucked into Soweto, Mr Brown said it was logical for its annexation because it was on the boundaries of Orlando.

## Annexation

"If Mr Brown is such a good hand salesman, why doesn't he ask the Government to have Eldorado Park and Klipspruit West incorporated to Soweto? They are also on the fringes."

"He can also do us a favour by asking for the annexation of Mayfair, Langlaagte, Crosby and

Vrededorp to Coronationville and Riverlea," said Mrs Catherine Seefort.

Mrs Vesta Smith, a Noordgesig civic leader, said Orlando East is not the only area experiencing housing shortage.

"Blacks do not live in a particular area from choice. Our choice was made for us by the Group Areas Act," said Mrs Smith.

"We have been here since 1941. Now there is talk about the sale of the houses; I hope this is not the reason for this sudden clamour to incorporate Noordgesig into Orlando."

## 'We'll fight'

"We will fight to stay. And we ask the Labour Party, Freedom Party or any other so-called 'coloured' party to stay away. We will fight our battles alone."

Azapo branch chairman Mr Khehla Mthembu said: "We don't recognise the Group Areas Act."

"Mr Brown must focus his efforts in eradicating ethnicity and tribalism and the source of the housing crisis. We reject his suggestion."

Mr Brown said Noordgesig people should stop making unfounded allegations.

"Our people were moved from Newclare and Western Township to make way for them."

"They didn't complain then."

## FESTIVAL VENUE SWITCH

CP Reporter

THE countdown has started for ten leading South African bands to bid summer goodbye at two bumper festivals.

The Power Sounds

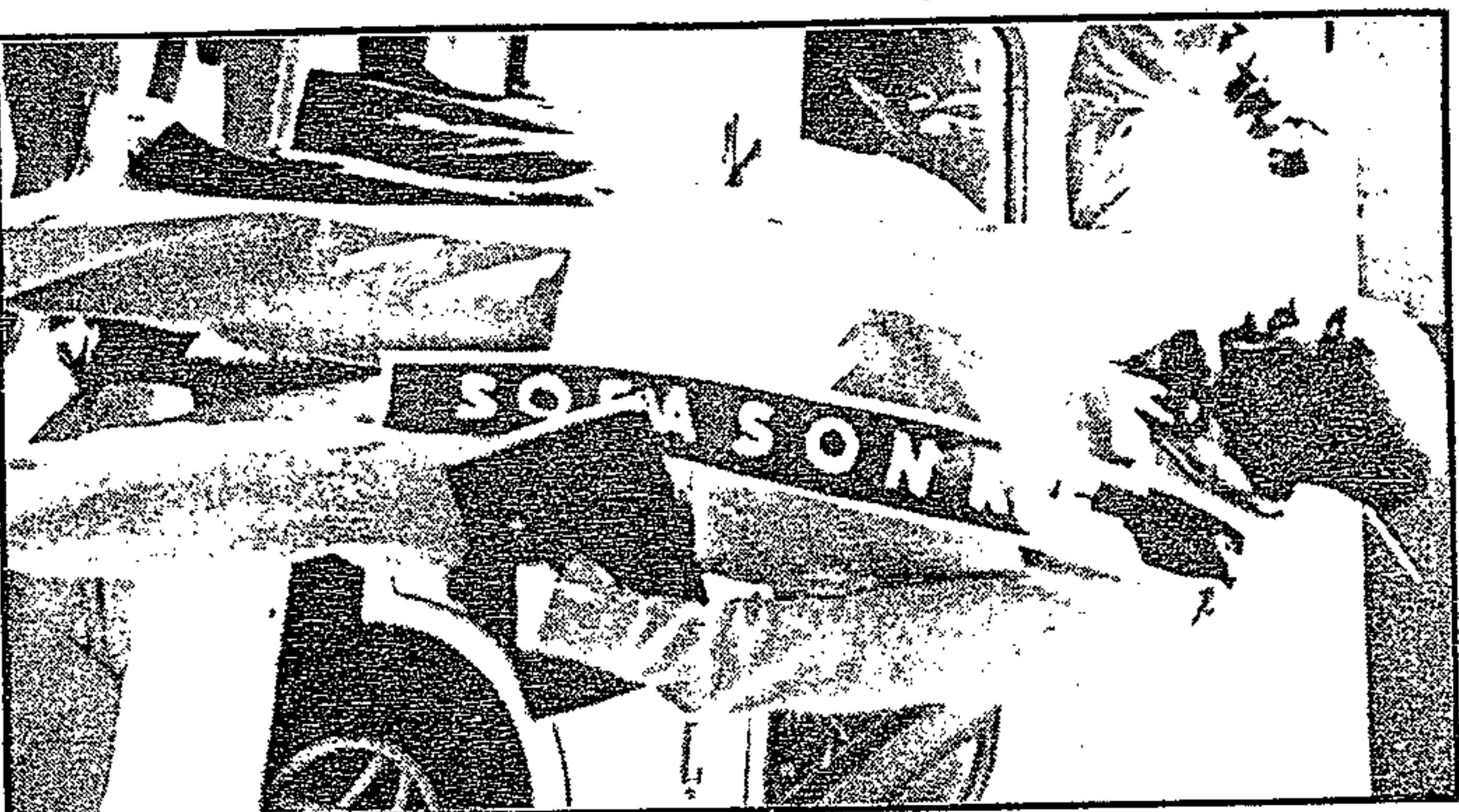
'83 music festival will take place at the Jabulani Amphitheatre on Sunday, and will have a repeat at Kwa Thema, Springs, on April 4.

This second concert was originally scheduled for Mamelodi, "but had to change venue

following some disagreement with officials there," said one of the promoters, Mr Len Sithole.

"There were problems at the Eddie Harris show and the council decided not to grant us that venue."

Artists who will be featured at these shows include Joy, Kabasa, Black Mambazo, Umoja, Additions with Vusi Shange, Abigail Kubeleka and the white trio eVoid, who make their first appearance at a black venue.



● Mr Ambition Brown... accused of being a "Government estate agent".

## ZCC 'prophet' was a rapist

BY MARTIN NTSOENGOE

**KRUGERSDORP**

A member of the ZCC who claimed he was a prophet turned out to be a vicious rapist and robber.

This was heard in the Krugersdorp Regional Court this week when Livy Motshagwa, 41, was jailed for six years.

A woman told the court that she was at the Krugersdorp station waiting to catch a bus to Rustenburg when Motshagwa approached and told her the bus would depart only much later. He offered to take her to his place so she could rest.

When he added that he was a prophet of the ZCC Star faction, the woman agreed to go with him.

But when they got there, the "prophet" menaced her with an axe and raped her for the whole day.

Motshagwa said the woman had agreed to make love.



SOWETAN, Thursday, April 14, 1983

# More Natalspruit shacks torn down

THE DEMOLITION of shacks in Natalspruit continued yesterday as employees of the East Rand Administration Board (Erab) tore the structures down and took the building material away.

The demolition of shacks by Erab took residents by surprise following a court victory for shack dwellers in Soweto last week. An early morning raid by Erab employees was conducted in a van and a truck, and several shacks were razed.

One resident, Mrs Virginia Lloyd, said the

Erab employees arrived at her home at about 8.30 in the morning in a van and a truck. Those in the van stopped only for a few minutes and later left while the others began demolishing the shacks in the yard. She said not all the shacks in the area were demolished, but this was the second time that those in her yard had

been razed this year.

Some of the residents whose shacks were brought down were not present. The general reaction among those who were at home was: "Where are we supposed to sleep tonight? They are not building any houses for us and still they demolish the only structures we can call home for our fami-

lies."

One man, who did not wish to be named, said when Erab is busy demolishing shacks, some of the residents run away to other areas and thereafter return to rebuild those that are destroyed. He said this caused a nasty incident late last year when, under the same circumstances, the Erab men

returned and "re-demolished" a locked shack in which there was a child. The child is said to have died when the shack came down. This could yesterday not be confirmed with Erab authorities.

Erab has, between October last year and February this year, demolished more than a 1 000 shacks in Natalspruit. The reason given by authorities at the time was that most of the people living in these shacks were illegals staying with their migrant husbands working in this area.



# HOME FRONT

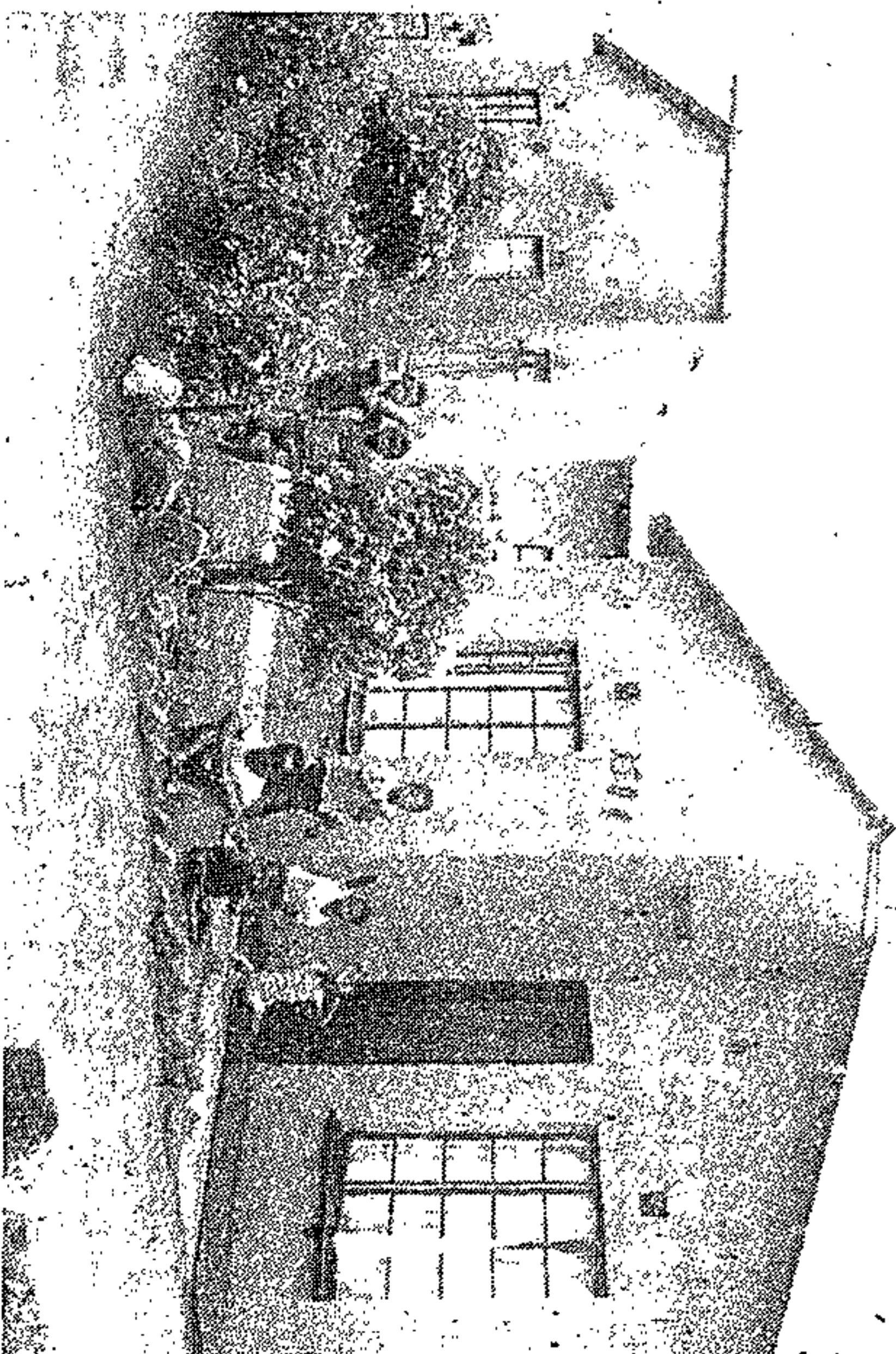
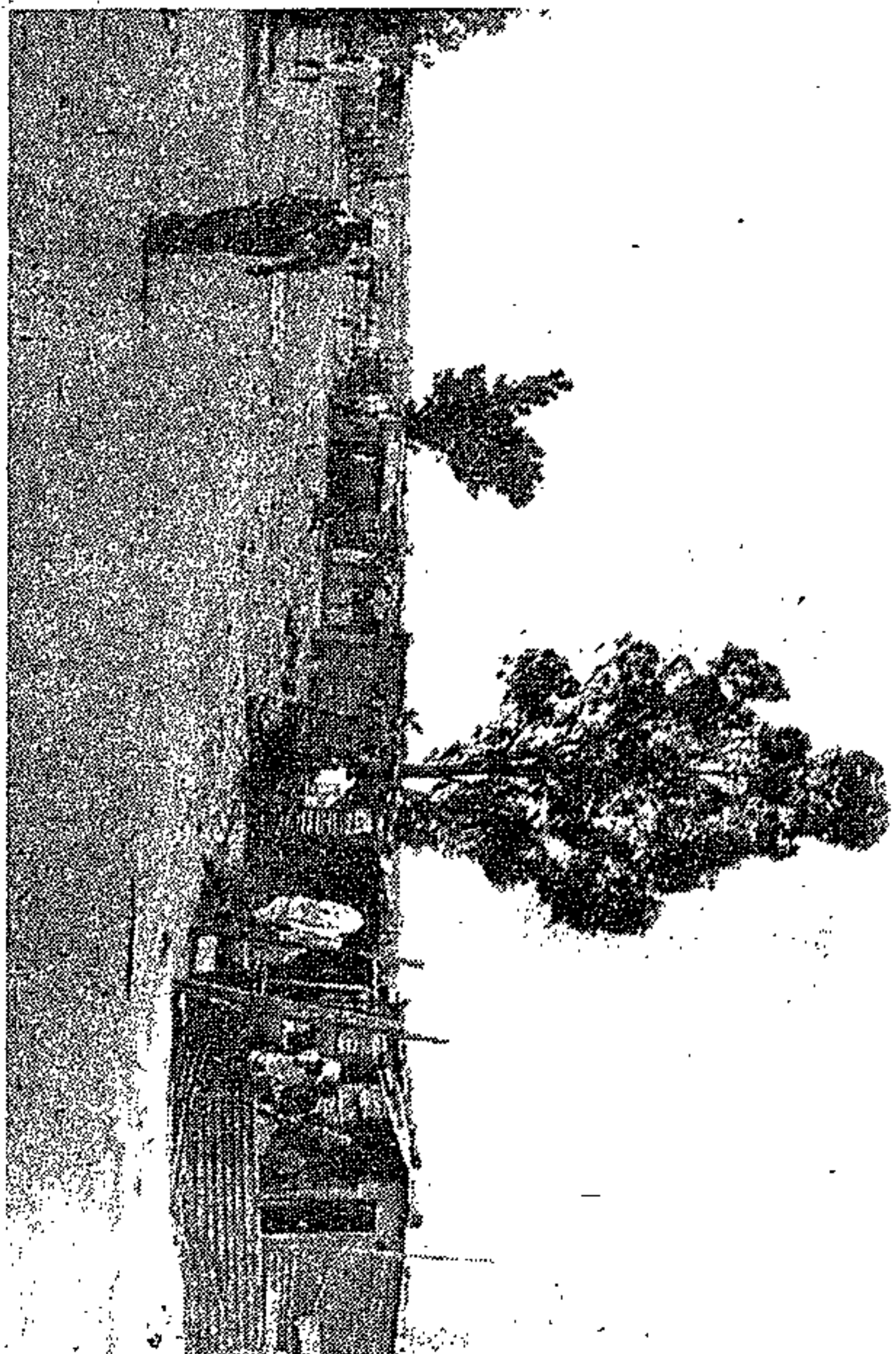
Self-help, the way in which large numbers of homeless people are going to have to house themselves in the next few years, has proved itself at Khutsong in the W Transvaal. Part I. By Lin Menge

SELF-HELP means helping oneself to acquire a house. Not necessarily building it oneself, but getting it built, one way or another. But people need to be helped to help themselves. It is no good saying, here's a plot, or there's a core house: get on and build a house.

That way you end up with half-dug foundation trenches and half-built walls. Few people can be left to house themselves without technical guidance, financial organisation, or a deadline for completing their homes.

At Khutsong, near Carletonville, poor, illiterate, and unskilled people have been housing themselves — there are 276 completed houses and 167 houses under construction — in a self-help project launched in 1978.

Khutsong's Ikaya Lehu self-help housing project is a milestone in the history of housing in South Africa. That is where a team consisting of Western Transvaal Administration Board representa-



Through self-help, people were able to leave this shanty town and move into houses like these built by black contractors in Khutsong for R3 000.

## From shanty town to self-help stability

tives, the Khutsong Community Council, the Urban Foundation (UF) and an elected shanty town residents' committee proved that self-help can work, that it can create housing without Government funding, and organise even despairing shack dwellers into a confident and enthusiastic community.

It wasn't easy. Mr Mattheu Nel, Transvaal regional housing manager of the UF, describes as "scary" the results of the survey the foundation carried out among 500 families before they started the scheme. Half the people had been living at least 10 years in the shanty towns of Vilkomers and Spooktown created as a result of the "black spot" removals started in 1959. Water came from communal stand pipes, there

was bucket sewerage, a few dirt roads, and the shacks which all people were allowed to erect.

Average income was less than R100 a month, a third of the heads of households were women, eight out of every 10 heads of households were completely illiterate, most of the men were unskilled workers, most of the women were domestics whose white em-

ployers, being a mining community, stayed only a few years, so their employees constantly had to find new employment at the same bottom rates of pay.

Yet today the self-help scheme has created an impressive residential area which has made a significant dent in the appalling shanty town. It has also built a community. Jobs have been gen-

erated and money raised for educational facilities and a park.

● Tomorrow: How self-help was made to work.

### Helpful

### Allied

YESTERDAY HOME-FRONT told you how a

coloured man tried to deposit money for home savings at two building societies. The societies were not named because HOMEFRONT intends testing another branch of the unhelpful society before naming it. Because of the misleading nature of the headline, HOMEFRONT now names the helpful and courteous society: it was the Allied Building Society.



# Squatters under fire

THE Orange Vaal Administration Board is waging war against people who accommodate lodgers who have no lodgers' permits.

The deputy director of housing for the Vaal Board, Mr N P Louw, said that people who accommodated lodgers should make sure that the lodgers had permits.

"Subject to a court decision, people found with lodgers who have no permits will be fined R20 or sentenced to two months' imprisonment," said Mr Louw.

He further said that should a person be arrested for the second time he was liable for a R50 fine.

He said the board was building 2 000 houses in Sebokeng for lodgers who had permits and who qualified to be in the Vaal Triangle.

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As the newspaper, with the largest circulation in the areas falling within the area of jurisdiction of the West Rand Administration Board, we respectfully urge your personal reply, as a matter of urgency, to questions relating to the demolition of shacks in Soweto.

This issue affects thousands of members of the Soweto community and is causing increasing public unease and resentment.

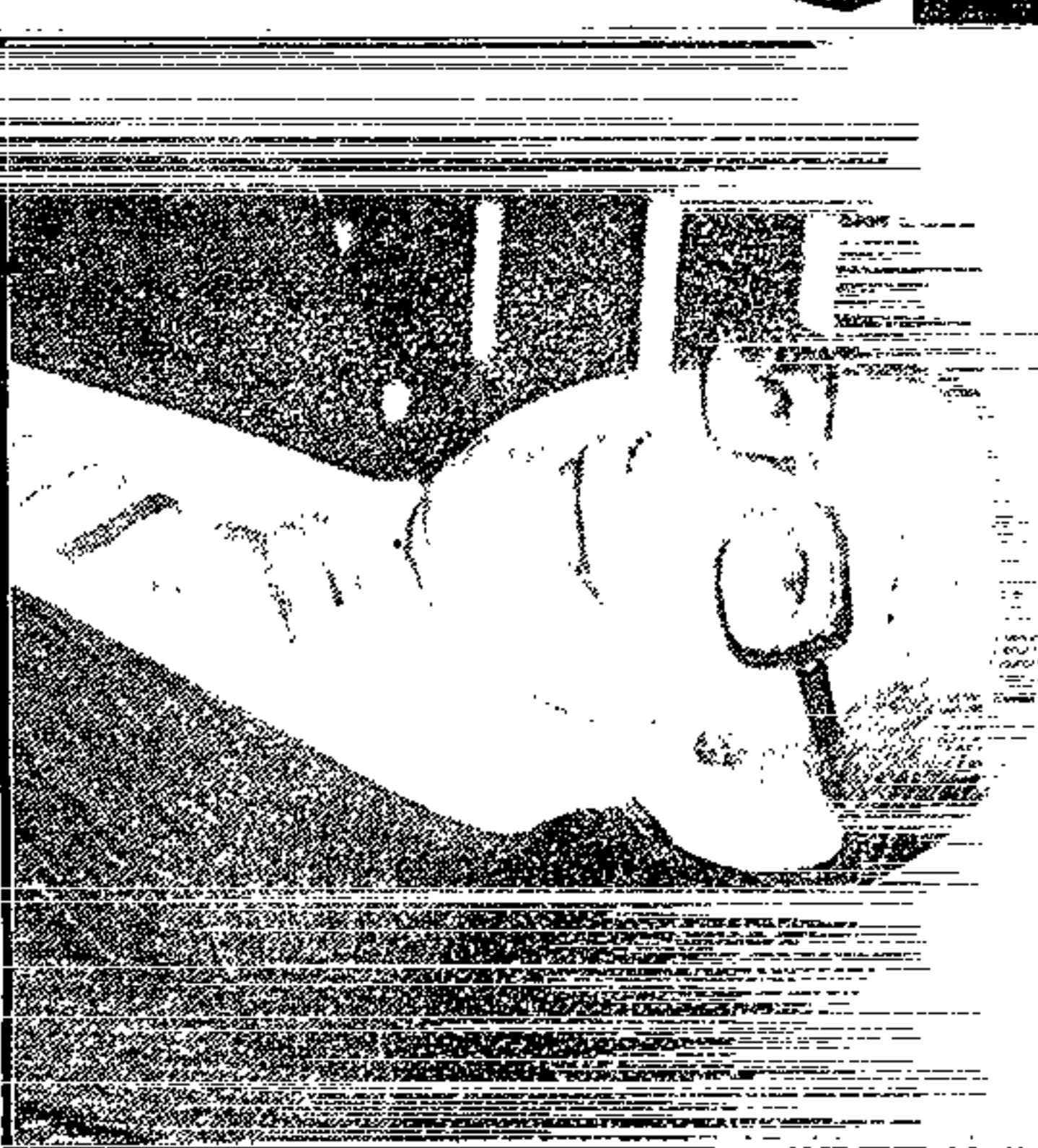
Requests for clarification and information which have been put to Mr Bezuidenhout, chief director of Wrab, have not been satisfactorily answered.

In our respectful opinion, if we were to publish Mr Bezuidenhout's answers it is possible that they would be interpreted as reflecting a lack of concern on the part of Wrab for the misfortune of thousands of individuals which could lead to an escalation of public resentment.

## Questions

## Koornhof is ducking on shack demolitions

This is the full text of City Press's telex to the Minister on March 8.



in a position to understand and appreciate factors affecting the country as a whole, including factors which may lead to the movement of people from homeland areas to urban areas in search of work, particularly in



the demolition of shacks in Soweto is being carried out by Wrab officials. As you will know, recent demolitions carried out by the Soweto Council were ruled by the Supreme Court to be unlawful.

The council claimed to have the status and powers of a local authority in terms of the Prevention of Illegal Squatting Act.

The court specifically rejected that argument.

Since then, demolitions have been carried out by Wrab officials.

## Powers

Our own legal advisers have told us that Wrab does not itself have the power to carry out demolitions.

That power can only be given by you, as Minister, for that specific purpose to individual and identified officers of Wrab or to the incumbent of a particular Wrab post.

The significance of this is that whoever is



Dr Piet Koomhof (top) remains silent. But the appalling plight of this homeless family speaks for itself as it faces a winter of hunger, cold and misery after the council razed their shack in Orlando West. Thousands more families are in the same boat and unsure if they can survive the hardships ahead.

appointed is not responsible for his actions to Wrab but is directly responsible to you. If Parliament had

intended administration boards to have these powers then it would have given them the authority to make their

own appointments and would not have specifically provided that only individuals designated by you should

have the necessary authority. We believe that Parliament intended to provide this safeguard by ensuring that central government, at the highest possible level,

specifically responds, and accountable for demolitions in black areas.

Mr Bezuidenhout, chief director of Wrab, was asked by what legal right Wrab officials were demolishing structures in Soweto.

He told us that Wrab had the right to do so as it was effectively a local authority in terms of the Prevention of Illegal Squatting Act. That is not correct.

Mr Bezuidenhout was informed of this. He then replied to the effect that even if that was so, Wrab was acting as owner of the land. He said that Wrab had taken legal advice on its position and that he was satisfied that Wrab officials were acting lawfully even if he could not point to the specific statutory power in terms of which they were acting.

We believe that control of demolition of structures in black areas was given by Parliament to the Minister to the exclusion of administration boards for an important reason.

Individual administration boards are required to administer the specific areas which fall within their respective jurisdictions. It is not within their function or abilities to take account of circumstances and socio-economic factors which prevail in other areas around South Africa. You, as Minister, are

responsible for the drought or unemployment due to an economic recession.

## Control

These are the precise factors which prevail throughout the country in many areas at present.

If individual administration boards, despite Parliament's intention, are given the unrestricted right to demolish all technically illegal structures without regard for the socio-economic factors which caused the movement of people to the cities and without any form of responsibility for the welfare of those who are left completely homeless, the consequences could be disastrous.

Our readers and the people of Soweto are increasingly anxious over the issue.

## Resentment

There is widespread uncertainty and resentment which is not being lessened by the continued activities of Wrab officials and by the apparent absence of any high-level political channels through which to seek humane compromises and solutions.

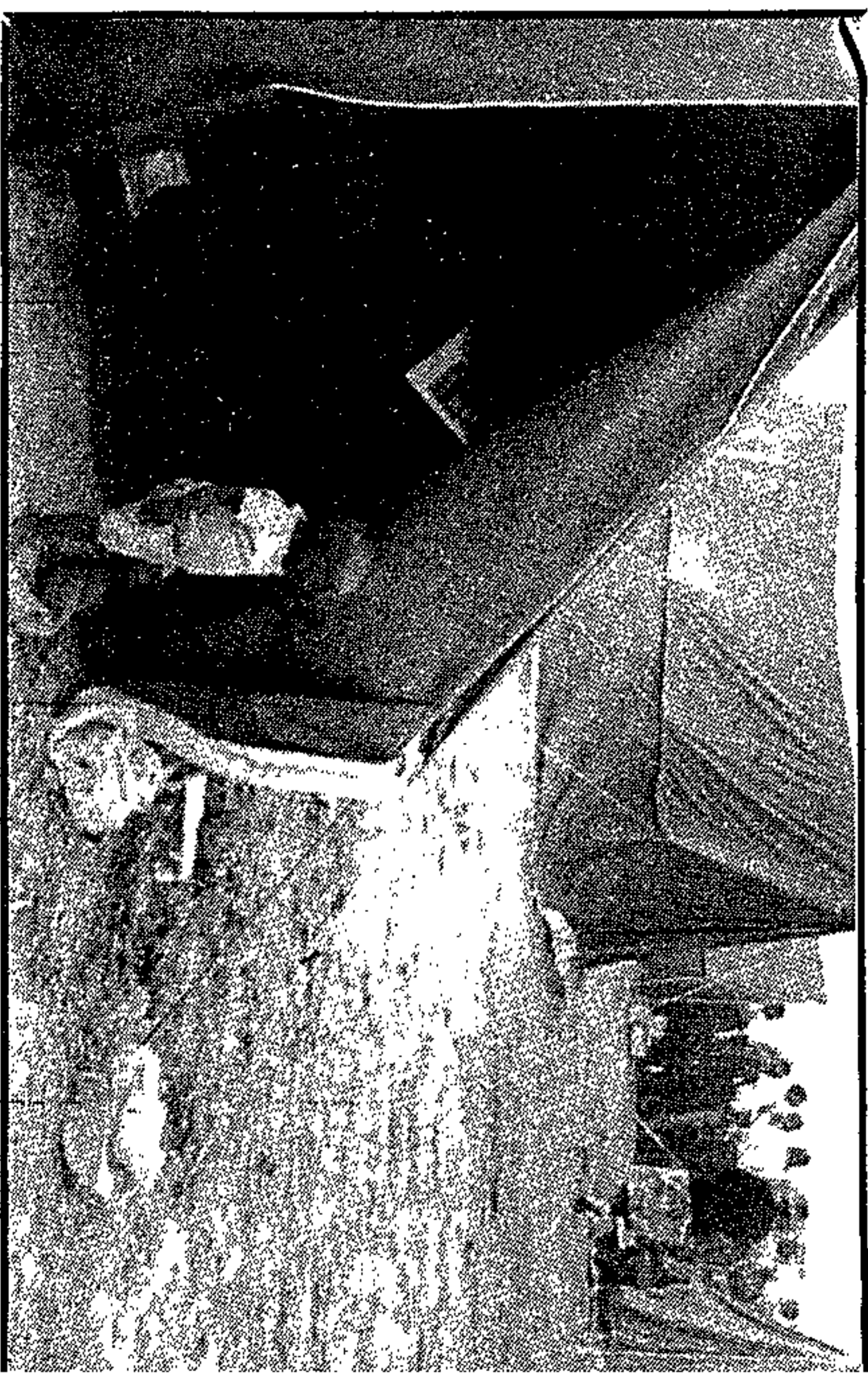
We believe that Parliament foresaw this type of situation and deliberately placed responsibility for dealing with such problems on you as the Minister concerned.





● **LEFT:** Happiness is a hand-out blanket. Mrs. Anna Yika holds tightly to a blanket distributed by the Council of Churches. But there are not enough blankets, not enough shelter . . . not enough of anything for the tent people of Rockville.

● **RIGHT:** A young child explores his unfamiliar and unfamiliar surroundings.



# Squatters fighting over church blankets



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**SOWETO** — Tension is mounting at the "tent town" squatters village opposite the Regina Mundi Church.

Squatters are squabbling over the distribution of blankets by the Council of Churches and they are angry at the continuous presence of Wraab police who are there to stop more tents being pitched. Twenty-five families in tents are forced to take in 23 more families.

This week the squatters nearly came to blows when Rev T B Mbabane of the Methodist Church delivered blankets to tentless residents'.

People from the nearby shacks arrived on the scene and demanded blankets "because we housed the squatters before they were placed in tents."

Tent people told Rev Mbabane they needed blankets more than the shacks people.

"Since these people were given tents, they want everything to be given to them. They have forgotten we housed them in our shacks," said the shack dwellers.

The tent people are recent arrivals from Orlando, Diepkloof and Rockville. The shack dwellers have been there for more than three years.

To avert a punch-up, Rev Mbabane told them there were more blankets.

"We have to give blankets first to those who do not have tents. More blankets will be given out," he said.



# Rent shock for squatters

**HARDLY** a week after the West Rand Administration Board resettled families from "Mochae-neng" at the Chicken Farm next to Kliptown, residents who have been living in the area in prefab structures for the past two years, are in for a R40 a month rent shock as from June 1.

This was announced by the Soweto Council director of housing Mr J J Oosthuisen, who said as soon as the families living in tents were housed in prefab structures, they would be expected to pay similar rents.

There are ten prefab structures on the farm and the families occupying them have not paid rent ever since they were resettled there by

Wrab about two years ago. But Mr J J Oosthuisen said: "The council cannot render services for free."

He said the council has to remove night soil from the area, provide water and other services, which amount to about R40 a site.

A spokesman for the Witwatersrand Council of Churches said they would meet Wrab to discuss this issue. He said the rents were too high. "Imagine paying R40 for staying in a prefab, it is ridiculous," he said.

The announcement was met with mixed feelings from the residents yesterday but the majority said they were prepared to pay as long as they were allowed to stay in the area.



# Plot revealed to destroy party

By ELLIOT  
TSHINGWALA

IN A startling revelation, a member of the Soweto Council, Mr Edward Manyosi, told over 200 shocked supporters of the powerful Sofa-sonke Party of undercover moves by the council to "slow discord" among the members.

Speaking at the formal function to launch the election campaign this year in preparation

for the community council general election in September, Mr Manyosi said the council was trying to break the unity in the party.

Soon after the successful application for an interdict preventing the Soweto Council from destroying shacks

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early this year, Mr Manyosi said, the council met secretly and decided to frustrate the party's efforts by making shacks legal for Chicken Farm people, who were never involved in the campaign. This was seen as the only way to frustrate the membership and

corrode loyalty and trust to the party.

Mr Manyosi urged Orlando residents who are presently living in backyard shacks to take over the Wrab-built pre-fab homes at Chicken Farm "because you are the rightful owners of the structures".

Chairman of the

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Party, Mr Ambition Brown, told the cheering audience that the council was a Government stooge and not a representative of the people.

"If they are your leaders why did they take you to court?" he asked. Mr Manyosi announced that the site and service scheme — for which the party has been fighting since 1980 — has been a success and might soon be introduced.

Under this scheme, the Government provides the site and toilet facilities and residents build their own homes. This would mean an end to the shack problem, Mr Manyosi said.



# Sofasonke warns against tricksters

ORLANDO East shack dwellers are being used by some councillors in their campaign to canvass votes for the forthcoming general elections.

Mr Ambition Brown, chief executive officer of the Sofasonke Party, told **The SOWETAN** that these councillors have promised people sites to be developed under the site and service scheme at MacDonald Farm — a trick to win voters for the coming elections.

"I warn people to be aware of these councillors. The sole rights of occupation of the sites in the area has been set aside for all the Orlando East shack dwellers.

"They have been

given the right by a court decision for accommodation there on temporary basis until an alternative place has been found by the Soweto Council.

"Unfortunately this right has been flouted by the council in view of the pending appeal they have lodged to be heard in the Appellate Division of the Pretoria Supreme Court early next year. However, my party has recommended that action be instituted against the council for defying the Rand Supreme Court ruling," he said.

Mr Brown also condemned the R15 electricity levy and the R35 rent for the prefabricated huts supplied by the West Rand.





GETTING ALONG: Donkey carts such as Mr William Mathebula's in Winterveldt are as valuable as a mini-bus is to a taximan. Mr Mathebula uses this cart for transporting vegetables and water as well as boot-legging.

# Where uncertainty is a way of life . . .

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By NORMAN NGALE

WINTERVELDT, a conglomerate of urban flotsam and the worst in squatters in the country, has a population of about a million-plus face of gloom, helplessness and uncertainty.

There have been no visible signs of change here since the Governments of Bophuthatswana and South Africa undertook studies two years ago to upgrade the area. The slum-cum-freehold complex, situated north of the townships of Mabopane and Soshanguve, contrasts starkly with its immediate neighbours in its predominantly grey colours compounded by densely built mud and corrugated iron houses and shacks.

A survey among some of the people who live here revealed a picture of despair with influx control strangling most of its residents in its tentacles of power and control.

The winter of their despair has some permanency for most of the squatters who hardly know where they belong since Bophuthatswana gained independence six years ago.

A sample of this kind of despair comes from Mrs Lizzie Ngobeni. "I have become resigned to making this uncertain place my home after numerous attempts by me and my husband to get a house in Mabopane or Shoshanguve. We have been working in Pretoria for more than 15 years."

Mrs Ngobeni and many like her said the major problem in the area was a lack of water.

Squatters in the incredibly densely populated area of Klippan section have to share a handful of water taps made available by the homeland government, while hundreds of others buy their water from plot owners and water hawkers.

People living near large trading centres buy their water supply for between two to four cents per 20 litre container and between 30 cents and 50 cents per drum while those further away pay up to 20 cents a litre container.

It has become a common sight in the areas' streets to see youngsters as well as adults carrying water buckets on their heads or rolling 20 litre drums and containers in various directions. It looks like some-



thing out of a Russian novel. Water is precious and most of the time is spent getting water, if only for drinking. The irony is that Winterveldt is not far from urban areas with plentiful running, water supplies.

The slum area is also a seedbed of crime with car theft, muggings and assaults the very order of the day. There is a glimmer of light, however, in the gloom. The Winterveldt Committee of 18, which represents the squatters, claims that the crime rate has dropped since the setting up of various vigilante groups in the area. As people will make do even in the worst of circumstances, the people of Winterveldt have become the thriftiest of businessmen. The area has hawkers, small businessmen and every kind of entrepreneur under the sun, vying to sell their variegated wares.

There are backyard small businessmen and traders in staggering numbers. The goods are delivered from neighbouring townships and Pretoria city. Amidst this whole spirited air of commercialisation there are goats, sheep and pigs running wild in the dusty streets. It sometimes looks like a scene straight out of Kipling's India.

Further north there are more rural areas with large spaces between huge homes. Here the plot-owners rule supreme like landlords from the Middle Ages surveying their subjects in the tin-shack township. Here there is farming and there is strangely also the thumping pulsating sound of disco music and sassy jazz songs.

If only the uncertainty were removed, if only people could look upon this as home with the likelihood of homes growing and the area improving, Winterveldt could be among the most colourful areas in the whole land.

The bureaucrats take long in making up their minds and meantime things are going from bad to worse. Very soon there won't be any hope for Winterveldt.





**DAILY CHORE:** Buying and transporting water for these Winterveldt lads is not just part of their home chores but also a favourite past-time.



**VITAL RESOURCE:** Drawing water is a full-time occupation for most squatters in Winterveldt.



# Thebehali denies Brown's claim <sup>Sowetan</sup> 310

THE chairman of the Soweto Council, Mr David Thebehali, yesterday said it was not true that the new site and service scheme to be developed at McDonald's Farm was going to be exclusively for Orlando East shack dwellers.

He accused Mr Ambition Brown, of the Sofasonke Party, who made the claim this week, of telling "an incontrovertible lie" in the promises he made to Orlando East shack dwellers about the area.

He said: "I am warn-

ing people of Orlando East against Mr Ambition Brown and his so-called Sofasonke Solidarity. This site and service will be for about 1 000 families who are on the waiting list of Soweto and who reside in Orlando East and else-

where in Soweto.

"This will be a temporary accommodation until such time that the housing scheme in Naledi Extension 2 and the Dlamini Buffer Strip is completed before the end of this year."



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HOME TIME: The pupils of the Thusanang Merafe Creche in Winterveldt.

# Working together to help the young

By NORMAN NGALE

THUSANANG Merafe is the name of a creche in Winterveldt. The name itself means working together, and this aim is being fulfilled by those involved in the project.

The creche is situated along the main Winterveldt road on a five morgen area. The building has one classroom, equal in size to a large bedroom in a township home.

The neat and attractive pictures arranged along the walls of the room contrast sharply with the entire building which is made of hard-board and pieces of corrugated iron sheets—something of an eyesore to the passerby.

Mrs Violet Mathabula, the principal of

the creche, said there were 65 children there from various parts of the slum area.

When the Spotlight team arrived at the school, the kids were about to go home and a lusty sound of "Good-bye teacher" rang out lustily from youthful throats. Like children everywhere they are a delight to watch and deal with.

Even the squalid nature of the building and its uninspiring surroundings could not mask their natural joy and vitality. They seemed completely unbothered about the terrible conditions they were living in and seemed to blossom out like healthy little



flowers in a pile of rubble.

Mrs Mathabula said the creche was the brainchild of a friend of hers and herself. Parents were roped in to build the structure which was done with love and sweat by the people themselves.

"In the absence of nursery schools for the children of parents who stay away from their homes the whole day, it was imperative that something of this nature was started". She said the fees were not high and the creche encouraged as many parents as could afford to send their children.

"It is both a creche and a pre-school centre. We try and develop five to six-year-olds who cannot be accepted into schools.

Efforts are in the pipeline to build a brand new creche alongside the old one through help from parents. The structure is already taking shape but much more needs to be done.

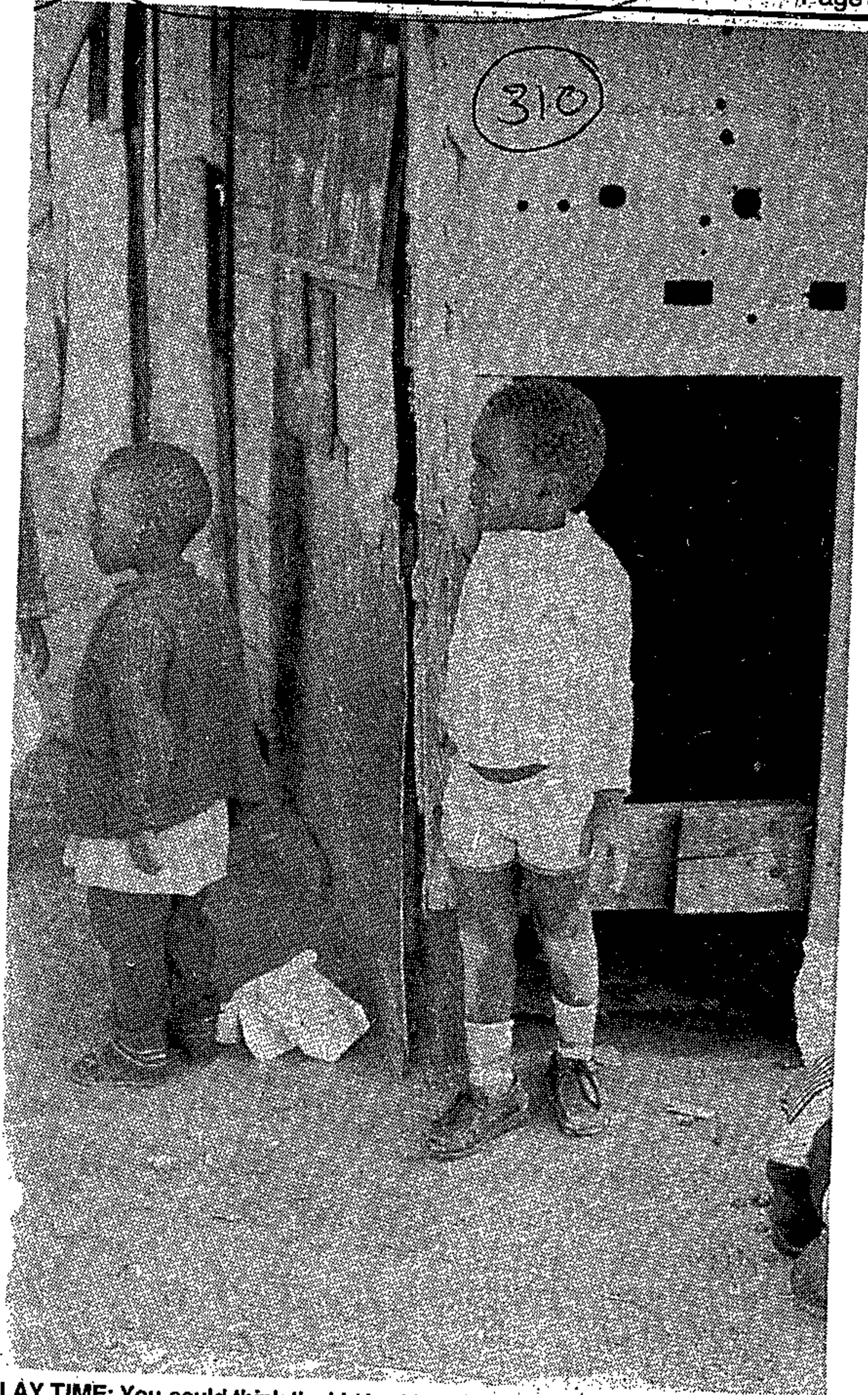
Mrs Mathabula believes that there is a need for the kind of creche that will stand out as something of a symbol in an otherwise totally depressed area. Help would always be welcome, she said.

The new creche will have two class-rooms, a hall, an office and a storeroom. Children would be fully prepared for school, while their parents would be able to go to work with the comforting thought that their children are being well looked after.



YOUNG PHILOSOPHER: Sometimes the wind is biting cold and a man has to be well prepared for that especially in the type of creche that only offers cracked, plywood boards for protection. The youngster here seems to be contemplating this unfairness at Thusanang creche in Winterveldt.





**PLAY TIME:** You could think the kid is playing in some run-down building. It is in fact part of Thusanang creche in Winterveldt an eye sore and make-shift child centre which is cared for only by love and sympathy.



# SPOTLIGHT ON WINTERVELDT

## Fate of hundreds hangs in balance

A RECENT inter-governmental committee survey of the Winterveldt area has placed the

fate of hundreds of tenants in the balance because they have not been registered as residents.

A member of the Winterveldt Tenants Committee of 18, Mr A Mavuso, said the problem was caused by lack of consultation between his committee and the governmental committee in regard to the squatters.

The inter-governmental committee was formed two years ago by the governments of Bophuthatswana and South Africa to look into the future of the area.

This squalid slum area which stretches for kilometres north of Pretoria, has been a point of dispute between the two governments and the committee was set up to improve things in

the area.

Winterveldt, which has an estimated population of a million people, became part of Bophuthatswana when the homeland opted for independence six years ago. Mr Mavuso said the population census carried out by the surveying committee did not reflect a true picture of the situation because the tenant population had been left out. In other words, people who had not been registered in the census would not qualify for whatever rights are accorded the squatters in future, and they would be regarded as aliens by the authorities.

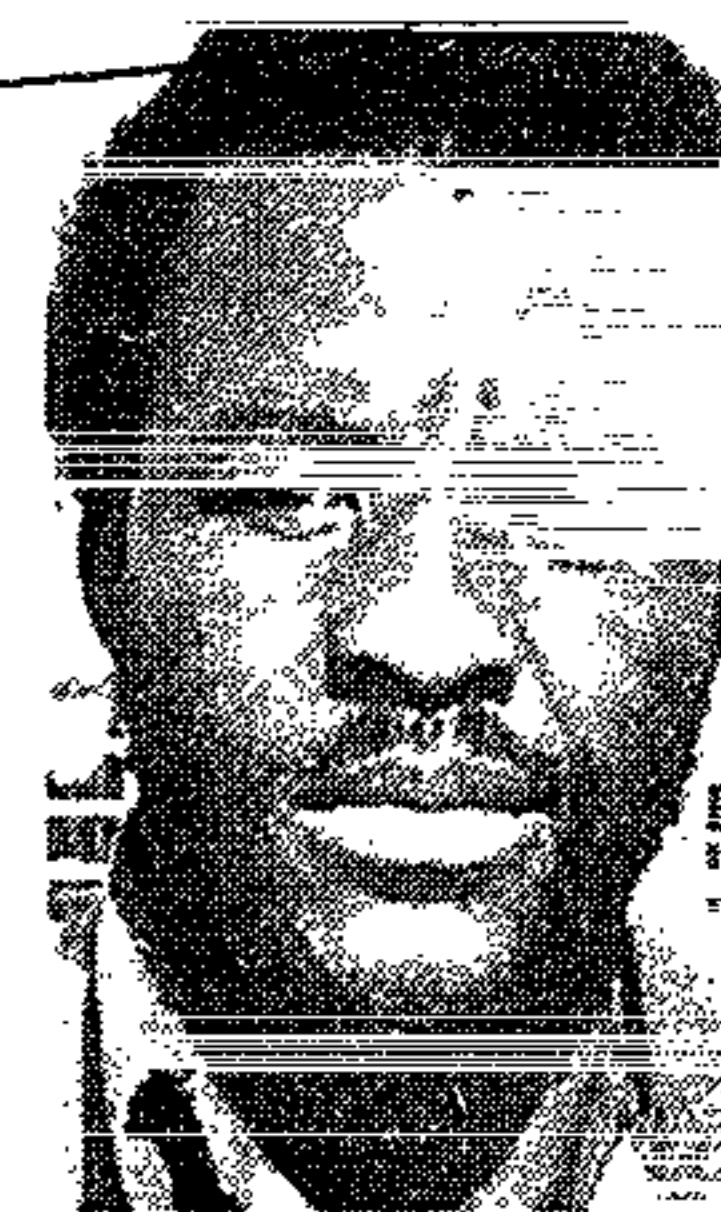
Mr Mavuso said his committee was kept in

the dark about developments after the survey.

He warned tenants not to take part in any meetings organised by their landlords. He said there was a rumour that plot-owners were collecting R10 from each squatter for the alleged improvement of the infrastructure in the area.

"We urge our people not to take part in any meetings nor to donate any money asked for by landlords for our stay in Winterveldt is still temporary," he said.

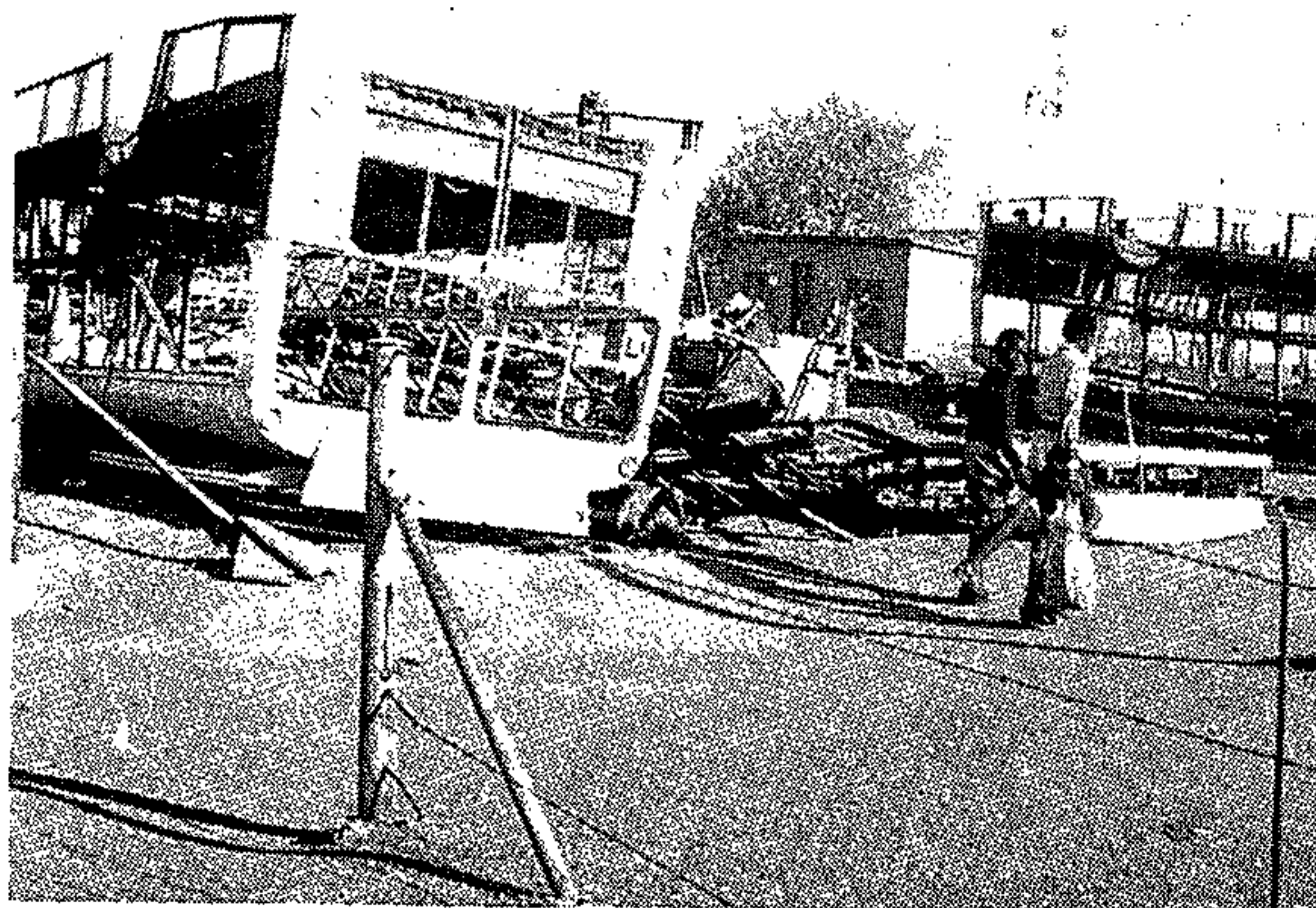
He said his committee was officially established by President L M Mangope to cater for the needs and aspirations of the squatters and that plot-owners had no right



**A MAVUSO:** His Winterveldt tenants committee has been kept in the dark about future development of the area.

to discuss anything with their tenants before consulting his committee.

Klippan section, the most congested in the Winterveldt area, lacked even the most basic of essential services such as the collection of garbage, something that contributed to the spread of disease. Even the newly built clinic, he said, was of little help as it was situated far from the people it was supposed to serve.



**USEFUL:** Discarded bus bodies such as these are being scrapped and iron from them used to build shacks in Winterveldt.



**LONG WAIT:** Buckets are queued-up near a dried-up borehole in preparation for a long wait for water while owners attend to other home chores.



# Star Wrab 3/10 leaves 'illegals' 6/7/83 homeless

By Jo-Anne Collinge

A Soweto doctor and a leading Rand churchman have claimed that the West Rand Administration Board has left homeless six "illegal" families, most of whom could qualify for urban rights.

The families moved into tents when Wrab demolished their shacks two months ago — during the last week officials from Wrab's Pimville office removed the families' tents at Chicken Farm near Klipspruit after warning them they were "illegal".

But the doctor, who may not be named for professional reasons, and the vice-president of the Witwatersrand Council of Churches, the Rev Cecil Begbie, claimed today:

- The tents were confiscated and some of the families sleep on the doctor's surgery floor at night. But Pimville's senior township manager, Mr T F Bronkhorst, said yesterday the tents were not confiscated, but were taken down after the families "disappeared".

- Most of the families qualify for urban residence rights, but do not have the correct stamps in their passbooks — and Wrab officials did not tell them how to rectify this.

- When other tent-dwellers were rehoused a month ago in an emergency camp at the Fred Clarke Centre, the six families were excluded because there were not enough huts. When more huts were built they were not rehoused — but other families were.





EVANGELIST: Pastor A Nene proudly displays some of the sangoma and inyanga tools that have been left by owners who were converted during an evangelical revival in Winterveldt.

## Aged live in limbo while life rushes on

A ROMAN Catholic nun has attacked the black "middle-class" in Winterveldt for being selfish and for not caring for those less privileged than them.

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The home is situated in a ten morgen area, has 25 rooms — most still under construction — common toilet and

bathroom facilities, a makeshift kitchen which also serves as living quarters for the nuns, and a hall.



# Pastor on mission to drive out crime and superstition

By NORMAN NGALE

CRIME and squalor in Winterveldt, outside of Pretoria, make it look something like Masinga in Natal according to Pastor A Nene, a visiting evangelist.

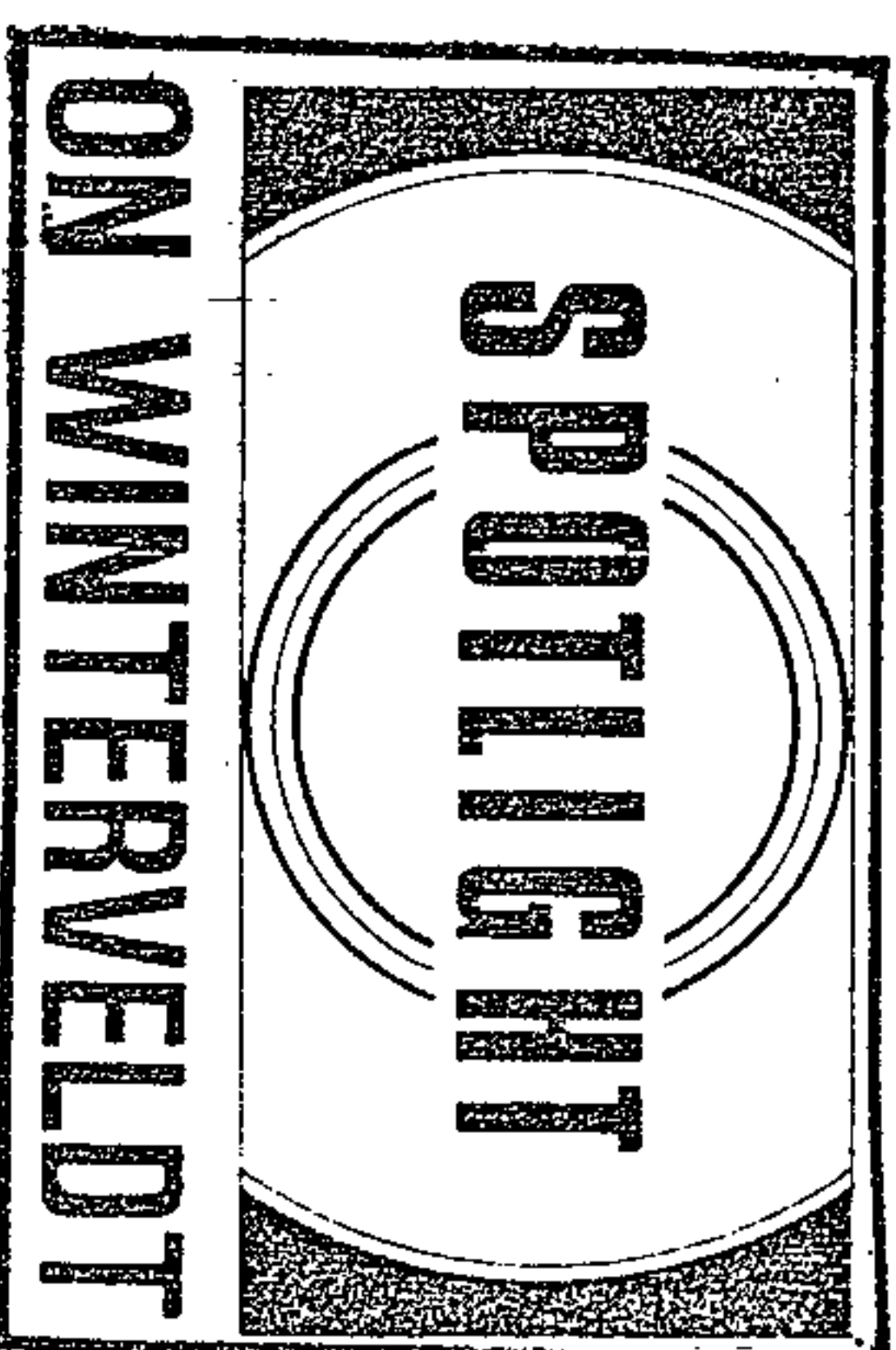
The visiting pastor said he was shocked at the conditions in the slum area and was convinced that people badly needed a better way of living. Bar the incidence of faction fighting which

typifies Masinga, Pastor Nene said crime and the abject living conditions in Winterveldt looked just like the situation in Natal.

Pastor Nene is being accompanied by two other ecclesiastics, the Reverends Sipho Bengu and Richard Baker in an evangelical campaign called Jesus Is The Answer which is having revivals in a huge tent in the area.

He compared Winterveldt to Masinga in Natal, particularly as regards crime. The Masinga area in Natal is notorious for its unending faction fights. Pastor Nene says things are just as bad in Winterveldt, and that they could be worse because of the large numbers of sick people.

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which the pastor said were brought before the congregation during services.

The pastor said his visit to Winterveldt was planned to last only two weeks but that he had to extend his stay to more than a month because of the great demand for his services in the area.

Among his converts, he said, were dagga smokers who used to rob and mug "innocent" residents, sangomas and traditional healers who took to the word of God.

"Sangomas and witch-doctors, who were possessed by the demon, dumped their dirty stuff in front of the altar and decided to accept the Lord in front of everybody. Some confessed their sins," Pastor Nene said.

Mr X, one of the youths who claimed to have been converted by the evangelist, told The SOWETAN that he used to be a feared thug who was involved in car thieving but that he had since repented and decided to lead a clean life.





**EVANGELIST:** Pastor A Nene proudly displays some of the sangoma and inyanga tools that have been left by owners who were converted during an evangelical revival in Winterveldt.

# Aged live in limbo while life rushes on 7/7/83 310

A ROMAN Catholic nun has attacked the black "middle-class" in Winterveldt for being selfish and for not caring for those less privileged than them.

Sister Alice Mchunu, one of the two nuns in charge of the newly built Saint John the Baptist Home for the Aged in Winterveldt, was commenting on the way people of means are neglecting their elderly citizens.

The home is designed to house about 60 elderly people when it is completed. It is in dire need of even the most basic facilities and money is desperately needed to complete it.

The first three local inmates lived on the mercy of local residents who occasionally donated parcels of food to the home, Sister Mchunu said.

The home only takes in old people who have no relatives to care for them.

Another sister, Sister Maleta, said invalids and the mentally retarded were not accepted.

"Efforts to get volunteer builders to complete the home as well as donations from the residents to provide furniture have failed as most of our people demand money for their services. They have no sense of charity work," she said.

One of the residents, Mrs Eveline Kabi, is 83 and said she was eternally grateful to the church for the accommodation she enjoyed. She had been discarded by her family, she said.

"I lost contact with my son, Thabiso Thozamile Mofokeng who is 38, and my daughter Matsidiso Elizabeth Mofokeng who is 35, in 1957. I have since abandoned hope of ever seeing them again. My hope is that I will meet them one day in heaven," the old woman said.

The home is situated in a ten morgen area, has 25 rooms — most still under construction — common toilet and

bathroom facilities, a makeshift kitchen which also serves as living quarters for the nuns, and a hall.



**EVELYN KABI:** "I'm grateful to the Catholic Church people who build the home for the discarded aged like me."

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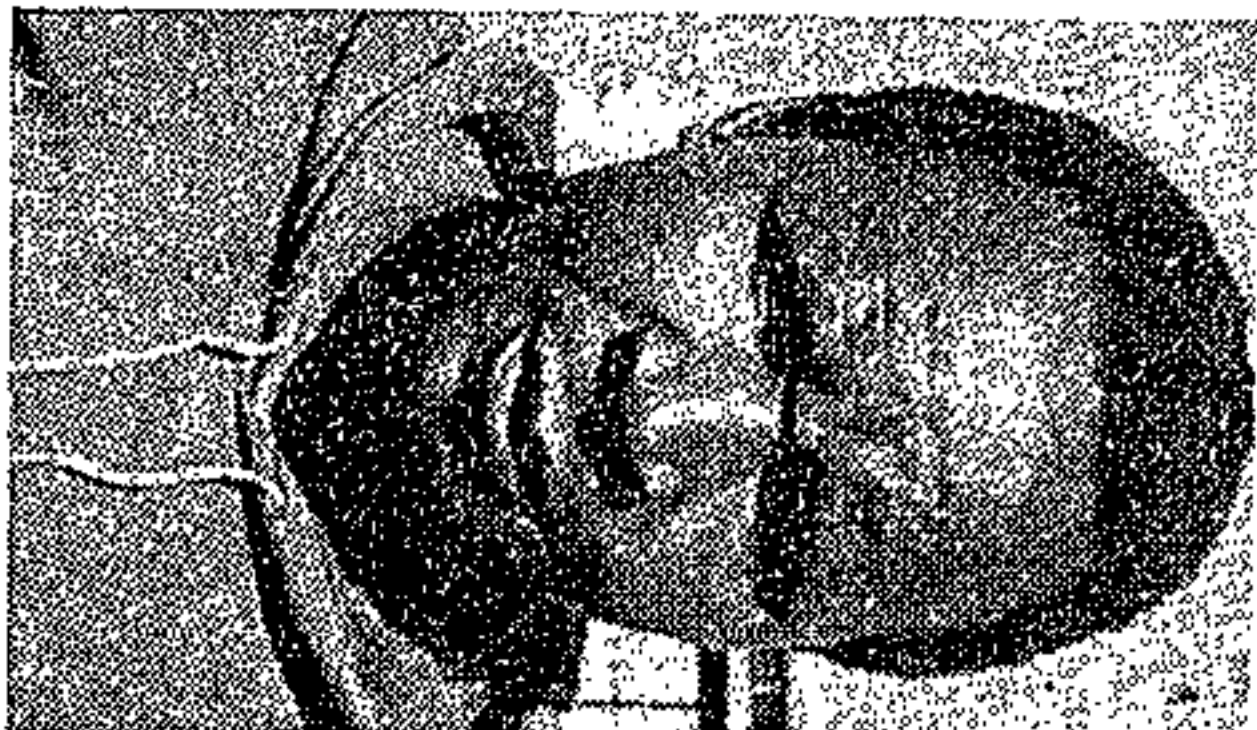


# Every face is a mirror of black South African life

## SPOTLIGHT ON WINTERVELDT

THE LOGICAL expectation would be to see the wintry face of a community overtaken by hardship and depression. But surprise, the face of Winterveldt is typical of your next-door neighbours. Not only that but what the faces say is a mirror of the black South African way of life.

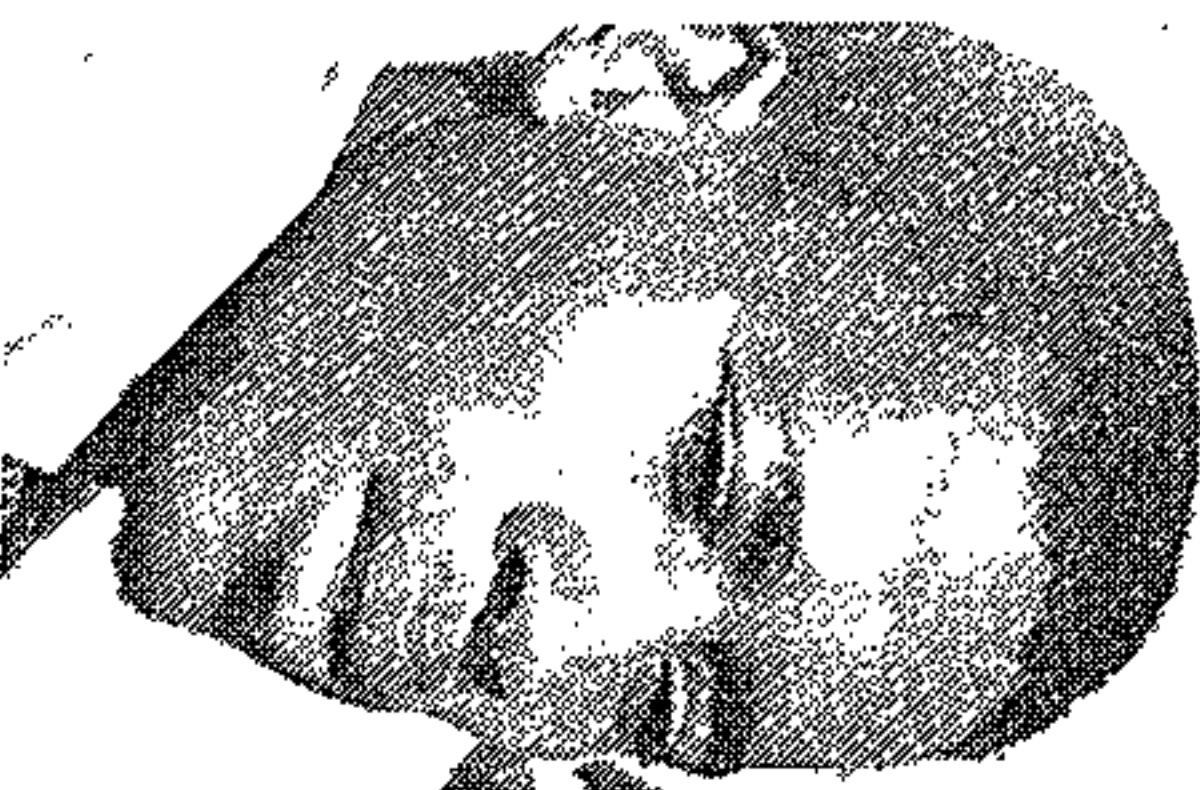
Winterveldt is in the rather ambivalent position of belonging on one hand to a homeland and on the other to South Africa. It is part rural, part urban, part slum, part free-hold property-type area. A mixture that all but perplexes the mind. Yet the people in this area have the same sentiments, the same desires, hopes and wishes as blacks all over the country. It is the face of one nation, one people.



**WILLIAM MATHEBULA:** Life is fine in Winterveldt, my only complaint is that the authorities refuse to give us hawkers licenses.



**MOLEFE MATHATHO:** But for harassment by the Bophuthatswana police, life is alright in Winterveldt.



**PAT MOENG:** We need sports facilities in Winterveldt.



**JOYCE MASHISHI:** Why do the Bophuthatswana Police conduct raids at motel?



**ARON MASHIGO:** There is a dire need for recreation facilities.



**WILLIE MALAU:** My complaint is the lack of electricity, particularly in the streets and alleys of Winterveldt.



**FLORENCE MOLOTSHI:** We need better transport facilities.



**MARIA SEAMOGA:** Amakhosi are her favourite team through and through.



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**HARRY KHOZA:** "I spend much of my time helping my invalid dad to make brooms which we sell in Pretoria for a living."



# City to spend R3m in bid to save water

Mail Reporter

THAT householders are facing tough water restrictions, the Johannesburg Council plans to spend R3 000 000 to stop leakage from burst water mains — which at the rate of about 700 a week, dam levels continue to drop to critical levels. The Rand Water Board and municipalities are trying to further reduce water consumption in all sectors and commerce and industry have been urged to drop consumption by 20%.

The council plans to spend the R3 000 000 on repairing burst mains and replacing pipes. It has also increased its plumbing staff from 20 to 30 to deal with the increase in burst mains, which has risen in six months from about 400 to 700 a week.

A spokesman for the council said unaccounted-for water was 13% last year and will be higher this year.

The restrictions announced yesterday are:

- Gardens should be watered only with hand-held hoses, micro-mist or drip systems for a maximum of one hour a week on Saturdays and Sundays between 2pm to 5pm on even dates for even-numbered houses and uneven dates for odd-numbered houses, but at any time with buckets.
- Cars should be washed using buckets only.
- Commercial car washing machines can be used only if a 20% saving is effected.
- New swimming pools can be filled and

pools can be topped up after evaporation but refilling after repairs requires permission from the City Engineer.

- Nurseries may water plants between 10am and 1pm, and landscape gardeners and contractors may water newly laid-out gardens between 10am and 12pm daily for three weeks after planting.

- Government and municipal parks can water with hand-held hoses, micro-mist and drip irrigation systems between 10.30am and 12pm on Tuesdays and Fridays, and Tuesdays between 11am and 12pm for commerce and industry.

- Sportsfields should not be watered, but cricket pitches, bowling and putting greens can be watered on Mondays and Thursdays from 10.30am to 12noon, and race courses on two days of the week but a saving of 30% over 1982 must be achieved.

- Automatic toilet flushing systems must be turned off in all buildings after normal business hours and hoses disconnected from taps when not in use.

- Washing of paved areas must stop unless it is necessary for health reasons.

Any industry which feels cutting consumption will affect business can apply to the municipality for exemption.

Mr B Krill, of the Nurserymen's Association, said he felt gardeners were being penalised for water wastage because they could be more easily monitored, whereas there was no check on water being used inside.

## Kliptown squatter

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By SOPHIE TEMA

AT LEAST 14 homeless people who have been sleeping in the open veld in Kliptown were arrested by police yesterday morning and taken to John Vorster Square.

Hearing of the arrests, the Rev Cecil Begbie, vice-chairman of the Witwatersrand Council of Churches, obtained the names of the people arrested.

A police spokesman last night confirmed the arrests, said a charge against the people had not been formulated, but added that they would definitely appear before the Commissioner of Co-operation and Development today.

Arrangements for their defence were being made by Mr Begbie last night.

At the weekend police raided the Crown Mines area and arrested at least six people for being there illegally and under the Squatters Act.

Those who are to appear in the Commissioner's court this morning are:

Ms Esther Letswalo, Mr Ishmael Moletsane, Mr Mmasi Khedu, Mr Juda Zondi, Ms Betty Koba, Mr Isaac Mkhwanazi, Ms Agnes Modise, Mr William Kumalo, Ms Wilhemina Mokone, Ms Sophie Cefu, Mr Soris Siwane, Bishop Mashindi, Ms Aletta Makgalemele and Ms Lilian Siwela.

Meanwhile a month-old baby from the West Rand Administration Board "Chicken Farm" squatter camp, Thabiso Ndongeni, who was suffering from severe flu has died.

Thabiso was admitted to Baragwanath Hospital after doctors of the Health Workers Association (HWA), who have established a clinic on Chicken Farm, had referred him to the hospital.

A week ago HWA workers issued a condemnatory statement in which they had said squatters on Chicken Farm were suffering from serious chest ailments including pneumonia and bronchitis.

Thabiso will be buried tomorrow.

## Breakfast Quip



## All incomes have risen, says Relly

Financial Reporter

SOUTH AFRICAN industry's difficulties are likely to be greater and more prolonged than those experienced in the last recession, says Mr Gavin Relly, chairman of Anglo American Corporation.

He attributes this to the delay in the recovery of South Africa's export markets and mounting imports.

Mr Relly says there may be a misunderstanding in South Africa that redistribution of income means taking

from one group at the expense of another.

"In economic parlance it is quite correct to describe the marked increase in the black share of total personal incomes, which has nearly doubled to more than 40% in just over a decade, as redistribution of income.

"What is important to note however is that white incomes in absolute terms have also increased," Mr Relly says.

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living things, including grass.

"We believe grass has some sort of consciousness, that it has feelings," she said.

"Besides, when you cut it you also risk harming an occasional toad and smearing the mower's blades with butterflies and crickets. You can't doubt that toads and insects have feelings."

Miss Shriver, whose campaign is run by a group called the Fruitarian Net-

work, said her feelings were shared by nearly 6 000 followers.

The idea of letting lawns run wild has also received informal support from a number of wildlife groups.

They include the Friends of Animals, one of America's largest wildlife preservation organisations, which has not cut the grass at its New Jersey headquarters since it opened three years ago.

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Mail Reporter  
By GEOFFREY ALLEN

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Some of the the homeless Kliptown people at the Good Shepherd Centre with the Rev Cecil Begbie, who is arranging accommodation for them. They were arrested and released on their own recognisances after appearing in court yesterday.

## 25 Kliptown squatters in court

By SOPHIE TEMA

THE homeless people arrested in the veld at Kliptown on Tuesday morning appeared in court yesterday and were released. They will appear in court again on August 19.

They are now likely to be accommodated at the Methodist Centre in Soweto.

When they appeared in the Johannesburg Commissioner's Court yesterday, 25 were released into the care of the Rev Cecil Begbie of the Methodist Church.

They appeared in three separate courts but their attorney, Mr Ismael Ayob, arranged that they all be given the same remand date — August 19 — for the next hearing.

The people — most of them women — were arrested in the veld behind the Kliptown market on Tuesday morning.

Fourteen people were arrested then. At 3am on Wednesday, a further 11 were arrested and taken to John Vorster Square.

All faced charges of trespassing, being in a prescribed area for more than 72 hours without permits and failing to produce their reference books.

After the court adjourned, two minibuses were hired by Mr Begbie to take the 25 to the Good Shepherd Community Centre in Eldorado Park.

Mr Begbie warned them not to go back to the area.

Most of them had left their blankets and other belongings in the veld where they were sleeping when police swooped on them.

The only person at the spot yesterday was 60-year-old Mrs Mabel Davidson,

who was arrested on Tuesday but was later released by the police.

Another woman, Mrs Mpho Letsoalo, was picked up with her two children but was also released.

Those who appeared in court yesterday are:

Ms Esther Hlatshwayo, Mr Ishmael Moletsane, Ms Meisie Cefu, Mr Juda Zondo, Ms Betty Koba, Mr Isaac Mkhwanazi, Ms Agnes Modise, Mr William Khumalo, Ms Wilhemina Mokone, Ms Sophie Cefu, Ms Doris Siwane, Mr Bishop Mashindi, Ms Aletta Makgalemele, Ms Lilian Siwela, Ms Ntombifikile Majola, Ms Maria Tsotetsi, Ms Theodora Hlakutsa, Ms Maria Maneetsi, Ms Lydia Mogoane, Mr Johannes Thom, Mr Joseph Rafel, Mr Jeremiah Makgetha, Mr Gideon Dlamini, Mr Amos Mkhize and Mr Tommy Mofokeng.



# Wrab police pull down tents

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IT IS BACK to square one for the homeless people of Kliptown after West Rand Administration Board police dismantled the tents which the Azanian Students' Movement (Azasm) had provided them with on Saturday.

These homeless people were arrested early last week and appeared in court on a number of allegations which included trespassing and being in an urban area for more than 72 hours. They were all released on warning and will appear in court again on August 19.

On their release they had nowhere to go. It was then that the students' organisation

came to their rescue by erecting tents for them. This was done on Saturday. However, yesterday the Wrab police dismantled the tents.

When they were putting up the tents the president of Azasm, Kabelo Lengane said they regarded those people as members of the community and not as outcasts. "They are our mothers and fathers and we have to help them in their plight. We are expressing our solidarity with their plight. We also want to translate our words into action," he said.

They are now likely to be accommodated at the Methodist Youth Centre.



# Squatters get three new tents

By Sol Makgallane

The three tents of 27 squatters in Kliptown, which were pulled down yesterday morning by West Rand Administration Board officials, were replaced last night by the Rev Cecil Begbie, vice-president of the Witwatersrand Council of Churches.

The first tents had been put up by the Azanian Students' Movement (Azasam). They were pulled down because Wrab said they were not legal.

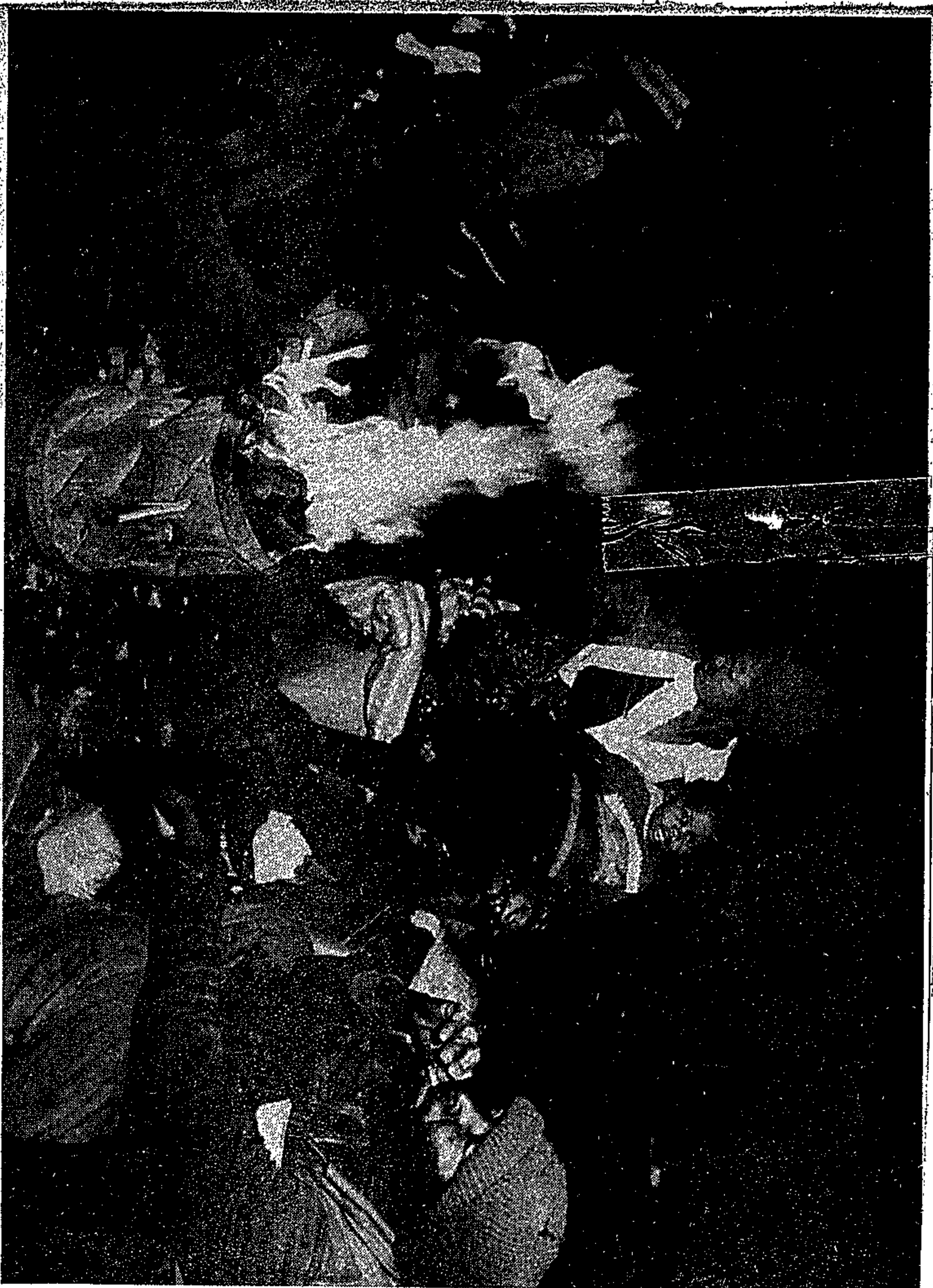
Mrs Aletta Makagalemele (27) said today that Mr Begbie replaced the tents at 9.30 last night.

Five Azasam students are believed to have been detained by police.

The police at Protea, in Soweto, told Mr Begbie that Mr Kenny Mosime, Mr Jackie Hlopholosa and Mr Gopal Naidoo had been detained.

Mr Pule Monama and Mr Monhla Hlahla are missing, and are believed to have been detained.

Police headquarters in Pretoria would not comment.



It was chilly last night in Kliptown and a brazier was all these squatters had to keep the cold away. From the left are Miss Aletta Makgalemele and Miss Angelina Seki Skoto do the best they can to keep warm while Mr James Ndlovu puffs wistfully away at his cigarette. Students of the Azanian Students Movement later pitched a tent to house the destitutes.

Picture by Alf Kumalo.



# Tent people get reprieve

By MONO BADELA

THE HOMELESS Klip-town families, who have had their tents torn down several times by West Rand Administration Board (Wrab), were given a reprieve by the board yesterday.

The 25 squatters will, as from last night, be accommodated at the Wemmer Hostel at the corner of Village and Eloff streets in Johannesburg. This was told

to The SOWETAN by the chairman of the Witwatersrand Council of Churches, the Reverend Cecil Begbie.

The decision by Wrab followed a lengthy meeting between the chief executive officer of the Soweto Community Council, Mr Nico Malan, and the Rev Begbie at the Methodist

Youth Centre, Jabavu, yesterday. Also present were representatives of Azapo, Azasm, Fedswa and other Wrab officials.

At the meeting Mr Malan explained that continuing erecting tents in Kliptown was a "blatant violation of the law and that it cannot be condoned." He also ad-

ressed the squatters and asked them to use the remaining time before their court case to fix up their identity books and other relevant papers.

Three of the families were referred to a superintendent in Pimville, who will provide them with accommodation. The rest of the squatters will be housed at the Wemmer Hostel.

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## Students in court over violence

THREE of the four Mahlabo State School students in Soweto arrested after an outbreak of violence on Monday when a group of 40 fellow students attacked a shebeen in Mofolo North appeared briefly yesterday in the Soweto Regional Court.

The three were not asked to plead to three charges of robbery, attempted arson and malicious damage to property and the magistrate, Mr T Veldman postponed their case to July 27 for further police investigation.

Before the court were, Mr David Mzolo (19) of Zone 10 Meadowlands, Mr Johannes Phetoe (18) of 2021 B Zone 9 Meadowlands and a 16-year-old youth of Zone 10 also Meadowlands. No reasons were given for the non-appearance of the fourth student but when the three entered the dock, a fourth youth who was with them was ordered back to the cells.

Their appearance in court is a sequel to trouble that started on Monday morning after four youths allegedly raided a shebeen and got away with R1 800. One of the alleged robbers was later cornered by the shebeener and other patrons who were at the scene.

Later a mob of angry students allegedly attacked the shebeen seriously injuring patrons and causing extensive damage to the house.



OUT IN COLD: Wrab police remove yet more tents after they had been put up for a third time.

# Wrab grants tent squatters reprieve

KLIPTOWN SQUATTERS WHO had their tents taken away for a third time in a week, were not left stranded last night following discussions between the West Rand Administration Board, Bishop Desmond Tutu, general secretary of the South African Council of Churches and Reverend Cecil Begbie of the Witwatersrand Council of Churches.

By ZODWA MSHIBE

Mr John Knoetze, chairman of Wrab, said he and his staff had "fruitful discussions" with the churchmen and it was agreed that squatters would be cared for

during the night.

"We are hopeful that the whole matter will be solved today," said Mr Knoetze.

About 10 armed black and white Wrab policemen watched as three other policemen pulled the tents down,

bringing the total number of tents confiscated in this manner to nine.

The tents are home to 25 adults and five children, some as young as 12 months old. One of the women, Esther Totabi is pregnant.

The tents were first pitched last Friday evening. Wrab pulled them down on Monday. Black consciousness and church organisations, with a resolve to defy Wrab until the homeless are properly and suitably accommodated, pitched the tents again the same evening, only to be pulled down the following day.

On Tuesday evening they were up again and they again went down yesterday morning. The police confiscated the tents.

Five of the students who had since Friday, constantly kept a vigil on the spot, were arrested on Monday minutes after Wrab police had removed the tents.

## Sebe threatened with death

THE wife of Ciskei's former head of security, Lt Gen Charles Sebe, has received three death threats since her husband and 18-year-old son were detained this week.

Mrs Nomafakathi Sebe said she had received three telephone calls warning her to prepare two coffins, one for her husband and the other for her son,

Khambashe.

Mrs Sebe said she was not sure whether it was the same person who had telephoned each time. The person spoke with a low voice as though he had influenza.

"I didn't respond to the first call. When they phoned again I questioned the caller, who said: 'You are still answering back. We will

end up with you. We will destroy you'."

Mrs Sebe, who said she was extremely concerned about the safety of Gen Sebe and her son, a corporal in the Defence Force, said she had reported the threats to Divisional Commander of Police, Brig L B Madolo.

"I am not so concerned about their detention as to their safety. People can get strangled or poisoned in prison."



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## Wrab houses 3 squatter families

The West Rand Administration Board has made emergency housing available to three families who were living in the open near Kliptown but the remaining squatters will have to prove their urban-residence rights before they will be assigned housing, church and community leaders report.

This group is being housed at the Wemmer Hostel in central Johannesburg until investigations on documentation have been completed, the Rev Cecil Begbie, vice-president of the Witwatersrand Council of Churches, said today.

Among the three families referred for immediate housing to the chief township manager for Pimville, Mr T F Bronkhorst, was the Mtotoba family.

Mr Bafana Mtotoba and his wife Esther who is expecting their third child in September have previously approached Pimville for a house. They have been turned away because Mrs Mtotoba lost her pass and cannot prove she was born in Johannesburg.

Mr Begbie said there was some dissatisfaction among the people moved to the hostels because families had been split up, with women and children housed together and men separately. He indicated that this would be discussed with officials today.

Mr Begbie added that Wrab had undertaken to provide meals for the families.

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# They're halfway to a house <sup>(310)</sup> in a parked bus?

ONE of the problems that has to be faced when communities are rehoused is: Where do you put them in the meantime?

In a tent? In a five-star hotel? In prefabricated huts? In shacks? In caravan parks? In a community hall? And who will pay for that temporary accommodation?

People who take part in self-help or site-and-service housing schemes, or core-housing schemes, erect shacks on their stands. These have to be knocked down as soon as the home-builder has a completed room or two to move into.

A more difficult problem arises when there is a shortage of land in a township and people have to move out of the way for new developments, or for the stands to be serviced, and there is nowhere to put them in the meantime because they have lots of children and cannot afford to stay in hotels or hire caravans or mobile homes.

According to a recent issue of Construction Week, one solution could be the hire — at R90 a square metre — of used shipping containers. A new company, named Sealine, wants to sell these steel containers for use as temporary accommodation, as building site offices, as beach cottages, boat houses or storage sheds.

Another, cheaper solution, is to house people in bus bodies while they wait for new housing to be provided. This is what is happening in Alexandra Township where, it is hoped, a fine new township will one day rise from the ruins of the old one.

But in the meantime people have to be moved while old properties are demolished, stands are provided with water, sewerage, and electricity, and new houses are erected.

Told of the Alexandra Liaison Committee's problems, Putco has donated 15 bus bodies which will be parked in



an area where the committee will provide water points and toilets. According to Mr Pat Rogers, public relations officer of the bus company, Putco uses bus bodies for offices at some of its depots.

In a "sincere effort to help solve the temporary accommodation problem", as Mr Rogers put it, the company took disused bus bodies to their workshops, removed the seats, repaired the floors where necessary and delivered the first few to the township.

By next morning, said Mr Rogers, the windows had been smashed by the township children.

Putco protested to the liaison committee, who have promised to employ a security guard to watch the buses until the families are ready to move in.

The liaison committee intends using some of these buses to temporarily house blacks and coloureds who have to vacate their homes on ground being developed for business purposes in adjoining Wynberg. The families were given notice to leave six months ago but new housing, and new area for coloureds, are not yet available.

Living in a bus body is not ideal, but it may be one answer to the problem of housing poor people temporarily — very temporarily — while new housing is erected.

Some people will complain that it is not good enough but to others it will be a sign of progress in a township that has stagnated for years: it will be halfway to a new house.

But the rebuilding of Alexandra had better be speeded up — no-one likes to stay long at a bus stop!



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**'Monster' picks on squatters**

COMMUNITY groups helping Soweto squatters are faced with an evil monster that has no regard for human beings, a meeting was told this week.

A number of organisations attended a Coronationville meeting called by the Health Workers Association to highlight the plight of the squatters housed in So-

weto's Fred Clark, Chicken Farm and MacDonald's Farm areas.

"One can clearly see that the value of human beings is totally disregarded," Rev Cecil Begbie of the Witwatersrand Council of Churches, who has been in the forefront in the fight for squatters' rights, told his audience.

The meeting inclu-

ded the Azanian Students Organisation, Women's Federation, lawyers and medical workers.

Dr Abubaker Asvat charged that squatters at the Fred Clark settlement were paying an exorbitant R40 in rent and service charges for their shacks to the West Rand Administration Board.



# Houses to be built for squatters if loan granted

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THE construction of 137 houses and the provision of 166 serviced plots in Bethelsdorp Extension 27 to house squatters from the municipal area will begin in January next year if a loan is granted by the Department of Community Development.

There are currently 1 748 coloured and 176 black squatter families in the Port Elizabeth municipal area, according to a joint report by the Director of Housing, Mr Mick Molynaux, and the City Engineer, Mr Arthur Clayton, to the City Council's Community Services Committee today.

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However these figures do not include an estimated 300 coloured squatters in the East Cape Administration Board area of Kleinskool or coloured squatter families in the Dias Divisional Council area.

The committee will be asked to approve an application for a R1 446 812 loan for the development of the Bethelsdorp area.

Basic houses will be constructed and it is anticipated that the project, if approved, will be completed by December, next year.

The only sites at present available for squatters to build their own shelters are 72 sites at Kleinskool.

Any further land for the erection of low cost houses or service sites for self-help housing will depend on future approval of township layouts.

It is anticipated it will take a year before approval for townships in the Bloemendal Blocks 11, 12, 13 and 14 is given.

Pressure for the resettlement of squatters from the Dias Divisional Council in the municipal area is also noted and an earlier council decision not to house Dias squatters at the expense of existing applicants on the council waiting list is reaffirmed. The committee will also consider:

- Plans by the Port Elizabeth Cricket Club and the Crusader Football Club, to extend the toilet facilities at the Crusader Grounds in St George's Park.
- A recommendation from the Director of Parks, Mr Peter Gibbs, that the council enter an exhibit at the Flora '83 exhibition to be held at the Good Hope Centre in Cape Town from August 25 to 28.
- The purchase of a R4 121 bronze sculpture by Richard Wake by the King George VI Art Gallery.
- The calling of tenders for the demolition of Willowdene.



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**DESOLATION:** Natalspruit where about 70 people have been made homeless when shacks were razed by officials of the East Rand Administration Board.

# Destitute, but not alone

**TWO ORGANISATIONS** have assisted more than 70 destitute people who have been sleeping in the veld in Katlehong township near Germiston, after East Rand Administration Board (Erab) officials demolished their shacks on Monday.

The Benoni Students Movement (BSM) and the East Rand People's Organisation (Erapo) have pledged to supply the destitute families with tents, food and medical assistance.

Yesterday Mr F E Marx, chief director at Erab said: "We demolished the shacks because all their owners were staying illegally in Katlehong. We have told the families to move out of Katlehong before the end of this week and we have told them that if any one of them is still in Katlehong by next week, he or she will be arrested."

The demolished shacks were at a coal-yard next to Motloung Section, bordering on the township's old cemetery. The families were given until August 15 to

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leave the area, but last Thursday, three days after the deadline, Erab officials and workmen arrived and demolished some of the shacks and more were demolished this Monday.

The majority of the shack dwellers have been sleeping in the open veld and in makeshift boxes since the demolitions.

In a statement, BSM and Erapo said they

would supply the families with tents as soon as possible and they would also organise food and medical assistance for the destitute families.

The statement added: "It was uncalled for for Erab to demolish the shacks of the families without providing alternative accommodation."



# Erab finds site for Katlhong people

By Eugene Saldanha

The 80 Katlhong people who have been sleeping in wooden boxes in the veld since East Rand Administration Board officials destroyed their shacks last week, will now be given temporary accommodation at a training centre in the township.

This follows talks between a delegation from the Witwatersrand Council of Churches (WCC) and Erab yesterday. The WCC and East Rand community organisations provided tents for the families, which include many children and invalids, on hearing of their plight late last week.

The WCC has also requested an urgent meeting with the Minister of Co-operation and Development, Dr Piet Koornhof, to discuss the plight of squatters.

The vice president of the WCC, the Rev Cecil Begbie, said the families would move the tents to the new site this morning. The council had not yet inspected the training centre but had been assured that it had water and toilet facilities.

At yesterday's meeting with Erab, the WCC presented a memorandum in which it lambasted the board for "endangering the lives of babies" by destroying the shelters of the Katlhong squatters.

The deputy director of Erab, Mr H Opperman, said the families would stay at the centre until their documents had been sorted out and it was established which families were legally in the area.



WCC

Erab

exposes

babies  
to cold

By SOPHIE TEMA

THE East Rand Administration Board was accused yesterday of exposing babies to the cold and forcing their parents to sleep in the open because they are regarded as "illegals".

A memorandum was presented by the Witwatersrand Council of Churches meeting in which the plight of the Katlehong squatters now staying in tents was highlighted.

WCC representatives, led by the Rt Rev Simeon Nkoane, Bishop Suffragan of the Anglican Church in the East Rand told members of Erab headed by the chairman, Mr F E Marx, that what was happening in Katlehong was a manifestation of the ill effects of apartheid.

The WCC pointed out that the church did not regard people as "legals" or "illegals" and appealed to the board and its officials to:

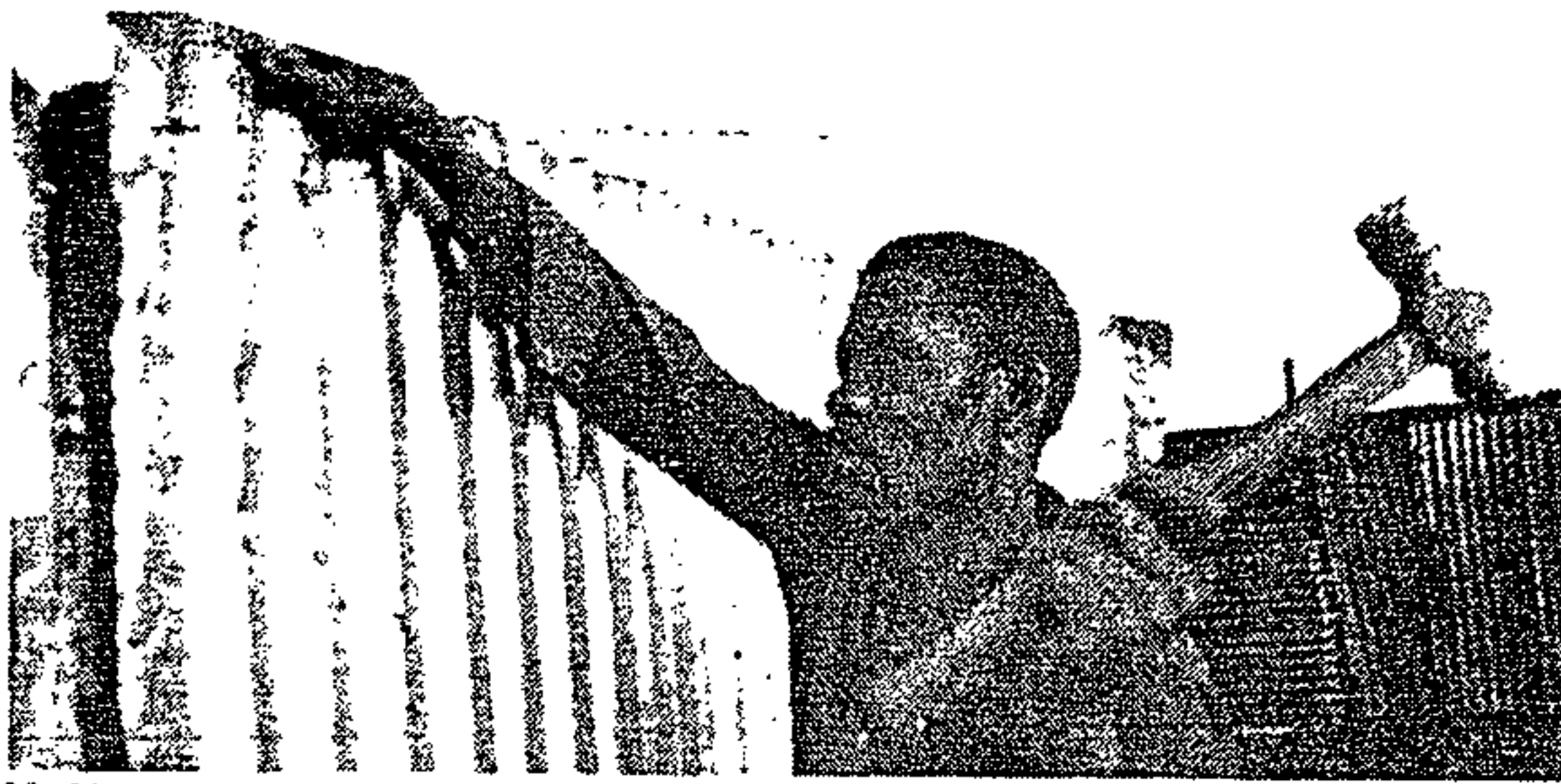
- Scrap the practice of destroying the shelters of families without providing alternative accommodation;
- Provide evicted people with shelter as a matter of absolute urgency. This they said could be done by erecting pre-fab units in the same way as the West Rand Administration Board had done, to serve as a temporary measure while long term housing was being planned; and
- Request the Minister of Co-operation and Development to give urgent attention to the problem of housing in the East Rand.

Mr Marx agreed to have the tent community transferred from the present area which has been declared a buffer zone and has no abutment or water facilities to a centre to be arranged by the board.

He however, said the cases of the individual families would be dealt with on their merits.

He emphasised that those who were legal would be listed for housing while the rest who do not qualify would be repatriated to their respective homelands.





Mr Norman Mtyingizane putting up a backyard shack in an area where there are already more than 1 500.

# Shack people face bleak future

By NKOPANE MAKOBANE



Mr Daniel Sedumedi... we understand the plight of the people but there is nothing we can do.

THE more than 1 500 illegal shack dwellers settled on the western section of Bekkersdal near Westonaria where there are no houses are living on borrowed time — the structures must go.

This was revealed to Spotlight by a local councillor, 74-year-old Mr Daniel Sedumedi. He said the councillors were informed of this move by the housing director at their monthly meeting last week.

The reason given was that none of the shacks comply with the requirements of the applicable municipal health and building bylaws. Again, many of the occupants are illegal in the area as they come from the homelands.

"Much as we understand the plight of the people concerned, there is nothing we can do if the law so requires that the structures have to be demolished."

According to Mr Sedumedi, the shack issue has been one area of concern in the township and has at several times been discussed at length.

Early this year when the subject was discussed it had been found that due to the slow progress in the past to provide additional houses to families on the lengthy housing waiting-list, tenants have erected numerous shacks on their sites to accommodate those in distress.

The shacks were being leased by the occupants from the tenants at rentals of R40 to R50 a month. The council at the time was not prepared to pull down the shacks because no alternative accommodation is available.

According to a survey carried out then, it was also found that services in the area were only designed for existing 1 098 houses. As a result this placed a burden on the infrastructural services of the township by the additional more than 1 500 illegal families.

The deficit of the 1983/84 estimates of the council was calculated at approximately R276 000 and a major portion of this deficit was attributed to families occupying the shacks because they did not make a financial contribution to the council for services utilised by them.

It had also been realised that the demolition of the shacks would even be more difficult because there would be no alternative housing in the foreseeable future. This was because there would be no further development of Bekkersdal due to the geological nature of the ground.

It was decided then to make efforts to normalise the existence of the shacks until alternative accommodation was available to the occupants elsewhere.

It was then suggested that a further survey of the existing shacks be undertaken to establish the actual number of shacks on a specific site to ensure that no more shacks will be erected.

This having been done, it was further suggested that a financial contribution be obtained from the shack occupants but not directly from them as this would legalise their structures and them.

It was then recommended, subject to the Ministerial approval, that a monthly fee of R10 be paid to the council by the tenant for every additional structure on his site as from July 1 this year.

This was because the tenants asked rent for personal gain and the R10 from them would result in an additional monthly income of approximately R15 000 or R18 000 a year to the council, meaning a substantial reduction in the deficit.

Furthermore, it was recommended that should a registered tenant not be prepared to pay a monthly fee of R10 a room, all structures on his site be demolished.

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# Squatter shelters burnt

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CAPE TOWN — Western Cape Administration Board (WCAB) officials demolished 139 squatter shelters at Crossroads yesterday. Armed riot police stood by "to maintain law and order".

Yesterday's WCAB swoop followed similar action taken at Crossroads on Friday, when 224 plastic and hessian shelters on the perimeters of the squatter camp were knocked down and burnt.

Dr Gert du Preez, chief liaison officer for the WCAB, said no arrests had been made in yesterday's "incident-free operation".

A police liaison officer, Captain Gerhard van Rooyen, said police in anti-riot vehicles accompanied the WCAB officials during the demolitions, but he emphasised the police had not assisted in the demolition of the structures. They had been present "only to maintain law and order" in the township. — Sapa.



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# Squatters ordered back to 'homeland'

By MZIKAYISE EDM

**MOST** of the squatters presently staying in tents at Katilehong township near Germiston will be sent to their designated "homelands" today according to the East Rand Administration Board (Erab).

The decision to deport the squatters was taken by the executive committee of Erab this week. Erab is claiming that most of the families have to go back to their "homelands" "as they do not qualify to stay in urban areas."

The Reverend Zacharia Mohutsiwa, a spokesman for the Witwatersrand Council of Churches (WCC) confirmed yesterday that they have been informed by Erab that the squatters will be deported.

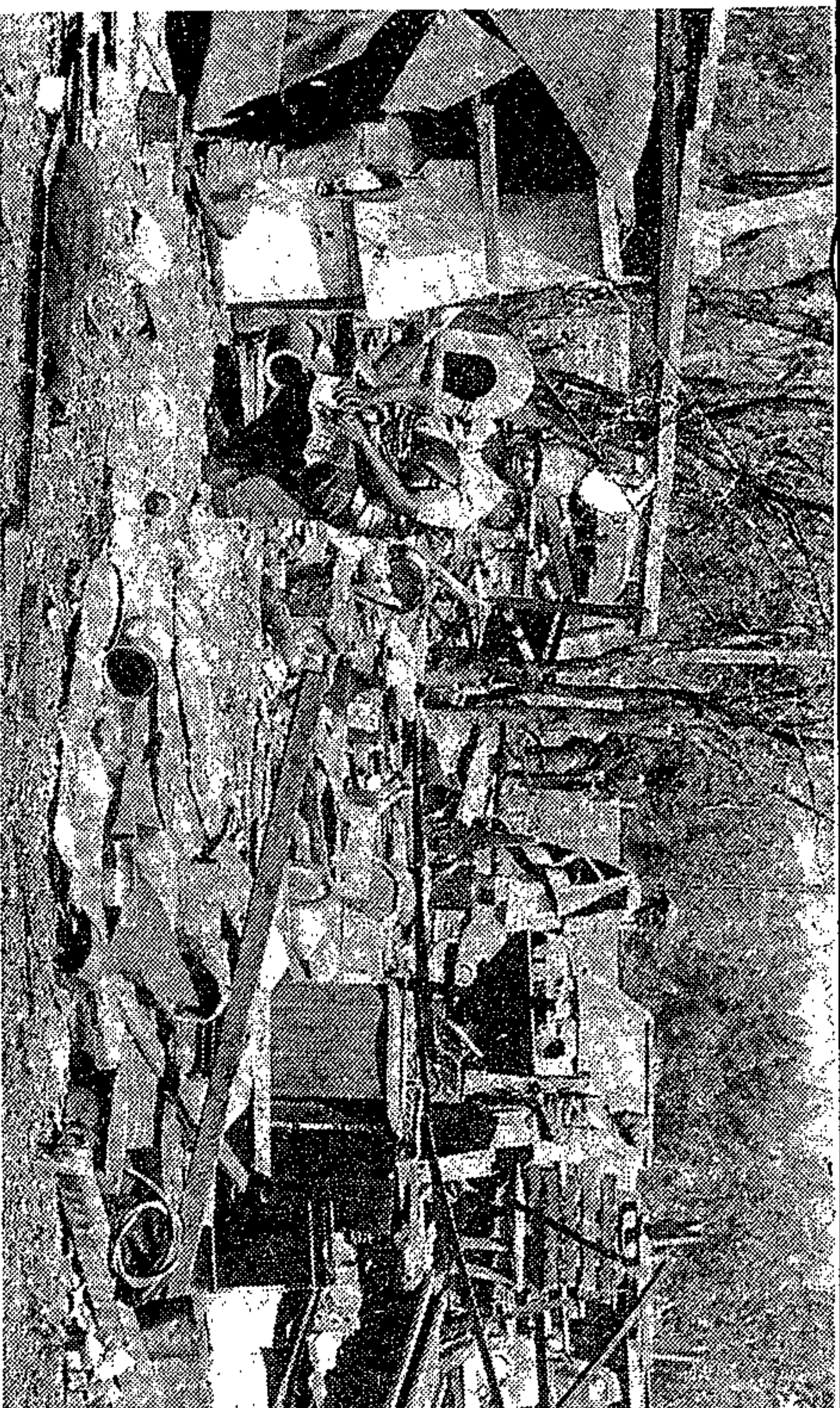
## TRAIN TICKETS

The squatter shacks were demolished by Erab two weeks ago. The WCC came to the rescue and provided them with tents.

A Mr Snyman, an official of Erab, was to have given the "illegal" squatters train tickets yesterday, for them to go back to their "homelands."

But by yesterday afternoon, according to Rev Mohutsiwa who is responsible for the welfare of squatters, they had not yet been given the tickets.

Mr F E Marx, chief director and Mr A D Nie-mandt, chairman of Erab were both yesterday not available for comment. Both were reported to be attending a meeting in Tembisa.



**FAMILY:** At the demolished squatter camp in Katilehong. Now most of the squatters must leave for the homelands.

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# Drought swelling influx into towns

By Anthony Duigan

Thousands of black people from the rural areas are coming to towns in search of a living as the drought and continued retrenchments take their bitter toll.

This is adding to the strain on the already severe housing shortages which have been increasing in many black urban areas for the past decade.

Homeland and community leaders, academics and Government officials generally confirm this influx but also point to a reverse stream — workers retrenched from jobs in towns heading to their rural homes — and to the increasing numbers of black people existing in homelands on poor relief and other grants.

In the PWV area Pretoria appears to be particularly affected by an influx of blacks who come into the city each day looking for work. As many as 500 have been seen in the queues around the labour offices where they wait for somebody to offer them a piece-job.

Many of them are illegal in terms of influx control and police are continually sweeping the city and its environs to pick up those who are not registered to be in the area.

Community leaders on the East Rand confirmed that people from both kwaZulu and Lebowa were coming in large numbers to the townships in search of any work that will earn them some money.

Researchers at Transkei University's Institute for Management and Development Studies have reported that their studies indicate at least one in four — close to 100 000 — of the migrants from Transkei working in South Africa are illegal in terms of influx

control. Drought and lack of work in Transkei have pushed them, mostly women, into urban areas in search of a livelihood.

Mrs Ina Perlman, national manager of Operation Hunger (directing food aid to about 500 000 people country-wide), said appeals from the Orange Free State and northern Cape indicated that hundreds of workers retrenched from mines and farms had moved to small towns like Brandfort and Vanwyksvlei because work and food were in short supply in rural areas. They were in need of immediate aid because they had no resources, Mrs Perlman said.

Mr W J Ras, director of labour for the Central Transvaal Administration Board, confirmed an increased flow of blacks from rural areas to Pretoria. Mr Seth Mathibe, a spokesman for the Committee of 18 of Winterveld (a large squatter area outside Pretoria and just inside Bophuthatswana), said he believed there had been a large influx of people into the area which was used as a base by those trying to find work and accommodation in Pretoria. On the other hand there does not appear to be a much increased flow of people to Johannesburg. Mr John Knoetze, chairman of the West Rand Administration Board, said a sample population poll done recently in Soweto indicated there were actually fewer people in the area than has been widely thought — about one million with an average density of eight people to a township house.

The PWV housing shortage has been climbing steadily for more than a decade as a result of far fewer houses being built each year than the natural population increase.

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# Erab gives squatters a reprieve

By MZIKAYISE EDOM

THE EAST Rand Administration Board (Erab) has shelved the controversial decision to repatriate most of the 80 squatters presently staying in tents in Katlehong near Germiston, to their designated "homelands".

The squatters were supposed to have been kicked out of Katlehong last Friday but Mr F E Marx, chief director of Erab, yesterday said the board had decided not to continue with the removals of the squatters — at least for now.

There was an outcry from the community and different organisations after Erab had demolished the shacks of the squatters which were situated at a coal yard next to Motloung section, bordering on the township's old cemetery. The shacks were demolished three weeks ago.

Different organisations, including the Witwatersrand Council of Churches (WCC), the East Rand People's Organisation (Erapo), the Benoni Student Movement (BSM) and the Azanian People's

Organisation (Azapo) came to the rescue of the squatters by supplying them with tents, food, clothing and medical assistance.

Mr Marx said yesterday: "We have temporarily shelved the removal of the squatters until such time we have dealt with their cases. Every case is to be treated on merit." Mr Marx said all "illegal" squatters were supposed to have been endorsed out of Katlehong on Friday, and sent back to their "homelands".

Mr Marx refused to speculate when the cases of the squatters would be discussed by his board or when they would be repatriated. He said: "All I can tell you is that the board is still investigating the matter."

Mr Sam Ntuli of Erapo hailed Erab's decision not to repatriate the squatters. He said his organisation hoped that the board would leave the squatters as they were and would not repatriate any of them to the so-called "homelands".



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# MP demands urgent action on squatters

Mr Peter Soal, Progressive Federal Party MP for Johannesburg North, is to take urgent action on allegations by black tenants and squatters at Ennerdale that shots are fired and police dogs let loose during police raids.

Mr Soal visited the area yesterday and described the residents' plight as "a ghastly state of affairs".

He said he intended to seek immediate interviews with police officials "to see if we can stop the harassment" and with the Department of Co-operation and Development to look into housing.

"I understand the majority are entitled to be in urban areas. If this is so and they are being raided because of lack of housing, then this must be stopped and they must be given homes."

In the latest raid, on Friday, residents allege a shot was fired at Mr Reginald Ndengani as he fled from the police. A number of people were held and taken to the De Deur police station.

Police have not yet responded to the allegations.

The people live in shacks and outbuildings of varying quality. Some pay considerable rental, others pay none. All are equally vulnerable under the Squatting Act.

Some have established urban rights and carry passes issued at Evaton or Westonaria.

But a pass apparently is no protection against arrest, as Friday's raid shows. Relatives of at least four men held say they had reference books.

Workers and unemployed alike end up in the cells. There are families who cannot pay a R15 or R20 admission of guilt fine.

Mr John Knoetze, chairman of the West Rand Administration Board, said three board areas converged near Ennerdale and it was difficult to say off-hand where the families should apply for homes. He added that Wrab would accept responsibility for housing those registered in its area.

Many residents are registered at Evaton, under the Orange Vaal Board, which is understood to have housing available. "But there are many families here who cannot afford to pay R70 for housing," Mr Soal cautioned. "They are truly desperate and helpless."



# Squatters must quit or be kicked out

BY MZIKAYISE EDOM for other purposes.

THE 80 squatters now staying in tents at the East Rand Administration Board (Erab) training camp in Kaitleng near Germiston have been given an ultimatum to leave the camp today or be "kicked out".

The squatters were informed early this week by Mr G J Snyman, an Erab official, that they have to leave the camp because the premises were being used temporarily by the board and the owners wanted them to kick them out.

He said: "The rest will have to look for alternative accommodation in the township. If the squatters refuse to move out on their own we will have no alternative but to kick them out."

Mr Opperman also said that there was enough transport for those who wanted to go home by road, and those who preferred to go by train will also be issued with train tickets.

The squatters are reported to have told Mr Snyman that they have no where to go because they knew no people in the homelands. They are also reported to have told him that they were not prepared to leave the camp.

## Lebone defends SACC membership

MODERATOR of the Dutch Reformed Church (DRC) in Africa, the Reverend M J Lebone, has defended his church's decision to remain a member of the South African Council of Churches at a sitting of the synod of the DRC in the northern Cape, presently being held in Kimberley.

He said he did not expect the synod to be happy with his church's decision to remain a member of the DRC.

He said the membership would enable his church to function as a link between the two organisations. — Sapa.

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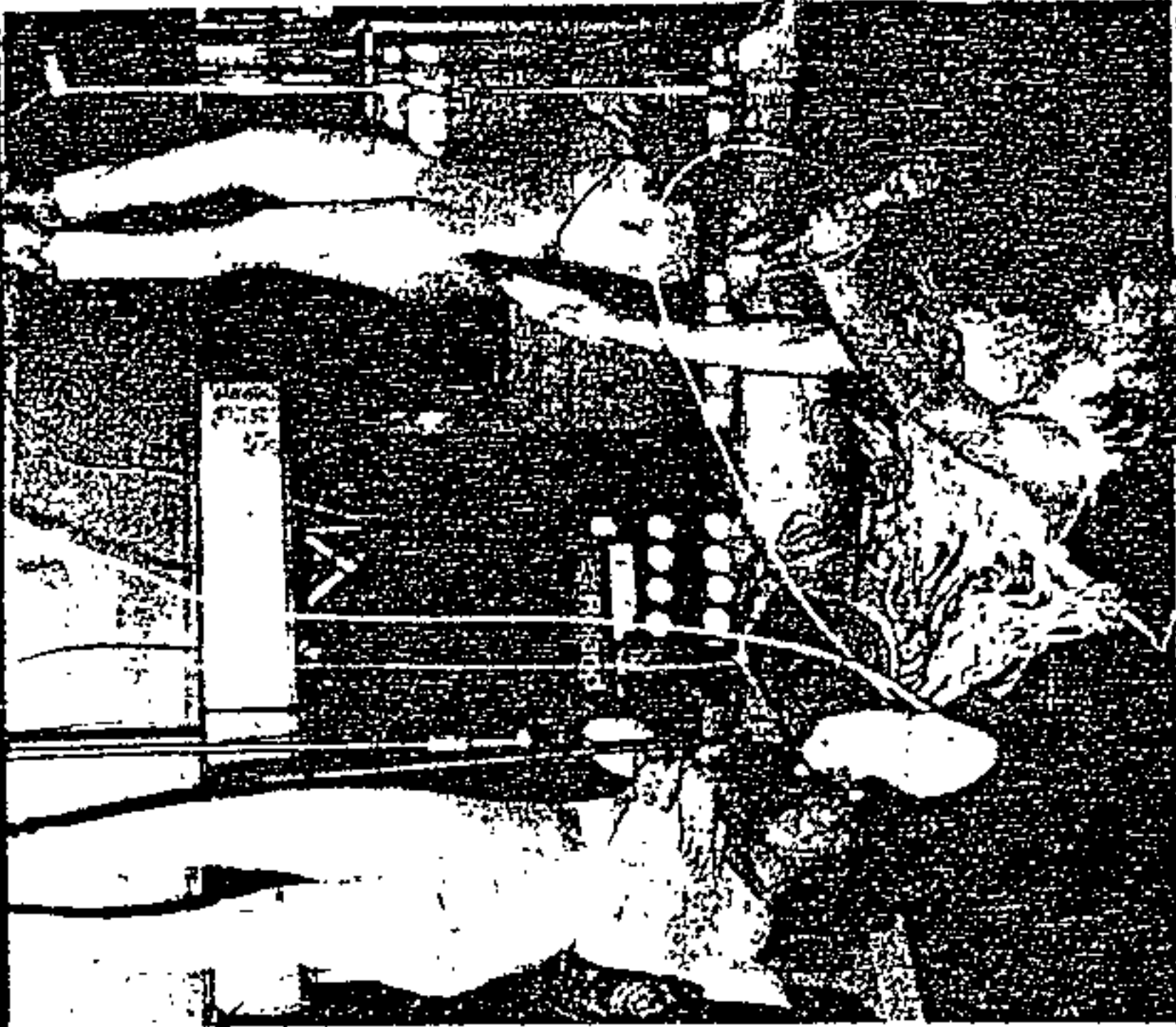
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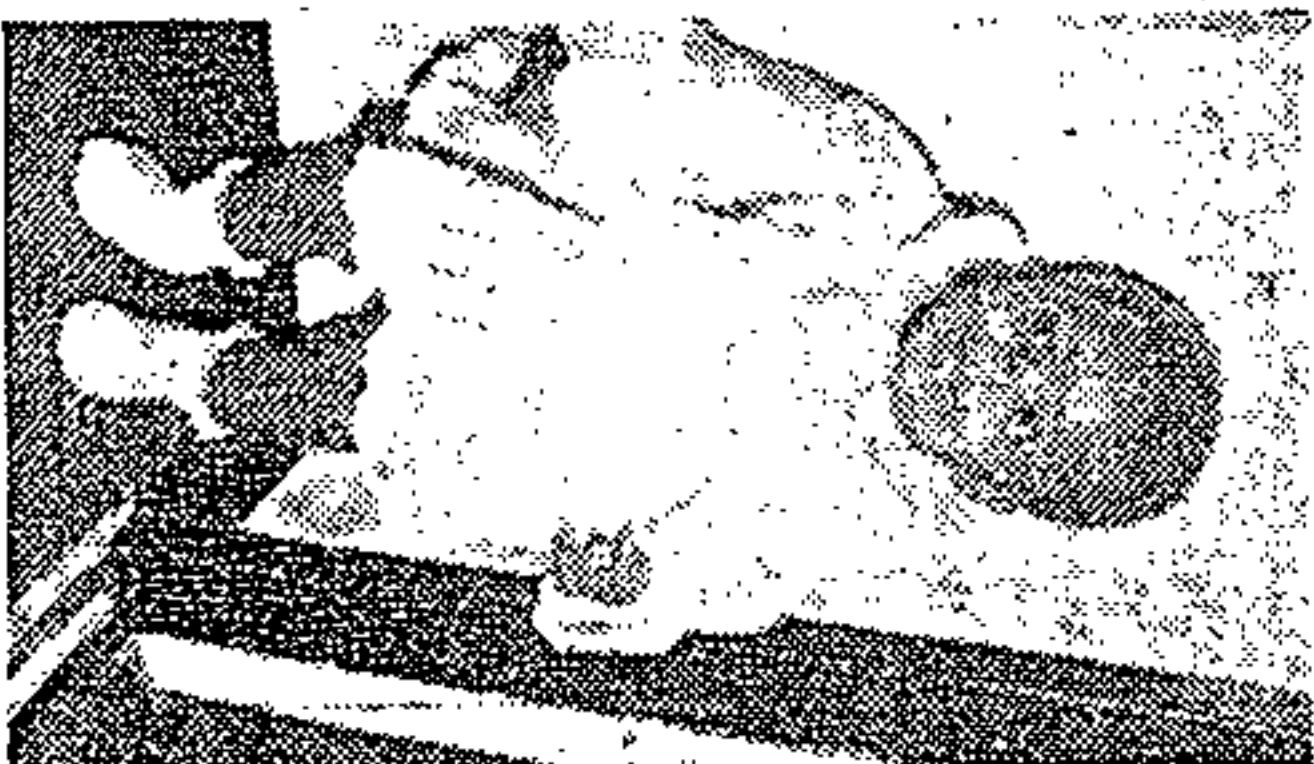
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Warcry as officials lay into squatters

# ERAB men in brutal beatings

By CHRIS OLCKERS  
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Mr Opperman said ERAB personnel were "also hurt in the incident. Those admitted to hospital were discharged."

The drama began yesterday when ERAB police arrived at a squatter camp in Katlehong and ordered the inhabitants to move to a nearby piece of open land. They warned the people they would be arrested if they had not moved by 2pm.

When the ERAB police and officials returned at 2.30pm, they launched their attack on the squatters and then later on the watching journalists and the Rev Cecil Begbie, vice-chairman of the Witwatersrand Council of Churches.

Mr Begbie, who said he intended laying assault charges, had to be treated by a doctor last night.

Last night Mr Moroke, in a severe state of shock, said that after a warcry "Mayigubhe", the officials, armed with knobkieries and truncheons, attacked members of the Press.

Several eyewitness told the Mail yesterday of the brutal assaults on Katlehong squatters and the unprovoked assault on Mail reporter Mr Montshiwa Moroke.

The squatters, who were living in tents at the ERAB Training Centre after being moved there by ERAB, were told by officials yesterday morning "to go off to Transkei".

Although he was not assaulted, Bishop Suffragan of Johannesburg East and chairman of the WCC, the Right Reverend Simeon Nkoane, was warned by ERAB's chief inspector, Mr G J Snyman, not to go near the scene, and was told in obscene language to keep away from the area.

Three members of the Katlehong Squatters' Support Committee, who also witnessed the ugly scene, said they were prepared to give sworn statements about what they saw.

Last night, the Editor of the Mail, Mr Rex Gibson, said: "This appalling incident is simple thuggery masquerading as law. I expect the police to take a serious view of it as they would of any vicious unprovoked assault on innocent people."





The attack on journalists is captured in this dramatic picture taken by Rand Daily Mail photographer Tiadi Khuele seconds before he and reporter Montshiwa Moroke were assaulted by East Rand Administration Board police and officials at Kattlehong yesterday.



The violence that erupted yesterday at the Katlehong squatter camp has been simmering for almost two months, with the threat of deportation constantly levelled at the homeless.

The 90 people encamped at the East Rand Administration Board training centre were made homeless in mid-August when officials demolished their shacks.

Erab's deputy director, Mr J H Opperman, then explained that the squatters had been overloading the township's services since they had moved in three years ago and they could not be allowed to stay.

He made it clear that the squatter action was an influx control measure rather than one of health and housing.

Reef church and community organisations — including the local branch of the Transvaal Indian Congress and the East Rand People's Organisation — rallied to aid the families, who had taken shelter in cardboard boxes in a coalyard in the Motloulou section.

The Witwatersrand Council of Churches pitched 10 tents as temporary shelter and immediately sought talks with Erab.

# Violence in Katlehong has been simmering for months

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Two weeks after the eviction the chief director of Erab, Mr F E Marx, acceded to a meeting with the WCC. The outcome was an agreement to move the tents and their occupants to a training centre owned by the board, where toilet and water facilities would be available.

Mr Opperman said families would be accommodated there until their documents had been examined and it was established which of the families were legally in the area. "We will try to accommodate them and then help the illegal families to go back to the homelands."

Just a week later it was announced that all but seven men were to be sent to various homelands.

The squatters stated emphatically that the option of returning to family in the homelands did not exist for them. Many

said they had worked for years on the Reef and had no rural links.

"What do they expect us to live on in these drought-stricken areas? Here we at least have something to live on," said one of the group resolved to defy the order.

Mr Vincent Francis, speaking for the Squatters' Support Committee, an ad hoc grouping of the organisations aiding the families, said "as peace- and freedom-loving South Africans it is our duty to resist evil (influx) laws".

The D-day for deportation was first set at September 9. But it was repeatedly rescheduled.

On September 16 Erab police raided the camp at dawn. A woman later laid a charge of assault against the Erab workers.

Residents claimed they had been prevented from leaving the camp on the day of the raid and had missed work. Pressmen found Erab guards barring the entry to the camp.

In the next few days three or four individuals were warned to leave the area within 72 hours.

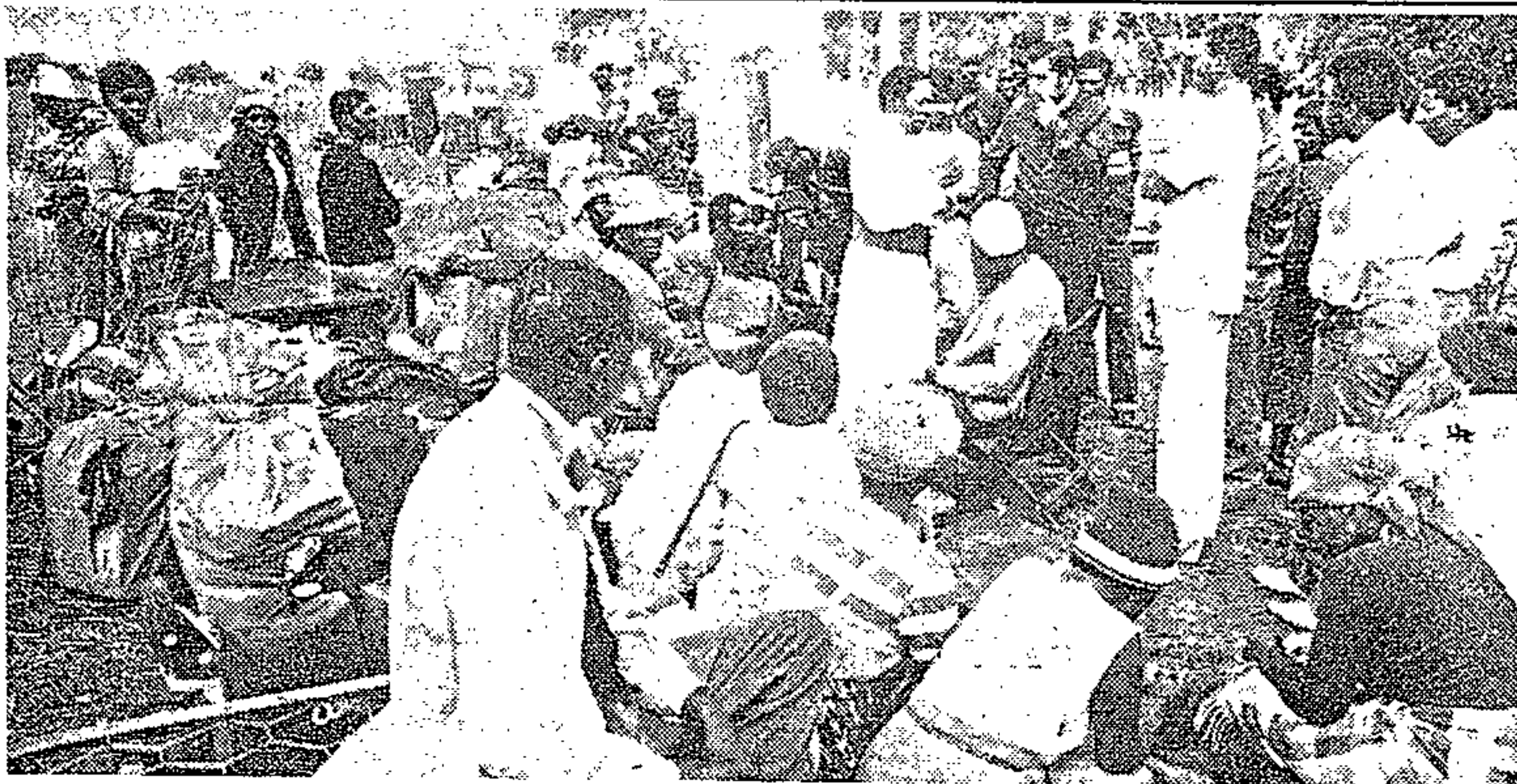
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He was greeted with a solid refusal to go and cries of: "This is South Africa — it is our land as much as yours."

The defiant squatters were issued with just one more warning before the authorities' violent round-up yesterday.



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SQUATTERS: With Bishop Nkoane and the Rev Begbie before cops moved in.

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## Squatters, journalists and priest assaulted

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MORE than 40 squatters, including children, plus two journalists and a priest, were yesterday assaulted and some later "arrested" by the East Rand Administration Board (Erab) police, in a raid at the squatter temporary accommodation centre in Katlehong.

A reporter from a morning newspaper, Mr Montshiwe Moroke, was admitted to the Natalspruit Hospital with serious head and body injuries.

A photographer with The SOWETAN, Mr Len Kumalo was among those assaulted. His two cameras were confiscated by Erab police.

The Rev Cecil Begbie, the vice-president of the Witwatersrand Council of Churches (WCC) was also assaulted and is also believed to be among those "arrested".

Bishop Simeon Nkoane, the president of WCC was threatened and later ordered to leave the camp. He was not hurt.

The squatters, who had been staying at the camp for the past five weeks with the full knowledge of the board, were moved out of the camp yesterday morning by Erab police. They had their belongings dumped in an open veld next to the camp and were

By MZIKAYISE EDOM

ordered to leave before 2.00 pm yesterday. They refused to leave.

At about 2.30 pm Erab police in six police vans and three big trucks, returned to the camp and ordered everyone to leave. The squatters again refused.

I watched as the squatters, their children, journalists and Mr Begbie, were assaulted with batons, kieres and stones. A number of people were injured, and at least one, Mr Moroke had to be admitted to hospital with serious injuries.

A car belonging to the Rand Daily Mail was also badly damaged after all its windows were smashed by the Erab police.

The people were later taken by Erab vans.

Their belongings were also bundled into trucks and moved to the board's local offices in Katlehong.

Mr F E Marx, the chief director of Erab and his senior director Mr J H Opperman were yesterday not available for comment.

A spokesman for the South African Police said police were not aware of the incident.

The Squatters Support Committee has condemned the detention of the families in the Natal.



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From IAN HOBBS  
LONDON. — Bloody-minded Geoff Boycott will find a lot of cold shoulders awaiting him if he seeks sympathy and new contracts after his sacking from Yorkshire.

The biggest and cruellest headline in Fleet Street, in the Sun, wished Boycott "good riddance" yesterday.

It was supported by the one cricketing Yorkshireman who towers head and shoulders over Boycott, Fred Trueman known as the "GLY" (Greatest Living Yorkshireman).

Trueman, said: "I should have happened years ago", and said threats by the Yorkshire County Cricket Club re



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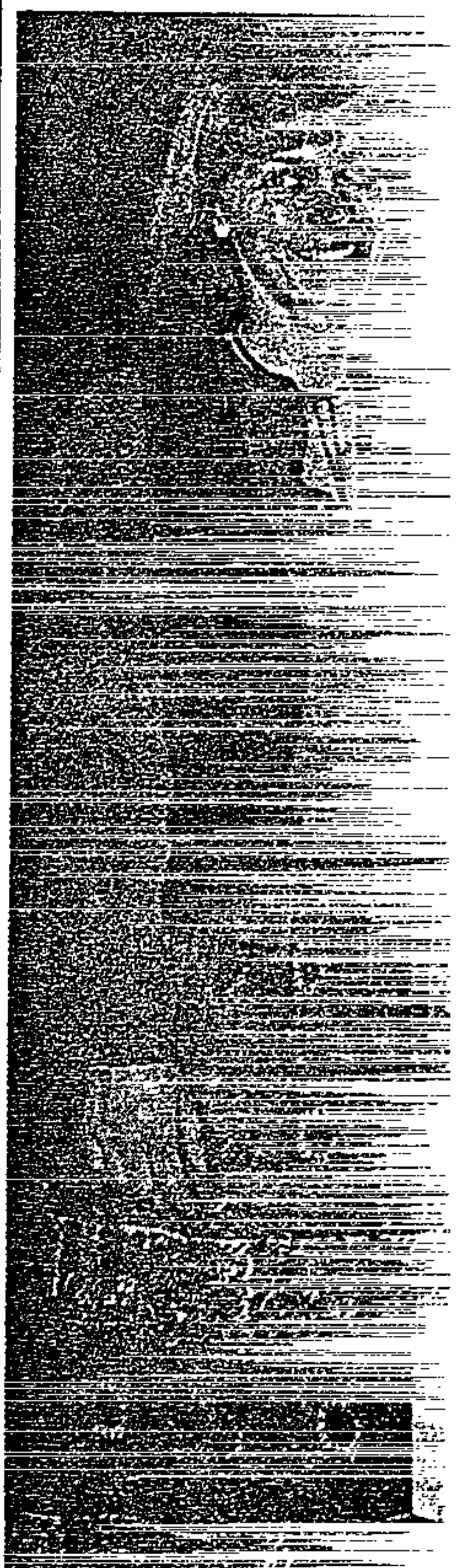
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# Baton charge: 60 in court

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A spokesman for police headquarters in Pretoria said several complaints by board officials, a clergyman and journalists were being investigated.

Mr Abel Mabelane, a Star reporter, said he, Mr Maffa, and a photographer, Mr Jacobo Rykliff, were at the scene after the squatters were given an ultimatum to move.

About 2.20pm board officials armed with sticks arrived in vans. Mr Rykliff took photographs of people being beaten.

They were told to get away.

Mr Mabelane said he and his colleagues were attacked and tried to get away in their car. They stopped when a police car drew alongside. They were taken to the Katlehong Police Station at 3pm and held until 7pm.

## Butted in the face

Mr Maffa said he was butted in the face.

Mr Rykliff said he had been hit on the chest repeatedly and both pairs of glasses he had with him were broken.

A spokesman for the Rand Daily Mail said the car in which Mr Moroke had been travelling was damaged severely. All but one of the windows were broken.

Mr Begbie said he was hit me on the neck and body and had laid charges of assault. "I am also planning to lay claims for damages against the board," he said.



The scene at the Katlehong squatter site yesterday where East Rand Administration Board officials baton-charged 60 "illegal" squatters. Charges and counter-charges by board officials, journalists and a clergyman followed the baton charge and subsequent violence.

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Most of the squatters appeared in the Germiston Commissioner's court today charged with being in a prescribed area for more than 72 hours.

Many of the women appeared with their children clinging to their backs. They were not asked to plead and their lawyer, Mr Ismael Ayob, re-



A stick-wielding East Rand Administration Board official shouts orders to his men during an incident involving about 60 squatters and a group of journalists near Katlehong yesterday.

quested the case be postponed because "I have not been able to consult with my clients."

The trial is to be heard on November 9. They were all released and warned to appear in court on that day.

Shortly before the case began, Reverend Cecil Beale, vice president of the Witwatersrand Council of Churches (WCC), the Reverend Samuël Nkoane, WCC's president and Father Kingston Eason, of the Provincial of the Community of the Immaculate, held discussions with Mr Jan Opperman, director of the East Rand Administration Board in connection with yesterday's incident.

Mr Nkoane said Mr Opperman had been "fair and generous" to the requests they made to him,

Picture by Jacob Rykloff.

which included the deference of the deportation of the squatters to homelands.

Mr Nkoane said it was important that the squatters stay as they would give evidence in a case involving Erab and people who were allegedly assaulted yesterday.

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"We are appalled at the behaviour witnessed by our journalists. There was an apparent lack of





Bishop Simeon Nkomo (above, centre), president of the Witwatersrand Council of Churches (WCC), speaks to squatters in Katlehong, Germiston, shortly before East Rand Administration Board police moved in and attacked them yesterday. The Rev Cecil Begbie, also of the WCC, and a group of journalists from different newspapers at the camp were also attacked.

● Pictures by Jacob Rykliff.



Mothers feed their children minutes before being baton-charged and arrested by East

Rand Administration Board police at the Katlehong squatter camp near Germiston yesterday.

## Erab men in baton charge on Katlehong squatters

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The chairman of the Katlehong community council, Mr A P Khumalo, said today he would reserve comment until he got a full report of what happened at the camp from the East Rand Administration Board.

Mr Abel Mabelane, a Star reporter on the scene, recounted the afternoon's events:

He said he, Mr Maffa and a photographer from The Star, Mr Jacob Rykliff, had gone to the East Rand Administration Board Training Centre in the early afternoon from where about 60 squatters had been moved to open veld nearby.

The squatters had then been given an ultimatum to move from there by 2 pm.

At about 2.20 pm Erab policemen and officials armed with sticks had arrived in vans and begun to beat the squatters. Mr Rykliff had taken photographs.

They had then been told to get away although they were standing in the road outside the squatter area.

Mr Mabelane said the Erab men had suddenly begun attacking journalists and he and his colleagues had tried to get away in their car.

But an Erab policeman had managed to cling to the strap of the camera which hung around Mr Rykliff's neck and had been pulled along with them.

They had stopped when a car from the South African Police (SAP) had drawn alongside and a man in the car had aimed a gun at them.

The door of their car had been damaged as the Erab man had hung on.

They were then taken back to the camp where Erab police had threatened to beat them up.

They had been taken to the Katlehong Police Station at 3 pm and held until 7 pm when they were released after their personal particulars had been taken.

Mr Maffa said the policeman who had been dragged along as he had driven off had come up to him and butted him in the face as he was being taken to the Katlehong Police Station.

"He said he would lay a charge of attempted murder against me," Mr Maffa said.

Mr Rykliff said he had been hit on the chest repeatedly as Erab men had tried to stop the car in which he was travelling with Mr Mabelane and Mr Maffa.

While he was in the police station he had been hit often by the Erab policeman who had hung on to his camera strap in the car.

"He threatened to shoot me if I said anything in court about him," Mr Rykliff said.

A spokesman for police headquarters in Pretoria said the allegations were being investigated.



# Newsman to hold picket over attacks by the Erab

Mail Reporter 6/10/83

JOURNALISTS are to hold a picket at the Carlton Centre in Johannesburg today between 12 noon and 2pm to protest the "brutality" of officials of the East Rand Administration Board at the Katlehong squatter camp on Tuesday.

More than 90 squatters, journalists and clergymen were attacked and held in the Katlehong police cells.

A Rand Daily Mail reporter, Montshiwa Moko, was badly injured and is in hospital.

At a meeting yesterday of about 100 journalists and staff at South African Associated Newspapers — with observers from other newspapers — decided to picket in protest at what journalists saw as unacceptable brutality.

The meeting passed a motion condemning "in the strongest terms the savage attack on squatters, church officials and journalists by officials of the East Rand Administration Board in Katlehong".

They said: "As colleagues of the eight journalists involved, we are particularly concerned about what was done to them. We cannot remain silent while such thuggery continues."

"The incident was a savage example of the brutality of forced removals and influx control in general. It has shown that nobody is secure from the violence of such officials and

has demonstrated powerfully the need to speak out firmly against such incidents."

The journalists demanded that:

- A full investigation of the incident be conducted immediately and openly.
- The officials involved be dealt with in terms of the law.
- The people injured in the incident be compensated.

● The Minister of Co-operation and Development and the Minister of Police publicly reassure journalists that they will instruct their men not to repeat this incident.

The Transvaal region of the Southern African Society of Journalists yesterday issued a statement describing the incident as a "savage example of the brutality of forced removals and influx control".

The statement said: "It is painful to note that it took an attack on journalists to draw wider attention to the daily violence of the squatter camps all over South Africa."

"We hope this disgusting incident provokes greater vigilance about all such violence in all newspapers and loud condemnation from the public and its representatives."

The Cape region of the SASJ is to send telegrams to the Prime Minister, Mr P W Botha, and Dr Piet Koornhof, the Minister of Co-operation and Development, expressing their outrage over the incident.

## 'Keep politics out of it'

Mail Reporters

"I AM not interested in politics," the senior director of the East Rand Administration Board, Mr J H Opperman, told a bishop who stated ERAB was sending the Katlehong squatters back to hunger and impoverishment.

While brutal assaults on Pressmen and squatters were taking place at Williams Farm on Tuesday, the Bishop Suffragan of Johannesburg East and chairman of the Witwatersrand Council of Churches, the Rt Rev Simon Nkoane, pleaded with officials at the ERAB offices about the squatters' plight.

Mr Opperman complained to him about the "illegals" in Katlehong who "had to go off to Transkei", said the bishop.

When he tried to explain that the squatters would face hunger and starvation in the "homelands", Mr Opperman said: "I'm not interested in politics".



# Thirty-three Katlehong squatters released after brief court appearance

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THIRTY three squatters who were arrested during a raid at the squatter temporary accommodation centre in Katlehong on Tuesday made a brief appearance in the Germiston Commissioner's Court yesterday.

They appeared before Mr J M Bosman on charges of being in a prescribed area without permission.

## RELEASED

The squatters, mostly

By MZIKAYISE EDOM

women, were not asked to plead and they were released on their own recognisance and were warned to appear in court again on November 9.

Some of the women appeared in court with their babies on their backs.

The squatters were represented by advocate Ismael Ayob.

They were arrested by

the East Rand Administration Board police after they had refused to leave an open veld next to the training centre where they had been accommodated at for the past five weeks by Erab.

## DELEGATION

Meanwhile a delegation representing the Witwatersrand Council of Churches led by its president, Bishop Sim-

eon Nkoane, met with the executive committee of Erab in Germiston yesterday morning.

In an interview with The SOWETAN after the meeting, Bishop Nkoane said the board was prepared to allow the squatters to stay in Katlehong until their case was over. Bishop Nkoane also said that the board had promised not to harass the squatters during this period.



# Erab violence to be probed

THE MINISTER of Co-operation and Development, Dr Piet Koornhof, yesterday ordered an immediate investigation into Monday's alleged Erab police assault on journalists, a priest and a number of squatters in Katlehong, Natalspuit.

Commenting on the East Rand Administration Board (Erab) police action described by black leaders as "shocking and barbaric," the Minister said utmost care ought to have been taken in dealing with the



DR PIET KOORNHOF. squatters.

Erab police attacked about 60 squatters, seriously wounding a reporter from a morning

newspaper. Mr Montshiwa Moroke, who suffered a fractured arm during the violent incident.

A photographer of The SOWETAN, Mr Len Khumalo, had his cameras confiscated and by late yesterday The SOWETAN's lawyers were still trying to get them back.

The Star newspaper said yesterday it would probably lay charges against a white and a black Erab official over an attack on three Star reporters.

Dr Koornhof ordered that the chairman of Erab conduct an investigation into circumstances leading to the assault and report directly to him as soon as possible.

A spokesman for the Media Workers Association of South Africa (Mwasa) yesterday described the attack on Pressmen as an act of brutality which could only enhance the determination of reporters to expose the inhumanity of the authorities to black people.

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The newspaper that blacks read more than any other daily newspaper in the Transvaal — 685 000 readers daily!

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# Beatings Squatters may pitch tents

## 'give lie to reform'

Political Correspondent

STATE action against squatters, churchmen and journalists and the banning of a meeting of the Transvaal Indian Congress put a serious "question mark" above the Government's willingness to move towards reform, a PFP spokesman said last night.

Speaking at a house meeting in Florida, Roodepoort, Mrs Janet Levine said the Government owed it to the country to respond to the Katlehong incident in which officials and policemen of the East Rand Administration Board attacked and assaulted squatters, churchmen and journalists.

The banning of the TIC meeting which was to have been held in Laudium near Pretoria last night was a "draconian" action, she said.

Mrs Levine also warned those voters who still believed there was a "hidden agenda" of significant change to be implemented after the new system was operating, should realize the entrenched clauses in the new constitution made this impossible.

All three Houses in the planned new Parliament would have to agree to any major amendments, necessary for further reform to occur.

The entrenched clauses made it unlikely that this would happen, she said.

(Report by Chris Freimond, 171 Main Street, Johannesburg).

THE East Rand Administration Board has now agreed to give the Katlehong squatter families — whom they had ordered to leave the area this week — temporary accommodation and documents until their court case is over.

The chief director of ERAB, Mr F E Marx, and a senior official, Mr Jan Opperman, yesterday agreed at a meeting held between them, the Suffragan Bishop of Johannesburg East, the Right Reverend Simeon Nkoane and the Rev Cecil Begbie, vice-chairman of the Witwatersrand Council of Churches, to pitch not more than two tents for the families in every churchyard in

## Aid pledge from church

Mail Reporter

THE executive committee of the Witwatersrand Council of Churches yesterday deplored the brutal assault on the Reverend Cecil Begbie by East Rand Administration Board police and officials and pledged their full support for him.

The executive of the WCC held an emergency meeting yesterday to discuss the attack on Mr Begbie and the squatter community.

The WCC said it would continue to support "spiritually and financially" the homeless people.

The council appealed to all other churches to give financial help towards the squatters' plight.

Katlehong.

They also agreed to permit families in Katlehong to have tents pitched in their backyards to accommodate one family each.

Yesterday morning, 33 squatters, including several women with babies strapped onto their backs, appeared in the Germiston Commissioners' Court.

The squatters were not asked to plead.

They were freed on their own recognisances and their cases postponed to November 9.

Those who appeared in court yesterday are: Mr Ndoda Roro, Mr Richard Sifile, Mr Standard Mphotye, Mr Sam Swebecimele, Mr

Victor Nkosibomvu, Mr Mthethwa Femelo, Mr Francis Nkunzi, Mr Wilson Neku, Mr Samuel Phele, Mr Nkosi-phendule Ndulielisa, Mr Vuyisile Gatyeni, Mrs Virginia Mthonga, Mr Sikholakhe Lombu, Mr Letty Mokoena, Mrs Dideka Gunuza, Mrs Nonkoliseko Roro, Mrs Doris Mazibuko, Mr Cynthia Lombu, Mrs Alice Mhlungwini, Mrs Nowethu Njengabantu, Mrs Lindiwe Sibiya, Mrs Notest Maabe, Mrs Lizzy Dyantyi, Mrs Nombulelo Mbuku, Mrs Abigail Tisani, Mrs Regina Mthembu, Mrs Pinky Sibisi, Mrs Maria Resha, Mrs Nophasile Liza, Mrs Nombulelo Liza, Mrs Pinky Memela, Mrs Ivy Mkhongana and Mr Zeth Mokoena.



## SQUATTERS

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# The violent round-up

Argus Johannesburg Correspondent

THE violence that erupted on Tuesday at the Katlehong squatter camp has been simmering for almost two months, with the threat of deportation constantly levelled at the homeless.

The 90 people encamped at the East Rand Administration Board training centre were made homeless in mid-August when officials demolished their shacks.

Erab's deputy director, Mr JH Opperman, then explained the squatters had been overloading the township's services since they had moved in three years ago and they could not be allowed to stay.

He made it clear that the squatter action was an influx control measure rather than one of health and housing, say-

ing only the shacks of illegal urban residents had been torn down.

Reef church and community organisations — including the local branch of the Transvaal Indian Congress and the East Rand People's Organisation — rallied to aid the families who had taken shelter in cardboard boxes in a coalyard in the Motloung section.

The Witwatersrand Council of Churches pitched 10 tents as temporary shelter and immediately sought talks with Erab.

Two weeks after the eviction the chief director of Erab, Mr FE Marx, acceded to a meeting with the WCC. The outcome was an agreement to move the tents and their occupants to a

training centre owned by the board, where toilet and water facilities would be available.

Mr Opperman said families would be accommodated there until their documents had been examined and it was established which of the families were legally in the area. "We will try to accommodate them and then help the illegal families to go back to the homelands."

Just a week later it was announced that all but seven men were to be sent to various homelands.

The squatters stated emphatically that the option of returning to family in the homelands did not exist for them. Many said they had worked

years on the Reef and had no rural links.

"What do they expect us to live on in these drought stricken areas? Here we at least have something to live on," said one of the group who resolved to defy the order.

Mr Vincent Francis, speaking for the Squatters' Support Committee, an ad hoc grouping of the organisations aiding the families, said "as peace and freedom-loving South Africans it is our duty to resist evil (influx) laws".

The D-day for deportation was first set at September 9. But it was repeatedly rescheduled.

On September 16 Erab police raided the camp at dawn. A

woman later laid a charge of assault against the Erab workers. Residents claimed they had been prevented from leaving the camp on the day of the raid and had missed work. Pressmen found Erab guards barring the entry to the camp.

In the next few days three or four individuals were warned to leave the area within 72 hours.

There were repeated ultimatums to various families to leave. On September 26 Mr GJ Snyman of Erab informed the squatters they had a day in which to avail themselves of the offer of transport to the homelands.

The defiant squatters were issued with just one more warning before the authorities' violent round-up on Tuesday.



# Squatters in court after baton charge

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JOHANNESBURG. — An East Rand Administration Board baton charge on about 60 East Rand squatters on Tuesday was followed yesterday by court appearances by the squatters.

Two men were injured, one seriously, when Erab officials attacked squatters, journalists and a clergyman at the Katlehong squatter site on Tuesday.

Most of the squatters appeared in the Germiston Commissioner's Court yesterday charged with being in a prescribed area for more

than 72 hours. They were not asked to plead and the trial was postponed to November 9. They were all released and warned to appear.

Rand Daily Mail journalists and South African Associated Newspapers have laid charges against Erab officials.

Reporter Mr Montshiwa Moroke, who is still in Natalspuit Hospital, has laid charges of assault with intent to do serious bodily harm, and of wrongful arrest.

Mail photographer Mr Tladi Khuele has filed charges of assault and of wrongful arrest.

Saan has laid a charge of malicious damage to property after the windows of the car in which Mr Moroke and Mr Khuele were travelling were smashed.

Erab officials have laid two charges of attempted murder against Johannesburg journalists.

A police spokesman said that detectives were investigating complaints made by the Chief Inspector of Erab, Mr G J Snyman, who alleged that journalists from the Star newspaper had made an attempt on his life.

Erab has agreed to give the Katlehong squatter families temporary accommodation and documents until their court case is over.

This was agreed at a meeting yesterday between the chief director of Erab, Mr F E Marx, a

senior official, Mr Jan Opperman, the Suffragan Bishop of Johannesburg East, the Rt Rev Simeon Nkoane, and the Rev Cecil Begbie, vice-chairman of the Witwatersrand Council of Churches.

They also agreed to permit families in Katlehong to have tents pitched up in their backyards to accommodate one family at a time.

The Minister of Co-operation and Development, Dr Piet Koornhof, said yesterday at his weekly news conference in Pretoria that allegations of hard-handedness by some staff members of the Erab were being investigated. — Own Correspondent and Sapa



#### Mail Reporters

TWENTY-THREE newspaper employees — among them 21 journalists — are to appear in the Johannesburg Magistrate's Court today after a placard demonstration was broken up by the police at the Carlton Centre, Johannesburg, yesterday.

The demonstration — against an attack earlier this week on squatters and journalists by the East Rand Administration Board — had been mounted by journalists of English-language newspapers.

A Rand Daily Mail reporter, Mr Montshiwa Moroke, is still in hospital as a result of being beaten up while watching the removal of squatters at Katlehong.

The arrested journalists and other media workers are members of the Southern African Society of Journalists (SASJ) and the Media Workers' Association of South Africa (Mwasa). They are all to be charged under Section 46 (3) of the Internal Security Act, which prohibits unauthorised gatherings and processions.

Also taken into custody was a financial consultant, Mr Courtenay Harebottle, who is to be charged with obstructing police in the execution of their duties.

Uniformed and plainclothes policemen

# Journalists arrested in Jo'burg protest

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arrested journalists from the Rand Daily Mail, Sunday Times, Sunday Express, Sports Ace and The Star as several foreign television crews were filming the demonstration.

Police moved in 30 minutes before the demonstration was due to end. Several journalists had already left when the police — who arrived on the scene in several vehicles — swooped.

The journalists had gathered at the Carlton Centre at noon with posters stating "Violence doesn't silence", "Broken bones don't make homes", and "Don't beat us, read us".

Those arrested were Mrs Ethel Hazelhurst, Mr Wim Vanvolsem, Ms Jayne La Mont, Ms Pat Schwartz, Ms Sue Carroll,

Mr Bryan Pearson, Ms Gail Irwin, Mr Jimmy Tloti, Ms Edwina Collier and Mr Jurgen Benzon, all of the Rand Daily Mail; Ms Berys Behr, Mr Ezra Mantini and Mr Dan Maivha, of the Sunday Times; Ms Stephanie Venter, Ms Sara Crowe and Mr Lucien Buckley, of the Sunday Express; Mr Absolom Mnisi, of Sports Ace magazine; and Mr Jimmy Beaumont, Ms Ronit Loewenstern, Ms Carolyn Dempster and Mr Joe Openshaw, of The Star.

The others were Mr Aubrey Mazibuko and Mr Phillip Msibi, both of South African Associated Newspapers.

They were all released after being warned to appear in court today.

The SASJ last night strongly condemned the police action.



# Erab men: 25 lay charges 310

By Abel Mahabane

At least 25 squatters laid charges of assault against the East Rand Administration Board police and officials last night at the Katlehong police station.

The charges came after an alleged attack on the squatters, journalists and a churchman by Erab police and officials on Tuesday.

The Witwatersrand Council of Churches vice-chairman, the Rev Cecil Begbie, said today the WCC lawyers were also investigating the possibility of claiming damages from the Minister of Co-operation and Development, Dr Piet Koornhof, on behalf of the squatters.

## SIX BABIES

A claim for damages against the Minister may also be made on Mr Begbie's own behalf.

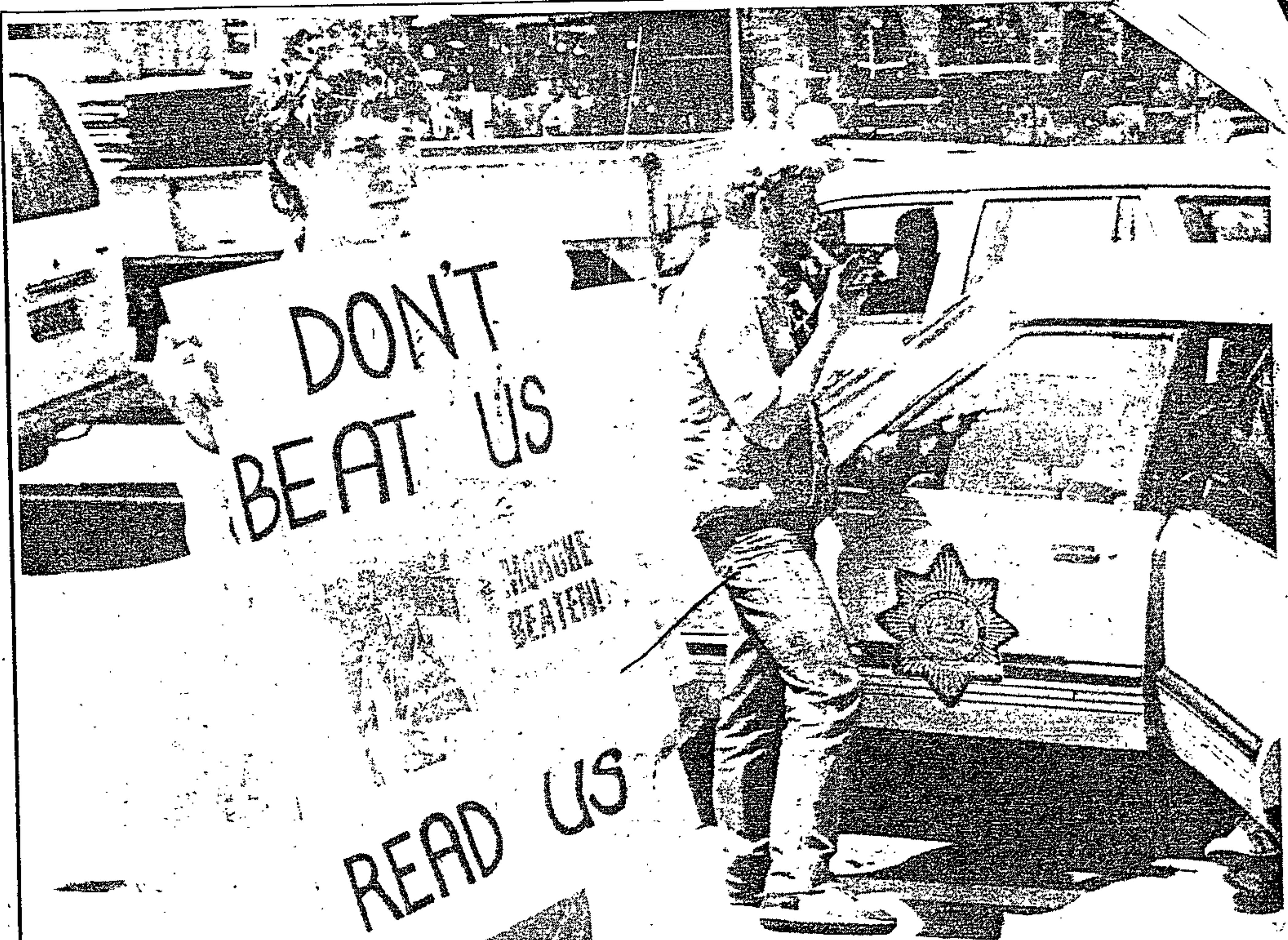
He said six babies were taken to the Natalspruit Hospital last night because they were ill. One of them had a suspected broken arm.

The squatters, who were accommodated last night on the premises of the Lebowa urban representative, were given food and blankets by the WCC.

Mr Begbie said the 10 tents which were confiscated by Erab on Tuesday had been returned and the WCC had been given permission to pitch one tent on church premises for the squatters.

He said he was going to meet meet social workers at the Katlehong administration offices today to discuss the return of five children who were taken to the Van Rhyn place of safety in Benoni after their parents were arrested.





Mr Stephen Davimes, a journalist, holds one of the placards during yesterday's peaceful demonstration outside the Carlton Centre over the East Rand Administration Board action at Katlehong. Behind him is a plainclothes policeman. Picture: PAUL VELASCO

# Nowhere for squatters to stay

By SOPHIE TEMA

THE Witwatersrand Council of Churches (WCC) had by yesterday still not found a place to accommodate the Katlehong squatters, who were granted a six-week reprieve by the East Rand Administration Board (ERAB) this week.

ERAB agreed to give the families — ordered to leave the area this week — temporary accommodation and documents until their court case is over.

Mr F E Marx, chief director of ERAB, and a senior official Mr Jan Opperman, gave the WCC permission to pitch not more than two tents for the families in each churchyard in Katlehong.

They also agreed to allow the WCC to pitch tents for one family in the backyards of sympathetic Katlehong resi-

dents.

Members of the WCC yesterday appealed to several churches for permission to pitch tents in their yards.

In a statement yesterday, the Health Workers Association says: "Acts of violence directed at people labelled squatters in the land of their birth, at a church minister whose rejection of these acts is motivated by his God-directed consciousness, and at newsmen whose duty it is to report all things happening from day to day, all reflect a very sick society."

"And, that an innocent child could be yanked and tossed into a van like an animal, marks the seriousness of the inhuman attitude this society has adopted."

"Until the day that such acts by peo-

ple in government are eliminated and the masses of the people, silent in their acceptance of these acts as a normal way of life in South Africa, start to question these acts, we will all be guilty of perpetuating the conditions that breed ill-health in our land."

A Press statement by the Katlehong Squatter Support Committee yesterday also condemned the alleged assaults this week by ERAB police and officials on the homeless people and newsmen.

The statement says: "We strongly feel that the violent action of ERAB is not a solution to the national housing problem that has been created by the Government, and until such time that it changes course, the problem will stay."

"The brutality of ERAB clearly exposes the Government's strategy of reform and repression."

## MATTER OF FACT

A HEADLINE in the Rand Daily Mail yesterday referred to "Bantustan leaders" rejecting the new constitution. The term "Bantustan" carries a pejorative connotation. The report did not use that label. The headline thus did not reflect its contents accurately.

IT WAS reported in yesterday's Rand Daily Mail that Mr D Geldenhuys, appearing for partners in a tow-away service company charged with corruption, is an attorney. He is in fact an advocate.

Further, Mr Geldenhuys' instructing attorney, Mr. E.



# Journalists in court today

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Own Correspondent  
JOHANNESBURG. — Twenty-three newspaper employees — 21 of them journalists — are to appear in the Johannesburg Magistrate's Court today after a placard demonstration was broken up by police at the Carlton Centre, Johannesburg, yesterday.

The demonstration — against an alleged attack earlier this week on squatters and journalists by officials of East Rand Administration Board — was staged by some journalists of English-language newspapers.

The arrested reporters are all members of the Southern African Society of Journalists (SASJ) and the other two are members of the Media Workers' Association of South Africa (Mwasa).

They are all to be charged in terms of Sec-

tion 46 (3) of the Internal Security Act, which prohibits unauthorized gatherings.

Also taken into custody was a financial consultant, who is to be charged with obstructing police in the execution of their duties.

## TV crews

Uniformed and plain-clothes policemen arrested the demonstrators as several foreign television crews were filming them.

The journalists had gathered at the Carlton Centre at noon with posters stating "Violence doesn't silence", "Broken bones don't make homes", and "Don't beat us, read us".

The journalists, the Mwasa members and the financial consultant were released after being warned that they had to appear in court today.



## Erab sets up internal probe after uproar at Katlehong

The East Rand Administration Board has launched an internal investigation involving hundreds of affidavits after this week's alleged beating of squatters and Pressmen in Katlehong, outside Germiston, by board officials, according to reports.

Top Erab officials promised to issue a statement — which is still awaited — after the alleged attack on Tuesday. Efforts to reach officials yesterday afternoon were unsuccessful.

One journalist was taken to hospital. A driver from The Star and a clergyman were slightly injured when they were allegedly attacked by stick-wielding Erab officials who had been herding squatters out of Katlehong. The journalists had been watching the rounding up of the squatters, who appeared in court this week on charges of being in Germiston for more than 72 hours without permission.

On Thursday afternoon 24 people — including 21 journalists — were arrested while holding a placard demonstration in downtown Johannesburg to protest against the alleged actions of the Erab officials.

According to reports yesterday, the results of Erab's internal investigation will be handed to Dr Piet Koornhof, Minister of Co-operation and Development.

East Rand police are investigating several charges laid against the officials and two charges of attempted murder laid by officials.



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# Probe ordered over 23 in Jo'burg placard protest

By MIKE LOUW

TWENTY-THREE people — mostly journalists — waiting to appear in the Johannesburg Regional Court yesterday, were told to leave because allegations against them were still to be investigated.

They had waited outside the court for about three hours when a member of the defence team, Mr David Dison, told them they could leave.

He said the senior public prosecutor, Mr Andre de Vries, had given instructions that allegations against them should be investigated by the police and they would be summoned to appear in court if they were to be prosecuted.

The 23 were arrested during a protest demonstration at which they displayed placards at the Carlton Centre, Johannesburg, on Thursday. They were taken to John Vorster Square where they were warned to appear in court yesterday in connection with an allegation of holding an unauthorised gathering and procession.

They were protesting against an alleged attack on squatters and journalists by East Rand Administration Board (ERAB) police at Katlehong, near Germiston, on Tuesday.

Those arrested were 20 journalists and three other employees, all belonging to either the Southern African Society of Journalists (SASJ) or the Media Workers' Association of South Africa (Mwasa).

The journalists involved were Mrs Ethel Hazelhurst, Mr Wim Vanvolsem, Ms Jayne la

Mont, Ms Pat Schwartz, Ms Sue Carroll, Mr Bryan Peazon, Ms Gail Irwin, Mr Jimmy Tloti, Ms Edwina Collier and Mr Jurgen Benzon, all of the Rand Daily Mail; Ms Berys Behr, Mr Ezra Mantini and Mr Dan Maivha, of the Sunday Times; Ms Stephanie Venter, Ms Sara Crowe and Mr Lucien Buckley, of the Sunday Express; Mr Jimmy Beaumont, Ms Ronit Loewenstern, Ms Carolyn Dempster and Mr Joe Openshaw, of the Star.

The others are Mr Aubrey Mazibuko, Mr Phillip Msibi and Mr David Mthetho, all messengers of South African Associated Newspapers.

An allegation of obstructing police in the execution of their duties against a financial consultant, Mr Courtenay Harebottle — also arrested during the demonstration — was withdrawn by the State Prosecutor.

Asked by the Rand Daily Mail how he felt while prosecution was pending against him, Mr Harebottle replied: "It was an uncomfortable feeling because I was worried about my wife and our only child, a daughter born five weeks ago.

"I now feel very much relieved, but I am angry that it happened."

The Editor of the Rand Daily Mail, Mr Rex Gibson, was among those who waited outside the court.

A Rand Daily Mail reporter, Mr Montshiwa Moroke, who sustained serious injuries when, it is alleged, he was assaulted by ERAB police while reporting on the removal of Katlehong squatters, is still in hospital.



# ERAB GUYS ON ID PARADE

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By LEN KALANE

and  
DERRICK  
LUTHAYI

EAST Rand Administra-  
tion Board officials and  
blackjacks will be lined  
up on Tuesday morning  
for an identification pa-  
rade following this  
week's assault at the  
Kathehong squatter  
camp.

The parade has been  
arranged for the squat-  
ters to point out their  
beaten. The Rev Cecil

## UK MIRACLES

MIRACLES are one thing - but British gun crews  
seem to have suffered extreme hallucinations during  
the Falklands War, according to a new book.  
It cites evidence which proves the British shot  
down only 20 of the 52 Argentine planes they  
claimed, attributing this to "the heat of action"  
which made airmen "see planes crash when in fact  
they do not".  
In one case, only six wrecks were found of the 31  
jets gun crews said had crashed.

Begbie, vice-chairman of  
the Witwatersrand Coun-  
cil of Churches will also  
point out the two black  
cops who allegedly used  
"karate blows" on him.

In another turn, the  
lawyer representing the  
squatters is also looking  
into possibilities of  
suing the Minister of Co-  
operation and Develop-  
ment, Dr Piet Koonhof,  
for damages which fol-  
lowed the squatter camp  
raid - causing an inter-  
national outcry.

The ill-fated squatters  
who were chased out of  
the camp by force, and  
still licking their wounds,  
have been placed under  
the care of the WCC pen-  
ding the court case on  
November 9, in which

city press  
Erab has in turn charged  
the squatters for being  
illegally in the area.

Their temporary  
housing is tents pitched  
at three churchyards in  
Kathehong and at the  
Lebowa Government  
buildings. There are two  
tents each at the Roman  
Catholic, Anglican and  
Lutheran churches with  
women and children  
separated from the men.  
All are waiting to hear  
their fate.

The eight kids taken  
earlier in the week to  
the Van Ryn place of  
safety have also been re-  
united with their parents.  
The Institute of Race  
Relations and other con-  
cerned bodies have been  
keeping the squatters  
warm from the drizzling  
rains by offering them  
blankets, soup and food  
packages.  
A doctor is also at  
hand, examining the  
squatters for injuries  
allegedly inflicted by  
blackjacks in the Tues-  
day's beat-up.

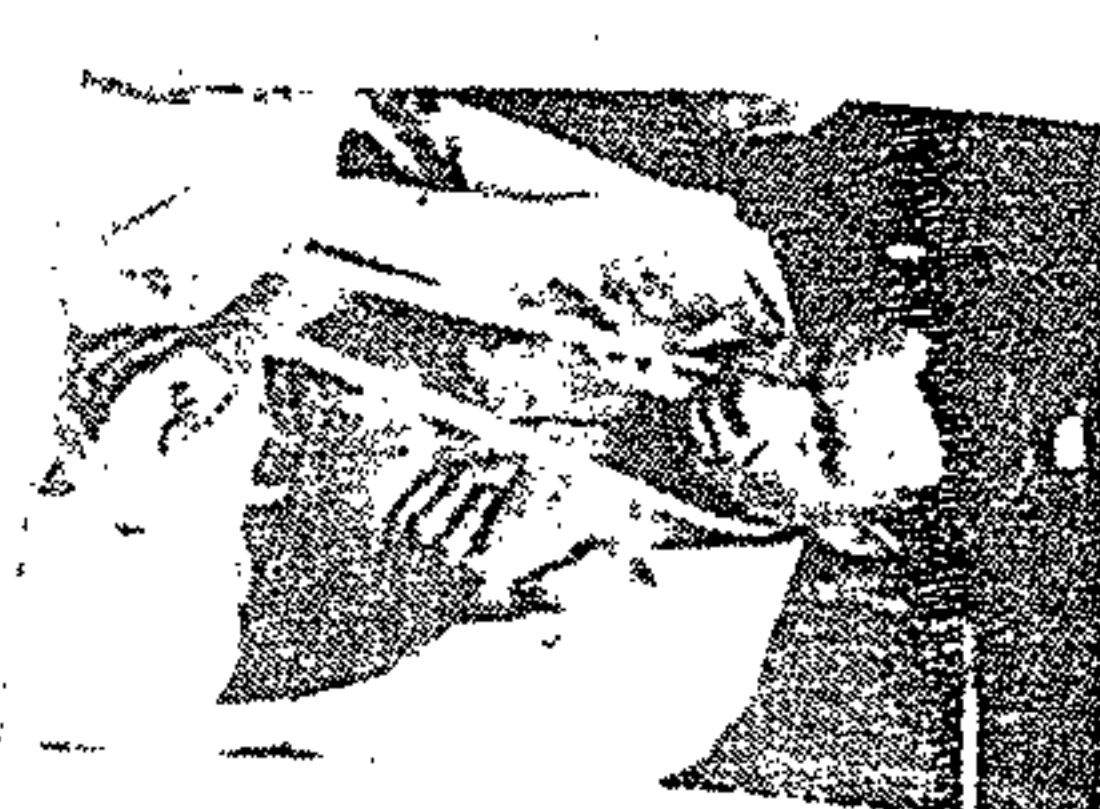
HOMELESS: Without  
the Witwatersrand Coun-  
cil of Churches tents -  
pitched in Kathehong  
churchyard - these three  
squatter kids would be  
homeless. (Right): Erab's  
William's farm - barren  
and deserted now - but  
on Tuesday the scene of  
the alleged assaults on  
journalists, clergyman  
and the squatters who  
had made it a temporary  
home.  
Pix: EVANS  
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# STUART





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DON'T  
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# JOURNALISTS PROTEST: Three of more than 100 journalists who yesterday protested over the attack on colleague Montshiwa Moroke, churchmen and "squatters" in Katshehong by ERAB officials.

TWENTY-TWO journalists were arrested yesterday as they staged a lunchtime protest against the actions of East Rand Board of officials in Katshehong.

All placard-wielding journalist — both black and white — were loaded into waiting trucks and police vans.

Meanwhile, Erab has come under heavy verbal attack from the Katshehong Squatters Support Committee, an affiliate of the United Democratic Front. In a statement, the com-

A spokesman for the police said the journalists would appear in court this morning.

The police moved in and in no time the lunchtime demo was broken up as they

The committee was also very critical of Katshehong's chairman of the Community Council Mr A P Khumalo, for refusing to allow

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Williams Hall.

Mr Khumalo has washed his hands of the by-oddy incident.

He told CP he had only learnt of it through the newspapers. He said he had not been officially informed as the squatters on the buffer strip were Erab's responsibility and not the council's.



...and I was worried we were on the wrong route, but the other two were convinced we were on the right path.

#### Ledge

"Then we came to a thin ledge which was connected to another by a rock in the middle. As Andrew tried to cross it he slipped and fell through a gap.

"We couldn't see him, so we shouted, but he didn't reply. James decided to go down and look for him. Then he slipped on the rock and I heard the 'doef' when he landed.

"I could see James and shouted, but when he didn't answer me, I decided to go down and help him."

When he got to his friends they did not answer him. He loosened any tight clothing and tried to warm them by dressing them in their rain-gear.

"The thought passed

dark. I didn't sleep much. I was quite cold and I ate a little. I was not at all afraid. I think I was shocked."

At dawn on Sunday he studied the maps and was able to pinpoint exactly where they were in Els Ravine. He just shrugged his shoulders when asked if he thought the boys were still alive then.

He packed a few things and set off to find help. Within half-an-hour he met a search party of the Mountain Club and took them back to where his friends had fallen.

Asked if he wasn't exhausted at that stage, he just shrugged his shoulders again.

Irwin, who says he loves hiking, stamp-collecting and acting, says the accident will not stop him hiking on the mountain in future.

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## Squatters to identify alleged assailants

Own Correspondent JOHANNESBURG.

An identification parade of about 60 East Rand Administration Board police and officials will be held at the Katlehong police station today where 25 squatters who have laid charges of assault against Erab will be asked to identify their alleged assailants.

The parade is a sequel to charges laid against Erab police and officials by squatters claiming to have been assaulted at the Katlehong Training Centre last week.

About 25 squatters have filed charges of assault against Erab through Mr Ismail Ayob, a Johannesburg attorney.

The squatters were all examined by a doctor on Friday last week to substantiate the charges.

Meanwhile, all the people who had been sleeping at the Lebowa Government offices have now been accommodated in tents.

Three churches — the Anglican, Roman Catholic and Lutheran — agreed that the Witwatersrand Council of Churches could pitch tents in their premises for the families.

Political comment by A H Heard, G E Shaw, R A Norval, J V Scott and M P Acott; sub-editing and headlines of political material by A J Moth, W C Odendaal and E I Zinn; cartoons by A Grogan, all of 77 Burg Street, Cape Town.

Mr Roy Herbert of 1750 Hoek said the programme Best of Mates, screened on Saturdays, "is the biggest load of kitsch rubbish since the Settlers, because it is written by Donald Monat who works for SABC".

Mrs Caroline Kingdon of Rondebosch said the beautiful Dvorak cello concerto was ruined for her last night.

"What happened to the volume in the forte passages? Each time a climax was about to be reached, the orchestral accompaniment died on us.

"Are we not allowed, if necessary, to control

Mr F Heldsinger of Mowbray said: "I have read in TeleViews that many viewers hoped for quiz programmes on English TV.

"But, heavens! Did they really ask for junk like Take My Word? No oomph whatsoever."

#### TV 2

FOR goodness sake, when will the general magazine programme Jikelele get properly organized?

Besides a confusing start which inexplicably showed two programmes already screened, all was not well at Auckland Park, with Lunga Williams and Daphne Shlomuka failing to apologize to viewers for the breakdown and loss of sound, which happily did not last long.

With things back to normal, the last hour was reasonable. Perhaps the appearance of super entertainers Melba Moore and Abigail Kubheka at that critical stage somehow helped to get things together.

I never really was a ballroom-dancing fan, but the Latin-American Championship was great entertainment.

In comparison with Saturday's soccer spectacle, last night's sport had nothing exciting to offer.

What better entertainment could one have wished for to wrap up an evening than the spectacular Diana Ross concert.

JOE GUWA

Too late for classification

#### BIRTHS

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## Man shot after farm bird-shoot

Crime Reporter

A 20-YEAR-OLD Worcester man is in a serious condition at a Peninsula hospital after being accidentally shot in the stomach after a bird-shoot on Sunday.

Mr Moos Olifant of Waihoek had collapsed on the balcony of the farm Morganwood with a serious gunshot wound, a police spokesman said yesterday.

A friend of Mr Olifant who had accidentally fired the shot from a rifle, had rushed him to hospital, the spokesman said.

The two men had returned from a guinea fowl shoot and were sitting on the balcony when the shot was fired about 7.30pm, he said.

Police are investigating but no arrest has been made.

## Weekend death toll now 15

Staff Reporter

A 45-YEAR-OLD woman died in an alleged hit-and-run accident and a 16-year-old boy was killed when he was knocked over by a car at the weekend, bringing the weekend death toll to 15.

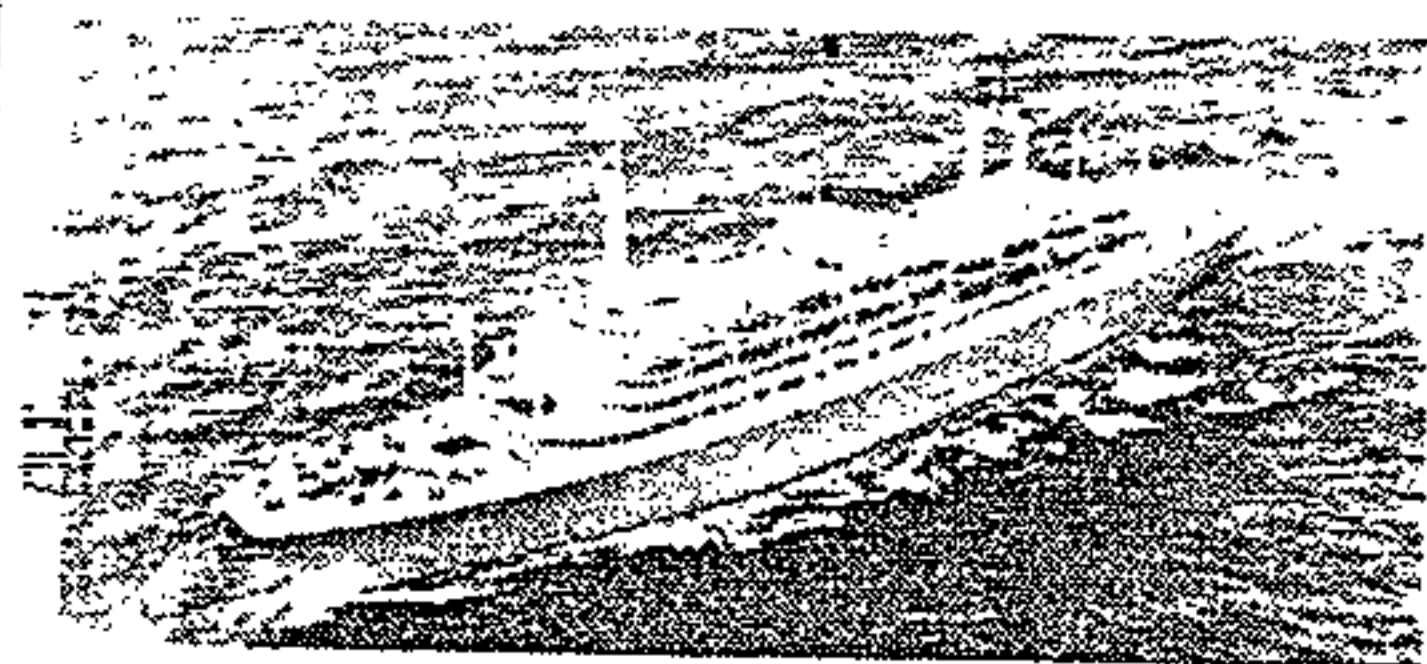
The woman, identified only as a Mrs Olifant, was killed in Kommetjie Road, Ocean View, on Saturday.

Ebrahiem Mustapha, 16, died when a car knocked him down in Eisleben Drive, Mitchells Plain, on Saturday.

In other fatalities reported in the Peninsula over the weekend, one person drowned, another was killed in a train accident, a man was shot dead, five people died in road accidents, three were fatally assaulted and two boys died in a fall on Table Mountain.

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# Identity parade for Erab is moved

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By SOPHIE TEMA

THE identification parade that was to have been held at the Katlehong Police Station yesterday morning involving about 60 East Rand Administration Board police and officials has been transferred to the Germiston Police Station and will be held on a date yet to be arranged.

Yesterday a spokesman for the Katlehong Police told the Rev Cecil Begbie, vice-chairman of the Witwatersrand Council of Churches, and the 25 squatters who had filed charges of assault against East Rand Administration Board police and officials, that their cases had been transferred to Germiston where the identification parade would be held.

He said the squatters who had laid charges against ERAB would be notified of the date when they were to attend the parade.

Mr Begbie, and the squatters had earlier been told to attend a parade which was to have been held at the Katlehong Police Station yesterday morning to identify their alleged assailants.

Yesterday morning all the families handed their reference books to Mr Begbie, for ERAB to stamp, thereby granting them permission to remain in the area temporarily until their case, which is to be heard in the Commissioner's Court on November 9, is over.

Those without reference books will be given temporary documents allowing them to remain in the area.

This agreement was entered into by ERAB and the Witwatersrand Council of Churches a week ago.

Furniture and other belongings taken from the families by ERAB last week when they were ordered to leave the Katlehong Training Camp tents will be returned to them this morning.



# ID parade for Erab postponed

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East Rand Bureau

The case of 25 Katlehong squatters, who were allegedly assaulted by East Rand Administration Board police and officials last week, has been transferred to Germiston police for investigation.

An identification parade which was to be held at the Katlehong police station yesterday was postponed and the squatters were told it would be held at the Germiston police station at a date still to be determined.

The identification parade follows charges of assault laid by the squatters against Erab police and officials last week.

The Chief Director of Erab, Mr F E Marx, said today that investigations into the incident at the squatters' camp would be completed before the end of the week.

He said he believed that if events had been allowed to take their normal course "without outside interference", there would have been no violence.

He added that after his investigations had been completed the board would then decide if the finding should be made public.



# 34 E Rand squatters get temporary permits

TEMPORARY permits were issued to 34 squatters by the East Rand Administration Board (Erab) yesterday. (316)

The squatters had appeared in court last Wednesday week, for being in the area illegally. They were arrested by Erab police and officials on Tuesday at a training camp where they had been accommodated by Erab for the past six weeks after they had been ordered to leave the area.

Some were allegedly assaulted by the officials when they refused to leave the camp. Journal-

ists and a priest were also among those allegedly assaulted and one of the journalists had to be admitted to hospital with serious injuries.

The Reverend Cecil Begbie, vice-president of the Witwatersrand Council of Churches (WCC) said the permits were valid until November 11. The 34 squatters are due to appear in court again on November 9.

Rev Begbie also said the squatters' belongings, which included furniture and clothing, were also handed over to them by Erab on Wednesday afternoon.

Meanwhile, the squatter families have been accommodated in six tents which have been pitched by the WCC at the Anglican Catholic and Lutheran Churches in Katlehong until their case is over.



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URBANISATION

## The Katlehong factor

The courts will have to decide who was innocent and who guilty during last week's violent incident at Germiston's Katlehong township. Whatever the verdict, the problems of squatting and illegal urbanisation will continue.

Squatters, journalists and churchmen allege that they were beaten up by East Rand Administration Board (Erab) officials who were evicting squatters from the area. They have lodged criminal charges against them. Erab counters that if there had been no interference and incitement "from outside" the eviction would have been concluded without incident. It has laid a charge of attempted murder against two journalists.

There is one clear lesson from the whole affair: the authorities are faced with an impossible task in trying to stem the flow of people to urban areas when their alternative is an impoverished life in the homelands. The fact that people risk imprisonment reveals not only their desperation but also quite plainly that there is, despite the recession, more opportunity in the cities.

In Katlehong's case it is clear there is serious over-crowding. Erab's chief director Frans Marx tells the FM there are approximately 200 000 people, legal and illegal, in the township. There are 13 000 families on the waiting list for homes. In addition, thousands of what he terms "illegal structures" have been erected during the last 15 years.

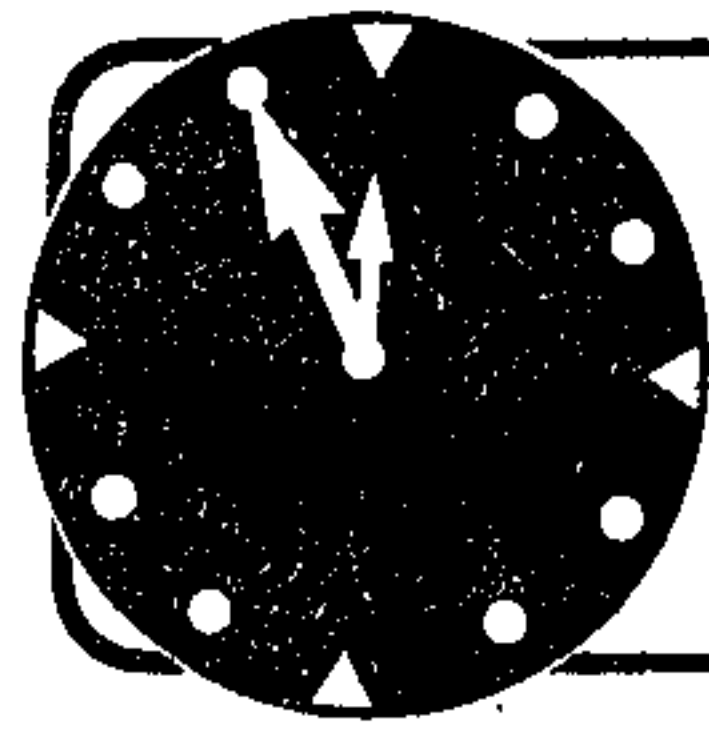
Marx concedes that he does not have sufficient staff to control the influx of illegals. "It's almost impossible to contain. Obviously it's a national problem, not just in our area, and no individual board or community council can cope. Drought and recession have just increased the pressures," he told the FM.

Katlehong reached breaking point at the end of last year, he says, when the township's essential services proved inadequate to cope with the population. Since then Erab has embarked on a campaign to clear out the illegals. At least 60% of the "illegal structures" which accommodated 58 000 people have been demolished. As a consequence, some 29 000 illegals have been ordered to leave the area.

Erab does have plans to upgrade the



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## **THE CROWDED CITIES**

By the end of this century urban populations in the Third World will have quadrupled and the squatter population is expected to double every four to six years. South Africa is also caught up in the process.

# **Squatting has come to stay and must be planned**

By Sheryl Raine,  
Pretoria Bureau

South Africa's black urban policies can be likened to little barriers to keep the sea out and when the sea advances the barriers come down and the Government retreats a few yards inland to erect more.

This was one of the ways in which Dr P Smit described Government policy this century on urbanisation in his book "Black Urbanisation."

He concluded that the Government's policies had been negative strategies since the early 1920s and the time had come for change.

Although the present Government had thought long and hard about the position of urban blacks, there had certainly been no clear thinking. Uncertainty still hung like a dark cloud over the future of urban blacks.

Nevertheless, the concept of 99-year leasehold in urban black areas had placed the permanence of these people in the cities beyond all doubt.

Too many towns were being developed simultaneously in the homelands for the homeland's level of economic development.

Black commuters were beginning to build up a resistance

to long daily commutes to work.

Rising transport costs were also placing serious limitations to long daily commutes to work.

Rising transport costs were also placing serious limitations on urbanisation in rural areas.

Plans for rapid transport systems to help homeland commuters did not go to the heart of the problem.

As long as blacks could still improve their financial position by coming to town, they would continue to do so, even at the risk of facing arrest.

The result was the inevitable increase in the number of squatters and informal settlers around established and developing cities.

Until recently, the present government tried to shoulder the entire burden of providing houses for urban blacks and supplied 89 percent of the funds for this purpose.

But more houses than have been built since Jan Van Riebeeck landed at the Cape will have to be built in South Africa in the next 20 years and the Government cannot shoulder the burden alone.

"It would be a mistake to think that whites could direct or be wholly responsible for

black urbanisation in all respects," wrote Dr Smit.

Since 1971 black housing had been the responsibility of 22 black administration boards. Some of these boards had interpreted and carried out government policies in their own way.

The various boards differed considerably in their plans for housing and the development of housing in the homelands.

Since 1972 the homeland Governments have themselves had more say in urban development.

"With so many different authorities involved an integrated urban strategy is difficult to establish or implement," said Dr Smit.

Planning by the administration boards was largely concerned with housing needs in specific places. This of necessity led to ad-hoc planning.

"If urbanisation is seen as an inevitable result of population growth and as part of economic development, the process can be incorporated in a development strategy to achieve specific goals," he said.

The committee of investigation into the financing of local administration in South Africa has recommended that every administration board establish financial blueprints up to at



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As regards squatter camps,  
Dr. Smit has urged the halting  
of mass removals in favour of  
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"It is no use comparing  
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By Sol Makgabutlane

It is difficult to tell that she is only 35 years old.

Her face reflects the scars of cold winds and sweltering heat.

Her dark eyes — always wary of newcomers — dart endlessly as she tries to figure out if it is danger or friendship that the newcomer brings.

Her strong, muscular arms indicate that she works hard to earn her living.

Miss Nothenjwa Mlahleki (not her real name) is a squatter. She arrived on the Reef in June last year and has experienced the comfort of a normal home for only three months during that period. Since then she has lived in a derelict car, a shack, a tent, and in the open.

"At home in Cofimvaba, Transkei, we were living in absolute misery. There was no food, no water and no jobs. And worst of all, our crops failed dismally because of the

## Squatter from Transkei sees no hope on Reef . . . or back home

current killer drought. Apart from these crops, we had no other source of food.

"We sat down and thought — 'what are we going to do?' — and decided to look for jobs. This we did. There were none.

"When we wanted water we had to travel long distances to the stream, and the water was often impure. Women wash clothing in the stream, cattle help themselves while householders collect the very same water for cooking purposes. It was terrible."

They had to walk several kilometres through rough bushlands to fetch firewood. They had no coal — and firewood was of vital importance for their supply of energy.

Faction feuds, although on a limited scale, were also a constant source of discomfort.

Grouping all these factors together, Miss Mlahleki, who is an orphan and mother of four children, cast her sights northwards, and finally decided to try her luck there.

Like countless others before her, her thoughts bordered on the erroneous belief that the Witwatersrand offered unlimited opportunities.

Reports seeping through to the Transkei held that there were ample job opportunities, modern homes and education for all on the Witwatersrand.

When Miss Mlahleki arrived on the Rand she found to her astonishment, that this

was not the case.

"Fortunately I found a temporary job in Germiston and I stayed with my relative in Katlehong. Things went fine for a while. But I lost my job — and then my accommodation — when I subsequently fell pregnant. I had nowhere to stay.

"I joined some people who were staying in old cars next to Katlehong railway station. Later we decided to build 'nice' shacks, but these structures were demolished in mid-August. Some kind churchmen (members of the Witwatersrand Council of Churches) pitched tents for us in the same area. These were later moved to a training camp inside Katlehong.

"But later we got ultimatum to go back to the homelands. These were defied until some of us were arrested last week. Fortunately, I was out looking for a job and I wasn't among those arrested."

Does she want to go back to Transkei?

"I think all of us here would like to go back home. Personally I'd like to see my three children — Siabonga (17), Vuyisa (13) and Bongiswa (9) — who are staying with their aunt in Cofimvaba. I'd also like my seven month old child, Mzabo, who was born here, to know the warmth of a decent home.

"But, regrettably, all this I cannot do because we shall all starve to death in Transkei. We shall have no food to eat and no water to drink. That is why we are not prepared to go back home."

Shrugging her huge shoulders, Miss Mlahleki declared: "We've resigned ourselves to any prospect we may encounter."



## Warrants out for 'missing' squatters as nine get bail

Mail Reporter

A WEST Rand Administration Board inspector told the Johannesburg Commissioner's Court yesterday he would not have taken an interest in squatters in Klip town had they not been squatting on WRAB property.

Mr G C Swan said this in evidence in the case of one of 23 squatters arrested earlier this year in Kliptown.

They were arrested for illegally squatting, being in an area without permission for 72 hours and for not having permits to be in the area.

Warrants of arrest were issued against the 23 squatters

who were not in court when their names were called.

Eight of nine of them who eventually turned up 15 minutes late — they claimed they got lost or were delayed because of the insufficient transport — were granted bail of R80 each.

One, Mrs. Sophie Cephu was granted bail of R100.

In giving evidence against Mrs Agnes Modisa Mr Swan said she had been warned by him personally to leave Wrab property.

However she ignored his warnings and was arrested four days later.

The cases were postponed to November 21.



# Alleged squatter (310) pleads not guilty

NINE people accused of squatting in Kliptown appeared in the Commissioner's Court in Johannesburg yesterday.

Eight of the people were not asked to plead. The ninth accused, Agnes Modise, pleaded not guilty to the main charge of squatting and two other charges. The other charges include being in the area without permission and of being without a reference book.

In her evidence, Mrs Modise, who originally comes from Vryburg, said she had come to look for a job in Johannesburg. She said she lived with a friend in

Pimville and only visited the area where the families were squatting. This friend of hers had promised her a job.

Mrs Modise said she was arrested with the eight others only a few minutes after she arrived at the place.

The State alleged that Mrs Modise was one of the illegals because she was found cooking in the area. She had also been warned several times to move out and had not heeded the warning. The State asked that she be found guilty. She was remanded on bail with the other eight until November 21.

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Families homeless as Wrab bulldozer moves in

# HOMES RAZED

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MORE than 200 shacks were demolished and an undisclosed number of shack-dwellers arrested in a dawn swoop conducted by West Rand Administration Board (Wrab) policeman, assisted by camouflaged police in Bekkersdal yesterday.

The demolition of the shacks, which was the biggest of its kind carried out by Wrab in a single day, brought anger and panic to local residents as armed policemen escorted the bulldozer on its path of destruction. The whole operation, according to witnesses, was started as early as 2 am.

At about 9.30 am the whole shack village, known to locals as

## By SELLO RABOTHATA

Dindela, looked as if a hurricane had gone through it. Corrugated iron, poles, clothes, furniture and assorted belongings were strewn across the area. Hundreds of local residents were also gathered in the area, some helping to gather furniture and other belongings for safe-keeping.

Residents said some of the arrested shack-dwellers had lost belongings to thieves. Television sets, portable radios and other items were said to have been stolen in the dawn confusion. Others said they picked up bank books and identification documents belonging to the shack-dwellers. Those who had been to the police station to inquire about their relatives said they were told to pay R90 for their release.

While residents were gathered around the Dindela shack village,

a "do-it-yourself" type of demolition was taking place in another section where shack-dwellers were told to get rid of their structures before the bulldozer did it for them. The shack-dwellers said Wrab police told them through loud-hailers to demolish the shacks while a bulldozer was on standby to "help" those who resisted.

The SOWETAN could yesterday not get a comment from Wrab. The director of housing for Wrab, Mr Steve Burger, was said to be in a meeting. His secretary told us to hold on and after a while told us to contact Mr Louis Mouton, the chief executive officer for Kagiso and Bekkersdal. Mr Mouton said he had no comment on the matter.

Mr Daniel Sedumedi, a member of the local community council, yesterday said the council would hold a special meeting at the administration offices today.

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# Pen Kotze invited to <sup>S. Post</sup> 'throw out' <sup>27/10/83</sup> 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 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.

The vice-chairman, Mr V Roux, claimed blacks were "clubbing" together and getting whites to buy land for them.

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 Hernus 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.



# Shack-dwellers get a respite

Sowetan 28/10/83

THE Bekkersdal Community Council and officials of the West Rand Administration Board (Wrab) yesterday resolved to provide temporary accommodation for the shack-dwellers whose shacks were demolished on Wednesday, Mr K D Modimoeng, a local councillor, said.

Mr Modimoeng said the councillors were told to identify a spot in the township where the shack people could be accommodated until proper housing was available. "The council hopes to have done this before 2pm today. The Wrab officials committed themselves to providing some more corrugated iron for the

By SELLO RABOTHATA

erection of temporary shelters for these homeless people," he said.

He said the community council had a problem with the housing of residents. The number of houses in Bekkersdal stood at 866 and only 162 new ones had been built. The

ratio between shacks and houses in the area, excluding the new houses, was two shacks to one house. This was just a rough estimate because, according to him, there were nearly 2 122 shacks in the area.

Another councillor, Mr Daniel Sedumedi, said he had been accused by fellow councillors of starting the shack problem. "This came as a surprise to me, as we all agreed at a meeting held on May 26 that people should be allowed to erect shacks because of the accommodation problem we have in the township. The place is crowded and we had instances when each yard had about six to eight shacks," he said.

By late yesterday afternoon, when rain threatened to fall, a number of shack dwellers were said to have gathered at Mr Sedumedi's home pleading for shelter. Mr Sedumedi and Mr Modimoeng said they would consult the other councillors so that they could get the go-ahead for the homeless people to be accommodated in the local communal hall for the night. On Wednesday night, the shack people were said to have slept in the open because of the demolition of their shacks.

The councillors said it was inhuman of Wrab to have demolished the shacks, but they would do all in their power to provide accommodation for the stranded people. Mr Modimoeng said houses would be built in the area and that everyone on the waiting list would be considered during the allocation.



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# THE DEMOLITION MAN!

By LEN KALANE  
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**BULLDOZERS** destroyed hundreds of shacks in a Bekkersdal squatter camp this week in a midweek "clean-up" which left many homeless and some behind bars.

West Rand Administration Board officials moved in with gun-wielding camouflaged policemen and dogs in a shack to shack raid at 5am.

Residents awoke to the sound of bulldozers moving through the camp in what was described as the worst raid of its kind — making the Erab raid on Katlehong squatters three weeks ago "look like a tea party", as one resident put it.

In less than an hour the 250 shacks were flattened, with only furniture, zinc and rubble to show what was once a busy settlement.

Police trucks were on standby throughout the raid and cops weeded out "illegals".

Eighty-two people appeared in a Randfontein court later that day for various offences.

This week's raid has



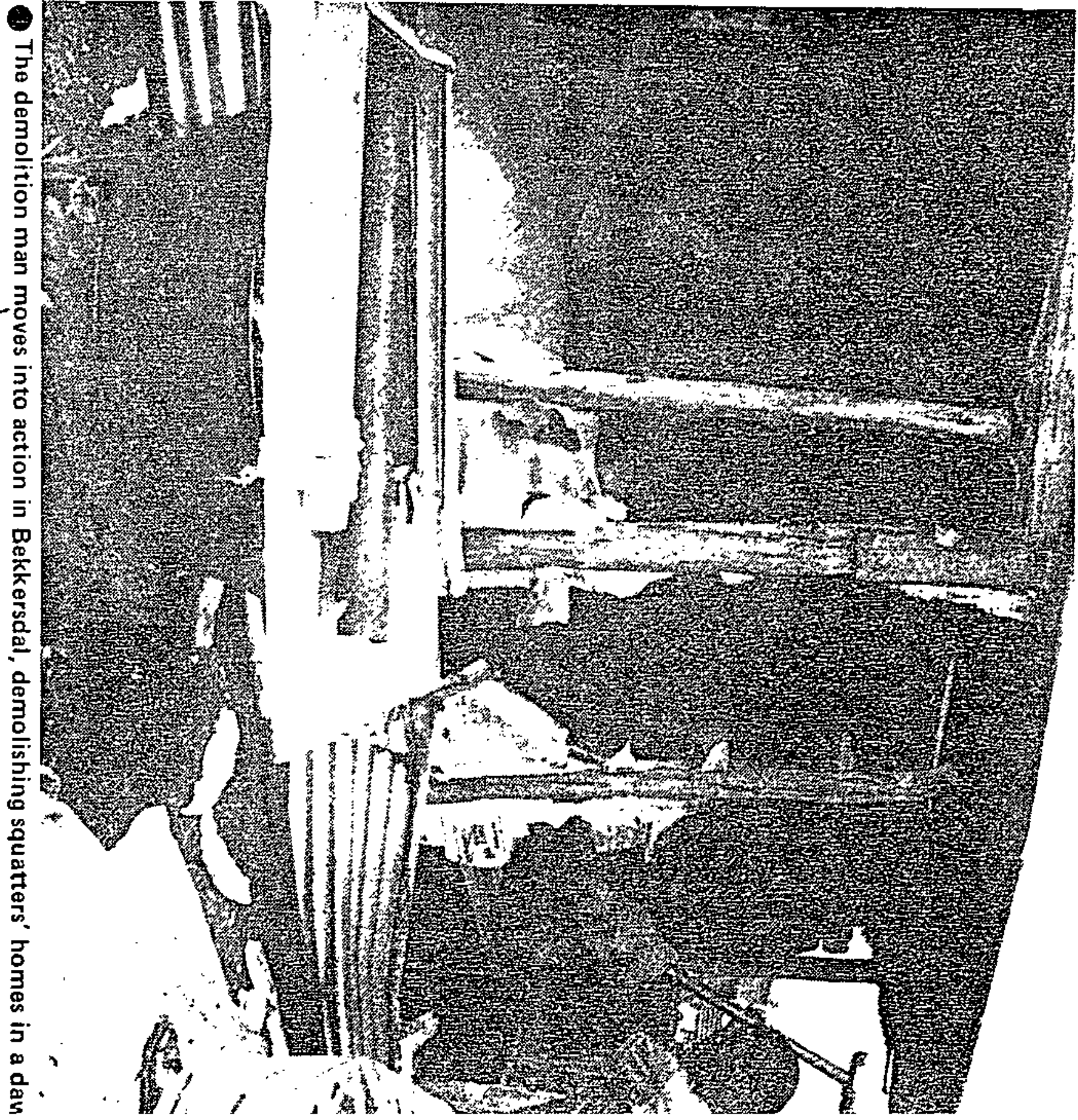
● Losing their homes wasn't the last problem for Bekkersdal squatters — as this youngster found when his wheelbarrow full of possessions tumbled and fell.

split the Bekkersdal community council into two factions after "mayor" T M Matla backed Wrab's action.

Opposing him is a group led by councillor Daniel Sedumedi, who has called a special

meeting to discuss the raid.

Wrab area manager Louis Mouton said the Bekkersdal people had been evicted because their homes were illegal structures.



● The demolition man moves into action in Bekkersdal, demolishing squatters' homes in a day

# SCARED OUT OF BEHIND-OR -OUTS-AWAY-HOME Sebe-or



# Homeless families find shelter in tents

By SOPHIE TEMA

THE homeless Bekkersdal shack families have come in from the cold and are being housed in tents provided by the Witwatersrand Council of Churches.

The tents will house about 50 families left homeless after their shacks were demolished by West Rand Administration Board police.

About 40 shacks were demolished and 84 people arrested.

They later appeared in court on charges of illegal squatting, being in the area for more than 72 hours without permission, failing to produce reference books, and, alternatively, trespassing.

On Friday the last four of the arrested people were released after the Rev Cecil

Begbie, vice-chairman of the WCC, had paid their fines ranging from R30 to R90 at the Krugersdorp Police Station.

Yesterday the WCC pitched six huge tents on a temporary site provided by WRAB.

Earlier in the week community councillors, WRAB officials, and representatives of the Department of Co-operation and Development, agreed at a meeting to give the families the temporary site.

Yesterday by 5.30am men had gathered at the spot to pitch the tents to enable the families to move in.

Most of the families claimed to have slept in the open on Saturday night after their belongings had been thrown out when their shacks were demolished.

Several said they were keen to stay in the tents, claiming their corrugated iron had been badly damaged when their

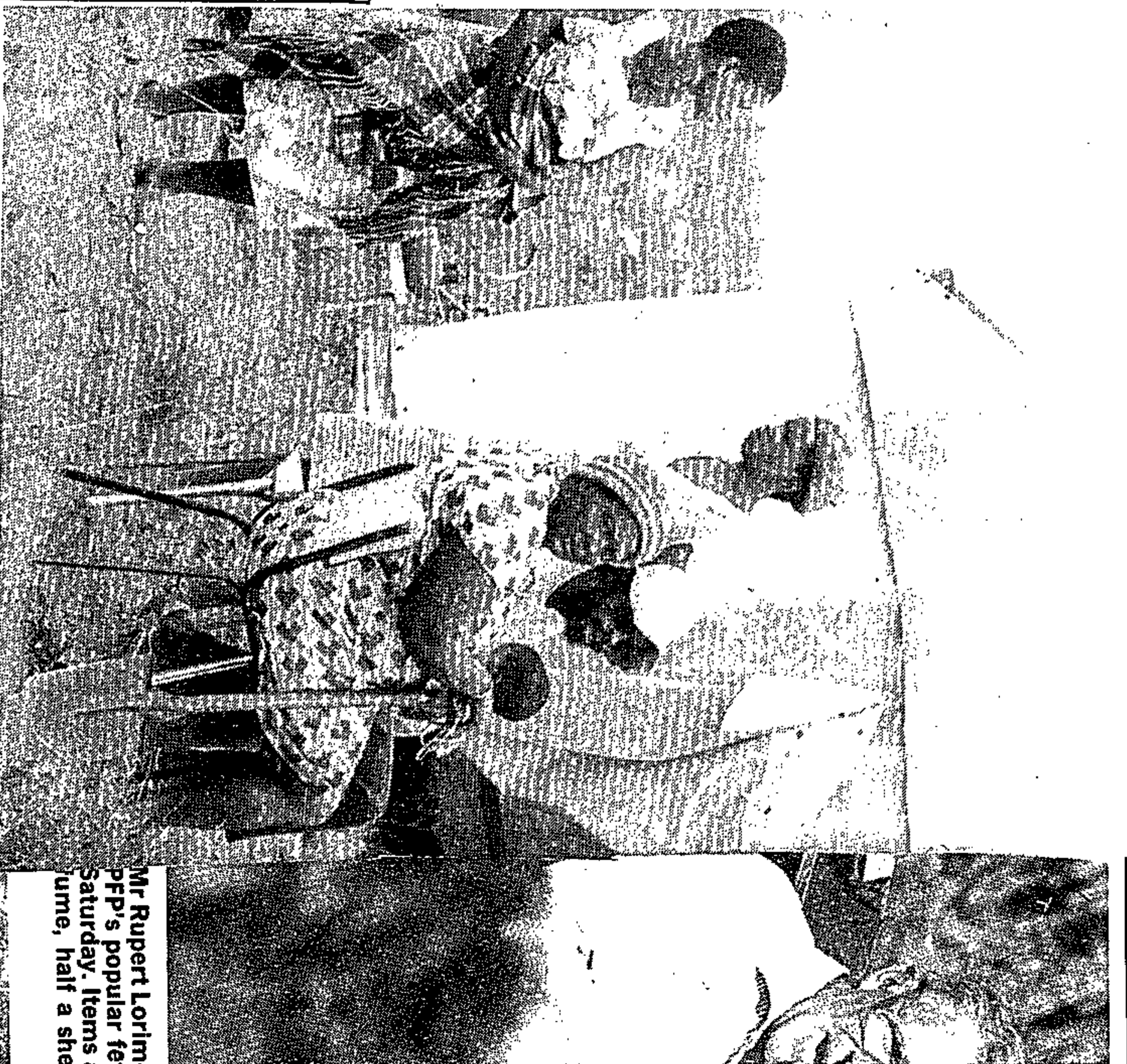
shacks were demolished and that they could not use them to put up temporary "homes".

A councillor Mr Daniel Sedumedi visited the families yesterday and ordered them to move into the tents as soon as they were up, as rain was threatening.

He promised that if the tent people needed further help he and members of the WCC would do their best to assist them.

Mr Begbie said the WCC had provided the families with tents which were easy to pitch. Since WRAB had demolished their homes it was now responsible for erecting shacks for them on the temporary site it had provided.

The executive of the WCC is expected to meet today to discuss the plight of the Bekkersdal shack people.



Some of the homeless Bekkersdal shack people wait disconsolately outside them on a temporary site yesterday by the Witwatersrand Council of C

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# Squatters told not to use church's tents

By SELLO  
RABOTHATA

THE WEST Rand Administration Board was yesterday accused of ordering the Bekkersdal shack-dwellers not to use the tents provided by the Witwatersrand Council of Churches as temporary shelter since their shacks were razed a week ago.

Mr Daniel Sedumedi, a local community councillor, said that at about 7:30 am a Wrab official was seen "inspecting" the tent town. "After the official left, some of the people told me that Wrab officials had warned them not to use the tents because the board would be providing them with some other form of shelter. This promise had been made last week, but where are the people expected to sleep in the meantime?" he asked.

A number of Wrab policemen were also present at the tent town yesterday. While the tent town residents were still discussing their fate, the Reverend S Masemola of the Anglican church in Mohlakeng, arrived and said he had spoken to a Wrab official and it was agreed that the people could stay.



**TENTS:** Some of the Wrab policemen speaking to the Rev S Masemola (straw hat), Mr Daniel Sedumedi (spectacles facing camera) and some of the shack-dwellers in Bekkersdal.  
Pic: ROBERT MAGWAZA



# Squatters

WCC  
will talk  
to WRAB

By Jon Qwelane

The Witwatersrand Council of Churches will hold discussions with the West Rand Administration Board today, according to a WCC executive, the Rev O C Gaanakgomo.

The meeting was arranged to discuss the plight of some 200 people whose shacks were demolished by Wrab last week in Bekkersdal near Westonaria.

The president of the WCC, the Rev Simeon Nkoane, said yesterday the arrival of front-end loaders sent in by Wrab at 3 am to remove the dwellings of sleeping people last week was horrifying.

Bishop Nkoane and the Rev Cecil Begbie have spearheaded the campaign to have the Bekkersdal squatting community remain in the area, and have been assisted in this task by other church leaders.

## REPORT

Mr Gaanakgomo said he was collating details about the squatting community and would hand in his report to the WCC.

Two nursing sisters yesterday donated food, bought with their own money, and said they would continue helping for as long as the squatters remained stranded.

Last week the WCC pitched 17 tents in the open space which was provided to the squatters by Mr T M A Matla, the chairman of the Bekkersdal Community Council.

Mr Matla said he made the land available because as a leader he was touched by the plight of the squatters.



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## Injured Mail reporter lays charge against ERAB 7/11/83

Mail Reporter

RAND DAILY MAIL reporter Montshiwa Moroke has laid a charge of assault against East Rand Administration Board officials and police and made a statement to the Katlehong police this week.

Mr Moroke suffered a fractured arm and head injuries when ERAB police assaulted him and other journalists at the Katlehong Squatter camp on October 4.

He was admitted to the Natspruit Hospital, where he had an operation on his right elbow.

Mr Moroke was discharged

from hospital two weeks ago but is still being treated.

Several squatters and a churchman, who also allege they were assaulted, have laid charges against ERAB.

Investigations into the allegations have been transferred from Katlehong to the Germiston police, where an identification parade is to be held soon.

The Chief Director of ERAB, Mr F E Marx, said last week investigations made by his department into the incident had now been completed and a report had been sent to the Department of Co-operation and Development.



# Date set for ERAB ID parade <sup>5/10/83</sup> ~~310~~ ~~243~~

By ANN PALMER

THE police liaison officer for the East Rand, Brigadier A Smit, disclosed yesterday that an identification parade is to be held on Wednesday in connection with the alleged attack by ERAB officials on squatters. Pressmen and churchmen last month.

Wednesday is also the day

on which the squatters are due to appear in the Germiston Commissioner's Court.

At this stage no charges have been drawn up against the squatters.

Exactly a month has passed since the incident.

The squatters were arrested on the day of the ERAB employees' alleged attack,

October 4, and held in the Katlehong police cells overnight.

Thirty-three of them appeared in court the next day and were ordered to appear in the Germiston Commissioner's Court next Wednesday.

Brig Smit said the people who allege they were at-

tacked would be together on that day, so it would be convenient to have them at the identification parade.

An identification parade was to have been held at the Katlehong police station on October 11, but was transferred to Germiston. Another date was not arranged at that time.



# Katlehong squatter case is <sup>310</sup> postponed

A group of 33 Katlehong men and women appeared in the Germiston Commissioner's Court yesterday in connection with charges of living illegally in the Germiston area.

They were not asked to plead and the magistrate, Mr F J N Bosman, postponed the case to January 18.

He ordered that a warrant of arrest be issued for one of the accused, Mrs Virginia Mthanga, who was not present.

The appearance of the 33 people in court followed warnings by the East Rand Administration Board that squatters in Katlehong should leave the area and move to homelands.

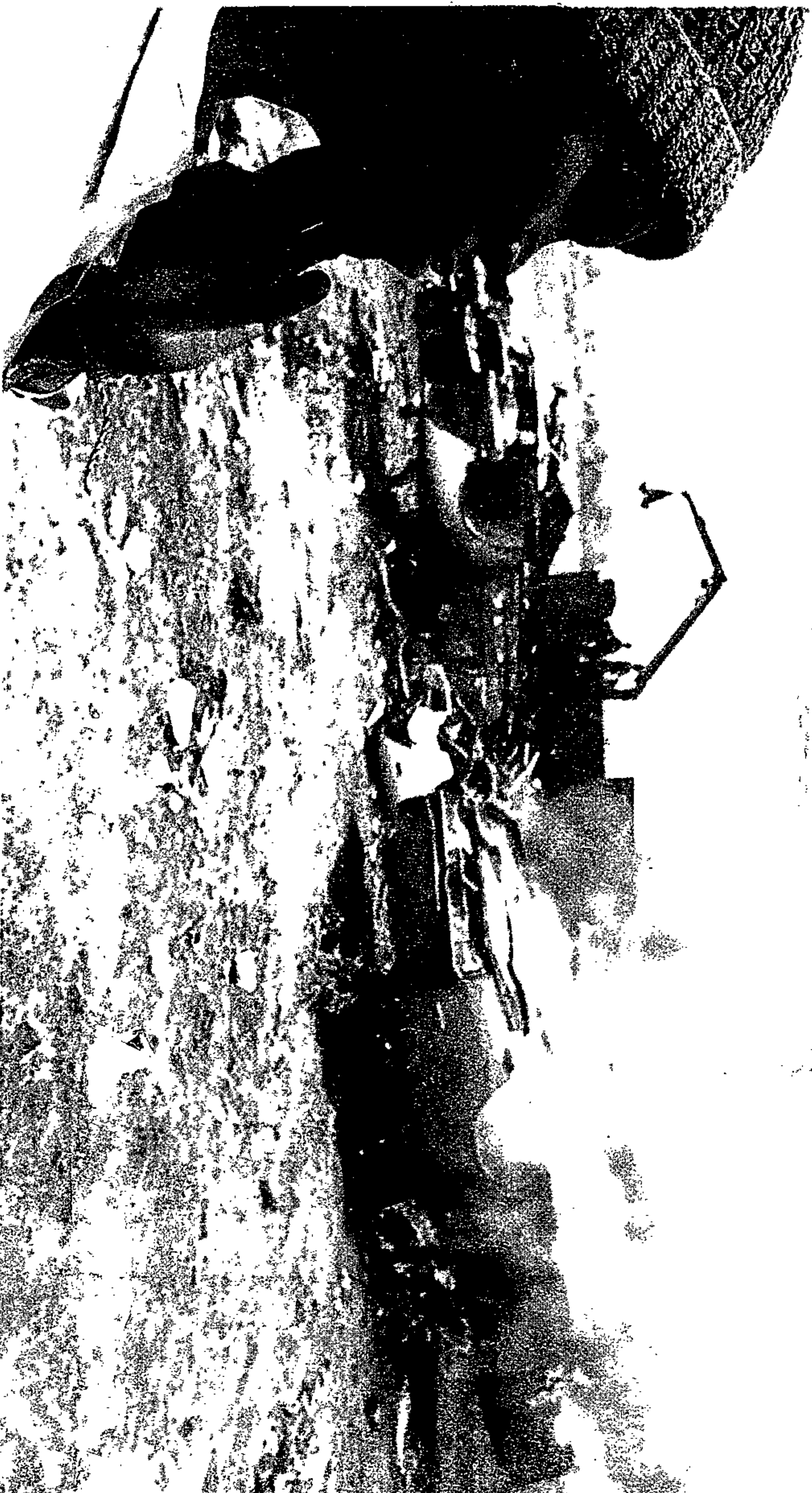
## CHARGES

After their court appearance yesterday the men and women were asked to identify their alleged assailants in a confrontation with Erab officials more than a month ago.

The squatters laid assault charges after the incident.

The vice-president of the Witwatersrand Council of Churches, the Rev Cecil Begbie, who was present at the time, was not called in to identify his alleged assailants. He was in court yesterday.





**MRS Elsie Mthwebane looks on in disbelief as the car which served as a home for her and her six children goes up in flames at the Regina Mundi scrapyard in Soweto yesterday.**

**Picture: ROBERT TSHABALALA**



# Scrapyard families see their 'homes' crushed

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By SOPHIE TEMA

ABOUT 20 families who have been living in derelict cars near the Regina Mundi scrapyard have had their makeshift homes crushed.

Some of the cars were set alight to ensure that people did not move to alternative "accommodation".

A spokesman for the scrapyard people said officials of the West Rand Administration Board (Wrab) arrived in the area on Wednesday and evicted the families — most of whom are on the waiting list for housing.

They remained there until almost everything had been moved to a compressor which was used to crush the abandoned cars.

The families were left "homeless".

Dr Abu-Baker Asvat, who practises on MacDonald's Farm, adjacent to the scrapyard, offered his surgery to destitute women and children on Wednesday and again last night.

The men remained behind to look after their belongings.

Mr J J Oosthuizen, director of housing for the Soweto Council, was not available for comment yesterday but recently told the Rand Daily Mail that the families concerned are to move because the area is to be developed.

He said inspectors had declared the area a slum and a health hazard.

Mrs Rebecca Seloma said she, her four daughters and four grandchildren had lived in the canopy of a derelict truck for 13 months.

She said the family had been on the housing list prior to coming to live in the scrapyard.

And when her daughter, Thandi, went to the administration offices in Pimville — accompanied by a Mail reporter — to plead for a shack at the Fred Clark emergency camp, she was told by the local township manager there were none available.

Several other families found themselves in the same predicament as Mrs Seloma, but Mrs Elsie Mthwebane said she would be happy if she could rather be sent to her home in the Transkei.

She said if she had the means to do so, she would move on her own.

Mrs Mthwebane said she was a faith healer and had come to Johannesburg with her six children at the request of a friend whose children were ill and needed treatment.

"My friend told me that I did not have to return to the Transkei and could stay with her.

"At the beginning all went well until my friend suddenly told me to go.

"I then came to the scrapyard with my children and now that we have been told to go I would prefer going back to my home in the Transkei."



# Wrab wreckers smash homes

310 By ELLIOT TSHINGWALA

ABOUT 20 squatter families living opposite Moroka Police Station, in Soweto, were left homeless after a Wrab demolition team assisted by a steel presser reduced their derelict car homes into a pile of scrap on Wednesday.

Children, some small babies, and adults spent the night under the stars huddled next to their scant belongings after being forced out of their "homes" by the local superintendent and Wrab policemen.

The families, many of whom claim to be on the housing waiting list, have nowhere to go and they fear disease and damage to property in the prevailing rainy season.

Mrs Rebecca Silume, a mother of eight, said she used some zinc sheets to build a little shack for herself after her "house" was de-

stroyed. The shack is just big enough for two people. She and one of her daughters spent the night in the shack and the rest spent the night at the surgery of Dr Abubaker Asvat a community worker. "Dr Asvat is a kind man, but how long is he going to bear the burden of looking after my children and how long are we going to have to live in this shack. One rainy storm is enough to wash us and our things away," she said.

Mrs Silume's story is not different from the one told by Mrs Elsie Mtwebane, a mother of six and a widow. Mrs Mtwebane originally came from the Transkei with her children. After her husband died she started collecting scrap iron to sell to dealers to take care of the food and clothes for the children. "As long as I had a roof over my head I did not complain. Now I am

being forced out of the scrapyards, which is my home and source of livelihood. What must I do?" she asked.

A Wrab spokesman, who confirmed the demolitions, said all those who qualified for houses in the area should go to the area's administrative office for aid.

He said the land had been earmarked for business development and if everything went well building could resume next year. The land had long been Wrab property and "these people" were occupying it illegally, he said.



# Squatters to get temporary relief

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By SOPHIE TEMA

FAMILIES who had their makeshift homes — derelict cars — crushed and burnt will be housed temporarily at the Fred Clark emergency camp for squatters.

Mr John Knoetze, chairman of the West Rand Administration Board, said yesterday that whether the people qualified for housing or not, they would be placed at the camp until their Section (10) qualifications had been sorted out.

Mr Knoetze said the families were sleeping illegally in cars which had been collected in Soweto over a period of months.

They were dumped at the scrapyard so that a contractor could compress the wrecks.

Mr Knoetze said Wrab did not know there were people staying in the derelict cars.

But the Rand Daily Mail pointed out to him that as

early as 1981 Wrab officials had taken a census of the families at the scrapyard.

Mrs Maria Ramanane said she had lived in the scrapyard for more than three years in the canopy of a truck and was told by Wrab officials that she did not qualify for a house.

Mrs Rebecca Seloma and her daughter were told on Thursday that they could not be housed at Fred Clark because there no more shacks available at the camp.

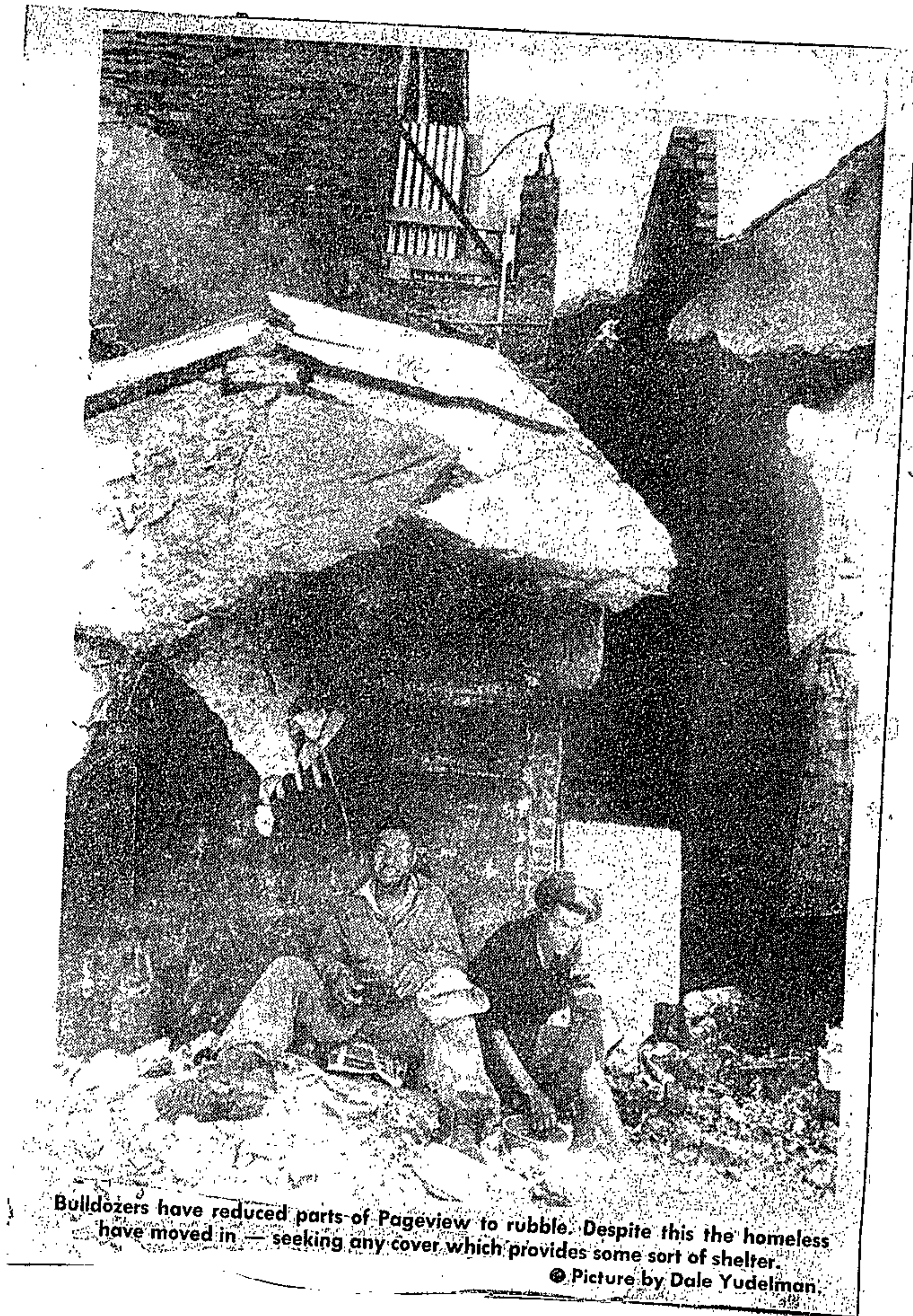
Mr Knoetze said yesterday those who wanted a temporary place to stay should contact Mr P Bronkhorst at the Pimville administration office, or Mr J J Oosthuizen, at Jabulani.

He said: "Whether these people qualify or not they will be placed at the camp until such time as their urban qualifications have been sorted out."



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# Squatters in wake of the bulldozers

By Sol Makgabutlane

Somewhere among the ruins of Pageview, popularly known as "Fietas" among its black inhabitants, are scarred figures — some barely recognisable — desperately trying to start life afresh.

The figures, most of whom are diseased skeletons, quietly and stealthily slipped into the area as soon as State bulldozers began flattening Indian houses for redevelopment for white occupation.

These are homeless people who gladly invade any place where they can have shelter over their heads.

Pageview squatters are found everywhere — in old cars, derelict buildings, underneath heaps of rubble and in the demolished premises. They have one bond — being outcasts of society. They are never sure what the future has in store for them.

When I visited the area most of the squatters cried out for help — help in finding a good home, a job and identification papers, which they believe are the key to success.

Most of them have lost all hope and consequently live from hand to mouth, concerned only about the immediate future, their life devoid of any comfort.

They carry the reminders of their hardships. Faces are scarred, lips are red, the result of heavy drinking of methylated spirits and other beverages to relieve tension and frustration. Bodies are all skin and bones.

Koos (56) is one of those staying in Pageview. His "home" is made of concrete slabs from a demolished building.

He has gathered chicken feathers to make a warm floor, but not only did he get warmth — the feathers also attracted ants and flies, the latter humming noisily throughout our interview.

He was born in Brits and came to stay with a friend in Western Township, south of Johannes-

burg, when he got a job in the city.

"But the way I was so 'sleg' I was in and out of jail. I don't want to lie — I carried a knife and stabbed many fellows who tried to mess around with me.

"Once, when I returned from jail, I found my friend gone from Western Township and I then had nowhere to stay. So I came here in Fietas to look for a place among the houses that were being demolished," he said, coughing loudly.

## TWO CHILDREN

While in jail he worked for a long time in the mortuary. "This affected me. Since then I've developed 'falling sickness'. I go around falling down whenever I walk long distances," he said.

"Yes," interjected Marie (55), who said she was Mr Nelson's wife, "since Koos came from that awful mortuary he has been having this sickness".

Marie, who was born in Worcester in the Cape and has two children back home, became homeless when her white

employers in Johannesburg emigrated.

"I searched and searched, but there was no work and no housing for me."

She wants to go back to the Cape but has no money.

There was a sudden whirlwind and the hapless couple withdrew deeper into their home.

Another squatter, Ella (45), is suffering from epilepsy.

She was a canteen assistant at a big Johannesburg factory but lost the job because of the constant bouts of her disease.

She has a family in Vryburg, in the Cape, where she last visited three years ago.

"Look where I sleep," she beseeched, pointing at nearby scrapyard, "like a rabbit." The watchman at the gate is kind and allows me to sleep there. But sometimes, when he is in a bad mood, he refuses and I have to sleep in one of the wrecked houses."

When the hustle and bustle of activity in Pageview is over, the squatters will have to move on — and on.

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# Rice, potato crisps and a hovel — to wish all a merry Christmas

By Jon Qwelane

For many people Christmas was a time of joy and feasting. Warm and comfortable homes provided shelter from the summer torrents and accompanying chill on the day of merrymaking.

For Mrs Elsie Mtwebane (61) and the five minor children in her care, Christmas was a time of sadness, alleviated somewhat by "delicacies" in the form of rice, chicken and potato crisps.

A cold and uncomfortable hovel crudely fashioned out of empty oil barrels canopied with black plastic sheeting somehow kept the rains out, but did nothing to ward off the cold.

The old woman's former

"home" was taken away a few days before Christmas Day when a privately-owned company came to collect scrap motor cars in some parts of Soweto.

Mrs Mtwebane, who lived with the children in one of the derelict cars, was left to fend for herself.

The Moroka scrapyard where she lives with the little children is a haven for shack people. The shacks come in all shapes and sizes, but the one she was forced by the elements to build after "her car" was taken away must rank as the finest example of crude workmanship borne of desperate circumstances.

The hovel she lives in is

just over a metre long at its widest. A small space between two of the barrels serves as a door and one has to literally crawl to enter her home.

An old, grubby car seat is her mattress while the children sleep on the ground.

Whatever other belongings she has — a few pots, plates, an old coffee pot and a small food basket — must stay outside.

A coal brazier is the only means she and the children have of keeping warm and cooking at the same time.

Because it is dangerous to have the brazier inside as it might set the hovel ablaze, and because there is no room for it anyway, the small family sits around it

outside every night.

"My husband died 14 years ago in Lady Frere in Transkei and I have been struggling ever since to make ends meet.

"My daughter is in Lady Frere and she is also widowed. Four of the children I stay with are hers and the fifth my own. I had to take them with me because she is a very sick person," Mrs Mtwebane said.

The old woman makes a living by collecting starters from scrap motor cars. She strips off the copper wire from the starters — a rather taxing job — until it is enough to fill a small bag and then sells it. Just before Christmas a bag of copper wire earned her R20.

"I bought some rice which I cooked and also bought some packets of potato crisps for the children. Someone staying in the coalyard gave us a chicken and we had a Christmas meal," she said.

Her little home is surrounded by hundreds of bits of twisted metal and wires, huge trees, heaps of coal, the lush yet frightening undergrowth of the Klipspruit and horses and chickens — which are not hers.

Dr Abu-Baker Asvat, head of the health secretariat of the Azanian People's Organisation, said Mrs Mtwebane's "home" was most unhealthy for the family and they could easily contract any of a number of diseases. The lack of proper food was also a serious health hazard.



Mrs Elsie Mtwebane and the five children in her care crouch at the entrance to their hovel fashioned out of several empty oil barrels and black plastic sheeting.



# SQUATTERS — TRANSVAAL

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# Sadness for tent people

BY ELLIOT TSHINGWALA

LIFE is not a bed of roses for Bekkersdal's "tent city" community.

While most people had a fun-filled festive season, they had to keep their eyes peeled around the clock watching their property and lives which are a target for the thugs in the township.

Since their shacks were demolished three months ago, they have no choice but to move

into the tents offered by the Witwatersrand Council of Churches as a temporary relief while the West Rand Administration Board Wraab build them accommodation.

Their shacks were demolished after Wraab declared them a health

hazard. Residents said bulldozers razed their shacks at a very short notice and without any offer of alternative accommodation from the officials. Many quality to be in the area. Some also claim to have lost hundreds of rand worth of property, and even cash.

To date, only about 11 Wraab-approved zo-zos have been built although the initial promise to residents was that the structures for everybody would be ready in a matter of "weeks."

Most people have now lost hope of acquiring a "house" and look forward to a lifetime in the tent city.

"The life here is tough," said pensioner Mr Johannes Molefe, whose house was attacked by robbers on Christmas Day. The attackers were chased

away but they did not go away before slashing a hole on the tent. Now Mr Molefe and his neighbour Mrs Elizabeth Tamle, who was also attacked, are living in fear of the thugs coming back.

There is also a health concern in the area.

Mr Colbert Lukozi, a patient at a chest hospital who is visiting his family during the festive season, said the dust in the area was doing him "no good." Since he came back, about a week ago, he says his coughing has grown worse.

Mrs Annah Mpate, a mother of a one-year-old baby said since they moved to the area her children and several others in other families have been suffering incessant runny stomachs. "We no longer bother to put their trousers on because they soil them every minute," she said.

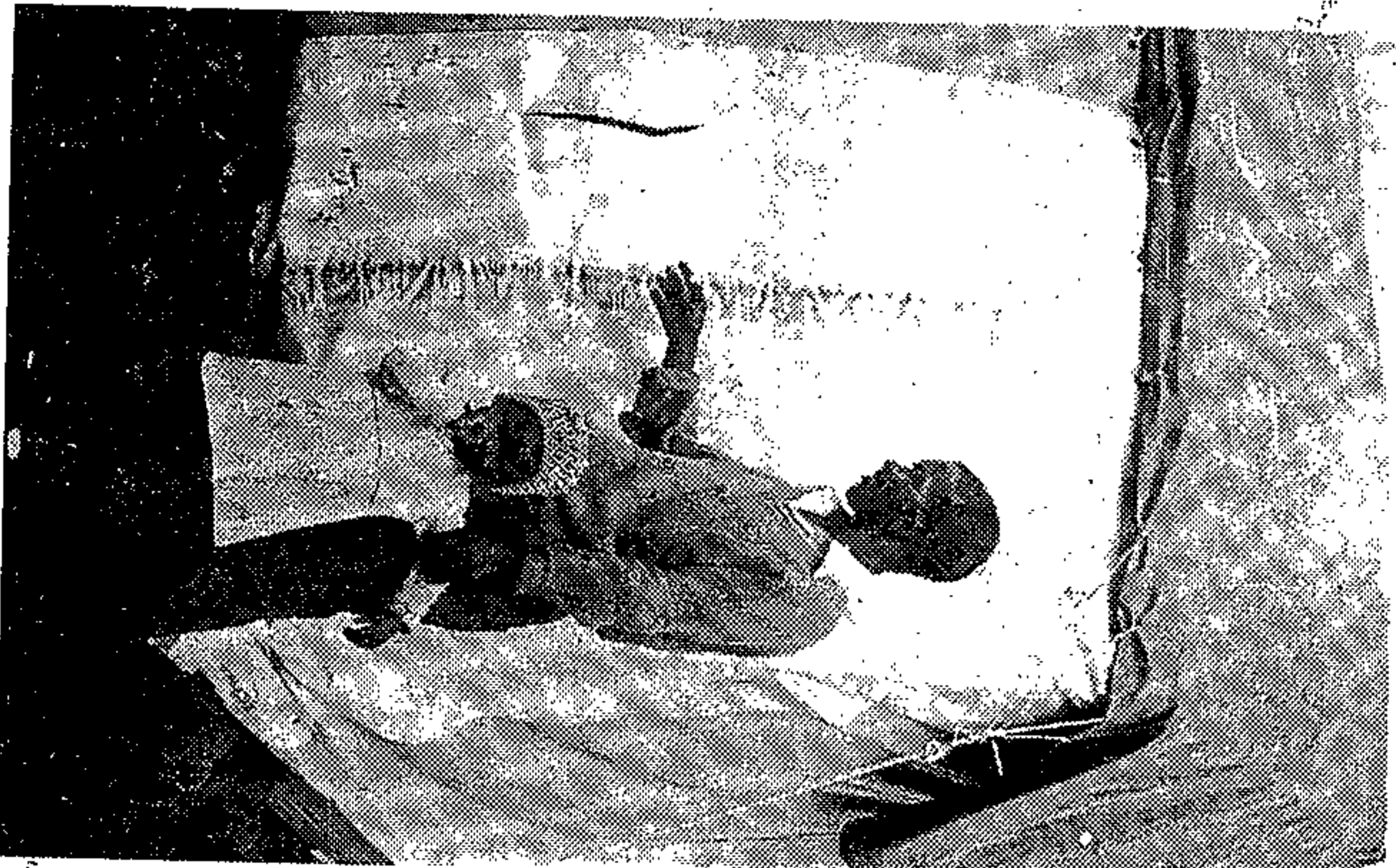
These problems are made worse by the discomfort caused by the tents themselves. Residents claim that the tents are blistering hot during the day and bitterly cold at night.

The most serious problem is security. The people at the tent city cannot go visiting anywhere because their houses can not be locked. A flap held by a frayed rope is to them what a padlock is to an ordinary house owner.

The chairman of the West Rand Administration Board, Mr John Knoetze, said yesterday that the board was fully aware of the problem faced by the tent people, and was doing everything in its powers to make them comfortable. He said the board had not kept its promise to build the structures in a "few weeks" due to numerous unforeseeable problems.



Mrs Elizabeth Tamle and her family... she is one of the first robbery attempt victims.



Mr Samuel Molefe points at a hole slashed by a thug's knife during the robbery attempt at his home.



# Move to resettle 18 000 Leandra 'illegals' looms

By Stuart Flitton  
and Michael Tissong

Many of the more than 18 000 "illegal" black residents of Leandra in the Eastern Transvaal would be resettled as soon as alternative accommodation was found, Mr Thys Jonker, chief director of the Highveld Administration Board, has said.

Mr Jonker said only people qualifying in terms of Section 10 of the Urban Act would be given accommodation in a new township being built near Leandra.

At a public meeting in Leandra at the weekend the chairman of the Leandra Action Committee (LAC), Mr M A Nkabinde, appealed to residents to resist moves by the Department of Co-operation and Development to resettle them.

He said there were only 712 houses being built in the new township, which meant nearly 17 000 Leandrans were not being catered for.

Mr Nkabinde said site rents in the new township would be R50 as opposed

to rents of up to R10 at Leandra.

He said he had contacted the Highveld Administration Board for assurance that no-one in Leandra would be forced to move, but he had received no reply.

Mr David Mahlangu of the LAC said yesterday that residents of Leandra township had been living in the area since 1909 and "will not be removed to kwaNdebele".

"More than 16 000 people qualify under Section 10 (1) (a) and (b), to live in Leandra," he said. "Many of us have been living there for generations, in fact since 1909 when our forefathers bought the land."

Mr Nkabinde said Leandra residents had title deeds to the 236 plots of land until about 1973.

"In that year, the freehold right to property in the area was abolished and residents were summoned to the administration board offices. Residents were paid for the land; the compensation was very little," he said.



# Inspectors set my goods alight, claims squatter

310 Star 10/1/84

By Trevor Jones, Crime Staff

A group of unidentified inspectors allegedly set fire to a 53-year-old Fordsburg squatter's possessions today. The fire spread and set the storeroom of an adjacent company ablaze.

Shortly after 10 am a group of between five and 10 men went to an open piece of ground on the corner of Avenue Road and Park Lane where Mrs Mary Sedityo was living with a pensioner, Mr Daniel Muso, two other adults and four children.

The unidentified men, driving white vans with green tarpaulin on the sides, were in the area yesterday arresting people for pass offences, said Mrs Sedityo.

"The inspectors told me I must get out; I told them I would go if they could give me a place to stay. This morning they came back and asked why I was still here," she said.

"One of the men gave orders and then the inspectors took my bed and suitcases with my clothes in them and put them on the fire," said Mrs Sedityo, who was cooking at the time of the raid.

The chairman of the West Rand Administration Board, Mr John Knoetze, said two black inspectors had been at the place where the fire started, but had not set fire to any possessions.

"At 10.45 am two black inspectors found four adults and five children at the site in Avenue Road where they were living in a corrugated iron shack.

"They warned the people to remove their possessions. The inspectors then flattened the structure," said Mr Knoetze.

He emphasised that the inspectors had not set fire to any possessions. He said the group of squatters would be taken to the board's Aid Centre.

"From there they will be handed over to the Department of Community Development who will dispose of them."

Mrs Sedityo said that when the fire broke out she dragged out a few boxes of goods. She said R100 which her son had given to her was in one of the suitcases which were burnt. After burning the suitcases and bed the men drove off, she said.

Minutes later a passer-by noticed that a storeroom next to the piece of ground was on fire and called the fire brigade.

The storeroom is part of a firm called David Selikow and Company, wholesalers of grain bags and paper bags. The brick-and-iron room which contained hundreds of grain bags was destroyed by the fire.

A sobbing Mrs Sedityo said she did not know where to go now.



A tearful Mrs Mary Sigiyo tells of the raid in which a shack and some of her suitcases were destroyed.

● See picture of Page 3, World Section.



# Wrab boss says shack demolition done fairly

By Trevor Jones

The chairman of the West Rand Administration Board, Mr John Knoetze, said today he was satisfied that the demolition of a squatter shack in Fordsburg, Johannesburg, yesterday had been handled properly and fairly.

Mrs Mary Sedito (53), one of the squatters living on the open piece of ground on the corner of Avenue Road and Park Lane, alleged that inspectors had set her possessions on fire.

Mr Knoetze said he had sent two senior inspectors to investigate the claims. He was satisfied that Wrab inspectors had not set fire to the squatters' possessions.

## COOKING

"When the inspectors arrived the people living there were cooking. They were warned to leave as the structure was to be demolished.

"They were given a chance to leave and then the structure was pulled down.

One of the fires they were cooking on was against the wall of an adjacent building and it was this fire that apparently set the building on fire," said Mr Knoetze.

The storeroom which caught fire contained empty grain bags and was destroyed in the blaze. Fire prevention officers from the Johannesburg Fire Department are still investigating the causes of the fire.



# Knoetze denies Wrab burnt shacks



MR KNOETZE: Press  
misinformed.

By ELLIOT TSHINGWALA

THE chairman of the West Rand Administration Board, Mr John Knoetze, yesterday denied that his board burnt down shacks in Fordsburg on Tuesday that left about 20 people homeless.

According to Mr Knoetze, the fire that destroyed the shacks as well as the squatters' clothing and other belongings and also part of a packing factory next to where the people were living, was caused by fires made by the people themselves for cooking.

"I have received a report from two of my white inspectors. The story that my inspectors set the shacks alight is nonsense," he said.

Mr Knoetze said

according to the report he received two black inspectors from his board on a routine check in the area, found nine people squatting in an empty space on Tuesday at about 10am.

The inspectors had "courteously" asked the people to collect their belongings and leave the area as they were occupying the place illegally.

"They even allowed the people to finish their cooking," Mr Knoetze said. Thereafter the inspectors flattened the rickety structures and the sheet metal started burning. The fire spread to the nearby buildings. Mr Knoetze said the man who informed the Press had been misinformed.



# Special court set up to try squatters

310 Star  
17/1/84  
An extraordinary session of the Sebokeng Commissioner's Court was held on Saturday to try 80 Eikenhof people, arrested only hours earlier in a raid.

The arrests and special court session were part of an ongoing anti-squatter action in the Eikenhof-Ennerdale-Grasmere area.

Those jailed included people qualified to live in the Vaal area and who had applied for State housing.

Weiler's farm residents said De Deur station and Orange Vaal Administration Board police had carried out the raid after 1 am on Saturday. The cases were then tried between 7 am and 10 am that day.

Most of those arrested had been sentenced to a fine of R100 (or 90 days) for squatting but few had been able to pay the fine.

A Department of Co-operation and Development spokesman confirmed the raid saying that 78 people had been convicted — 46 were sentenced to R100 (or 90 days); 15 were cautioned and discharged; 17 received suspended sentences.

Residents said that one of those convicted, Mr Moses Hlongwane, had been badly bitten on the legs by a police dog and had been taken to hospital for treatment before appearing in court.

The department spokesman was unable to comment on the allegation at the time of going to Press.

● A Black Sash member, Mrs Merle Beetge, said a number of Weiler's farm residents were to have been housed in Sebokeng on January 4 in an agreement negotiated with the board.



# Residents told to 'fight' for rights

310 star 19/1/84

By Jo-Anne Collinge

The problem of homelessness in the smallholdings south of Johannesburg remains hidden because "we are not prepared to stand up and fight for our rights", residents of the illegal settlement at Weiler's farm near Eikenhof were told at a meeting in Lenasia last night.

Mr Ben Peterson, of the Ennerdale Civic Association, issued a challenge to residents who have been subjected to repeated arrest.

"If we allow ourselves to be taken away in the night like dogs, then we have no right to say we are people.

"People must stand up and fight — not with stones, but by organising themselves to stand by their rights."

Residents of Weiler's farm chose a five-person committee to liaise with external support groups and approach the authorities to discuss rehousing the settlement.

An immediate task will be to secure legal assistance to prevent a repetition of the events of last weekend, when scores of residents were raided in the

early hours of Saturday and tried within hours in a special weekend sitting of the Sebokeng Commissioner's Court.

Not one person was defended and, according to the Department of Co-operation and Development, 78 were convicted of squatting. Most were sentenced to a fine of R100 (or 90 days).

A lawyer present at last night's meeting said the possibility of the cases being reviewed was under investigation.

Mr Moses Hlongwane, who alleges he was bitten by police dogs during the weekend raid and required hospital treatment before appearing in court, is taking legal advice.

He told the meeting: "When we leave here we are not going home to sleep. We are going to the veld so the dogs won't get us. They already got us once — and see what I look like."

Organisations represented at last night's meeting with residents were the Southern Transvaal Region of the South African Institute of Race Relations, the Ennerdale Civic Association, the Black Sash and the Lenasia Federation of Ratepayers' Associations.



# Nomadic baby Mandla is dead

By Jon Qwelane  
Little Mandla Msimango is dead.

The five-month-old baby boy who until a short while ago led a nomadic life with his mother, Ms Esme Msimango, took ill suddenly and was admitted to Baragwanath Hospital just over a week ago.

Until three weeks ago Mandla had never known a place called home. In February last year his mother's shack was destroyed by the West Rand Administration Board along with many others when demolition squads

went into action in Soweto.

As a result Ms Msimango stayed in parks and slept wherever she found a place to lay her head.

By the time Mandla was born the woman was desperate and she came to The Star for assistance.

Her story touched many readers who rallied to her assistance with donations of cash and clothing and a young Dobsonville, Soweto, businessman offered the nomadic pair free accommodation.

A few days after that baby Mandla, with whom the Mpama household fell in love at first sight, began coughing and vomiting.

What a little while before was a bundle of joy became one of misery as the baby gradually lost weight and his captivating smile.

He was admitted to Baragwanath Hospital and died on Sunday.

The superintendent of Baragwanath Hospital refused to disclose the cause of the baby's death.

Yesterday his grieving mother said she wished



The baby with the winning smile, Mandla Msimango, is dead.

to thank all those who had come to her assistance. Mandla will be buried on Sunday.



# Families given three days to evacuate homes

By McKeed Kotlolo, Pretoria Bureau

About 300 Winterveld families have been given notice to evacuate their homes within three days to make way for a highway.

The angry residents say were informed of the move by a building company, Roadmix Construction of Boksburg, which is employed by the Bophuthatswana Government. Notices issued on Friday gave them until to Monday to leave their homes.

They said land surveyors came to the area more than a year ago and made some markings. However, residents say nobody was told anything about removal.

They could not understand how the authorities could move them without offering an alternative place to go.

"We are just told to pack our belongings and go. They don't even bother to build us houses somewhere or compensate us for the houses and land," said one resident.

A director of Roadmix Construction, Mr Mannie Nel, said he was sure verbal notice had been given by the consulting engineers at the time of survey.

The consulting engineers, Harrison and Van Tonder of Pretoria, said the occupants of the affected houses were told they would have to vacate them a year earlier by the surveyors.

Mr A Whitehorn said about 80 shacks were involved and all the families were squatters.

The surveyors, Bekker and Whitehorn of Pretoria, said there was no possibility the people had not been warned at the time of the survey.

Mr M A Mosupye, secretary for the Department of Public Works in Bophuthatswana, said he was surprised to hear about the short notice given by the contractors.

He said normally they inform the affected people during surveying to give them ample time to make preparations.

"The people should be given alternative housing," he said.



# East Rand coloureds (310) S far 24/20/84 must demolish shacks

By Yussuf Nazeer

A coloured ratepayers' body yesterday claimed that the Boksburg Town Council was ordering families out of "illegal backyard structures" even though the council could not provide them with homes.

Mr George du Plessis, chairman of the Reiger Park Tenants' and Ratepayers' Association, said despite the fact that there were 3 607 people on the council's waiting list, scores of backyard tenants had been issued with notices to demolish

their wood-and-iron dwellings and move out.

A council spokesman said the notices were being issued to landlords who had infringed council by-laws with illegal additions to their houses.

"These landlords were charging tenants up to R100 a month for the illegal structures," he said, "and the coloured management committee decided that the council must take action against this type of exploitation.

"As far as the squatters are concerned, we are turning a blind eye

because of the housing shortage. No notices were issued to them," he said.

A petition signed by 1 200 people calling for the resignation of the management committee was sent to the council. Others are to be sent to the Prime Minister, the Minister of Constitutional Development and Planning, and the Minister of Community Development, calling for more homes for coloured people in the lower and middle income brackets on the East Rand.



West Rand Bureau  
The removal of blacks from the old township of Munsieville to Kagi-so will cost Krugersdorp ratepayers almost three times as much as the town council estimated because of delays and difficulties.

It was revealed at last night's monthly council meeting that the town would have to

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**Krugersdorp shock  
over black removals**

pay R830 138.

The council and the West Rand Administration Board agreed in January 1981 that Krugersdorp would pay R300 000 towards the removals. It was calcu-

lated that R170 000 would cover 75 percent of the rateable value of improvements made by Munsieville residents and that R130 000 would be the balance of a National Housing

Commission loan.

The worth of property improvements at Munsieville is now R982 150.

The management committee chairman, Councillor Sakkie Nel, has demanded that the matter be made public.

The town clerk, Mr J J Niewoudt, assured him there would be no further delays.



# Reprieve for families at Winterveld

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Argus Correspondent  
PRETORIA. — The bulldozing of nearly 300 Winterveld houses by contractors to make way for a highway has been suspended.

The families had been given until Monday to move out of their homes by the contractors — who had already demolished two houses last Tuesday.

The Bophuthatswana Government and the builders have given an assurance to stop the demolition of the houses until all the affected families have been given alternative places and

their homes evaluated.

The Winterveld Action Committee (WAC), under the leadership of Mrs Amica van Gylswyk, met Mr Michael Brunton, the building supervisor, to negotiate the suspension of the threat until every affected family had moved out and had received compensation from the Government.

Mr Brunton, who denied having received an order from the Bophuthatswana Government to stop the demolition, said the delay would be costly.

"We were under the impression that the families had long been informed by the Govern-

ment to leave the area since the contract was signed more than a year ago," he said.

After the discussion with the action committee Mr Brunton assured them that he would suspend work in that section of the road. "We were also given the impression that these people were illegally squatting in Winterveld."

Mrs Gylswyk, whose committee had threatened to take court action if the demolition continued, appealed to the Department of Foreign Affairs to intervene in the demolition.

She said the department's officials then tele-

phoned the Bophuthatswana Government and were assured by the Bophuthatswana authorities that the demolitions would stop immediately.

Mr A Masidi, Secretary for Housing and Rural Development in Bophuthatswana, said he had personally informed the consulting engineers for the contractors to stop work in that area — "and the stoppage is definite".

Most of the affected families have already moved out of their homes and have erected small shacks from corrugated iron to protect their furniture.



## Squatting crisis

THE squatting crisis which is threatening to turn Evaton into a slum can only be overcome if standowners agree to re-plan their plots to accommodate the 100 000 people in the area in decent housing.

This was said by the Evaton Town Council chairman Mr Sam Rabotapi last week when announcing plans to electrify the township and bring a modern sewerage system to the area.

He said the critics of the council had lost the battle, "because they have failed to provide better alternatives than that of the council to bring a high quality of life to residents of Evaton".



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**Deadline**  
for 300 <sup>few</sup>  
families <sup>6/3/84</sup>

Pretoria Bureau

About 300 families at the Winterveld squatter camp, whose homes are to be demolished to make way for a highway, have been given until Saturday to move to Unit U in Mabopane township north of Pretoria, or find alternative accommodation.

A spokesman for the Winterveld Local Community Authority (LCA) said today the affected families had been given verbal notice to leave the area on or before Saturday.

This was confirmed by several tenants but most insisted they had initially been given three weeks from last week.

They claimed they were told to move following talks between the LCA and stand owners.

They also said a Mr Sechoaro of the Department of Lands and Rural Development in Bophuthatswana had told them last Tuesday to leave Winterveldt within three weeks.

The 300 families were recently angered by Mr Sechoaro's announcement that his Government would not compensate them "since they have no link whatsoever with us. They are responsible to the standowners, and not to us."

Several families said they had spent a lot of money "to buy the material and to get builders to ensure our houses would last us for life, because we were told that we would not be moved again".

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# Bop will not pay resettled families

THE Bophuthatswana Government will not compensate the 300 Winterveldt tenants who have been given until Saturday to evacuate their homes to make way for the construction of a highway. The SOWETAN established yesterday.

Angry tenants told The SOWETAN yesterday that they had also been informed by Bophuthatswana Government's Secretary for Public Works, Mr J M Sechoaro at a recent meeting that they would be given until this Satur-

By **MONK NKOMO**

day to pack shop and move to Section U in Mabopane North, or find themselves alternative accommodation.

The affected families said they were also seriously disturbed by comments made to an afternoon Johannesburg daily newspaper that tenants were responsible to their respective stand owners and that they had no link with the Government which was not going to compensate them.

Mr Sechoaro could

not be reached for comment yesterday.

A spokesman for the Winterveldt Local Community Authority yesterday said the 300 affected families were given a verbal notice to leave the area on or before Saturday.

The move has come as a shock to the tenants who were recently promised by Mr M A Mosupye of the Department of Public Works, that their houses would not be demolished and that they would be compensated after their houses had been eval-

uated.

The families were recently granted a temporary reprieve following moves by the Winterveldt Action Committee which had threatened to take legal action against the continuing demolition of houses in the area.

The affected families, including a large shopping complex, were issued with notices on February 17 by a white construction company, giving them three days to evacuate their homes to make way for the erection of a highway.



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# 50 families live in disused hospital

About 50 Alexandra families who are living in a disused TB hospital on the banks of the Jukkei River say they are satisfied with their accommodation.

The families were moved there in October last year when their houses were demolished to make way for the first phase of the Alexandra redevelopment scheme. Some families had ini-

tially refused to move to the hospital, preferring to live in disused Putco buses. They said the TB hospital was far from the bus terminus in 15th Avenue.

Mr. Amos Mokoka (40) said he was reluctant to take up residence at the hospital as he feared he would be forgotten when

new houses became available in the township. "But in January I decided to move to the TB hospital."

"This place is far better than I had imagined. It is better than the bus in which I stayed for three months. The rooms are even bigger than the bus."

"I have been on the waiting list for more than three years and I had lost hope of ever getting a house."

"I have no alternative but to make the best of this accommodation, which is not too bad under the circumstances," he said. He lives in a room

which he has partitioned with planks and boards into a kitchen, bedroom and sitting room.

Miss Vera Ntshingase (26) said the hospital was a healthy place to stay at because the flushing toilets were better than the bucket system in Alexandra. The hospital also had bathrooms and running

water.

A mother of four who did not want her name published, said the place was a relief after staying in small rooms in Alexandra. But she said she still wanted a house of her own.

She said she had been sharing a yard in 16th Avenue with 20 other families before she decided to move to the hospital last October.



# Their days are numbered

THIS is the town of numbers.

Here, every rickety little shack, every truck-shell is emblazoned with a large white number — the mark of future destruction. The mark that reminds them that one day West Rand Administration Board (WRAB) officials will flatten their 'illegal' dwellings. For the families behind those numbers, this is life. It's the life that lies beneath the neat, four-roomed facade of Soweto. It's the dark side of South-Western Township.

To these urban squatters the concern of liberals leaves them cold. They don't want concern — just a house.

Walking around some of the squatter areas — scrapyards, rubbish dumps and mini shanty towns — of Soweto, the story of the squatters comes to life.

It isn't the story you'd hear from people in the Crossroads and Katlehong of this world. It isn't one of "we'll stand and fight for our homes — together."

It's quite different. Here, if you're a squatter, you're almost always on your own. You can join the queue for help from the various Red Cross and church-type organisations (you've probably been standing in one queue for years already). Mostly you're out on a limb. Some of them tell their story.

This is Joseph Tana. Here he is standing outside his sturdy self-built 'shack' where he and his small family have lived for five years.

Mr Tana has all the re-



No chance of a 'legal' home for this family — Joyce Sondise, her children and her brother Jeremiah.

**On the Golden City's doorstep, hundreds of people battle to survive in the shanty town they call home. Report by SARAH CROWE.**

**Pictures by PAUL WEINBERG**

with worrying whether WRAB will ignore his 'illegal' home for another year, he's fed-up with waiting and he's fed-up with photographers and journalists coming to take 'kiekies' (pictures) of him, his shack and his family.

"They (WRAB) have a long rope. They don't give you notice to move, they just come. But the time is

God knows how far we can go like this. These shacks are too terrible — they are very hot and very cold. I don't have to stay here, I

Every time kiekies, kiekies can go to Brits — that's a

away and the rubbish isn't exactly collected every Wednesday.

But most are worse off than the Tanas. There's the Mtembu

so long they can't remember. They've had to move a few times — out of sight of bulldozers — but have lived in this area (MacDonald's farm, they call it) for four years.

Legally their books are in order, but they've been told there are no houses so they must wait. Their worries aren't as articulated as Mr Tana's, but they're there all the same.

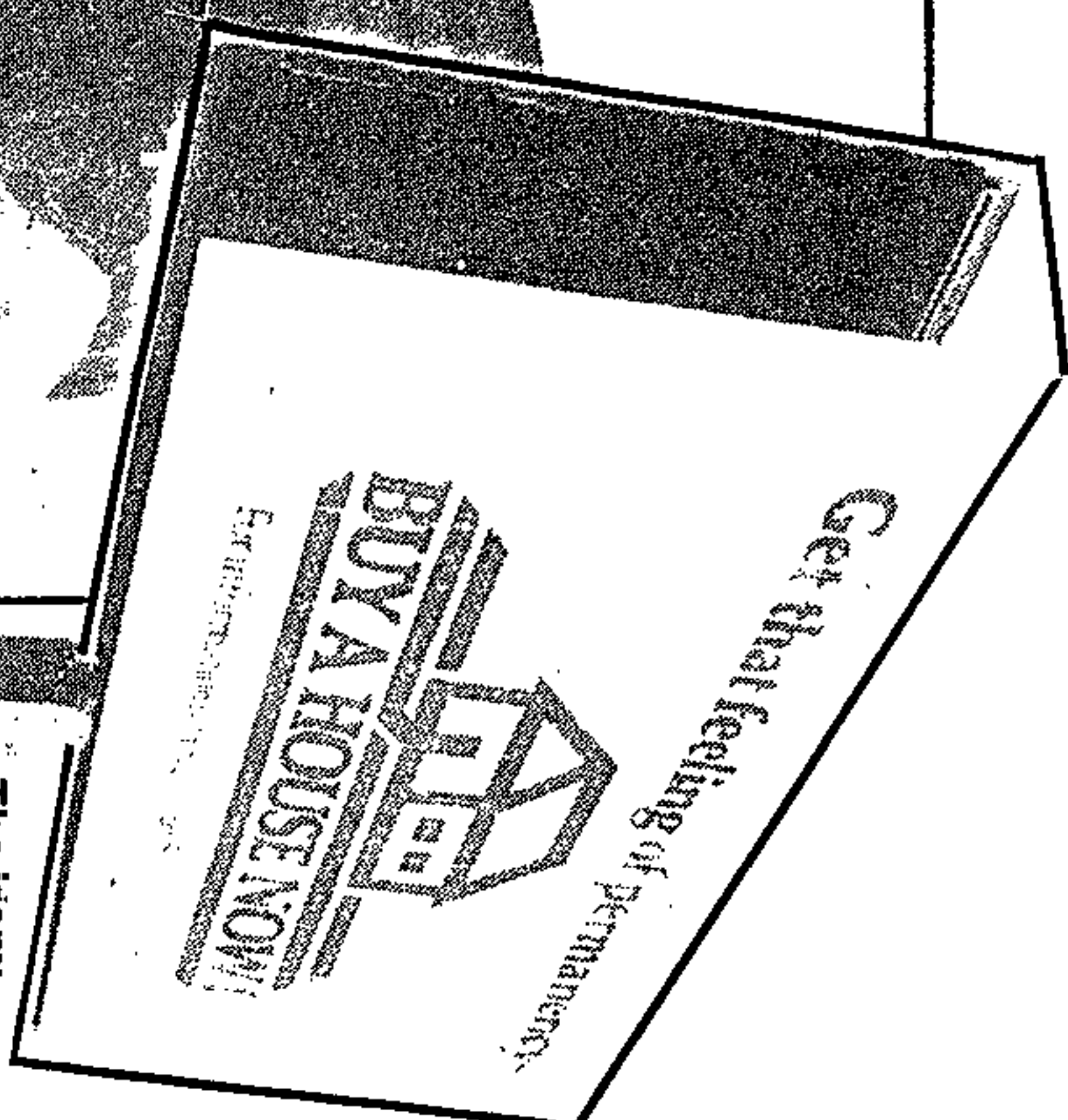
Joyce Sondise is in the

**The irony — this sign is opposite a squatter area in Soweto.**

Jeremiah Tshabalala and he emptied his storerooms of spares and gave them a home.

Now he has some 10 families living in his scrapyards — some in storerooms, some in trucks and some in his old washroom. One of his workers 'lives' in a car. Some of his squatters are illegal residents in Soweto and are lying low. Some are legal and are waiting... all have numbers and all will one day have to go.

That day isn't far off as Mr Tshabalala has been told that his scrapyards are to be demolished to make way for extensions to the road. Until then, the squatters wait and hope that family or friends will take them in when the bulldozers head for their homes.





Born in the area, has Section 10 rights, has no homeland connection and has a regular job. Mr Tana has been on the waiting list for a house for five years. Now he's fed-up.

His speech is sprinkled with township rhetoric, but it comes from the heart and is flavoured with anger. "How can you like to live like this? You can't do nothing because so many are waiting on that list."

all nonsense. This is not a place to stay. "Every day you never know if that will be the one when they will come. Many of them (the squatters) have already been taken to the camp of the church. But

"Here in this area of Johannesburg the people are not strong. The people are not the same any more, they have been moved too many times. If you talk up you get into trouble, so you keep quiet."

"There's nothing we can do," he says calmly.

Mr and Mrs Tana keep their family well — the children are healthy (one only 10 days old) and the shack is clean and neat. But it's not easy — the

only tap is about 100 metres away, outside the butcher's shop, and that means R2,50 a month and a lot of fetching and carrying. The toilets are also some distance

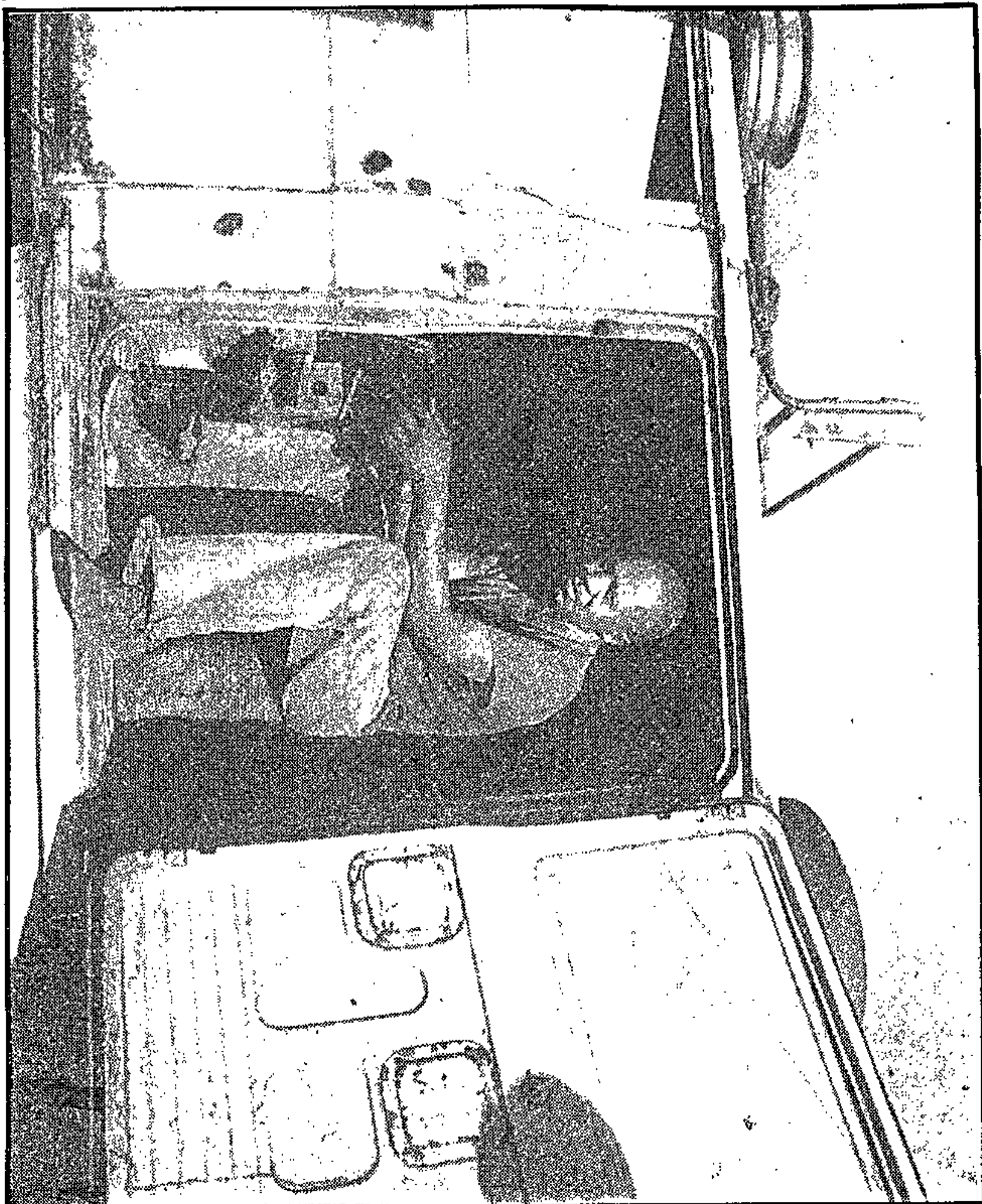
family — mother, father, brother, two sisters, an aunt and the children. They have two rooms — together the size of a large bedroom. One room is a bedroom where the women sleep in a clever arrangement of bunk-type beds. The other room is a kitchen/lounge/diningroom by day and a bedroom for the men and boys by night. That's 13 people living in a space just big enough to swing a cat. In winter they wrap themselves in blankets, in summer the blankets come between them and the hard floor. They, too, have been on the waiting list for a house

same boat — only there's no chance of her and her children ever getting a 'legal' home. She is from Standerton and has no right to live in Soweto. Ms Sondise gets by doing odd jobs in town and with help from her brother, Jeremiah, who runs a scrap business with some neighbouring squatters. But out there among all the rubble and tin shacks, is someone who's doing a little something to help the homeless.

The families on this poor bus route are small — mostly a husband, wife and a baby or two — and their community is well organised. There are toilets and showers, they're on the bus route and Mr Tshabalala doesn't ask for much in return. "These people are suffering. They don't know what will happen tomorrow. But if I see the people are suffering, I must help," says Mr Tshabalala. Mr Tshabalala believes that if their story is made known then someone somewhere will do something about it.



Donald Matjie — on the waiting list for a house for seven years.



Trucking along and waiting for better days, Wilfred Mjo in his 'home'.



# Bleak prospects for shack dwellers

By Jo-Anne Collinge

The authorities at Sebokeng are not in a position to house shack-dwellers who are dependent on State pensions or without regular income, says the commissioner for the township, Mr J L Kloppers.

Housing is available only to those who are qualified to live in the Vaal area and who can pay the minimum service rate of R29 in the Sebokeng core house development. Scores of shack-dwellers from the Enner-

dale/Eikenhof area have been accommodated in these homes.

"At this stage we have no accommodation for pensioners. We cannot put them into the core houses because they cannot pay," said Mr Kloppers.

One of those left stranded at an isolated spot south of Ennerdale is Mrs Paulina van Wyk, who qualifies to be in the Vaal townships in terms of influx control provisions.

Mrs van Wyk's immediate neighbours have demolished their shacks and moved on. A diabetic, she is now alone with her four young children.

Mr Kloppers said the best advice he could offer was that Mrs van Wyk move to a homeland area. "If she has relatives somewhere in a homeland we will take her down there.

"We would also write a letter to the local magistrate or commissioner there to help her get a disability pension." But Mrs van Wyk was born and bred in the PWV area, as her section 10 (1)(a) residence qualifications indicate.

Mr Kloppers said that Mrs van Wyk would not be subject to arrest by administration board officials if she remained where she was or even if she expanded her shack — "after all we can't house her". But he said she would not be immune from arrest for squatting if she moved into one of the large illegal settlements in the area.



# Mass arrests<sup>Star</sup> of 'squatters' <sup>310</sup> near Ennerdale <sup>3/4/84</sup>

By Jo-Anne Collinge

Mass arrests for trespass and influx offences have again taken place at Weiler's Farm, an unofficial settlement near Ennerdale, 30 km south of Johannesburg, according to residents.

This was the third crackdown in four months on the old farm, which shelters about 150 families who cannot get township homes.

In January an unknown number were arrested late on a Friday and more than 80 were tried within hours in a special Saturday session of the Sebokeng Commissioner's Court.

The commissioner at Sebokeng, Mr J L Klopers, could not confirm the latest action. A police spokesman at Vereeniging said it was possible the arrests had occurred in the "performance of normal duties".

He denied that "squatters" were being singled out for special attention.

## APPEALED

This weekend residents appealed to the authorities to help create officially recognised housing at Weiler's Farm.

"At Ennerdale there were plenty of plots before and now the coloured people have a location there. How would it be if we have our own location here at

Weiler's?" Mr Isaac Buthelezi asked, to applause from about 100 fellow residents.

People stated at the weekend that they did not want to be divided and could not afford the rents asked in the townships of Sebokeng and Soweto.

The option of going to the homelands was dismissed. "It is better to stay here and suffer arrest than to go to the homelands where there is no work we can do," said Mr Buthelezi.

## NO LINKS

Many residents were born near Ennerdale and have no links with rural areas.

According to residents, in the latest round of arrests Orange Vaal Administration Board police surrounded the area in the early hours of Tuesday — about 2 am — and loaded about 60 people into vans.

Eight of those arrested last Tuesday are still in custody and are expected to appear in the Sebokeng Commissioner's Court tomorrow, say residents. A committee of residents has arranged their legal representation.

The others held paid admission of guilt fines at the Sebokeng Commissioner's office and/or the Vereeniging Prison. Some have receipts to show they paid twice.



# GET OUT, Erab tells squatters

ABOUT 200 people staying in a squatter camp in the East Rand have been told to quit their homes or face forced removal.

The squatter families are living in shacks at a coal yard near the Angus Station in Thokoza.

Mr Caiphus Hlahane, one of the eight stand owners who run coal businesses, yesterday told The SOWETAN that they were visited by Erab police last Wednesday and told that the shacks must go.

The stand owners had then gone to see a white Erab official who told them they were being given a month to demolish the shacks or Erab

## BY NKOPANE MAKOBANE

will do it for them.

Mr Hlahane said they told the official that they were forced to employ people from the homelands because local people were not prepared to work for them.

## Filthy

The official had argued that it was not only their employees who stayed there but many

other illegal people as well. They had also been told that the place was filthy and was a health hazard.

"We just do not know what these poor people are going to do. Many are going to be left homeless after staying here for years," Mr Hlahane said.

And yesterday Mr F E Marx, the chief director of Erab, con-

NO PLACE TO GO: Some of the squatters who have been given a month to demolish their shacks.



Pic: MBUZENI ZULU

firmed that the squatter families will have to leave the place because many were staying there illegally.

The Rev Cecil Begbie, vice-president of the Witwatersrand Council of Churches, who has been fighting the cause of shack dwellers, yesterday said he was aware of the threat to the Thokoza families.

"We are deeply concerned," he said. "We will make representa-

tions to the board to provide the families with alternative accommodation before the shacks are demolished."

Mr Begbie also said they are to make a representation to the West Rand Administration Board (Wrab) about the plight of about 100 squatter families living in Mochaeneng and McDonald Farm in Soweto.

According to people living in the area, a Wrab official visited them last week and threatened to demolish their shacks by yesterday. A delegation from the area was yesterday due to see Mr Ephraim Tshabalala, the Soweto mayor, who last week promised to help them.



## Bulldozers expected today

# FAMILIES WAITING IN FEAR

ABOUT 100 squatter families living at Mochaeneng and McDonald's Farm in Soweto, may be left homeless if the West Rand Administration Board (Wrab) carries out its threat to demolish their shacks today.

A number of people living in the area told The SOWETAN yesterday that a Wrab official, who has been prominent in previous demolitions and evictions in the past, had twice visited their homes and warned them to move to other places because their shacks would be demolished today.

No alternative accommodation was being offered although most of the people in the group claimed to qualify to be in the Johannesburg area. Some have been

**By ELLIOT  
TSHINGWALA**

on the housing list for the past four years.

The families said they were allowed to stay on the farm while Wrab and the council made plans for permanent houses.

"I was surprised when we were told that our homes were going to be demolished," said Mrs Roseline Rakumane (47), a mother of 10 children. Mrs Rakumane and her presently unemployed husband have been in the area for the past eight years.

"If our homes are bulldozed as threatened, what is going to happen to us? We look upon the council and Wrab to give us houses, yet they are the same people who want to turn us out in the open," she said.

After being informed

of plans to raze their homes, delegations from the two areas went to see the Soweto Council's chairman, Mr E T Tshabalala, who apparently promised to help them.

They are to see Mr Tshabalala again today for further talks on the matter.

Mr Tshabalala could not be contacted yesterday.



**RESIDENTS** stroll down a "street" in their demolition threatened shakedown. Today their smiles may be replaced by anguished expressions if the Wrab goes ahead with plans to demolish the "homes" although not having provided alternative accommodation.



# Squatters pay rent to

No water or toilets

## Councillor

THOKOZA councillor Mr A M "Tiger" Yende who was

granted a site to start a business last year is now using the site as a squatter camp and making money out of the shack dwellers.

Instead of Mr Yende opening his business as he promised when he applied for the site, he has allowed about eight families to erect shacks on the site, charging them a monthly rent of between R25 and R40, depending on the size of the shack.

Families staying on the site told The SOWETAN at the weekend that they had no accommodation and had applied to Mr Yende to allow them to put up their shacks on his ground.

### Rent

One of the shackdwellers said they were paying Mr Yende between R25 and R40 a month for rent, depending on the size of the shacks.

The families say they have no water and toilet facilities on the site and have to depend on residents from the township for these needs.

BY MZIKAYISE EDOM

They said they did not know how long they would stay on the site because most of them said they did not qualify to be in the urban area.

An angry Mr Yende told The SOWETAN yesterday that "it was none of your business to poke your nose into my affairs."

### Shacks

He said, "It is true that that site belongs to me and whether I put up a business or shacks, is none of your business. I am trying to help these poor people with accommodation, and I see nothing wrong with what I have done."

Mr J B Sekete, the mayor of Thokoza, said he was not prepared to comment.

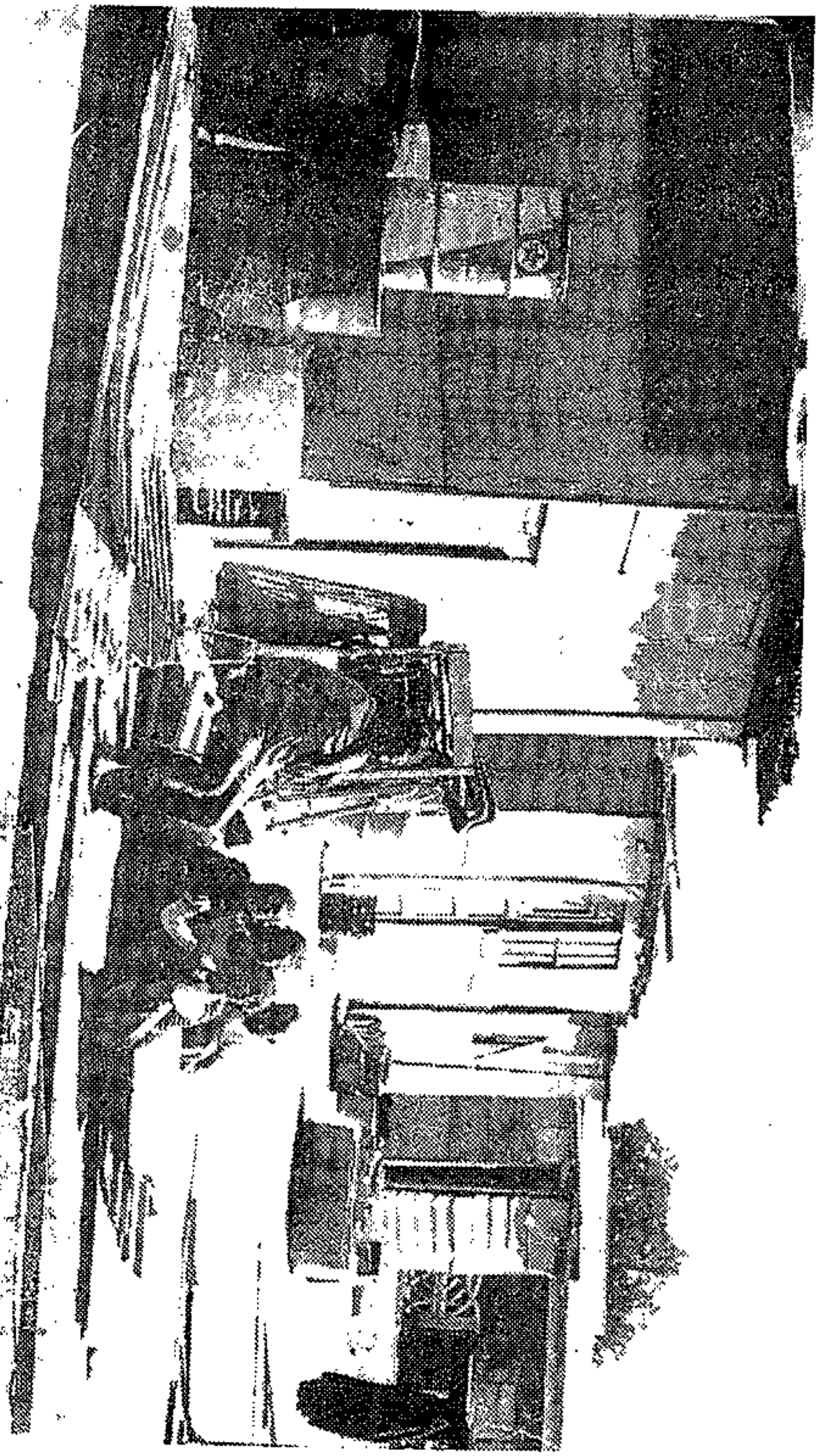
He said: "You can write in your paper whatever those shack dwellers told you."

Mr F E Marx, the chief director of the East Rand Development Board (ERBD), said Mr Yende had no right to allow people to erect shacks on the site he was given to establish a busi-

ness.

He said: "It does not mean that because he is a councillor, he has the power to erect shacks in the township. He knows very well that it is against the law to put up shacks in the urban areas."

"If it is true that Mr Yende has allowed this to happen, all the shacks on the site will be demolished as soon as possible. We cannot allow people to establish squatter camps in the township."



SOME of the shacks erected on Mr Yende's site in Thokoza, Alberton.



# 13 families evicted

THIRTEEN families living in a coalyard in Diepkloof have been ordered to go but no alternative accommodation had been provided.

The families stay on a coalyard owned by Mr Richard Mogoai next to the Diepkloof freeway. They have been given until May 31 to vacate the place.

According to a letter served on Mr Mogoai dated May 9 and undersigned by the acting senior residence manager, Mr A Grobler, he is instructed to remove the nine families living in illegal structures and

By  
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four in brick-walled rooms with immediate effect.

And yesterday Mr Mogoai told The **SO-**  
**WETAN** that he has consulted his lawyers who last week wrote to the council asking for three months' extension on the eviction order.

He said he had been told that the people must leave because when he had allocated the site it was meant to be a business site.

One of the people affected by the evic-

tion order, Mr Phillip Mookamedi, said yesterday they were worried about the council's move. He said the sub-tenants on the site were angry that the council was removing them without providing alternative accommodation.

Another shack dweller, Mr Samuel Phahle, said he has been on the housing waiting-list since 1958. He said the council had failed to provide him with a home and instead saw fit to build prestige houses beyond the financial reach of many people seeking accommodation.



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## Oil procurement: Irregularities

\*19. Mr R R HULLEY asked the Minister of Mineral and Energy Affairs:

(1) Whether, with reference to his reply to Question No 5, standing over, on 20 June 1984, he or his predecessor has received any reports concerning alleged irregularities in respect of oil procurement affairs from a person whose name has been furnished to the Minister's Department for the purpose of his reply; if so, (a) what is the name of this person, (b) on what dates were the reports received and (c) what was the purport of the reports;

(2) whether any action has been taken in consequence of these reports; if not, why not; if so, what action?

The MINISTER OF MINERAL AND ENERGY AFFAIRS: Mr Speaker, I want to apologize to the House and the hon member for giving an incorrect reply to Question No 5 on 20 June 1984. The correct reply is:

(1) and (2) I have not received any reports from Brigadier J P D Blaauw and the Department of Mineral and Energy Affairs has no records of any documents received by my predecessor(s) from Brigadier Blaauw.

Mr R R HULLEY: Mr speaker, arising out of the reply of the hon the Minister, is he aware of any approaches made or any reports compiled by this person being submitted to any other Government Department?

The MINISTER: Mr Speaker, I am not aware of any such reports to any other Department.

## Transvaal: distribution of pamphlets

\*20. Mr S S VAN DER MERWE asked the Minister of Law and Order:

(1) Whether any persons were detained in the Transvaal on or about 17 June 1984 in connection with the distribu-

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tion of pamphlets relating to the August elections; if so, (a) why, (b) where, (c) in terms of what statutory provision and (d) for what period were they detained;

(2) whether the pamphlets in question were confiscated; if so, why;

(3) whether these pamphlets were returned to these persons; if not, why not; if so, when;

(4) whether any other action was taken in respect of any of these persons; if so, (a) what action and (b) when;

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

†The MINISTER OF LAW AND ORDER:

(1) No, not by the South African Police.

(2) to (4) Fall away.

(5) No.

*Howard*  
Luipaardsvlei: shooting of school boy  
Q: 61. 1804 27/6/84  
\*21. Mr S S VAN DER MERWE asked the Minister of Law and Order:

(1) Whether a member of the South African Police was involved in the shooting of a school boy outside the Luipaardsvlei police station on or about 16 June 1984; if so, (a) what are the circumstances surrounding the incident and (b) what is the (i) age of the school boy and (ii) (aa) rank and (bb) length of service of the policeman concerned;

(2) whether an investigation has been held into the incident; if not, why not; if so, what were the findings;

(3) whether any steps are being taken as a result of the incident or the findings; if not, why not; if so, what steps.

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

The MINISTER OF LAW AND ORDER:

(1) Yes.

(a) It is alleged that the school boy playfully grabbed at the barrel of the gun with which the policeman concerned was armed for duty purposes when a shot went off, resulting in the boy being hit in his stomach.

(b) (i) 11 years.

(ii) (aa) Constable.

(bb) 2 years and a month.

(2) Yes, a case of attempted murder is still being investigated.

(3) No, the result of the investigation will determine whether or not steps are to be taken.

(4) No, except to express regret for the unfortunate incident.

*Howard*  
310 Fred Clark squatter camp  
Q: 61. 1805 27/6/84  
\*22. Mr P G SOAL asked the Minister of Co-operation and Development:

(1) Whether any member of his Department or the West Rand Development Board has received any representations or complaints concerning the Fred Clark squatter camp in Soweto in 1984; if so, (a) when, (b) from whom and (c) what was the (i) nature of the representations or complaints and (ii) response thereto;

(2) whether any action has been taken as a result; if not, why not; if so, (a) what action and (b) when;

(3) whether the persons living in this area are to be moved; if so, (a) why, (b) when and (c) where; if not,

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(4) whether this area is to be upgraded; if not, why not; if so, when?

†The DEPUTY MINISTER OF CO-OPERATION:

The Fred Clark Camp is an emergency settlement camp and not a squatter camp. The residents of the camp are temporarily housed in corrugated iron and brick buildings, on the understanding that as and when suitable housing in Soweto is made available for them they will be housed there.

(1) Yes, the West Rand Development Board.

(a) From time to time.

(b) The inhabitants of the Fred Clark Camp.

(c) (i) High rental and insufficient facilities were alleged.

(ii) The rental was reduced and the sewerage system was re-conditioned.

(2) Yes.

(a) As indicated under (1)(c)(ii).

(b) The rental was reduced with effect from 1 February 1983 and the sewerage system was reconditioned during November/December 1983.

(3) Yes.

(a) Because facilities there are only temporary.

(b) In the near future. Installation of services in the place of settlement has already been completed and R4,2 million have been made available for the building of core houses. Tenders for the building work have closed already.

(c) Naledi Extension, Soweto.



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(4) No, the inhabitants are to be settled in Naledi Extension.

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Teachers: salaries

\*23. Mr R M BURROWS asked the Minister of Internal Affairs:

With reference to the recently announced increases in salaries and other benefits for teachers with effect from 1 December 1984, what will be the estimated total cost to the State in the current financial year of implementing these increases in (a) October and (b) November 1984?

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION AND TRAINING (for the Minister of Internal Affairs):

- (a) R337 million.  
(b) R281 million.

Teachers: salaries

\*24. Mr R M BURROWS asked the Minister of Internal Affairs:

With reference to the recently announced salary improvements for teachers with effect from 1 December 1984, what is the anticipated cost in respect of a full financial year of the (a) increased promotion possibilities and (b) move towards parity for male and female teachers at post level 27

†The MINISTER OF EDUCATION AND TRAINING (for the Minister of Internal Affairs):

- (a) R94 million.  
(b) R15 million.

Oil procurement

\*25. Mr R R HULLEY asked the Minister of Law and Order:

- (1) Whether, with reference to his reply to Question No 16 on 22 June 1984, the officer concerned has compiled any reports for the South African

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Police which are connected with oil procurement matters; if so, (a) on what specified dates were these reports compiled and (b) to which persons and/or bodies were the reports submitted;

- (2) whether these reports recommended that any action be taken; if so, what action;

- (3) whether any action was taken as a result of these reports; if not, why not; if so, what was the nature of the action taken?

The MINISTER OF LAW AND ORDER:

- (1) No.  
(2) and (3) Fall away.

Mr R R HULLEY: Mr Speaker, arising out of the reply of the hon the Minister, will he tell the House whether the particular officer has compiled any reports for any other department or agency of the State in connection with oil procurement matters?

The MINISTER: No.

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Admission of Persons to the Republic Regulation Act

\*26. Mrs H SUZMAN asked the Minister of Internal Affairs:

- (1) (a) How many appeals were heard in terms of section 6 of the Admission of Persons to the Republic Regulation Act, No 59 of 1972, in each of the latest specified five years for which figures are available and (b) what amount was collected in deposits made in respect of these appeals in terms of section 6 (4) of the said Act in each of these years;

- (2) how many (a) persons were declared prohibited persons and (b) appellants were (i) present at their hearing in terms of section 7 (2) and (ii) represented in terms of section 7 (3) of

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the said Act in each of these five years?

†The DEPUTY MINISTER OF INTERNAL AFFAIRS:

- (1) (a) None, for the period 1 January 1979 until 31 December 1983.

- (b) Falls away.

- (2) (a) 1979: 3 397  
1980: 4 436  
1981: 5 490  
1982: 3 248  
1983: 2 840

- (b) Falls away.

\*27. Mr H H SCHWARZ—Finance—Reply standing over.

Pietermaritzburg: Deeds Office

\*28. Mr R M BURROWS asked the Minister of Community Development:

- (1) Whether there is any delay in registering title deeds in the Deeds Office in Pietermaritzburg; if so, what is the extent of the delay in registering land ownership;

- (2) whether any steps are being taken or are to be taken in respect of the current delay; if not, why not; if so, what steps;

- (3) whether registration of land ownership in the Clermont area is handled in this Deeds Office in chronological order; if not, why not?

†The MINISTER OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT:

- (1) No.  
(2) Falls away.  
(3) Yes.

Nicro: premises in Cape Town

\*29. Mr K M ANDREW asked the Minister of Community Development:

- (1) Whether his Department has taken any steps in respect of the (a) premises of the National Institute for Crime Prevention and Rehabilitation of Offenders (Nicro) in Harrington Street, Cape Town, and/or (b) the use of these premises as a night shelter; if so, (i) what steps, (ii) when and (iii) why;

- (2) whether he has received any representations in this regard; if so, (a) when, (b) from whom and (c) what was the (i) nature of the representations and (ii) response thereto;

- (3) whether his Department owns the Nicro premises in Harrington Street; if so,

- (4) whether any changes are envisaged in the (a) continued existence of the building and (b) use thereof; if so, (i) what changes and (ii) why?

The MINISTER OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT:

- (1) (a) and (b) No.

- (2) Yes.

- (a) At the beginning of 1984.

- (b) From the management of Nicro.

- (c) (i) That the agreement with regard to the lease of the building be extended.

- (ii) The undertaking was given that Nicro will not be given notice to vacate before alternative accommodation has been found.

- (3) Yes.  
(4) (a) No.




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announced at a press  
conference called by the  
University of the Wit-  
watersrand's Develop-  
ment Studies Program-  
me yesterday.

It was claimed that  
Bophuthatswana author-  
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against "squatters" by  
arresting hundreds of  
people in terms of a 1983  
amended Land Act res-  
tricting the land rights of  
non-citizens of the terri-  
tory.

The conference was  
called following an  
announcement by Mr  
David Mokale, Minister  
of Lands and Rural De-  
velopment, that an effec-  
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of the squatters".

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run out".





# Bophuthatswana takes a hard line against squatters

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By Revelation Ntola

The Bophuthatswana Government has declared war on squatters living in the homeland.

Speaking in the Bophuthatswana Parliament yesterday the Minister of Lands and Rural Development, Mr DC Mokale, said the Government's patience with the squatters had run out and that an effective plan had been worked out to finally get rid of the squatters.

The Minister's apparent hardened attitude towards squatters in Bophuthatswana was expressed at time of mounting tension between the Mmabatho Government and people who are opposed to the regime.

The bulk of those opposed to President Lucas Mongope's ruling National Democratic Party are believed to be non-Tswanas.

Flashpoints involving squatters and the threat of forced removals are mainly in areas north of Pretoria and those around Rustenburg where President Mangope seem to be facing his biggest political challenge.

In his parliamentary address, Mr Mokale said squatting in the territory had become the "biggest menace" in the life of Bophuthatswana which was threatening the future of the homeland.

To eradicate squatting and its evils, legislation was needed to prosecute all people falling victim of this malpractice, he said.

"The Government last year passed a law to deal with the problem."

As a follow-up measure to the law the Department of Lands and Rural Development, in collaboration with other government departments, had devised an effective strategy which would lead to the prosecution and purging of what the Minister referred to as the "infested" areas.

## UNDESERVING

Mr Mokale said his Government was working with the South African Government in dealing with the squatter problem.

He listed as the source of the squatters, South Africa, Transkei, Ciskei, kwa-Zulu, kwa-Ndebele, Tanzania, Lesotho and Malawi. He said his government could not continue paying "subsidies to undeserving people" living in the squatter areas.

"If this illegal influx of people is not curbed timeously, the future of our country will be at stake," he said.

He called on all the Tswanas to help in the eradication of the squatter camps and said: "We must not be apologetic about this matter."



# Bop police accused of harassment

Bophuthatswana police, using the tactics of harassment, arbitrary arrest and detention in inadequate conditions, were trying to make life so difficult for the residents of Bosplaas, north of Pretoria, that they would simply leave the area, the Temba Magis-

trate's Court was told yesterday.

Mr Paul Shapiro was acting for the defence in an important test case for almost 50 people charged under the homeland's Land Control

By Jo-Anne Collinge

Amendment Act.

He said residents were detained in inadequate conditions without proper food or blankets for up to three days.

The hearing was postponed to September 12.

In his application for postponement, Mr Shapiro said he hoped to have evidence that the local authority, which is responsible for residence permits, had not been properly appointed.

He had great difficulty obtaining witnesses for this purpose, he said.



# Allegations of arbitrary arrests in 'difficult area'

By Jo-Anne Collinge

Allegations of mass arrests and assault by police have been made by residents of Bosplaas, in the Moretele area of Bophuthatswana, north of Pretoria.

Residents state they were arbitrarily arrested on the streets or in homes at the weekend and taken to Temba police station. Some paid admission of guilt fines of R30.

Others who could not afford fines said they were held overnight and discharged after a brief appearance in the Temba Magistrate's Court on Monday.

The District Commandant for the Odi-Moretele area, Lieutenant-Colonel M A Molohe, confirmed that a hundred people could have been arrested. That was a normal figure for the Temba area, which he described as "very, very difficult".

Colonel Molohe said charges normally included illegal squatting, dagga possession and dealing and arms offences.

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He emphasised squatting offences, stating: "All those people who want to work in Pretoria, Babelagi and surrounding areas come and settle in the Temba area which is over populated."

The colonel denied his men had beaten or maltreated those arrested.

The latest crackdown came within weeks of a statement by Bophuthatswana Minister of Lands and Rural Development, Mr D C Mokale, that "squatters" would be severely dealt with. It is also a sequel to a University of the Witwaters-

rand research team's reports that hundreds of non-Tswana residents were arrested last month and many charged under the Land Control Amendment Act. This was the law which Mr Mokale said had been specially framed to dispose of "squatters".

## NON-TSWANA

Colonel Molohe confirmed that his men were applying this provision, which hits non-Tswanas particularly hard. Researchers claim about 80 per cent of the population is non-Tswana and that most of this group was settled in Odi-Moretele long before Bophuthatswana existed.

Residents affected by the latest swoop claimed they had no idea what offences they were alleged to have committed, although they had paid admissions of guilt. Their receipts indicated only that they were held in terms of the Criminal Procedures Act.

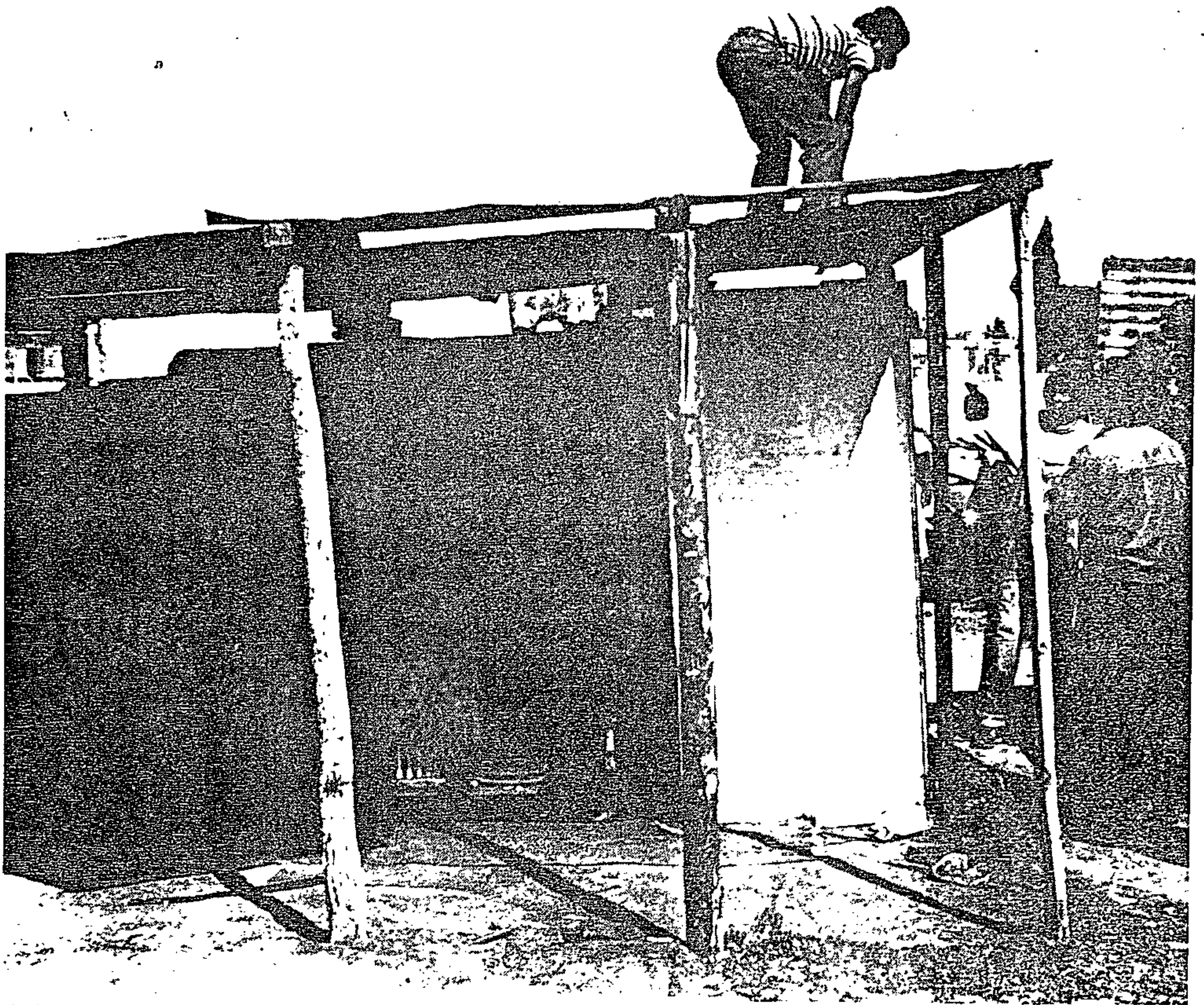
One man said he was repeatedly beaten and asked to pay up but he had not had the money. He had spent Sunday night in a cell containing 13 men, he said. Several other cells in the police station had also been full, he added.

By yesterday researchers had documented 47 cases of weekend arrests. In addition to allegations of beating, there had been some claims that police had placed belts around the necks of arrested men and pulled them around in this fashion. Colonel Molohe said he did not believe his men would do this.

A young man related that the police had locked all gates to the yard where he lived, cornering residents and visitors for arrest.



# SPOT THE DIF



## The shacks Wrab wants pulled down in Bekkersdal . . .

IF YOU thought all shacks were the same, think again. The West Rand Development Board has issued a stern warning to Bekkersdal residents to pull down

backyard shacks — and started putting up its own.

And while the board considers all other shacks in the area illegal, the same doesn't apply to the 60 structures they've put up in the township's western buf-

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**By MARTIN NTSOELENGOE**

fer. These, too, are tin structures — the same as those residents have been ordered to break down.

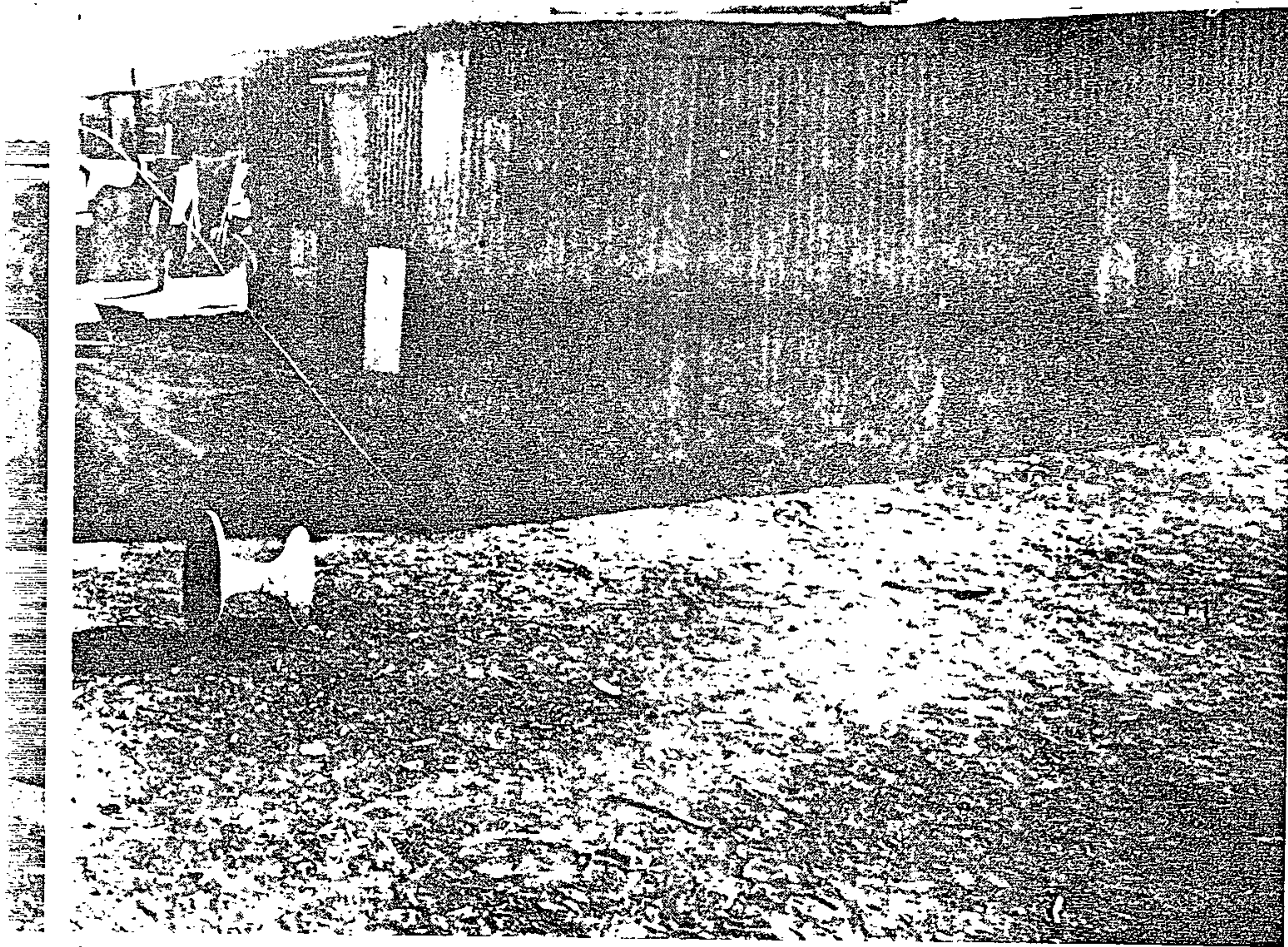
But the authorities have a quick answer to that argument —

they say they're building their own shacks to ease the housing backlog.

"It's strange," complained. "When we try to do it ourselves, we are told we are



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the law. But when they do it, they call it easing the backlog.

"I think what they're doing is illegal, because they want to take money from the people moving into the shacks."

According to residents, authorities started getting nasty after ordering permit-holders to collect R17 a month from all dwellers in backyard structures, and hand the money to Wrab.

Residents refused to do this, saying

that they did not want to act as "agents" for the board.

Then heads started rolling, and the directive was issued that all shacks must go. An official circular stated that if a tenant ignored the directive to pull down shacks, they would be prosecuted.

This didn't give the residents much option, and they duly broke down the controversial backyard structures. And when City Press visited the area this week shack-dwellers were pack-

ing up.

Assistant community services director J F de Jager said they decided to build the structures because there was a critical housing shortage in the area.

So, structures of this nature are going to be a common sight in Bekkersdal. In all, Mr de Jager said, the board intended putting up 460 of these — and they'd all be considered legal.



# Squatters kicked out

ABOUT 80 squatters who have been housed in three East Rand churches for the past 10 months, were at the weekend thrown out of the premises by the churches' congregations.

The squatters, including children, were housed in six tents at the Anglican, Roman Catholic and Lutheran churches premises in Katlehong near Germiston, after they were raided and arrested by East Rand Development Board police and officials in October last year.

When they were arrested, they were staying at a farm on the outskirts of Katlehong with the full knowledge of the board.

The Witwatersrand Council of Churches (WCC) came to their rescue and talked to the priests of the three churches who agreed to provide them with shelter until their case was over.

The squatters were thrown out of the premises after the ministers

of the three churches had met with the officials of the WCC last week and informed them they could no longer accommodate them because of pressure from their congregations, and that they should leave the churches' premises.

The first group of the squatters left on Friday night and the rest on Saturday.

They have all disappeared into Katlehong and Thokoza townships and The SOWETAN yesterday could not trace their whereabouts.

The Rev Matthews Motukisi of the Lutheran Church said the agreement between the churches and WCC was that the squatters would be accommodated at the churches' premises until their case was over.

The squatters were acquitted in April.

The Rev Zacharia Mohutsioa of the Anglican Church said: "The behaviour of some of the squatters was unbecoming and contributed to my congregation put-

ting pressure on me to ask the squatters to leave the premises."

Bishop Simeon

Nkoane, the president of the WCC said: "We will continue to give material and spiritual

support to the squatters at all times and will continue to keep in touch with them."

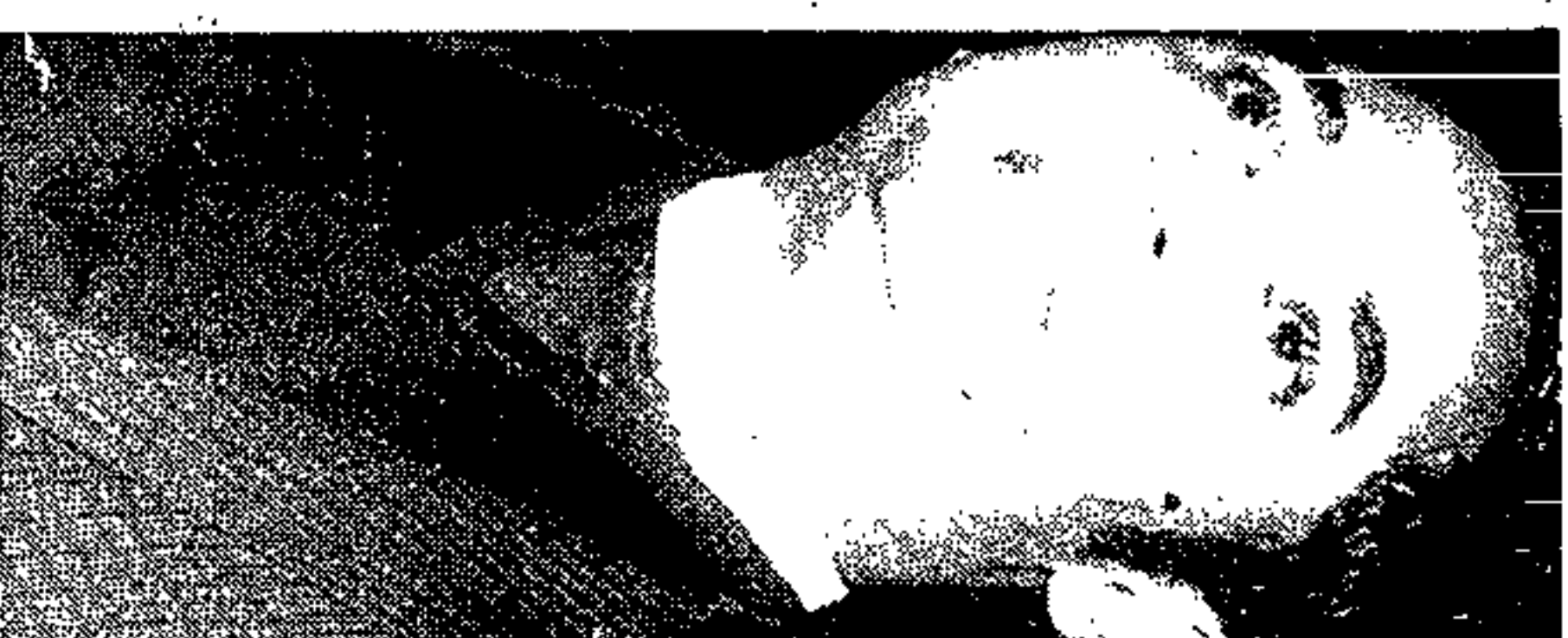


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**Eviction  
looms  
for 80  
families**



THE REV CECIL  
BEGBIE: Of the Wit-  
watersrand Council of  
Churches.



**THE 80 squatter families evicted from their camp by East Rand Administration Board police last year are back in the veld — without shelter, water and ablution facilities.**

And the East Rand Development Board, formerly Erab, is preparing to raid them again and all those who do not qualify for urban areas will be sent to the homelands.

As reported in yesterday's **SOWETAN** the squatters were at the weekend thrown out of three churches they stayed at since last year after congregations had demanded their removal. Now they are back in the veld, and once more face raids by Eradebo.

### Children

Mr F E Marx, chief director of the East Rand Development Board told **The SOWETAN** yesterday that the board would raid the squatters again and if any do not qualify to stay in the urban areas the board will repatriate them to their designated homelands.

## **SOWETAN Reporter**

The squatters, including children, were housed in six tents at the Anglican, Roman Catholic and Lutheran church premises in Katlehong township near Germiston.

The squatters were thrown out of the churches after the ministers of the three churches had requested them to leave early last week.

Mr Marx said: "These people have no right to squat in the veld or to stay in the urban areas if they do not qualify to do so. We are going to investigate their presence in the township and all those who do not qualify will be sent back to the homelands."

A team of reporters from **The SOWETAN** found a number of squatters, mostly women and children, staying in makeshift shacks and in scrapped motorcars in the veld on the outskirts of Katlehong.

They told **The SOWETAN** that they had no alternative accommodation.

One of the squatters said they had done nothing to deserve the treatment they were getting from

the officials of the board.

He said: "We have nowhere to go and we will continue staying in the veld and if the board's police and officials arrest us again it is up to them. We feel that since we were found not guilty and acquitted by a commissioner's court magistrate in April we qualify like anybody in Katlehong to stay in the urban areas."

### No water

The squatters have no water and toilet facilities and have to walk a distance of about 2 km to fetch water in the township.

The Rev Cecil Begbie, the vice-president of the Witwatersrand Council of Churches (WCC), said yesterday they will keep in contact with the squatters and will continue helping them.

The WCC came to the rescue of the squatters after they were arrested and since then they have been giving them material and spiritual support.

Mr Begbie said that at the moment WCC had not decided on what steps to take concerning the future of the squatters.



## Appeal on squatters

AN APPEAL to the East Rand Development Board to have compassion for the squatters who were evicted from three church premises in Kaitlhomg last week has been made by the Witwatersrand Council of Churches (WCC).

The squatters were told to leave the Anglican, Lutheran and Roman Catholic churches where they were temporarily housed in tents after the congregations of these churches put pressure on their ministers to evict the squatters.

The vice-president of the WCC, Reverend Cecil Begbie, said the East Rand Development Board must have compassion for the squatters.

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# WCCC pledges to aid squatters

## SOWETAN Reporter

THE Witwatersrand Council of Churches has sought an urgent appointment with the East Rand Development Board to discuss the plight of the Katlehong squatters who were evicted from three church premises last week.

After being evicted from the church premises the squatters erected shacks with pieces of corrugated iron and cardboard at the Motloung Section coal yards.

Last night the WCC put up tents in which the squatters were accommodated because the shacks were inadequate protection from the cold weather.

The Reverend Cecil Begbie, vice-chairman of the WCC, said the organisation has asked for an urgent appointment with the chief director of the East Rand Development Board, Mr F E Marx to discuss the squatters' plight.

The earliest that Mr Marx could see the WCC is next Tuesday, Mr Begbie said.

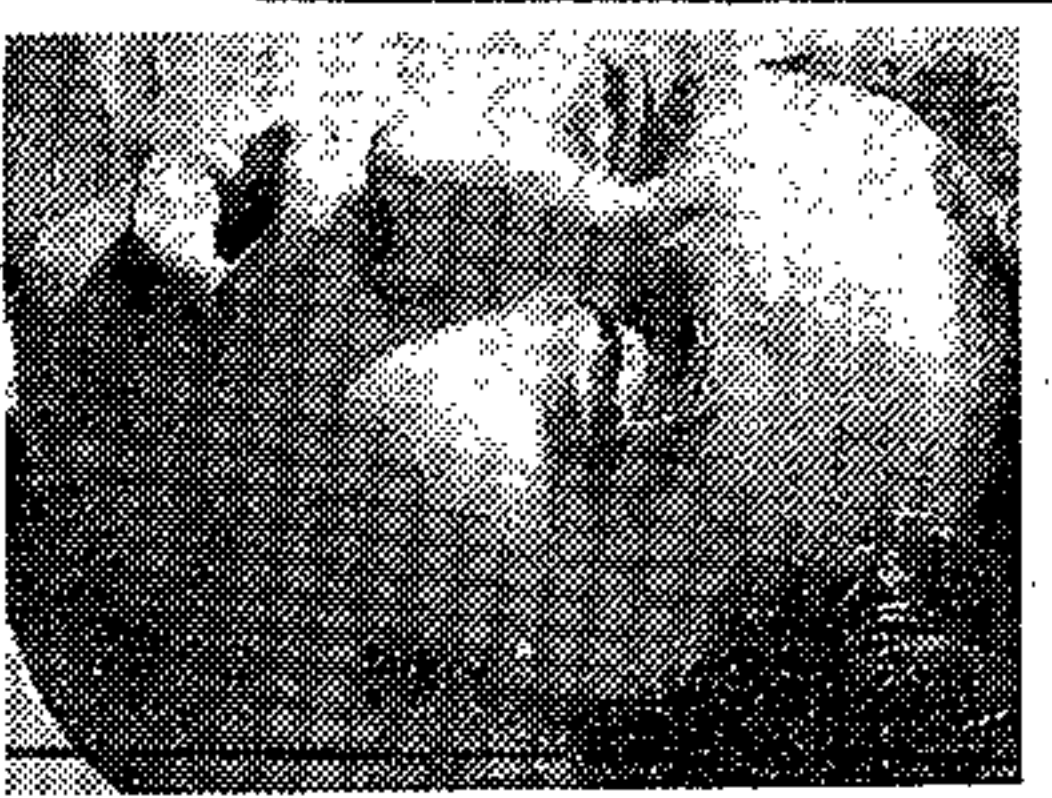
"After Bishop (Simon) Nkoane — president of the WCC — and I had visited the area and seen the squatters exposed to the inclement weather we decided to pitch up four tents for them.

"There are at the moment about 20 adults and 14 children in the squatters' camp and when I saw these people and their children shivering in the cold weather I realised I could not sleep comfortably myself and had no alternative but to pitch the tents for them," Mr Begbie said.

He added that the WCC was temporarily providing the squatters with shelter and said he hoped that the Development Board would assist them with proper accommodation.

Mr Begbie said his council would also provide the squatters with food and blankets and he appealed for assistance from members of the community.

"Our Christian conscience could not allow us to go to bed with all these people left out in the cold," Mr Begbie said.



VICE-CHAIRMAN: The Rev Cecil Begbie.



# Eviction after eviction for Katlehong homeless

By Abel Mabelane

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While attention is focused on the squatter camps at KTC in the Western Cape and Winterveld in Bophuthatswana, a small band of people is suffering only 25 km from Johannesburg.

These are the Katlehong squatters. Their numbers vary because they come and go. But there are at the moment 20 adults and 14 children squatting at the Motloung Section coalyards. They were evicted from the premises of Anglican, Lutheran and Roman Catholic churches last week after congregations put pressure on their ministers to get rid of them.

"All we want is to be accepted as human beings with a basic need for a normal family life, work and the right to pursue our happiness," the squatters said.

Squatting has always been a sensi-

tive issue and the authorities maintain that these squatters have no permission to be where they are and must go.

But the squatters regard themselves as people who are entitled to houses, as is everyone else.

The squatters in Katlehong have been supported materially and spiritually by the Witwatersrand Council of Churches (WCC). The WCC says it does not accept the division of human beings into "legals" and "illegals".

"Our Christian conscience could not allow us to go to bed comfortably with all those people left out in the cold. We as a church do not divide people into 'legals' and 'illegals'. To us they are all human beings and all God's children," said WCC vice-president the Rev Cecil Begbie.

The WCC has provided the squatters, who were living in shacks made of cor-

rugated iron and cardboard, with tents. Sometimes violence is involved when squatters are removed. This was the case in Katlehong last October when the squatters were forcibly removed from the East Rand Administration Board (now Development Board) Training Centre.

The squatters were temporarily accommodated at the centre by the board and were later evicted when they refused to be repatriated to their homelands.

When the squatters failed to vacate land on which they were dumped after being evicted from the training centre, police and board officials raided them on October 4.

The squatters, alleging that force was used, laid charges of assault. The case is pending.

About 18 of the squatters arrested in

the raids subsequently appeared in the Germiston Commissioner's Court in April charged with being in the prescribed area of Germiston without permission. They were found not guilty and discharged.

The squatters were temporarily housed in tents on the church premises after the court case. When they were evicted last week they moved to the Motloung Section coalyards.

"We have asked the chief director of the East Rand Development Board (Mr F E Marx) for an urgent appointment to discuss the squatters' plight. He has agreed to meet us next Tuesday," said Mr Begbie.

The squatters said they were wondering if the meeting between the board and the WCC would give them a new lease of life or result in another raid by the board police and officials.



# Squatters reprieved

THE "COALYARD SQUATTERS" in Katlehong township near Germiston, who were supposed to be repatriated to the homelands, were this week granted reprieve by the East Rand Development Board (Eradebo).

About 40 squatters, who include children,

were evicted from the three local churches where they were temporarily accommodated two weeks back. The squatters were staying at the Roman Catholic, Anglican and Lutheran churches.

Reverend Cecil Begbie, the vice-president of the Witwatersrand

Council of Churches (WCC) said they met senior officials of Eradebo on Tuesday to discuss the plight and future of the squatters.

## Tents

Rev Begbie said the talks were "fruitful" and negotiations will continue at a later date. He said that the Katlehong Town Council will be invited to future talks.

Mr Begbie said Eradebo has promised not to interfere with the squatters until the talks are concluded.

The WCC has provided the squatters with seven tents, which have been erected in an open veld near a coalyard on the outskirts of Katlehong.



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## Sowetan squatters deadline

People illegally living in rooms and shacks within the boundaries of the Meadowlands Hostel have two weeks to leave the area.

In a statement Diepmeadow's new town clerk, Mr S.P.J. van Rensburg, said the squatting had resulted in "numerous problems with the maintenance of minimum acceptable health standards in the Meadowlands Hostel".

The warning made clear the council's intention to inform the media of its present and future moves on the issue.

It advised all the "illegals" to remove themselves and their possessions from the area "as the council will not entertain any claims in respect of loss or damage to property resulting from the forcible removal thereof".



## Diepmeadow threatens force to move squatters

By Revelation Ntola

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A threat to use force to remove 1 000 shack dwellers from the Mzimhlophe transit camp in Soweto was made yesterday by the Diepmeadow Town Council town secretary, Mr G Grinker.

Mr Grinker said the people had been given two weeks' notice and it would not be reversed or extended.

"If the shack dwellers ignore the deadline, the council will have no alternative but to remove them by force," he said.

Alternative accommodation was the responsibility of the Department of Co-operation and Development and not the council, Mr Grinker said.

In a circular sent to the dwellers, the council's

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town clerk, Mr S P J van Rensburg, said: "No more delays can be permitted as numerous previous warnings have been issued and ignored."

The council would not be held responsible for damage to property in the event of forced removals.

Mr Grinker said that originally only 300 families had qualified to be rehoused at Mzimhlophe. The figure had soared to 1 200 and more people were now flooding the congested camp.

"We went out of our way to extend our list from 300 to 1 200 but the situation has now got out of hand," he said.

The council was under pressure from the Department of Health to demolish the shacks.



# Bophuthatswana workers have no place in the sun

Within sight of the spectacular new government offices, shopping centres and residences in Mmabatho are clusters of tin shacks.

The shack-dwellers — many of whom commute several hours each day for wages of less than R20 a week, if they are lucky enough to have jobs — have seen Bophuthatswana Government revenues used to form a new indigenous elite.

If development has come to Bophuthatswana — as its government's mouthpieces claim — the bulk of the population has been unaffected.

Professor Karl Magyar, a former economic adviser to the government of Bophuthatswana, and now at the Universi-

ing the masses directly. "This type of investment is aimed at the white South African spender in Bophuthatswana, and provides relatively few jobs for the labour force in menial staffing capacities."

While President Lucas Mangope gives frequent reassurances of his government's liberal intentions in allowing free enterprise to operate there, this has no relevance to the masses who have little chance of accumulating capital.

Instead, argues Professor Magyar, what exists is State-capitalism, with the government taking on the function of the directorate of a corporation.

Reviewing the list of projects in which the gov-

South African states. Many observers find this difficult to understand in the light of his enthusiastic acceptance of complete independence in 1977.

Professor Magyar says these claims of a commitment to federation also do not coincide with the approach to economic development.

"The accommodation of federal forms requires different policies from those which seek to develop genuine self-sufficiency as in the case of independent countries. Federalism involves planning for a permanent relationship in the areas of employment, capital movement, aid, infrastructural extensions, fis-

Underdevelopment and unemployment in South Africa's black homelands are problems which could trigger widespread social and political unrest if left unattended much longer, say the experts. In a recent series of articles in *Indicator South Africa*, published by the Centre for Applied Social Sciences at Natal University, they examined the prospects for development in these troubled areas.

In the third and final part of this series, ANDREW BEATTIE looks at some of the problems in this regard facing Bophuthatswana.

ty of Durban-Westville, says there is a failure to implement, enforce, supervise and monitor developmental progress in the homelands. He points out that high growth rates — as claimed by Bophuthatswana — may be misleading.

This is because only a fraction of the population accrues increases in wages or profits, and a large portion of the Gross Domestic Product goes to foreign shareholders.

## BENEFIT

He writes that the bulk of development schemes in Bophuthatswana are aimed chiefly at reflecting an increase in GNP.

The Bophuthatswana Government is inclined towards investment in grandiose, high-profile public projects, says Professor Magyar.

He highlights the Sun City project as one of those which focuses mainly on increasing GNP as against those which focus on benefit-

ernment of Bophuthatswana is investing its funds, one finds the following: a game lodge in Pilanesberg; an extension and possibility of a new hotel near Sun City; a hotel, casino and game reserve at Thaba Nchu; a new parliament building and government offices in Mmabatho; the establishment of Bop-TV; a new international airport; and a second hotel at Mmabatho, to mention a few.

Even if profitable, these schemes tie up funds that could be used for mass development, instead of merely creating a new black elite.

Professor Magyar pinpoints the lack of clarity on the position of permanent political ties between homelands and the South African Government as a major factor hindering economic development.

Recently, President Lucas Mangope again emphasised his commitment to a federation of

cal policies, and overall policy co-ordination.

"Working towards independence calls for a reduction of these ties and for the more painful attempt to develop diversification and self-sufficiency at any cost," writes Professor Magyar.

## STRATEGY

The result of this lack of clarity offers the economic planner a very weak base on which to formulate an appropriate strategy.

Bophuthatswana has the option of remaining an integral part of South Africa. The South African economy needs the labour available in the homelands and they in turn need the capital, managerial, technological and organisational leadership offered by South Africans.

The rhetoric of "independence" imposes restrictions which in many ways limit the development of this region.



costs, while the public would specially strive to lead the continent, along with its neighbours, to an era of progress and prosperity.  
"Our task is never complete," Mr Botha said.

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were 57 councillors and 57 of seven members: transport com- ment.

## Squatters to know fate

THE fate of squatters in the Meadowlands hostel will be determined at a meeting of the Diepmeadow Town Council at Central Camp at Diepkloof today.

The councillors' decision will affect about 200 people who were given two weeks to leave the hostel premises at the beginning of this month.

The deadline expired last week, and no action was taken by the council, which had threatened strong action against the squatters in a letter delivered to the Press.

The Diepmeadow Town Clerk, Mr J van Rensburg, said: "I have handed the squatter issue over to the mayor, Mr J Mahuhushe and councillors to decide what action to take, now that the deadline given to them (squatters) has lapsed."

He was quick to point out that the squatters issue was a long-standing one and not connected with the present unrest in Soweto.

People at the hostel told The SOWETAN this week that a census was conducted at the place earlier this month.

A woman who refused to be named said: "There were people who entered all houses taking down the name of the permit holder, the number of family members and the number of rooms occupied."

The hostel people said that they had been informed that people staying in make-shift rooms constructed next to the council hostel buildings will be evicted and the shacks demolished.



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### A stand for scholars

EDUCATION Alive has obtained a stand at the forthcoming Soweto Homemakers Festival



## Evictions leave 5 families homeless

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By Tembi Mbopo

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Five squatter families in Lenasia have complained about the high-handed manner in which they were evicted and their shacks destroyed before they could find alternative accommodation.

The Rev Johannes Makaleng said five families, including his own, had been living at the Lenasia Garden Market farm for the past six years.

"We arranged to stay on the plot with Mr K Patel, the owner. Some of us also helped him around the farm," Mr Makaleng said.

He said he was surprised when officials of the Department of Community Development came to evict the residents, destroying the shacks and damaging some of their belongings in the process.

Last week six shacks and a church were demolished, he said.

Officials had also removed 34 corrugated iron sheets and four window frames.

### BABY'S CLOTHES

"I lost about R1 300 in cash, a cassette radio, two tape radios and a set of sockets and spanners during the raid," Mr Makaleng said.

He said R700 of the money was church funds, R450 belonged to a football club of which his son was an official, and the rest to his daughter-in-law.

"My daughter-in-law Marcia, who has a 14-months-old baby girl — lost all the baby's clothes and doctor's cards in the fire," Mr Makaleng said.

Asked to comment, a spokesman for the Department of Community Development said all queries should be made during the coming week.



# Irate families threaten to squat on pavements

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By Yussuf Nazeer

In an angry reaction to the Conservative Party's moves to have "illegal" tenants thrown out of Hillbrow and Berea, coloured and Indian families who cannot find alternative accommodation have threatened to squat on city pavements.

And the authorities responsible for housing Indian and coloured people made it clear today that there are no homes or land available in Indian and coloured group areas.

Spokesmen for the Johannesburg City Council and the Department of Public Works and Land Affairs (formerly Community Development) responsible for providing houses for Indians and coloured people said they would not be responsible

for providing alternative accommodation for evicted families should they become city squatters.

The council's coloured housing department said housing would become available for some families by next June.

Five families, asserting they would have nowhere to go if they were evicted, said they would have to squat on the pavements. They would remain there, they said, until the Government "which spawned the Group Areas Act and is responsible for limiting homes and land for coloured and Indian people, provides accommodation".

Residents threatened with eviction hit out at the right-wing Conservative Party of Dr Andries Treurnicht, who, together

with the party's regional chairman, Mr Clive Derby-Lewis, recently launched a campaign to clear coloured people and Indians out of white areas.

A coloured nurse working in a white nursing home said: "Dr Treurnicht was a member of the political party which passed the Group Areas Act. It is this act that has been directly responsible for creating the artificial shortage of homes and land for non-white people. So he must first pro-

vide us with homes if he wants us out of here."

Worried tenants called on the Government to take action against Dr Treurnicht and Mr Derby-Lewis who, they claimed, were whipping up "racial hostility".

Two years ago there was a "witch-hunt" for coloured and Indian families in white areas. Hundreds of people were taken to court and several were prosecuted.

Some families evicted in Bertrams and Mayfair squatted on pavements.



# Squatters reprieved

SQUATTER families living at the Meadowlands hostel have been reprieved by the Diepmeadow Town Council.

The mayor of Diepmeadow Mr J Mahuhushi said last week: "We are not going to move people living at the hostel but will investigate and upgrade their living conditions. We will also look into the possibility of providing alternative accommodation elsewhere".

The Diepmeadow Town Clerk, Mr J van Rensburg, confirmed that they were no longer going to move "illegals".

The plight of more than 1 000 people who include families from Kliptown hit headlines when the Diepmeadow Town Council issued a pamphlet threatening "to remove all illegal people who failed to move voluntarily out of cussion during the monthly meeting.

Surprisingly the matter was not even mentioned at the councillors' meeting at the Diepkloof Central Camp last month.

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# Bus-dwellers vow to fight for homes

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By Jo-Anne Collinge

Alexandra residents who were forced to move into shacks and old buses when their homes were demolished last year are determined to get new housing of their choice at rents they can afford.

At a weekend meeting about 70 "bus and zincs" residents resolved that none of them would move into the newly built flats until rents were fixed at an acceptable level — no higher than R50 a month.

## FIGHT

They also said they would fight for the right to a house rather than a flat for anybody who preferred this.

The meeting was called in response to a statement by the Alexandra Town Council that the new flats will be allo-

cated from the beginning of November. Mayor the Rev Sam Buti has promised that those in temporary shelters will have first option to the flats.

Members of the Bus and Zincs Representative Committee say it has been ascertained that a family flat will cost R183 a month and a smaller flat R113.

The move to establish the rents of flats before residents moved in comes as a sequel to protests in mid-year when the rents for the first low-cost houses in the scheme shot up more than tenfold. For more than a year residents had been paying a nominal rental of about R10 and were shocked when rents were finally fixed.

The revised rents were temporarily dropped due to a technical hitch.



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# Vaal shacks are bulldozed

MEMBERS of the Orange Vaal Development Board bulldozed several shacks, and arrested dwellers in an early morning raid in Small Farm, Evaton on Monday.

A bereaved mother of two week-old twins, Ms Maria Moloi, whose one twin died on Monday, claimed she was slapped and fondled on the thighs by a white man who ordered her to pack "bag and baggage" out of their shack before

it was bulldozed. Because of the razing of shacks, the Moloi funeral had to be in the open air with no building for the ceremony.

Several other shack dwellers described how they were ordered out of their homes without notice and their premises destroyed. "We are homeless and do not know where to go," they told The SOWETAN yesterday. And yesterday an

emotion-charged funeral service held in the open air in honour of Daniel Moloi (one of the twins), who died at the Sebokeng Hospital was conducted by an executive member of the Vaal Priests Solidarity Group, the Rev Peter Lenko.

He slammed the local authorities for not giving people notice to vacate the premises. "This is an evil action intended at intimidating our people. The oppressed people shall always revolt against such action," he told mourners.



THE OPEN AIR funeral of Daniel Moloi after his home was razed by development board inspectors. His coffin can be seen on the chair.

FIG: JOE MOLEFE

After the service mourners were ferried to the Evaton cemetery where the young Daniel was buried. On Monday several shack dwellers claimed to have been assaulted and arrested by board inspectors. Two buses were re-

ported to have been stoned by an angry mob following the demolition of shacks in the area. Mrs Emily Mokoena said at 10.30 am on Monday she was threatened with arrest after being asked to produce her reference book. She

was slapped, put in a van and taken out for no reason. Thereafter a bulldozer demolished her house. Mrs Maria Moloi, whose child died on Sunday, said she was making funeral prepara-

tions when officers came to her house and ordered her to take her property out. "I explained to them that I had a funeral of my son but they did not listen. One white slapped and fondled me on the buttocks and thigh."



# Merle is mum to squatter families

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By Kathy O'Reilly

Late one night, 17 years ago, a stabbed man was unceremoniously dumped on Mrs Merle Beetge's lawn.

It marked the beginning of a unique friendship between her and nearly 1 000 people living in an isolated squatter community on Wieler's Farm, near Ennerdale, south of Johannesburg.

When someone is injured, or in labour, when there is a pass raid, when their shacks are burned down — there is one person they can turn to: "Mmabuka" — the Book Mother.

The community lives in converted cattle kraals, in appalling conditions, but they have nowhere else to go.

Because the authorities want them to leave, they continually face pass raids and their shacks are sometimes burned down.

"The nearest bus stop is nearly 10 km away," says Mrs Beetge. "An ambulance service, which took 13 years to get, is unreliable — the ambulances are usually late and always badly equipped.

"But this is their home, where they belong.

"Many of them are victims of urbanisation — they were farm labourers on farms that don't exist anymore. Their work has gone, but they can't leave.

"One woman came here with her husband from the Free State 40 years ago. He died recently and she was given two days to leave.

"Where to? This is her home now," says Mrs Beetge passionately.

A mother of three, petite and soft-spoken Mrs Beetge also has a full time job, but when she gets home there are "usually three or four people waiting for me.

"They often need help with legal matters like getting a pension, or fill-



MERLE BEETGE — a unique friendship with nearly 1 000 squatters.

ing in forms of any kind. I just do whatever I can," says Mrs Beetge modestly. "I've played midwife many times," she laughs.

As the community's "watchdog", Mrs Beetge makes sure they know their rights. If someone is unfairly dismissed, she will try to get legal representation for them.

Many of the older people don't know they are eligible for pensions, or that a disability pension must be re-applied for annually.

Mrs Beetge takes them to various government offices — she's clocked up 63 000 km this year — helps them fill in application forms and makes sure they get their money.

Mrs Beetge admits that her white skin usually helps to get the slow wheels of government administration going. "If I

go with them there's more chance of achieving something. It seems impossible for a black person to get anything done unless he has a letter from a white person," she says despairingly.

The community has now elected a committee. They are proud, courageous, resolute. "Their homes are tiny, with no electricity or running water, but they're immaculate," says Mrs Beetge.

"They are so positive. Despite their hardships, they have a lovely sense of humour and little bit-terness."

And, thanks to their "Mmabuka", they also have hope.

● At the weekend hundreds of the farm's squatters were rounded up by police. Mmabuka is once again a very busy woman.



# Arrested squatters cannot pay bail

**Mall Reporter**

MOST of the squatters arrested in a midnight raid on Weiler's Farm, in the Vaal, at the weekend are still in custody because they cannot afford to pay their bail.

Bail was fixed at R30 for each of the 150 squatters when they appeared before Mr J H S Gericke, in the Sebokeng Commissioner's Court this week, on charges of failing to produce their reference books, being in the area without permission and squatting.

Most were remanded in custody for not having bail money and will appear in court again on November 30.

An appeal was made to the South African Council of Churches to assist in paying the bail of the squatters, particularly those who have left children and aged without care.

Yesterday scores of children were roaming around the farm after having been left alone.

The squatters were arrested at about 1.30am on Saturday after police and soldiers in "hippos" surrounded the farm.

By yesterday only a few had managed to raise the R30 bail money.

Thabo Mokoena, said he was nine years-old and had to look after his younger brother since both his parents were still in custody after they had been picked up in the raid.

"This is the third time that I have to play father to little brother Mpho," he said yesterday.

"The first time when the police came and took my parents away I cried myself to sleep, but now I and my younger brother have to do without parents," he said.

Several pregnant women and invalids were also not arrested but their husbands were rounded up.

The owner of the farm, Mr Walter Weiler, said this week that he had given the arrested people notice in July to leave the farm.



# Unsung Heroine 1984

Mrs Merle Beetge of Johannesburg has been chosen the Unsung Heroine of 1984 by senior members of The Star's editorial staff. For 17 years she has given unstintingly of her time, money and energy to help ease the burden of hundreds of squatter families on Wieler's Farm, near Ennerdale, south of Johannesburg. While she and her daughters have faced intimidation because of her activities, Mrs Beetge is undeterred in her pursuit of justice. This special category of the Woman of the Year awards featured nine women selected by our readers who felt their good works deserved wider recognition. They and their sponsors were guests at the gala Woman of the Year luncheon today. Women's Page editor Marika Sboros handed Mrs Beetge a cheque for R500, and her sponsor, Mr Sam Moloi, of Johannesburg, received R50.



MERLE BEETGE — Mmabuka to hundreds of squatter families.

By Marika Sboros  
Women's Page Editor

Mrs Merle Beetge is a woman who refuses to turn aside in the face of other people's suffering.

For the past 17 years she has done everything in her power to ease the burden of the hundreds of squatters who live nearby on Wieler's Farm, near Ennerdale, south of Johannesburg.

She has developed a unique friendship with the troubled squatters, who affectionately call her "Mmabuka" — the "Book Mother".

Mrs Beetge has set up a one-woman advice office to cope with the flood of people ravaged by pass raids, laid low by malnutrition and desperate living conditions.

Though she holds down a full-time job, she always finds the time to help these people to help themselves.

At personal and financial expense, Mrs Beetge has ferried the sick to hospital, acted as emergency midwife, taken food to starving children, organised legal aid and cared for children of people who were victims of regular pass raids.

Wieler's farm was raided 10 days ago and hundreds of people were arrested. Mmabuka was immediately summoned to help and comfort those left behind.

As the community's "watchdog", she makes sure they know their rights. She makes herself available to help them exercise their rights as far as is humanly possible.

The cost has been great for this woman, who is frail only in stature.

Her marriage cracked under the strain of her relentless pursuit of justice for the squatters.

"There were other factors involved, obviously," says Mrs Beetge, but she admits that her work with the squatters was a key factor that led to the break-up of her marriage.

Her three daughters, aged 17, 13 and 12, cannot walk home from school as their safety has been threatened by people who resent her helping the squatters.

A labourer on her smallholding was savagely beaten for no apparent reason. Her car has been forced off the road by drivers she does not recognise.

Another of her smallholding labourers jumped a fence to avoid being knocked down by a car whose driver had sat outside her house, revving the car's engine.

But intimidation will not deter Mrs Beetge from her avowed determination to help the people "whose only crime is

that they are homeless".

With her grassroots help, the beleaguered squatter community has organised a committee, and it is chairman Mr Sam Moloi who sponsored Mrs Beetge for the award.

Mr Moloi praised her unstinting devotion and tireless energy in helping the squatters over a long period.

In turn Mrs Beetge describes the squatters as "a proud, courageous and resolute people", and is full of praise for their immaculate homes in shacks that are often razed to the ground as the authorities insist they move elsewhere.

"They cope under the most appalling conditions, and survive where I am sure I couldn't," she says.

Far from representing a new or dramatic influx into urban areas, these squatter communities

largely comprise people with established urban rights, but no homes to go to, says Mrs Beetge.

"These are people who have lived on the land all their lives, and their parents before them. Suddenly someone tells them they have to go."

"Many were farm labourers on farms that don't exist any more," she says.

Her daughters have always played happily with the squatters' children and Mrs Beetge has encouraged the friendships.

She feels her daughters have emerged as strong characters in the face of public animosity.

"They have learnt to stand up for themselves and for what they believe in. It hasn't always been easy, but I am proud of the way they have turned out," she says.



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## No charges for farm squatters

By SOPHIE TEMA

ALL charges were withdrawn yesterday against 52 farm squatters — after the farmer's evidence was described as insufficient.

The 52 squatters appeared in the Sebokeng Magistrate's Court on charges of failing to produce their reference books, being in a prescribed area without permission and squatting.

Charges against a further 137 squatters who were to appear in the same court on Tuesday next week are also to be withdrawn.

The squatters were arrested on Weiler's Estate, a farm near Grasmere, after a midnight raid by the police and army.

Mr Walter Weiler, who claims to be the owner of the farm, said in court that the raid was carried out as a result of a letter he had written to the Commissioner of Co-operation and Development asking to get the "Bantu squatters" off the farm.

Mr Weiler claimed he wanted the squatters off the land because he was prospecting a diamond mine.

A letter written by Mr Weiler was read in court. In this he claimed that the diamond mine was the biggest in the world and six times as big as Kimberley.

Mr Jack Unterhalter, appearing for the defence, said a mining inspector had visited the farm and found that Mr Weiler was contravening the Precious Stones Act.

Mr Unterhalter told the court that Mr Weiler was acting unlawfully and did not have the right to prospect on the farm.

Mr Unterhalter also said Mr Weiler's evidence was not sufficient to prove he was even the lawful owner of the farm.

Mr Weiler told the court that the farm had previously been owned by himself and his brother, but was placed under liquidation in August 1980.

He said now that his son had bought out his brother's shares, the farm was no longer under liquidation.

But Mr Weiler told the court he had no documentation to prove that the liquidation had been completed and said the agreement between his son and his brother was verbal.



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# SQUATTER

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By MZIKAYISE EDOM

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Families told The SOWETAN yesterday that they were given permission to erect their shacks by Mr Sinaba after they had paid R50 a family for a "shack permit" for the "sites" at the farm.

The youngest member of the group which spent the whole of Tuesday night under the verandah of the offices is eight-months-old. The families had to seek cover under the verandah as it was raining for most of the night. Some of the people had no warm clothes and had to look for wood to make a fire.

Mr Sinaba has confirmed allowing the families to erect shacks at the farm but has denied collecting R50 from each family and giving them permits and sites to put up structures.

### Chased

He said: "These people have nowhere to go and most of them have been chased away by house owners where they previously stayed. For the past two years now the Daveyton Town Council has promised these families sites in Holfontein to build their own houses but until now nothing has happened."

The families, Mr Sinaba said, would continue erecting shacks at the farm until they were allowed to have a roof over their heads and lead a "decent life like anybody else."



SOME OF THE SQUATTERS at the offices of the Daveyton Town Council. They have nowhere to stay.

## Corpse horror

By ELLIOT TSHINGWALA

A NINE-MONTH-OLD baby spent about six hours with her grandfather's knifed body and critically injured granny in their two-roomed flat in Newclare on Tuesday night.

Baby Nancy Petersen was found sleeping peacefully in her cot after neighbours made the grisly discovery. Her grandfather, Mr Eddy Petersen (61), was lying face-down in a pool of blood and granny Shirley (50) was lying helplessly on her bed waiting to die.

The horring killing, which has shocked the closely-knit community of the Newclare flatland, took place at 1710 Dinah flat at about midnight.

According to Sandra Petersen (23), the mother of the baby, a man

who is known to the family came to the flat while she was out and demanded that her grandfather go out and look for her.

"But when I peeped through the window of the opposite flat I saw the man standing on the balcony of the flat above us holding a mean-looking knife and became afraid.

### Wounds

"Instead of going back home for the night I spent the night with a friend. And when I came back the next day I found strange people at our flat. My father was on the kitchen floor with several stab wounds on the back and head and my mother had already been rushed to hospital where we later learnt she was in a serious condition," she said.



# Sinaba accused of misleading squatters

CONTROVERSIAL councillor, Mr Shadrack Sinaba, was yesterday accused of misleading the squatter community by promising them land and houses that never existed.

This was said by Mr Tom Boya, the Mayor of Daveyton at a Press conference called by the Daveyton Town Council, to "put the record straight" concerning the erection of shacks by homeless families at the Holfontein farm on the outskirts of Daveyton.

The eight shacks, which were put up on Monday night by members of the Sinaba party, whose leader is Mr Sinaba, were later demolished by the East Rand Development Board (Eradebo) police on Tuesday morning.

## Babies

On the same night the shacks were demolished, thirty one members of the affected families, mostly women, some with babies on their backs — slept in the open at the office of Eradebo in Daveyton.

The families spent their second night in the open at the offices on Wednesday. They vowed to continue sleeping in the open until they were provided

with alternative accommodation.

The families told The SOWETAN they had erected the shacks at the farm protesting against the housing shortage in the area.

He also added that they were given permission to erect the shacks by Mr Sinaba.

"The council is aware that these people are aware that something is being done to alleviate the housing problem in Daveyton but, they have been influenced to behave in the manner they are doing because of somebody who now cannot deliver the goods.

The council wants to make it very clear that it will not be intimidated by these irresponsible actions. Houses are not just planted, but need planning," Mr Boya added.

Mr Boya also accused Mr Sinaba of misleading the shack dwellers by "instructing them" to squat in Holfontein.

Mr Sinaba denied these allegations at the

Press conference. At one stage, the meeting nearly went out of control following a violent verbal clash between Mr Boya and Mr Sinaba.

Mr Sinaba said he never influenced anybody to build shacks in Holfontein. "These people went on their own to Holfontein and erected their shacks," Mr Sinaba said.

He also denied collecting monies from the shack dwellers and accused Mr Boya and the council for not allowing him to speak in council meetings. Mr Boya denied this.

## Clash

Meanwhile a meeting called by the Daveyton Council to resolve the Holfontein controversy on Wednesday night, was abandoned following a verbal clash between Mr Boya and Mr Sinaba.

The clash came after Mr Boya had accused Mr Sinaba of encouraging shack dwellers to squat at Holfontein.

Mr Sinaba later went out of the meeting after he had denied encouraging people to squat at the farm.

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# Families beg for shelter after shacks are torn down

Five families had to beg neighbours to shelter their household goods from the rain after their wood and zinc homes were pulled down by Soweto Council officials in Protea yesterday.

On Monday, the home of one of the families living in Mr Lionel Ntseke's backyard had been destroyed by the same officials.

Mattresses, cooking utensils, clothes and a few groceries were strewn on the ground as some of the people went to ask for shelter for their goods.

Chickens pecked in the freshly-turned soil where the corner poles of the shacks had been uprooted.

Mrs Selina Nana, who

was away at work in Klipspruit when the officials came, said that when she heard the council officials were pulling down her home she left work immediately.

"I came back from work and this is all I found left of my home," she said, pointing to the few household goods that stood under a dark and cloudy sky that threatened rain.

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Mrs Pauline Ntseke, who lives in the main house, said about six officials had come with a lorry and a van at about 10.30 am.

"They started with Mrs Grace Rabage's place and tore it down. Then they took down the other four. Altogether six

buildings have been removed by the officials."

About 25 people stood around their possessions before the rain started. When asked what they were going to do about shelter at night, one of the women shrugged her shoulders and in a whisper said: "God will provide."

The director of community services at the West Rand Development Board, Mr Steve Burger, said the area was under the administration of the Soweto Council and referred queries to the chief executive officer of the council, Mr Nico Malan.

Several attempts to contact Mr Malan at the council offices were unsuccessful.



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# Homeless squatters get tent relief

SEVEN SOWETO families whose backyard shacks were destroyed by West Rand Development Board officials last week are now living in three tents donated by the Azanian People's Organisation.

The tents were delivered at the weekend to the families living in Protea North by Dr Abu Asvat, Azapo's head of Health Secretariat.

According to the affected families, their six shacks and a Zozo were pulled down by Wradebo officials last Wednesday afternoon as a warning to other residents living in the area.

There are hundreds of shack dwellers in Protea, part of which is still zoned for coloured occupation, although it is owned by Wradebo. Last week's action and the start of a new housing scheme in Protea have raised fears that many shacks may be flattened.

Mr Lionel Ntseke, the owner of the yard in which the shacks had been erected, said yesterday he was surprised that the officials had chosen his place. He said he had asked one official why they had picked on his yard and he had been told he must not teach them their job.

He said two families were sharing each tent provided by Dr Asvat and the seventh family was being temporarily housed in his house. He said he was very grateful to the doctor who has also provided medical treatment to the children of the affected families. He said the families had lived peacefully in his premises and he would not like to see them suffer.



DR ASVAT . . . donated tents.



## 27 in Soweto lose tent home

Officials of the Soweto Town Council yesterday confiscated tents in Protea township, leaving 27 people homeless.

It was the second time that families had been left homeless in less than a week.

Officials last week pulled down six shacks in which the families were living.

A spokesman for the West Rand Development Board said the property fell under the jurisdiction of the Soweto Town Council.

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## 'Soweto illegals must go'

The removal of "illegals" from Soweto was necessary to avoid "creating another Crossroads", the mayor, Mr Edward Kunene, said today.

Yesterday, he ordered the removal of eight "squatter families" who spent Tuesday night at his home because "they do not qualify to live in Soweto".

Mr Kunene blamed migrant workers living in hostels for creating the squatter problem.

"It is unfair for a man to bring his family to a place where he knows they will not have accommodation. All this makes devils out of people like me, who have to look after the interests of the local community."

Mr Kunene said the housing problem was as much the responsibility of Soweto residents as it was his. The council's housing waiting list far exceeded 20 000.

Mr Kunene said: "We are trying to meet housing needs, but having to deal with thousands of illegals as well is to ask the impossible."



# Squatters march in protest against shack demolition

Tsakane squatters marched to the offices of the East Rand Development Board to protest against the demolition of several shacks in the area this morning.

Trouble started when some of the 300 affected families were arrested and taken to the board's offices for allegedly refusing to leave the shack township settlement outside Tsakane.

According to Mr Paul Magodi, one of the squatters whose house was one of those pulled down, the residents were not notified of the plan to demolish their houses.

He said the squatters were taken by surprise at 3 am when police invaded the area and arrested several residents.

The residents immediately gathered and marched to the board's offices, where they met officials.



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# Bophuthatswana police raids: another 12 held

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They were detained for about five hours at the Ga-Rankuwa police station and released without charge, one of the group said.

The incident follows mass arrests in Winterveld on Sunday when hundreds of people are said to have been taken off the streets to police stations.

## UNLICENSED

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Winterveld area and to put an end to the repeated police raids on traders.

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A spokesman for the group said police had been armed with semi-automatic guns.

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His notes on recent events in Winterveld were confiscated, he says.

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# Now squatters get reprieve

By MZIKAYISE EDM

**THE East Rand Development Board (Eradebo) has temporarily suspended the removal of the 300 families staying in Tsakane's Silvertown shantytown to a new section in the township.**

At the same time the board promised to provide the families with alternative accommodation, possibly four-roomed houses. The suspension of the removals follows talks between the board's officials and the Tsakane Homeseekers ad-hoc Committee held recently in the township.

The families were to be resettled at the "First Stop" Site and Service by the end of the month.

Mr F E Marx, chief director of the board, confirmed the suspension of the removals pending further talks between the two parties.

He said: "We have suspended the removal pending further talks and at the same time we are looking at the possibility of erecting four-roomed houses to accommodate the families."

"At this moment I cannot give you any further information until the board has met to discuss the fate of the squatters."

Mr Viki Mkhonza, the chairman of the ad-hoc committee added that the board also promised to stop conducting the pre-dawn raids at the squatter camp until both parties agreed on the future of the squatters.

Last week Tuesday Eradebo officials and policemen pulled down seven shacks and arrested several people after the squatters had allegedly refused to be moved to the new site and service scheme. Each family was required to pay R3 500 for a site at the new section.

The money includes building material for two rooms and a toilet and also for the infra-structure which include water facilities.

Most squatters interviewed by The SOWETAN said they were happy and relieved to learn that they will not be moved from the shantytown at least for now.



# **THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE:**

(1) to (5) The hon member is referred to the contents of Government Notice No R 1937 of 24 August 1984, which reads as follows:

"Such tuition fees as determined from time to time by the Minister in respect of schools maintained, managed and controlled by a government department and by the Administrator in respect of schools maintained, managed and controlled by a provincial administration, after due consultation between the education departments concerned, shall be paid in respect of pupils who attend such schools."

The consultation between the education departments concerned has not been concluded. The matters referred to by the hon member in the rest of his questions are still being considered. Replies can therefore not be given at this stage.

**THURSDAY, 14 MARCH 1985**

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For written reply:

General Affairs:

*Howard Q. 601. 623*  
Decentralization 14/3/85

74. Mr A SAVVAGE asked the Minister of Trade and Industry:

With reference to the period 1 April 1983 to 31 March 1984, (a) in respect of how many of the 1 190 applications for decentralization incentives (i) have the applicants moved to the decentralized areas, (ii) are they in the process of moving there and (iii) are they already in production in these areas, (b) how many of these applications have been withdrawn, (c)(i) how many (aa) of the anticipated 69 914 job opportunities as a result of these decentral-

ization projects have been created and (bb) persons have been employed in these positions and (ii) how many (aa) of the anticipated 54 586 Black job opportunities as a result of these decentralization projects have been created and (bb) persons have been employed in these positions and (d) what amount of the estimated total capital investment of R1 201.6 million had been invested as at the latest specified date for which figures are available?

## **THE MINISTER OF TRADE AND INDUSTRY:**

(a), (b), (c) and (d): Applications for decentralization incentives which are approved by the Decentralization Board, comprise the approval in principle only of such applications. Subsequent to the approval of their applications, industrialists are allowed two years to establish. In many cases industrialists have already applied for a further extension of time because the establishment of factories is determined by many factors, such as the finalization of viability studies, arranging financing, the erection of factory buildings and the installation of machinery. The prevailing restrictive economic circumstances also have a retarding effect on the rate at which industrialists whose applications have been approved, proceed to establish. Furthermore, industrialists may decide to use their second financial year, when their total investment has been made, as base year for claims and thus to start claiming concessions only after the second financial year.

In view of the above-mentioned full particulars in respect of the relevant questions are not yet available at this stage. See also the press statement issued by me on 28 February 1985 in connection with the matter. A copy is attached for your convenience.

**Press statement by Dr the Honourable, D J de Villiers, Minister of Trade and Industry**

It has come to my notice that in a report published in the *Evening Post* in Port Elizabeth on 6 February 1985 it is alleged that certain figures I cited in the House of As-

ssembly on 30 January 1985 contradicted with similar figures quoted by Mr E G de Beer, Chairman of the Decentralization Board, during an interview with the reporter concerned. These figures concern the number of new applications for regional industrial incentives approved by the Decentralization Board since the inception of the consideration since incentives for Port Elizabeth on 1 November 1984.

As already pointed out by Mr De Beer in the course of his address at a symposium arranged by the Midland Chamber of Industries in Port Elizabeth on 6 February, this is not the case. The 17 new applications, involving capital of R35 million, approved by the Board for Port Elizabeth between October 1984 and January 1985 and which I mentioned in the House of Assembly as global figures, comprise the following, which correspond with those statistics quoted by Mr De Beer.

(A) New industries and expansions of existing industries which qualify for the full package of concessions:

Number	Capital investment	Jobs to be created
7	R20.2 million	528

(B) Existing industries which qualify for the long term concessions only:

Number	Capital invested	People employed
10	R14.8 million	966

Although the latter group of 10 industries are already in existence they found it difficult to successfully compete in the market place due to their being far from the two main markets of PWV and Durban/Pinetown. The granting of long term incentives, particularly the considerably increased transport rebate, will no doubt substantially improve the relative competitive position of those industries and consequently also their potential for further expansion of their activities in Port Elizabeth.

It was against this background that I included them in my statement as a positive element in advancing the development of the Port Elizabeth/Uitenhage area.

It could be expected that, as the substantially improved incentives applicable at Port Elizabeth/Uitenhage become more widely known, the interest in establishing industries in the area should also increase. I am satisfied that the improved package of incentives and the positive attitude now displayed on the part of most of the community and business leaders in the area, augur well for its further development.

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## **Decentralization**

75. Mr A SAVVAGE asked the Minister of Trade and Industry:

With reference to his reply to Vote No 18—"Industries, Commerce and Tourism", in Parliament on 23 May 1983, (a) in respect of how many of the 777 applications for decentralization incentives (i) have the applicants moved to the decentralized areas, (ii) are they in the process of moving there and (iii) are they already in production in these areas, (b) how many of these applications have been withdrawn, (c) how many (i) of the anticipated 65 342 job opportunities as a result of these decentralization projects have been created and (ii) persons have been employed in these positions and (d) what amount of the estimated total capital investment of R2 459 million had been invested as at the latest specified date for which figures are available?

**THE MINISTER OF TRADE AND INDUSTRY:**

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The consultation between the education departments concerned has not been concluded. The matters referred to by the hon member in the rest of his questions are still being considered. Replies can therefore not be given at this stage.

†Indicates translated version.

*For written reply:*

*General Affairs:*

TS: word Q. 601, 623  
Decentralization

74. Mr A SAVAGE asked the Minister of Trade and Industry:

With reference to the period 1 April 1983 to 31 March 1984, (a) in respect of how many of the 1 190 applications for decentralization incentives (i) have the applicants moved to the decentralized areas, (ii) are they in the process of moving there, and (iii) are they already in production in these areas, (b) how many of these applications have been withdrawn, (c) (i) how many (aa) of the anticipated 69 914 job opportunities as a result of these decentral-

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(a), (b), (c) and (d): Applications for decentralization incentives which are approved by the Decentralization Board, comprise the approval in principle only of such applications. Subsequent to the approval of their applications, industrialists are allowed two years to establish. In many cases industrialists have already applied for a further extension of time because the establishment of factories is determined by many factors, such as the finalization of viability studies, arranging financing, the erection of factory buildings and the installation of machinery. The prevailing restrictive economic circumstances also have a retarding effect on the rate at which industrialists whose applications have been approved, proceed to establish. Furthermore, industrialists may decide to use their second financial year, when their total investment has been made, as base year for claims and thus to start claiming concessions only after the second financial year.

In view of the above-mentioned full particulars in respect of the relevant questions are not yet available at this stage. See also the press statement issued by me on 28 February 1985 in connection with the matter. A copy is attached for your convenience.

**Press statement by Dr the Honourable, D J de Villiers, Minister of Trade and Industry**

It has come to my notice that in a report published in the *Evening Post* in Port Elizabeth on 6 February 1985 it is alleged that certain figures I cited in the House of As-

sembly on 30 January 1985 contradicted with similar figures quoted by Mr E G de Beer, Chairman of the Decentralization Board, during an interview with the reporter concerned. These figures concern the number of new applications for regional industrial incentives approved by the Decentralization Board since the inception of the considerably improved incentives for Port Elizabeth on 1 November 1984.

As already pointed out by Mr De Beer in the course of his address at a symposium arranged by the Midland Chamber of Industries in Port Elizabeth on 6 February, this is not the case. The 17 new applications, involving capital of R35 million, approved by the Board for Port Elizabeth between October 1984 and January 1985 and which I mentioned in the House of Assembly as global figures, comprise the following, which correspond with those statistics quoted by Mr De Beer.

(A) New industries and expansions of existing industries which qualify for the full package of concessions:

Number	Capital investment	Jobs to be created
7	R20,2 million	528

(B) Existing industries which qualify for the long term concessions only:

Number	Capital invested	People employed
10	R14.8 million	966

Although the latter group of 10 industries are already in existence they found it difficult to successfully compete in the market place due to their being far from the two main markets of PWV and Durban/Pinetown. The granting of long term incentives, particularly the considerably increased transport rebate, will no doubt substantially improve the relative competitive position of those industries and consequently also their potential for further expansion of their activities in Port Elizabeth.

It was against this background that I included them in my statement as a positive element in advancing the development of the Port Elizabeth/Uitenhage area.

It could be expected that, as the substantially improved incentives applicable at Port Elizabeth/Uitenhage become more widely known, the interest in establishing industries in the area should also increase. I am satisfied that the improved package of incentives and the positive attitude now displayed on the part of most of the community and business leaders in the area, augur well for its further development.

Issued by the Department of Trade and  
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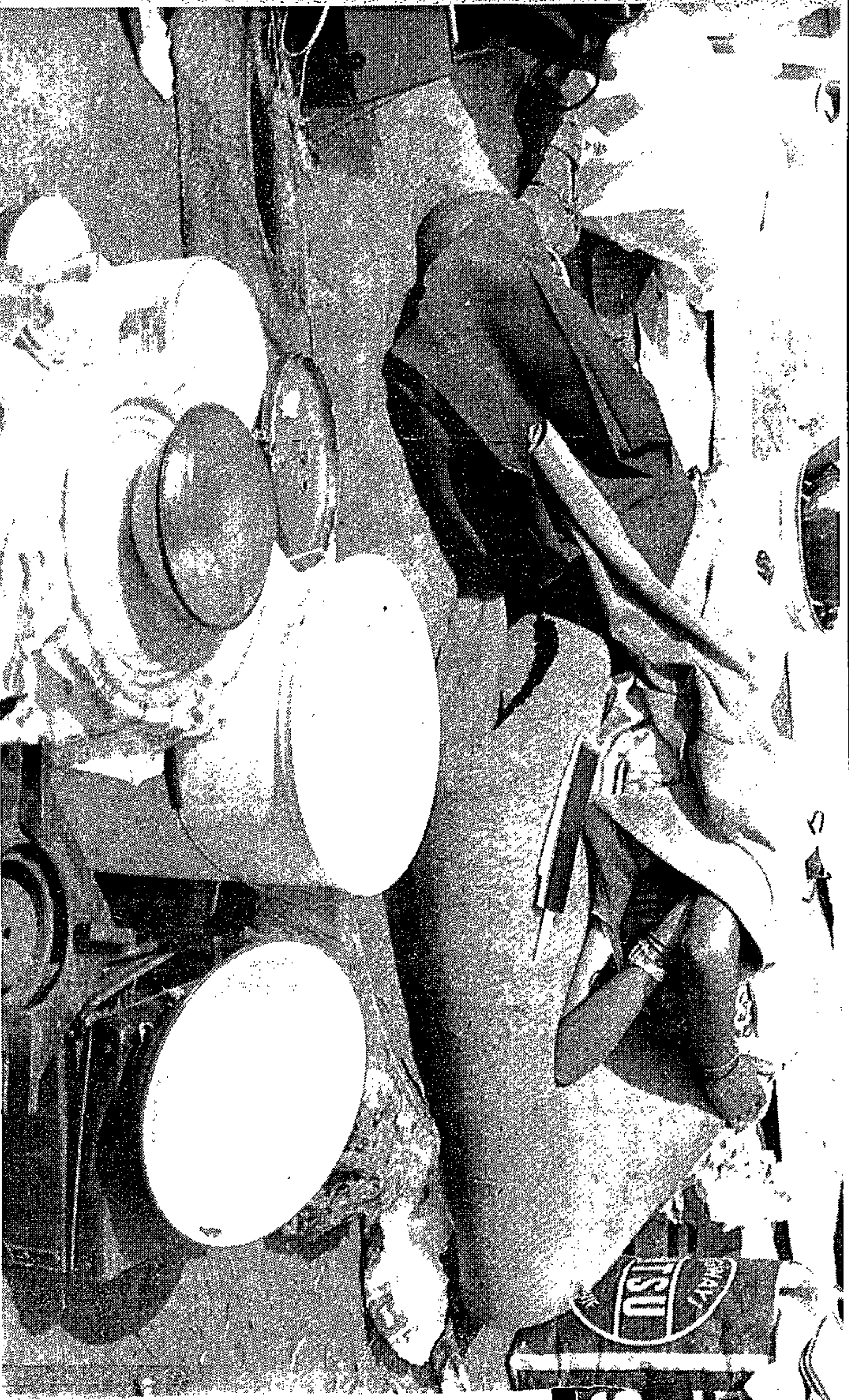
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No shelter, and nowhere to go . . . a Katilehong squatter sleeps in the open yesterday, surrounded by her belongings.

Pictures: TL



# Squatter's left out in the open as board police raid Katlehong camp

By SOPHIE TENA

A CONTINGENT of armed East Rand Development Board police raided the Katlehong squatter families yesterday morning and demolished five newly-built shacks, leaving a partially blind woman and another who is eight months pregnant in the open.

The squatter camp is situated between the old Katlehong cemetery and a coalyard.

Corrugated iron and other building material were confiscated by the police.

Two of the families were not present when their shacks were brought down and their furniture and other belongings were left in the open.

Seven police vans, a "hippo" and a private car conveying Eradebo officials arrived at the camp. The men demolished five newly-built shacks.

A police spokesman told the families that all the shacks would be demolished because most of the people there did not qualify to be in the area.

When some of the women asked where they were supposed to go, he said: "You will have to go back to where you came from because some of you here come from as far as Maputo".

Families at the camp said the police and officials arrived at 9.30am yesterday and started breaking down all recently-erected shacks.

They then loaded all building materials on to their trucks.

Last week more than 100 families in the camp were served with notices to demolish and remove their shacks from the area by April 22.

The notices were served on the shack families by a Mr F J J Jacobs, and Eradebo officials.

Mrs Lettie Sauhatsi, who is expecting her fourth child in May, said she and her family arrived at the camp a week ago after they had been kicked out of the township where they had been living as sub-tenants.

"My husband and I went about look-

ing for a place to stay.

"But nobody wanted to take us in, and when we heard of this place we decided to come and stay here with our children just to have a roof over our heads.

"I do not know what to do because I am expecting my baby next month."

Mrs Amelia Mokhutsane said she moved to the camp on Monday night after losing her accommodation in Tsolo Section in Natalspruit.

Mrs Mokhutsane said: "I came to Germiston in 1952 and worked in the area as a domestic.

"I left my job when I began to lose my eyesight and went to live in the township.

"I never qualified for a house because the authorities kept on telling me that I was not born here.

"I have been moving from place to place ever since, and when I found this place last week I thought that my problems were over, but it seems that it was only the beginning."



Pregnant Mrs Lettie Sauhatsi with three of her children and a friend after yesterday's raid by armed East Rand Development Board officials.



# Bop cops raid Winterveldt

SCORES of residents in the Winterveldt squatter area were on Tuesday afternoon arrested by the Bophuthatswana police for allegedly being in the area without valid permits.

When The SOWETAN arrived at the scene, elderly women and children were running in different directions in a bid to escape speeding police vehicles. There was complete disorder as armed police in camouflage uniforms chased the alleged victims through the tiny streets of the overcrowded area.

To people living in this area, leading a normal life has become impossible as they claim that they are also affected even when having the necessary documents. They said it was not easy to establish which section qualified to be in the area and that all had to run like "mad dogs" each time there were raids.

"Our children are also being tormented by the fact that they also have to run for their lives when seeing police armed with rifles approaching the area. One wonders if there is no other methods the authorities can apply to solve the problems of illegal squatting without interfering with people's lives," a resident said.

Most people blamed the government for not providing proper housing for those who qualified to be in the area and said it could be easier to bring the situation under control if proper housing facilities were provided.

Colonel David George, a Press liaison officer for the Bophuthatswana Police, could not give details about the raids. He said his office could have not been informed as that was "a continuous thing, in the homeland."

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# E Rand squatters reprieved

Sowetan 25/4/85  
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THE MORE than 100 squatter families living at the Katlehong coal-yard have been reprieved. Their shacks will no longer be destroyed — at least for now.

This assurance was given by Mr F E Marx, the chief director of the East Rand Development Board (Eradebo) yesterday. He said the board had decided to suspend the demolishing of shacks pending further talks between the board officials and members of the Witwatersrand Council of Churches (WCC), who represent the families.

The shacks were to be demolished on Monday after Eradebo had claimed that most of the families staying in squatter camps were staying there illegally as they came from the homelands.

Four weeks ago more than 30 people were left homeless after their shacks were demolished by armed East Rand Development Board inspectors at the coal-yard.

## Families

The families were saved by the Azanian People's Organisation (Azapo) who visited the coal-yard and erected tents to help house the families. At the weekend and early this week the board held talks with officials of the WCC after which it (the board) decided to suspend demolishing the shacks.

Mr Marks said each case will be treated on merit and that the board's executive committee will meet soon to discuss the fate of the squatters but meanwhile, they can continue staying at the squatter camp.



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**A SEVEN-MONTH pregnant woman was burnt to death and four others were seriously burnt when the two shacks they were sleeping in were set alight in the early hours of Monday in Daveyton, near Benoni.**

The dead woman is Miss Sheila Mathebula (25), of 758 Lu-gebe Street in Daveyton. The others, who have not been identified, were rushed to the Boksburg-Benoni Hospital in a critical condition. All four were visiting a relative who was staying in a shack at the same address.

**By  
MZIKAYISE  
EDOM**

**Screams**

Police have confirmed the incident. A police spokesman said murder and attempted murder dockets have been opened. He said no arrests have been made and police investigations

were still continuing. According to neighbours, on Sunday afternoon Miss Mathebula had an argument with a man who later left her shack promising to "fix" her up. They said at about 1am the following day they heard people screaming in the two backyard shacks and on investigating they found the shacks on fire. The neighbours said they tried to extinguish the blaze, but in vain. They said Mathebula's charred remains were discovered after the fire was brought under control.

# WOMAN BURNED

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One of the neighbours said the door to Miss Mathebula's shack was found locked from the outside and a five litre can smelling of petrol was found next to the

burnt out shack.

The neighbours said they managed to drag out the four people who were in the other shack, which is adjacent to Miss Mathebula's.

# ANOTHER



## Letters to the Editor



KATLEHONG squatters will have to move voluntarily or the Board "will have to find ways and means of getting them out of the area."

# 'These squatters will be removed'

(310) Sowetan 3/5/85

SIR — I have to refer to your article with respect to a story concerning squatters in Katlehong which appeared in **The SOWETAN** of April 25 1985.

The article gave a wrong impression of what had been said and created the impression that the squatters may now stay in the squatters' camp for an unlimited period. This is altogether wrong.

The squatters must accept that they find themselves illegally in

the area and that they are squatting illegally. They must accept that they will have to move from the area. If they don't do so voluntarily then the board, together with the other authorities concerned, will have to find ways and means to get them out of the area.

With the first notice that was served, it was thought that the families concerned would move voluntarily, but now that the people did not act, a final notice will be served on them and if

they do not act, the law will have to follow its normal course.

There are no water, sewerage and refuse removal services available and a health hazard has been created. The situation cannot be allowed to continue as it is. The families come from the independent and national states and they will have to return to the countries and areas where they came from.

In the light of the wrong impression that was created, it will be

appreciated if the matter can be put right.

Yours faithfully  
**F E MARX**  
Chief Director  
East Rand Development Board

### WORD of GOD

#### Jesus said:

Blessed are the meek: for they shall inherit the earth.

Matthew 5:5



**Bophuthatswana court told:**

# Pensioner violated Mangope's dignity

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**By Monk Nkomo**  
A WINTERVELDT pensioner (75) who suffers from a heart ailment appeared in a Ga-Rankuwa Court yesterday on 22 charges, including one of violating the dignity of Bophuthatswana's State President.

Mr Abel Motshoane, a community leader and representative of backyard traders in Winterveldt, is alleged to have unlawfully and intentionally insinuated on February 20 that President Lucas Mangope of Bophuthatswana "did not in any way help him with the purchase of the land he holds in private ownership."

According to the charge sheet, the accused also insinuated that he was entitled to allow illegal trading on his premises, by so doing, the State alleges, he violated the personal dignity and or injured the reputation of the office of the State President.

This main charge under Bophuthatswana's Section 28 of the Constitution Act carries a fine not exceeding R10 000

or imprisonment for a period not exceeding 10 years.

Mr Motshoane's attorney, Mr Graham Dyson, yesterday objected to the charge and submitted before court that the count did not disclose an offence.

The accused also appeared on 21 alternate charges allowing "aliens" to occupy his land in Winterveldt for a period unknown to the State for the purpose of trading there illegally. The maximum fine on each of these twenty-one counts is R6 000.

Mr Motshoane was not asked to plead and the magistrate, Mr L Els postponed the case to

May 20 for hearing. The accused was warned to appear in court without failure.



# Destitute old lady

310 14/5/85 By ALI MPHAKI



SHACK DWELLER: Ms Betty Cetshwayo.

A MEADOWLANDS woman has erected a shack in the veld next to an electricity substation because she has nowhere to stay. *Sowetan*

## Bomb blast at police station

A bomb exploded at the Brakpan police station on the East Rand in the early hours of yesterday, a police spokesman said.

"The explosion occurred at about 1am, and there were apparently no casualties," the spokesman told Sapa.

There was no further information immediately available, he said. — Sapa.

Ms Betty "Matjale" Cetshwayo, says she was staying at a house with other occupants in Zone 7 Meadowlands before deciding to erect the shack.

The shack is at Zone 10 Meadowlands next to an open veld and not far from a filling station.

Ms Cetshwayo is the sole occupant of the shack — sneaking in to sleep at about midnight every day and leaving it very early in the morning because she fears police might arrest her.

Although she could not remember when she came to Johannesburg Ms Cetshwayo alleged she has been in the waiting list for a house for more than 10 years.

She says she does not have children and she makes a living out of cleaning people's homes and begging from people in the streets.

The Diep-Meadow mayor, Mr J C Mahuhushi, on being told about Ms Cetshwayo's plight, said he was not aware of her case.

He said: "Why should she erect a shack when she knows she is on the waiting list. Talk to Mr Grobelaar and he might be in a position to help you".

A spokesman from Mr Grobelaar's office said they were not aware of Ms Cetshwayo's shack. He did not elaborate.

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# Woman (104), four others die in blaze

Pretoria Correspondent

Five people — including a 104-year-old woman and three young children — died when a blaze gutted a corrugated iron structure in which they were sleeping in Eersterust near here early yesterday.

The people who died in the fire just after 2 am were Mrs Rachel Davies (104), Elizabeth Davies (7), Renold Davies (3), a two-month-old girl and Mr Clifton Oliphant (21).

Mr Harold Davies, who was in Johannesburg at the time of the tragedy, his wife, Sandra, and son, Eric (8), escaped the blaze.

Three others, Mr Nicolaas Stuurman, his wife, Jackie, and their three-year-old child were treated for burns.

Police believe the blaze could have been started by an electric heater which toppled in the lounge area of the structure in the backyard of a Begonia Avenue house.

## SLEEPING

Mr Oliphant was in the lounge while the elderly Mrs Davies, Mrs Sandra Davies, the children and the Stuurman family were sleeping in another section.

The structure was lined indoors with wood

panels and neighbours trying to extinguish flames with hosepipes and water buckets looked on helplessly as the blaze consumed the structure.

The Davies children burned to death in their beds and Mrs Rachel Davies was found underneath her bed still alive but died minutes later.

A neighbour, Miss Feroza Oliphant, said she was awakened by screams. "I went outside and saw the dwelling alight. It was a terrible sight. People inside were screaming for help, but the heat was intense and we could only look on," she said.

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# Twala family still out in the cold

Sowetan  
10/7/85

A SOWETO couple who were left homeless and destitute after a mystery fire destroyed the tent they had been living in for the past six months have not yet found a habitable place.

The destitute Twala family of four have found shelter in a derelict kombi in a scrapyard outside Soweto and near Protea South.

Before this, they were offered accommodation in backyard rooms by Mrs Matumelo Twala's employer in Lenasia, but did not stay long as it was far from where their children attended school.

According to Dr Abu-

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baker Asvat, health secretary of the Azanian Peoples' Organisation, the Twala family feel that their new home is "comfortable" enough.

The family had been offered accommodation in backyard rooms at Lenasia by the employer of one of the family members.

This came after their plight was highlighted in The SOWETAN about two weeks ago. It also ends months of hopelessness and harassment

by Soweto City Council police.

The Twala family were among several other families who erected shacks in Protea South last year because of lack of accommodation. Council police then moved in, destroyed the structures and evicted all the families from the area.

Dr Asvat then intervened and donated tents to the desperate families. But the council acted and confiscated the tents.

When they were returned, Dr Asvat advised the family to pitch up their tent at a scrapyard near Protea South.

## Cardinal Arns' visa saga

THE cancellation of the visa of Cardinal Paulo Arns of Brazil was a ham-handed snub to all who gave the government credit for allowing even limited freedom of speech in South Africa, says an editorial in the latest edition of the Southern Cross, a Ro-

man Catholic newspaper.

Cardinal Arns, renowned for his human rights campaign during 20 years of military rule in Brazil, was invited in June to address the South African Catholic Bishops Conference

The cardinal's visa was cancelled by the South African Government after he refused to sign an undertaking not to attend or speak at the end-conscription campaign festival held in Johannesburg at the end of June.



## Man dies in shacks fire

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The death of an elderly man today could have been caused by a candle falling over accidentally, says the Krugersdorp Fire Department.

He died after a row of shacks at Westgate, near Azaadville, caught fire.  
— West Rand Bureau.



## Cops 'harass us' but...

TWO Bekkersdal Youth Organisation members have been questioned by security cops because residents have refused to move into new one-room shacks.

Local librarian Tebogo Modisane - a BYO committee member - said three men identifying themselves as security policemen visited her home and demanded the names of BYO committee members.

"The men wanted to know why we were stopping residents from the Tlhatlhaganang squatter camp from moving to the Bekkersdal Council's new one-roomed shacks," she said.

"We have had several meetings with local councillors and they have promised to give us a report-back. But look at the kind of report-back we receive - cops on our backs. They're harassing us," said an angry Miss Modisane.

West Rand cops said they had no knowledge of the inci-

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dent "because it has not been reported to us".

Another youth, Nicodemus Thulare, was also allegedly picked up by the same security cops and taken to the local Development Board offices where he was questioned on the issue of shacks and the BYO's activities.

Residents have boycotted the Tlhatlhaganang squatter camp, where the Bekkersdal Town Council wants to resettle them.

The council intends moving the squatters to the new tin shacks to make way for 130 houses that are to be built in the area.



# Bus-dwellers in row with council

14/8/85  
By MOJALEFA MOSEKI

COLOURED families living in derelict buses in Alexandra have rejected a council offer to accommodate them in four-roomed houses after the council failed to keep its promise of allocating them six-roomed houses.

Spokesmen for the families, who asked not to be named, said when they were moved into buses at the end of 1983 from Wynberg, they were promised they would be given preference in the allocation of houses.

An agreement with council officials was reached that they be allocated six-roomed houses because "we have big families".

They rejected offers to move into flats last year saying they were unsuitable for families.

When Phase 2 of the rebuilding scheme was completed we were to be given six-roomed houses there. But after they were allocated to

other families, "we were asked to move into four-roomed houses and we rejected the offer," said a member.

The town clerk for the Alexandra council, Mr Arthur Magerman, rejected the claim that his council promised to accommodate the eight coloured families in six-roomed houses.

But, he confirmed they had refused to move into the new houses.

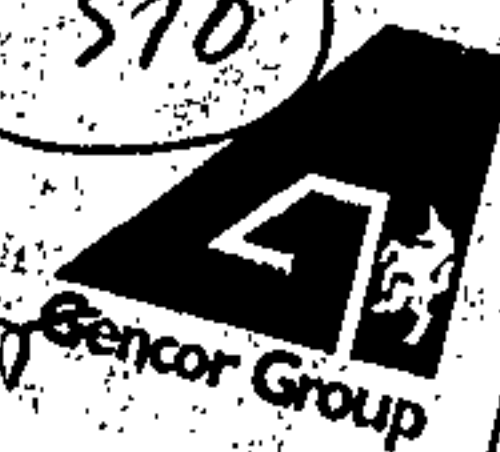
"These families were

not telling the truth. They refused to move into the houses because someone has promised them a separate place to build houses. The council is negotiating more land for all Alexandra residents and not separate race groups," said Mr Magerman.

A member of the families agreed that a member of the House of Representatives has promised to get them land outside Alexandra to build on.



# Gencor (310) glows as mining boosts profits



ROY BENNETTS  
GENCOR'S unaudited results for the six months to June have a golden glow. The mining division's contribution to earnings rose 58%, while the industrial division's proportion plummeted. Earnings a share improved 14% to 160c (140c). The interim dividend remained unchanged at 55c. Mining contributed 136c (78c) to the 160c total, with finance up 25% to 40c (15c). The group's industrial involvement fell 65% from a gain of 56c to a loss of 9c.

Exploration costs were lower, down from 10c to 9c, with realisation of investments slightly ahead at 2c (1c). Chairman Ted Pavitt said the interim dividend was unchanged because Gencor wanted to build up the dividend cover to 2.5



• PAVITT

He expected the final dividend to mirror last year's figure of 135c, with a total payout of 190c. Income attributable to shareholders and debenture holders improved 21% from R126m in the first six months of last year to R152m. Turnover increased marginally to R2 787m (R2 604m), with source income up by 36% to R499m (R367m). This was due to increased dividends received from mining activities and increased interest earnings in the financial sector.

Interest in the retained income of associated companies, mainly mining, increased from R13m to R32m, while the interest of outside shareholders in income earned, mainly in the industrial sector, nosedived to R14m (R42m). Pavitt said attributable income had been affected by financing costs doubling from R156m to R314m. Approximately 95% of the foreign liabilities of Gencor are covered against foreign exchange fluctuations, either by way of contracts or formally deemed cover.

Gencor has current foreign loans, long-term and short-term, amounting to R1 479bn (R877), 38% in dollars, with R73m (R460m) in the form of uncovered loans. Current liabilities stand at R2 893bn, against total assets of R8 072bn.

Executive director Basil Landau said the Sappi project had been completed and export sales looked hopeful. Tedelex and Samancor produced excellent results.

Kohler and Kanhym had problems, although Kanhym's operating profits were better than for the same period last year. The platinum section is said to be overcoming the recent stock loss.



JOHANNESBURG

# The hidden population

Johannesburg is SA's blackest "white" city. The Golden city lost her purity a long time ago and its hidden black population is growing. Added to the tenants defying the Group Areas Act, the domestic workers and their friends and family doubling up in back yards and the inhabitants of highrise villages on top of flats in Hillbrow, Berea and Yeoville, are an increasing number of homeless people dossing down in derelict buildings and open lots.

There is no reliable way of finding out exactly how many blacks, Indians and coloureds are living inside the borders of "white" Johannesburg, but conservative estimates put it well over 200 000. This does not include the East or West Rand or Alexandra.

Says Johan Fick, NP city councillor and member of the West Rand development board: "Influx control is ineffective. I have no fear that scrapping it will make a difference. All those who want to come are here already."

Other experts point out that mainly breadwinners are now living here and that they will probably bring their families once influx control is scrapped.

It's also impossible to estimate how many people are living out in the open, but it's thousands not hundreds. Many are vagrants

living from petty crime on "muggers mile" near Joubert Park. Only six similar areas surrounding the desolate CBD in Johannesburg also deserve this nickname. Probably 10 000 vagrants of all races live in the central Johannesburg area says PFP councillor for Joubert Park, Max Neppe.

Others don't deserve to be called down-and-out although the circumstances they live in aren't much better. They're living out in the open because they don't have anywhere else to go. Many are women who have come from the homelands to eke out a living. They position themselves outside hostels on the south side of town and at railway stations where they sell a variety of goods from liquor to crochet blankets. George Goch hostel in Jeppe is a favourite spot. The Mai Mai market at the bottom of Anderson Street is another. Commuters from the northern suburbs arriving via the Anderson off-ramp have probably seen the women's washing hanging out to dry as they come into town.

Home is a spot under the highway, the station waiting room or even a public toilet. A group of about 40 are living in a drain in the industrial area of Cleveland. Some say they sleep in the veld — one of the many vacant lots in Jeppe or in a crevice in the mine dumps.

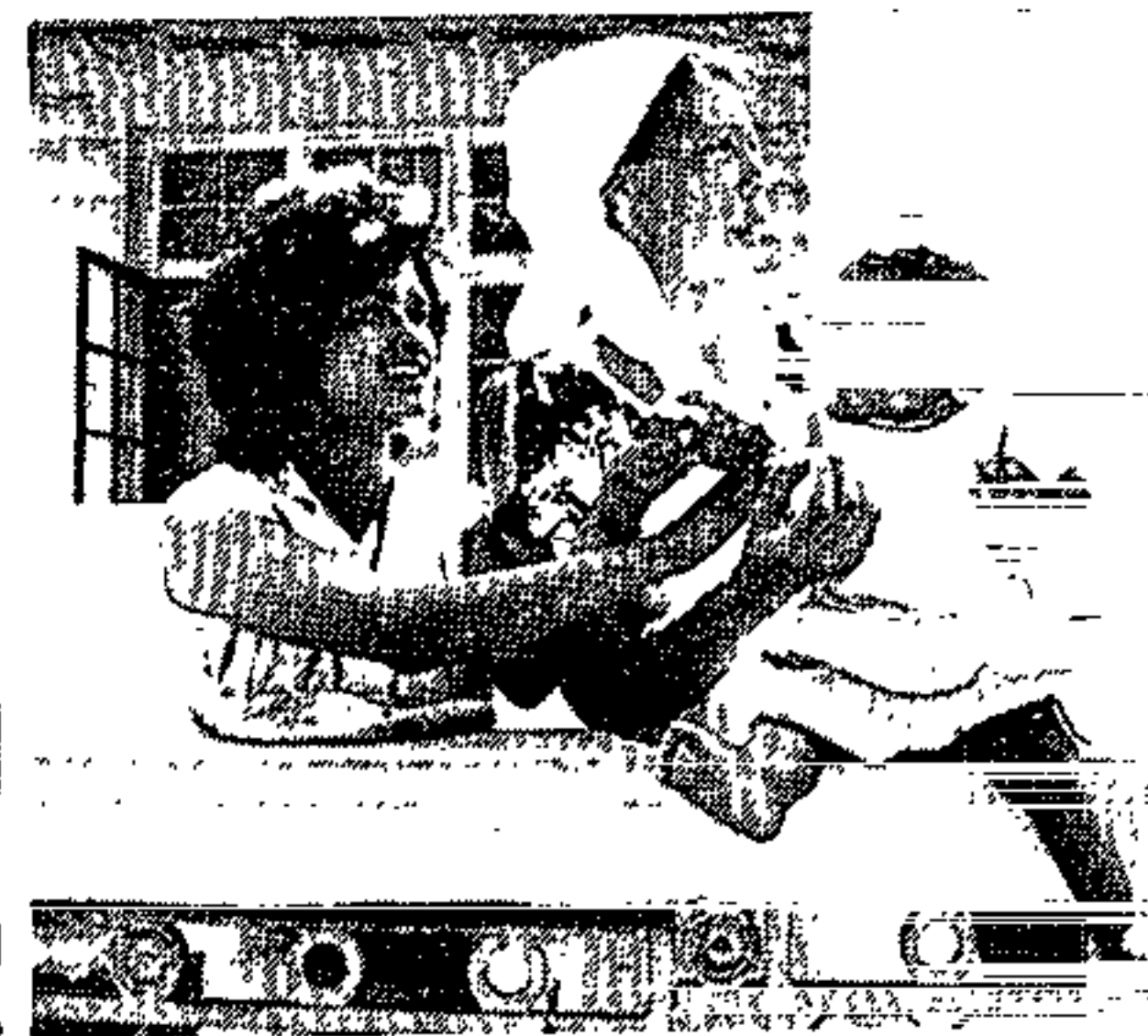
They cook on open fires and get water from public toilets, garages and buildings. In Randburg recently a group of about 30 men and women gave themselves away because the women were collecting water from a local flat. A tenant reported them and they were subsequently arrested.

"This is not a new problem," says Jimmy Melcalfe, manager of the Randpark Club. "Golf courses in general have this problem. There's usually bushy terrain on the periphery of the courses where it's easy for people to hide."

Others squat in derelict buildings in the inner-city areas of Doornfontein, Troyeville and Jeppe. If you speak to the women the first thing they ask is whether you have a room for them — and they're willing to work for nothing in exchange for one.

Back rooms are for hire these days. The going rate in Kensington and Troyeville is anything from R30 to R60 a month. A Kensington landlord is offering six unfurnished rooms without electricity for R60 each a month. Despite the prohibitive rental there is no shortage of tenants. Others live a kind of nomadic existence sleeping in a different place every other day.

Elda Ndlovu came to Johannesburg ten years ago. Initially she worked as a domestic





## ZIMBABWE

### Merging rivals

Zimbabwe PM Robert Mugabe is on the point of pulling off a major political triumph — a merger between his ruling Zanu-PF party and Joshua Nkomo's opposition Zapu.

For several weeks now, senior members of the two parties have been engaged in a serious dialogue designed to end a quarter of a century of bitter enmity, and, according to political sources close to the talks, the odds are strongly in favour of a final agreement being reached within the next month.

It was in 1961 that Nkomo, then undisputed leader of the nationalist movement in Southern Rhodesia, agreed to the 1961 constitution at a round-table meeting with PM Sir Edgar Whitehead and Lord Duncan Sandys, then British Commonwealth Secretary. When he saw he could not carry his party with him, Nkomo subsequently reneged on the deal — but not before irrevocably blotting his political copybook.

The nationalist movement split — basically along tribal lines — between Nkomo's Zapu and the Reverend Ndabaningi Sithole's Zanu. Political rivalry developed into faction fighting and, during the independence war, into military combat, despite the uneasy alliance between the two parties during the sanctions years, known as the Patriotic Front.

At independence in 1980 the alliance started to fall apart. Although Mugabe won an easy victory in the 1980 elections, he tried to keep Zapu within the fold by establishing a coalition cabinet, but within two years, Nkomo supporters — the so-called dissidents — went underground and began to wage a guerrilla campaign against the security forces in Matabeleland. Throughout, Nkomo has denied any links with the dissidents whose activities are responsible for the deaths of more than 300 people in the last three years. In the July elections, Nkomo's Zapu hung on to all 15 seats in Matabeleland, underlining the tribal nature of the split.

Mugabe responded with a frontal attack on the Zapu political superstructure. Leading officials, including members of parliament, city councillors and army officers, have been arrested. Nkomo himself, his bodyguards and some of his closest aides arrested, was left isolated. It was then, with Zapu having been "softened up," that the unity talks proper got under way.

Apparently, agreement in principle has been reached on the key issues. These include offering Nkomo the number three slot in a new party — to be called Zanu — as Second Vice-President, ranking behind Mugabe himself and Deputy Premier Simon Muzenda. It is reported too that the two sides have agreed a formula for the release of political detainees and the return of political exiles.

The importance of the deal — which now has to be finalised by the two party leaders

themselves — is that it should isolate the dissidents and end the three-year long banditry in Matabeleland and, possibly even more importantly, it will pave the way for the early creation of the long-promised one-party state.

Without the merger, Mugabe would have had to wait until after the next elections in 1990 to establish one-party rule. Even then, he could face bitter opposition from Zapu. But now — if the merger can be made to stick — he will to all intents and purposes have a de facto one-party state. He would control 79 of the 80 majority-roll seats in parliament, and the one outstanding — the sole parliamentary representative of Sith-



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ole's rival party, also called Zanu — would almost certainly be absorbed into the new structure.

In 18 months' time, Mugabe would be able to abolish the 20 white seats in parliament since he would easily have the 71 votes necessary in terms of the Lancaster House constitution to carry the legislation through parliament. Within two years, he will be able to create his one-party administration without any breach of the constitution. ■

## SWAZILAND

### A royal sacking

Something of a "coup from above" occurred in Swaziland last week. Re-asserting the monarchy's authority, Queen Regent Ntombi dismissed the two leading members of the Supreme Council of State (or Likoqo), Prince Mfanasibili and Dr George Msibi. Reaction to the news in Swaziland was, by all accounts, one of unconcealed joy.

The two men were ironically the prime movers in installing Princess Ntombi, the mother of Crown Prince Makhosetive (18), as Queen Regent in the power tussles unleashed by King Sobhuza's death in 1982. But events clearly reveal that Ntombi was not in thrall to her would-be champions.

From their base of apparent control in the Likoqo (the traditional arm of government which came to supersede parliament in the vacuum left by Sobhuza), Mfanasibili and

Msibi in effect dethroned Queen Dzeliwe, the senior royal wife Sobhuza had named as regent. Dzeliwe, however, is said to be revered by the Heir Apparent who is likely to be enthroned next year. And his mother, Princess Ntombi, never in the least appeared to covet the regency although, evidently, she recently started taking a more active role once she and others saw the royal authority being gradually sidelined (*Current Affairs*, August 23 1985). The controversial Mfanasibili and Msibi had in recent months been conspicuously out of the limelight, and the latter was not in the country when the Royal boot came down.

Announcing the decree, PM Bhekimpi Dlamini said the two men were being removed from office "in the public interest." And, days later, a debarred SA lawyer, Yusuf Patel, a cohort of the two former top dogs who was struck off the roll in SA, was arrested by Swazi police. The newly-appointed police commissioner Sandile Mdziniso, himself Ntombi's replacement for the Mfanasibili-Msibi man, said Patel was being questioned about his immigration status and in connection with state security.

No story about Swaziland's machinations is complete without a dose of often accurate rumour. The Mbabane grapevine says Mfanasibili (a royal cousin once said to be close to Ntombi) and Msibi tried to change Ntombi's mind but failed. And, rumour also has it that the two men unsuccessfully attempted to shaft Bhekimpi out of office two months ago when the PM was visiting Taiwan. That, apparently, and if true, was the final straw.

The Likoqo has now been reduced from 12 members (15 originally) to 10 and its status is now brought more into line under the monarchy. PM Bhekimpi, who had been appointed by the Msibi-Mfanasibili Likoqo after the Sobhuza-appointed PM Mabandla Dlamini was turfed out and into exile in Bophuthatswana, tended to be regarded as rather lightweight. Bhekimpi has now emerged somewhat strengthened in his own right. It is unclear, however, what the fate now is of various senior officials appointed under the old regime, as well as those, like former finance minister Sishaye Nxumalo, who have been languishing in prison under orders from the dismissed former strongmen.

Nxumalo, and former police chief Edgar Hilary among others were expected to come to trial later this month. Charges could, however, now be dropped. Certainly, it would be interesting to see what the career of the able and ambitious Nxumalo, who championed the Dzeliwe cause, holds in store.

□ Organisation of African Unity (OAU) chairman Abdou Diouf, the President of Senegal, was in Swaziland last Saturday as part of his familiarisation tour of member states. The Swazis reiterated to the OAU head the country's rejection of apartheid, but explained that Swaziland could not support sanctions on SA (as the OAU has called for) because such measures would "threaten our own survival." ■



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although she was never registered. When her employer left town she stayed behind making a living from a couple of casual domestic jobs and by selling cooked food at the hostel. She kept her room in a Jeppe house by working for nothing for the new tenant. Then last year she was asked to leave. Since then she has been unsuccessfully trying to find another room. She sleeps "here and there" dossing down on the floor of friends' rooms and moving frequently.

Her son is also working illegally in white Johannesburg, earning a living from piece-work as a handyman. Like his mother he has no permanent home but sleeps wherever he can. A couple of months ago he was arrested in a pass raid for the first time. He paid the fine and never even went back to the homeland.

If nothing else the discomfort people are willing to accept living on the street is an indictment of the homeland policy. However awful life may be here it's better than starving back home. As one woman said last week after being arrested under Section 29 of the Black (Urban Areas) Consolidation Act for being "idle and undesirable:" "What must we do if we go back? We can't eat." She is a breadwinner who left seven children back home and came to town with her one-year-

old child. Here they live in the veld and the R2 to R5 she makes a day is all she has to support her family.

#### A range of violations

Life here is not only controlled by the pass laws. There are a range of other violations used to harass people like trespassing, drinking on the street and selling illegally. "But," says Fiona McLachlan, an attorney who has represented a number of women, "even the odd three months in prison is better than nothing. At least they are earning something the other nine months."

In Hillbrow there are now blocks of flats with a completely black tenancy. Driving around the suburbs of Bertrams, Judith's Paarl and Mayfair it's obvious these areas are already grey. The principal of a de facto multi-racial nursery school in Bertrams says: "We've always seen ourselves as serving the local community and this is what the community now is."

It is estimated that up to 15 000 people are defying the Group Areas Act, says a spokesman for Actstop, an organisation helping victims of the Group Areas Act. A new trend is that over the last year well-off blacks have abandoned their search for accommodation in the townships and are also renting in town.

There have been no prosecutions recently although the occasional spot of trouble flares up with "right-wing types" in suburbs where people are living alongside each other, says the spokesman. He adds, however, that there have been far fewer racial incidents than expected.

Out on the street, in the yards and on the top of flats and offices there are more people here illegally than legally. What is needed now is permission for people to be here, a commitment to stop harassing them and a place for them to stay. Site and service where rigid building standards are not applied would be an answer. Even people living legally in rooms in white areas would take advantage of a scheme like this if their families could join them.

Margaret Nhlapo, Transvaal regional organiser of the South African Domestic Workers Association believes domestics would prefer a home in a shanty town so they could live with their children.

Shanty towns seem inevitable. It's impossible to discuss a solution that does not include them. If influx control is lifted without land being made available for rudimentary shelters, the problem of homeless people squatting in the city and suburbs can only get worse.





THE Moretele Magistrate's Court in Bophuthatswana has dropped its so-called "squating" charges against 200 residents of Bosplaas.

And a spokesman for the Moretele Court said the charges were dropped last Friday on instructions from the homeland's Attorney-General, J J Smit.

"The President (Lucas Mangope) instructed me to drop the charges as the matter would be solved outside court on a political basis," Smit said.

It is understood that the homeland authorities decided to drop the charges after being confronted with a bulky dossier of alleged corruption and fraudulent activities by Bophuthatswana local authorities in the region.

Smit confirmed that the homeland police are investigating allegations.

## Bop drops 'no squating' charges

Despite being declared "illegals", the defendants continued paying homeland taxes.

In some cases they were sold membership in the ruling Bophuthatswana Democratic Party in exchange for a promise of citizenship, which never materialised.

The press officer in the President's Office, J Mokgajane, said he was unaware charges had been withdrawn.

The withdrawal of the charges last Friday comes 18 months and seven court appearances after the Bosplaas residents were first arrested under the amended Land Control Act of August 1983.

Although the withdrawal of the charges may be seen in legal circles as a major victory, it brings little relief to those affected.

While the case was being heard, the defendants were re-arrested, harassed and intimidated, according to defence counsel.

One of the defendants claims that police said to him while he was being assaulted: "We are doing this to teach other people what will happen to them if they get lawyers."

Advocate Paul Shapiro complained in court that police harassment and intimidation had made it impossible

for him to trace and interview his clients and witnesses.

"Those on bail, in spite of appeals in court, were re-arrested, harassed and intimidated. Only under extreme difficulty were dockets opened against the police for assault."

The homeland's campaign against non-Tswanas began immediately after "independence" in 1977 and has gone through three distinct phases:

● For about nine months in 1978, the authorities conducted police raids against non-Tswanas. These raids became so violent that the leaders of the other "homelands", embarrassed by the publicity given to the excesses, sent a delegation to then-Minister Piet

Koornhof.

● South African government pressure led to the temporary cessation of these raids and a less high-profile campaign.

There followed a period where non-Tswanas were denied access to the bureaucracy. Applications for citizenship and residency were turned down, passes were not renewed or given, work seeker permits and other necessary documents were denied.

Bophuthatswana government ministers described these people as a "cancer which had to be cut out".

● Finally, the Bophuthatswana government amended the Land Control Act in such a way as to make it effectively illegal for all but citizens and those with valid residency permits to be resident in the homeland.



## Two dead in unrest

A black man was killed and five others were wounded when police, "on several occasions, had to fire tearsmoke and shotguns to disperse groups" of blacks in Queenstown's black township, according to the latest police situation report.

A charred body was also discovered in the township.

Two policemen and a black man were wounded when police in Molteno's black township fired birdshot and rubber bullets at a group of youths who stoned a police vehicle. — Sapa.

# Three shot dead in attack on beerhall

By Rich Mkhonto

Hours after four people were shot dead, three seriously injured and scores of others arrested in Leandra township in the Eastern Transvaal yesterday, residents told officials of the Highveld Development Board and members of the security forces that they would resist the forced removal of people living in shacks along the national road.

Unrest flared early yesterday after residents stayed away from work in protest against the eviction notices served on people living in shacks.

In other incidents, houses belonging to policemen and councillors and a beerhall were attacked and badly damaged. Residents demanded to meet officials of the development

board and representatives of the security forces in connection with the removals.

Among those shot dead was a mother of three children, Mrs. Nelly Madonsela, and 14-year-old Thomas Nkosi. Two have not been identified.

Mrs. Madonsela was allegedly shot by the owner of a cafe situated near the shacks along the national road while she was trying to fetch water from the communal tap. The other three were shot dead when they were trying to attack a beerhall.

### OPENED FIRE

According to eyewitnesses, police had earlier dispersed the rampaging youths at the beerhall. They camped in the hall, but later some departed.

Unaware that several police were still in the beerhall, youths

again tried to attack it. The men inside opened fire, killing three instantly and seriously injuring three others.

All the incidents were confirmed by a lieutenant-de Vries, who addressed the emotionally charged meeting.

In reply to a call by residents that members of the security forces be withdrawn from the township, Lieutenant de Vries said: "If I could be assured that you people would stop rioting, I will order my men out of the township."

"I am very sorry that some people were shot dead. I only instructed my men to get into the township after we received complaints there was rioting."

"They entered the township only to enforce law and order and to protect life and property," he added.

Members of the Leandra Action Committee who convened the meeting told the area's Chief Commissioner, Mr. J. van Jaarsveld, and members of the forces that "removing people against their will and not giving them alternative accommodation was immoral, showing the tyranny of the system of apartheid and the betrayal of human rights."

Mr. Van Jaarsveld, who maintained he had not been informed about the eviction notices, said until their origin had been investigated the shackdwellers would not be evicted.

"But I cannot make any tangible promises. The law will decide who was wrong and who was right," he said.

By yesterday evening the forces had been withdrawn from the township and it was quiet but tense.



# Eviction of Leandra squatters is stopped after talks with Govt

By Rich Mkhondo

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All the victims of last week's unrest will be buried on Sunday.



**SIXTY-TWO** Kliptown squatters — among them 30 children — were left stranded after the West Rand Development Board officials accompanied by municipal police demolished their shacks.

The raid came last Thursday after 20 families were issued with warnings by Wradebo that their shacks would be demolished. The board's notice was issued on November 28.

Some of the families are temporarily accommodated in three tents provided by Dr. Abu-Baker Asvat, head of the Azanian People's Organisation's health secretariat, at the Roman Catholic Church in Protea.

**By NKOPANE  
MAKOBANE**

When The SOWETAN visited the Kliptown shacks yesterday, many squatters expressed fear that they were facing the same fate. They said an official had told them that Wradebo would be back next week if they do not destroy the shacks themselves.

Mrs Agnes Myeni (56), a mother of seven children, said she has

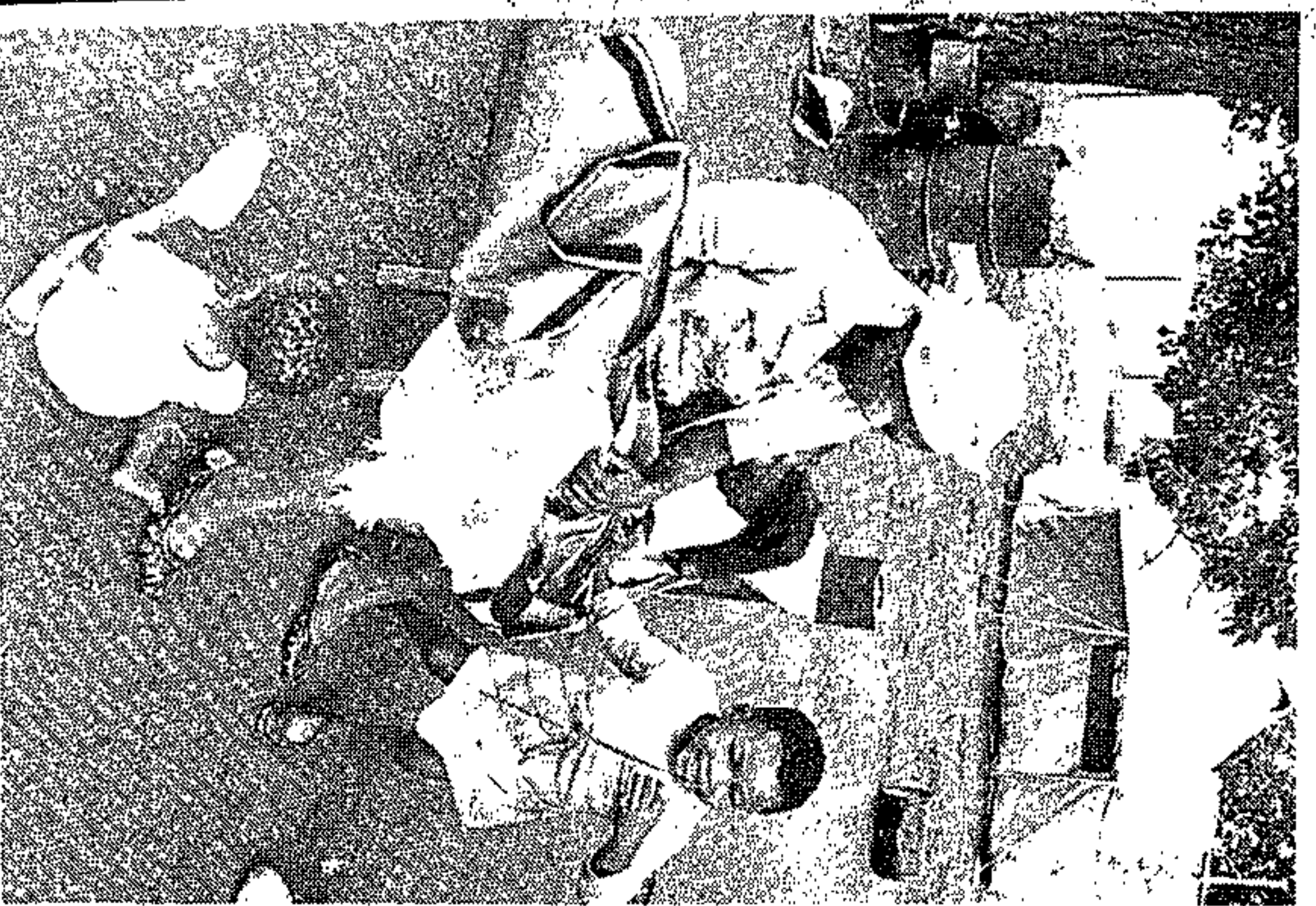
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been staying at the place for four months after she paid R 90 to a woman called Shelly. Shelly, who was arrested last Thursday when the shacks were demolished, had tricked her and many other shack-dwellers into believing that she was employed by Wradebo.

"I qualify to be in Johannesburg and have been on the housing

waiting list since 1978. All these years I have been moving from place to place and am now faced with another threat of being homeless," said Mrs Myeni.

Another squatter, Mrs Edith Mashiane, said she has been living in the area since September. She said they had been living there moniously until more people started erecting shacks.



**A HOMELESS** mother with her children at Protea North where she has been provided with a tent after her Kliptown shack was demolished by West Rand Development Board officials last week. See also Page 2.





SOME of the Kliptown squatters who have been given until Thursday to demolish their shacks. The West Rand Development Board last week demolished 10 shacks next to Station Road. See story on Page 4.



# HOUSE SQUATTERS - HEUNIS

Minister tours ER townships

THE Minister of Constitutional Development and Planning, Mr Chris Heunis, this week ordered that other accommodation should be found for about 100 squatter families in Katlehong, Germiston.

Mr Heunis, who visited seven East Rand townships including Katlehong on Wednesday, told the regional representative of the Department of Constitutional Development and Planning, Mr J Koff, that the camp must be monitored and other accommodation found for the squatters soon. SOWETAN, 20/12/85

He appeared horrified by conditions at the squatter camp.

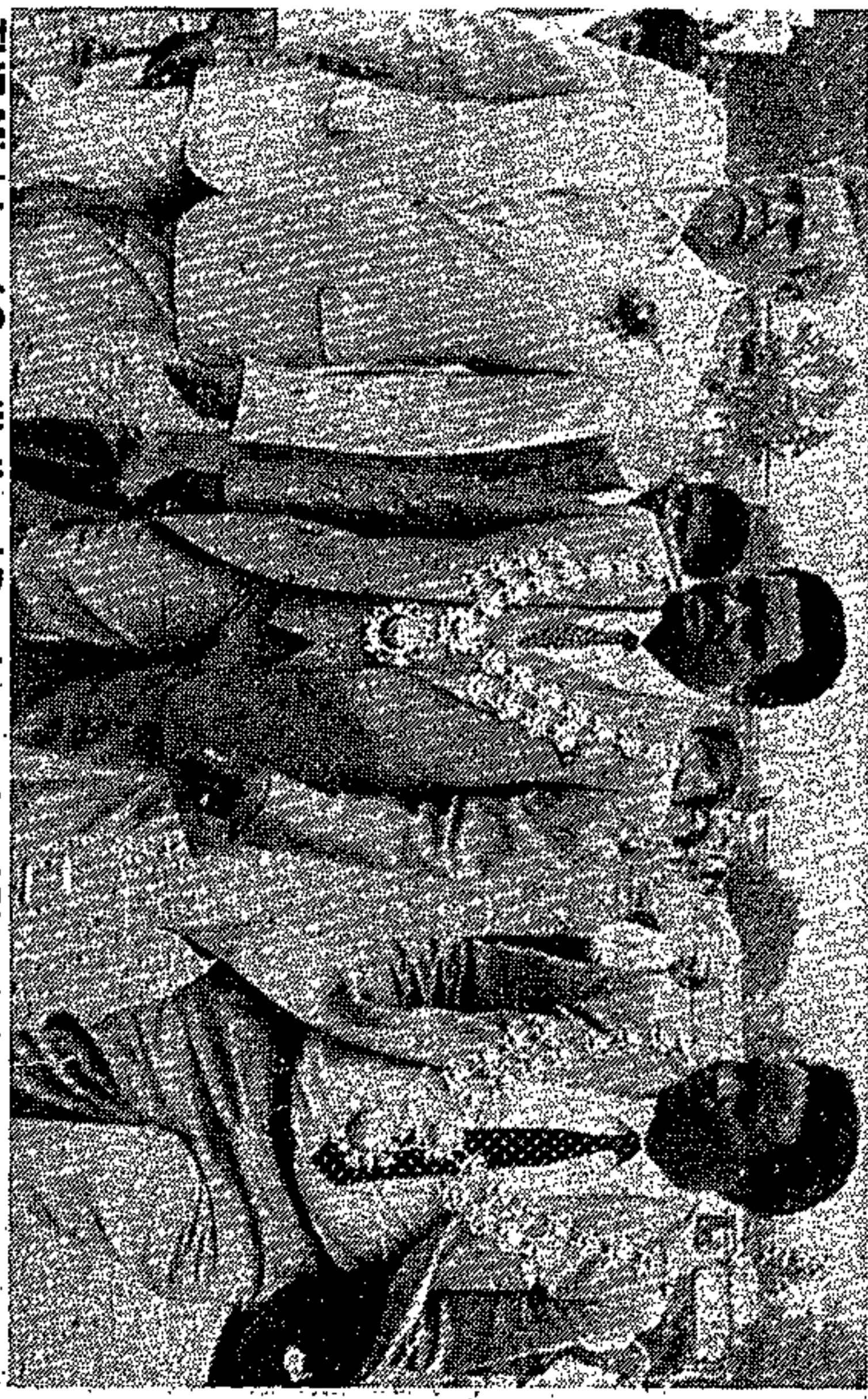
## Hostels

During the tour Mr Heunis appealed to town councillors to investigate upgrading hostels in the area.

Addressing the Press and East Rand town councillors after his visit, the Minister said the introduction of Regional Services Councils next year would transfer income from more affluent societies to a more needy society.

He said the council's money would be spent in areas where the needs were greatest.

Mr Heunis said: "The idea behind establishing the councils



THE Minister of Constitutional Development and Planning, Mr Chris Heunis, with the mayor of Katlehong, Mr Thami Silumi (centre) and Mr Tom Boya, mayor of Daveyton, during his visit to the East Rand this week.



# Family of 5 crush into 1 room after home is bulldozed

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By Kashvina Jaga

The Lyners family of Western Township, who are living in a single room in Newclare, say their room is too small for a big family gathering this Christmas.

The family of five have been living in the room for three weeks after their home in Western Township was bulldozed as part of a redevelopment scheme. The authorities claimed they were illegal tenants.

Mr Farouk Lyners said that although they were a Muslim family they always had a big family gathering at Christmas. "This year we will not be able to entertain many people because the room is far too small," he said.

He told *The Star* that he had not given up his fight to find alternative accommodation. "I intend pressing for a bigger and better place."

His wife, Mrs Veronica Lyners, said bathing and cooking was very difficult as they did not have any hot water. "I have to struggle to cook by using several bowls of water just to wash the food before cooking," she said.

She said the toilet was the worst problem as they had to keep filling up the tank with water before it flushed.

The family use a primus stove to cook and to heat water. There is no electricity and the family leave the door open to get light into the room.

"It was so cold this weekend as it was raining all the time and we had to keep the door open otherwise we would have been in total darkness," Mrs Lyners said.

A member of the Westbury Residents' Action Committee, Mrs Florrie Daniels, said she hoped the family would find a better place.



# Family living in single room

STAR 6/12/85 By Kashvina Jaga

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A Western Township family of five, whose home was bulldozed by the Johannesburg City Council this week, have now been moved into a single room in a slum.

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The family sought shelter in the local community hall when the authorities declared that they were illegal tenants, removed their possessions from the house and then bulldozed it on Monday night.

Hundreds of homes in the area are being bulldozed as part of a R27 million redevelopment scheme.

The Star visited the family at their Newclare room and found it bare, with cracked ceiling and walls, no electricity, a cement floor, a single tap with no sink, no sanitation, and one window with a broken pane.

## UNCLEARED DUMP

Four families living in the same yard share one broken lavatory and have no bathing facilities. There is an uncleared rubbish dump right next to their rooms.

Mr Farouk Lyners said: "We just have to accept the room because we have nowhere else to go."

"The authorities promised to find us a bigger place but I know that now that we are here, they won't worry about us any more."

Commenting on the family's situation, the director of the city council's housing department, Mr Mathys Wilsnach, said there were 4 500 people on the waiting list for homes and many were living in similar circumstances.

"We can only do the best that we can," he said.

Mr Lyners said his four-month-old baby daughter, Rockshana, had become ill because the family had to live in "such terrible conditions".

## 'OUT ON STREETS'

"If I refused the room, I would just be put out on the streets again," he said.

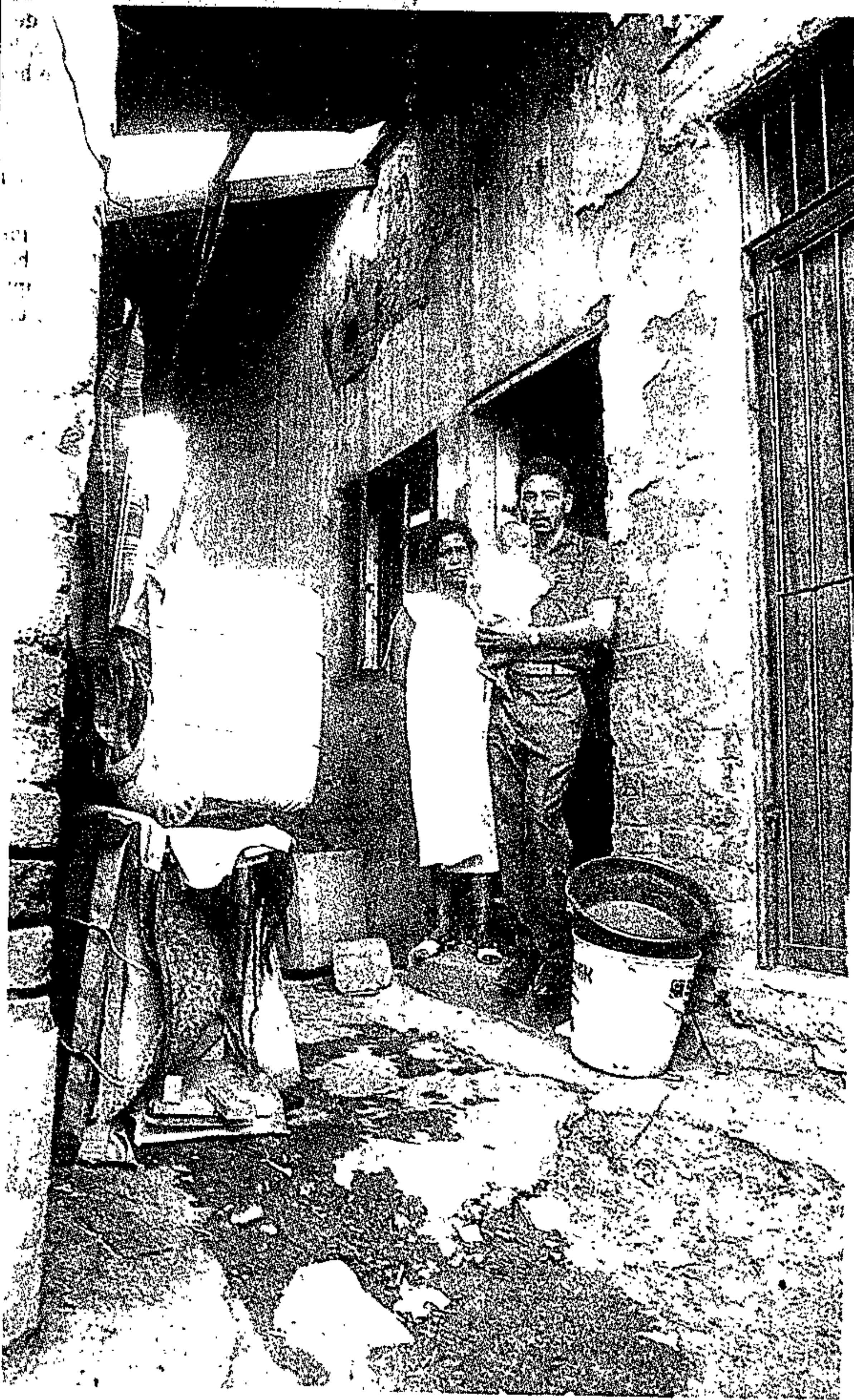
A member of the Westbury Residents' Action Committee, Mrs Florrie Daniels, said the room in which the Lyners were living was unhygienic.

She said she would keep up the fight with the authorities to get other accommodation for the family.

A woman living in the Newclare back rooms, who wished to remain anonymous, said the premises had been condemned.

She said she had been living there for the past 25 years.

"They promise to give us something better but they will only do something when we are in our graves," she said.



Mr and Mrs Farouk Lyners holding their four-month-year-old baby girl, Rockshana, stand outside their new single-room dwelling, which has no amenities except a single tap, after city council authorities bulldozed their home on Monday. The couple have two other children, Saeed (8) and Nathan (3).

● Picture by Karen Sanderson.



## Keenan 'crucial witness'

# Prof defies ban to testify for accused

By Jo-Anne Collinge

Professor Jeremy Keenan of the University of the Witwatersrand, described as a vital witness in a mass squatter trial in the Bophuthatswana township of GaRankuwa, yesterday defied a ban on entering the homeland in order to be present in court.

Professor Keenan's action resulted in the summary trial and conviction of defence counsel, Mr Paul Shapiro, on a charge of contempt of court and the professor will appear on a similar charge on January 20.

Mr Shapiro, sentenced to R20 or 10 days' imprisonment, gave notice of his intention to appeal against sentence and to have the case reviewed. He was released and his sentence was deferred.

Mr Shapiro had told regional magistrate Mr L Els that the assistance of Professor Keenan of the Wits University Department of Development Studies was "absolutely crucial to the preparation of the (squatters) case. He is the main witness for the accused".

He said a notice prohibiting Professor Keenan from entering Bophuthatswana without a visa had been issued just four days before the hearing.

Mr Shapiro contended that Professor Keenan's key role was known to the State and that the homeland government's ban on him was an attempt to hamstring the accused in preparing their case.

He advised the court that there had been insufficient time to obtain a visa.

Mr Els decided there was a prima facie case of contempt against both Mr Shapiro and Professor Keenan. After a short

adjournment Mr Shapiro was tried and sentenced and Professor Keenan's case was postponed to allow him to consult a lawyer.

Earlier, prosecutor Mr B Groen had argued that Mr Shapiro had not been properly briefed because of another banning order affecting the instructing attorney. "These people sitting in this court today in effect have no attorney."

Mr Groen said that Mr G Maluleke of G S S Maluleke and Associates was banned from entering Bophuthatswana.

"He cannot effect practise (in Bophuthatswana)." Clients had to go to Kempton Park in "another country" to consult him.

Defence counsel pointed out that the Bill of Rights of the homeland guaranteed the accused legal representation of their choice. He said that Mr Maluleke had been banned from Bophuthatswana about three years ago and since then his firm had represented many people in the homeland's courts without his physical presence.

Only when he became involved in defending squatters, whom the State had declared it was determined to get rid of, was his status challenged.

"The distinct impression is that the State is attempting to deny legal representation to the accused," said Mr Shapiro.

The 50-odd accused, residents of the Jakkalsdams area of Winterveld, sat impassively through the morning's proceedings. Some were obviously bewildered by the trial of their counsel.

Their case was postponed to January 21.

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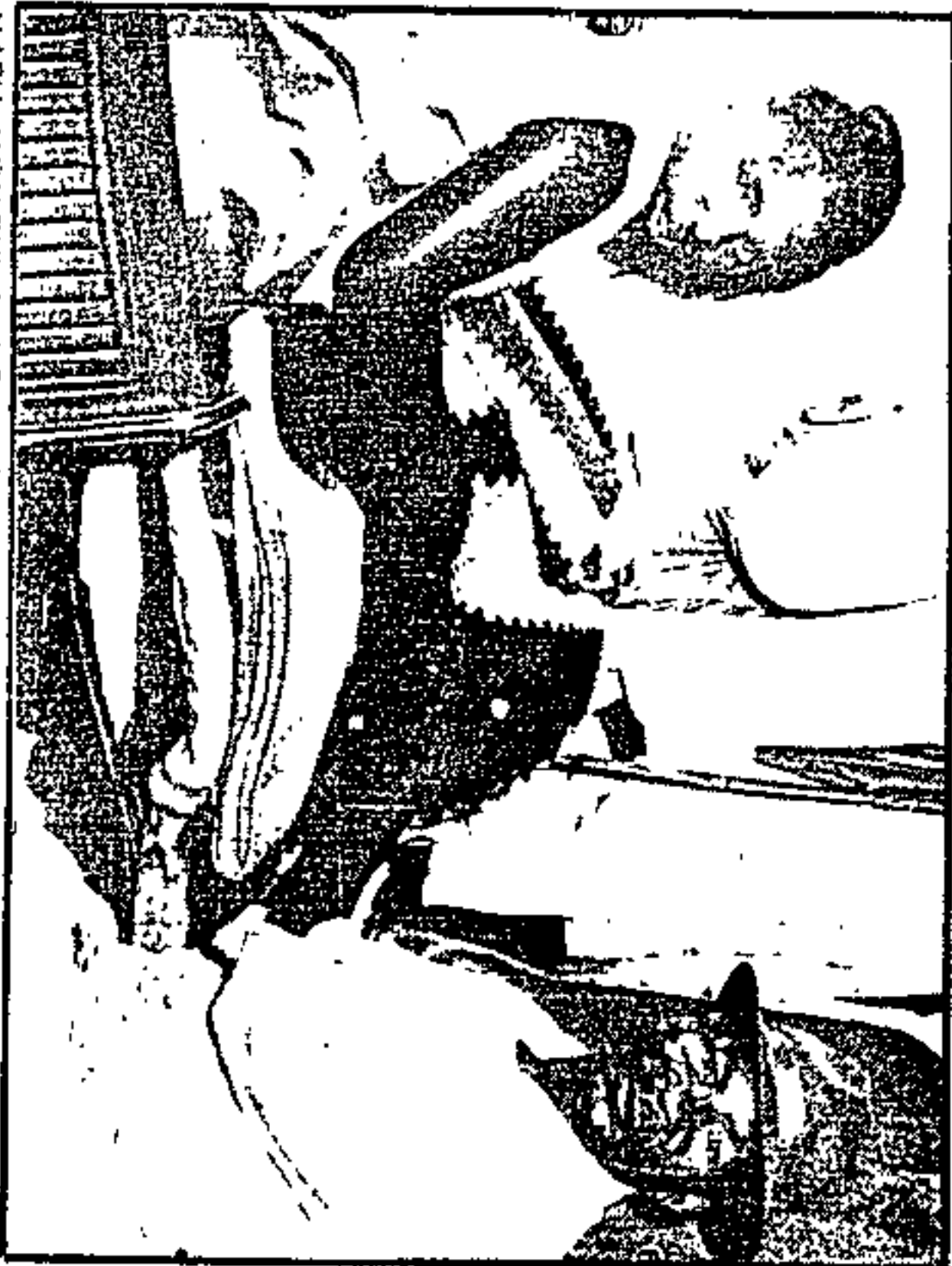
# GIVING THE GIFT OF LOVE

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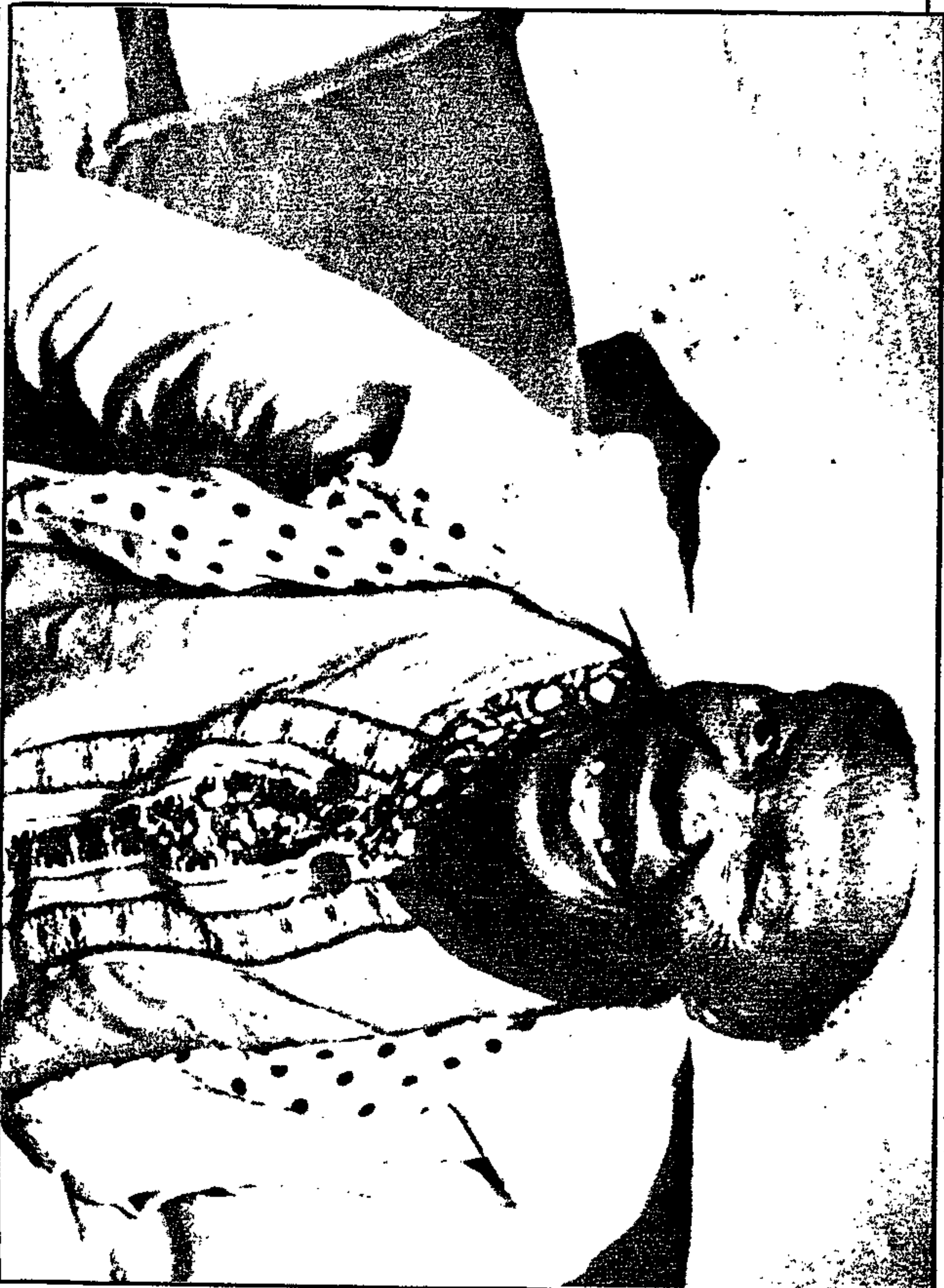


MARIA MOCHU, wife of OYC leader, up-arms James Ntombale - bed.

THEY may have missed their loved ones during the festive season, but the twilight people in Soweto's three transit camps still had many laughs on Christmas Day.

Their thanks go to concerned individuals, the Black Housewives' League and Ochupo Youth Club, an clean-up operation launched by Mzimhlophe squatter camp youths early last year.

**Adopted**  
Pensioners at house 726A and 1799a Naledi have been "adopted" by



JOHANNAH TUTU: Praying for peace

the BHL - while OYC is presently looking after the Mzimhlophe inmates.

Social worker Ben Ntso is in charge of the three camps, which belong to the West Rand

But they kept them company and served them drinks and cakes brought by social workers, he said.

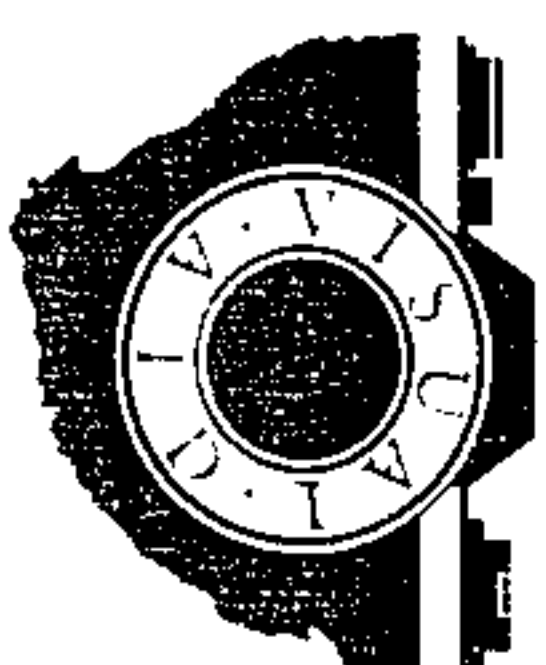
"We have a daily clean-up routine involving our 80 members."

## Washing

"said Tshenedu. Meanwhile, life at the pensioners' Naledi camps seems are sick and cannot do gloomy, especially for those who are sickly and ageing.

But the Christmas spirit was still there. They welcomed City Press with shouts of "Happy", expressing wishes for a peaceful new year (and obviously looking forward to warm kisses and gifts).

## Taking photographs for South Africa's starving children...



A GROUP of photographers have decided to try to raise over half a million rand for Operation Hunger - in a scheme called Visual Aid.

The scheme will enable professional photographers to contribute to Operation Hunger by donating their best photographic works for exhibition and sale.

Professional photographer Roy Zetisky - the driving force behind the scheme - told City Press he is confident the target

will be reached.

Photographers will be asked to submit creative, decorative images. The competition will close on January 24 - but Zetisky says the response has already been "remarkable."

The competition will provide a chance for top photographers in the country to show off their talent. Zetisky said: "We are simply looking for the very best of South African photographic art."

A selection panel will choose the best 150 photographs submitted, which will be exhibited at hotels in Johannesburg, Cape Town and Durban.

On June 25 - the opening night - the photos will be auctioned, with a reserve price of R100 each, to raise at least R45 000.

At the same time, 10 000 copies of a high-quality book containing the best 400

pictures will be sold nationwide for R50 each to raise R500 000.

A spokesman for Operation Hunger welcomed the project, and pointed out that a child dies from starvation every 15 minutes in South Africa's drought-devastated areas.

"Visual Aid's contribution will provide a reliable food and water supply for tens of thousands in the rural areas," said the

spokesman.

Entry forms for photographers are available at studios throughout the country.

An appeal is being made to the public for cash donations. Persons wishing to contribute may send their donations to: Visual Aid, P O Box 6697, Roggebaai, 8012. Anyone wishing to help Visual Aid, or requiring more details should telephone (021) 444951.

She stretched out her lean, wrinkled hand to greet us and thanked God for letting me live and enjoy my last Christmas on earth."

She wished the new year would bring peace to the country and prayed "for everybody."



# Decision on squatters today

THE fate of the 200 squatters at the Vlakfontein Farm — 10 km south-west of Lenasia — will be decided today.

Today is the day for the 40 families who were served with notice by West Rand Development Board to demolish their shacks. The chair-

man of Wra-debo, Mr John Knoetze, yesterday said he will be meeting with the owners of the farm, officials of the Department of Public Works and Land Affairs, to decide on the future of the families.

But, he insisted, "the families are illegally occupying private land. After the owners of the land had complained to us we found that their living conditions were not conducive to good health. We have offered to help them with their problems".

The health secretary of the Azanian People's Organisation (Azapo), Dr Abu-Baker Asvat,

launched a campaign to save the families from eviction.

He had contacted the Witwatersrand Council of Churches and the Black Lawyers Association (BLA) for help. Dr Asvat said although the families had not demolished their shacks they were expecting Wra-debo officials to raze them down today. Five shacks were demolished two weeks ago. Their occupants were left stranded.

Dr Asvat said the 200 people have been living on Vlakfontein Farm for between five and seven years. Their children attend school locally.

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# Reprieve for Vlakfontein squatters

The eviction of 40 families squatting on a Vlakfontein farm south of Johannesburg, has been suspended indefinitely.

The chairman of the West Rand Administration Board, Mr John Knoetze, said the board would not "throw these people out on the street."

Two weeks ago five shacks were demolished by the board's officials and eviction notices were served on the remaining 100 people living in the squatter camp. They were told to leave the land owned by the Department of Community Development within seven days. Many of the squatters have lived on the farm all their lives.

Mr Knoetze said the homes that were demolished were "not proper shacks" but they had already been destroyed when he "came on the scene".

"I stopped the demolitions immediately because it was not necessary to cause a confrontation," Mr Knoetze said.

He said many of the people were living in the area illegally.



# BLA threatens Wradebo

THE Black Lawyers Association yesterday said it would sue the West Rand Development Board if it evicted the Vlakfontein Farm squatters.

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A member of the BLA, Mr Modise Khoza, said he phoned chairman of Wradebo, Mr John Knoetze, informing him about the intention to take the

matter to court "should the families be evicted without being offered alternative accommodation". He said Mr Knoetze made an undertaking to inform his board of the decision over the fate of the families. He wrote Mr Knoetze a letter confirming the telephone discussion.

Mr Knoetze yesterday denied "any discussions between himself and

anyone of the Vlakfontein squatters. I have not received any letter over the matter," he said.

He said the families were living "illegally on private property". No action had been taken because the matter was being reviewed.

The 40 families living on the Vlakfontein Farm have been under the threat of eviction for three months now. At the beginning of this year they were served notices giving them seven days to leave the farm or face the consequences. Mr Knoetze said they were a "health hazard".

He said the land belonged to the Public Works and Land Affairs Department which had asked for help to evict the families.

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**CONCLUSIONS.**

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## Own Correspondent

At New Year conflict, which left more than 20 dead, erupted over the inclusion of Moutse into KwaNdebele. One of the worst-hit areas was Uitvlucht.

Government officials, armed with crowbars and winches, helped residents pull down their houses yesterday.

A white official from the Department of Constitutional Development and Planning, who oversaw the removal, said the 19 families-being moved were just the beginning. Many more would be moved this week.

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## Brits next in line

Brits old location is the latest township to find its way into the "unrest" statistics. A group of residents met this weekend to discuss the mooted resettlement, over three years, of the 16 000 residents at Lethlabile, some 20 km away on the border of Bophuthatswana. After the meeting, says a police report, one man was wounded when police opened fire (using 9 mm pistols) when a crowd of about 200 stoned an SAP vehicle. In another incident, a shop was set alight.

The removal of the Brits township comes a year after government declared a moratorium on forced removals.

The authorities are adamant that people are moving of their own free will; about 700 families have already done so. Brits MP Jan Grobler says the local Community Council, on behalf of the community, requested that the move begin as soon as possible. However, the Brits Action Committee, established to resist the move, says the majority of residents do not want to move; and one is taking the matter to court.

A major problem, according to the Action Committee, is that once a landlord agrees to move, his tenants also have to move (both landlords and tenants qualify for sites at Lethlabile). Once vacated, plots in the old location are frozen for any future use. There are, however, only some 1 000 landlords in the area; most of the residents are either tenants or squatters. Once a landlord agrees to move, it means that tenants don't have the choice of remaining in the old location.

A township resident, Moshe Mahlaela, has launched a Supreme Court application to compel the township superintendent to allocate a vacant house or stand to him. Mahlaela's parents moved to Lethlabile, but he and his family want to stay in the old location. The superintendent has given notice of intention to oppose the application.

The decision to relocate the old location dates back years, says Grobler, who has been involved in negotiations over the fate of the township since he became an MP in 1977. Officially, the reasons for the move are slum clearance and a shortage of land for expansion. The township has no electricity, a bucket latrine system is used, and only 54 taps serve the entire community.

Lethlabile has been designed as a "model township" with economic housing and site-and-service schemes. Easy loans are available for building materials and people have two years to build. Meanwhile, they are being provided with tin sheds and tents.

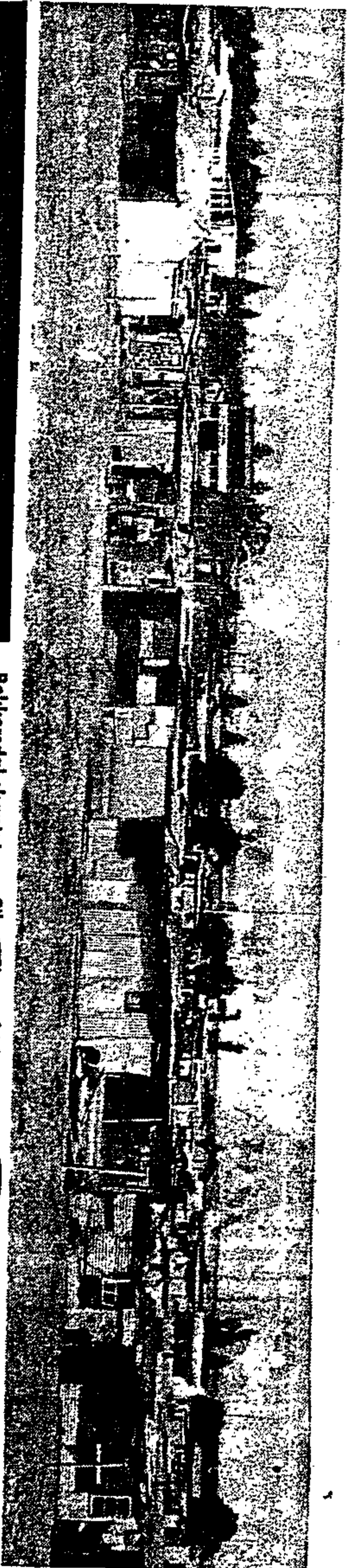
Residents opposed to moving argue that the old location could be upgraded instead, as people prefer to remain where they are, close to town and work. (The industrial area is about 4 km away.)

There are conflicting reports as to whether the residents of the area were consulted over the move. Grobler says that the community agreed to move voluntarily as long as Lethlabile is not incorporated into Bophuthatswana and provided that they do not lose their Section 10 (urban) rights. He adds that Minister of Constitutional Development and Planning Chris Heunis agreed to these conditions when he confirmed last November that the resettlement would go ahead. An amount of R3m has been set aside for compensation and to pay for the move.

Community Councillor Sam Khumalo, who has already moved to Lethlabile, says meetings were held annually. But the Action Committee says residents first heard about its certainty in December when the Community Council announced that the township would be resettled at Lethlabile.

Grobler says he is not surprised that violence has broken out. He expected it and blames political groups which, he claims, have gone in to create friction in a peaceful community which asked to move. Not surprisingly, government has been dealing with the Community Council. But, like other black community councils, the one at Brits appears to enjoy very little popular support.





# 'We shall not be moved'

Bekkersdal shantytown Silver City, which has to make way for a sports stadium.

**By HERMAN LITTELS**  
FROM Silver City to Spooktown - this is the frightening reality facing Bekkersdal shack dwellers.

Their ghostly story started when they were moved from a piece of land known as the "Sedumedi" squatter camp and told to erect their shacks at "Thatlanganang" - known as "pile-up".

They were hardly settled when a new starry future beckoned - this time they were told to move to "Silver City".

But their future was not so bright after all.

Recently they heard more terrifying news - this time they were told to move to Spooktown, a piece of land next to the cemetery.

And they have been given just a week to do it. But residents from the

Bekkersdal shantytown are not intimidated - and they've decided they will not be driven out.

According to the authorities, the present site has been earmarked for a stadium. And so, residents have to move for the fourth time - a "trek" which first started in 1982.

Said Silver City resident Irene Sibanyoni: "How long are we going to be moved from one shack to the other?" "West Rand officials bulldozed our shacks in 1982 because they said we were there illegally," she said.

"Rev Cecil Begbie came to our rescue and erected tents for us outside the township."

But residents were by now means settled. West Rand officials erected shacks at

"Thatlanganang" and instructed them to move again.

"We thought we were finally settled, but no, we were told to move again - this time to Silver City," said Sibanyoni.

"Enough is enough," residents told City Press.

"We are not prepared to move another inch from our homes."

"The Wrab officials can rather come and bulldoze us like they did four years ago," said one resident.

He said their children no longer knew what a home is "because we have been thrown from pillar to post."

Another resident said they were told new houses were being built for them when to moved to Silver City.

"The new houses have been completed, and now we are told to move to Spooktown," he said. Bekkersdal Council chief executive officer C Knott said residents have to vacate the area as a new sports stadium will be erected.



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ABOUT 400 Soweto

families who started a shantytown in Mofolo Central, near the golf course last week, have been allowed to squat temporarily while alternative accommodation is being sought by the Soweto Council.

A spokesman for the public relations division of the council said at the

# Squatters can stay for now

By LANGA SKOSANA

weekend the squatters have been allowed to stay while about 600 houses were being built in Nancefield.

"These families will be allowed to stay in Mo-

folo for about three to four months and will be moved to a new place in Nancefield," the spokesman said.

He said the council did not approve of squatting because of the health hazard it posed.

A source close to the council said the council was placed in an embarrassing situation because the mayor, Mr Ephraim Tshabalala, seemed to encourage the squatting.

The council, he said, faced the task of re-

proaching its mayor before stopping the people from squatting.

Mr Tshabalala told the *Sowetan* at the weekend that he allowed the squatters to stay at an enclosed camp in Mofolo because they

"I was approached by hundreds of people for homes. Among them were 62 nursing sisters from Baragwanath Hospital and a doctor. There were hundreds

more from various professions. What should I have done? Should I have just left them in the open?" Mr Tshabalala asked.

A council spokesman said from the beginning of this week the council will start numbering the shacks so as to know who qualified for housing and who did not.



# Reprieve for squatters

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**THE** West Rand Board has decided not to move the squatters who live on the Vlakfontein Farm in Lenasia.

An official in charge of the removals said the squatters can remain at Vlakfontein until they found alternative accommodation. He also said that Wradebo was willing to help those who wanted to go back to their homelands.

This will be a welcome respite for the families. The residents did not know which way to turn since they were told a week ago, to leave the farm. They said a Mr van Rooyen gave them two weeks notice on March 15. This was the second attempt by Wradebo to get the squatters off the farm.

The farm has been home to these squatters



**Mr JOHN MKHIZE**

who have had no permanent homes.

Mr John Mkhize has lived at Vlakfontein for more than eight years. He has a wife and daughter. He lives in a makeshift two-roomed shack with his family and a sickly brother.

"Mr van Rooyen told us to go back to where we belong," Mr Mkhize said. "But we do not know where to go. We used to live at Lawley before my parents died."

"Mr van Rooyen came here and said the farm belongs to Wradebo and that Wradebo does not want us here. We then asked the Black Sash to help us."

## Appeal

"We appealed to a lawyer to help us. Wradebo stopped demolishing our homes, while the lawyer and the Black Sash negotiated with Mr van Rooyen. By this time Wradebo had demolished five homes," Mr Mkhize said.

Dr Abu-Baker Asvat of Azapo (the Azanian Peoples Organisation) donated two tents for the homeless families.



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## Shanty camps arise in Soweto

SOPHIE TEMA

A SQUATTER camp is springing up in the middle of Soweto.

Located in the posh Mofolo village, it will house more than 50 homeless families in corrugated iron shanties.

A second settlement is springing up on "McDonald's farm" ground along the old Potchefstroom road.

Sofasonke Party members claim the ground on which the shanties are being built belongs to party leader and mayor of Soweto E.T. Tshabalala.

They claim only registered members of the party qualify to put up their homes at either settlement.

Shanty inhabitants claim that those accommodated in Mofolo are being asked to pay rent of R35 a month.

Those at McDonald's Farm will pay R45 for a one-roomed shanty.

Many applicants have been told no more shacks will be allowed at Mofolo because of a shortage of space.

It is believed that hundreds of people will be settled at McDonald's Farm.

At McDonald's Farm, shacks are being sold to some prospective buyers at R500 a time by a woman who claims to have been granted the official contract.

A spokesman for the Sofasonke Party said yesterday: "The leader of the party acquired the ground to assist destitute families who live below the breadline and cannot afford to buy houses.

"The squatter-settlements seem to be the only solution to the dire shortage of urban housing.

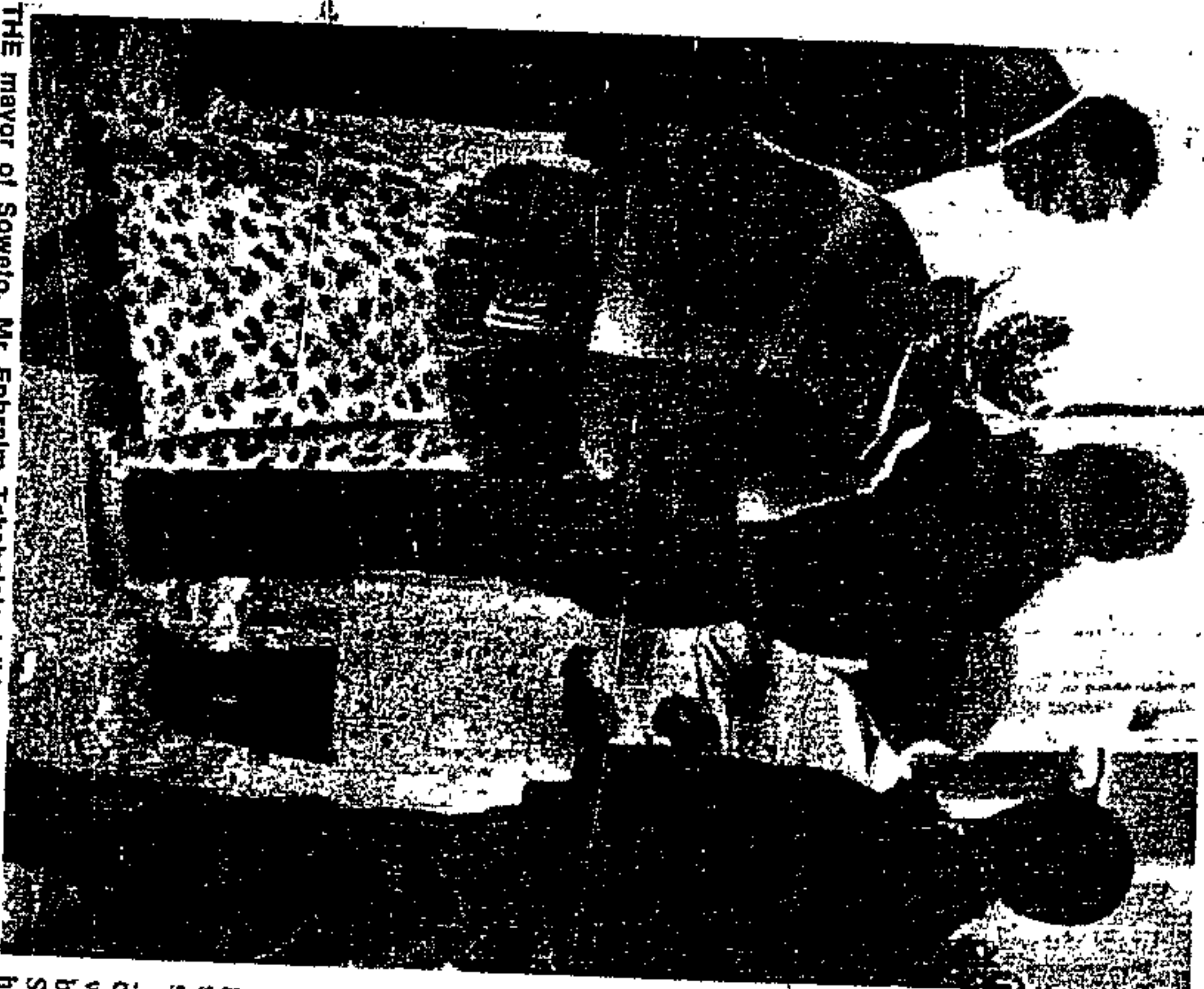
"That is why Tshabalala decided to make the ground available to be utilised to the best advantage."



# Soweto residents pay R30 a month to erect shacks

## MSHENGU CAMP

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THE mayor of Soweto, Mr Ephraim Tshabalala talking to some of the squatters at "Mshengu's Town" in Mofolo this week.

THE mayor of Soweto, Mr Ephraim Tshabalala, is charging residents R30 a month to erect shacks in the township.

In the past the council has demolished other squatter camps.

More than 70 shacks have already been erected on the plot opposite Mr Tshabalala's Eyethu Cinema in Mofolo Village.

"Mshengu's Town" has four communal toilets and two taps.

Mr Tshabalala said the land was given to him by the Government to house "his people". He refused to answer questions, saying he would hold a Press conference on Tuesday.

### Qualify

To qualify for residence in "Mshengu's Town", one has first to become a member of the Sefasankwe Party of which Mr Tshabalala is president.

Highly placed party members have revealed that their membership is growing "tremendously" since the advent of the squatter camp.

Most residents of the camp said although they were not comfortable being members of the Sefasankwe Party, they had to join as they have been on the waiting list for houses for a long



Dr ASVAT

By ALL MPHAKI

More than 20 000 people are on the waiting list for houses in Soweto.

Mr John Knoetze, chairman of the West Rand Development Board, said the land in Soweto was given to the council last week and

Wadebo no longer controlled it.

Dr Abu-Baker Asvat of the Azanian People's Organisation, who helps squatters in Soweto, said the camp could be a health hazard because of overcrowding and lack of ablution facilities. "This could endanger the lives of the people," he said.

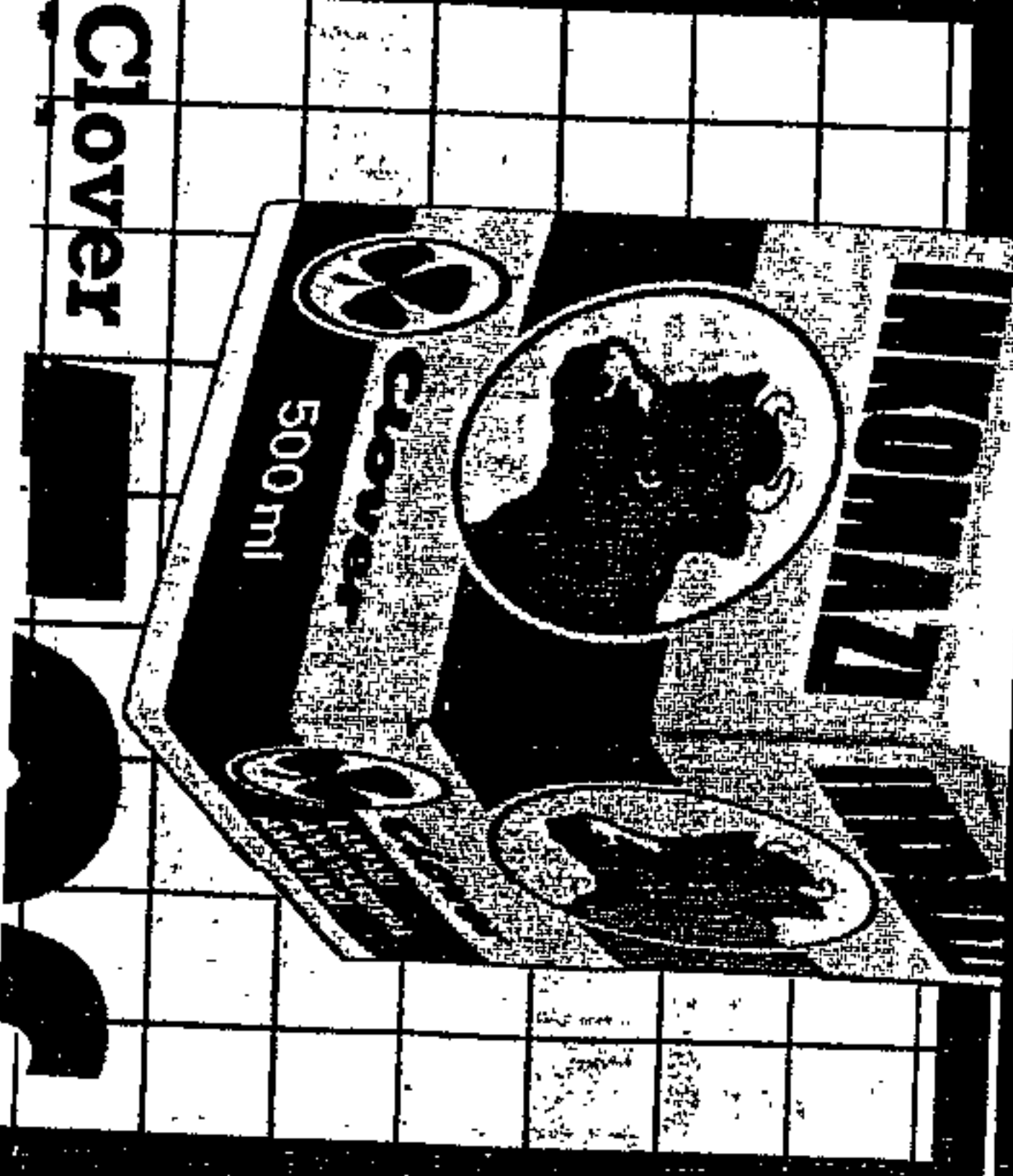
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# Evictions spark off Vaal unrest

By STAN MHLONGO

UNREST in the Vaal Triangle erupted this week when scores of squatters were forcibly evicted and hundreds of students boycotted classes after a fellow-student was arrested following a punch-up with a principal.

The unrest follows a week after the joint funerals of 13-year-old Nicholas Thobeli and Mzwandile Sigudla of Evaton—allegedly shot dead by cops in two separate incidents in the past weeks.

Community leaders say the unrest was sparked off by four prominent events in the area this week.

● The alleged arrest of Matthews Lehoko—a student at Sizanani Secondary School in Sebokeng.

● The eviction of scores of squatters despite a reassurance by Evaton mayor Sam Rabotapi three weeks ago that the freehold rights of residents were secure and that they did not need to fear eviction.

● The eviction of Constance Sotunda in Sebokeng's Zone 14—the first alleged rent defaulter believed to be evicted since the rent boycott started in September 1983.

● The stoning of buses.

A Vaal Student Congress member said trouble

at Sizanani Secondary School started when "teachers and the principal boycotted the funeral of fellow student Vusi Albert Mdingelwa"—a victim of a hit-and-run accident on Easter Monday. He was buried last Sunday.

He said students attacked the teachers and principal and demanded the resignation of the principal.

They claimed the principal influenced the teachers not to attend the funeral.

A criminal charge has been laid against Lehoko for fighting with the principal, a Vasco member said.



# FAMILIES FLOCK TO SQUATTER CAMP

By LANGA SKOSANA

SCORES of families have moved into an open field in Mofolo, Soweto, where a huge squatter settlement is mushrooming.

On Monday and last night close on 100 families moved in, a council official, Mr Nick Malan, said.

He said the executive committee of the council will hold an urgent meeting today to address the problem.

Throughout yesterday families moved into the area and offloaded their belongings on the bare veld near the old Mofolo golf course. They claim they were told by Soweto's mayor, Mr Ephraim Tshabalala, to squat there.

Some of the families say they have been on the housing waiting list for more than 15 years.

Each family is being charged R35 a month for a plot approximately 36 m square by landlords who claim they are collecting the money for Mr Tshabalala.

One of the leaders of the squatters, Mrs Molly Ndungwane of Orlando East, said the land was given to Sofasonke Party members by Mr Tshabalala on Friday. Mr Tshabalala is president of the party, which swept into power in the last Soweto elections.



**Building contractors cash in on plight of desperate people**

# ET'S SQUATTERS FLOCK TO GOLF COURSE

SEVERAL building contractors in Soweto have cashed in on the plight of people at the Ephraim Tshabalala squatter camp in Soweto and are charging huge amounts to people who want shacks built, writes LANGA SKOSANA.

The squatters are being charged anything from R400 to R1 000 for shacks that are easily destroyed by the rain, and which are not even worth R100.

Scores of squatters moved into the area from various parts of Soweto last week, and the numbers are growing daily.

They came after Soweto's mayor, Mr Ephraim Tshabalala, offered to house those people who are on the house waiting list in the area.

Since their arrival handymen and other people offered to build them their tin homes at varying prices. One squatter said some people paid up to R1 000 for a two-roomed structure.

The shack builders say they provide the people with material and labour for their homes. The average price was between R350 and R550, they said.

Yesterday more people arrived and formed long queues at the squatter camp to await landlords to allot them pieces of land.

They each paid R35 to buy the land which belongs to the Soweto City Council which can evict them.

A spokesman for the council said yesterday the council was opposed to squatting and it was unfortunate that Soweto's mayor, Mr Ephraim Tshabalala appeared to be helping in the squatting.

DESPERATE people queue at the Ephraim Tshabalala squatter camp in Mofolo Golf Course, Soweto. The mayor is charging people R35 per plot to squat. On the right, are workers cutting out plots.





FOR all the good that Soweto's mayor, Mr Ephraim Tshabalala, might think he is doing by starting a squatter camp for Soweto's homeless, he could end up taking the rap when the scheme goes awry.

There are already more than 100 shacks at the camp and chances are that the number could rise to more than 1 000 in the next few months. This is especially so in view of the Government's scrapping of influx control laws which could lead to many people in the rural areas flocking to the cities.

Admittedly, there is an acute shortage of houses in Soweto and as the township's mayor, Mr Tshabalala has every reason to be concerned about the situation.

But the way he has chosen to go about tackling the problem raises many other questions which are in themselves another cause for concern.

### **Serious**

The squatter camp Mr Tshabalala has put up can only provide a short-term solution to the housing crisis while at the same time creating another problem that could be even more serious.

There are only two taps from which the 100 families draw their water at the camp. This is inadequate and the lack of ablution facilities in the area poses a serious health hazard.

Besides, slums are known to be a breeding ground for crime and could be a political time-bomb. In Alexandra and Ratanda as soon as the

abuse of the position of authority that Mr Tshabalala is holding.

Other fees paid by the squatters are R30 for the shack site and a monthly rental of R35. Besides being too high, these fees cannot be justified.

Mr Tshabalala makes

# MSHENGU SQUATTER CAMP WON'T LAST

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By SAM MABE

squatter camp got unbearably overcrowded, social unrest became the inevitable consequence.

For a place like Soweto, such unrest could have far reaching effects especially because of the volatile atmosphere prevailing all over the country.

An even more serious danger posed by the camp is that it is situated in a swampy area that gets flooded whenever it rains. Should it rain as heavily as it did on the afternoon of April 12 this year, almost all those shacks will be swept away and many people could be seriously affected.

The Government will also have to take the blame for whatever problems arise at the camp because of its

handling of the squatter issue.

While the scrapping of influx control laws seemed good, shifting the responsibility of controlling the formation of slums to black local bodies seems to be open to abuse.

Mr Tshabalala cannot claim to have allowed the erection of the shacks out of the kindness of his heart, or merely out of concern for the plight of Soweto's homeless people.

### **Gains**

He has created the impression that he is trying to make both personal and political gains out of the people's suffering.

If this was not so, he would not have made it a condition that people join the Sofasonke Party, of which he is president, before being allowed to erect their shacks.

This condition is not only bringing more income to his party because of the R5 membership fee that has to be paid, but it also ensures that he will get popular support at future council elections.

This is an inexcusable

his motives even more questionable by his refusal to face the Press on the issue.

If the money goes into the Soweto Council's coffers, Mr Tshabalala might then have to be reminded that during his election campaign in 1983, he promised to reduce Soweto's rentals to R5, and that this might be the opportunity for him to demonstrate his sincerity in making that promise.

But if the money goes into his own pocket, then the council might

have to explain how the mayor acquired such a big tract of land from which he seems to be making a fortune.

There are people who might say that opposing the erection of the squatter camp shows lack of sympathy for the homeless people, and that staying in a shack is better than being without a home at all.

While this might be a logical argument, a counter argument is it is wrong for a mayor to authorise the formation of a slum when his responsibility should be to provide people with houses.

### **Failure**

If Mr Tshabalala says the council has no money to build houses, he would be agreeing with critics of the Community Council system who say the system is a failure and should be rejected.

It is an open secret that the Government is no longer keen to bear the responsibility for black housing. By giving the running of the townships to blacks, it is placing people like Mr Tshabalala in a position where they will have to face the wrath of the angry masses then they start seeing through the Black Local Authorities Act.



DESPERATE people queue at the Ephraim Tshabalala squatter camp at Mofolo Golf Course, Soweto. The mayor is charging people R35 a plot to squat.



# SHACKS BLITZED

**ABOUT 30 heavily armed Soweto Council policemen yesterday tore down some of the shacks at the "Mshengu" squatter camp in Mofolo.**

The demolition squad came without notice. A number of women watched helplessly as their homes were torn apart.

The policemen were ordered by the council to stop any newcomers to the area from building more shacks. The council said it wanted to limit the number of shack dwellers to 400 but over the past week more than 1 200 people arrived to pitch up homes.

The chairman of the council's housing committee, Mr Julius Mdialose, yesterday said the council had to take a firm stand on the growing number of squatters.

## Money

"Although we are aware of the shortage of houses in our township, we could not allow people to squat in unhealthy conditions. We will try and find an alternative place for the squatters at Emdeni township where we are laying down sewer pipes and running water," Mr Mdialose said.

He blamed Soweto's mayor, Mr Ephraim "ET" Tshabalala, for starting the squatter camp and said the squatters had paid a lot of money for camping in that area. The council has not received any of the money, he claimed.

The families began building shacks in the area three weeks ago after being given plots by Mr Tshabalala.

The demolition was halted after Mr Tshabalala, accompanied by other council officials,



**SOWETO Council police move into the squatter camp in Mofolo township, Soweto, to demolish new shacks that were mushrooming in the area.**

including town clerk Mr Nico Malan, intervened. Jubilant shack dwellers, who were joined by other residents, broke into song and danced

around the area. They later held a demonstration outside Mr Tshabalala's house which is near the squatter camp. A spokesman for the

council appealed to the squatters not to waste their money erecting shacks as these would be demolished. • See Page 5.

## Move to end unrest

**LONDON —** The South African Government has taken advantage of the Western summit in Tokyo to propose a new initiative aimed at ending unrest in the townships, it is claimed here.

A BBC radio report on Monday said President P W Botha was understood to have sent a confidential message to the leaders of each of the seven leaders in Tokyo.

The message suggested that Nelson Mandela could be released from prison in return for assurances from the international community about its future policy towards South Africa.

The plan had been drawn up by the Eminent Persons' Group set up by last year's Commonwealth conference, said the report.

Graham Leach, the BBC's southern Africa

correspondent, added from Johannesburg:

"After discussions in Pretoria and Lusaka and with Mr Mandela in his prison cell, the Commonwealth mission has proposed that the South African Government should release Mr Mandela and lift the ban on the African National Congress in return for the simultaneous announcement of a cessation of hostilities by the ANC."

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# Soweto mayor in tears over shacks

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From SOPHIE TEMA

JOHANNESBURG. — Soweto Mayor Mr ET Tshabalala yesterday broke down and wept as he pleaded with officials to save about 1 000 shacks — said to earn him R40 000 a month — from demolition.

The shanty camp in the township was started by Mr Tshabalala about a month ago and residents claim they pay between R35 and R40 a month in rent. Shacks have now mushroomed on to the Mofolo Golf Course.

Yesterday the deputy director-general of Constitutional Development, Dr H P Fourie, accompanied by the Town Clerk of Soweto, Mr Nico Malan, and members of the Soweto Council, listened as Mr Tshabalala explained that he had allowed the families to put up shacks in the area because they were desperate for homes and had nowhere to go.

Before Dr Fourie's arrival, the shanty camp was besieged by heavily-armed police and about 20 shacks were demolished by Soweto Council labourers.

Pleading for a reprieve, Mr Tshabalala

gave Dr Fourie the assurance that a site-and-service scheme would be started and families resettled there within the next four months.

Dr Fourie said the families could stay on until the site-and-service scheme could be set up for them in Soweto.

After the reprieve, irate shack-dwellers called for the blood of one of the councillors — Mr Julius Mdlalose, chairman of the Soweto housing committee — whom they accused of having been responsible for the breaking down of their shacks.

Mr Mdlalose did not react but remained standing close to the Soweto Council Police until the visitors left the area.

People carrying placards demonstrated in the area in protest against the demolitions.

A council spokesman yesterday said Mr Tshabalala had been warned by the Department of Constitutional Development and Planning to stop allocating space to more people.

"At the time there were only 400 shacks in the area. Now they have mushroomed to over 1 000," he said.



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## Mayor says Mofolo squatter camp will stay

The "Mshengu" squatter camp in Mofolo, Soweto, will stay until the homeless families are provided with alternative accommodation, Mayor Mr Ephraim "ET" Tshabalala said yesterday.

Speaking for the first time about the camp, Mr Tshabalala attacked the media for "being reactionary" about the issue.

On Tuesday the council police pulled down a number of newly erected shacks before Mr Tshabalala intervened.

He said yesterday: "As a leader, I was under pressure to provide accommodation to the hun-

dreds of people who have been on a waiting list for 16 years. "I had no choice but to allow those people to erect shacks at Mofolo."

Mr Tshabalala said the R30 residents were paying for rent and service was reasonable.

"In the back rooms where they used to live, they paid R65 for rent, R30 for electricity and R10 for water.

"I can promise you that those people will remain in the area until alternative accommodation has been provided.

"Housing is the most important thing to solve people's problems in the urban areas."

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# MSHENGU CAMP: THE MYSTERY DEEPENS

THE demolition of some of the shacks at Mshengu's squatter camp in Mofolo on Tuesday has raised many questions about the Soweto mayor's powers and how his council is being run.

When a squad of about 30 council policemen arrived at the camp in the morning, it seemed they were going to bring down all the close to 100 shacks in the area.

Suddenly the mayor, Mr Ephraim Tshabalala arrived at the scene accompanied by some council officials. After what appeared to be a plea of mercy from him the demolition was stopped immediately.

The press was then told that the shacks that were being demolished were only those of newcomers to the camp. Only 400 shack dwellers would be allowed to stay in the camp until they were given alternative accommodation elsewhere in Soweto.

The Chairman of Soweto Council's housing committee, Mr Julius Mdlatse, blamed Mr Tshabalala for starting the squatter camp and said the council had not received any of the money that the squatters paid to be allowed to settle in the camp.

It has been reported that as a condition for erecting a shack in the camp, dwellers have to join Sefasonke Party, of which Mr Tshabalala is president. The joining fee is R5, the site is R30 and a monthly rental for staying in the camp is R35.

If this money is due to the council and as Mr Mdlatse said has not been received, it would seem there is an irregularity somewhere which can only be dealt with by the police.

## Outcry

But it is still not clear how in the first place the mayor could have authorised the establishment of the squatter camp without the council's knowledge or its consent.

There was an immedi-

ate public outcry against the squatter camp when the first few shacks went up three weeks ago and the council did not seem to know what it was sup-

posed to do.

Mr Tshabalala claimed that the land, which had previously been used as a golf course, was given to him by the Government. As he was not prepared to speak to the Press about the issue, it was not clear whether the land was given to him as mayor or in his personal capacity.

The chairman of the West Rand Development Board, Mr John Knoetze, said his board had given the land to the Soweto Council.

From what Mr Mdlatse said, it would seem that Mr Tshabalala acted unilaterally in authorising the erection of the squatter camp. If this is so, it would be expected of the council to take some form of disciplinary action against him.

The council also has

to take the rap for its handling of the issue: both for doing nothing when the first shack went up and for suddenly and without any warning, moving in to demolish some.

Admittedly, the camp is an eyesore to the authorities and to residents living in the camp's neighbourhood. The threat it posed to the health of its dwellers and to social stability cannot be overemphasised.

But it seemed unfair and cruel to bring down the so-called newcomers' shacks because as far as everybody and especially dwellers of the camp were concerned, the camp was legal since its establishment was authorised by the mayor.

What the council was doing by demolishing the shacks was making

innocent homeless people pay for its own blunders and irresponsibility.

According to one Soweto hardware dealer, it could cost up to R600 for material required to build an average sized shack. This excludes labour costs which could be between R30 and R50.

With the meagre wages that most people earn in Soweto, the money some of the shack dwellers spend on the structures could constitute their entire savings.

## Hassle

Another serious problem some of these people face is that they have nowhere else to go after their shacks are demolished. Going back where they were before coming to the camp might be a hassle since some may not be welcome, or their places may have been taken by others.

And in all fairness, all those people whose shacks were demolished on Tuesday are entitled to some form of compensation for losses they incurred in buying building material.

Besides, they are equally entitled to the alternative accommodation that has been promised the remaining 400 dwellers.

By SAM MABE



POLICE and demolishers at Mshengu Camp on Tuesday.





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## ET to pay for water, toilets

SOPHIE TEMA

SOWETO mayor E T Tshabalala has announced he will pay for all services provided to residents at a shantytown in Mofolo.

Tshabalala promised this week at a meeting held with the Soweto Council's housing committee to pay for services at the camp which he put up in Mofolo about a month ago.

Deputy director-general of the Department of Constitutional Development and Planning H P Fourie met the housing committee this week and was told about money collected by Tshabalala from his shanty community and which, it was alleged, did not go into the council's coffers.

The council told Fourie the camp had 1 200 shacks, from which Tshabalala was alleged to be collecting about R40 000 a month.

After Fourie had advised the council to resolve the matter themselves, Tshabalala promised to pay for toilet and water services from the money he collected as rent.

Residents staying at the camp say they pay between R35 and R40 a month rent.

Chairman of the council's housing committee Julius Mdlatse confirmed yesterday that Tshabalala had promised to pay for the toilet and water services provided for the residents at the camp.

Fourie said yesterday: "The council raised the matter of the rent money collected by Tshabalala from the shanty residents when I visited Soweto this week.

"I did not want to get involved in the issue and advised the council to resolve the matter themselves," Fourie said.

"The matter was discussed in my presence, including payment for the toilets hired by the council for the families at the camp."

Fourie said land for the shanty people to move to would be made available in the very near future.





The demolition men move into ET's village, tearing down the homes set up less than a month ago.

# ET weeps as his 'estate' is demolished

WEST RAMP Administration Board cops this week demolished 15 of Soweto mayor Epiratim Tshabala's shacks in Mafelo Village - leaving several families without shelter.

Tshabala wept as he showed Development and Planning Director-General

HP Fourie the remains of his shacks. Families said the cops who led the demolition told them they had received orders from housing committee chairman Julius Mdla-

lose. When Mdla lose arrived under police escort, he was booed and mobbed by shack dwellers - mostly Tshabala's Sotlasonke Party members.

But Mdla lose denied he had sent the cops to destroy 1 200 shacks. "Pretoria only gave Tshabala permission to build 400 shacks," he said.

"But when we sent a clerk to deliver the shack numbers, he found there were no shacks," he said. Mdla lose said the council then "asked" the mayor not to build more shacks - but he ignored them.

"The shacks were pulled down because of a council decision - not on my orders. Also, the shacks pulled down were still under construction," said Mdla lose. Soweto Town Council PRO Don Mahaba said it was "news" to hear that a councillor can give orders to council cops.

"I do not believe Mdla lose ordered the cops to demolish the shacks. The order can only be implemented after the town clerk has signed the order. He said Mdla lose had agreed upon to the entire council," said Mahaba. Shack dweller Ngqobu arame I admitted.

Mpsur, 32, the female daughter of late communist leader and Sotlasonke group founder James Sotlasonke, said he was to leave for the UK. "He said Mdla lose had ordered the demolition. When I refused to leave, another cop pointed a rifle at me and I ran."



# Soweto shack-dwellers vow to stay put

By Montshiwa Moroke

Shack-dwellers living near Mofolo Village, Soweto, yesterday vowed not to move until they were provided with homes.

The shack dwellers and other residents also called for the resignation of all councillors, except the Mayor, Mr Ephraim "ET" Tshabalala, who was given a hero's reception.

The call was made at a meeting of about 4 000 members of the Sofasonke Party at the Eyethu Cinema. The meeting was called by Mr Tshabalala, who is also party president.

Mr Tshabalala and his fellow councillors clashed last week when council policemen tore

down several shacks built for the homeless with his blessing.

Speaker after speaker condemned the action.

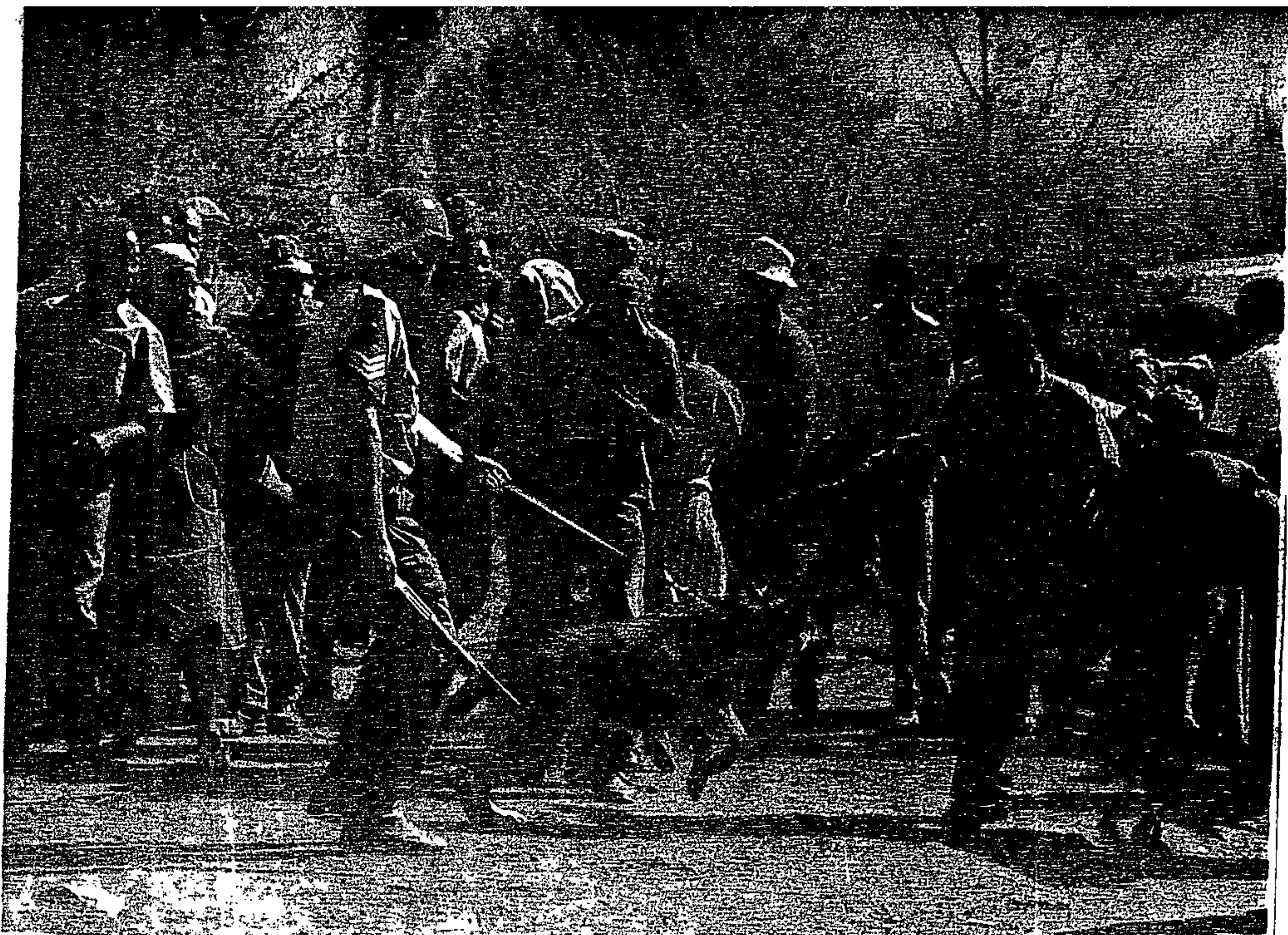
Councillors were also accused of favouritism in allowing people to jump the waiting list for housing, particularly in Naledi, and taking bribes for allocating houses.

Mr Tshabalala proposed that house rents be reduced to R12 and that other means of generating revenue be considered.

Later, at his home, Mr Tshabalala said he had collected about R900 from the squatters. He had taken the money to the Soweto Council.

"After I had been given a receipt for the money, it was returned to me," he said.





# Soweto squatters hurt in police clash

By Rich Mkhondo

Three people were injured when Soweto Council policemen, assisted by members of the SA Police, charged squatters with dogs and later fired teargas canisters into the Mshengu squatter camp in Mofolo, Soweto yesterday.

Captain Henry Beck of the Police Public Relations Directorate in Pretoria said no incidents concerning squatters were reported to them.

The violence started after a large crowd of shack dwellers booed police protecting West Rand Development Board workers who were demolishing Soweto mayor Mr Ephraim "ET" Tshabalala's shanty town.

Police moved into the area at about 9 am yesterday and demolished newly-built shacks amid interjection by the dwellers.

Equipped with helmets and other riot gear, police charged the shack dwellers with dogs as WRADEBO workers went ahead with the demolition.

Within minutes hundreds of the squatters were joined by nearby Mofolo residents. They continued chanting and hurling insults at the workers.

An elderly woman sustained a serious cut on the leg when policemen charged with dogs. Police asked her to come with them to a doctor but she refused.

Using a loudhailer, a police officer told residents: "You are constituting an illegal gathering. We are giving you 10 minutes to disperse or we will take action. We want you to go back peacefully into your huts, so that Mr Tshabalala can come and address you."

Residents interjected and said: "Where are those huts? You are demolishing them."

Gradually residents dispersed peacefully into their shacks and only a few remained next to where the police had camped.

Police then moved to the western side of the camp, where the wind was behind them, and fired teargas canisters.

Mr Tshabalala yesterday said he would consider dissolving the entire council because "all its members do not have the interest of Soweto residents at heart".

He added: "What the police, in collaboration with some councillors, are doing is totally inhumane."

## Operation demolition

West Rand Development Board policeman used dogs to control angry squatters yesterday when workers demolished shacks at Mr Ephraim Tshabalala's shantytown in Mofolo, Soweto. An elderly woman was taken to hospital after being bitten by a dog. The angry squatters booed the workers who were pulling down their shacks.

Picture by Herbert Mabusela



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## Mofolo shacks pulled down again

By LANGA  
SKOSANA

HEAVILY armed police yesterday fired tear-smoke and set dogs on Mofolo, Soweto squatters whose tin shacks were demolished for the second time in a week.

Several people were injured and at least two women were taken to hospital with dog bites and birdshot injuries.

The incident happened after angry squatters confronted workmen who were busy dismantling the shacks with crowbars and heavy hammers.

Early yesterday morning, Soweto Council policemen backed up by members of the SAP guarded the squatter camp as workmen started dismantling newly-erected shacks.

Women whose families were promised proper homes by Soweto's mayor, Mr Ephraim Tshabalala, wept as the demolitions continued. Scores of desperate and homeless people said they had lost their entire savings after their shacks had been demolished for the second time.

Mrs Evelyn Radebe, a mother of three, said the shack she had put up last week at a cost of R450 had been demolished. She later paid R350 for the shack that was demolished yesterday. In addition, she paid R35 for the piece of ground on which she erected the shacks.

The Red Cross has supplied four huge tents as temporary shelter for the people whose shacks had been brought down. But the tents have not been used because the people believe they are entitled to live on the plots for which they have paid.

The Soweto Town Council yesterday held an urgent executive committee meeting to decide what should happen to the displaced families.



AN ANGRY woman shouts at police and Soweto council workmen as some of the shacks in Mofolo are being pulled down.

Pic: MBUZENI ZULU

## Suspect linked to cop's death

# MAN SHOT

THE man arrested for allegedly killing a Pretoria-based policeman in Crossroads was yesterday shot dead by police.

SOWETAN CORRESPONDENT

Police said the 23-year-old man, whose name has not been released because his next of kin have not been informed, was shot in the head when he escaped from a Casspir while assisting investigators.

The man was arrested by a Gugulethu investigation team last Wednesday and was due to appear in court yesterday on a charge of murdering Constable Patrick Legong on March 25.

Lieutenant Attie Laubscher, a police liaison officer, said the man was taken to point out certain areas and at about 4 am the Casspir in which he and mem-

bers of the investigation team were travelling stopped in Mahobe Drive near the entrance to the Western Cape Development Board offices and Crossroads.

Early morning investigations in black areas have become normal because of the danger of attack during daylight hours and detectives have been told to use Casspirs when going into townships.

Members of the investigation team left the vehicle leaving the man inside under guard.

Lieutenant Laubscher said that soon afterwards he asked for permission to relieve him-

self and his handcuffs were unlocked.

One of the guards climbed out of the vehicle and waited next to the steps for the man to alight.

Lieutenant Laubscher said the man leapt from the vehicle, knocking over the guard, and fled towards shacks.

Four shots were fired at the fleeing man and one hit him in the head.

He was taken to Groote Schuur Hospital where he was certified dead.

Lieutenant Laubscher said police were investigating the possibility that the man's brother died in police action.

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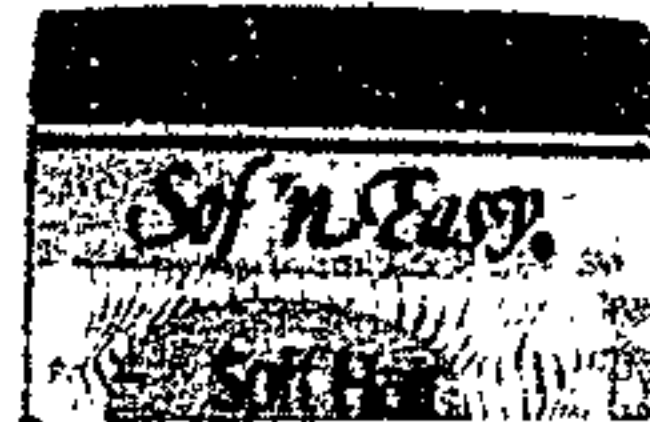
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# SUSPENDED

## Call to scrap Group Areas and Land Acts

SA Press Association

THE Urban Foundation yesterday welcomed the publication of the Black Communities Development Amendment Bill as a "part of a package of changes long advocated by the Foundation".

Mr Fred Stiglingh, executive director of the Urban Foundation, said in a Press statement yesterday: "This Bill is the result of a long and arduous process of research and negotiation to achieve full property ownership rights for black South Africans."

"The Amendment Bill will facilitate a more active role by the private sector in the establishment and development of townships."

"While this will do much to stimulate the provision of housing by township developers, the home-building industry and employers, it is essential to again stress that further changes are urgently required before blacks can fully enjoy the practical advantages of full property rights as is the case with other South Africans," he said.

Mr Stiglingh said urgent attention should be given to the provision of land and finance and "innovative housing methods" to stimulate a large-scale creation of housing.

"Moreover, racial tags attached to the allocation of land conflict with the fundamental principles of the Foundation, such as freedom of choice and free enterprise," he added.

"A radical reconsideration of the Group Areas Act and Land Act is therefore an urgent priority."

"The Bill represents part of the package of changes long advocated by the Foundation. These changes, which include the abolition of influx control, the restoration of citizenship and a common identity document, are all components of a process of transformation of our society."

By MANDLA NDLAZI

THE Soweto City Council yesterday suspended mayor Mr Ephraim Tshabalala for 45 days. It also plans to take him to court on allegations relating to extortion and mismanagement.

The suspension *in absentia* follows the setting up of the controversial squatter camp in Mofolo, which was Mr Tshabalala's brainchild.

In a full and lively meeting yesterday, it was said that Mr Tshabalala violated a council decision by inciting or encouraging people to squat.

The council had decided that not more than 400 shacks be built.

The council resolved to consult its legal advisers in a bid to press charges against the mayor.

### Meeting

The allegations would be that he contravened the Squatters Act, the Health Act and the Black Local Authorities Act.

The mayoral car will be taken away from him and he will lose all privileges enjoyed by a mayor.

Action was also taken against him under Section 81 of the Council Regulations in that he disclosed information on matters discussed at a meeting that was held behind closed doors.

Meanwhile police would be asked to investigate how much rent squatters pay and to whom the money goes.

Mr Tshabalala had sent a written apology



MAYOR Tshabalala ... squatter camp.

excusing himself from the meeting. The apology was rejected.

The meeting was chaired by the deputy mayor Mr Glen Jwara and not a single member of the Sefasonke Party attended.

A councillor claimed that innocent squatters might be killed if they defied police action to demolish the shacks.

Mr Nico Malan, the Town Clerk, said more than 1 000 shacks were put up while the council had toilet facilities for only 500. This was a major health hazard.

The meeting also decided that Mr Tshabalala should dismantle or demolish the unwanted shacks himself rather than have the council police take on this job.

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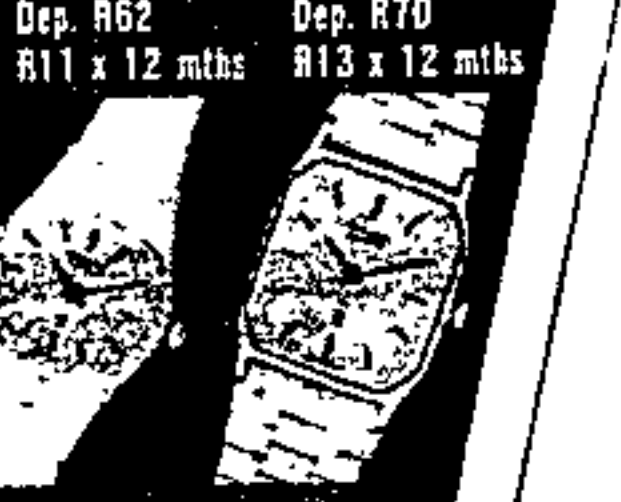


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Ephraim Tshabalala tells shanty-dwellers last week that he has stopped the authorities destroying their homes ... but this week police clear out the squatters. Picture by REUTER

## The case of the golf-course squatters

THE suspension of the mayor of Soweto, Ephraim Tshabalala, for encouraging squatters to erect shelters on Soweto Council property may well provide a glimpse into the future.

The abolition of the network of influx control laws and its replacement by a policy of "orderly urbanisation" rests on the assumption that local authorities will co-operate in the enforcement of toughened-up anti-squatting laws.

But Tshabalala's action in opening up first some of his own land in Mofolo, Soweto, and then council-owned land to squatters raises questions about the extent to which black local authorities will be a party to orderly urbanisation.

According to the Soweto Council, which voted to suspend Tshabalala for 45 days pending investigations into his actions, he presented his fellow councillors with the accomplished fact of 400 squatters on the council's golf course in Mofolo.

Faced with the prospect of violent resistance if the shelters were demolished, the council reluctantly agreed to provide portable latrines and reconcile itself to the presence of the squatters.

Its acquiescence was based on two conditions: first, that the squatters move to site and service plots in Emdeni before the summer rains (a flash flood could sweep the flimsy shelters away); second, that no further squatters be allowed to erect shacks.

But within a short time hundreds more squatters arrived, allegedly with the encouragement of Tshabalala, bringing the total number of shelters on the golf course to more than 1 000.

A reputed millionaire, Tshabalala, aged 77, is hardly a radical. What prompted him to encourage people to squat on his land and then at least to a limited extent on a neighbouring council-owned golf course is a matter of dispute.

His foes have charged that he was prompted by a desire to enrich himself. One of the original 400 squatters told Weekly Mail he was required to pay R35, half of which was for the "office" and half to enable Tshabalala to "build houses for us" at Emdeni.

An investigation into allegations of self-enrichment against Tshabalala is pending.

But without prejudging the outcome of the Soweto inquiry, it is a matter of historical record that landowners have in the past found it more profitable to "farm people" — to let their land to squatters — rather than to use it for farming purposes.

One assumption behind the abolition of the pass laws has been that local authorities will co-operate in clamping down on squatters. The furore which surrounded the suspension of Soweto mayor Ephraim Tshabalala for encouraging squatters has knocked a large hole through that theory.

PATRICK LAURENCE reports

The teeming squatter community at Winterveld, north of Pretoria, came into being largely because landowners there found it profitable to "farm people".

Even assuming that Tshabalala showed entrepreneurial enterprise in helping Soweto's homeless erect their own houses, however modest, that does not mean that it was the only motivating factor.

As a Soweto notable, Tshabalala is, in terms of African tradition, expected to provide help to the poor.

As important, however, he is the leader of the Sofasonkwe Party, whose historical origins lie in the movement of black squatters into Johannesburg during the Second World War.

Sofasonkwe means "We shall all die together". The Sofasonkwe Party was founded by James Mpanza, who led sub-tenants from Orlando, Newclare and Kliptown to open ground in Orlando and established a huge squatter settlement there of 20 000 people.

Significantly, most of the people at the Mofolo squatter camp are sub-tenants, people who grew tired of living in the houses owned or rented by someone else and who longed to own their own houses. To them, Tshabalala's promise of their own houses was irresistible. It conjured up the days of the great Mpanza.

Soweto has a vast number of sub-tenants. The official waiting list for houses is more than 20 000 families, many living in single rooms in the houses and even the backyards of established families.

In acting as he did, Tshabalala, even if he was prompted by mercenary considerations, was fulfilling the honourable tradition of the Sofasonkwe Party, which under Mpanza succeeded in persuading the authorities to provide homes for the Orlando squatters at Jabavu.

Mpanza, incidentally, charged squatters a fee to settle at his Orlando camp.

Squatters are a source of power to political leaders who win their loyalty, as Mpanza did in the 1940s and as Tshabalala seems to have done at Mofolo.

As long as there are squatters — and there will be for the foreseeable future because of the housing shortage

and the vast number of rural poor — there will be politicians responsive to their cries for help.

These politicians, in turn, mean that the central government's hopes for

orderly urbanisation will be under constant threat.

But the squatter communities will, of course, produce their own leaders. They, too, will pit their wits and ingenuity against the best worked out plans for orderly urbanisation.

One is reminded of the prophetic words of Oriel Monogoaha, another Soweto squatter leader of the 1940s.

"The government is like a man who has a cornfield which is invaded by

birds," he declared.

"We squatters are the birds. The government sends its policemen to chase us away and we move off and occupy another spot. We shall see whether it is the farmer or the birds who get tired first."

● The above quotation is from Professor Alf Stadler's excellent study of Soweto squatters in Labour, Townships and Protest (Ravan Press, 1979).

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# COUNCIL TO ACT AGAINST 'ET'

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**- arrears**  
**f R108 000**  
**site rent**

By MANDLA NDLAZI

THE Soweto City Council yesterday decided — after five years — to take action against the mayor, Mr Ephraim Tshabalala, who allegedly owes R108 918,96 in site

rent arrears.

This follows Mr Tshabalala's suspension as mayor over the Mofolo squatter camp.

The council's executive committee started discussing Mr Tshabalala's arrears on Monday, said one councillor.

The full council first discussed the matter on April 24. It was referred to the executive committee for a decision.

The *Sowetan* yesterday inspected the council's records which showed that Mr Tshabalala owed R48 491,52 for site No 1671 in Mofolo Central.

For Eyethu Sonke on site No 1672, he owes R46 995,84 and for Eyethu Civic Centre Pty Ltd on site No 1673 he owes R13 431,60. Both sites are in Mofolo Central.

All three sites were allocated to Mr Tshabalala on February 1, 1981. The amount he owes is site rent arrears, according to the documents.

Some of Mr Tshabalala's colleagues who yesterday spoke to the *Sowetan* alleged that he owed more, considering the undeveloped residential sites he was allocated in Naledi and Pimville.

Mr Tshabalala was suspended in absentia on May 13 when the council alleged that he violated a council decision that not more than 400 shacks should be erected in Mofolo.

It was also alleged that he contravened the Squatters Act, the Health Act and the Black Local Authorities Act.

Action was also taken against him under Section 81 of the Council Regulations in that he disclosed a confidential council matter.



BUSINESSMAN Ephraim Tshabalala.



# Mshengu's Party 'takes squatters' money'

By SY MAKARINGE

CONTROVERSIAL Soweto mayor, Ephraim "ET" Tshabalala or his Sofasonke Party may have made at least R35 000 this month from rents paid by people who live in Mshenguville, Soweto's squatter camp.

310 This claim was made by Mr Johnson Mokoena, chairman of the housing committee in Soweto and former right-hand man of Tshabalala.

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Sowetan Mokoena said the money collected from the squatters was not being paid to the Soweto City Council, but was paid at the offices of the Sofasonke Party.

"All councillors, including members of the Sofasonke Party, are against the creation of a place such as Crossroads in the centre of Soweto. By encouraging the mushrooming of shacks in Mofolo, Mr Tshabalala is inciting people against councillors," Mr Mokoena said.

## Moved

When the *Sowetan* approached Mr Tshabalala he refused to comment.

Shack dwellers interviewed by the *Sowetan* said they paid rent at the offices of the Sofasonke Party.

Mr Andrew Modise, a 30-year-old father of two, said squatters paid a deposit as soon as they occupied their shacks. He did not care where the money went to as long as he had a roof over his head.

The squatters in Mofolo are expected to be moved in the next three months.

The controversial shantytown, which led to the suspension of Mr Tshabalala as mayor of Soweto, could split the ruling Sofasonke Party down the middle.

Mr Mokoena said the problem with Mr Tshabalala was that he wanted to make Soweto his personal property.



# Authorities wash their hands - & death stream flows on

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How City Press exposed Katlehong's Stream of Death.

**By SINNAH KUNENE**  
KATLEHONG squatter camp - a disease-ridden deathtrap - has been declared a "no-man's land".

Though five babies have already died from gastro-enteritis this year, no authority is prepared to take responsi-

bility for the people's health - or give them clean water to drink.

They're forced to drink from a infested stream - the East Rand Development Board says it is not responsible for their needs.

Administration of East Rand townships will be handed over to the local community councils on July 1, the board says.

But the Katlehong Town Council says the camp is not its responsibility.

## No peace for missing man's dad

**By DAN DHLAMINI**

NICHOLAS Tlhapi has been missing for two months - and his father is terrified.

He's heard so many rumours about his son - last seen in the custody of Stilfontein cops two months ago - that he doesn't know what to do.

Joseph Tlhapi says a man

told him his son was in a critical condition at Baragwanath Hospital. But a ward-to-ward search drew a blank.

"Another rumour said a body was found in a shallow grave in the veld between Klerksdorp and Stilfontein. But the police said it was 'unfounded'," said Tlhapi.

Attorney Krish Naidoo

said he sent telexes to the police in Pretoria urging them to produce Tlhapi.

The cops replied that Tlhapi appeared nowhere in their registers and asked for more particulars.

He said he had affidavits from those arrested with Tlhapi on March 20 while on their way to a funeral.

This emerged during an investigation by Dr Abu-Baker Asvat of the Azapo Health Secretariat this week.

He has asked local doctors to help the people - whose plight was exposed in *City Press* last week.

Asvat appealed to Katlehong residents to give them drinking water. Helpless parents are watching their babies die after drinking from the Stream of Death.



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### **Squatter shelters go**

Sixty-seven illegal squatter shelters — made from plastic bags, cardboard boxes and corrugated iron — were removed by Randburg authorities in the first three months of the year.

The shelters were in 17 different locations, but mostly in Ferndale, which includes the Strydom Park industrial area.

Randburg Town Council last night noted the removals and will inform the Department of Local Government about its moves against illegal squatting.

### **R1 835 birthday card**

Randburg's official "Happy 100th Birthday" wish to Johannesburg will take the form of a full-page colour advertisement in *Die Vaderland's* special centenary edition on October 3.

The Randburg town clerk has been entrusted with the wording of the newspaper advertisement.



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# MORE SQUATTERS AT MSHENGU CAMP

THE Soweto Council is faced with the problem of what to do with hundreds of people living in Mshengu's squatter camp in Mofolo Central.

It emerged yesterday that:

- Council clerks who were sent to the area to number the shacks and check on the squatters were prevented from doing so;
- The council is losing

By LANGA SKOSANA

R13 000 a month in providing sanitation and services for the squatters;

- The council is reluctant to evict the people from the squatter camp;
- The council also cannot allow the situation to go on endlessly as squatting leads to many other social problems.

The chairman of the council's housing committee, Mr Julius Mdlalose, said yesterday the number of squatters has increased over the past two months and close on 2 000 families were now in the area.

He said some of the people who were squatting in the area did not

come from Soweto but from other townships such as Dobsonville and the East Rand.

The council's housing director, Mrs Del Kevin said Mr Ephraim Tshabalala, the mayor, gave the council a cheque for R750 about two or three months ago but the council did not accept the cheque because Mr Tshabalala did not state

from whom it came.

The council asked him to number the shacks so that a proper list of those people who have paid should be compiled. The council has not heard from Mr Tshabalala since.

Mr Tshabalala was not available for comment yesterday. A relative said he is in Swaziland.



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squatters row (310)

In the past two months the number of shacks built on three erven in Mofolo Central has risen from 400 to 2 000, the Rand Supreme Court was told.

Mr CZ Cohen, SC, for the council, said an order was not being sought to have the shacks demolished. It was alleged Mr Tshabalala encouraged and allowed people to squat on the properties.

shabalala received money.  
Mr Justice J J Strydom reserved judgment.

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INSIDE THE CAMP: Residents line-up to draw water at the camp's only tap.

## More shacks at 'Chicken Farm'

By MOJALEFA  
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THE "Chicken Farm" squatter camp at the Fred Clark Farm in Soweto is mushrooming, despite the lack of basic facilities at the camp.

The farm is situated on Potchefstroom Road, near the Giant Car Bazaar garage in Pinville, Soweto. It is under the control of the Soweto City Council which charges every shack owner R35 a month.

When the Sowetan visited the camp recently the 320 shack owners drew water from one central tap, the seven toilets in the camp were all blocked, and after sunset the camp was covered in darkness and smoke from braziers.

One of the residents, Ms Shelter Mguhlwa, said several people have been attacked by hooligans at night at the camp. "We fear going out at night, especially on Fridays and at weekends when hooligans roam the camp," said Ms Mguhlwa.

Soweto council officials in January said there were 80 shack owners at the camp. The figure is now 320 and more shacks were being built during the visit by the Sowetan. At least 50 families move into the camp every month.

The deputy mayor of Soweto, Mr Jack Jwara, declined to comment when approached. "I do not deal with the squatters' issue and have nothing to say about the Fred Clark camp."

He confirmed that the squatter camp was under the control of the council.

In January the council adopted a resolution to resettle the Chicken Farm squatters at Nancefield. The place is now being developed.





Mrs Nomakula Mphomane crouches in her charred and buckled shanty among belongings salvaged after Sunday's municipal raid. With her is another resident, Mr Freddi Dlamini. Picture by Ruvan Boshoff.

## 60 homeless after shanty camp burnt in raid

By Jo-Anne Collinge and Gien Elsas

About 60 people have been left homeless after municipal security guards raided a shack settlement near Roodepoort and reduced much of it to a tangle of charred iron sheeting at sunrise on Sunday.

The shanty camp, known as Plot 5 Big Farms, accommodated more than 100 people. Most of the homeless now sleep under bushes — without blankets and without warm clothing. All their belongings went up in flames.

A spokesman for the municipal security department said the raid had been conducted because conflict had developed between the squatters, on the one hand, and municipal workers and a local contractor on the other. He said that 104 shack residents had been charged under squatting provisions.

He confirmed that some shacks had been destroyed and "the

wooden sections set alight" by municipal security guards. *The Star* found some shacks gutted.

The shack dwellers said they woke on Sunday to teargas being lobbed between the shanties.

They were chased and cornered against a fence. While they were running, they became aware that some members of the raiding group were setting fire to their homes. Mass arrests were made. "The women with young children were left behind," one man said.

The municipal spokesman explained the action: "Municipal workers, a contractor and members of the public using the nearby municipal dump were being threatened by the squatters who live off the dump and there were ever-increasing stone-throwing incidents.

"The squatters also stood in the path of the contractor's bulldozers and put themselves in danger."



# New Nation editor freed

DIANNA GAMES

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## Angry squatters on march

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About 1 000 angry women from the Fred Clarke squatter camp near Nancefield marched on the Soweto Town Council chambers yesterday morning and demanded that they be given first preference in the allocation of sites near their area.

They said councillors had assured them their families would be the first to be given sites, but "outsiders" were considered first. A spokesman for the women said councillors had said they would be given preference when the area had been surveyed and sites were available.

The council denied it had made such a promise, but the deputy mayor, Mr G Jwara, said it would report after two weeks.



## Soweto council to rule on squatters

The Soweto City Council is expected to decide the fate of the families staying at Mr Ephriam Tshabalala's controversial squatter camp in Mofolo.

Town Clerk Mr Nico Malan said today that the matter should be discussed at the council's monthly meeting.

Suspended Mayor Mr Tshabalala was interdicted last week from taking any steps to allow or encourage people to squat on the property, or collect any monies from them.

"Toilet facilities and water supply, and even the refuse collection services, are inadequate," said Mr Malan. "That is why it is causing a health problem."

"It is not only causing a health problem, it is also causing a safety problem. When the summer rains come, the lives of those people who have built up to the low-lying areas on the river bed will be in danger."



# MSHENGUVILLE SQUATTERS TELL THEIR TALE

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One day you would wake up and find the house-owner in a mean mood and you would have to nurse his or her feelings. If you didn't you would find yourself without a sleeping place that night," she said.

Another squatter, Mrs Maria Zungu, revealed that officials at township offices expected women to offer sex in order to get a house. She had come across many such corrupt officials.

Some women she knew, she said, had got houses ahead of her because they consented to having sex.

## Critical

Mrs Zungu, who has four children, is divorced from her husband because she could not lead a stable life as a result of not having a home.

A similar family break-up happened to Mr Ephraim Masoko who led a nomadic life until his wife decided to leave him.

He left his family home in Orlando because his family was so large they couldn't sleep in a two-roomed house.

He said he has lived in nearly every township in Soweto in search of a place until he finally decided to put up at the camp.

He expected what nearly every family in the camp declines: That every squatter is opposed to squatting but is forced by circumstances to do so because of the critical housing shortage.

Mrs Cynthia Langa, who was married eight years ago, says she has seen much exploitation of needy people by selfish landlords.

"They would soil the toilets and expect you to clean it. If anything goes wrong in the yard, you and your children are to blame. Over and above you have to feed them and pay for electricity and water and your room."

"You find your monthly budget running to about R500, which you do not pay to support yourself but others," Mrs Langa said.

Other problems which the homeless people had to contend with are their growing children who reach puberty without control because they do not have accommodation.

Some families live apart from their children — hiring rooms and garages in the townships while the parents live in the squatter camp.

The squatters declared their plan of action last week. They said even if the entire South African Defence Force came to evict them, they would stay in the camp until the authorities find them alternative accommodation.

By LANGA SKOSANA

THOUSANDS of homeless Soweto residents, who are squatting at "Mshenguville" in Mofolo Central, have tales of woe to tell.

Their stories are about what made them homeless, when it happened, where it started, why it started, how they are coping, who was involved and what they are going to do now.

The squatters, who started building shacks at the site at the beginning of the year, are the sort of people who, like you and I, want security, peace and happiness.

There are more than 2 000 families cramped on a tiny piece of land about three acres square. Their homes are made of corrugated iron sheeting, although some have started building brick structures. They say they have paid R35 to acquire the land and paid an average of R300 to put up their houses.

## Typical

The people who occupy these structures are the ones you and I meet daily in the trains, in big financial houses, offices and hotels. They frequent shebeens, parties, gumba-gumba, stokvels and maybe the person you will meet after reading this article.

A typical story is that of Mrs Bertha Sebitse Modise, a mother of six, whose children have never known a home of their own.

The family has led a nomadic life and the prospects of getting a home at the moment look to be near impossible.

Since she got married in 1968 Mrs Modise has stayed in dozens of homes where she lived with thieves, drunks,

Christians, Isotis, troublemakers and some who were a combination of all. But in nearly all, she was exploited to the full by home owners where she had to pay their house rent, clothe them, feed them and entertain them, she said.

She was born in Johannesburg 46 years ago. After her marriage she stayed in a garage in Zola township with her husband where their first child was born.

"The child is now 18 and can never be proud that he has a home," Mrs Modise said.

When she and her husband applied for a house in 1968, they were told that there was a long waiting list for houses. They have been waiting since.

Mrs Modise is angry, so are thousands of the other squatters, who warn that the housing situation will explode on a scale yet unknown.

"People who are ordinary labourers and tea girls like ourselves cannot afford to build expensive houses for R40 000 or more. We can afford to pay the rent if only we can get houses," Mrs Modise said.

Her struggle for a home has landed her in many problems with the families she has lived with.

## Worse

"The house owners expect us to pay our lodging rent and they also expect us to support them. I had to feed my six children, the house owner and his wife and feed their children as well," said Mrs Modise.

She felt no one could cope with paying so much to feed other people.

"That is the reason why most of us have come here. People who are at this place want homes of their own where they can bring up their families in peaceful surroundings," Mrs Modise said.

What made matters worse for Mrs Modise was the red tape and bureaucracy involved in getting a house.

She said in all the households in which she lived the tenants refused to include her name on the lodgers' permit for fear that she may take over their homes.

"We kept on floating from house to house without it being known by the authorities where we were actually living. As a result we had to keep checking at the office to find out if we were about to get a house. But things looked hopeless each new day," she said.

During their stay with other people the house-owners often used to start fights.

"One had to bear being called a witch, a whore, a cheat, a thief and all sorts of names."

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(TOP): Mrs Cynthia Langa, whose children have never known a home of their own.

(ABOVE): Mrs Maria Zungu, a nursing sister who lives in the squatter camp.

Pics: JOE MOLEFE



Mr EPHRAIM Masoko who divorced his wife because they could not get a home of their own.



**Council**

**to**

**evict**

**squatters**

THE Dobsonville Town Council warned yesterday that the remaining 138 families illegally occupying the council's newly built houses would be evicted "soon" if they did not take heed of the council's notices to leave.

Mr A.M Conn, Town Clerk of Dobsonville, said the council would not hesitate to act on the "squatters", despite rumours that the houses would stay empty for the remainder of the year if the council did not rescind its decision to evict the families.

Mr Conn's warning follows the eviction of six families on Tuesday, bringing to nine the number of families evicted since the Rand Supreme Court ruled that they must vacate the houses.

"The houses will not stay empty because there are too many people who desperately need accommodation. If anyone tries to intimidate them, they are entitled to resort to protection from the South African Police," Mr Conn said.



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By SY MAKARINGE

THE Soweto City Council has announced seven major housing projects involving nearly 7 000 new residential housing units in its attempts to solve the critical housing crisis in the complex.

This may mean that squatters at the "Mshenguville" camp may be relocated as early as tomorrow.

In an effort to beat its own deadline of housing people who are squatting at "Mshenguville" in Mofolo within four months, the council approved the development

# 'Mshenguville' squatters to be moved tomorrow?

of 272 sites at the Naledi "emergency camp" — mainly for the squatters.

The council said at its monthly meeting last week that it had also developed a shell housing scheme at the Zola bufferstrip at a cost of R3,3-million to accommodate about 333 families from the Mofolo squatter camp.

Mr Julius Mdlalose, the chairman of the council's Housing Committee, said in an interview that the council was hoping to start moving the squatters to the new areas from tomorrow.

The biggest housing project to be embarked upon by the council within the next few months is the rezoning

and development of all in-fill sites in the township with the aim of accommodating about 4 000 homeless families in Soweto.

The development of about 226 residential sites in Dlamini Extension and 601 in Nancefield is already off the ground.

Other projects in the pipeline include the building of 603 houses at the Pimville eastern bufferstrip and 704 in Em-deni Extension.

Mr Mdlalose claimed that many people who were squatting at homes to live with boyfriends or girlfriends at the squatter camp.

"Mshenguville" did not

qualify to apply for houses in Soweto and that some had fled their

He said those were the people who were giving the council a big problem in its attempts to prevent shacks from going up.

"These are the people who do not want to be moved to areas set aside by the council. They prevent council employees from checking their qualifications," Mr Mdlalose said.

According to our investigations most people at these squatter camps, including "Mshenguville", are *bona fide* families who have been on housing lists for many years.



# COLD COMFORT

144 families homeless

MANY of the 144 Dobsonville families who were occupying houses illegally for the past three months, spent last night homeless after being evicted and later arrested under the Squatters Act and for possession of dangerous weapons.

Among those evicted was Mrs Teresa Dlamini and her seven-day-old infant. She said they would spend the night in the open because they did not have alternative accommodation.

The council's town clerk, Mr Alex Conn, said many of the houses were damaged by the illegal tenants and the council was going to get into considerable expense repairing them.

The council, he said, was fitting new locks into the doors to prevent the tenants from occupying them again. They were doing this following the re-occupation of six houses from which six families were evicted last week.

## Baby

Mrs Dlamini said she gave birth to her baby, Nonhlanhla last week and was still attending a post natal clinic. She said she was worried her infant might get sick because of exposure.

Another evicted family is that of Mrs Louisa Moereng, who with her three children have been on the waiting list for 16 years.

She said she got tired of waiting while other families who applied for

## BYLANGA SKOSANA

homes after her were allocated houses.

Most of the families claimed that after occupying the houses they tried to normalise their stay by paying the monthly rent but the council refused to accept it.

They said they now faced the prospect of living in the open until alternative accommodation is found for them or squat anywhere where they can find shelter.



THIS was the scene yesterday at Dobsonville Extension after the council had evicted 144 families who have been illegally occupying its houses for three months. The eviction follows a Supreme Court ruling recently. Pic: LEN KUMALO

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## Plot dwellers fined for allowing illegal squatting

West Rand Bureau

Two Honeydew plot dwellers were fined a total of R600 (or 150 days) each yesterday after being found guilty on three charges relating to illegal squatting.

They were convicted in two separate cases in the Roodepoort Magistrate's Court yesterday.

Ernest Siegfried Dreyer (38) and Pieter Hendrik van Niekerk (36) both pleaded guilty to allowing illegal buildings for occupation by people to be erected on the plots on which they stay — without plans being handed to the local authorities.

They also pleaded guilty to allowing these buildings to be used as dwellings and to collecting rent from people living in these buildings.

Dreyer explained that the squatters were already

living on the plot when he moved there about a year ago. He said he was without work at that time and the rent paid by these squatters helped pay his rent.

Van Niekerk housed the squatters in a pig sty on his plot. He explained that he had received a warning to remove the squatters but that they persisted in rebuilding their shanties when he broke them down.

Dreyer said he had received a written warning at the end of July giving him 30 days notice to "get rid of" the squatters. He had then gone to the Health Department and "the relevant departments" in Honeydew and was told that they wanted to investigate the matter themselves as they felt that these squatters would simply find another squatting site.



## More misery for squatters evicted from Dobsonville

# DRIVEN FROM

# PILLAR TO POST



SOME of the squatters who were thrown into a plantation get off a truck that took them back to Dobsonville. The homeless people spent last night huddled next to their belongings.

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DOBSONVILLE'S 144 homeless families had a sad experience yesterday when they were shunted from pillar to post, and ended up spending last night in the open.

A tent which some of them used for shelter on Monday was seized by council officials, and heads of families in the area were arrested and charged with squatting. Yesterday was the second night some of them spent in jail.

The squatters' misery started on Monday when 144 families who had occupied council houses illegally for the past three months, were forcibly ejected and scores arrested for squatting. A mother who gave birth last week was also thrown out. Yesterday in a drama-filled day (some of the events cannot be published because of emergency regulations), the

BY LANGA SKOSANA

council seized a tent, arrested men in the area, transported the squatters to a forest and watched them from a distance. No sooner had the squatters arrived at the forest than owners of the land told them to leave. They were taken away and dumped in the open.

The council's town clerk, Mr Alex Conn, said yesterday that the squatters were moved, at their request, to a forest near Dobsonville. He said he did not know to whom the land belonged.

The council also assisted those who had derelict cars by towing the cars to the area where the squatters wanted to go.

### Birth

Mr Conn said the mother who gave birth to a child last week was allowed on humanitarian grounds to sleep in the house she illegally occupied, because she did not have transport to take her belongings away. She would also be evicted, he said.

Some of the squatters cried bitterly as they were being shunted from place to place. They complained that their furniture was damaged by council workmen.

One of them, Mrs Lindi Sithebe, whose husband, Siphwe, was arrested, said a newly-bought wardrobe was smashed. She reported the matter to Dobsonville Police Station.

Another squatter, Mr Hendrick Molefe said he and his family faced yet another night in the open veld because they had nowhere to go.

The squatters said they moved into the houses because they were on the nouse waiting list for a long time. They argued their case in the Supreme





SQUATTER families were given temporary shelter by Reverend Phidian Matsepe of the Dobsonville Methodist Church. This group was photographed at the church hall on Wednesday.



REV Begbie.

# Families still out in cold

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THE homeless Dobsonville families spent yet another night huddled in a church hall wondering what today has in store for them.

The 144 families were forcibly ejected on Monday by the Dobsonville Town Council from houses they occupied illegally.

They were later dumped at a plantation by the council and again ejected from that plantation by the owners of the land.

## Depressed

Depressed, frustrated and dejected, some of the squatters left the group to seek accommodation in backyard shacks in the township but others said they have nowhere to go.

On Wednesday 44 families were given temporary accommodation at the Dobsonville Methodist Church.

The resident priest, Reverend Phidian Mat-

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Reporter

sepe, said what aggravated their plight was that they cannot go anywhere as their original homes have been taken by others.

He appealed to those people who had accommodation and backyard rooms to come forward as his church could not accommodate them indefinitely.

The council's town clerk, Mr Alex Conn,

said yesterday that the waiting list for houses in Dobsonville was 1 846.

Asked what prospects the squatters have of getting houses, Mr Conn said: "I have no houses whatsoever."

The Witwatersrand Council of Churches said it was concerned about the plight of the squatters.

Its president, Reverend Cecil Begbie said he was investigating what steps can be taken to assist the squatters.



# Soweto family is to lose its refuge

By Janine Simmonds

The Director of Housing in Soweto, Mrs Del Kevan, said yesterday that the family living in an electrical substation "will definitely be removed".

"It's not better than nothing — it's a health hazard," she said of the derelict substation in Orlando West which the Lethoko family moved to after fights between hostel dwellers and Meadowlands residents destroyed their old home.

Asked where the family would go, she said the Diepmeadow Municipality, which is in charge of Meadowlands, would have to take responsibility.

The family took refuge in the substation two months ago after being unable to find other accommodation.

This week its members were given blankets and clothing by the The Star's winter-warmth project, Snowball.

The Star later approached Sowetan authorities to ask if water or sewerage facilities could be provided for the family.

But Mrs Kevan said the Lethokos had to be removed because the substation was a health hazard and the authorities could not afford to provide facilities for families from other municipalities.

"We have provided emergency facilities for Soweto's 2 017 squatters, but this costs R16 090 a month, and we cannot afford to do it for people coming from other municipalities."

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When told that the Lethokos used their neighbour's toilet and water supply, Mrs Kevan said this could not be allowed, and the family would have to go back to Diepmeadow.

"It's a criminal offence to squat," she said.

The Mayor of Diepmeadow, Mr Joseph Mahunush, said he had not known of the family's plight, but they should contact the Meadowlands Hostel Office about their problem.

Mudini Maivha writes that the Lekoa Town Council yesterday continued evicting families which had not been paid rent for about two years.

Another 24 families were evicted in Botatong, one of the six townships under the jurisdiction of the Lekoa Town Council. Other townships faced with similar action are Bophelong, Sebokeng, Sharpeville, Evaton and Zandela.



# Hope for Fred Clark squatters

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FAMILIES squatting in the Fred Clark emergency camp stand a chance of being allocated a site or a house in Nancefield if they have the money and have been on the waiting list for many years, writes **MANDLA NDLAZI**.

This is what Mrs Del Kevan, the Soweto City Council's housing director told the hundreds of squatters who claim the Nancefield sites were reserved for them by former Soweto mayor, Mr David Thebehali.

The squatters went to the council's chambers in Jabulani last month to tell deputy mayor, Mr Glen Jwara, they believed the sites were being allocated to families living outside the Fred Clark camp.

In a letter to them, Mrs Kevan said: "This is to confirm that the council has agreed to reserve some stands at Nancefield site and service scheme to residents of Fred Clark Emergency Camp on the following conditions:

- That they will be at least as senior on the waiting list as the other residents of Soweto who are at present being allocated sites in Nancefield; and
- That they will be able to afford to build their own houses on the sites."

The letter also explains other housing schemes in the pipeline.

The letter further explains that the council is planning to build 333 shell houses in Zola. These are houses without internal walls and finishes. The money could be paid cash or in instalments.

The council is planning to build 90 houses of the 51/9 type in Naledi. These will cost R9 000 plus R6 000 for services.

A private developer is building houses in Dlamini which could cost R20 000. Another scheme in Pimville will have houses that could cost between R25 000 and R45 000.



# Squatter camp razed in raid

By Glenda Spiro

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Burnt veld, gutted shacks in a dip hidden by trees, a child coughs continuously and a kitten whines. There is a food bowl destroyed by fire lying in the dust. These are the remains of a squatter camp recently set alight by municipal security guards.

Hundreds of Roodepoort squatters were left homeless after a dawn raid two weeks ago. They told how their pleas to save their belongings were ignored as tear-gas was lobbed into the shanties and entire families arrested, but the city council has denied this.

These squatters have no legal rights. They are illegally living on a plot deserted by a farmer seven years ago. The camp was first raided a month ago and partly destroyed. The warning served no purpose: They have nowhere else to go.

Since the second raid, squatters on Plot 5 Big Farms have slept under bushes.

On a neighbouring farm a larger squatter camp was gutted at the same time and the inhabitants arrested. The Black Sash said about 400 people were living there.

The squatters allege they were beaten by municipal guards and police and given electric shocks with a two-pronged baton. One man was treated at the Leratong Hospital for head injuries, allegedly from a rubber baton.

Many squatters are unemployed while some have piece-work and a few are employed by nearby mines. Many come from the Transkei, others from the Ciskei and Lesotho.

Mr Zac Grobler, manager of public affairs for the Roodepoort City Council, said the evacuation

was "done with dearness". He denied teargas and electric batons were used or people were beaten.

He said complaints had been received after the crime rate in nearby areas had increased.

"We have to protect our rate-payers. The squatters bring down the value of their properties and diseases spread. The area has no water and no sanitary services," he said.

He said the South African Police and traffic police had assisted with the evacuation as the council was short-staffed. He confirmed 112 people were charged with illegally squatting.

"It's not what you would call arrested. They were loaded into vehicles and taken to the police station where they were charged," he said.

The land belongs to the Roodepoort City Council.



# 44 out in the street again

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DOBSONVILLE'S 44 homeless families, who are living in a church hall, have until Friday to find another place or stay in the veld again.

They were told on Sunday by the resident priest at the Dobsonville Methodist Church, the Rev Phidian Matsepe, that the hall they were using as "home" was to cater for two church conferences due to take place in the two coming weeks.

Although this move has caught some of the squatters by surprise, some have resigned themselves to the prospect of living in the open since their eviction from council-owned houses two weeks ago.

A total of 34 squatters were subsequently charged for illegal occupation of the houses and other offences but the charges were withdrawn against 17.

## Plead

Yesterday the squatters said they will attempt to see Dobsonville mayor Mr Steve Nkatlo to try and plead with him to find alternative accommodation.

Some concerned residents last week made a door-to-door appeal to Dobsonville residents to allow the squatters to build shacks in their backyards. The campaign appears to have been fruitless.

Church organisations have supplied the squatters with mattresses, blankets and foodstuffs but the squatters feel that their uppermost problem — accommodation — has as yet not been addressed.

The squatters say their problems started about three months ago when they occupied houses built by the Dobsonville town council.

The council applied successfully in the Supreme Court to have them evicted.

Since then, say the squatters, "we have been made outcasts although we were born here in Dobsonville and qualify to be here."



# Dobsonville homeless

## moved back and forth

By LANGA SKOSANA

DOBSONVILLE'S 44 homeless and wandering families moved to new quarters at the weekend, and they will have to move again after 21 days.

The families were evicted by the Dobsonville Town Council last month from council homes they had occupied illegally.

After the eviction, they were left in the street; then moved lock, stock and barrel to a plantation near Roodepoort; moved again to a veld near Dobsonville until a Methodist Church minister, the Rev Phidian Matsepe, gave them shelter in his church hall.

### Concerned groups

Last week they were told the church wanted its hall back and they had to go to their new "home" in the Roman Catholic Church hall, which they have to occupy until September 15. From there they say they do not know where they will land next.

In the meantime concerned groups have rallied round to give support and assistance to the families.

Last week the Islamic Missionary Society donated an ox and soya beans to the families. The society also handed them 100 blankets.

Mrs Soraya Hassim, a missionary worker, said she was touched by the plight of the homeless people.

### Waiting list

The Dobsonville Council's town clerk, Mr Alex Conn, said some people squatted to elicit sympathy and bad publicity for the council. His council had a waiting list for homes of almost 2 000 families. The houses were allocated according to the waiting list, he said.

The Dobsonville Civic Association has written to the Government alleging corruption and also appealing for intervention by the Minister of Home Affairs, Mr Stoffel Botha.



Mrs Soraya Hassim (centre) of the Islamic Society is photographed with some of the squatters whom she gave 100 blankets and food.

Mr Botha has replied to the civic association saying he has forwarded their grievances to the Minister of Constitutional Development and Planning, Mr Chris Heunis.



HOPES that all the Fred Clark Squatter Camp families will soon be housed were dashed when an estate agent revealed yesterday that more than half of the 601 sites at Nancefield earmarked for the families were sold out — and those left were being allegedly allocated to other people.

Mr Hope Hulana, the agent, said he had a heated argument with a council official on Friday when he had gone to fetch the list of 263 sites sold to "some Fred Clark families who want to buy" at the council chambers.

He claimed he was given a document detailing the division of 338 sites at Fred Clark among the councillors who were allocated 13 each. The councillors have allegedly allocated the sites to people in their wards in Soweto who wanted accommodation.

Mr Hulana said when he asked for the list of the 263 sites, the official told him to "keep out of the Fred Clark sites as I am the only person who would allocate the sites".

### **Bonds**

Mr Hulana said he wanted the list so that the site-clerk at Fred Clark could allocate the sites to all those who wanted houses.

"My agency wanted to

By **MOJALEFA MOSEKI**

help even the lowest income family at Fred Clark to own a house. A building society has also pledged to help in the granting of bonds to the Fred Clark families, but officials have sold most of the sites and those left are to be sold to only those who can afford, said Mr Hulana.

He was backed by a Fred Clark committee member who said councillors had told them recently that those who did not have money to buy houses would remain at the camp.

### **Sites**

The council official could not be reached for comment and council town clerk, Mr Nico Malan, was not at his home when the *Sowetan* contacted him for comment.

The 601 sites were earmarked for the Nancefield families. This was said at a monthly council meeting held on January 30 at the Soweto Chambers in Jabulani.

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# SQUATTERS LEFT OUT IN THE COLD

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# Squatters <sup>SM</sup> <sup>300</sup> have hit city, says planner <sup>15/10/86</sup>

By James Clarke

The first wave of a potentially massive influx of squatters has already hit Johannesburg, a town planner has warned.

Miss Pauline Morris, a socio-political consultant and town planner says squatter settlements are already springing up around the city — but few Johannesburgers are aware of it.

Miss Morris will be speaking during discussions at the two-day "Johannesburg — the Second Century" conference which opens at RAU tomorrow.

Although the cost of the conference is R200 for the two days, the public has been invited to attend tomorrow morning's session for only R10. It deals with "Accommodating Rapid Urbanisation".

Miss Morris said the most disturbing aspect of the squatter situation was the official view put forward in the recent draft guide plan for the central Witwatersrand. It calls for curbing industrial growth in the region.

Another disturbing aspect of the draft policy statement, she said, was the Government's intention of keeping "the proportion of blacks (compared with whites) in the region constant".

An exhibition displaying ideas for the future of Johannesburg opened this week in the Gencor Gallery at RAU.



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## The city that is leaving thousands in the cold

TENS of thousands of squatters will move onto vacant land on Johannesburg's outskirts – unless the critical black housing shortage is handled creatively.

This warning comes from town planning expert Pauline Morris – who'll speak on "Johannesburg: The Second Century" at a conference next week.

Johannesburg is showing the results of having neglected its lower socio-economic group, Morris said.

"Most white citizens are unaware of the growing squatter settlements springing up around the city.

"But throughout the Witwatersrand dozens of shacks are rising on vacant land – as desperate homeless people take the only course of action which appears open to them."

The official view was "disturbing", Morris said. The draft guide plan for the Witwatersrand stipulated that the proportion of black people in the region would remain constant – "in spite of the fact that the growth rate of the black population has actually increased in the past decade or so," she said.

If this was the basis of the government's urbanisation strategy, no room was being made for the crisis already on the doorstep, Morris said.

"What we really need are creative solutions – not ideologically-based ones."

● Constitutional Development and Planning Minister Chris Heunis will open the conference at the Rand Afrikaans University on October 16. – Sapa.

## Youth in 'revenge' attack on council

By DERRICK LUTHAYI

ARMED with stones, youths launched a "revenge" attack on the Soweto council's Orlando West offices on Tuesday morning, sending terrified employees scuttling for cover under desks and into cupboards.

Council cops fired several shots at the youths who dispersed and moved to the Maponya shopping complex, where they looted and set alight a beer truck.

Council employees escaped injury and hurriedly left for their homes. Three staff cars were slightly damaged.

One of the clerks said they were taken by surprise at about 9.45 am when stones landed on the building. "I peeped through the window and saw a group throwing stones. I dashed into the adjacent office and found some of my colleagues under the desks and others in cupboards."

It is believed that the attack was revenge against council cops who recently took part in the White City "rent war" which claimed the lives of 27 people, and in the Dube night vigil in which four people were shot.

Another shooting which may have infuriated the youths was the death of Peter Makgae, who was shot when council police opened fire on a crowd of people.

The Bureau for Information confirmed the Sunday shooting and said the group were armed with hammers and a bulldozer – and wanted to demolish councillor Patrick Gaboutloeloe's house.



# **Tembisa people tackle the authorities – by planning their own 'suburbs'**

By MONO BADELA

A SERIOUS situation is developing on the East Rand – thousands of Tembisa residents geared themselves this week to confront authorities on the issue of housing.

Some 3 000 homeless people in Tembisa decided at a meeting this week to go ahead with their plan to erect shanty homes for themselves in an open space near a railway station – despite having being refused permission.

Last Saturday the same people converged on empty land in the middle of Tembisa to erect shacks.

They were responding to the massive housing shortage and the failure of the authorities to construct houses for the homeless.

With the help of the Tembisa Working Committee – a local United Democratic Front affiliate – they arrived on the open space at 6.30am and started to mark out sites, which were then allocated to each family.

At noon, however, they were ordered to disperse within five minutes.

On Tuesday, at a meeting held in a Metal and Allied Workers' Union hall, they reaffirmed their decision to go ahead with their plans.

The Wits University-based Community Research Group stated in a report that the actions of the Tembisa squatters, whose only demand was the right to occupy unused land to build shelter for the homeless, was one of many similar struggles around the country.

The report said that since the abolition of passes in June, black communities were now trying to "resist what the government calls orderly urbanisation by taking matters into their own hands".

In Uitenhage, Cape Town, Brits, Soweto and now in Tembisa, squatter movements had emerged to directly chal-

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lenge the authorities to determine where they should live.

According to CRG's report, Tembisa has an unofficial population of at least 220 000 people – 40 000 more than the township was originally designed to cater for.

The authorities have consistently refused to build additional houses in Tembisa.

According to a TWC spokesperson, councillors and officials of the East Rand Development Board told residents there was no money for housing construction when they applied for houses.

"People went to the council to ask for houses, but were given waiting lists instead.

"They were promised houses – but some have waited for years for a house."

Residents also complained that the income derived by ERDB from their monthly rentals was spent on the construction of outlying "model townships"

like Ekangala on the far East Rand – not on houses for the people of Tembisa.

Consequently, the community decided to launch a rent boycott.

The conflict over housing and the subsequent rent boycott led to the collapse of the Tembisa council in August.

Mayor Lucas Motlaba and four other councillors resigned in August.

Since then the council has been run by newly-appointed administrators under the leadership of Solomon More.

The CRG report says the decision by Tembisa's squatters to occupy empty land follows an intensification of the housing struggle in the area.

A few months ago the authorities decided to house migrant workers and members of the "community guards" in four-roomed houses that had been built for families.

Families decided to occupy some 100 houses without authority – but were repeatedly arrested and fined.





Mr NICO Malan... town clerk.

## Shack town faces health crisis

**SQUATTERS** at Mshenguville in Soweto are facing a health crisis after some of the hired toilets were removed following a rent dispute between the Soweto City Council and the more than 2 000 residents.

And, in a last bid effort to avert the looming crisis and the outbreak of diseases in the camp, a committee elected by the squatters is to seek an urgent meeting with the executive committee of the Soweto Council today.

Mr Oupa Motlana, spokesman for the committee, said yesterday that about eight of the 45 communal toilets hired from Easy-Loo by the Soweto Council were removed on Friday after Mr Nico Malan, Soweto's town clerk, threatened to terminate the contract as the squatters were not paying rent.

Mr Motlana said he could not understand why squatters at Mshenguville were singled out while the council was "doing the whole of Soweto a favour by paying for the services."



# Heunis silent. on Timo

By ANTHONY JOHNSON  
Political Correspondent

MR Chris Heunis yesterday declined to comment on the resignation of his top black affairs official in the Western Cape, Mr Timo Bezuidenhoud.

Mr Bezuidenhoud had described some of the government's policies as "draconian".

Commenting on his retirement this week, Mr Bezuidenhoud said his job had been "hell on earth" as he was often obliged to help enforce policies such as forced removals with which he disagreed.

A terse "no comment" was all the Minister of Constitutional Development and Planning would say about Mr Bezuidenhoud's decision to opt out of "the system" after a 7½-year spell as chief administrator of Cape Town's black townships.

"One of my greatest disappointments in the job was the hatred and frustration that has been generated because of influx control," he said.

Yesterday Mr Bezuidenhoud's government colleagues were more forthcoming than Mr Heunis about what his departure would mean.

"It's a great loss," said one. "He had good contacts in the black community and was a great communicator."

Another said: "We will miss him. He was not a yes-man. He was prepared to put his money where his mouth is and stand by his principles."



# NEW SHACKS GO UP AT CAMP

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**MORE** shacks are being built at the controversial Mshenguville squatter camp in Mofolo Central, Soweto.

According to our information, people started streaming into the new camp at the weekend and were allotted small plots at a cost of R45.

By yesterday afternoon at least 20 shacks had already been erected and scores of other people were clearing the ground.

Some of the people allotting land, said the squatters were old residents of Mshenguville. He said the people staying too close to the spruit passing through the old golf course were being moved to avoid floods when the summer rains came.

However, some residents said other people were coming from the township.

Mshenguville, presently housing more than 2 000 families was started early this year by Soweto mayor, Mr Eph-

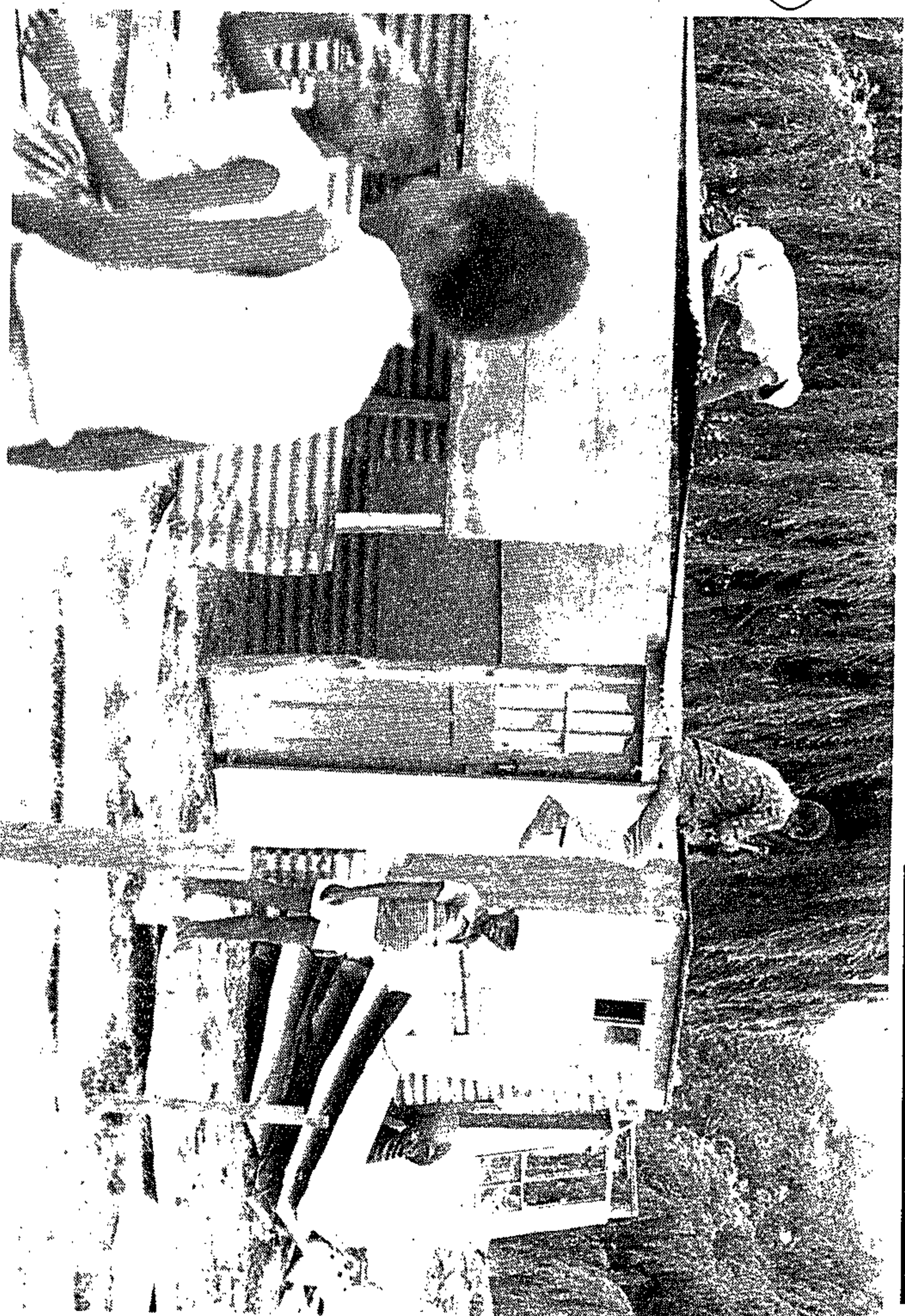
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rain Tshabalala.

The settlement has been a bitter issue between Mr Tshabalala and the Soweto City Council.

Mr Ambition Brown, public relations officer of the Sotasonke Party, said yesterday the latest shack building in the area had nothing to do with his party. He did not know who was behind the whole thing as they (Sotasonke Party) were abiding by a Supreme Court decision not to encourage people to squat or collect monies from them.

"Although my party disassociates itself from the latest developments,



**MORE** shacks go up in Mshenguville, the squatter camp in the middle of Soweto.

any reasonable person would understand that the people were doing this out of desperation. People have lost confidence in the council for

not providing houses and are now bound to do anything," he said.

Meanwhile, residents staying next to the new squatter camp are fu-

rious that more shacks are to be erected in the area. They say that although they understand the squatters' plight, they were concerned

that lack of proper toilet facilities may result in a health crisis.

One resident who asked not to be named, said this was now a more

serious issue after the council last week removed some hired toilets following a rent dispute between it and the residents.



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## 'Pull down those shacks'

THE Soweto City Council yesterday warned people erecting new shacks at the Mshenguville squatter camp in Mofolo Central to stop doing so immediately.

Mr Nico Malan, the town clerk, said those people who had already put up new shacks must also pull them down immediately.

"There are no toilet and water facilities for these people at the camp. This has resulted to even permanent residents objecting to their presence there.

"Facilities that have been provided for residents are inadequate to be used by the shack-dwellers as well. If they are allowed to use them, this will lead to services being overloaded," Mr Malan said.

Mr Malan also said the council has installed services where people can put up "emergency camps," while waiting for permanent houses. These are found in Phiri, Dlamini, Tladi and Zola. He advised people to approach the council if they wanted assistance.

By yesterday, more shacks were still being built at the new camp. People are said to be paying R45 to be allocated small plots. The Sofasonke party, under Mr Ephraim Tshabalala, has disassociated itself from the latest shack-building in the area.



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# Govt denies visas to Swedish Archbishop

By CLARE HARPER

THE Archbishop of Sweden, the Most Reverend Bertil Werkstrom, and four leaders of the Church of Sweden — the largest Lutheran Church in the world — have been refused visas to South Africa.

This was confirmed yesterday by a Lutheran church official, Rev Per Svensson, who said he had spoken to the Archbishop in Sweden yesterday.

"He said he and his party were told by the South African legation in Sweden that their visa applications had been refused," Rev Svensson said.

Yesterday a spokesman from the Department of Home Affairs said that visas for the 5-person delegation "were still under consideration".

"Any decision would be conveyed directly to the Archbishop and his party and it was not policy to comment to the press, the spokesman said.

The Dean of the Western Cape Circuit of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, Dean J A J Steenkamp said yesterday he "wished to voice in the strongest terms our dissatisfaction and anger of this attitude of the South African government".

Archbishop Werkstrom and his party were scheduled to leave Sweden on Saturday following the invitation of the South African Council of Churches and Anglican Archbishop of Cape Town, Desmond Tutu.

"By this action the government has refused to allow Christians to meet and pray and worship together," he said.

In a statement, Dean Steenkamp also called for the immediate release of Lutheran Dean Simon Farisani who was detained in Venda, the release of all detainees and the termination of the state of emergency.



# Street battles flare over shack demolitions

JOHANNESBURG. — Black youths fought running street battles with police in Soweto yesterday after authorities ordered the demolition of about 100 squatter shacks, witnesses said.

Police responded with volleys of teargas but there were no immediate reports of injuries, witnesses said.

The Bureau for Information said there had been "clashes between police and some blacks".

Violence erupted after the squatters were ordered to pull down their tin and cardboard shacks in area named Mshenguvile, according to the witnesses.

They said young black militants from other areas in Soweto attacked police with stones and petrol bombs.

The Mshenguvile section was visited by the British Liberal Party leader, Mr David Steele, during his trip here last month.

Squatters fled with their belongings as bulldozers demolished the shacks, the witnesses said.

□ A petrol bomb shattered the windscreen of a car driven by a CBS-TV crew trying to film the unrest.

Neither the cameraman, Mr Jonathan Partridge, nor the soundman, Mr Meshack Mokoena, were injured in the attack that occurred as they were leaving the Mafulo squatter area.

"We were very lucky. It shattered the windscreen but didn't go through. It flamed up and burned off. There's about a millimetre of glass left," said Mr Partridge. — Sapa-Reuter



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**Soweto squatter  
shacks demolished**

PRETORIA. — Youths stoned members of the Soweto Housing Council who ordered demolition of squatter shacks in Mofolo and also attacked security force members with stones and petrol bombs, says the Bureau for Information's unrest report for the period ending 6am today.

The report said security forces dispersed the youths with tearsmoke. No injuries or arrests were reported.

"Other unrest-related incidents reported in the 24 hours once again comprised isolated stone-throwing and petrol-bomb attacks causing little damage. In one incident a black woman was slightly injured. No arrests were made.

"In Guguletu two members of the SAP on routine patrol duty were fired at by unknown persons and when they dived for cover, a hand-grenade was thrown at them.

"Captain P Loock of the Guguletu detective squad, and Sergeant H Steenkamp of the Wingfield dog unit, were taken to hospital with multiple shrapnel wounds. Their conditions are stable. No arrests were made. Police investigations continue," the report said.





TWO-YEAR-OLD Mandlenkosi Sithole could not hold back his tears yesterday after the Soweto City Council policemen had pulled down his parents' shack.

Pic: MBUZENI ZULU

# SHACKS RAZED

## Mshenguville squatter camp flattened

MORE than 100 tin shacks built a week ago at the controversial Mshenguville squatter camp in Mofolo Central were yesterday demolished by the Soweto City Council.

The demolition was carried out by scores of armed municipal police assisted by

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members of the South African Police and the South African Defence Force.

Mr Julius Mdialose, chairman of the council's housing committee, said yesterday he was not aware that shacks had been demolished.

He said, however, that officials had been given power by

the council to pull down any new structures going up in the township.

"There is no need for people to erect shacks at unauthorised places. We have installed services in Tladi and Dlamini where people can put up "emergency camps" while waiting for permanent houses. We appeal to people to come to us and stop

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# Activists praise 'arch-enemy'

Carl Tines 28/11/86  
Own Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG. — Soweto mayor Mr Ephraim "ET" Tshabalala, whom political activists have always regarded as their arch-enemy, suddenly became a hero yesterday.

Hundreds of activists, singing freedom songs and chanting slogans, marched on Mr Tshabalala's house yesterday to praise him shortly after he had resigned from the council in protest against the demolition of shacks.

Three children at the Mshenguville squatter camp are believed to have been killed and many more were injured when the council's bulldozers ploughed through the shacks.

When the activists arrived at the Soweto millionaire's home, he greeted the youths, saying: "Residents of Soweto, I greet you all in the name of God and I pray that we remain friends and neighbours like before."

## 'Armed guard at house'

However, four council policemen in full uniform and carrying shotguns were still guarding his house.

Mr Tshabalala called for the formation of an interim committee to represent civic organizations "to normalize the situation in Soweto".

"The primary reason for my resignation is the big outcry of the residents of Soweto that they no longer have confidence in the Soweto Council."

Mr Tshabalala resigned from the council in his capacities as mayor and councillor for Mofolo Village, which means he has cut all ties with the council.

His resignation is effective from November 30.

Meanwhile squatters at Mshenguville, where 100 shacks were demolished by council bulldozers on Wednesday, were struggling to rebuild them.

Some of them had their belongings soaked in the pouring rain.

They said many of their children were in hospital after being injured when the council's bulldozers ploughed through the shacks.

The Bureau for Information said: "In Mofolo (Soweto) illegal squatter dwellings were demolished on instruction of the Soweto Housing Council. Black youths threw stones at the council members and also attacked the security forces with stones and petrol bombs.

"The security forces dispersed the youths with tearsmoke. No injuries or arrests were reported."



# Bulldozers raze shacks

MORE than 200 families squatting at Mshenguville in Mofolo, Soweto, were left in the rain after bulldozers moved in and razed newly-erected corrugated iron shacks yesterday morning.

A spokesman for the Bureau for Information in Pretoria said the local police had denied allegations that the security forces were involved.

Scores of squatters — including children, pensioners and women — scattered in all directions in search of alternative shelter when the rain started pouring heavily yesterday.

This was the third time in a few weeks that the shacks have been demolished.

Residents told the *Sowetan* furniture was also destroyed when the bulldozers moved in without warning and demolished the shacks.

They also alleged that teargas was fired and a number of youths arrested during the demolition.

One woman, who declined to be identified, sprained her ankle in the stampede that followed.

Mr Nico Malan, chief executive officer of the Soweto City Council, was not available for comment yesterday.



SOWETO council police yesterday demolished several shacks in heavy rain, leaving scores of families stranded like these two women sheltering under an umbrella perched on top of poles.

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Squatter camp conditions get worse (310)

# Epidemic fear for Soweto



Mr EPHRAIM Tshabala... started the camp.

THE health conditions at the controversial Mshenguville squatter camp are deteriorating at a frightening rate and doctors feel the inevitable outbreak of an epidemic could spread to the whole of Soweto.

The crisis started looming a few weeks ago when the Soweto City Council terminated its contract with a toilet hire company following a rent dispute with residents at the squatter camp.

The company, Easy Loo, had provided 45 movable communal toilets before the contract was terminated. They all had to be removed after director Mr Sam Matona failed to reach an agreement with the representatives of the squatters.

In an effort to avert the crisis, a residents' committee approached another company to provide about 50 toilets at the camp.

So far, the company has provided 10 toilets for a population estimated at 12 000. This means that at this stage 1 200 squatters share one toilet a day.

He said health regulations provided that not more than 30 people must share one toilet.

Mr Matona said the inadequacy of toilets at Mshenguville was so critical that it could eas-

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ily spark off an outbreak of an epidemic.

Dr Brian Weinberg, director of the Way to Happiness Foundation, said, from the health point of view, the situation at Mshenguville was very critical.

Dr Weinberg said if the rivulet that runs across the camp could be infected, the epidemic could spread to all the townships in Soweto.

Mr Julius Mdialose, chairman of the Soweto Housing Committee, said the council had done its best to solve the problem, but the squatters were not co-operative.



# Mofolo squatters raise R31 000 for own homes

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People living in the Mofolo squatter camp in Soweto have collected more than R31 000 as a first step towards providing proper accommodation for themselves, Mr Oupa Motlana said this week.

Mr Motlana is a spokesman for and adviser to the committee elected by squatters to look into their affairs and to negotiate with private companies and the Government for houses. Other members of the committee are Mr V Khumalo and Mr Z Radebe.

Mr Motlana said he was piqued by a newspaper report quoting former Soweto mayor Mr Ephraim Tshabalala as saying that the committee members should return the money to the squatters and questioning the authority under which they had collected it.

Mr Motlana complained that the report had jeopardised his position because some people were under the impression that the committee had squandered the funds.

He showed The Star a Standard Bank savings book which reflected a R31 245 credit balance.

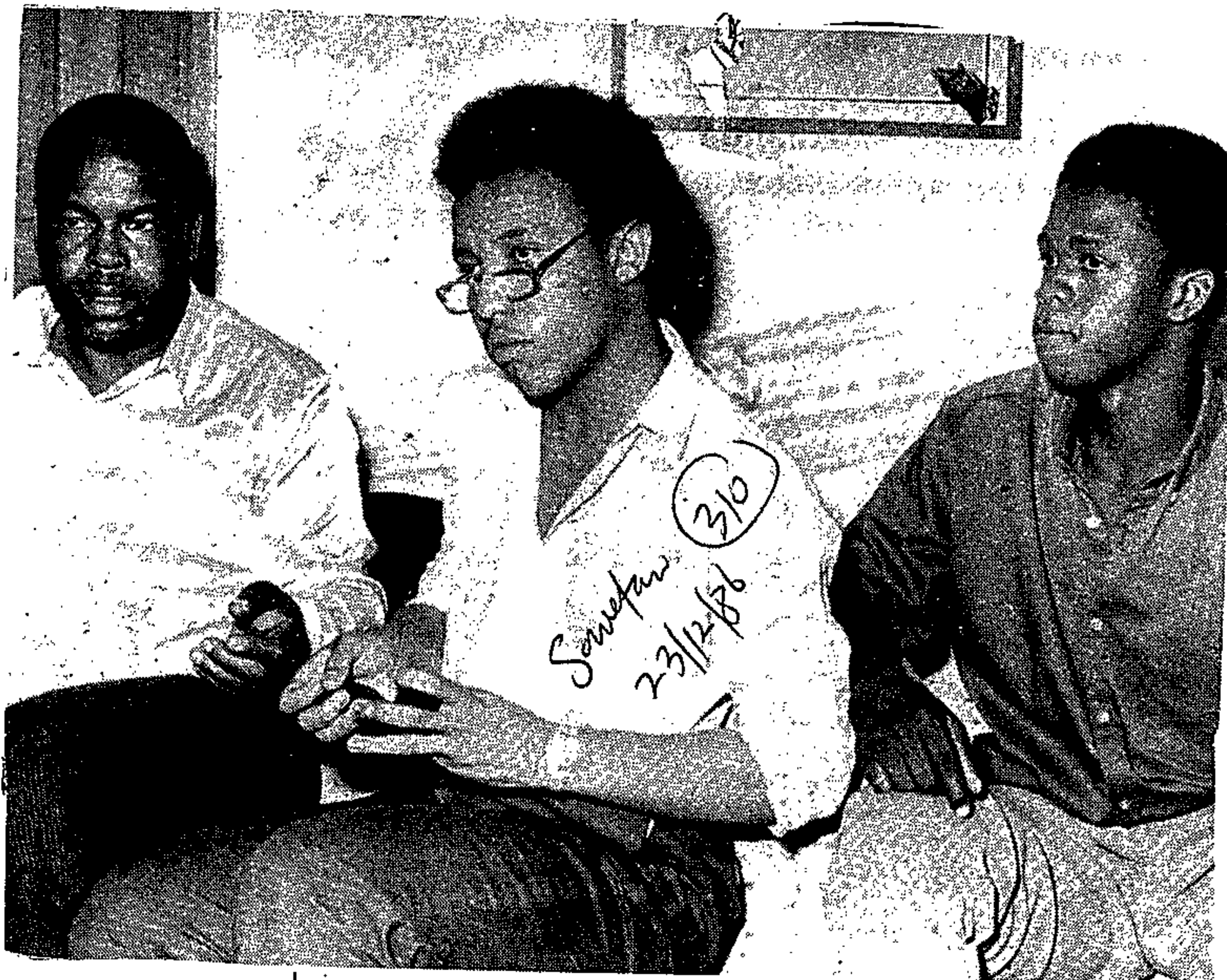
"When the report appeared I went to the squatters and offered to give them back their money, but they appealed to me to ignore the article and keep on negotiating for them," he said.

"The Soweto council has expressed willingness to be of assistance to the families. The Government has indicated it may finance infrastructure at the site," said Mr Motlana.

He said he had travelled to Britain and the United States to arrange loans for building homes for the squatters.

"I also went to Cape Town to talk to Government representatives."





(FROM LEFT): Mr V Khumalo, Mr C K Motlana and Mr Z Radebe . . . committee members involved in the R31 000 row.

# Squatter camp row is settled

THE row over the R31 000 collected from the people living at Mshenguville squatter camp in Mofolo has been settled.

The row was between the former mayor of Soweto, Mr Ephraim Tshabalala, and the members of the committee that was elected by the squatters to look after their affairs.

The committee members are Mr V Khumalo, Mr Zwelibanzi Radebe, and Mr C K "Oupa" Motlana, who was appointed as overseer of the committee.

The row was over how much of the

R31 000 would be used to pay for the hired portable toilets after the Soweto City Council had stopped payments for them.

The council cancelled the contract it had since April with a portable toilet company, "because the squatters did not pay rent".

The row was settled when both parties agreed that no amount of money from the R31 000 would be used for the renting of the toilets.

It was agreed that payments for the toilets would be separate and that the monthly amount was still to be agreed upon, said Mr Motlana.