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Eviction

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R1,50

CP Correspondent

THE Soweto Council is using "bully tactics" to raise money from the community, say angry residents.

Residents spoke to City Press after receiving council notices on increased water tariffs.

The notices state: "You are hereby notified that despite previous efforts, you have failed to pay the amount stated below."

This matter is now being referred to your councillor and unless payment is received within 14 days, an eviction notice in terms of section 65 (b) of the Housing Act will be served on you."

The notices were the first most residents had heard of the increase.

The water tariff was increased by R1,50 and it affects householders whose water is not metered.

Shocked

"I was shocked to get such a nasty notice among my letters in my post box," said Mr Kenneth Mthiyane of Moroka.

"What angered me most was the harsh tone of the notice and the fact that according to the calendar days I was not in any way in arrears, let alone the lie that I ignored previous reminders that I owed such an amount."

And Committee of Ten secretary Tom Manthata accused the council of distributing "subversive little notices", threatening to evict householders for no apparent reason.

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PRETORIA — Mamelodi council chairman Mr W M Aphane has asked the cops to bug his telephone and make constant checks on his home because he has been receiving numerous death threats.

He told City Press that the threats to his life followed the council's recommendation of a R7.50 rent increase.

Phase one of the increase, of R2.50, starts tomorrow.

Mr Aphane said the administration board should realise they were putting his life in danger by enforcing the rent increase.

"Should anything happen, I will hold them responsible," he

By MALOSE MATSEMELA

said.

He said he had called on the cops to bug his telephone so they could listen to the death threats.

And he said the cops would be making constant checks on his home to protect him and his family.

Residents are furious over the rent increase. Last year rents went up by R16.

The council's initial

decision to hold a 30th birthday celebration for Mamelodi also sparked their ire. Mr Aphane has postponed the celebrations indefinitely.

And the administration board's threat to prosecute owners of backyard shacks has raised tensions in the township. Mr Aphane has promised residents he will take drastic action if the board carries out its threat.

Fatal shot at 'illegal' meeting

Own Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG. — Hundreds of people assembled to attend a meeting at Driefontein in south-eastern Transvaal on Saturday watched in horror as their elected leader, Mr Saul Mkhize, was shot.

Mr Mkhize, 48-year-old chairman of the local Residents Committee, died on the way to hospital.

Shock

His death has shocked not only Driefontein but also neighbouring Kwa-Ngema and Daggakraal — the three areas have for years been threatened with removal but the communities were always opposed to the move.

Yesterday Driefontein was in deep mourning, angry and bewildered. Inhabitants wept as they spoke about the fatal shooting the previous day.

A large crowd, they said, was gathered at Cabangani Higher Primary School in the village to attend the meeting called to discuss the controversial proposed removal of residents in the area.

Police, travelling in a van, arrived on the scene a little before the meeting was due to begin.

Two policemen — one



Mr Saul Mkhize

white and the other black — walked up to Mr Mkhize.

They spoke to him for a while before the black policemen announced through a loud-hailer that the meeting was illegal and that they should disperse.

The two men then walked away from Mr Mkhize and got back into their van. The crowd did not move.

The white policeman then threw a teargas canister into the middle of the crowd. The people ran in all directions as it exploded but regrouped once more.

The police are then

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said to have tried to drag Mr Mkhize to the police van but he pulled back. The policemen then slapped him.

The crowd moved closer, surrounding the policemen. Mr Mkhize called on the people not to fight. The policemen then returned to their vehicle from where two shots were fired.

One bullet hit Mr Mkhize, who was standing about 39 paces away from the vehicle and facing the police, in the chest, while the second bullet hit a tree.

Mr Mkhize collapsed as the people fled.

A spokesman for the Police Directorate of Public relations said last night they had less information than the Rand Daily Mail, and referred the Mail to Major Ferreira of Middelburg.

The spokesman added that he was not sure what details Major Ferreira had but said he doubted whether the major would be able to give any.

'Illegal gathering'

● A police spokesman for the Eastern Transvaal last night said he had been informed that two policemen went to Driefontein after they had received a complaint that an illegal gathering was to take place.

"There was something of a riot (bietjie oproer) and the policemen were threatened. People were at their heels. They fired in self-defence."

The spokesman said he would prefer not to comment on the facts as reported, but preferred that the matter be handled through the Directorate and the office of the Commissioner of Police.

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Mkhize and Koornhof corresponded — claim

Own Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG. — Mr Saul Mkhize, the Driefontein community leader shot dead at a protest meeting against forced removals on Saturday, told the Minister of Co-operation and Development, Dr Piet Koornhof, in a letter last year that an attempt had been made on his life.

And 10 days before Mr Mkhize was shot the government told him that it was not prepared to negotiate on the forced relocation of the 5 000 Driefontein villagers.

This was stated yesterday by Mr Geoff Budlender, a lawyer at the Legal Resources Centre, who had been acting for Mr Mkhize since November last year.

Dr Koornhof said yesterday that he could not recall personal correspondence with "a Mr Mkhize of Driefontein".

"But I will look into the matter at the earliest opportunity," he said. "I would, nevertheless, like to express my sincere regret that this man has been killed and extend my sympathies to his

family."

The Minister of Law and Order, Mr Louis le Grange, said yesterday that he had not yet been informed about the incident.

Mr Budlender said there had been an exchange of correspondence between Dr Koornhof and Mr Mkhize between June 4, 1981 and June 3, 1982.

On October 13 Dr Koornhof had replied personally to Mr Mkhize and said reconsideration of the decision to remove the people of Driefontein was not possible but gave him the assurance that the removals would be done "in a most humanitarian way".

On 19 May last year, Mr Mkhize told Dr Koornhof his life had been threatened.

Endeavours

"My life — because of my endeavours to help my people — has been threatened and an attempt to kill me has already been made. This cannot be allowed. This matter has been reported to the police."

The letter was acknowledged by Dr Koornhof's

administrative secretary.

● Questions about the fatal shooting are to be raised "at the soonest opportunity" in Parliament by Opposition MP Mrs Helen Suzman.

Mrs Suzman, who had dealt closely on the whole relocation question with Mr Mkhize and Dr Koornhof, said: "Saul Mkhize's death is tragic. He was totally opposed to violence and had only his people's best interests at heart."

Wrab will help residents buy homes - Knoetze

THE West Rand Administration Board (Wrab) will help residents who experience problems in obtaining loans from building societies when the mass sale of State-owned houses comes into effect from July 1.

This news was revealed yesterday by Wrab's chairman, Mr John Knoetze, following weekend reports that township residents were going to battle to raise loans to buy their matchbox homes when the mass sale gets off the ground.

According to the reports, one of the biggest building societies involved in black housing — the Natal Building Society — has said stan-

dard matchbox houses will not qualify for loans. The society will not lend money to prospective home buyers unless the houses being bought have fittings such as proper ceilings, and floors, running water and indoor toilets.

"If the building societies cannot help tenants obtain loans, then Wrab will help them. We are absolutely geared to get the scheme off the ground. And we will help prospective home-buyers wherever we can," Mr Knoetze said.

Mr Knoetze added that the selling of houses under the 99-year leasehold and 30-year homeownership scheme in Soweto was "working well". An average of 60

houses were being bought in the townships every month, with the total number of houses sold so far being in the region of 17 000.

"Although the scheme is going well in Greater Soweto, the mass sale will help accelerate the present rate," he added.

Wrab was still waiting for the release of the Steyn Commission report on black housing before it could work out strategy on loans, Mr Knoetze said. The 500 000 State-owned houses that are going up for sale will be sold at discounts of up to 40 percent. At least 40 000 houses are expected to be sold in Greater Soweto.

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There were also three rapes and four robberies.

Star provocative, says Mwasa

Trade union secretary Mr Goba Ndhlovu of the Media Workers Association says the refusal of The Star to re-engage 209 Mwasa members could lead to widespread labour unrest in the newspaper industry.

The dispute arises from the dismissal of a black worker who allegedly threatened the life of his black supervisor. The worker's colleagues refused to work unless he was reinstated. Management later announced that, by withholding their labour, the Mwasa members had automatically dismissed themselves.

"The Argus and SAAN have decided to generalise the dispute and to attack Mwasa as a whole," Mr Ndhlovu said. "They must realise that widespread labour unrest throughout South Africa is being created."

Mwasa said the manner in which management of The Star had refused to reconsider the dismissal of the workers was "intolerable and extremely provocative".

Mwasa alleged The Star had breached agreement procedures by dismissing a Mwasa member without according him the necessary representation. Only after the Mwasa national executive had intervened was a proper hearing held, it says.

The statement said: "Mwasa is aware the decision not to reconsider the dismissals was taken at a level above The Star's management.

"The matter was no longer confined to one signatory to our recognition agreement," the statement said.

The manager of The Star, Mr Jolyon Nuttall, said all procedures had been followed to the letter and management had done its utmost to contain the stoppage before it developed into an illegal strike.

There was no question of any other Argus newspaper or SAAN being involved, he said.

Shack-dwellers win legal battle

THE Sofasonke Party is to continue to fight for the rights and protection of over 4 000 Soweto shackdwellers.

This was said by the party's chief executive officer, Mr Ambition Brown, after a Johannesburg commissioner's court yesterday withdrew charges of erecting illegal structures against 35 shackdwellers, in-

cluding a 103-year-old widow, Mrs Emma Masoabu.

At a previous hearing the 35 shackdwellers had applied for the cases against them to be withdrawn.

At yesterday's hearing the prosecutor applied for the cases to be withdrawn and the commissioner granted his request.

After the case, Mr Brown, who has been in the forefront since shacks were demolished by authorities, said: "Now our next court action is going to be against the West Rand Administration Board who have continued their harassment and destruction of shacks in Soweto."

"We have succeeded

in stopping the Soweto Council from demolishing the structures, but it appears Wrab is acting on their behalf. We shall fight them too."

"The Supreme Court order restraining the council from demolishing shacks is a clear indi-

cation that the council has no powers to rule Soweto and our next move is to seek a court order declaring them null and void," he said.

Mr Brown has called on a meeting of all residents at the DOCC Hall on Sunday at 9am.

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Legends can be wrongs

THERE was a time when mention of the name Zola used to strike fear in the hearts of many residents of Soweto because the township was notorious for a number of crimes which included rapes, assaults, murders and robberies.

And when people nicknamed it the "Wild West" it was not only because the township was on the western side of Soweto, but also because it was regarded as a wild area where the law of the jungle applied.

Even today, one often hears people speak disparagingly of the area and attribute all the bad things about life in Soweto to Zola.

However, residents of Zola do not take very kindly this idea of what life in their township is believed to be like. Many believe that the place is no different from any other township in Soweto.

But the township has another distinction — it is the filthiest township in Soweto. Many of the streets in Zola are untarred and there are heaps of rubbish at almost every street corner and in some areas, piles of litter scattered about in the middle of the roads makes driving in the area difficult.



HEALTH HAZARD: A typical Zola street — full of rubbish.



"Zola is not really as bad as all that. Many people in Zola have developed a liking for sports," says Mehuli Mbatha.



Joseph Hlathwayo says he has not seen anything in Zola to associate it with its criminal image.



Stephen Mithorwane says Zola has not changed a bit. Robbery is still rife and many people are still killed.



David Shongwe says he has lived in Zola for many years and he finds nothing wrong with Zola. He also says there was a time when the place was notorious because of the endless incidents of crime taking place there. "But there are no gangs anymore," he quips.



Douglas Ndlovu says Zola has changed completely. He blames the notoriety of Zola people who came from elsewhere. "We the young people of this place have decided to make this a happy place by stopping all the unnecessary clashes we used to have," he says.



Buntu Mbasa believes that life in Zola has changed from what it used to be. He says many of the people who made the place notorious have either been arrested, or dead or are heavy drinkers who have been destroyed by liquor.



"In the past, people couldn't walk freely past a group of youngsters without them getting into some form of trouble. However, the place is so peaceful today that we actually get annoyed by things said by people who only know Zola as a notorious place," says Shadrack Mhlongo.



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Erab promises better houses

FAMILIES living in Silvertown, the shanty township on the outskirts of Tsakane near Brakpan, will all be housed next year.

This was announced by Mr F E Marx, chief di-

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rector of the East Rand Administration Board yesterday. He said that his board had already been given a loan by the

Department of Community Development to build houses for these families.

There are more than 2 000 families staying in Silvertown. This temporary township was established by Erab two years ago to accommodate the families who were staying in Brakpan Old Location, which has now been demolished to make way for a white suburb.

The board had hoped to accommodate the families by the end of this year, but because of

lack of funds, they had to postpone their plans to the end of March next year.

About four families staying in Silvertown have to share one corrugated iron toilet. Families are still using the old bucket system and about 30 families have to share one communal water tap.

The place is also without electricity and streets are not tarred. Residents pay a monthly rental of R12 and Mr Marx pointed out that as soon as they were allocated houses they would pay a minimum of R45 a month rent.

Soweto councillors under fire

A 103-year-old Soweto granny, who together with 34 others, had charges of failing to demolish shacks in their backyards, withdrawn in the Johannesburg Commissioner's Court last week was one of the speakers at a Sofasonke Party's meeting on shacks yesterday.

Mrs Emma Mgwaba

Sowetan
described the Soweto Council and the West Rand Administration Board as the most "cruel" and "heartless" of authorities she had ever seen in her life.

She said for authorities not to care for hundreds of people now without shelter and still continue to demolish other structures housing them was the most sinful

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action ever carried out by man.

"Imagine what happens to you if your shack, largely your only place of shelter, is demolished. These people do not care whether thugs attack you or kill you. They are very cruel," she said.

Mrs Mgwaba praised Mr Ambition Brown, leader of the Orlando East-based Sofasonke Party urging other shackdwellers to help him in the fight for shacks.

Other speakers also condemned the Soweto Council saying it was a "toothless bulldog".

Community councillors are like baboons who steal mealies and run away to the caves because they say people hate them. We do not hate them but want to catch them and extract their teeth to stop them from further stealing and make them live with the people", a speaker said.

The meeting was attended by delegates from as far afield as Vosloorus and issues like migratory labour, education, and unity among all parties said to be fighting against the shack issue on the Reef were discussed.

Journalists stay away from Star

Nine journalists of the black Media Workers Association of South Africa stayed away from The Star today in support of 209 other workers who, according to management, "automatically dismissed themselves" after a two-day work stoppage last month.

A number of MWASA members did report for duty.

Star management was not formally notified of any new stayaway until nearly midday. In response to a formal inquiry, MWASA stated that a resolution had been passed that "all members at The Star would go out on strike in solidarity" with those who had already gone. MWASA was requested to tell the nine striking journalists that an illegal stoppage would place their employment in jeopardy.

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Shebeen owners welcome end of cop raids

By SELLO RABOTHATA

NOTHING would please Witbank shebeeners more than an end to the police raids they are subjected to — and the only way they see this happening is through legalisation.

Shebeeners agree that the "home away from home" mood of shebeens would be destroyed through licencing but say they would benefit financially by legalising shebeens. Most of them are being "ruined" by these frequent raids, they claim.

A taverners association was formed in the township some time ago, but meetings were never held, some said. Shebeeners only meet when the local liquor representative organises braais to promote the brands he would like to see picking up in the market. Most shebeens interviewed felt a meeting should be held at which new office bearers would be elected as they had lost confidence in the present committee.

Mrs Lizzie Mafuyane, who owns a shebeen that complies with most of the regulations laid

Mr Dixie Mafuyane foresaw the only problem with licencing would be the set time limit. He said registered bar lounges close at nearly the same time as the one stipulated in the legalisation of shebeens. "This is the time most shebeens start making their money. Our people live it up at night," he said.

Shebeen raids in the Witbank townships are unlike the ones conducted in Soweto or East Rand townships in that only the shebeener is arrested and liquor confiscated. In Soweto and the East Rand, patrons are also taken to the coolers in arrests that have come to be known as "elkeen met sy bottel".

Another shebeener, who wished to remain anonymous said she was also in favour of legalisation. Her place was a hive of activity with patrons coming and going in great numbers. Most of her regulars were teenagers, she said, but she had never had trouble from them as they were always well behaved.



MRS LIZZIE MAFUYANA: Legalisation will put an end to police raids.



MR DIXIE MAFUYANA: "Time limit will give us problems with patrons and the police."

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High rents get Witbank residents hot under the collar

MANY of the people who live in South Africa's black townships feel they are paying too much for house rents — residents in Witbank townships are no exception.

Residents in Pretoria, East Rand, Soweto and the Vaal who pay rents ranging from R50 to R150 will be surprised to hear that the "high" rents that get Witbank residents hot under the collar is... R25 a month. The rents were increased from R20 to R25 last month.

Some of the residents who have bought their houses also feel that rents are too high. They pay R21 a month. Houses in the area are being sold on the 99-year leasehold scheme and, according to the local people, are selling like hot cakes.

Mr Dingaen Masango said the local com-

munity council was to blame for the state of affairs in the area. He claimed they did not have the welfare of the community at heart and were only looking after their own interests. The present high rents are a result of misrepresentation by the councillors to the authorities, he said.

"People around here cannot afford that much. We are struggling to make ends meet. This place is unlike those around Johannesburg where industries are concentrated. We do not have places offering jobs which is why most of our young men are at the mines. The wages from the few companies you see around is not all that good."

Most of the young people in Lynnville, Guqa or PhumlaMqashi, the Witbank townships, feel there is a dire need for more houses. PhumlaMqashi is the re-

down for licensing, said she wanted legalisation of shebeens becoming a reality. She has been arrested a number of times and had to pay fines, besides losing vast quantities of liquor and glasses in the process.

Mrs Mafuyane's shebeen could be the first to be legalised in Witbank because it has two toilets in the yard and the drinking premises are separate from the family's house. In fact one forgets that business is going on and the township's boozers are at it in the same yard.

"At first the toilets were segregated," Mrs Mafuyane said. "Women and men used different toilets, but an ugly incident took place in the women's toilets one day. Some men raped a woman in the toilet after apparently hiding behind the door. Since that day we felt it was better for patrons to use any of the toilets. In that way hoodlums would never know who would be using which toilet. Nothing has happened since."



HOME AWAY FROM HOME: Will legalisation do away with that homely atmosphere?

cently built extension to the township and according to residents, was built years too late — the waiting list for houses is still unbelievable.

Mr Dixie Mafuyane said: "When we first arrived here, I was still a young man. Then we used to pay one pound ten shillings for rent. Since the community councils emerged in 1977 things have not been good. We are now paying R25 a month rent which is exorbitant. But then, Witbank is a good place to live in. You can make lots of money if you are smart."

Miss Sylvia Masanabi said she liked living in Lynnville but that there were a number of facilities she and other craved for. She wants to be a model and would be happy if there was a school for this in the area. She was not really concerned about the community council rents because "I do not have a house".



OUT OF MONEY: Mr A P Khumalo.

Power plan in balance

MZIKAYISE EDOM (3/4/83)

Sowetan
THE electrification master plan in Katlehong, near Germiston, may come to a halt as a result of the Katlehong Community Council's financial problems.

According to council chairman, Mr A P Khumalo, the council has R5,2-m for the project which will cost about R17-m when completed.

The scheme is in its third phase now.

When the project started about two years ago, the residents paid R2 for the first phase

and the amount was increased to R3,50 in the second phase and R5 for the third.

When the project moves into the fourth phase in October, the amount will be increased to R7,50 and finally to R10,50 next year.

Mr Khumalo said: "The council has called an urgent meeting on Thursday, which will be attended by the executive committee of Erab and the Electrification Masterplan Consulting Engineers.

Prisoners kill man

A black long-term prisoner has died after being attacked by his fellow prisoners in the Waterval Prison at Utrecht in Natal.

The incident is being investigated by the Prisons Department and by the South African Police. — Sapa.

R3¹/₂-m will help give Alexandra new face

By Lucille McNamara

The Government has taken another step in the redevelopment of Alexandra with the announcement that it will spend R3,5 million to improve the squalid conditions of residents living in crowded poverty.

Building will begin within the next six weeks and the money will be used to provide 194 flats, 15 houses

and related infrastructure.

The chairman of the Alexandra Liaison Committee, the Rev Sam Buti, has hailed the Government announcement as a major breakthrough for the township, which borders the Wynberg industrial area to the north-east of Johannesburg.

The allocation of the money follows a meeting which Mr Buti had earlier this year with the Minister of Co-operation and Development, Dr Piet Koornhof.

After their discussions Mr Buti said Dr Koornhof had raised fresh hopes for the redevelopment of Alexandra and had indicated that major works would begin soon.

An elated Mr Buti said today that Alexandra residents were happy about the allocation of funds. High-rise flats which will house 194 families will be built at a cost of R3 million, 15 additional houses will cost R200 000, while R300 000 will be spent on water, electricity and sewerage.

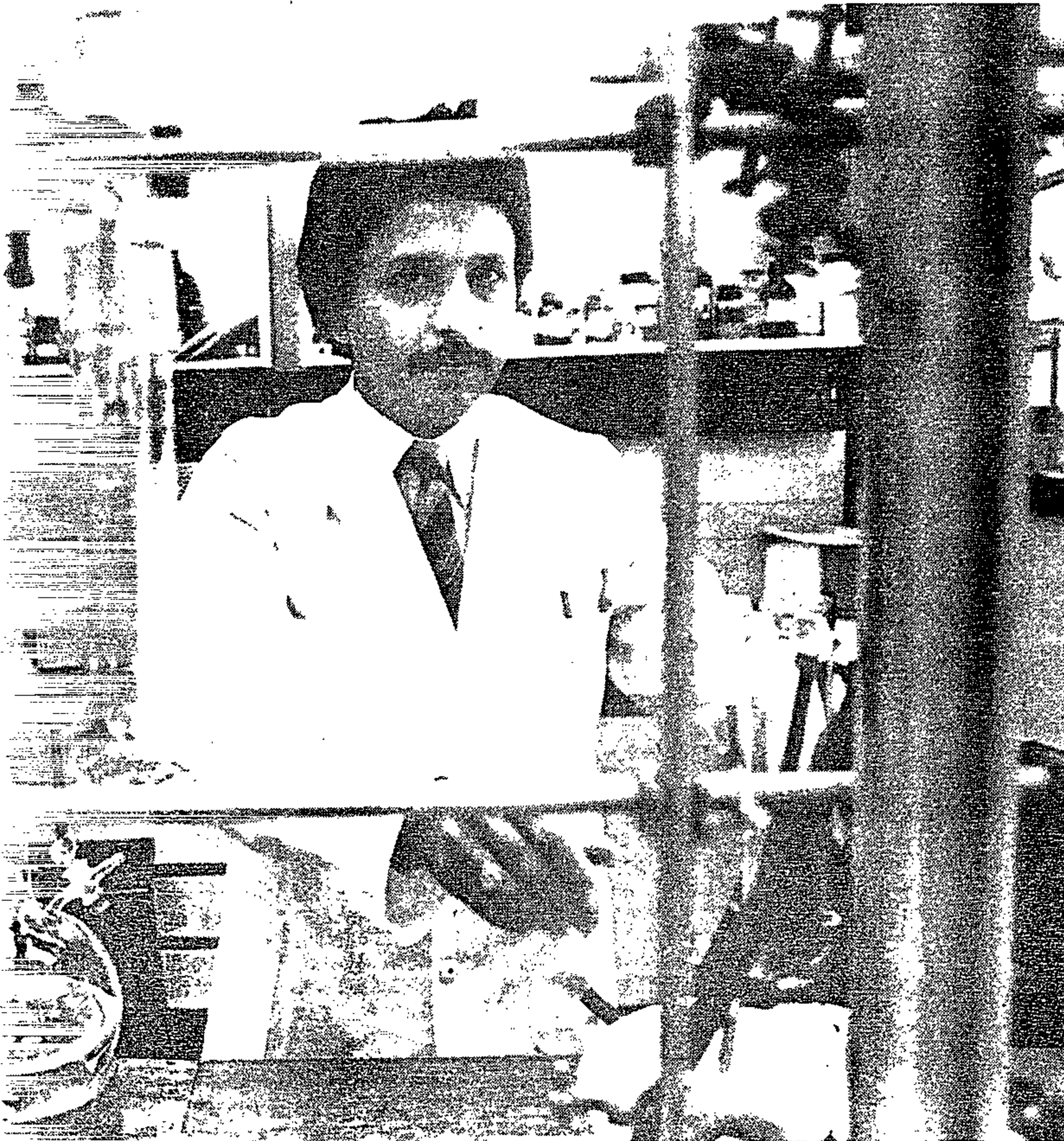
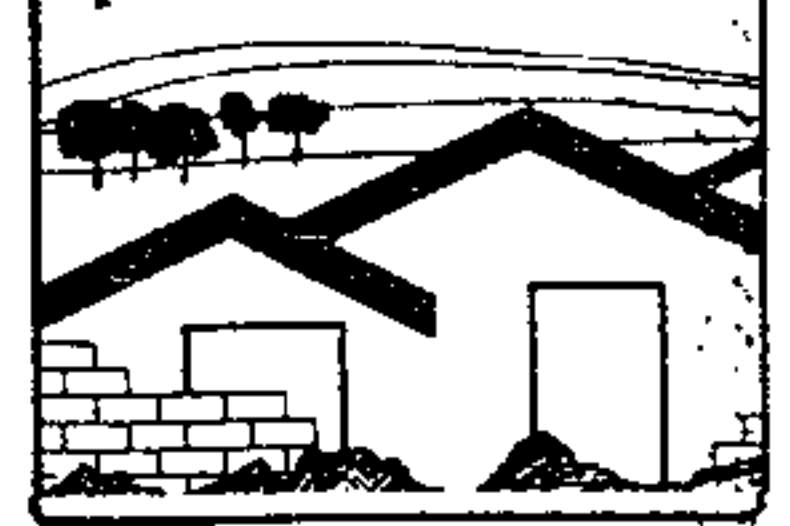
Mr Buti pointed out that a total of R80 million was needed to redevelop Alexandra, but that up to now the Government had provided only R6 million for the project.

Mr Buti appealed to the Government to make more money available, and also to the private sector, which could help to alleviate the appalling living conditions of thousands of residents.

"While we are satisfied that the Government is trying to make good its promise to redevelop Alexandra, we still have a very long way to go," he said.

Only 150 new houses have been built since 1979, when Dr Koornhof announced that Alexandra would be transformed into a model self-governing town.

Uplift in Alex



of his laboratory at the Rand Afrikaans University which has been his study home for the past four years.

● Picture by David Sandison.

Man to face fraud charges

By Trevor Jones,
Crime Staff

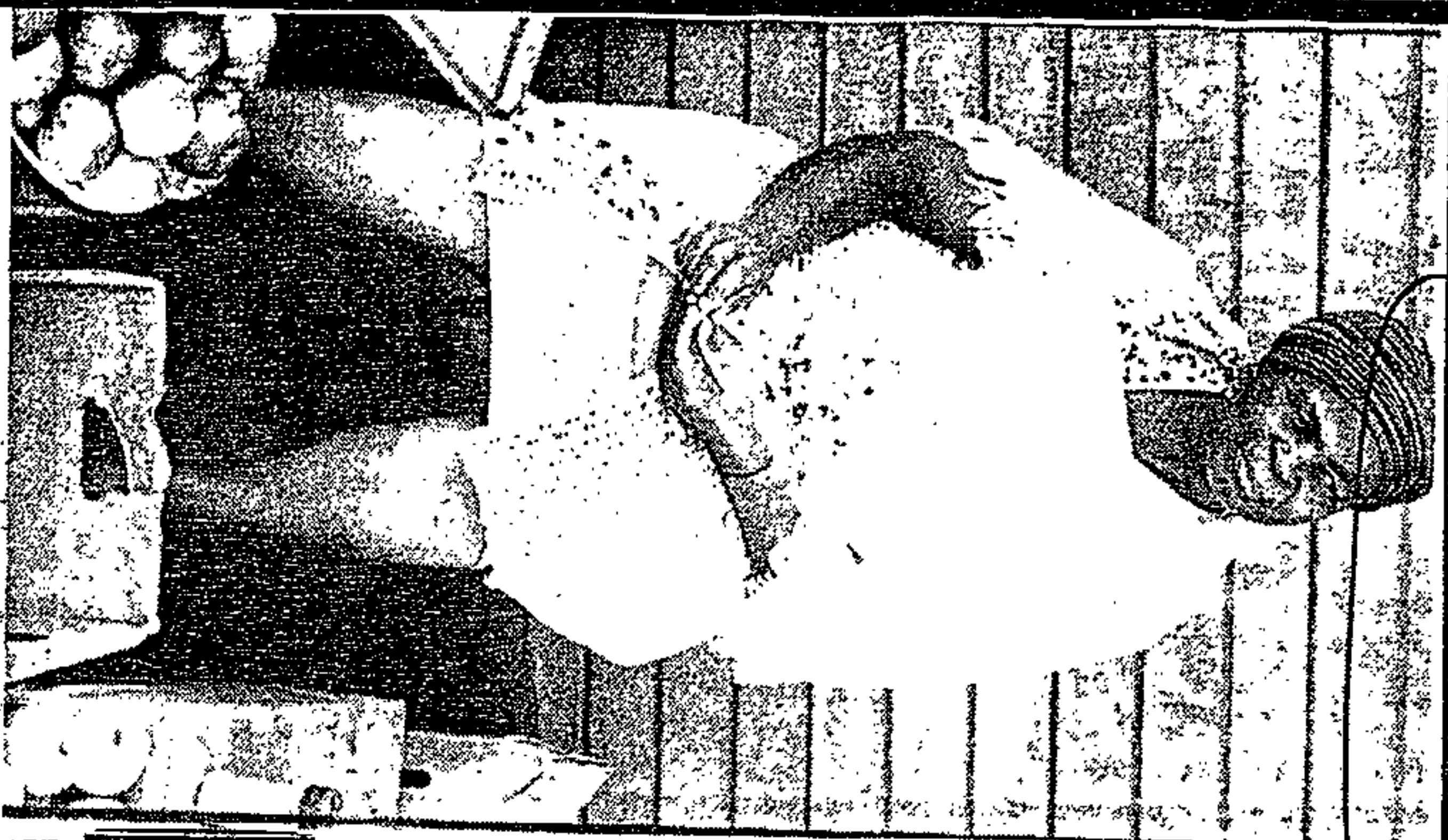
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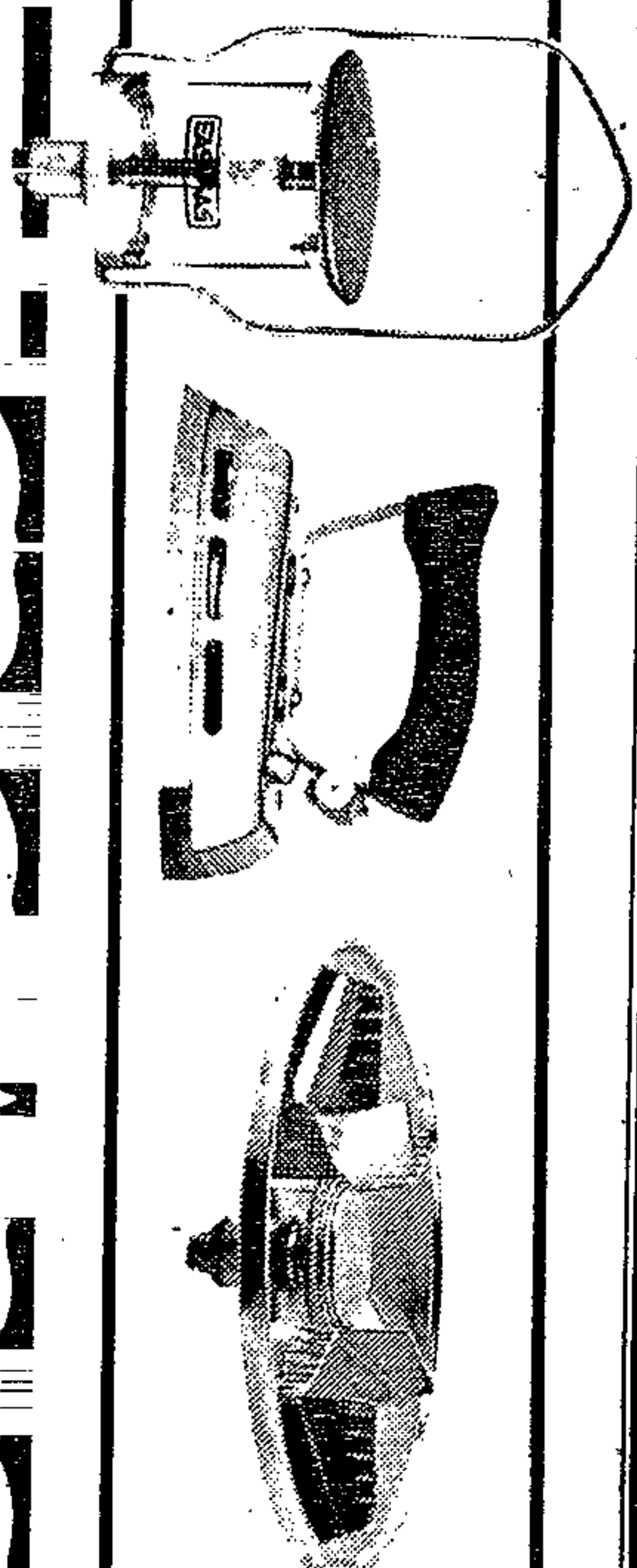
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NO LICENCE: Mrs Maphanga.

A day in the life of a Witbank hawker

By LEN MASEKO



BREADWINNER: Mrs Vilakazi with two of her children.

WITBANK'S street

Pic: ROBERT MAGVAZA

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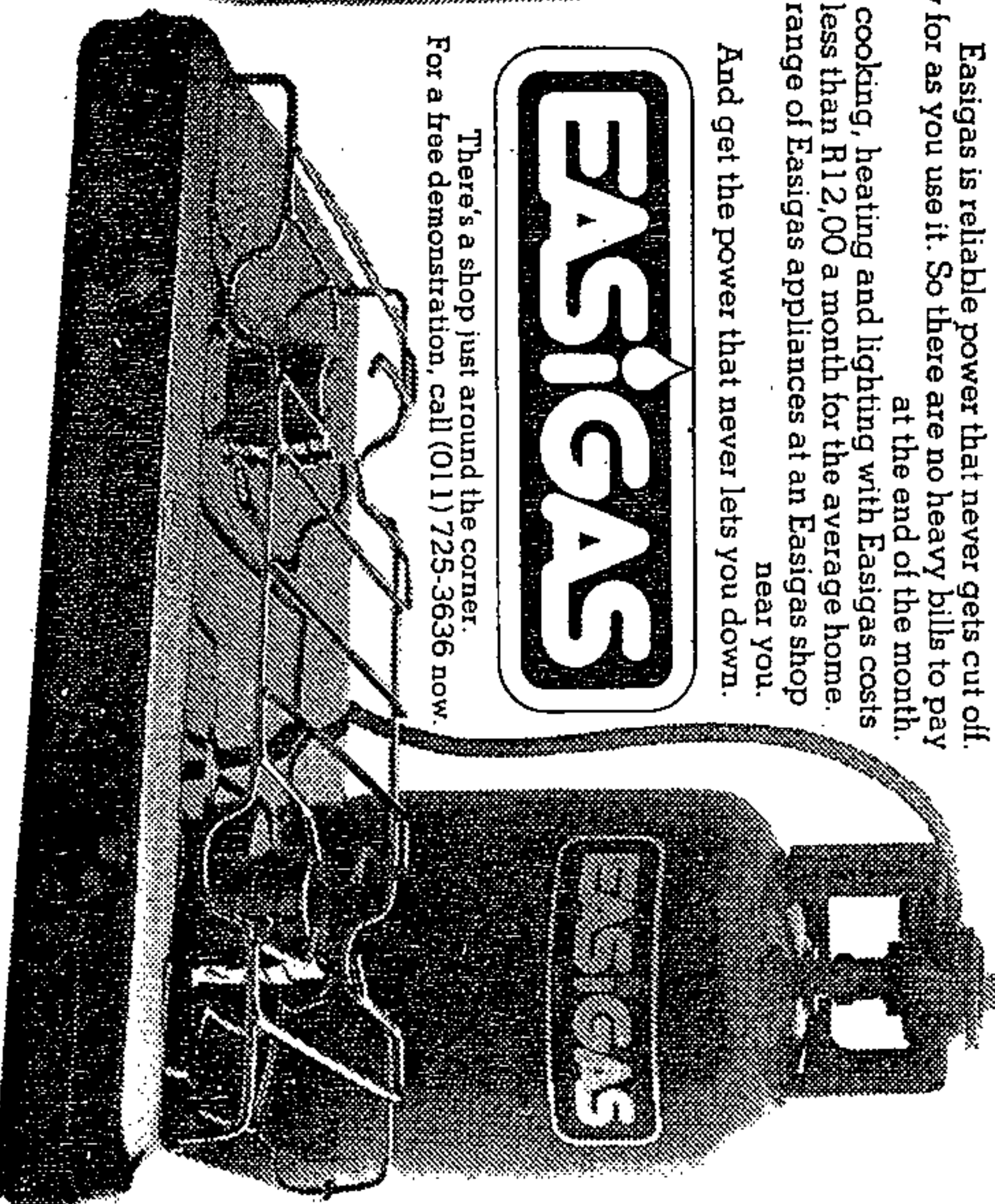
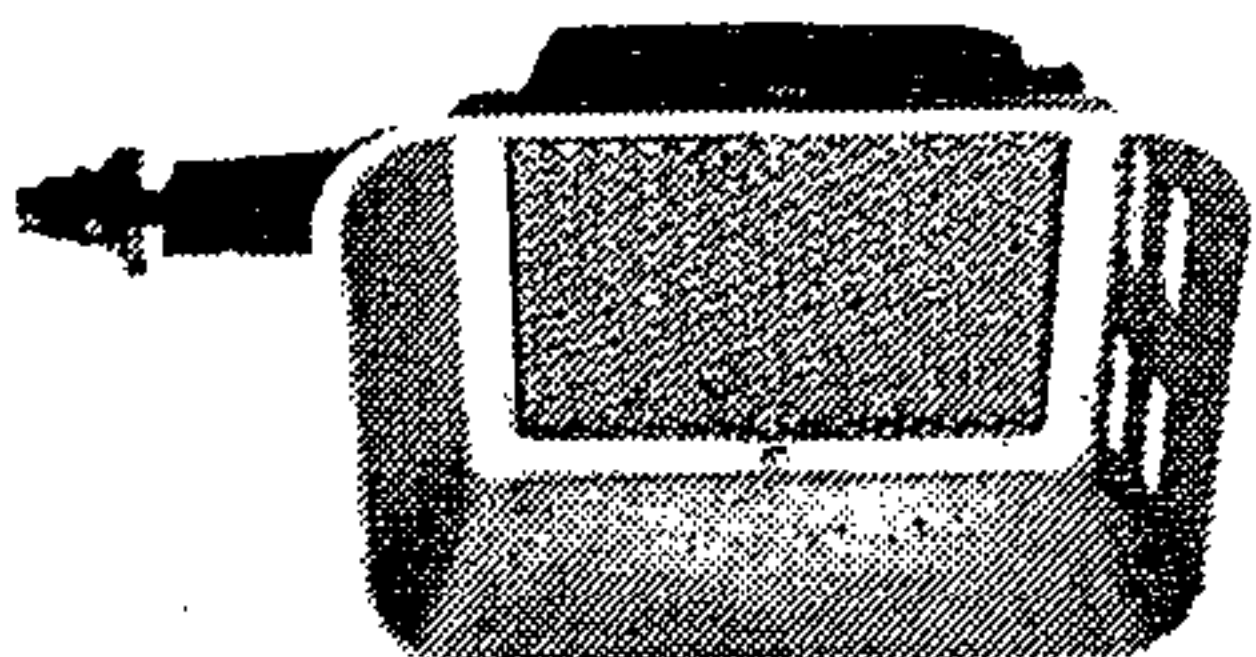
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WITBANK street hawkers have come to accept that looking over their shoulders every second is the best formula for surviving in the business.

For, the hawkers spend most of their business life on the run from the Highveld Administration policemen. Unlike their Soweto counterparts, they have unsuccessfully tried to obtain licences for their businesses.

Despite their unsuccessful attempts to have their businesses recognised, the hawkers continue to sell in the streets. And this, of course, does not escape the watchful eyes of the police — with most of them ending up arrested and made to pay fines ranging from R5 to R15.

STRUGGLE

However, the hawkers have come to accept that their life is the "struggle for the right to earn a living" — but the authorities have constantly refused to recognise their existence.

At the core of the problem is that hawkers should first erect shelters for their businesses — a condition laid down by the authorities before licences can be issued to them. But the problem has remained unsolved because the hawkers have refused to shoulder the responsibility of building the shel-

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ters.

"The authorities should erect the shelters for us so that we can rent them. It is their responsibility, not ours," said Mrs Elizabeth Vilakazi, who has been in the business for the past 15 years.

EVICT

"The structures will be built on the authorities' ground. So, because of this reason, we will not be allowed to own the buildings. Who knows? they might even evict us out of the structures" Mrs Vilakazi said.

Mrs Vilakazi, who has been arrested for selling without a licence more than a dozen times, vows she will not leave the business for anything. She has four children to support — some of whom are still attending school.

"One incident will always remain in my mind. A policeman arrested me for selling without a licence. I was about to be shoved inside the police van when I rained blows on

the poor policeman. Within seconds, he lay sprawled on the floor — dazed and wondering what had hit him. We have suffered for too long, that is why we have got used to police harassment," she adds.

LEGAL

The SOWETAN spoke to two other hawkers about their struggle for legalisation. Mrs Christina Maphanga, a mother of eight, said: "I have gone twice to the authorities to request them to allow us to sell without being prosecuted. But they have emphatically refused to give us licences. So, there is nothing we can do but to continue with our businesses".

Perhaps, Mrs Letta Mashole summed up the day in the life of a Witbank hawker, who she said: "To survive, you should look over your shoulder every second. And you should live a nomadic life — move from one point to another to evade police".

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R3,5-m shot in arm for Alexandra

By SELLO RABOTHATA

THE SOUTH African Government has granted the Alexandra Liaison Committee (ALC) R3,5 million for the redevelopment of the township, Reverend Sam Buti, the chairman of the committee, said yesterday.

Rev Buti said the ALC approached the Government to make certain funds available for the purpose of building low cost housing as part of phase one and two of the development scheme. The funds made available will be utilised as follows: 15 additional houses costing R200 000; 194 flats at the cost of R3 million;

and infra-structure on phase two at the cost of R300 000.

He said: "It is well worth noting that since the reprieve of Alexandra in 1979, a number of promises concerning the physical development have been made. Granted, planning of the township was completed late in 1980, but the actual implementation of construction has been delayed. For the purpose of speeding this development up, the ALC approached the private sector to help in

the clearing and the laying out of the infra-structure and the erection of homes.

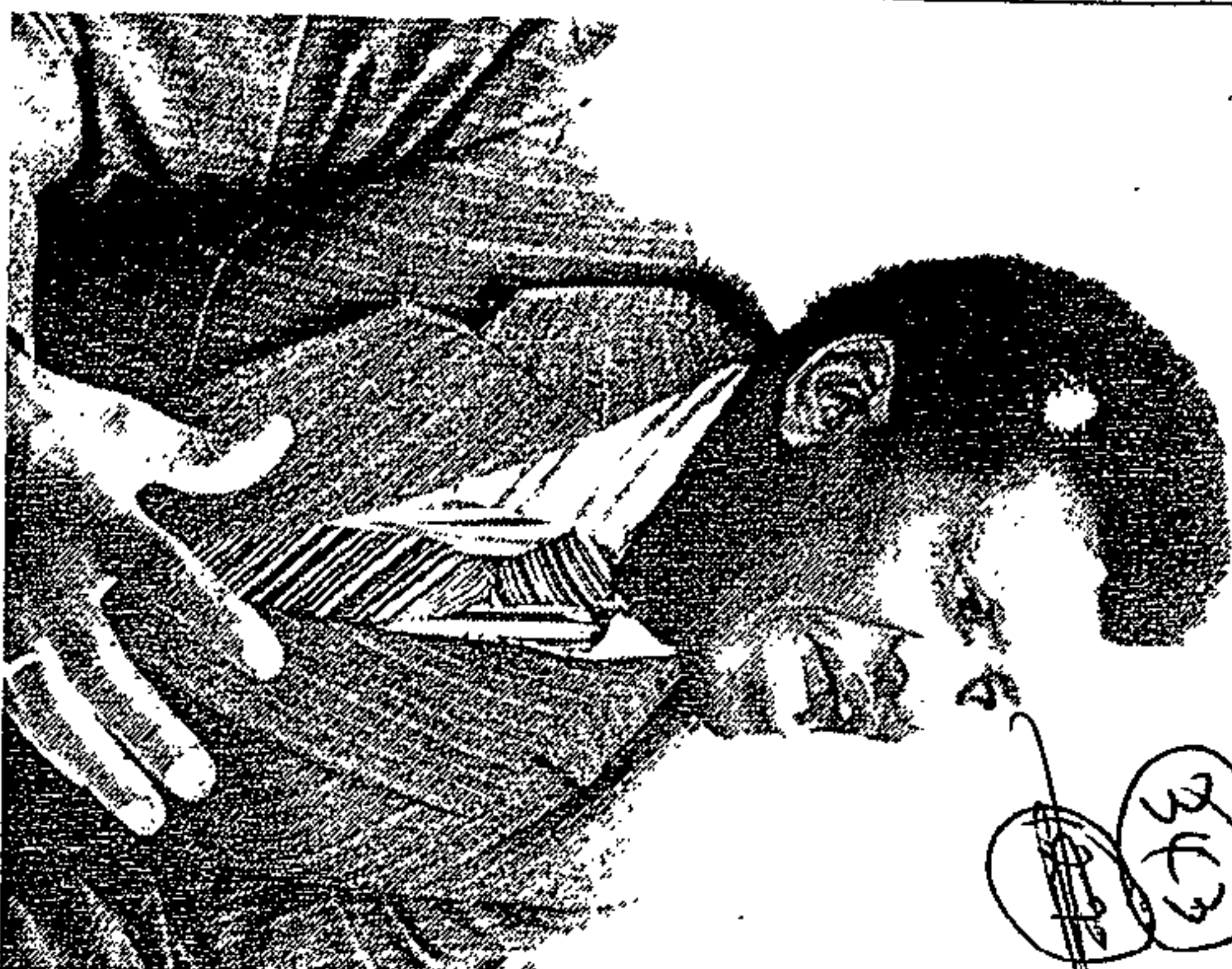
Responded

"Premier Milling Company responded by making available bridging funds amounting to R100 000 for the purpose of clearing and reticulating sewerage, electricity and storm water drainage so that development could begin on the first phase.

Mr Stan Goldstein was then approached to build ten houses on speculation. When this deal was found to be viable other firms such as Gough Cooper and United Building Society were approached to build ten houses each. These have also been completed. But we at the ALC realise that these houses are expensive and beyond the means of the average Alexandra family."

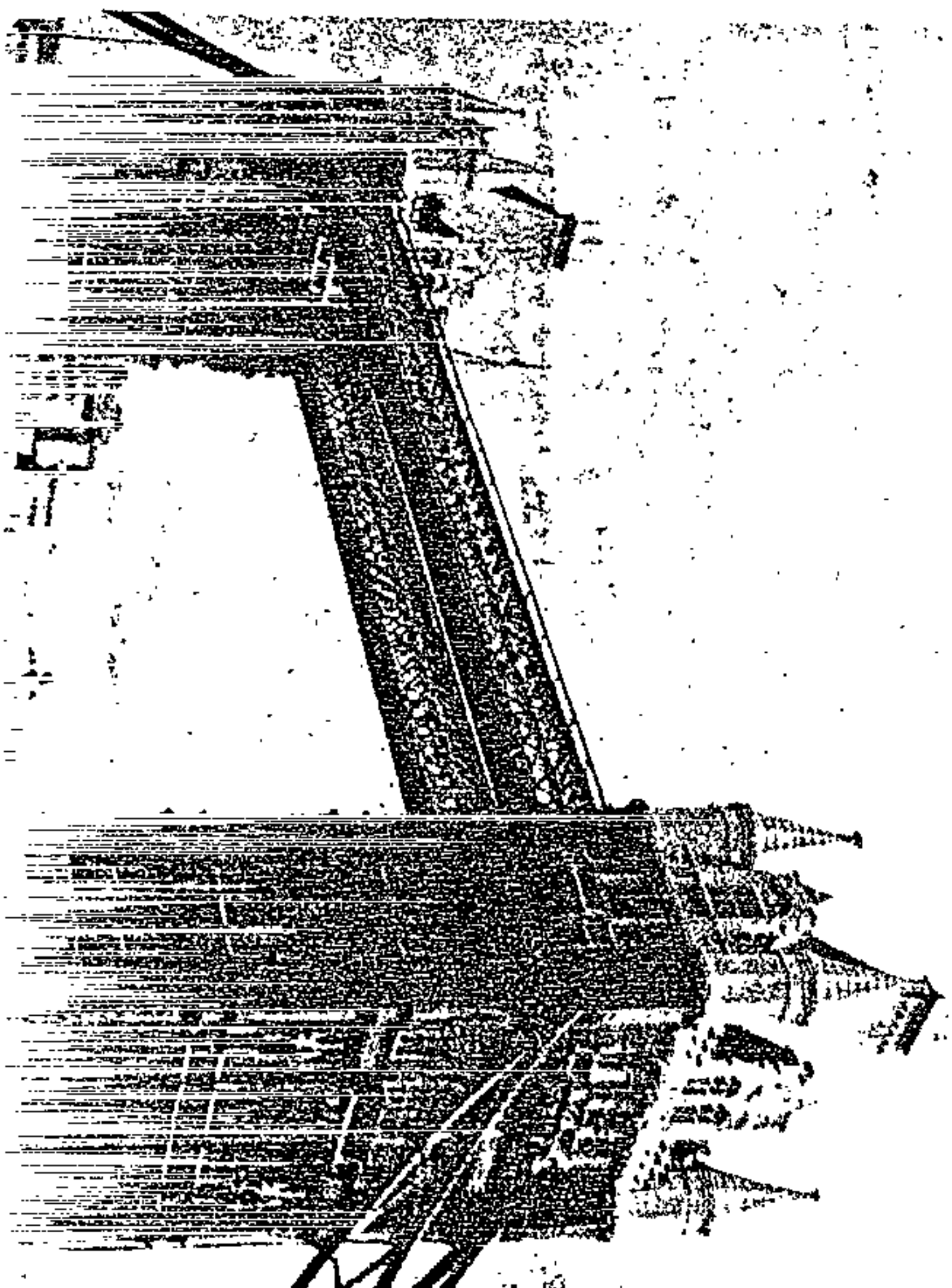
The project concerning low cost housing, which involves the recent funds from the Government, will kick off in six weeks. Consultants are now busy with phase two for which R300 000 has been allocated for the establishment of various services (sewerage, electricity and drainage). An old age home (Rev Buti prefers to call it a home for senior citizens), will be established in the near future at the old TB settlement. The cost will be borne by the Barclays Bank to the tune of R500 000.

He said plans were afoot for the development of the additional 102 hectares of land which had been obtained on the east bank of the Jukskei River.



HOUSING: The Rev Sam Buti.

GOOD RIVA



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

More Natalspruit shacks torn down

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.

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Couple battle over house

By ELLIOT
TSHINGWALA

THE SOWETO Council special housing committee is investigating allegations made by a Pimville man that his wife, with the help of hired thugs, forced him to leave the house he had occupied for seven years.

Mrs Martha Taylor, a member of the committee and a community councillor, told The SOWETAN that Mr Edgar Ntebe, a father of two, was forced to take up lodging at a men's hostel following alleged repeated beatings by his wife and alleged attempts on his life by hired thugs.

House number 8249A, the scene of the incident, is now under lock and key pending



CLASH: Mr Edgar Ntebe and his younger sister, Nontozana, outside the Soweto Council chambers.

the completion of the investigations. The whereabouts of Mr Mtebe's wife, Sheila, who was allegedly living with a live-in lover, are unknown. Neighbours said they last saw her on the day the house was locked by officials of the Soweto Community Council.

Mr Mtebe, who accompanied the councillor to the meeting, told The SOWETAN that he and his wife were married in 1977. They lived in his mother's house and when she died the house was registered under his name. Two children were born before Mr Mtebe fell ill and was hospitalised.

When he came back home he said he found

his wife a changed person. "She was no longer the loving wife I had married, she had changed considerably," he said.

When there was no one in the house she would beat him up and force him to do the "dirtiest" jobs, he said.

At night, Mr Mtebe said, bogus cops came looking for him. He believes they were hired thugs sent by his wife to kill him so she could have the house.

The birth of the Coal City

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WOOD: People in Witbank do not buy wood. You chop trees in the veld for your needs.

Pic ROBERT MAGWAZA

SPOTLIGHT

ON WITBANK

By SELLO RABOTHATA

WITBANK — the Coal City — came into being as a result of the discovery of coal in the area and people flocked to the mines with the hope of making money and returning to their homes. Some stayed forever.

Most of the early arrivals put up homes at a place called Emasakeni and another called Emathayeleni. These were so called because they were temporary structures put up in order that families should have roofs over their heads while putting aside money for better homes.

As the mining of coal became big business and more people came over, a township called Guga, came into being. This township was named Guga (which means kneel) because the houses in the area were "rondavels" with thatched roofs. One resident said they had two doors, one came in through a door on one side and went out through the other.

The doors in the Guga houses were so short that one had to kneel before going in. The people were also said, though jocularly, not to have been able to fit the doors in, in such a manner that they could be opened and closed from both inside and outside, thus the two doors. One was for going in and the other for going out.

The next township, after Guga, was Lynneville where the "matchbox type" of houses were built. This township was occupied by the families of those who were early arrivals at Witbank. Schools, churches and other recreational facilities were also provided in this area. Before then residents had to make do with open spaces in the veld like most other townships had to in the beginning.

Today Witbank townships compare very well with any other township in the country and is in fact better than some I know. Most of the businesses in the area are well established and the township is teeming with supermarkets, beautiful houses and im-

proving school buildings. It is a very pleasant place to live.

could still be more of a showpiece if they had competent leadership.

Mr. P. Zitha, a co-director of a supermarket in Lynneville, said: "This is a wonderful place to live in. I have been here all my life. It is also improving but unfortunately not at the rate one would expect it to. There is a lack of recreational facilities besides going to the soccer stadium."

"Our main problem is that we do not have competent leaders in the townships, especially the community councillors. These people are just not representative of the community. Our rents have recently been raised and I am supposed to pay R21 a month although I have bought my house and understand it is on." Mr. Zitha is also an ex-chairman of the local professional soccer team, Witbank Black Aces.

One thing all the residents complained about was that the area was lacking in entertainment. There was only one place where one can entertain one's visitors, besides shebeens, and that is Mr. Z. Mtsuki's complex. Mr. Mtsuki owns a shopping centre, a cinema, a bottle store and a restaurant.

One other thing that seems to have solved the entertainment problem in the area, although only the well-off can afford, is the video. Most of the houses we visited had videos.

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Price of houses under heavy fire

COMMUNITY LEADERS in Soweto yesterday reacted with shock at the decision by the Diepmeadow Council to sell some ten thousand houses for as much as R12 000.

By MONO BADELA

They called upon the chairman of the West Rand Administration Board, Mr John Knoetze "to rap the Diepmeadow Council over the knuckles for taking this decision".

This week the chairman of the Diepmeadow Council, Mr Joseph Mahuhushi told a Press conference that ten thousand Diepmeadow houses were to be sold to their occupants, in line with the Government's recent announcement that families would be allowed to buy their rented houses.

Mr Mahuhushi said his council welcomed the new scheme and would sell the 10 000 houses at an average price of about R12 000. The council will also negotiate for the Government to grant sectional titles which will enable them to sell 17 000 semi-detached houses at R7 000 each.

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Publicity secretary of the Azanian People's Organisation, Mr Ishmael Mkhabela was even more critical of the announced price. He told **THE SOWETAN**: "People have already paid for those houses which they are now compelled to buy. We see the selling of the houses as an act of robbery."

Mr Mkhabela said the houses should be given to the people with no extra charges or expenses involved.

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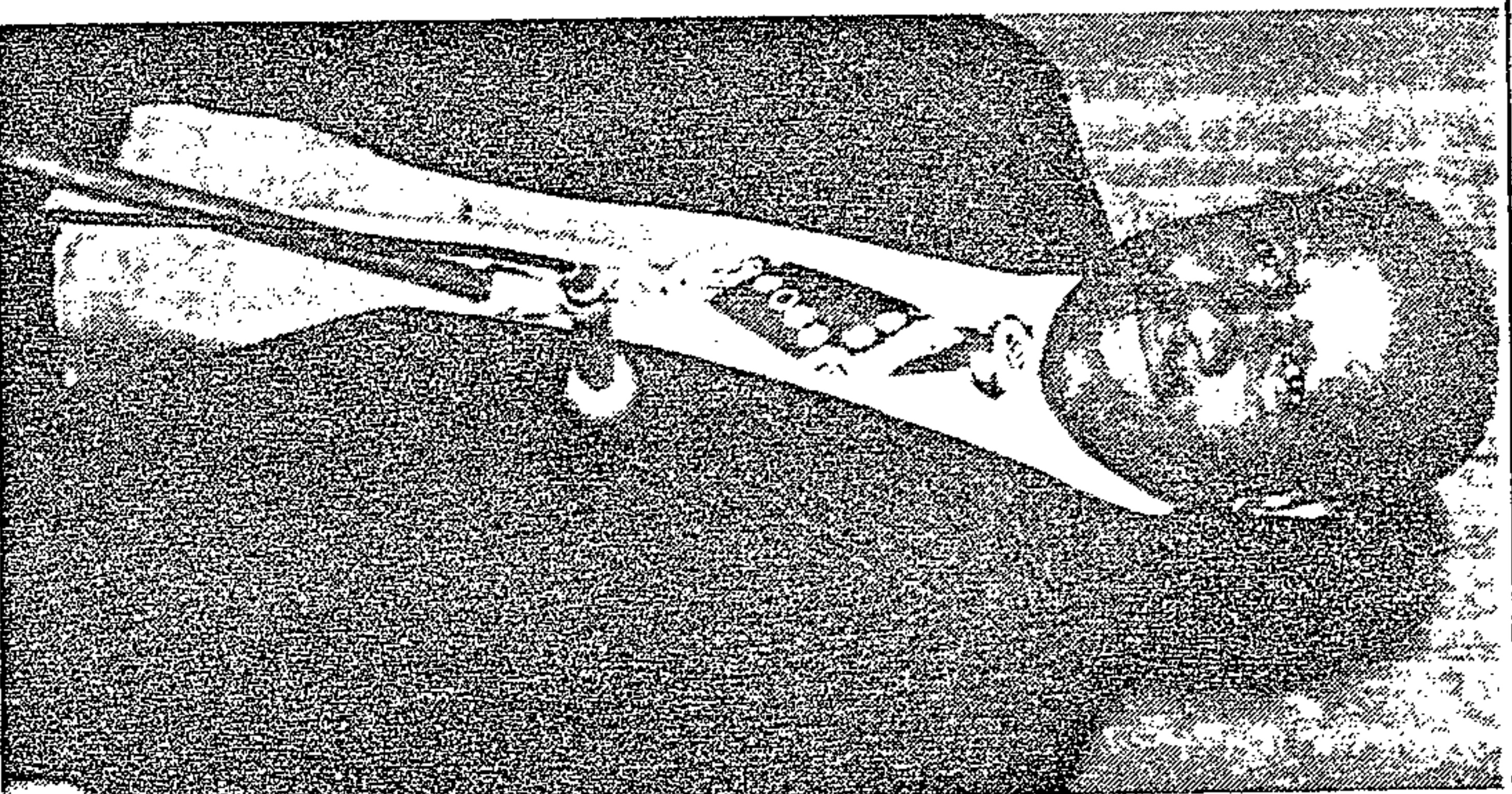
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JOSEPH MAHUSHI: Diepmeadow Council boss.

Mkhize funeral

HUNDREDS of people from all over the country are expected to attend the funeral of Driefontein community leader, Mr Saul Mkhize, in Driefontein in the Eastern Transvaal tomorrow.

Buses will leave from Soweto for Driefontein tonight and the Soweto-based Workers' Support Committee has organised another bus for those interested in attending the funeral.

The bus will leave from the Methodist Youth Centre in Central Western Jabavu tonight at 6.30. The return fare is R5.

Other buses will leave from Zola and Zone 5, Meadowlands.

Mr Mkhize, leader of the 5 000 population in the area, was shot and killed by a white policeman two weeks ago, at a meeting called to protest against the Government's plans to remove the people there.

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Minister of Health stated

THE STATEMENT by the Minister of Health that "uncontrolled breeding" was partly responsible for the high death-rate among children suffering from malnutrition, drew an angry response from community leaders yesterday.

Dismissing Dr Nak van der Merwe's statement as "an easy way out of an apartheid-created situation", the Azanian People's Organisation (AZAPO)

said, that the high death-rate was caused by the socio-political system in the country.

Prof Moosa had said in a newspaper report that the current drought could aggravate South Africa's death toll and

breeding. It is just an easy way out of an apartheid-created situation. The boast that the health facilities in this country were the best in Africa amounted to nothing considering that in rural areas little or no

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Erab ³⁴³ budget causes row

By
MZIKAYISE EDM

THE R159-m budget recently put forward by the East Rand Administration Board for the 1983/4 financial year, has been received with mixed feelings by community leaders on the East Rand.

Of this amount, the board is going to spend only R37.9-m on new projects and improvements for the 15 townships on the East Rand. Most community leaders interviewed by The SOWETAN this week, criticised the board for spending "peanuts" on 15 townships.

As in the last financial year, the board is going to spend very little on the provision of housing in the 15 townships. Daveyton township will receive R5.5-m of the budget. Katlehong R6-m. KwaThema R4.5-m Tembisa R6.6-m. Tsakane R1.4-m. Vosloorus R6.2-m and Thokoza R900 000.

Most of the money will be used on the extension and the provision of a sewerage network in most of the townships. The money will also be used for refuse removal services, the building and completion of new office complexes for community councils, the building of new water reservoirs and in some of the townships and on road improvements.

Benoni taximen unite

A NEW umbrella body for Daveyton/Wattville taxi owners was formed on Wednesday. Three local associa-



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Inkatha joins Evaton battle

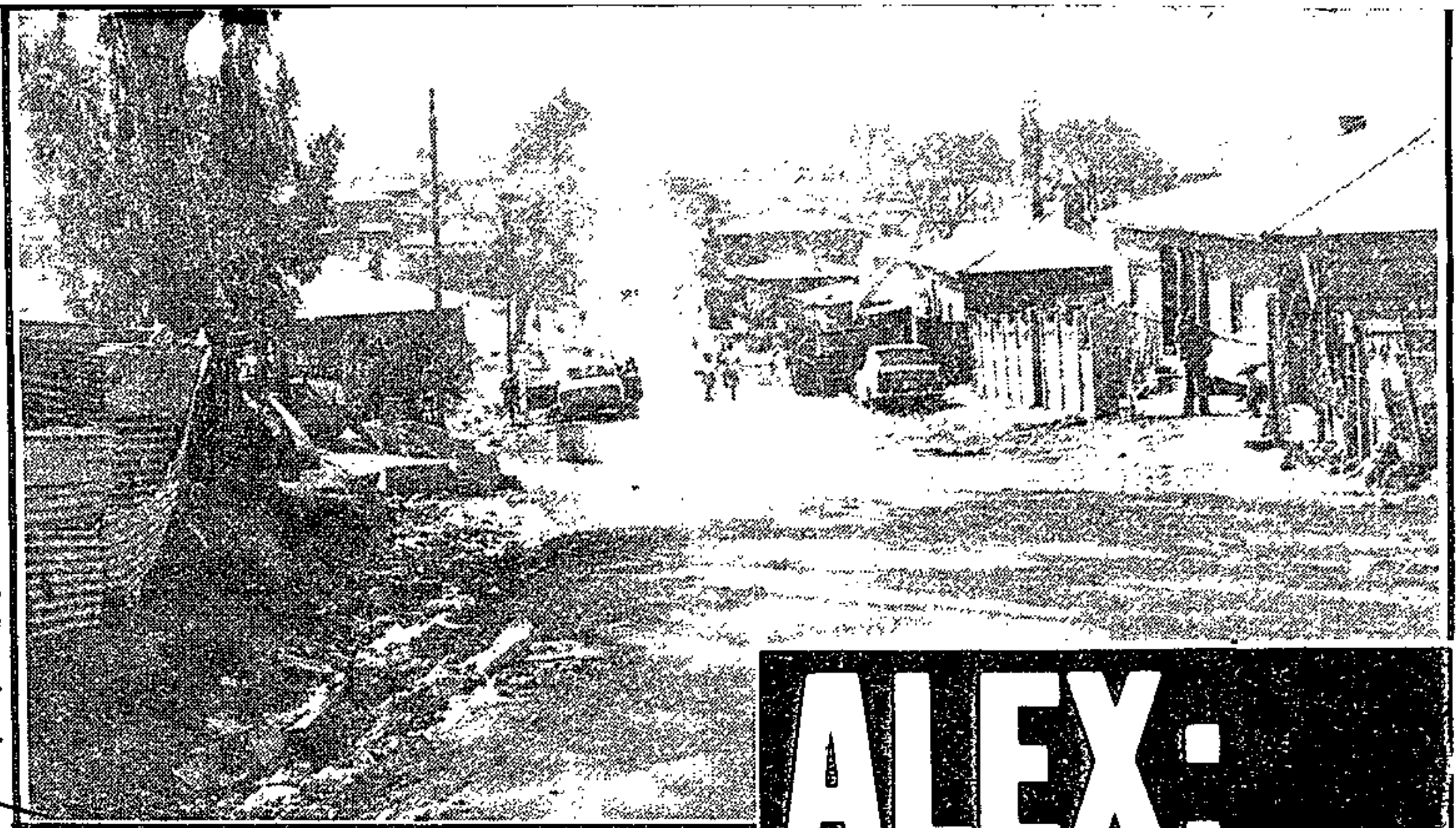
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EVATON — Inkatha has entered the fray in the campaign to oust the Evaton Community Council and prevent it from operating in the freehold township.

Inkatha representative Mr Robert Mafule, told a residents' meeting the council and the Orange-Vaal Administration Board had "no reason to exist in Evaton".

Supporting the decision by residents to refuse to pay the R8 increase in residential permits that came into effect at the beginning of the month, Mr Mafule demanded that the council produce documentary evidence of the financial situation of the Evaton Trust Fund to justify the increase.

He reminded residents of the 1864 Treaty of Evaton, which empowered a commissioner to administer the area.



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ALEX: HOPE TURNS TO DUST

By LEN KALANE

The kind of excitement that greeted the 1979 reprieve of Alexandra seems to have bitten the dust.

What remains now is a catalogue of sad faces, frowning with frustrations but hoping, always hoping.

Bearing the bitter brunt at the end of the stick is Rev Sam Buti and his company who are ready to admit that red tape is standing between Alexandra and development.

When the Alexandra Liaison Committee took over the reins after 1979, residents were taken on a journey of hope — hope that Alexandra had been reprieved and might now be turned into a showpiece

Promise

Everything now seems to be what it was then, with little, if anything, achieved in the three years since the Minister of Co-operation and Development, Dr Piet Koornhof, promised Alexandra would be turned into a somewhat black northern suburb "within three years".

Rev Buti, chairman of the liaison committee, says only 79 low-cost houses have been built since the reprieve.

The private sector was also drawn into the redevelopment of Alexandra and 53 "Selection Park" kind of houses were built, of which only a few are occupied because "residents can't afford them".

This week a Press conference was told that the liaison committee had approached the Government again, and R3,5-million had been granted to be used as follows: -

- 15 additional houses

on Phase One costing R200 000.

- 194 flats to be constructed at the cost of R3-million.

- infrastructure to the tune of R300 000.

These projects will be started within six weeks. Mr Buti told the conference that consultants were now busy with Phase Two of the redevelopment for which R300 000 had been allocated for the establishment of services (sewerage, electricity and drainage).

Housing

This in all, means for the period 1979 - 1983 the Government will have built only 94 housing units in Alexandra (the 79 units last year and the 15 to be built this year) plus the 194 flats.

Mr Buti said: "It is well worth noting that since the reprieve of Alexandra in 1979, a number of promises concerning the physical development have been made."

But observers tend to believe that the redevelopment of Alexandra slackened because the "good" relationship between Dr Koornhof and Mr Buti started going sour after Mr Buti had handed in his resignation from the PWV areas committee, appointed by Dr Koornhof, and designed to look into issues affecting the urban blacks.

There is also a second school of thought that the relationship turned sour when Mr Buti rejected a suggestion by Dr Koornhof that he opt for a Community Council in Alexandra.

Replying to this, Mr Buti said it was mere speculation, but he acknowledged that Dr



● REV BUTI
strangled by red tape.

Koornhof might be holding back on Alexandra contrary to his promises — because he (Mr Buti) refused to work "within the framework of the Government".

Mr Buti said: "I told Dr Koornhof to grant us full municipality status. We made it clear to him we are not going to accept a community council."

He said they had proposed that the industrial areas of Kew and Wynberg be in-

cluded in the municipality of Alexandra to make the area economically viable. They were still waiting for word from the authorities — and hoping.

Mr Buti listed the problems of Alexandra as lack of funds, the shortage of land and the high population density.

Since 1979, they had only managed to squeeze R6-million from the Government for the replanning of Alexandra. Most of the money had gone "underground" — towards water pipes, electricity and the whole reticulation scheme.

He said his committee did not intend to depend on the Government any longer. Added Mr Buti: "From now on we are going to build Alexandra ourselves. We will approach the private sector to help us — that is if the Government allows us to do so."

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'I'm tired of telling whites about life in the townships'

A lecturer in community paediatrics believes South Africa's strength lies in its black women because they will determine the quality of life for future generations. JEAN HEY spoke to Mrs Esline Shuenyane.



Mrs Esline Shuenyane... schizophrenic life.

Black women aim high

Mrs Esline Shuenyane — social worker and lecturer in Community Paediatrics at the University of the Witwatersrand — believes that the strength of South Africa's future lies with its black women.

"Black women are ambitious for their children. They are determined they will have a good chance in life," she says. Mrs Shuenyane's mother worked in a laundry and ran a tuckshop to pay for her seven children to be educated.

Mrs Shuenyane holds a post-graduate diploma in social work from the University of the Witwatersrand and a Master's degree in public health

from the University of North Carolina in America.

The black townships, says Mrs Shuenyane, have a strong network of women's organisations that offer support for women and raise money for children's bursaries.

Mrs Shuenyane talks fast and directly. She is tired, she says, of white organisations that call on her to tell them of life's struggle in the townships.

"I feel I am there to entertain them. Our people seldom benefit from such talks. If the system in South Africa is to improve I believe it will be through us blacks." And yet her talks have

a positive effect. After she spoke to a group of private school pupils about the lack of stimulation in Soweto, the girls made hundreds of soft toys.

She comments: "It would have been much easier for them to give a rand but they gave their time and love instead."

Urbanisation has had a harsh effect on black children, Mrs Shuenyane says. Most mothers have to go back to work when their children are less than three months old. The children are not breast-fed and can suffer from malnutrition.

She says there are no creches for children

under three in the townships and so normally one of the family's younger children misses school to look after the baby.

"There are no recreational facilities in Soweto where they can play and when mothers return from work they are too tired."

Unstimulated and undernourished, the children do badly at school. They drop out. Says Mrs Shuenyane: "Black social workers have their hands tied. They cannot force black children to go to school because it is not compulsory."

Instead the dropouts join the ranks of the un-

skilled and face unemployment. Many turn to crime.

She continues: "These people marry others who are equally underprivileged and the cycle perpetuates itself."

This cycle frightens Mrs Shuenyane. In 1979 she tried to break it by organising a child-minding scheme in Diepkloof so that mothers could leave their children with responsible women trained in child care.

But there are only about 19 child-minders in Diepkloof. And that, says Mrs Shuenyane, is just a drop in the ocean when compared with the number of working mothers

needing help. Mrs Shuenyane believes the black woman who lives in Soweto and works in Johannesburg leads a schizophrenic existence.

"My African name is Nosipho. In Johannesburg I am Esline. At home I speak a different language and have a separate lifestyle. I am a different person," she says.

As long as we live separately, says Mrs Shuenyane, the white employer will never really know his black employee.

"Until then there can be no meaningful contact between us and a relationship of trust is not possible," she adds.

Mahuhushi says they will cost R12 000

HOUSES FURORE

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CHAIRMAN of the Diepmeadow Council Mr Joseph Mahuhushi yesterday told The SOWETAN he was sticking by his guns — the prices of houses in the region will be R12 000 and R7 000.

Mr Mahuhushi's disclosure follows the furore which greeted his statement at a council meeting that the houses would be sold for R12 000 and R7 000.

Later the chairman of the West Rand Administration Board, Mr John Knoetze, slammed Mr Mahuhushi for saying that his council intended increasing the prices of its houses by a staggering R10 000 to pay off its electrification debt.

Despite Government assurances that the houses would be sold to their present occupants at big discounts when the mass sale begins on July 1, Mr Knoetze said

By MONO BADELA

during the weekend the R12 000 price tag was way beyond the amount at which each house would be sold.

He said: "I regret that Mr Mahuhushi speculated about the price of homes likely to be sold in Diepmeadow. Mr Mahuhushi jumped into things before knowing the details of the formula the Steyn Committee is presently determining for the price of the houses."

Mr Knoetze, in his statement, indicated the price would be well under R3 000. These houses would be available to people legally occupying them.

Mr Mahuhushi said his council was an independent, autonomous and statutory body created in terms of the Community Council Act of 1977. He said Wrab was merely an agent of the Diepmeadow Council. "I do not know where an agent can rap his principal on the knuckles. I am glad

that Mr Knoetze in his statement was very factual in stating or elaborating about sales of houses," he said.

Mr Mahuhushi said the question of the final price of the houses would be discussed with the relevant authorities, namely the Department of Cooperation and Development and the Department of Community Development, on the basis and terms set by the Diepmeadow Council. He said the Diepmeadow Council was indebted to the tune of R85 million on electrification and upgrading services for the area.

"If the Diepmeadow Council's option is not accepted I am afraid tenants of the sellable homes will pay no less than R100 per month for their homes in future if the council were to redeem the loan of R80 million," he said.

He said the cost of building a house in his area in 1956 was R500. Tenants occupying these homes had been paying sub-economic rents from 1955 to date.

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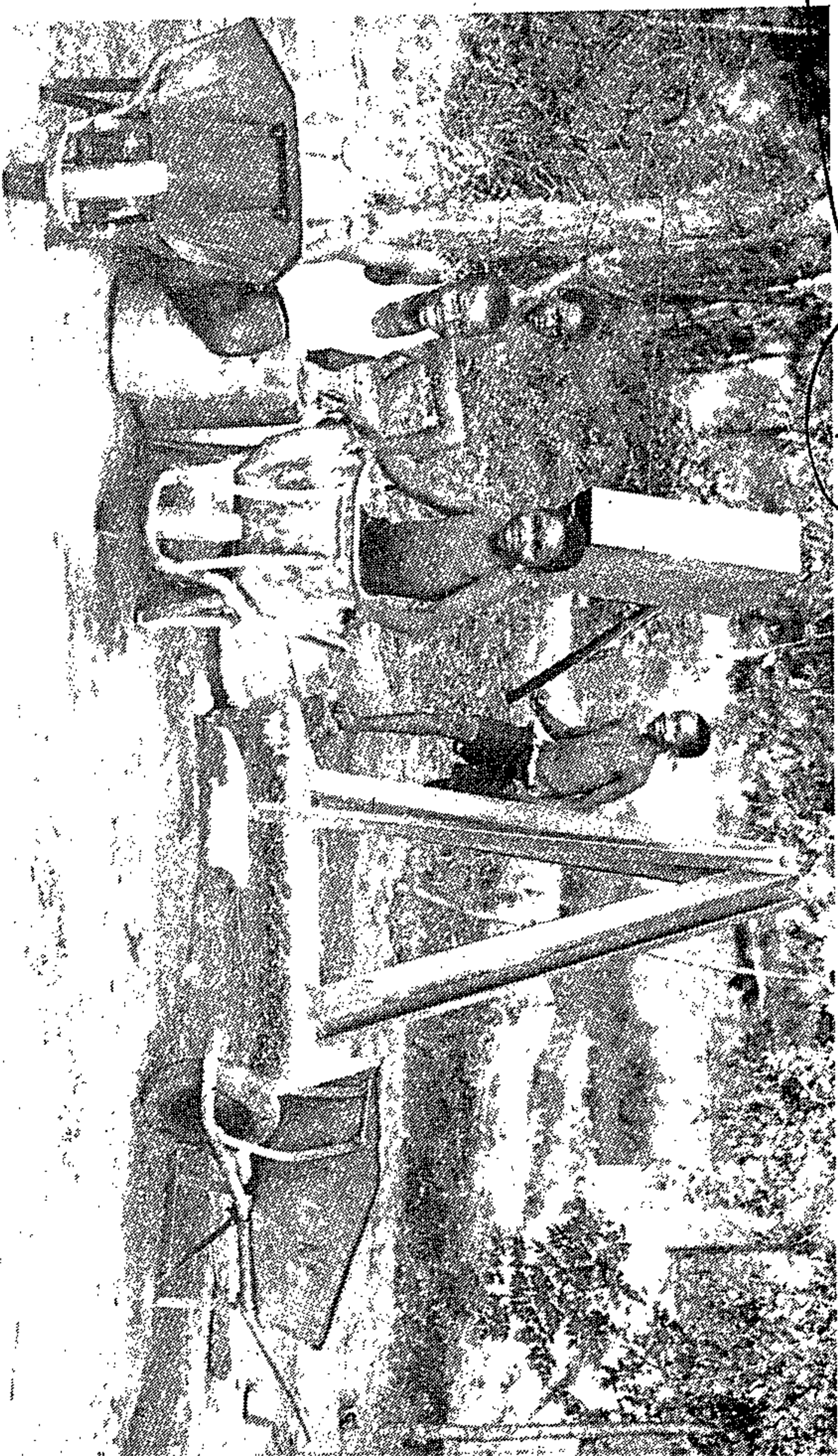
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ON RUSTENBURG



PROGRESS: Mr Steven Ntsibande standing outside the recently completed tattersalls in Tlhabane.



CONSTANT HEADACHE: The water pump shared by more than 50 Ledag families.

PIC LEN KUMALO

Progress amidst poverty

Further from town life becomes harsher

THIS week SPOTLIGHT touched townships and villages around Rustenburg. The SOWETAN reporters Elliot Tshingwala, Nkopaane Makobane and photographer Len Kumalo visited Tlhabane,

Firewood is plentiful in the area but women interviewed said they would welcome coal stoves if they could afford them.

This village, which is almost a zinc town except for a few brick

chief was collecting information on it.

Of all the places visited, Tlhabane and Bester seemed to take the lead in development. New structures are sprouting everywhere. Recently com-

The township also has two small industrial centres where local businessmen are running among others, upholstery, panelbeating and sewing concerns.

Bester is a new town. The houses look good but some residents complain that the township was of poor quality. A number of residents have made complaints to the relevant officials about cracking walls, poor

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The SOWETAN bour, the multi-million spoke to and took pictures of the local people. On the overall there seems to be progress in the area although it is not evenly distributed. The further one moves from town the poorer conditions become.

For example, at Ledag, a sprawling shackland near Sun City, basic requirements like water and firewood are a headache for the residents. Students Derrick Matema, Phillip Motau and Lucas Motsei spoke of the hardships faced by people in the area. There is only one water pump for more than 50 housing units. Women have to queue at this mechanical pump every morning and evening to get water. Some wake up as early as 5am to be first in the queue.

Although some villagers use coal for fire most still have to fetch firewood from the bush.

Ledag is only five minutes from Sun City. Sun City has not brought much change to this sleepy village. With few exceptions, villagers interviewed said they did not have problems of young girls running away to the pleasure resort to seek immoral fortunes.

"We love Ledag and life is good here," one villager said.

There appeared to be some progress in the other areas. In Phokeng for example all streets are tarred. Locals said plans were in the pipeline to develop the village into a tourist attraction. Among the places which are earmarked for development is a historical grave which is believed to be that of the great Ndebele chief Muzilikazi. Little is known about the grave but villagers said the local

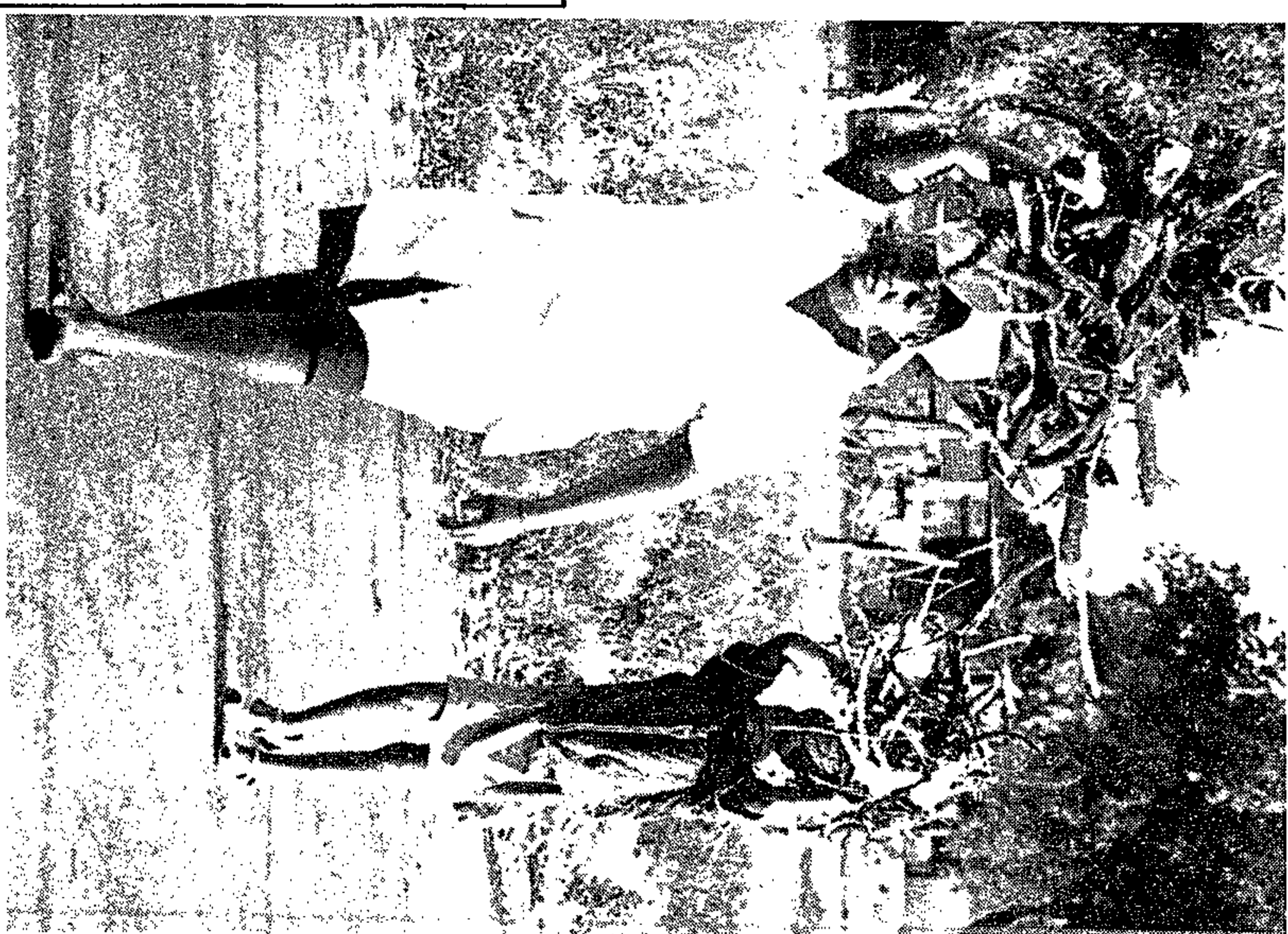
township. Punters in the area said it was to their advantage because they would no longer have to travel to the city. Mr Steven Sibande, a punter for many years, said he believed the new building would bring him luck.

Thabane and next to the major road to Sun City.

The posh houses are being sold to Government servants and anybody who can afford them.

has seen come so far, they said.

On the social scene, Thabane and the other areas boast of a number of shebeens but shebeen operators and patrons complain that they are being harassed by local police.



POVERTY: Mrs Annah Mashego and her daughter carrying firewood.

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Fosatu takes stand over shacks

THE Federation of South African Trade Unions (Fosatu) has condemned the destruction of shacks and discussing the Orderly Movement Bill, confirmed the Transvaal region's decision to rally workers' opposition to these actions.

This decision follows a meeting between Fosatu shop stewards council and the Katlehong and Thokoza community councils. At the meeting shop stewards were informed councillors had no control over the destruction of shacks, as this was a central Government policy which was being implemented all over South Africa.

Fosatu said the coun-

cillors felt they had no control over the issue and that events were controlled by the East Rand Administration Board (Erab). Councillors said they had been able to persuade Erab not to destroy the shacks of people with 10(1)A and B qualifications who were on the housing list, but not of other people.

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The meeting decided that companies should

be made aware that the destruction of shacks was causing their workers severe problems. It also stated that hostels were an unacceptable form of housing for workers. They said that to make workers live there was inhuman and reduced workers to the level of machines. They called for decent housing to become a priority for all workers and their families. **SOWETAN**

Workers condemned the community council in Katlehong for not even replying to the letters sent to them. Workers said it showed that councillors did not represent anybody, as they refused to meet the people they claim to represent.

The issue of shacks is to be discussed further at the forthcoming Fosatu central committee meeting.

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ON RUSTENBURG

Riddle of lone grave

By NKOPANE MAKOBANE

Phokeng is the biggest village in Rustenburg and the birth place of the president of Bophuthatswana, Chief Lucas Mangope.

The sprawling village one is bound to drive through on the way to Sun City if one is from Johannesburg—is a contrast of well built modern brick houses, mud huts and shacks built from corrugated iron.

The village, according to local people is presently being developed into a tourist attraction.

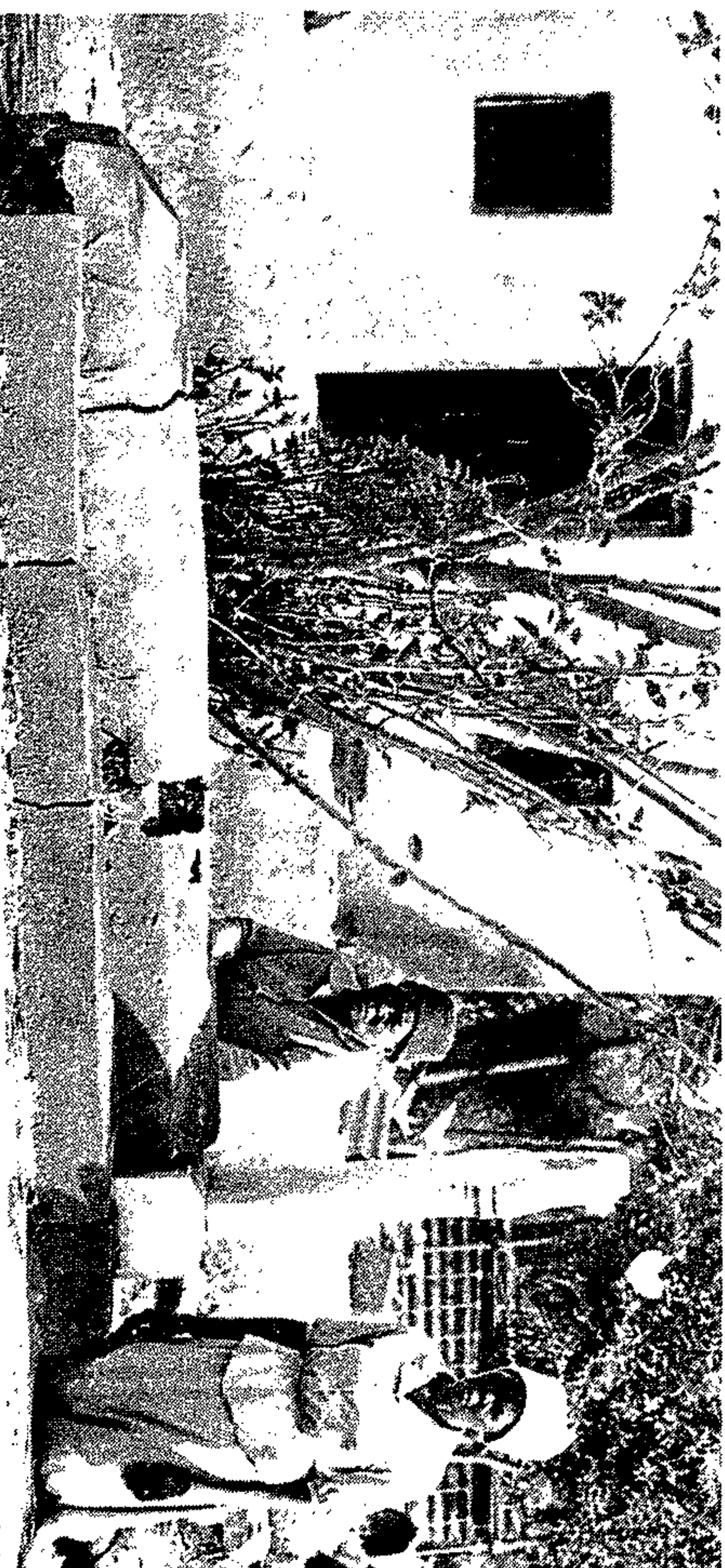
The SOWETAN team also visited the grave and spoke to Mrs Eva Diale (68) in whose yard the grave lies. She has been appointed caretaker.

She said little is known about the grave believed to be that of a Ndebele chief called Nkolomane Mzilikazi who died in the area in 1883.

What she has been told by her parents was that Nkolomane had come to the Bafokeng village during the war.



STREET SCENE: Children will always be children wherever you go. Here we note a group of the beautiful little monsters creating headaches for their over-worked moms, that is, soiling their clothes but who cares fun is fun.



TOURIST ATTRACTION: Mrs Eva Diale and her sister, Mrs Magdeline Radebise, next to the historical grave thought to be that of Chief Nkolomane Mzilikazi.

...so that it does not take a back-seat to the most patronised Sun City—about 30 minutes drive from the area.

As one drives along the main road passing through the village, one comes across a big signpost written: Monumental Grave. This historical grave has drawn a lot of visitors from abroad and neighbouring countries.

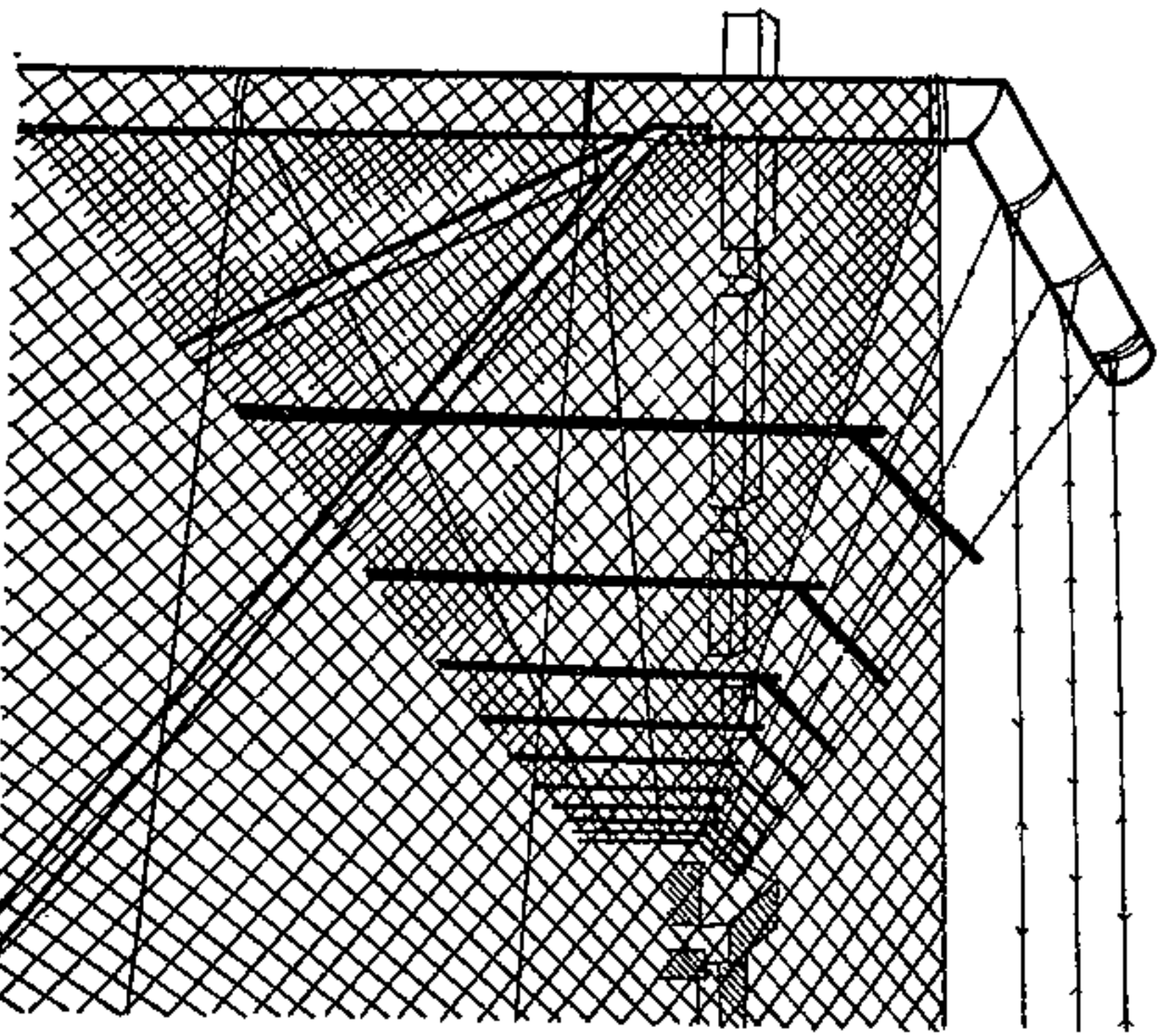
After it was created, he was taken captive by the Batokeng and as time went on, his people and the locals interned and became one tribe.

"It is not surprising that today we respect his grave because we have come to regard ourselves Batokeng in flesh and Ndebele in blood. "Our local chief is also collecting information on the late chief and plans are underway to erect a decent tombstone on the grave," she said.

Attempts to get more details on Chief Mzilikazi at the local chief's residence were unsuccessful. However, it was confirmed that background material is still being gathered and the grave is earmarked for a monument.

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The bug

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Scores of youths affected

THE GOLF bug has invaded Rustenburg and scores of youths seem to have been affected — everywhere you look you cannot miss seeing a much-used golf club swinging in the air.

Out in the bundu country where the golf course consists of tall grass and thorn bush, barefooted golfers are not an uncommon sight. As much as baseball is mead to Americans, Rustenburgers say golf might be their best sport in the future.

Reporters from The SOWETAN toured the area last week and became interested in a number of youths carrying golf clubs. Most of them said that they learnt to play while cad-dying off the Sun City golf course and some as far away as Johannesburg.

Sidney Mokgatsi of Thlabane is today a promising golfer after starting as a caddy at the Killarney course eight years ago.

He did not stop at carrying golf bags. He also took the chance of teaching himself the

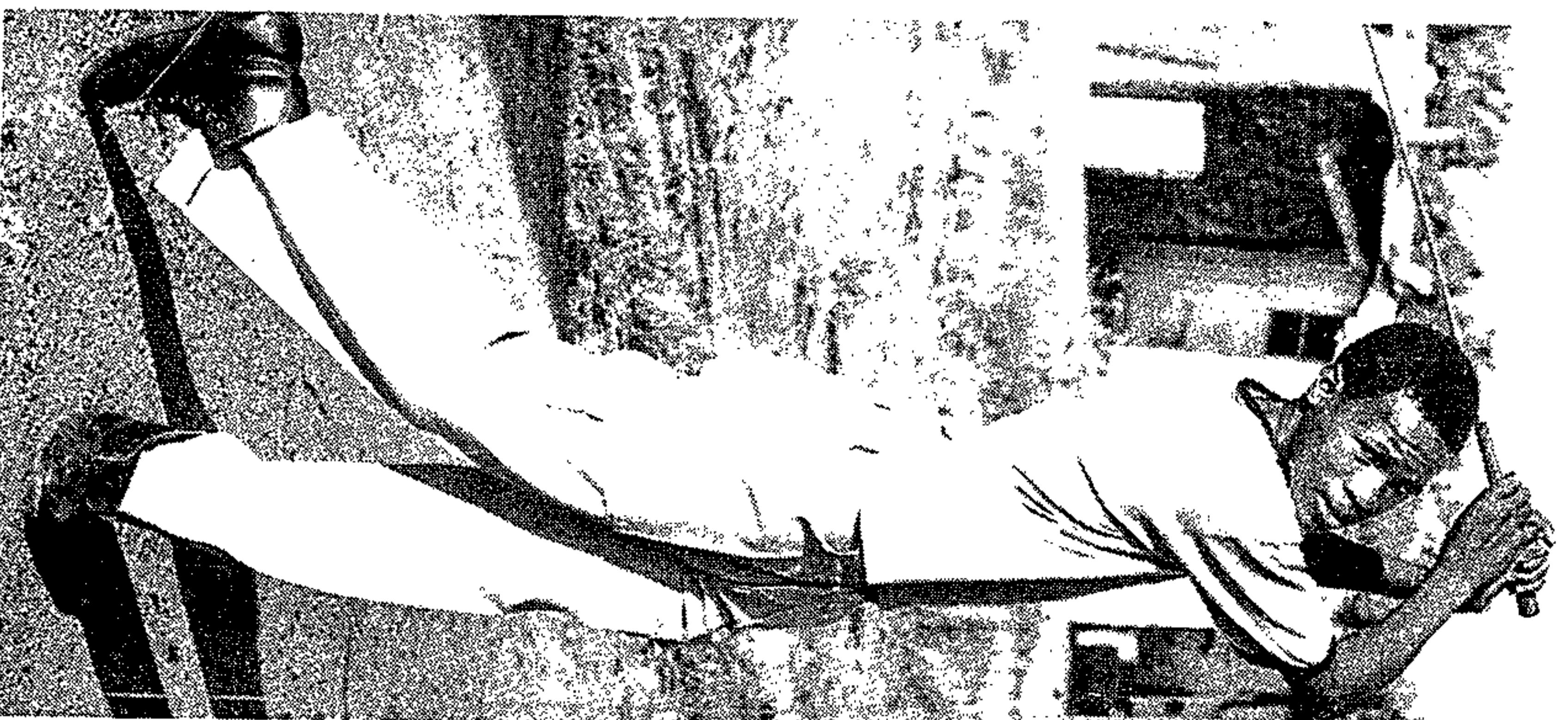
game while his employer had lunch with friends at the club. This is paying good dividends today because Sidney is a promising golfer, or so he says. He told The SOWETAN that he had played in several amateur tournaments at Sun City and as proof of his ability he had already won himself a golf bag with a full set of clubs.

He already had another set which, he claims, was presented to him by a millionaire, as a token of gratitude.

Sidney is not alone in his interests in the game. He has also organised a group of local boys who practise in Sun City.

Golfers are not confined to the townships. In Ledag a rambling village 40 kilometres outside Rustenburg, The SOWETAN team found a youth practising with an ancient golf club in the street.

He is Lucas Motsei and like Sidney he is a caddy at Sun City. At first we thought he was just infatuated with the game but when he started discussing its in-



LUCAS MOTSEI: Takes a swing with his golf club. Who knows, he may be a champ one day.

tricacies with the eagerness of an insurance salesman we realised that we were talking to a man who loves his game and knows it.

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Shack families are desperate

By ALI MPHAKI

THE PLIGHT of the Soweto shack dwellers is fast becoming as tragic as that in Cape Town where shacks are put up in the night and bulldozed in the morning.

Some shack dwellers who had their homes destroyed in Orlando East by West Rand Administration Board (Wrab) workmen have put up new shacks near Rockville at a place commonly referred to as "Mochaeneng", a stone's throw from Regina Mundi Church.

But soon after these had been put up, the bulldozers arrived and these people are once more on the run — homeless, dejected and helpless.

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There are about 800 people living in the area, some from the '60s, and the demolition of some of the structures has created an atmosphere of anger, tension and uncertainty among them.

"We did not come to live in this place out of

our own will, but because of the unavailability of houses in Soweto we had no choice," said Mrs Josephine Kaposhi, one of the oldest inhabitants.

She continued: "With the winter period almost having caught up with us, where do these people think we should go? It is long that we have been on the waiting list and the only sensible thing Wrab can do is accommodate us somewhere if they continue demolishing our homes."

SHACKS

Soweto Council's director of Housing Mr J J Oosthuizen said his council was not the one responsible for the demolition of these shacks but the Wrab.

He said Wrab was bringing down structures of people who have recently erected them as a way of controlling the erection of illegal structures.

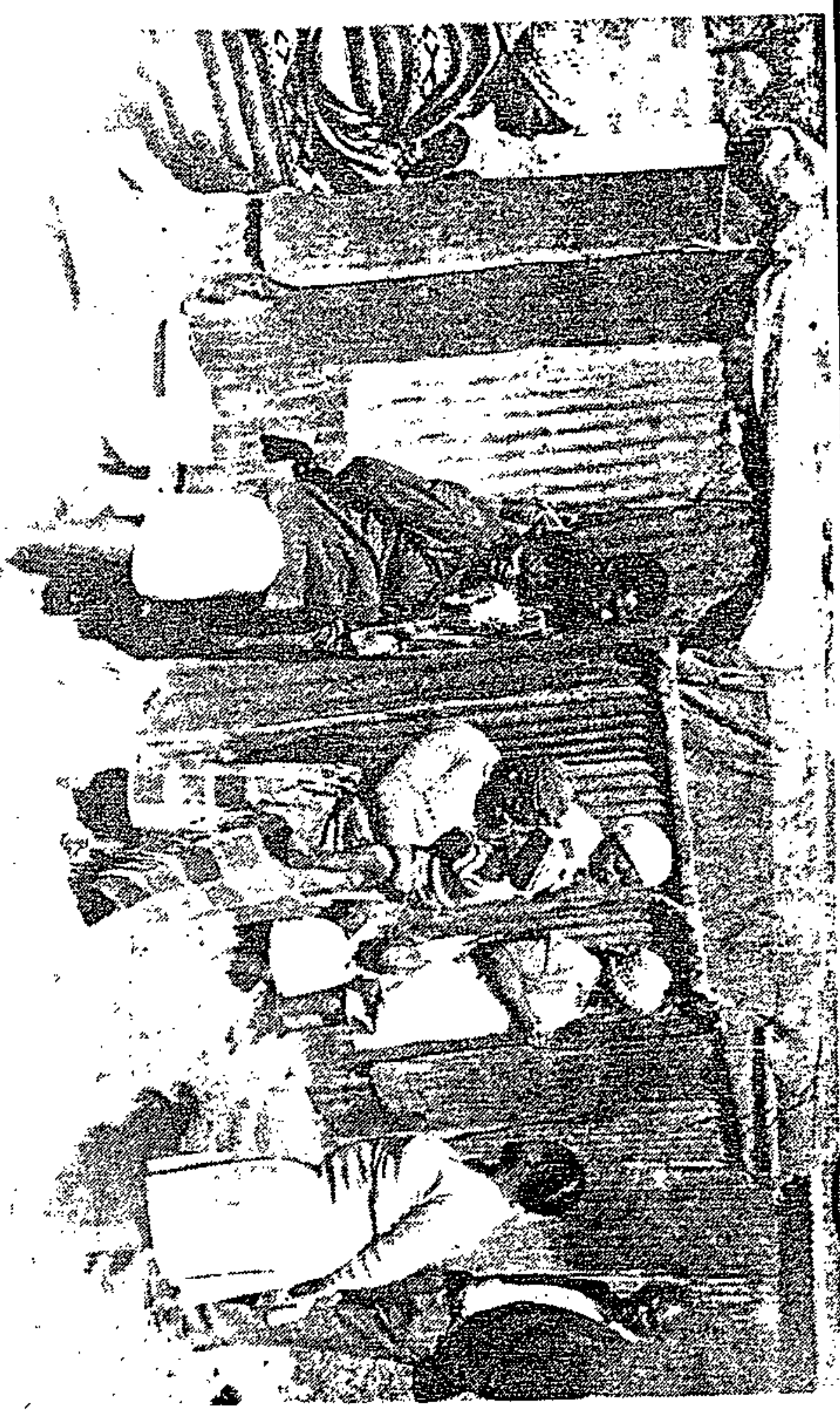
"You should control the erection of these structures right from the beginning if you want to prevent them from mushrooming further," he said.

But Mr Alfred Sibeko, also a resident, said he has been in the area from 1965 and he has had meetings with Mr T J Makhaya, deputy "mayor" of the Soweto Council about their plight.

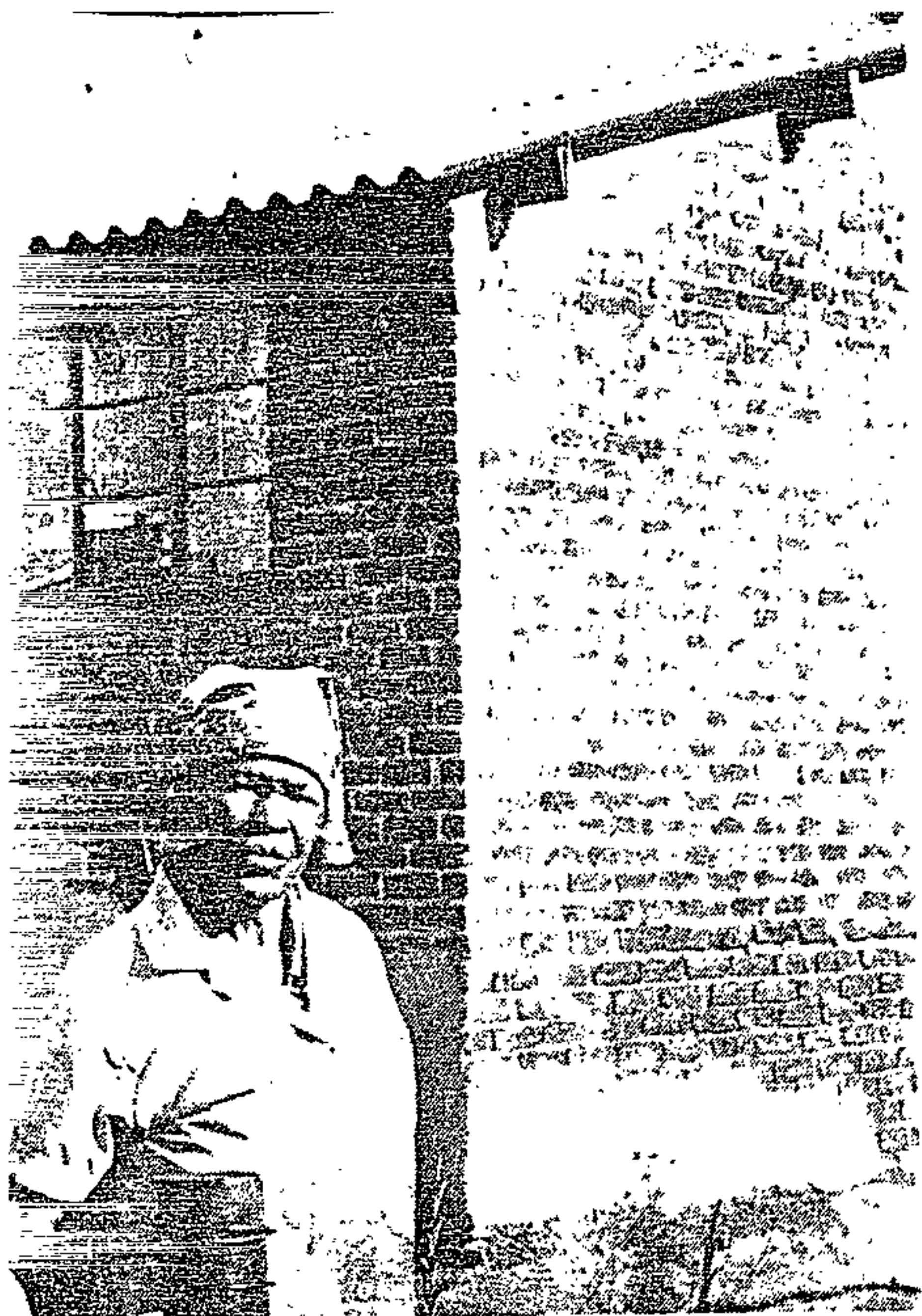
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He said he went to the Soweto Council chambers in Jabulani and he met Mr Malan who promised to stop the demolitions.

"What surprises me is that these people still come and tear down some of the structures despite Mr Malan's promise. We are living in fear ever since they started bringing down these structures as from last week Wednesday," he said.



WAITING: Some of the residents at "Mochaeneng" waiting for their structures to be demolished.



rs Festina Diale of Meadowlands.



TOO MUCH: Mr Ded Moshoeu of Meadowlands.



'SUFFOCATING': Mr Daniel Ngakane of Meadowlands.

'Highway robbery!

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By MONO BADELA
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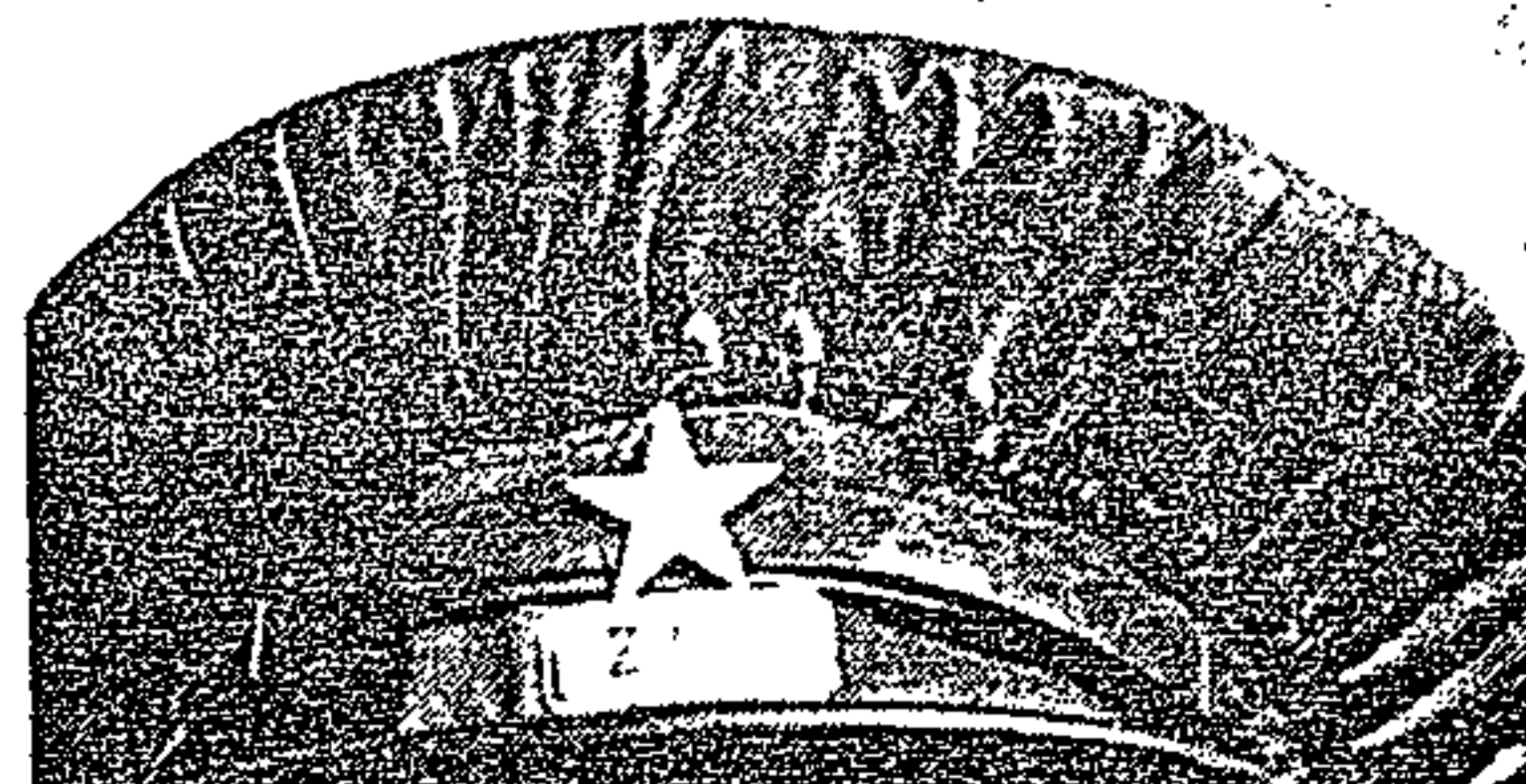
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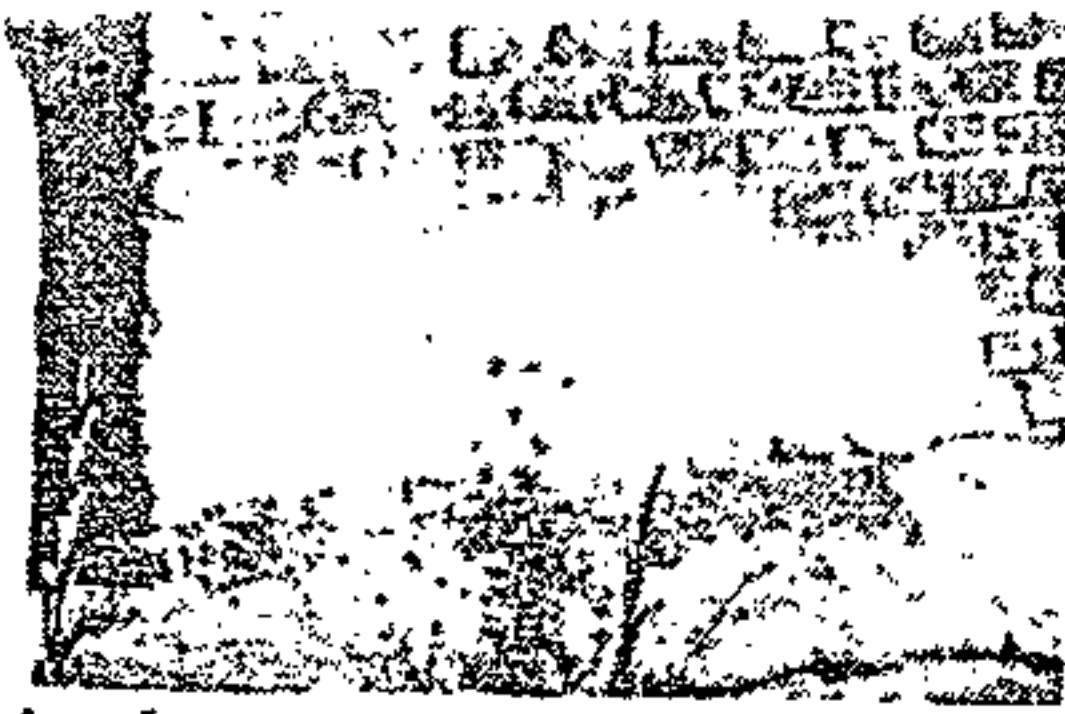
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Out at Zone One, Meadowlands, Mr Ded Mosheon, who arrived in Meadowlands from Sophiatown in 1956, said: "Already we have paid more than was necessary for these homes. They ought to give the homes to us now. The price is too much. Where will I get the R12 000?"

Sixty-eight-year old Mr Daniel Ngakane of 806 B, Zone I, who came from Sophiatown in 1955, said what the Diepmeadow Council was demanding was too

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UNFAIR: Mr Petros Maboe of Diepkloof.

Party wants to sink liquor profits in housing

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THE Soweto-based Sofasonke Party has urged the Minister of Co-operation and Development to, among other things, subsidise rent with profits from the multi-million rand liquor business in the area.

In a memorandum sent to Dr Piet Koornhof last week, the civic body also asked the Minister to hand over the bottle stores in the townships to local community councils instead of leasing them to individuals.

The party's memorandum reports that the Government planned to sell off its liquor business to black entrepreneurs. In opposing this, the party urged the authorities to use profits accrued from liquor sales to create a housing

development fund, increase pensions for the aged and disabled and subsidise rents. The annual income from liquor businesses in Greater Soweto is said to be in the region of R50-million.

The Sofasonke Party said in a statement: "The party contends the bottle stores belong to the community and profits should be used to benefit the townships' residents. The profits from liquor sales would help to alleviate the burden imposed on rent by the three community councils, who sought fictitious loans in foreign countries.

"The same loans have become a burden to the community with the

councils asking them to pay certain levies to pay off the debts. When the townships were still run by the Johannesburg City Council, there were no frequent rent increases or housing shortages. The city council was able to buy land with profits from the liquor business so that houses and recreational amenities could be built."

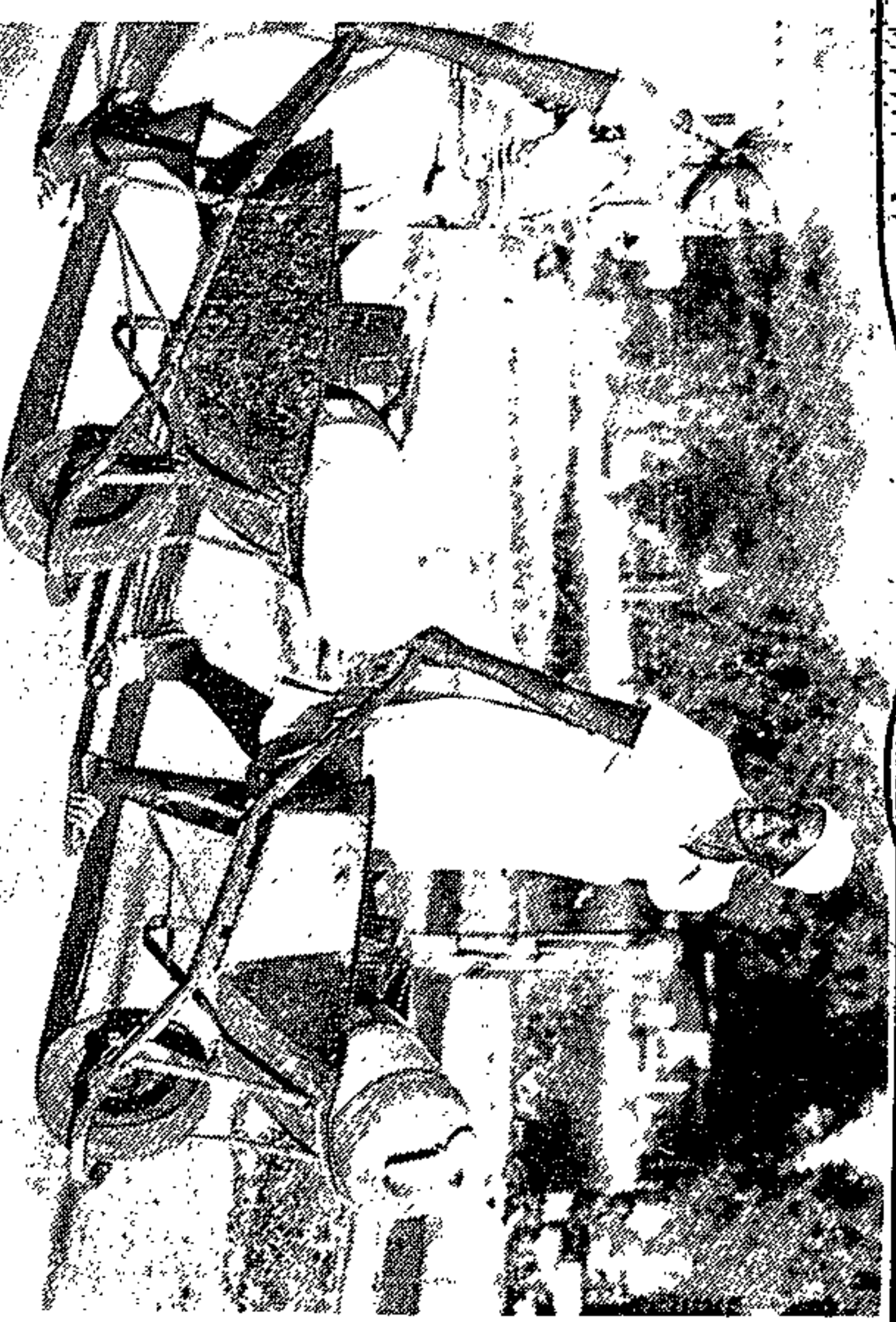
Soweto Council chairman Mr David Thebehali, has expressed doubts that the Minister would approve of the party's idea.

So far six Soweto businessmen are in the process of buying bottle stores in the townships at a cost of nearly R1-million. The matter is still being handled by Dr Koornhof's department.

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ALL THE NEWS: Lesley Klaas of Tlhabane with a copy of The SOWETAN which now circulates in townships around Rustenburg, Witbank, Klerksdorp and other areas.



DAILY CHORE: wheelbarrow comes in handy in the bundus. Here Sylvia and Eliza Teleki of Ledag push their water containers home.

SPOTLIGHT
ON RUSTENBURG

Sidney
wants to

By ELLIOT TSHINGWALA

Sidney, whose real name is Sidney Matisi, also acted with the late Linda Mhlongo, Bulldog Lawson and Thandi Klaasen. For Sidney, the days of the bad guys versus the cops are over and he is now settled in Rustenburg where he runs a panelbeating and spray painting shop.

"This is a good place to rear children, although things are changing rapidly here too but my children will at least have the opportunity to grow up close to mother earth," he said. He has four children and his wife Edith helps him run the business.

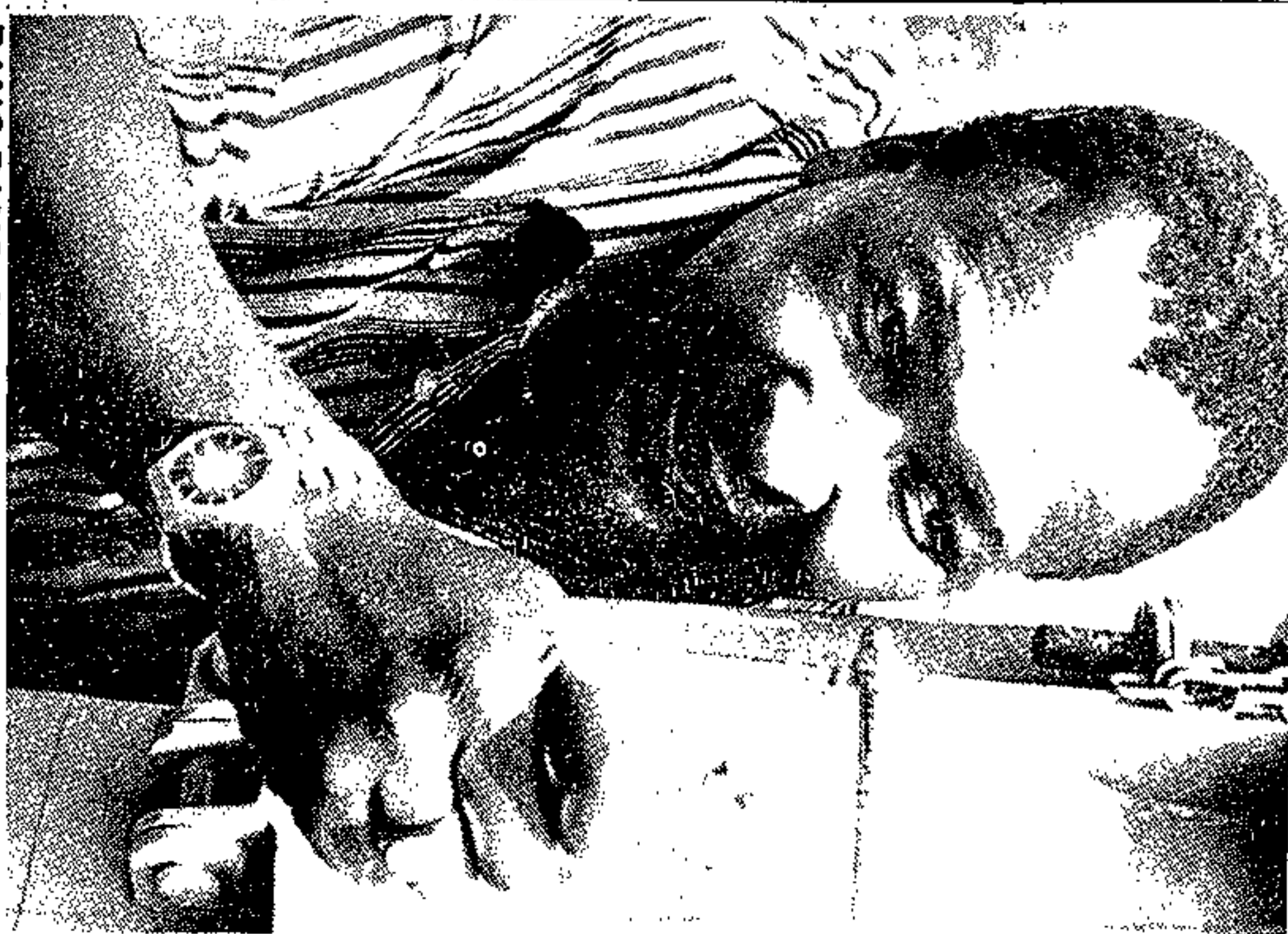
"When Bulldog Lawson died my boss asked me to get a replacement for him and one day during our rounds I noticed this nice young man with bulging muscles and decided he would do as a replacement for Bulldog. The next minute Samson had got himself a job," he recalls.

"Our sales grew and the company prospered. I was sorry to hear that he had died". His companion, Linda, who continued acting as an amazon fighter in a magazine called "She", died a few years later.

A number of youngsters in his area are interested in picture acting and Sidney is looking for a sponsor.

"As soon as I have it the ball will start rolling. I have ideas in the head and the actors are ready. My problem is where to get the money".

● The high price would have created problems if large



BANG BANG: Sidney Matisi, alias Sergeant Sidney of the now defunct True Africa magazine, is seen here reliving the old days.

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Wrab rips down shack dwellings in Soweto

By Michael Tissong

Mr Johannes Tumane was almost speechless when West Rand Administration Board officials razed his shack home in Orlando East, Soweto.

Workers yesterday used crowbars to rip down the zinc walls.

They were watched by an armed supervisor who helped when there were difficulties.

Seated in the background were two green-uniformed guards with shotguns and revolvers. A few neighbours stood among the furniture Mr Tumane had removed from the shack.

SICK FRIEND

He said he had built it last June in his mother's backyard.

"My wife and I had intended it to be our home. When she comes back from work she will find it gone."

He pointed to another shack in the yard, awaiting its fate. All the furniture had been removed.

It belongs to his friend who is sick in Baragwanath Hospital.

"Mokoena does not know what is going to happen to his home. I wonder how he will take it when someone tells him it is no more."

TO CONTINUE

The Soweto Council and the West Rand Administration Board could not be reached for comment.

The Wrab chairman, Mr John Knoetze, has said demolitions in Orlando East will continue because the authorities will not allow people to take the law into their own hands and put up illegal structures.

He said that as a Christian he was very pained to see people thrown into the streets and without accommodation.



DESTITUTE: Sickly Mr Seabe yesterday.

Pensioner kicked out of his home

By LEN MASEKO

AN AILING 70-year-old Alexandra pensioner with no-one to care for him was yesterday kicked out of the room he has occupied for four years.

The old man, Mr Ishmael Seabe, of 12th Avenue, is destitute and has no relative to offer him alternative accommodation after his unexplained eviction. He was born and bred in the township and his only remaining relative, his 30-year-old daughter, disappeared a year ago.

Mr Seabe was locked out of his home yesterday morning by three

West Rand Administration Board policemen who, he said, did not give reasons for doing so. And no-one, including top Wrab officials, seemed to know why the frail old man had been evicted.

The township's superintendent, Mr J Badenhorst, told The SOWETAN: "I am not aware of such an incident. I will have to investigate the matter immediately and find out why he was evicted. If Mr Seabe qualifies to be in this area, I will ensure that he is allowed back into his home as soon as possible."

The SOWETAN found Mr Seabe sitting next to his belongings yesterday afternoon. His eyes stared blankly at the sky and tears filled them. When asked why he had been evicted he murmured: "Where can I go? I don't have any relative left. My wife died 10 years ago. My only child, a daughter, disappeared last year and has never contacted me since. I had told myself that, if I have to die, this will be the place. Now the authorities have decided to kick me out."

Mr Seabe has no other source of income except the bi-monthly pension of over R40. He finds it difficult to walk unaided and, every month-end, he attends treatment at a local clinic.

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Katlehong rent will stay down

By MZIKAYISE EDOM

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KATLEHONG Community Council has decided not to increase rent at all in the township, even if it means the electrification master plan will come to a halt.

Recently, the council met with officials of the East Rand Administration Board and the electrification masterplan contractors to discuss means of raising funds to complete the project as planned within the next two years.

Residents feared that rents would be increased by at least R10 after council chairman Mr A P Khumalo had announced that the council was experiencing problems in raising funds to complete the project as scheduled.

Yesterday, Mr Khumalo assured residents there was no possibility of rent being increased to continue with the pro-

ject. "Erab has granted us about R3-million to use for the project during this current financial year," he said. "If this money is exhausted before the end of the year we will have no alternative but to halt the project until we can raise more funds. The council is not prepared to increase rents."

The project is estimated to cost about R17-million when completed and Mr Khumalo said so far the council had spent R5.2-million on the project. When the project started residents paid R2 for the first phase and the amount was increased to R3,50 in the second and R5 for the third phase.

When the project reaches the fourth phase in October, the amount will be increased to R7,50 and finally reach R10,50 in the final phase.

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**Pitje's remark
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TEMPERS flared at yesterday's Mamelodi Council's monthly meeting after Councillor H M Pitje threatened to smash another councillor with a tea jug, and expressing his wish never to be "mayor because I don't want to be chairman of fools".

Reacting to remarks by Mr H F Nkoana that he did not know what he was speaking about, Mr Pitje said he would rather be chairman in a grave than for the local body. He said this when all councillors were against his move that councillors who participated in homeland governments be removed from positions.

Mr Pitje said it was impossible for one person to represent two bodies with conflicting ideas. Such a person, he said, was bound to be ineffective in serving the other organisation.

Councillor Nkoana said Mr Pitje was not aware of what he was saying and that the motion be "thrown into a waste paper basket."

Mr Pitje became emotional and told the councillor that he would smash him with a tea jug and even manhandle him if he did not stop his remarks. He said: "Never in my life do I wish to be chairman of this council because I don't want to represent fools".

Angry councillors called on Mr Pitje to withdraw his remark as "some of us are qualified teachers," one said. Mr Pitje withdrew his statement later.

The meeting also heard that local councillors had increments for the allowances approved by the Minister of Co-operation and Development.

Councillors were requested to inform residents on the shortage and saving of water. But Councillor Alex Kekana said the Administration Board was to blame for leaking taps and tanks which were not repaired until a lot of water had been wasted.

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Cops help Wrab destroy shacks

ABOUT 35 shacks were torn down by the West Rand Administration Board workmen accompanied by police armed with rifles at "Mochaeneng" next to Rockville yesterday.

The blitz on shacks in the area, started two weeks ago despite numerous pleas from residents and Soweto deputy mayor Mr Tolela Makhaya, to Wrab not to demolish the structures, until there was alternative accommodation for residents.

About 800 people who occupied these structures are now homeless and by late last night they were still in

the cold, some had to seek refuge from neighbouring homes in Rockville but most slept in the open.

Some of these shacks have been standing for more than twenty years.

When Wrab workmen left the area, with their trucks loaded with corrugated iron which was used in the building of these structures, they left a trail of helpless, homeless and troubled people with their furniture, household appliances all exposed in the open veld.

Said Mrs Lorraine Tshabalala, "Even the

By ALI MPHAKI

deputy mayor of Soweto could not help us in this matter although we collected a rand from each family for him to go to the council chambers to speak for us. We are defeated and our money has gone down the drain," she said.

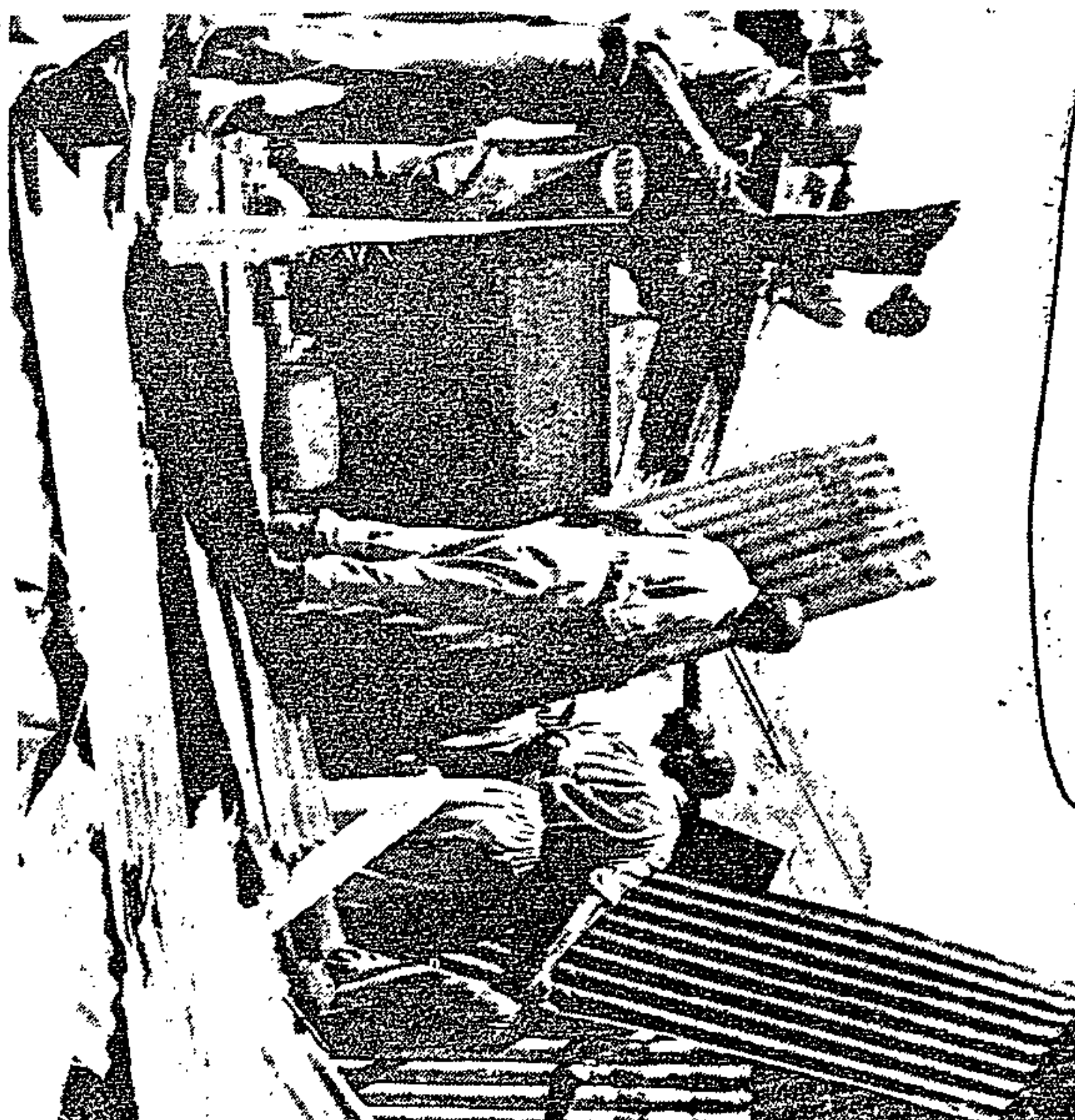
Mr Alfred Sibeko, a

spokesman for the residents, said: "I am defeated. We pleaded with the authorities for the past two weeks not to demolish the structures

because we did not choose to stay in this place."

Mr J J Oosthuisen, director of housing for the Soweto Council, said although the council was no longer responsible for the demolition of shacks, the mushrooming of shacks in the area was a matter of grave concern.

"If you leave them to mushroom further, you will be creating a situation which you will not be able to solve in the future," he said.



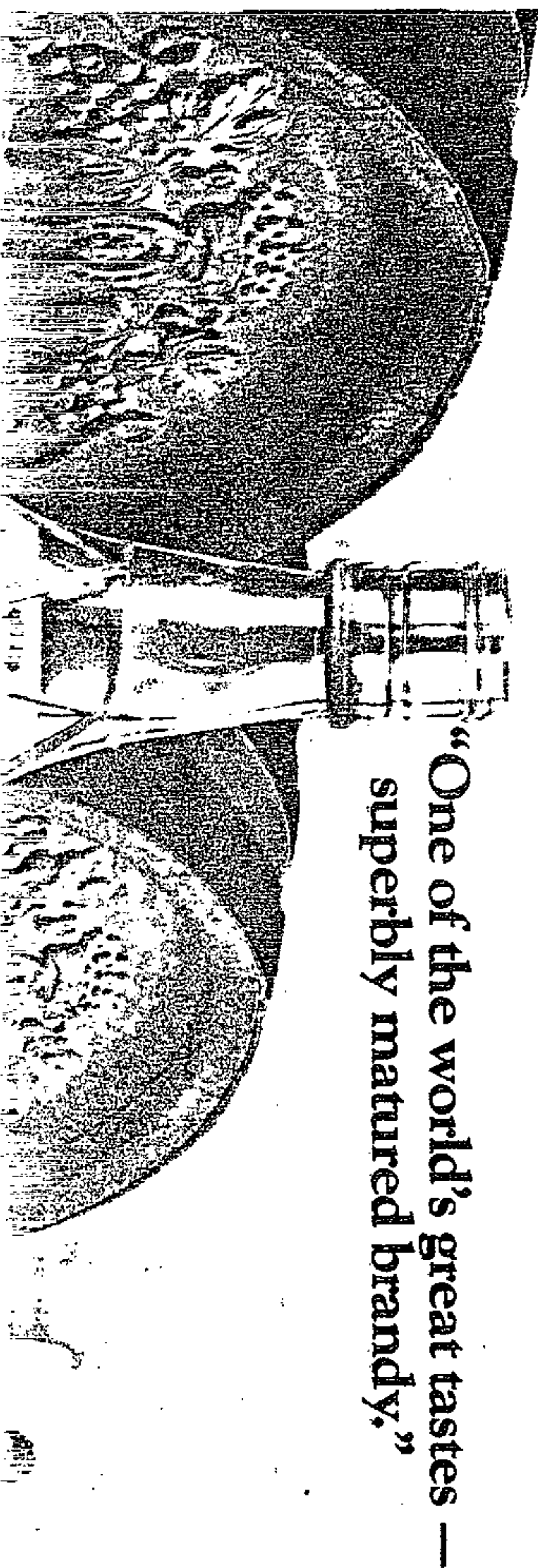
RAZED: West Rand Board workmen taking down shacks at the shack-town near Rockville called "Mochaeneng" yesterday.

Pitje's remark angers council

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People stranded after living on farm for 10 years

Church evicts families

FOUR families have nowhere to go after being evicted by officials of the Soweto Council at the orders of the Dutch Reformed Church from the church's property near Emdeni Extension this week.

The SOWETAN yesterday found women, children and a sick old man huddled with their property outside their locked rooms in the chilly afternoon. Most of their clothes were locked in the room and they did not have anything warm to wear.

The four families have lived on the property for 29 years guarding the place. They claim to have made a number of renovations to the buildings in that time.

"When we came here this place was falling apart," said Mrs Betty Gumbi, who lives with her two children and her husband.

She arrived six years ago after the place had become a target for arsonists and church authorities decided to get more people to stay on the farm.

Mrs Sylvia Djanji and her family had been staying at the farm for about 10 years.

"We did some renovations as the place was not fit for human occupation. But the authori-

By **ELLIOT TSHINGWALA**

ties could not register us as the place belonged to the church," she said. They were not charged rent and the authorities refused to accept their money when they insisted helping with rent.

A month ago the families were told to find themselves other accommodation as the place would now house strictly church members.

"But it is difficult to get a place to live in Soweto," she said. "We explained to the superintendent and he promised to help but today we were surprised when they evicted us. We do not mind paying rent if

that is what they want us to do," she said.

Mrs Gumbi said she qualifies for a house in Soweto and has been on the waiting list for some time. The housing backlog in Soweto amounts to about 35 000.

The local priest, Dominee J Mnisi refused to comment on the case. He said the matter would be discussed at a committee meeting in the near future. Meanwhile the church did not have alternative plans for the evicted people, he said.

The area's township manager, Mr Piet du Plessis, confirmed the evictions yesterday. The plot belonged to the church and they were free to do whatever they please, he said. The evictions were carried out by his staff members at the orders of the church.



STRANDED: Mrs Betty Gumbi with Mrs Sylvia Djanji next to their property after being evicted by the church this week.

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Tshabalala hits out at Koornhof

THE Atteridgeville-Saulsville Community Council yesterday accused the Department of Co-operation and Development and its Minister Dr Piet Koornhof, of being "a stumbling block"

in the council's efforts to alleviate the acute housing shortage in the township.

In a scathing attack on the department, the council, in a statement released yesterday, ac-

cused the minister of unnecessary "red tape" and said he was retarding the township's progress.

The attack on the minister stems from complaints by residents that the council was doing little in alleviating the housing crisis and that there was an unnecessary delay in the allocation of about 100 residential sites. Although the council had asked residents to apply for the sites they have not been allotted pending the Minister's approval on selling prices.

Mr Joseph Tshabalala, the council's chair-

man, said although the minister was "making a lot of noise" about boosting black housing in the township, and encouraging the private sector to help in the housing schemes, "he is actually the person who is retarding progress."

Mr Tshabalala added "The Minister is always available to meet the unpopular administration board's officials on issues such as increasing rents in the township. But whenever we want to discuss these burning issues with him, we are told to go through certain channels or that he is unavailable."

Huge ³⁴³ Soweto show ^{R0M} opens ^{22/4/83}

By LIN MENGE

MORE than 250 000 people are expected to attend the first Soweto Homemakers' Festival which was opened officially by the chairman of the Soweto Council, Mr David Thebehali, in Mofolo Park last night.

The festival is a project of the Soweto Chamber of Commerce and Industry. It has been underwritten by the Chairman's Fund of Anglo American and De Beers. The profits will be used to fund a five-year trader and consumer education programme.

The Homemakers Festival is second only to the Rand Show in the number of exhibitors and range of products and services being displayed. Guests at the glittering gala preview with which the show opened last night, enjoyed the first glimpse of this remarkable window opening on the life-style and aspirations, of middle-class blacks.

While the emphasis in the exhibits is on home-making, the programme also includes sport, fashion, education and entertainment.

The show will open to the public at 10am today, and run to Sunday May 1. It will close at 10pm. The massive tent town will be well lit at night and a 24-hour security patrol is on duty.

Entrance is adults R1, children 50c. There is a licensed restaurant and fast food outlets at the festival.

Fifty families face impending eviction

Fire station to replace old training college

ABOUT fifty families staying at the old Fred Clark Training College are to be moved from their homes to make way for the building of Soweto's R2-million fire station.

This was confirmed by the Soweto Council's director of housing, Mr J J Oosthuizen, who said that his council had earmarked the site on which these families were staying for the building of Soweto's second fire station.

However, a senior official at the centre, which is owned by the Salvation Army, yesterday refused to confirm

that the families would have to leave their homes to make way for the erection of the station.

FUTURE

Meanwhile the families at the college told **The SOWETAN** that their future was in the balance as the Salvation Army officers had not told them of alternative accommodation.

Mr Oosthuizen said because his council had bought the site from the Salvation Army it was not the council's responsibility to house these

families, but the Salvation Army's.

Mr Gamalakhe Khumalo, an ex-soldier, said he came to Fred Clark after being on the waiting list for ten years.

WAR

He said that when he came back from war and wanted a house, he was not considered because he was not married by then. "I did not go to war beside a woman and it surprised me that I was supposed to have one immediately after the war to be able to get a house," he said.

An atmosphere of tension has gripped the families who said they had nowhere to go.

Many said they had long been on the waiting list and that up to today nothing had been done, but Mr Oosthuizen said: "You cannot give a squatter first privilege over a more senior applicant. If people staying in houses realise that squatters are being given houses, they will all say 'let us also go and stay where they were squatting so that the council should give us houses as soon as possible.' You must discourage squatting," he said.

Court ruling will allow council to demolish shacks again

SHACKS SHOCKS

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FIGHT: Mr Brown.

THE SOWETO Council will again wield the hammer in the demolition of the townships' 4 000 shacks following a dramatic Supreme Court decision.

However, the council will only do so as an agent of the West Rand Administration Board which last week successfully applied in court to be joined with the council in the demolition of shacks in the area.

This decision comes at a time when the council is awaiting an appeal against a Supreme Court judgment that, because it was not a local authority, it was not empowered to demolish the structures. The ruling, which was made in February this year, also required the council to rebuild all those shacks — about 15 — it had already demolished.

Mr Jack Jacobs, the council's deputy chief executive officer, confirmed yesterday that his council would again resume demolishing shacks following the court decision. "The demolitions will be carried out after arrangements with the board. We will act as the board's agents since the land belongs to them," Mr Jacobs said.

Asked whether Wrab made the application because it was short-staffed, Mr Jacobs said: "This is not the case. Wrab has enough personnel to carry out the demolitions".

Passing the judgment, Mr Justice Coetzee found that Wrab had absolute power to demolish the structures, and also that the council, as the board's agent, could be used in the clearing of shacks.

However, Mr Ambition Brown, who has led the fight against the demolitions, said yesterday the ruling had not brought about any change in the whole situation.

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cartridges were found at the scene of the crime.

Mr Selepe was among those praised by a Pretoria Supreme Court Judge for the part he played in the arrest and conviction of three members of the banned African National Congress last August.

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Durban councillor Dube shot dead

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LAMONTVILLE councillor Mr Mgizi Harrison Dube was gunned down by two hooded men at his home on Monday night.

A councillor in Ward 3 of the Durban Ningizimu Community Council, he died from bullet wounds in his head.

According to neighbours Mr Dube had been walking up and down the streets announcing the community meeting which was to be held in the township.

A friend and neighbour of the Dube's, who was the first person to arrive at the scene, Mr Aaron Masango, said that at about 10pm he received a call from a neighbour telling him

that he had heard shots at Dube's home. "I took my stick and went straight there," he said.

"I found Harrison lying in a pool of blood. He was dead. Blood was still coming from his temple," Mr Masango said.

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Everyone for himself and God for us all

NO ONE in Jouberton township, near Klerksdorp, dared to speak out against the injustices perpetrated by the local authorities on the community because they were all cowards, a resident told **SPOTLIGHT** last week.

Residents in this township have so much to complain about but most say there is nothing they can do to right all the wrongs that are making their lives a misery. Their complaints range from unemployment to a lack of entertainment facilities in the area.

Mr Doctor Jason, a student at the local high school, said residents in Matlosane believed in 'everyone for himself and God for us all'. No one thinks of doing anything for the community, thus the sorry state the township finds itself in. People are



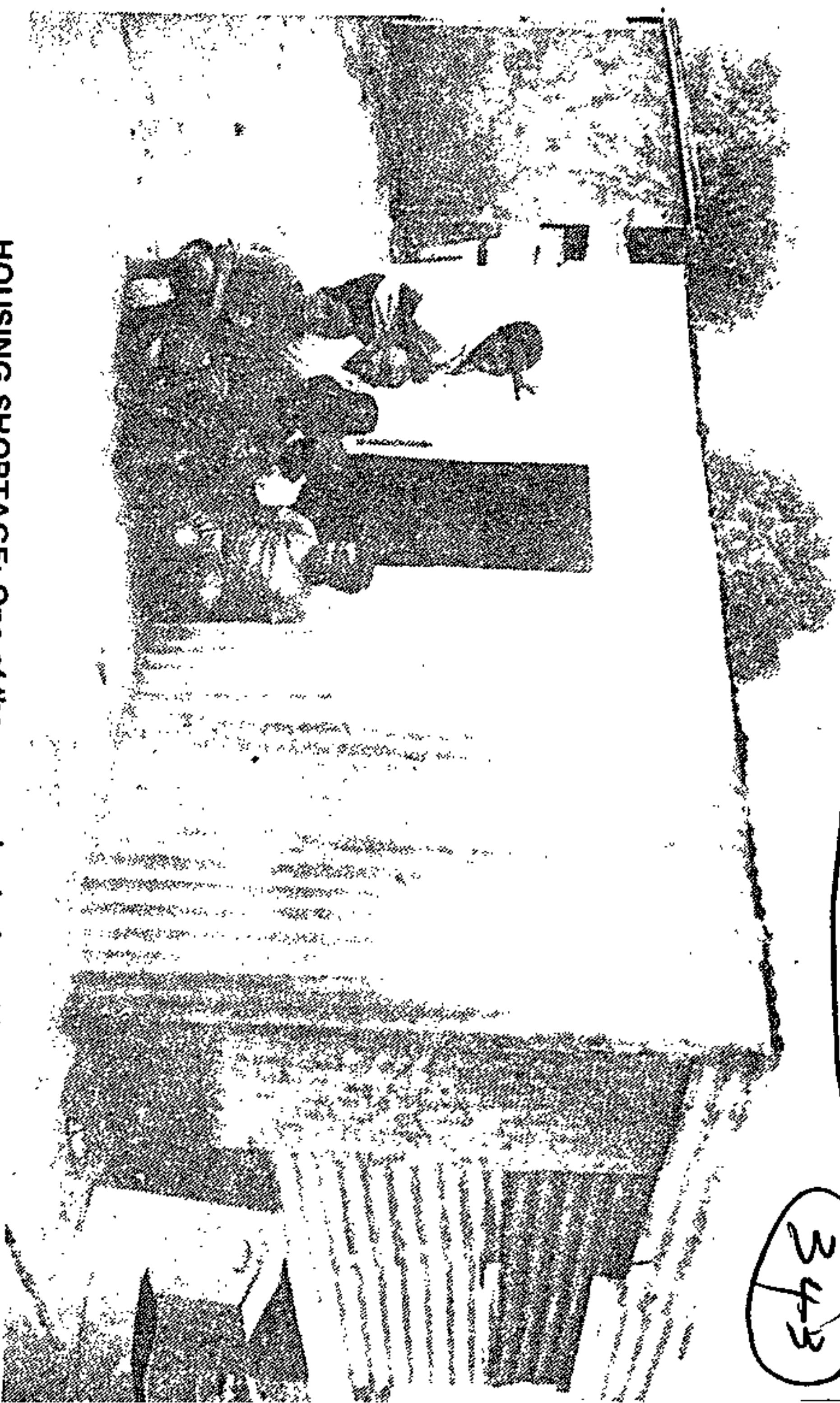
ON KLERKSDORP

By SELLO RABOTHATA

sane, who is unemployed, said he had lost all hope of getting a job in Klerksdorp. Employers depended too much on migrant workers whom they paid very low wages. He blamed the migrant workers for accepting low wages which he felt was the cause of the high unemployment rate in the area.

In the same breath Mr

Moloiwane said residents paid up to R63 a month for rent for the four-roomed houses they lived in. He blamed the local community council for what he called "exploitation of the residents". People could not afford the high rents because of the high rate of unemployment and the economic downturn which the country is experiencing.



HOUSING SHORTAGE: One of the many shacks found in the township.



UNEMPLOYED: Malevy Moloiwane.



DOCTOR JASON: Lack of community leadership

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SHACKS

He said many resi-
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cases where couples di-
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usually lost the house.
This meant one would
have to start looking for
a new house, with little
chance of getting one if
he or she did not re-
marry. The children of
such people were the
ones who suffered most.

HOSTELS

Women's hostels have
remained an unfulfilled
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want to use such facili-
ties and are frustrated
by the lack of them, end
up building shacks in
backyards and these are
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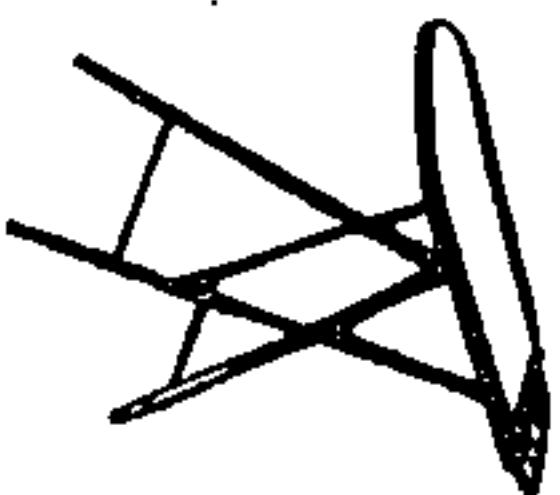
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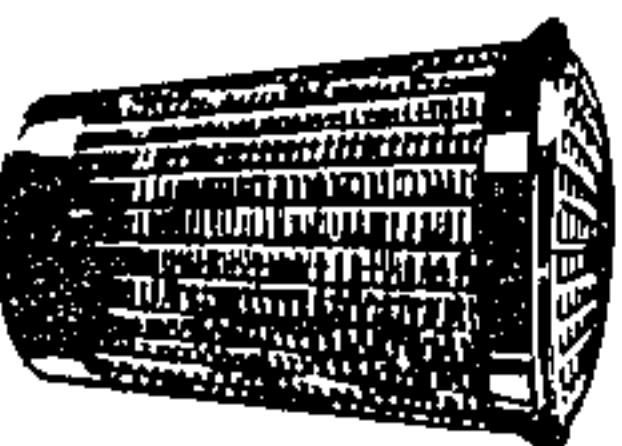


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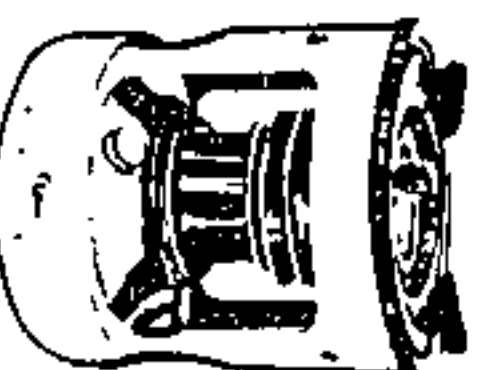
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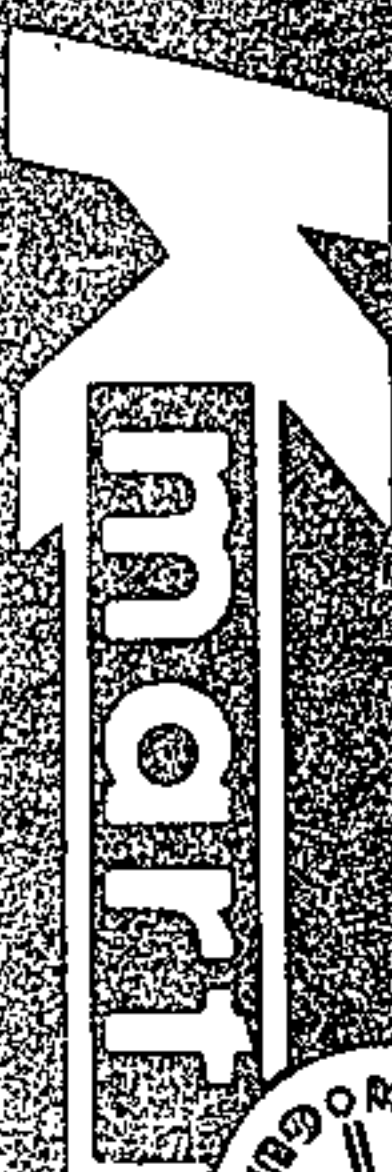
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SOWETO POWER SCHEME GOES AHEAD

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By LEN MASEKO

THE crippling drought that is currently sweeping the country will not affect the R212-million electrification project in Soweto, Mr John Knoetze, chairman of the West Rand Administration Board (Wrab), assured residents yesterday.

Mr Knoetze was commenting on the speculation that the drought could lead to a delay in the scheme, which is expected to be completed in December this year or early in 1984.

"The scheme is progressing well with several thousand homes being connected with power every month. Speculation that the current water shortage may disrupt the programme is incorrect," Mr Knoetze said.

Power was at present provided in certain areas of Diepkloof, Orlando East, Meadowlands, Mofolo South, Mofolo Central, Orlando West and Mofolo North. The remaining areas were expected to switch on within the next eight months.

Just over 80 000 homes in the townships had so far been wired with most of them in the process of receiving electricity. About 30 000 houses in Greater Soweto will be supplied with electricity within the next three months.

Mr Knoetze said he foresaw no problems. "Contractors are speeding up their work to meet the deadline for the completion of the scheme," Mr Knoetze added.

A spokesman for the Electricity Supply Commission (Escom) told **The SOWETAN** yesterday that the current drought is threatening power supplies but he could not say whether this also applied to the ongoing multi-million rand electrification scheme in Soweto.

Union acts on rights

THE NATIONAL General Workers' Union (NGWU) is to apply to the Central Transvaal Administration Board to give Section 10 rights to about 40 of its members who come from homelands, failing which the matter will be taken to court.

A spokesman for the union, Mr Donsie Khumalo, said each member had worked for the same company for more than ten years and all were presently staying at the local hostel. The main aim, he said, was to enable members to acquire unemployment benefits

without difficulty and also to discourage the idea of having to apply for contracts on a yearly basis.

Mr Khumalo said trade unions were time and again faced with a problem of workers who were sent from pillar to post each time they applied for unemployment benefits.

"One other serious problem is that employers reserve the right not to renew contracts and this has led to many people losing their jobs without valid reasons being given," said Mr Khumalo.

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ALEXANDRA TOWNSHIP LIGHTS UP



THE CHAIRMAN: Rev Sam Buti.

ALEXANDRA TOWNSHIP is to be electrified at an estimated cost of R258 000.

This was announced yesterday by the chairman of the Liaison Committee, the Rev Sam Buti, who said work on the first phase of the project would begin on Monday.

He also told The SOWETAN that the committee has decided to increase the number of flats to be built for Phase One development families from 194 to 324.

Mr Buti said the installation of the electricity would be the first infrastructure project since Alexandra township got a reprieve from the Government in 1979. The first phase of the electrification project would cost the committee R40 000.

This power, he said, would be bought from the Johannesburg Electricity Department. This will be for Phases One and Two of the development.

The short-term supply from the Johannesburg Electricity Department would help improve the

By **MONO BADELA**

existing electricity supply which he described as "very weak". The electricity in Alexandra will in future be integrated with that of the West Rand Administration Board's system.

Bulk electricity costing more than R258 000 for the total development would be bought from Eskom. He urged Alexandra residents to come forward and apply for electricity. Street lighting would be improved and consultants were investigating the installation of highmast lights in the area to make the township more safe.

Earlier in the month the Government granted the Alexandra Liaison Committee R3.5-million for the redevelopment of the township. The committee had approached the Government to make certain funds available for the purpose of building low cost housing as part of Phases One and Two of the development. There will also be 15 additional houses and 324 flats at a cost of R3-million.

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THE National General Workers Union is to apply to the Central Transvaal Administration Board this week for 39 NGWU members — all hostel dwellers — to be granted Section 10 rights.

And the union says it will take legal action if the applications are not granted.

Yesterday, the NGWU general secretary, Mr Donsie Khumalo, said the applications would be made on the same grounds as those on which the Khomani and Rikhoto cases, which overruled official regulations barring certain groups of blacks from receiving permanent city rights, were based.

On a mission from heaven

Sowetan 28/4/83

By LEN MASEKO

JUST as one enters Jouberton township through the main road leading to Klerksdorp town, a lone figure waving at every passing motorists immediately arouses one's curiosity.

However, no motorist stops to find out why the smartly-dressed man is hailing at the passing traffic. The situation becomes even more curious when the man, in sheer desperation, runs after the cars pleading to each driver to stop. Not even taxis respond.

Out of curiosity, The SOWETAN team who had been watching the man from a distance, went up to him to check if they could be of help.

Serious

"Man," this man tells the team, "I desperately need a car that will take me to town. There is a serious trouble."

Trouble, what trouble we wondered?

"This is the story. My name is Thabo Moses Modise. I am on a mission — that is, I have been sent by God to save this world from calamity. Now I am rushing to town to tell the

whites that the days of racial discrimination are numbered."

Battling

As we were still battling to piece together what the man was saying, Mr Modise rushed after a passing car — but no response was forthcoming.

"Perhaps, gentlemen, you are taking the matter lightly. You see, God spoke to me in a

dream and asked me to work towards bringing all the nations in this country together. If things continue to go on this way, we will face hunger, drought and all other things that will ultimately lead to calamity," Mr Modise said, realising that no one was prepared to listen to him.

At last a taxi pulled over and Mr Modise, now happy that somebody was prepared to listen, again rushed to the vehicle and spoke to the driver. The driver listened to the story and retorted: "No, no, you must go to church and preach there — not in my car," and pulled off.

Disappointed, Mr Modise came back to us. "No-one wants to listen. I think I should begin my trek to town on foot before it's too late."

A resident later told The SOWETAN team that Mr Modise spent most of his time at the same spot — either preaching to people or waving at cars to stop. "Some don't even understand what he is saying but there is a lot of truth in what he is preaching about."



MR MODISE: A mission to bring about peace.



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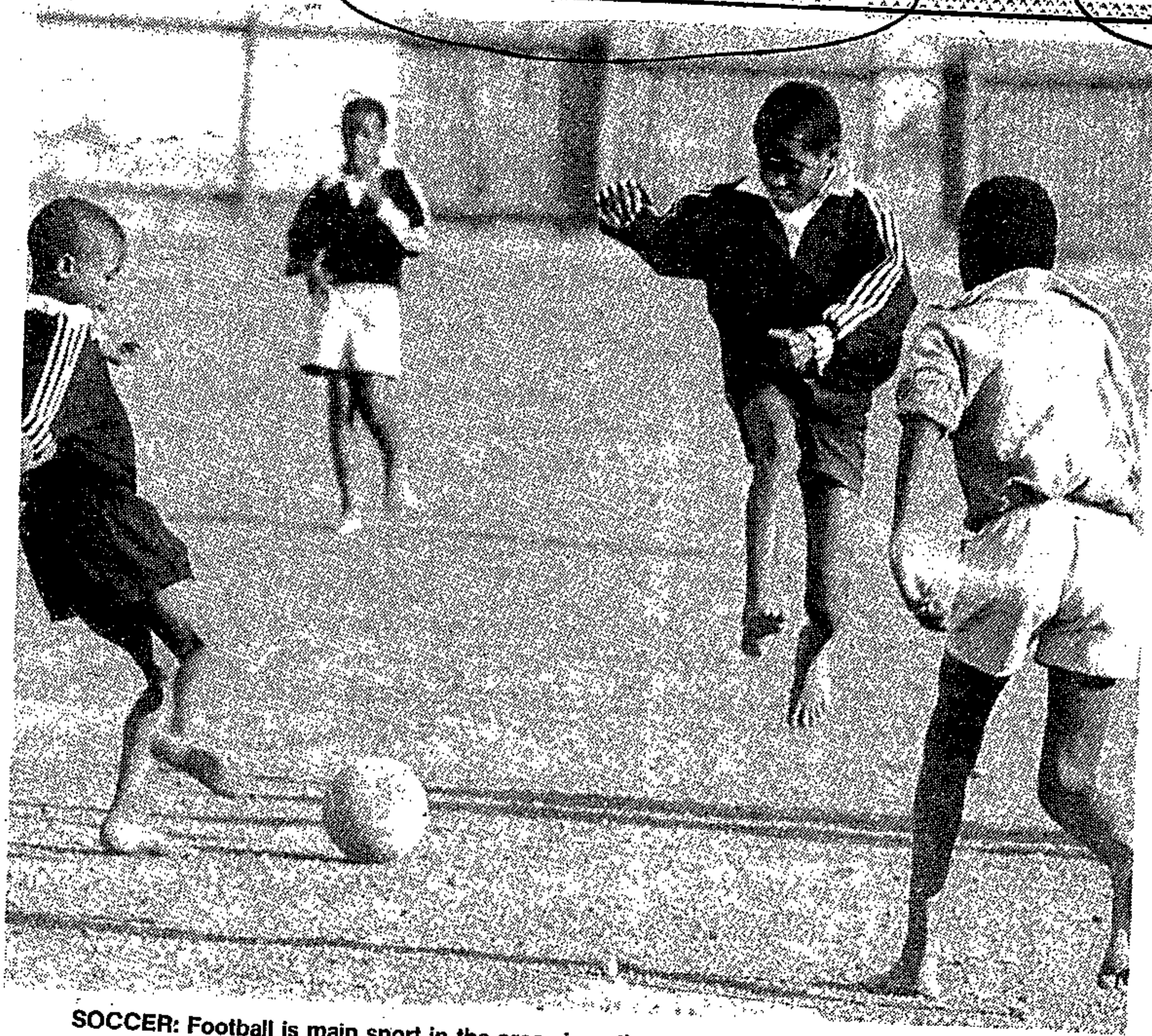
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SOCCKER: Football is main sport in the area since there a serious lack of recreational facilities.

Mass

house

sale

in July

By
MZIKAYISE EDOM

COMMUNITY leaders on the East Rand have called on the Government and the East Rand Administration Board in particular, to sell houses in the township for not more than R1 500 each when the mass sale of houses begins on July 1.

The Department of Co-operation and Development announced recently that it had pledged to sell about 500 000 houses throughout the country at a "huge" discount. The mass sale, according to the Government, is due to start as from July 1.

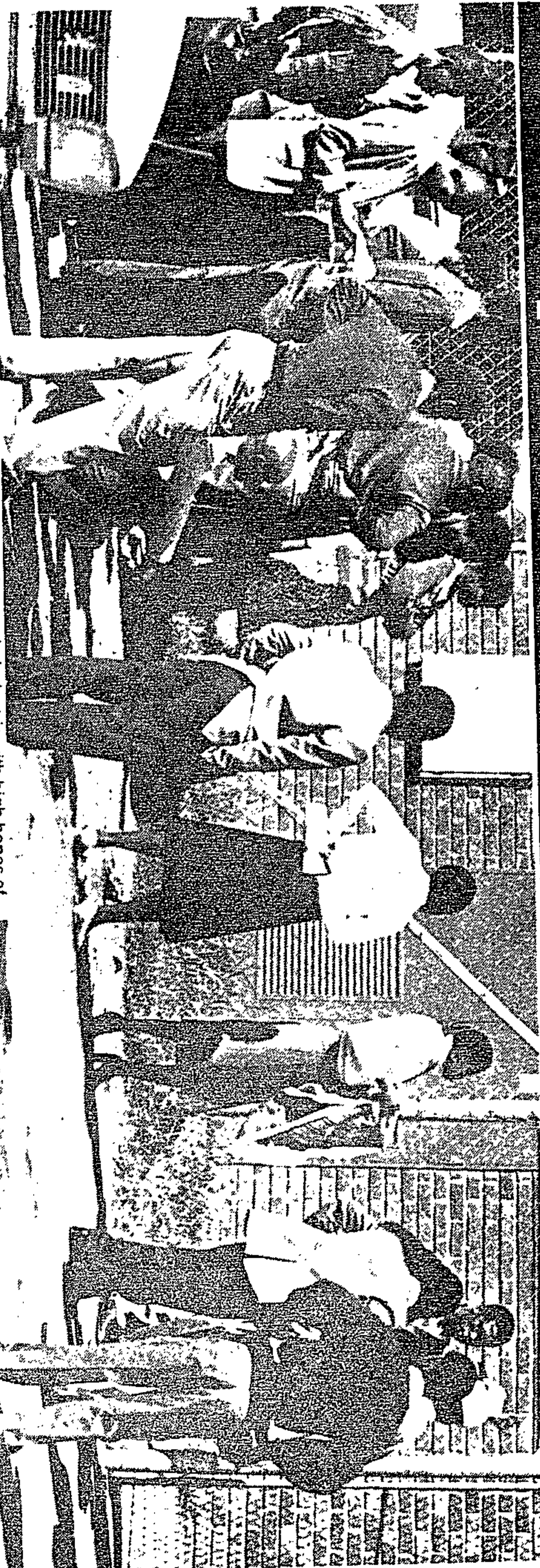
Mr. F E Marx, chief director of Erab, said yesterday that he could not say how much the board was going to sell the houses for until the Government had completed and determined the formula for the mass sale.

"We are still waiting for a word from Dr Koornhof to inform us how to go about the whole project," he said. Mr Marx said he was hoping that the houses would sell for not more than R2 000 each.

Mr Johnny Mokoto, chairman of the Dudduza Council said: "The houses are old and they should not be sold at more than R1 000 each. We hope that this time Dr Koornhof will keep to his promise of selling the houses at a huge discount."

Mr Gilbert Motlhaping, chairman of the KwaThema Community Council, said the Government should sell the houses for not more than R200 each and, if not, should forget about selling the houses at all.

The queues of desperation



HOPEFUL: A group of workers congregate outside the gates of a factory in Industria with high hopes of getting employment.

Stand here for your daily dose of despair

THE NUMBER of people who are unemployed or laid off is growing by the day and stories of misery in the black townships are only superseded by the fear of the many social and economic problems that are likely to result from this.

With the scores of factories forced to close down and drastically cut their staff as a result of the deepening recession, thousands of people are queuing at factories hoping to get work. The unemployed range from youth to old, men and women with suffering mirrored on their faces.

The youth show no sign of desperation probably because they have much less responsibility. But

Story: MONO BAKELA

Pics: ROBERT MAGWAZA

Besides having to pay school fees and buy uniforms for her children she has to pay a monthly rental of R41.30 for her house.

She said she leaves home early daily and goes round the factories looking for jobs. "I would wait the whole day at times hoping to be employed but to no avail. I hope to get work because no one can live



because they do not have much responsibility. But the old men and women . . . every day that passes without a job means a day without a meal. Their prayer is one: "All we ask for is a job to feed our children."

The workers wait in long queues outside factory gates seeking work in large numbers. The wait lasts hours and many told **THE SOWETAN** they slept on the roadside only to be told that there was no work, no hope.

The situation is particularly bad at the Albert Street West Rand Administration Board offices where men and women queue for jobs in hundreds.

So many people are without jobs that nobody knows the true extent of unemployment in the Pretoria, Vereeniging and Witwatersrand area. The 1982 All Media and Products Survey (Amps) found that there were 155 000 Sowetans out of work. Other sources place unemployment in Greater Soweto at 29 000. All the same, it is clear that unemployment is on the increase. It is obvious too that unemployment will rise as the recession worsens.

At Speedlast, the home of the Bic Ball point pen in Industria, more than 50 men and women queued early yesterday. Mrs Idlette Mohale of 774 Mapetla and a mother of three said she had been out of work for six months.

"I don't buy a . . . mmes hoping to be emp. Oyec out to no avail. I hope to get work because no one can live without eating and working."

She said she was a filing clerk but had been retrenched like many others.

Mr Richard Gumede of 498 Meadowlands said: "I have to feed my wife and five children. I have been out of work since December. I was working for SA Radiators and was retrenched. I am still awaiting relief from the Unemployment Insurance Fund. I have incurred some debts in the form of hire purchase for my furniture. I always feel dejected every Friday when others go home with pay packets. I've even forgotten about drinking."

When **THE SOWETAN** interviewed people at the Labour Bureau in Albert Street, Mr Joseph Johannes of 233 Naledi said he had been working for Caltex and was retrenched early in December. Since then he had been reporting daily at the Albert Street Wrab offices. "It seems I have no luck. I am now beginning to lose hope. I am worried about how I am going to maintain my family."

He also told the tale of rising early to avoid long queues. He tries at offices and then moves on to the factories.

An investigation at the pass offices showed that many people were kept there all day without a reward of a job at the end. Many of these had not applied for unemployment benefits.



DOZING: Outside the offices of Albert Street Labour Bureau this man seems to have given up all hope of striking a job. He did not even bother to talk to the Press.



WORD: Mr Joseph Johannes of Naledi seems to have forgotten his worries for a moment and listens to a somewhat Christian worker from Holland outside the offices of A. . . .




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Thebehali blocked police—Minister

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CAPE TOWN — Mr David Thebehali, chairman of the Soweto Council, has been summonsed to appear in court for obstructing the police in the execution of their duties, when they attempted to arrest Makgotla members earlier this year.

Replying to a question asked in Parliament by Mrs Helen Suzman (PFP, Houghton), the Minister of Law and Order Mr Louis le Grange said a complaint of "serious assault" had been reported to the police on January 31.

They had accompanied the complainant to the Mavis Hall in Moroka. He identified three members of the Makgotla.

Two of them were arrested while a third fled

into the hall, where Soweto Council members were meeting.

Mr Thebehali prevented police from entering, and also freed the prisoners from the patrol van. When reinforcements arrived the escapers could not be recaptured.

"As a result a case of defeating the ends of justice, alternatively obstructing or resisting the police in the execution of their duties, was investigated," the Minister added.

The public prosecutor decided to prosecute Mr Thebehali and he has been summonsed to appear in court on May 26.

Two members of the Makgotla were being charged with assault while the two who had escaped were still being sought by police.

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BY MONK
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MINISTERIAL approval on the selling prices of the residential sites in Atteridgeville/Saulsville township would be given soon, Mr H C Knoetze, chief director of the Central Transvaal Administration Board, said this week.

Mr Knoetze, who retires at the end of the month, told the local Community Council at their monthly meeting that their recommendations on the selling prices had been forwarded to the Minister of Co-operation and Development, Dr Piet Koornhof, and an approval "is expected very soon".

The council recently accused the Minister of "red tape" and retarding the progress of the township.

ATTACK

The council's attack follows complaints from local residents that it was doing nothing to alleviate the housing crisis in the township and that there was an unnecessary delay in the allocation of the hundred residential sites in between the township.

The council had accused the Minister of withholding their recommendations which were submitted early this year.

A spokesman for the council said a number of applications had been received and the people who had found financial backing were anxiously waiting for the Minister's approval.

BURSARIES

The council also announced that it would allocate a total of R8 600 this year for bursaries to needy students attending school at the local seven high schools. The bursaries would be allotted to students at the Flavious Mareke High School, Hofmyer, Saulridge, David Helen Peta, Saulsville, Doctor W F Nkomo and the Holy Trinity High School.

Mr Z Z Mashao, deputy chairman of the council, also announced that the chairman, Mr Joe Tshabalala, would jet out of the country this weekend as a guest of the American Ambassador, Mr Herman Nickel. Mr Tshabalala would be accompanied by his wife Mobe, and the couple will spend about six weeks in both the United States and Israel.

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**Soweto Council
helps pensioners**

THE SOWETO Council has written off more than R3 000 owing in rentals by 86 Soweto pensioners who cannot afford to pay for their houses.

The decision to write off a debt of R3 091,55 was taken at the Soweto Council's monthly meeting yesterday, where it was decided to write off the debts because the pensioners had no other sources of income besides the old-age pensions they received once every two months.

Mr David Thebehali, chairman of the Soweto Council, said that several other pensioners who could not afford to pay their monthly rentals could have them remitted if they informed their township managers of their plight.

Answering an accusation by Councillor J Ramathibela that the majority of remissions were for rentals owing in Jabavu, which is Mr Thebehali's ward, Mr Thebehali said many pensioners, widows and divorcees lived in Jabavu and that economically Jabavu was the most depressed area in Soweto.

Vaal housing boost

323 ESCOM is to spend R11-million for the building of about 1 400 houses in Sebokeng later this year.

A spokesman for Escom said yesterday the multi-million rand housing project was mainly for the company's employees in the area. Construction of the houses will begin within the next three months.

Meanwhile the Vaal Community Council is to introduce stringent control measures to ensure that no further shacks are built in the area.

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The council's director of housing, Mr E Leevrink, said urgent action was needed to prevent the building of more shacks in the townships. At present the council had stopped raiding people staying in these illegal structures pending a report on the matter.

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Loan scheme fails

MAMELODI residents have shown little interest in applying for loans put aside by the local community council for the improvement of housing in the area, the chairman of the Council, Mr W M Aphane, told The SOWETAN yesterday.

Earlier this year the council allocated a sum of R100 000 to help finance people who wish to extend or improve their houses. Each resident was entitled to a loan for R2 000 only.

Mr Aphane said only nine people had so far applied for the loans.

He said he was disappointed by residents who "do not like beautiful things. The council offered loans to residents but they don't seem to want to do anything about improving their living conditions — even when there is money," he said.

Most residents said R2 000 was too little to extend a house. They said that with the cost of building materials so high, the money would only serve to pay for labour. They said the council should have negotiated for more

money if it had the welfare of its people at heart.

A resident, Mr R Khonothi, said it was surprising to find that the council, which was against the erection of shacks in the township, expected the community to put up proper houses with the little amount offered.

"There is a possibility that the council made provision for improved shacks and not houses. Every resident is aware of the type of houses black people build for themselves of late.

It is high time councillors came up with sound resolutions," Mr Khonothi said.

A national secretary for the National General Workers' Union (NGWU), Mr Donnie Khumalo, said he suspected the residents' reluctance to apply for loans was caused by loss of confidence in community councils. He said the council failed to represent the community's interests and that only a handful of people ever sought help from the body.

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feating the ends of justice, alternatively obstructing or resisting the police in the execution of their duties was investigated and submitted to the senior public prosecutor for his decision. The public prosecutor decided to prosecute the Chairman of the Soweto Council and he has been summoned to appear in court on 26 May 1983.

The two arrested members of the Makhotha are being charged with serious assault, while the two who escaped are still being sought.

Q. 6.1. 1151
H. Alexandra Township Extension 1
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*9. Mr. G. B. D. McIntosh asked the Minister of Co-operation and Development:

- (1) Whether an interdict has been issued against the registration of 99-year leaseholds in Alexandra Township Extension 1; if so, (a) by whom, (b) why and (c) when was it issued; if not.
- (2) how many certificates of right of leasehold had been registered in Alexandra Township Extension 1 as at the latest specified date for which figures are available?

THE MINISTER OF CO-OPERATION AND DEVELOPMENT:

- (1) No. (a), (b) and (c) Fall away.
- (2) Seventeen up to 27 April 1983.

Blacks (Urban Areas) Consolidation Act
10. Mr. G. B. D. McIntosh asked the Minister of Co-operation and Development:

- (1) Whether he has approved any application in terms of section 42(f) of the Blacks (Urban Areas) Consolidation Act, No. 25 of 1945, for any company to acquire a trading interest in respect of stand 2190, Jabutani; if so, (a) when, (b) what is the name of the company concerned, (c) when was it registered and (d) what is the percentage of Black shareholding in the company;
- (2) whether any right of 99-year lease-

hold was registered in favour of this company; if so, when?

THE MINISTER OF CO-OPERATION AND DEVELOPMENT:

- (1) No approval in terms of section 42(f) of the Blacks (Urban Areas) Consolidation Act, 1945 was granted. (a), (b), (c) and (d) Fall away.
- (2) Yes. Registered in the name of Soweto Development Company (Pty.) Ltd. on 25 March 1983.

Zuid-Afrika in focus

*11. Mr. H. D. K. VAN DER MERWE asked the Minister of Foreign Affairs and Information:

- (1) Whether the publication *Zuid-Afrika in focus* is (a) printed and (b) distributed by order of his Department; if so,
- (2) whether the contents of the issue of February 1983 represent the view of the Government?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND INFORMATION:

- (1) (a) and (b) Yes. It is an information brochure with limited circulation which is distributed monthly by the Embassy in The Hague to a number of Dutch people.
- (2) Information material which is distributed abroad by the Department of Foreign Affairs and Information often contain articles from unofficial sources if, in the opinion of the responsible editor, it can help to give the foreign reader a broader perspective of South Africa. A good example of this is the *SA Digest/Oorsig* which supplies a weekly press and news review of South African events. It is compiled mainly from South African newspaper articles and purposely does not reflect only Government standpoints. In such cases the source is normally identified, as was the case in the publication in question.

The exposition of the constitutional

proposals which was published in the relevant edition of *Zuid-Afrika in Focus*, does in fact also include the standpoints of opposition parties.

The schematic representation of the new constitutional guidelines which appears in the brochure, represents the President Council's proposals which, as is generally known, were not accepted by the Government in that form. The Government's guidelines will be clearly set out in the next edition so that there can be no doubt about it.

*Mr. H. D. K. VAN DER MERWE: Mr. Speaker, arising out of the hon. the Deputy Minister's reply, can he tell the House whether he is satisfied that the Dutch will gain the impression from that particular article that that schematic representation does in fact represent the view of the Government?

+THE DEPUTY MINISTER OF DEVELOPMENT: Does the CP have voters there? [Interjections.]

THE DEPUTY MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND INFORMATION: Mr. Speaker, my reply to the hon. member for Rissik is that the readers of these particular magazines and brochures surely do not form their views on the basis of one single issue of a publication only. They receive the publication regularly, however, and in course of time they therefore probably form a balanced impression of it.

*Mr. H. D. K. VAN DER MERWE: Mr. Speaker, further arising out of the hon. the Deputy Minister's reply, I should like to gain absolute clarity about his reply. Can he therefore tell us whether the schematic representation in that particular magazine does in fact reflect the view of the Government or not? [Interjections.]

+THE DEPUTY MINISTER: Mr. Speaker, in my first reply I stated clearly that it does not necessarily always reflect the view of the Government. But the view of the Government will be placed beyond any doubt in the next issue.

*Mr. H. D. K. VAN DER MERWE: Mr. Speaker, I want to put it to the hon. the Deputy Minister again that the impression created in this magazine is in effect that the schematic representation concerned does in fact reflect the view of the Government. I therefore should like to know from the hon. the Deputy Minister whether that schematic representation does in fact reflect the policy of the Government or not. [Interjections.]

*Mr. SPEAKER: Order! I should like to point out to the hon. member for Rissik that I gained the impression that the hon. the Deputy Minister stated very clearly that it is not the view of the Government that is reflected in it.

*12. Mr. D. J. N. MALCOMESS asked the Minister of Co-operation and Development:

- (1) Whether any plots in Soweto-by-the-Sea in Port Elizabeth are (a) occupied and (b) vacant at present; if so, how many in each case;
- (2) whether any rental is charged in respect of these plots; if so, what is the rental per plot;
- (3) what amount was (a) collected in revenue and (b) spent on services in this area in each of the latest specified three years for which figures are available;
- (4) whether the hygienic and sanitary conditions in this area meet the required standards; if not, what steps are being taken or envisaged to improve these conditions?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER OF CO-OPERATION:

- (1) (a) All available plots are occupied namely 9 462.
- (b) Falls away.
- (2) No rental is charged but a service charge of R10.00 per family per month is levied.

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Alexandra Township 29/4/83
Q. 61-1164
757. Mr. D. J. DALLING asked the Minister of Co-operation and Development:

Whether there are any sports facilities in Alexandra Township; if so, what facilities in respect of each kind of sport?

The MINISTER OF CO-OPERATION AND DEVELOPMENT:

Yes, the sports facilities in Alexandra are as follows:-

- 1 Soccer stadium
- 3 Soccer fields
- 3 Tennis courts
- 3 Netball courts
- 4 Basketball fields
- 1 Soccer field/athletic track
- 2 Halls for indoor sports (boxing and gymnastics)

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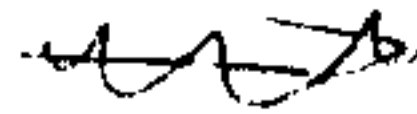
Chairman of Soweto Council: incident 27/1/83
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Mrs. H. SUZMAN asked the Minister
of Law and Order:

- (1) Whether the South African Police received any complaints relating to an incident on or about 31 January 1983 in which supporters of the Chairman of the Soweto Council were alleged to have been involved; if so, what (a) are the particulars of the incident and (b) was the nature of the complaints;
- (2) whether the police acted upon these complaints; if not, why not; if so, with what result;
- (3) whether any investigation into the incident has been instituted; if not, why not; if so,
- (4) whether the investigation has been completed; if not, when is it anticipated that it will be completed; if so, what was the outcome;
- (5) whether any arrests have been made in connection with the incident; if so, (a) how many and (b) for what offences?

†The MINISTER OF CO-OPERATION
AND DEVELOPMENT (for the Minister of
Law and Order):

(1) Yes (a) and (b), (2), (3), (4) and (5) After a complaint of serious assault was reported to the police on 31 January 1983 they accompanied the complainant to the Mavis Hall in Moroka where he pointed out three members of the Makhofa as his alleged assailants. Two of them were arrested and put in the patrol van, whilst the other one fled into the hall in which members of the Soweto Council were holding a meeting. The Police were prevented from entering the hall by the Chairman of the Soweto Council. He thereupon also freed the prisoners from the patrol van. Reinforcements were summoned but the escapees could not be recaptured. Another two who also participated in the alleged assault were arrested.

As a result of the action of the Chairman of the Soweto Council, a case of de



Council to use R12-m loan for Jabulani flats

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THE controversial R12,25-million Urban Foundation (UF) loan offer which the Soweto Council had earlier turned down, has now been accepted and is to be used for the construction of bachelor flats in Jabulani and Tshiawelo.

This was announced at the Soweto Council's monthly meeting yesterday, where it was also decided that because of

By SAM MABE

the escalation of prices in the building industry,

it was essential to launch the project as soon as possible.

Bachelor flats consisting of a kitchen, sitting-room, one bedroom and an inside toilet and bathroom will cost R127 in monthly rental and two bedroomed flats R203 per month.

Mr Thebehali said that since its inception, the Soweto Council had directly and indirectly been responsible for the provision of 3 024 housing units.

"I realise this effort did not reduce the housing backlog sufficiently. However, with the completion of the upgrading of the infrastructure, the building programme by both the private sector and the council can now be accelerated to the extent that the housing demand can be met with greater confidence," he said.

Mr Thebehali also said that an existing scheme specifically earmarked for solving the plight of shackdwellers in Orlando East and elsewhere is scheduled to commence next month.



PLAYING: Small children march happily between their makeshift homes oblivious of the fact that their parents have been evicted from their shacks in "Mochaeneng" next to Regina Mundi. The tents were pitched at the weekend by the Wits Council of Churches.

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PIC. LEN KUMALO

More tents for homeless

AT least 15 more tents are to be pitched today for destitute families whose shacks were demolished more than a week ago at "Mochaeneng" next to Regina Mundi.

At the weekend, the Witwatersrand Council of Churches (WCC) supplied 25 tents to house stranded families who have been sleeping in the open after the West Rand Administration Board (Wrab) workmen pulled down their structures.

The Rev Cecil Begbie, vice-president of the WCC, who was at the site yesterday and crowded by people who are still roofless, said the tents were only a temporary measure.

He told **The SOWETAN** that last week his council's executive members had talks with Wrab officials including Mr John Knoetze, the board's chairman.

"We presented a memorandum that regretted another meeting with Wrab officials after we have been to them two years ago on the plight of Klip-town squatters.

"We conveyed to them our shock, deep concern and protest in the name of Christ the inhuman, immoral actions of Wrab to render the people homeless.

"We also made it clear there were no moral

grounds for destroying shacks without providing alternative accommodation. We told them even the scriptures support us in that we should love one another and do to others as we would have them do to us," Rev Begbie said.

Of the 25 affidavits presented to Mr Knoetze detailing information of the shackdwellers, 13 show that the people were born in Johannesburg. They also presented photocopies of people who had applied for houses, some as long ago as 1973.

According to Rev Begbie, they requested that alternative accommodation for evicted families be treated as a matter of absolute emergency, that the practice of evicting families without an alternative be scrapped and that the Minister concerned be requested to look seriously at the urgent need to alleviate serious housing shortage in Soweto.

"After Mr Knoetze had said people should present themselves at Wrab offices where they would be helped, those who went to the Jabavu office last week were not well received," Rev Begbie said.

He added that although the families needed assistance, what they needed most was a roof over their heads. Those who would like to offer help, can contact Rev Begbie at 27-1159.

SPOTLIGHT

ON CARLETONVILLE

KHUTSONG outside Carletonville is near the richest gold producing mine in the world.

The township, one of the 22 falling under the Western Transvaal Administration Board, was founded in 1958, and today boasts 30 000 people.

But the township's proximity to South Africa's source of wealth is not evident; a hostel, a bar and bottle store welcomes one to Khutsong, as they do to all the country's townships.

A kidney-jolting ride through Khutsong reveals only one library, a clinic, four lower schools and one high school which introduced matric only last year.

The housing shortage too is as chronic here as in the rest of South Africa. Shacks proliferate although many shack dwellers own their stands and intend building their own houses.

In sharp contrast to these one-roomed corrugated iron structures, the Urban Foundation's

because of communal taps in the streets.

Residents had no complaints about the Greyhound buses serving the township but, were not too pleased with the taxi service saying it catered more for the mine people than for the township residents. This was largely due to the fact that taxi operators are sure to get a full load to and from the mines.

They complained of a lack of recreational facilities and said those that exist are of poor quality. They blamed poor administration and said those concerned seemed to lack ideas and dedication to sport. The area, they claimed, was brimming with talented youths who could be stars of tomorrow.

The place has so far not yet started with the electrification scheme. The local council is negotiating with Escom for a substation next to a reservoir to the west of the township.

As soon as the deal is

ENTERTAINMENT: Migrant labourers at the hostel enjoy their beer at the local bar over a game of draughts.



Living in the shadow of wealth

Story: NKOPANE MAKOBANE
Pics: LEN KUMALO

climbed for the substation, electricity will be installed in every home. One consolation for residents is that those who want phones in their homes, may get them soon, because phone cables are being

laid. From our visit to the area, it is clear that although Khutsong may not be heaven, its residents love and are proud of it and would not change it for any other place.

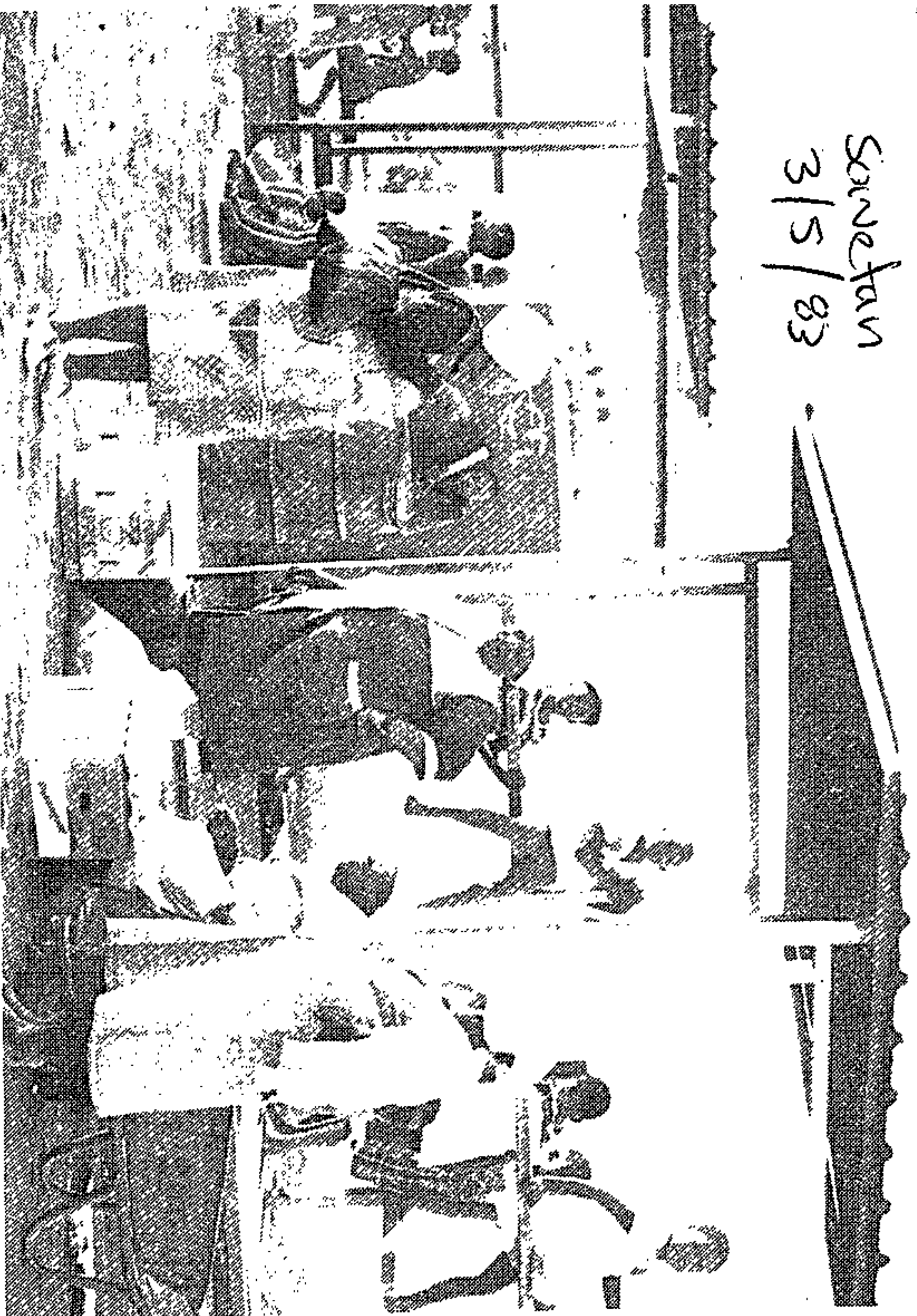
Ikhaya-Lethu project houses the townships rich in mansions equaling and even surpassing those in Soweto's elite Selection Park.

Speaking to the people of Khutsong, it emerges their main concern is the bucket system in use in the township. Residents were vocal in their dissatisfaction with the system, expressing fears of an epidemic because nightsoil collectors often leave the buckets in the streets for hours before collecting them. Besides, they point out, it's an embarrassment to them when they have visitors.

Others said they were dissatisfied about the rental increases from R13,50 to R25 for the average houses. They felt they were being made to pay for water wasted by small children

Crime breeds all sorts of tin shacks

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Elderly hawkers at a bus stop sell fruits and vegetables to augment their meagre pension money.

ANY densely populated area — particularly if built hastily with shabby corrugated iron — breeds crime. A section of Khutsong township in Carletonville known as Mekhukhung is no exception.

Although the place is still notorious for its crime, one resident told The SOWETAN that things had improved slightly after the Urban Foundation launched a housing project in the township a few years ago.

He said there were about 200 illegal shacks in this area compared to about 1 000 before the project started. This number excludes that of many other illegal structures found in two-roomed yards in other sections of the township.

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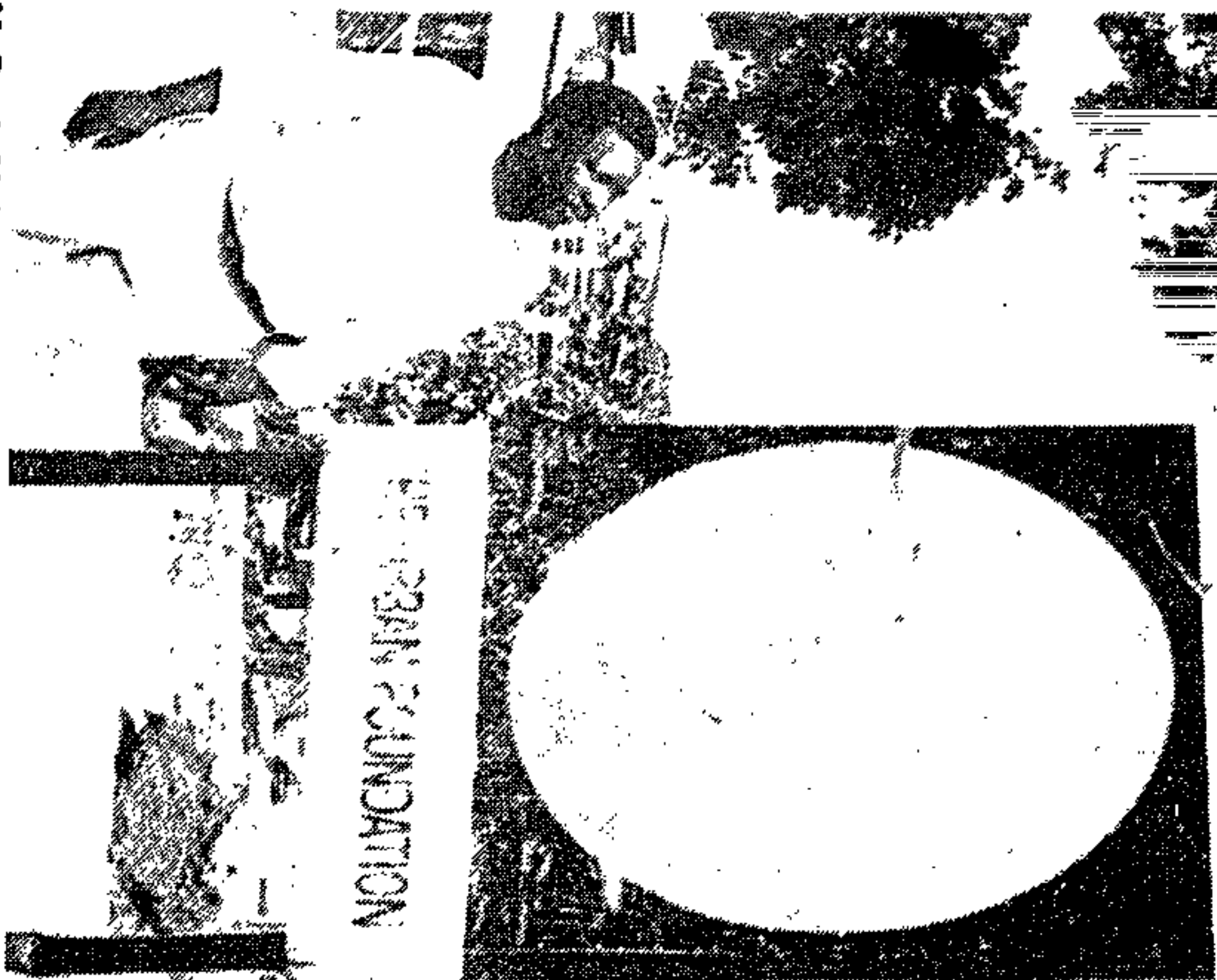
Apart from these makeshift structures, there are also those allowed by the local council. These we were told, were of people who have bought stands and intend building their own houses soon.

One resident, Mr Denis Makhalemele, said like any other person proud of his area, he would like to see the shacks disappear because they are an eyesore.

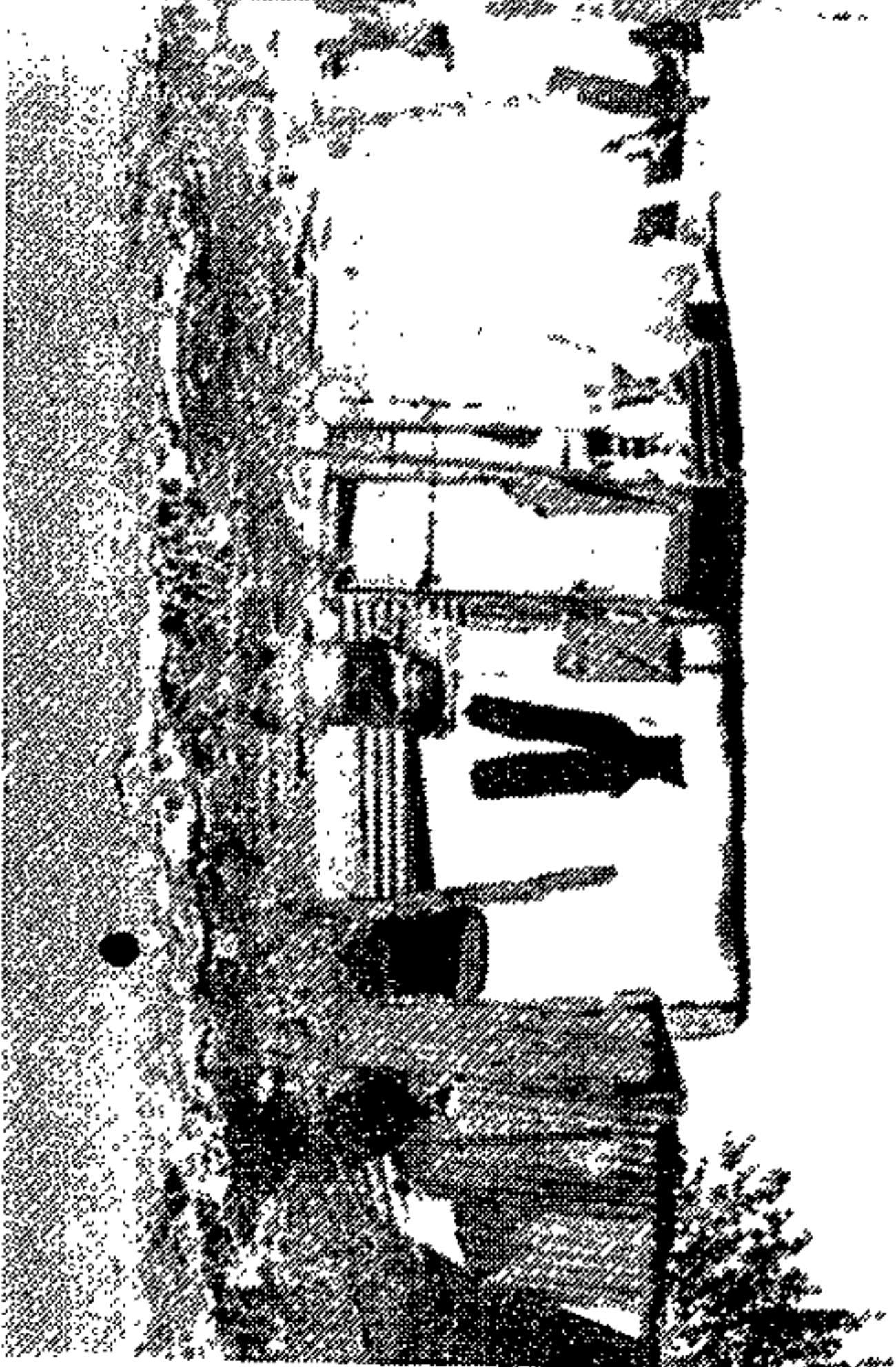
problem in his township Mr Makhalemele said it was worsened by the many migrant labourers working in the area.

"You find that some of these people staying in these shacks are employed by the mines. When their contracts expire, they do not want to return home and prefer to stay in the township. "Others bring their families with them and the only place is in the township. This is the setup for as long as their

IKHAYA LETHU



Mr Denis Makgalemele stands next to an Urban Foundation signpost in Ikhaya-Lethu where new houses have been built. In the background are some of the shacks at the area known as Mekhukhung.



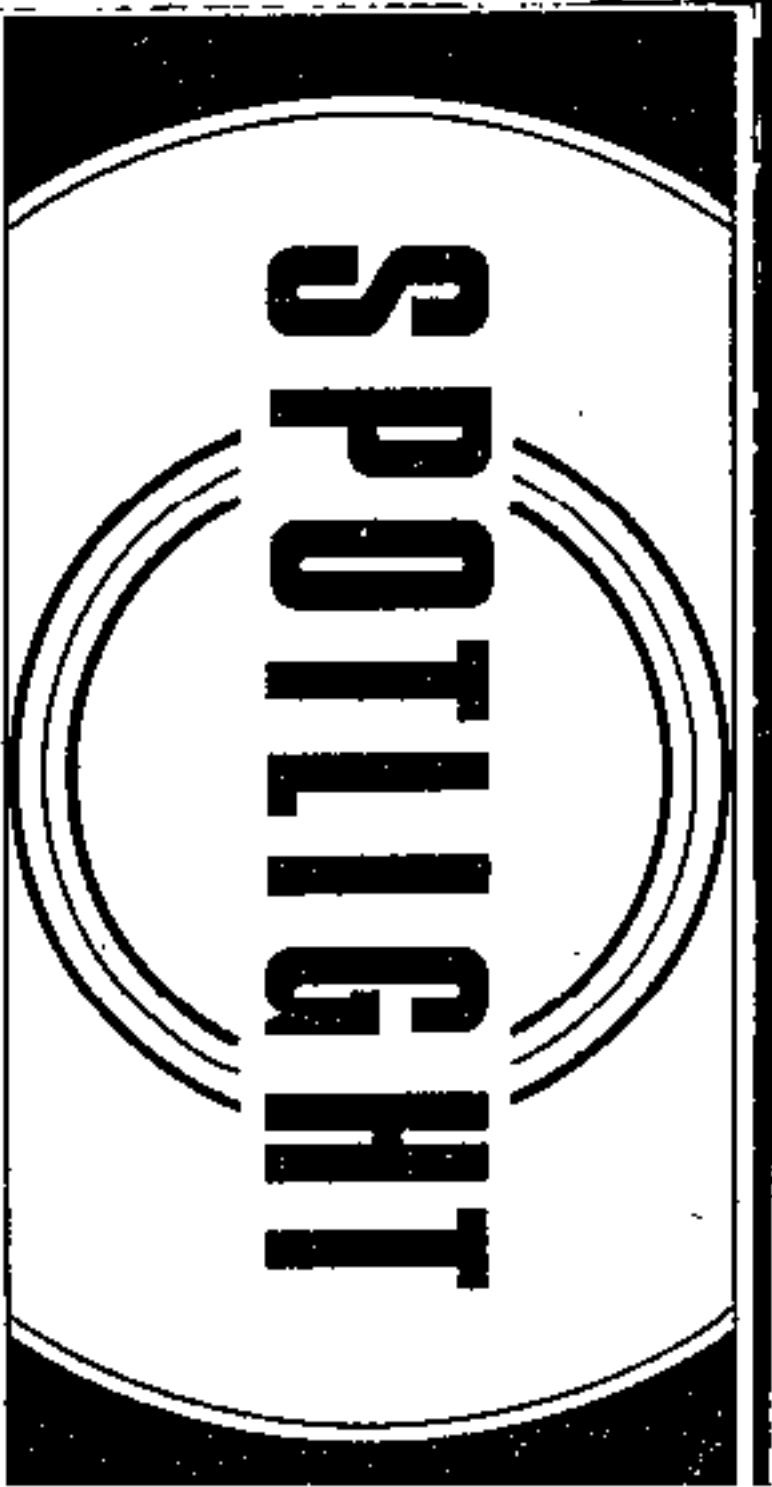
He said they turned the place into a slum and were a health hazard because they could bring pests resulting in disease. They were also a danger in that once they caught fire, there were bound to be casualties.

"On the other hand, one must admit that like all over the country, they are here to stay with us so long as there is a housing shortage," he said.

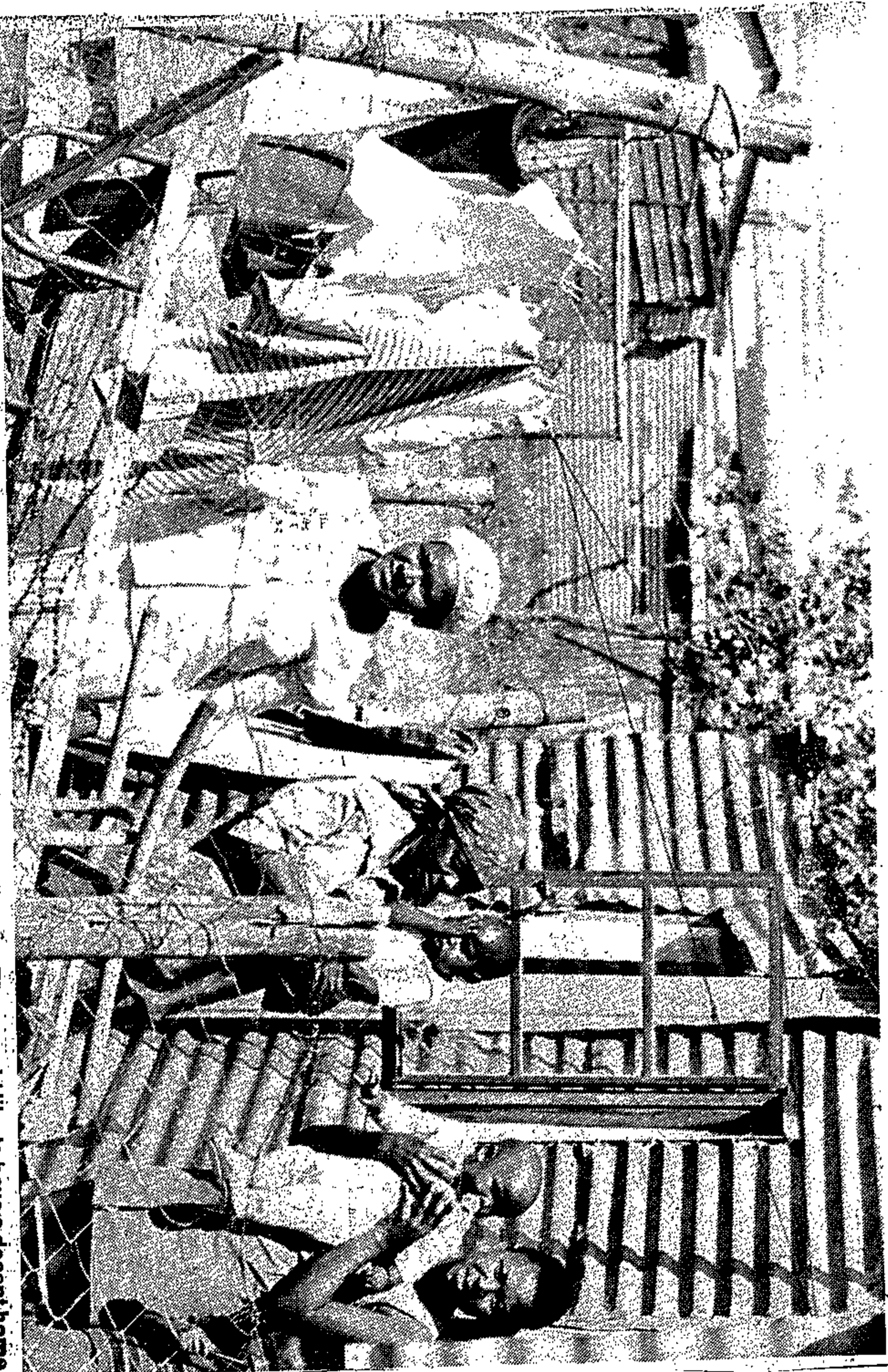
Explaining the shack

contracts last but -th minute they move out other stranded people are waiting to get in," h said.

The only solution, h said, was for the authorities to make more land available for housing desperately needed by the residents. As for migrant labourers, their employers should provide accommodation for them together with their families as this would strengthen the family unit.



ON CARLETONVILLE



One of the many families staying in an area known as Mekhukhung in Khutsong township. They would like to have a decent home but for the moment this is home.

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US Press focuses on Soweto's mayor

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The Star Bureau
NEW YORK — Mr David Thebehali, the "canny and affable mayor of Soweto", received considerable attention from the influential New York Times over the weekend.

In a long and prominently displayed report under the dateline "Soweto, South Africa," the paper reminded its readers that Mr Thebehali received only 97 votes in a widely-boycotted election five years ago.

However it conceded that even black nationalists who regard him as a quisling agree that he has been "a diligent political operative."

"His official position and readiness to do favours attract lines to his office that are as long as those that show up at the welfare agencies in downtown Johannesburg where white liberals try to help individual blacks thread their way through the apartheid maze".

The report, based on an interview with the New

York Times Johannesburg correspondent, Mr Joseph Lyleveld, said Mr Thebehali disputed "with a wounded expression" that he was elected with a mere 97 votes from among Soweto's popula-

tion of 1.2 million.

Mr Thebehali insists, says the report, that he was actually the choice of 295 of Soweto's inhabitants — none of whom, including himself, has an unambiguous claim to citizenship under South African law.

"Though Mr Thebehali's mandate can hardly be regarded as overwhelming, even by his own generous estimate, it was a start and he has been building on it ever since," the report said.

Since 1978, Mr Thebehali says he has met personally some 78 000 Soweto residents to help them out of snags with white bureaucracy, easing their housing problems and even counselling them on their marriages.

But each favour, the paper points out, creates an obligation and Mr Thebehali keeps a thick roster of the names and addresses of everybody he has helped.



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Churchmen defuse 'tent' clash

By Jon Qwelane
and Themba Maseko

What could have developed into a serious clash last night between homeless Soweto people and armed West Rand Administration Board policemen was defused by church leaders.

The 150 homeless are among the hundreds of Sowetans who have had their tin shacks razed by Wrab officials and police during the last few weeks.

They are now temporarily housed in tents which were pitched on Saturday by the vice-president of the Witwatersrand Council of Churches, the Rev Cecil Begbie, at Radishobana in Rockville, Soweto.

Twenty-five tents went up for people, some of whom had been sleeping in the open veld or were housed in the nearby Regina Mundi Catholic Church and the consult-



The tent people gather around Dr Abu-baker Asvat and Dr Nthato Motlana.

ing rooms of Dr Abu-Baker Asvat.

Church leaders intended putting up another 17 tents yesterday which led Wrab to station police next to the tent city, to ensure the extra tents were not pitched.

By late last night rumour spread that Wrab

police intended pulling down the tents and every available black leader rushed to the scene to try to save the situation.

Dr Asvat, who heads the health secretariat of the Azanian People's Organisation, monitored events during the day and was later joined by the Soweto Civic Associa-

tion's chairman, Dr Nthato Motlana.

As night fell, the general secretary of the South African Council of Churches, Bishop Desmond Tutu, arrived with a contingent of nine churchmen and immediately approached the Wrab police who refused to say why they were

there or whether they would be pulling the tents down.

Azapo national president Mr Lybon Mabasa was later joined by his publicity secretary, Mr Ishmael Mkhabela, and other officials.

Bishop Tutu and his delegation then left to telephone Wrab's chief director, Mr C J Bezuidenhout, for an assurance the tents would not be pulled down.

After the telephone call, Bishop Tutu said an agreement had been reached. The tents would not come down and the people staying in them would not be molested, provided churchmen did not pitch any more tents last night.

The churches had agreed to the provision and would meet with senior Wrab officials today.

When the police were told of the agreement, they immediately left the scene.

Tears don't ease the pain of the homeless

She sat desolate in her little tent, weeping silently as she tried to understand the circumstances that had made her homeless.

One of the oldest homeless, Mrs Irene Feni (65) now living in a tent city at Radishobana in Rockville, Soweto, wiped a lone tear streaking down a wrinkled cheek repeatedly asking: "But what is it we have done? God, what have we done?"

Sitting on a pile of bedding near a makeshift kitchen where she had earlier cooked a dumpling on a pressure stove, she told of how in the early 1950s she used to live near the city centre in Jeppe.

"Then I was happy until all blacks were ordered out to Soweto. Now we are in Soweto and they say we must get out. My God, will it ever end?"

Mrs Feni said that in the two weeks since her shack was razed, she had been sleeping in the open with her widowed daughter and two minor grandchildren.

Another demolition victim, Mrs Joyce Luhabe, also had her shack razed two weeks ago. She and husband, Todd, now live in a tent.

"My husband has a reference book

which allows him to live and work in Johannesburg, and my own is being seen to. Then they do this to us. Why?"

Construction worker Mr Carlos Makam used to have a house in Chiawelo township. Now he, his wife and seven children are homeless and have to live in a tent.

"I go all over the country building dams. Last December I was working in Botswana on a dam and when I returned home I found my house locked.

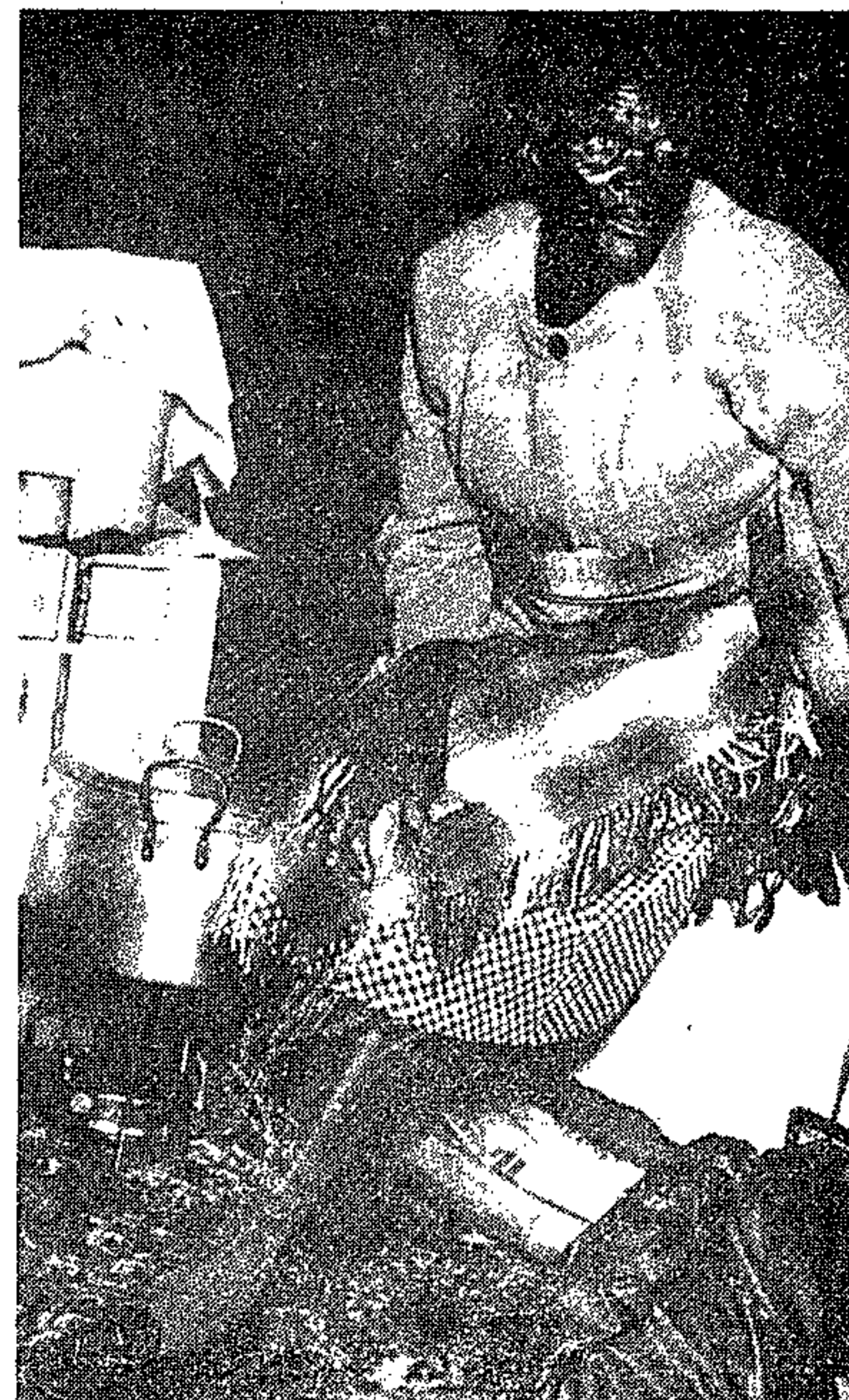
"I went to my superintendent to ask about the matter as I did not owe rent," he said.

"He asked me where I was born. I said Bushbuckridge, but that I was a registered worker here in Johannesburg. He told me to go home," Mr Makam said.

It was a chilly night last night, the temperature signalling the advent of a harsh Highveld winter.

There was no moon and the poor street lighting did little to brighten the spirits of the homeless folk.

Not far off Wrab police had been sitting on the rocks watching a portable TV, while in one of the tents a baby slung on its mother's back cried for its evening feed.



Mrs Irene Feni sits in the tent she shares with her widowed daughter and two grandchildren.

...ation to the Soweto Cripple Care movement and tomorrow night, to mark her birthday, she gives a performance for the same charity at the Garden Restaurant in the Carlton Centre. See Tonight!



Songwriter

Pulling strings

Phil Coulter, an internationally recognised songwriter and record producer, has been in Johannesburg producing music by black musicians for the international market.

Phil, who wrote such hits as "Puppet on a String" and "Congratulations", talks to Peter Feldman in Tonight!

dan/Pietermaritzburg road, each with his own supply of water.

● The penalty for exceeding the water allocation has set off a new crime wave in Pinetown — stealing tanker-loads from hydrants.

Early today traffic police scared off a gang who had already connected a stand pipe.

One of the meanest stories is of a man in Pinetown who connected his hose to a neighbour's garden tap then spent the afternoon watering his garden.

Wrab keeps an eye on Soweto's tent town

The West Rand Administration Board is keeping the Sowetan tent town, set up by evicted shack dwellers, under constant surveillance.

Wrab's chief director, Mr C J Bezuidenhout, said no more tents would be permitted, although those set up on Saturday would not be taken down immediately.

"That is why we are keeping a watch on the area," he said.

The tents site was unserviced and the settlement could become a health hazard.

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Principal offers reward to help find his daughter

A desperate East Rand school principal, Mr Robbie Bekker, whose young daughter has been missing since Friday, believes she may have been forcibly abducted while walking near her home.

A reward of R500 has been offered for information leading to the whereabouts of Kerry Bekker (11) of Geduld, Springs.

The police have been told of her disappearance and her picture has been given to police stations.

The Pinegrove principal said today he believed his daughter may have been forced into a car and abducted.

"She would never accept a lift from anyone. I believe she was taken by force," Mr Bekker said.

Kerry was last seen at about 3 pm on Friday at her school. The school nanny told Mr Bekker she had left the school for home about then.

Kerry went home, changed her clothes and then mysteriously disappeared.

The blue-eyed brunette was wearing a red check summer dress at the time.

Anyone with information should contact Mr Bekker at 812-2644 or Major van Tonder at 56 0771.

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Council shut parks off its own bat

The fund was also given R1 000 by Juicy Lucy who made the roll. Juicy Lucy's development manager, Mr Alan Feldt (right), looks on happily as some of the 450 pupils prepare to sink their teeth into the roll. Picture by Alf Kumalo.



DURBAN — Police used teargas to disperse mobs of youths who went on the rampage in Lamontville, Durban, again last night attacking the home

Teargas routs mob

City Council's move to close 17 of its 300 city parks to blacks, attempts will now be made to get legislation which will prevent town and city councils making "racist" decisions. Speaking out against the move, Mr Douglas Gibson, MPC for Bezuidenhout and PFP leader in the Transvaal Provincial Council, said town and city councils were expecting greater autonomy to exercise "local options" in terms of the new constitutional proposals. But he said he would call for legislative steps to prevent local authorities from making irresponsible decisions based on race during today's Provincial Council session. The Government "should now find time to consider legislation, either at the provincial level, to prevent local authorities from making racist decisions," Mr Gibson said. It now appears that only direct Government pressure would be able to get Pretoria to reverse

Pretoria Correspondent The Pretoria City Council exclusively by people of a specific race or class.

SPOTLIGHT

ON CARLETONVILLE



RELAXING DRINK: But abuse of alcohol is a big headache in Khutsong.



MIKE MAKGALEMELE: Former chairman of the community council.

Home of the
carpet-baggers

By ELLIOT TSHINGWALA

A MINE town is a boom town. But all the glitter that is reflected from the wealth in the bosom of the earth cannot completely hide the sociological problems that are created when men leave their homes to work on the mines.

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Khutsong township near Carletonville is a typical example of such a place. Widespread abuse of alcohol, sex and crime has become a daily headache for the police, the residents and the local authorities.

Mr Mike Makgalemele, former mayor and present member of the

As in all boom towns, all sorts of workers and other characters are drawn to the place by dreams of riches which can be picked up in the streets. Sometimes, as

has happened in Khutsong, hundreds of young girls get involved in prostitution after leaving their homes in rural areas or the homelands. The immigrant popu-

lation, out to make a quick killing, causes problems such as overcrowding which has transformed a large part of Khutsong into a grotesque village of tin hovels.

As would happen the

locals have given the place a name: "Vuil Komberse", an Afrikaans phrase, literally meaning dirty blankets.

It also has connotations of filth and low morals that are a result of such living conditions. Others call the place "Mekhu-khung" which means the tin hovels.

PROBLEMS

Other problems arise in a population where there is a large complement of unmarried or single men. Many of the women who first came here, it is said, had hopes of living a good life, but were soon drawn to the vice dens of Khutsong. Ironically, the name Khutsong means a place of rest.

There are also decent families forced to live inside or in close proximity to this city of sin. Some of the decent folk have not got homes and have become part of the hovel township.

With a lot of sex for sale and a flourishing shebeen trade with all kinds of concoctions on offer, gambling and crime are common. There are frequent fights over women. The ratio of men to women is also out of proportion and prostitution is thus rife. Then there are the carpet-baggers, the so-called "desperadoes" who are out to make a quick killing, who complete the recipe for mayhem and violence.

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These are the people who lose their jobs and instead of going back home waste their money on wenches and dice. They all too often turn to mugging and theft to try to recover a trainfare back home. These are said to be the most dangerous type.

The former mayor concluded painting his grim picture by outlining methods being employed to curb such illicit practices.

Police and local board inspectors carried out several raids but this was not a big help because as soon as the police left, life returned to its normal round of vice and violence.

Mr Makgalemele told **THE SOWETAN** that he saw the solution to the problem in the destruction of shacks. People who qualified to be in the area would be helped in getting houses but those without permission would be sent back to the homelands, he said.

Mabopane outrage follows rent levy

MABOPANE residents have reacted strongly to the 50 cents levy which has been imposed on their monthly rentals "to build and improve schools" in the area.

Residents said what annoyed them most was that they were never consulted when decisions which affect them were taken. They blamed the authorities for making it the community's responsibility to maintain the township.

In a circular issued by the township manager's office, residents were warned that 50 cents would be imposed on

By ALINAH DUBE

their rents.

One angry resident, Mrs Nancy Mokoena, was surprised to hear the money was intended for a school project because the same reason was given when school fees at primary schools in Bophuthatswana were increased from R10 to R15 early this year.

She said such moves showed that residents would constantly be taxed to improve the quality of life in the area. "This is the price we are forced to pay. The most discouraging

issue is lack of communication between the authorities and residents. We are never consulted," she said.

Mrs Matshidiso Nong said they often faced rising costs but nothing was done to improve the township. She said services were poor and that it was the responsibility of the Government to build or subsidise school projects.

"The levy charged to our rent may not seem much to authorities but they have to take into consideration that most people are unemployed," Mrs Nong said.

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UNCERTAIN: Some of the residents at the "tent city" in Mochaeneng.

Cops harass tent people

A CLOUD of uncertainty hung over the about 30 families at "Mochaeneng" next to Rockville yesterday as West Rand Administration Board (Wrab) police continued to surround the place.

It is a trying time for the families because of the presence of armed police who have kept vigil over the place since Monday afternoon.

Last week, after the Witwatersrand Council of Churches (WCC) met Wrab, the WCC pitched about 25 tents at "Mochaeneng", bringing relief to the families who have been sleeping in the open, following the demolition of their homes by Wrab workmen two weeks ago.

Wrab chairman, Mr John Knoetze, said he was aware of tents in the area but refused to comment further because Wrab and the WCC were still negotiating.

In last week's meeting with Wrab, the WCC presented a memorandum stating that people who have been evicted should be provided with shelter and also that Wrab should ask the Minister concerned with black housing to give this matter urgent attention.

Residents yesterday told The SOWETAN that when Wrab police arrived on Monday they threatened to dismantle their tents at midnight. "We could not sleep as these people disturbed us by shining torches in our tents and threatened to pull our tents down," said Mrs Maria Tsotetsi.

"How can we go to work when we do not know what will happen to our children and belongings while we are still at work," asked Mr Selby Sibeko.

Members of Azapo, WCC and the Committee of Ten met late yesterday afternoon at the Reginah Mundi to discuss possible strategies.

Church, Wrab head for clash over tents

The Witwatersrand Council of Churches looks set to defy the West Rand Administration Board's edict that no more tents be pitched at Soweto's tent town.

The council's vice-president, the Rev Cecil Begbie, said today it would "seriously consider" pitching the tents if no official moves were made to help the evicted shack dwellers.

Yesterday Wrab turned down an urgent plea by the council to allow it to put up more tents for the homeless. Mr Begbie said Wrab had told the churches that they would not be allowed to put up another 17 tents they had hired for the homeless — but the 25 tents already up would not be torn down.

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Soweto: aerial survey

*1. Mr. G. B. D. McINTOSH asked the Minister of Co-operation and Development:

- (1) Whether he has received any representations in regard to the 300 mm limit set down in Regulation No. 4(4)(a) promulgated in terms of the Blacks (Urban Areas) Consolidation Act, No. 25 of 1945, in respect of the aerial survey of Soweto; if so, what was his response to these representations;
- (2) whether the verification by the aerial survey of the boundaries of stands in

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Soweto which appear on Class B plans will be submitted to the Surveyor-General for examination; if not, how will he ensure that the prescribed limit has been adhered to?

†The MINISTER OF CO-OPERATION AND DEVELOPMENT:

- (1) No representations have been received. The rest falls away.
- (2) Yes. The rest falls away.

Mr. G. B. D. McINTOSH: Mr. Speaker, arising out of the hon. the Minister's reply, could he confirm that the limits for the aerial survey of Soweto have been reduced from 300 mm to 1 000 mm, or, to put it differently, from 30 cm to 100 cm?

The MINISTER: Mr. Speaker, from a reply I will be giving to a question which appears later on the Question Paper the hon. member will obtain that information.

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proved by him and (b) how many even are involved?

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

(1) (a), (b) and (c)

(i) Yes.

(ii) (aa) Soweto—30 September 1982
Diep-Meadow—22 September 1982
Dobsonville—24 August 1982

- (1) Whether the community councils of (a) Soweto, (b) Dobsonville and (c) Meadowlands/Diepkloof adopted any resolutions relating to the (i) aerial survey of Greater Soweto and (ii) appointment of any consultants in connection therewith; if so, (aa) when and (bb) what was the purport of these resolutions;

*12. Mr. G. B. D. MCINTOSH asked the Minister of Co-operation and Development:

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- (2) whether the Greater Soweto Planning Council recommended the appointment of such consultants; if not, why not;
- (3) whether he approved the appointment of these consultants; if not, why not;
- (4) whether these consultants were instructed to discontinue the survey on or about 23 September 1982; if so, (a) by whom and (b) why;
- (5) whether the survey was subsequently resumed; if so, (a) when, (b) on whose authorization and (c) why;
- (6) whether the survey has been completed; if not, (a) why not, (b) what is the completion date stipulated in the contract and (c) when is it anticipated that it will be completed;
- (7) whether the survey has been approved by (a) him and (b) the Surveyor General; if not, why not; if so,
- (8) (a) how many plans have been ap-

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pointment in connection therewith and was not liable for any expenditure in this connection. The Council further resolved that the West Rand Administration Board, as the agent of the Council, be instructed—

- to stop Professor Olivier and his associates from undertaking further work in the Council's area;
- to have all aerial survey point marks removed within one month without cost to the Council;
- to prepare a properly motivated report about the financial implications of the bulk survey for consideration by the Council;
- to compile a panel of registered land surveyors for consideration by the Council.

Dobsonville Community Council rejected the detail survey report and requested additional information.

- (2) No, it was not its function. On 14 April 1982 the Greater Soweto Planning Council recommended an amount of R4 million for the mass survey as part of the revised programme for the R150 million project for the upgrading of civil services. This action was approved by the Soweto Community Council on 19 April 1982, the Dobsonville Community Council on 20 April 1982 and the Diep-Meadow Community Council on 23 June 1982. In order to give effect to this the Administration Board, at its meeting held on 22 April, 1982, resolved that Messrs. G. C. Olivier and Associates be instructed to commence with the survey of Greater Soweto.

- (3) No. Ministerial approval is not required for the appointment of consultants as it falls within the ambit of the

functions of the Administration Board.

(4) No.

(a) and (b) Fall away.

(5) Falls away.

(6) No.

(a) There have been delays due to bad visibility conditions.

(b) No completion date was stipulated in the contract.

(c) It is anticipated that the field work will be completed by the end of June 1983.

(7) (a) and (b) Yes.

(8) (a) and (b) Nineteen plans involving approximately 20 000 erven have been upgraded to Class B plans and approved Bulk verification for these plans are being processed. In addition verification certificates for a further 1 610 erven are being examined for approval. A further 7 plans involving approximately 9 000 erven have been completed and are in the process of being drawn.

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Khumalo sees the good days ahead

KHUTSONG's top shebeen operator and chairman of the local tavern association, Mr Zwelibanzi "Virgo" Khumalo, entered the business reluctantly. Today he runs the plushest shebeen in the area and enjoys a good reputation.

His story can never qualify for the "from rags to riches" tag be-

By **ELLIOT TSHINGWALA**

cause he never really worked that hard. Things came naturally to him. "What does a man do when friends ask you to buy liquor in bulk so they can drink at your place," he asked.

Reluctantly he took the most natural way out

and began stocking liquor and from there one thing led to the next. Soon he found himself the second richest shebeen operator in the township.

MECCA

His house, which has improved from a sorry-

looking matchbox to a massive mansion, became a mecca for young people looking for a gathering spot.

The sparsely bearded Mr Khumalo said success had not yet gone to his head. Indeed, this can be noticed as you talk to him. He chats happily like a weekly-paid clerk on a Friday

night. Incidentally, Mr Khumalo worked as a salesman before he became the bottle king.

About his business ... well it is not bad except for police raids which seem to have increased lately.

In one such raid they confiscated a truckload of about 500 dozen bottles of beer.



MIGHTY THIRST: After a heavy day a man needs a cool drink. This young man may not be saying that but his face sells him out. As a growing boy in the township of Khutsong, this young man feels its time for a cool drink and the nearest tap is his answer.

PIC LEN KUMALO



ZWELIBANZI KHUMALO: Local chief of the tavern association who also runs the plushest shebeen in the area. In spite of his success he maintains that he entered the business reluctantly.

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ON CARLETONVILLE

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DESPERATE: Residents were forced to tap pipes for water.

Sixteen waterless hours

TEMBISA township ran dry yesterday and residents were out of water for more than 16 hours.

Mr J H Opperman, senior director of the East Rand Administration Board, said yesterday the problem had been caused by changing from an old water reservoir

to a new one that was completed recently.

Women from the area could be seen walking long distances to draw water at schools in the area. In other sections of the township, people were forced to hire taxis to get water as far as Kaalfontein. In Makhu-

long Section, we were told, people in desperation even drew water from a spruit nearby.

Meanwhile the past four days have been an ordeal for Orlando West residents, whose homes have been without water since the beginning of this week.



THEBEHALI: Announced new housing scheme for Pimville.

Housing scheme for Pimville

ABOUT 69 hectares of land on the eastern side of Zone One and Zone Six in Pimville, have been earmarked by the Soweto Council to accommodate about 2 700 residential sites.

Mr David Thebehali, chairman of the Soweto Council, said that his council was going to request the West Rand Administration Board's town planner to prepare a layout plan of the area which had been a buffer strip separating Pimville from the white residential area near the Orlando Power Station.

He also said that the town planner would be asked to strive to make the maximum of stands available and to place emphasis on development by self-builders and private enterprises.

Because the area is

adjacent to a township consisting of luxurious homes, the area will not be made available for low cost housing to safeguard the interests of property owners there and to prevent the value of their property from depreciating.

"Experience has shown that people of Soweto want to live in houses they can plan themselves to suit their tastes.

"It is for this reason that development by self-builders and private enterprise is going to be encouraged. Another advantage is that the value of such areas goes up much quicker and residents wishing to sell out stand a good chance of selling their property at a good profit," said Mr Thebehali.

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Aphane wants end to ethnic grouping

THE acute housing shortage will never be solved unless the Government scraps the unpopular policy of ethnic grouping in black townships, Mr W M Aphane, chairman of the Mamelodi Community Council said yesterday.

Commenting shortly after the official hand-over of ten modern houses to Siemens' employees in Mamelodi East yesterday, Mr Aphane lashed out at the Government and accused them of "creating more problems instead of solving them with the implementations of the policy of ethnic grouping".

Mr Aphane, who also

By MONK NKOMO

declared that the 99-year lease hold scheme was a total failure, said the housing crisis would never be solved until the Government and the private sector involved themselves in helping the "poor masses" by building four-roomed houses.

"I appreciate what the private sector is doing to alleviate the housing shortage in the township," he said, "but my worry is those people in the lower income groups who cannot afford these modern houses. The Government should embark on a scheme to

build ordinary four-roomed houses which can later be improved by the owners."

TOTAL

Siemens' personnel manager in Pretoria, Mr K Kohlstadt yesterday said the company had already spent a total R605 498 during the past three years to provide houses for 517 of their employees. The official handing over of the ten houses, with prices ranging from R16 000 to R22 000, was a joint effort which included the Urban

Foundation, Sigma Motor Corporation and the Standard Bank Building Society, Mr Kohlstadt said.

Mr W Zieler, Siemens' chief executive said it was his company's responsibility to help "as far as we can" in providing housing for their employees.

He said a total of R62 000 was earmarked for 12 more houses in Mamelodi and similar projects would be extended to the coloured township of Eersterust in Pretoria.

The official waiting list for housing in Mamelodi stood at about 400 according to Mr Aphane.

Wrab move tent town to Kliptown

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7 MAY 1931
The tent town pitched by the Witwatersrand Council of Churches seven days ago in Rockville, Soweto, has been moved to Chicken Farm near Kliptown.

Wrab policemen supervised the move.

The vice-president of the WCC, the Reverend Cecil Begbie, and Dr Abu-Baker Asvat, an executive member of the Azanian People's Organisation, explained the move was necessary because water and sanitation facilities were available.

black-jacks will arrest them for vagrancy, while the Ndabazabantu will endorse them to some obscure homelands.

That then, is the story of another African farm.

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PHIRARA is known as Pretoria to mlungus. It is also known as the white man's last stand. There "die kaffir ken say plek" and every whitey moves around as if there is nobody else on God's earth.

So it is not surprising, to me at least, that the city fathers of Pretoria have voted that the city's 17 parks be closed to blacks.

What will klein basie Wynand do when nanny is not allowed to enter the park, and he regards nanny as his mommy?

For that matter, every nanny will have

EVATON ASKS GATSHA TO INTERVENE

EVATON — Residents here have appealed to Chief Gatsha Buthelezi to stop the local administration and community council from encroaching on the "people's freehold rights".

At a meeting called by Isolomuzi Association and the local branch of Inkatha this week, a memorandum containing the grievances of the people was drafted.

Residents heard that blackjacks of the Orange - Vaal admin board had shot two residents who were "illegally" building shacks on their properties.

Inkatha member Tom Nhlapo said: "We must act quickly."

"The chief commissioner in Bloemfontein is investigating whether the council and Orange-Vaal board are operating legally here."

"We intend to ask

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Chief Buthelezi to ask these bodies to refrain from charging rates: arresting squatters."

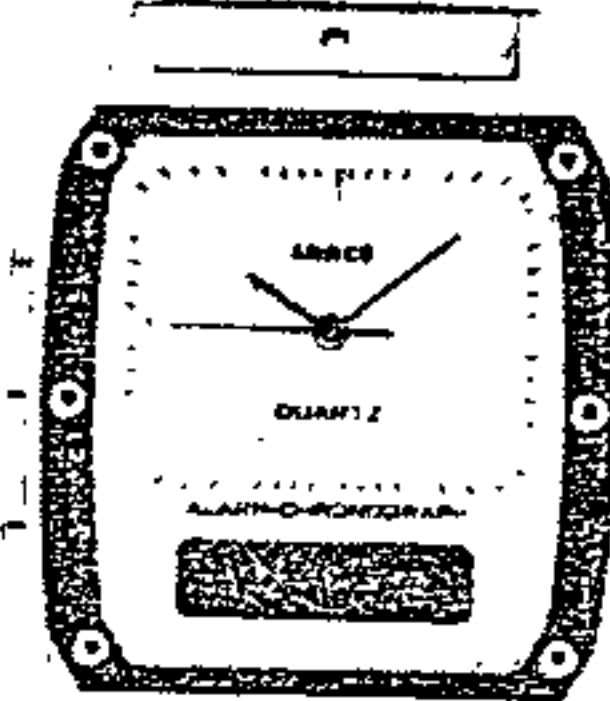
Mr Gilmond Nkutha, the chairman of Isolo-

muzi, said the two parties are not looking for confrontation.

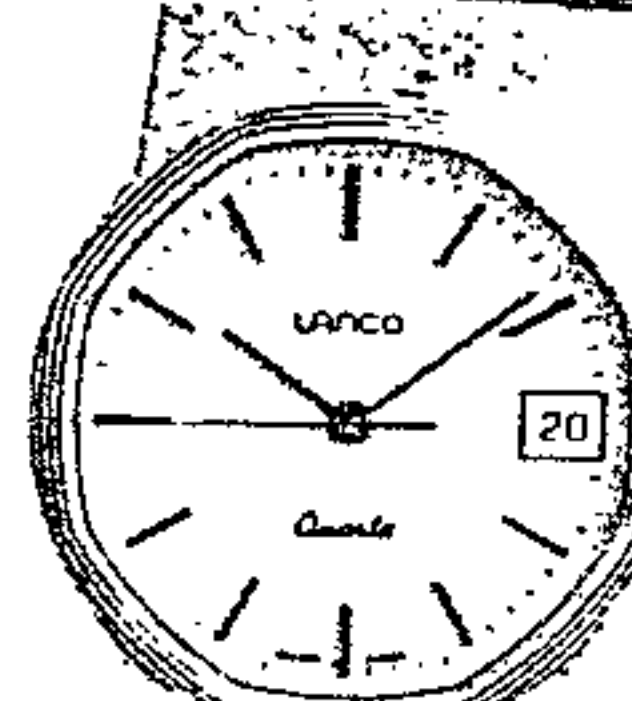
"But to expect residents to pay for residential permits on their own properties is a gross injustice," he said.

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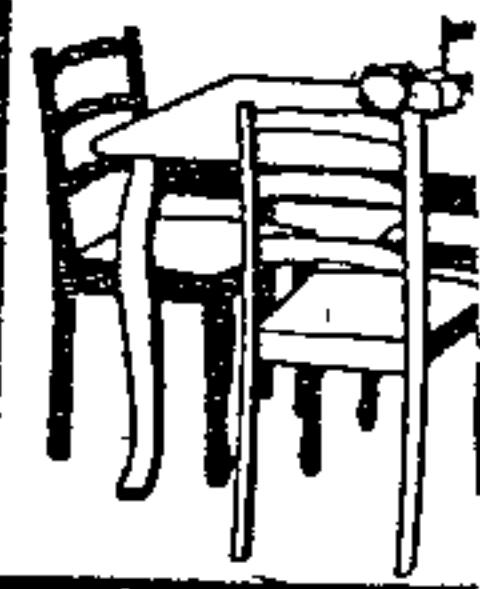
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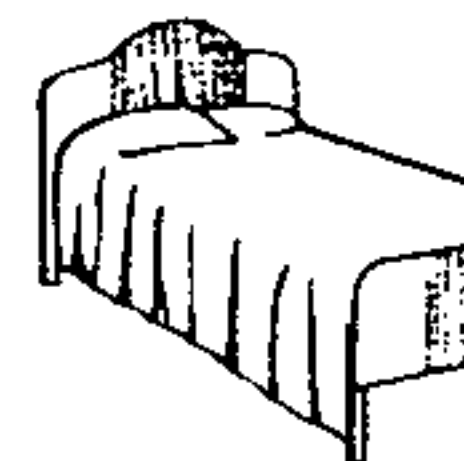
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Department of Empirical education, received a Doctor of Education degree. He obtained his BA degree and U ed at the University of the North in 1970. In 1972 he obtained a B ed degree with distinction in History of Education and Comparative Education at the same university. He obtained the M ed at Unisa in 1980. Mr Mahlangu is married and has two sons and a daughter.

A total of 237 bachelor degrees, 37 Honours and 2 Masters were also awarded.

Mrs Hilma Mpinkane Tshilongo was the only woman conferred the degree of Bachelor of Theology and there was a thunderous applause when Mr Johannes Majalefe Sepeesa was awarded the degree of Bachelor of Arts in



LITERATURE: Mr J M Lenake.



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Nursing Science.

Dr A J Koen, the acting vice-chancellor at Unisa urged graduates to go forth and nourish the minds of those who needed education in the community.

Councils reject parks' decision

9 MAY 1983

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

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

A statement issued by the ad-hoc committee read: "We totally reject the unilateral decision taken by the city council

of Pretoria, to close 17 parks in the area to us, as full citizens of the administrative capital of South Africa

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

"We also call on all

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

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

Ratanda gets 90 new sites

RATANDA Community Council in Heidelberg have been allocated about 90 sites by the East Rand Administration Board to start a site and service scheme.

Early last year the Ratanda Council applied to Erab for at least 200 sites to start the scheme. Erab only approved the application early this year and only allocated 90 stands.

Presently, about 611 families are on the housing waiting list in Ra-

tanda. Mr C B Mocke, the Ratanda township manager said they hoped to be allocated more sites by Erab before the end of the year.

So far 32 families have moved onto their stands and most of them are staying in tin shacks while busy building their houses.

"The shacks have to be demolished within 18 months, by which time at least two rooms of the permanent house must

have been erected," Mr Mocke said. "If families fail to erect these two rooms within this period, they will lose their sites."

The families are expected to pay R620 infra-structure fees before they can be allocated stands. They also pay a monthly rent of R26,15.

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Cape shacks pulled down

POLICE used rubber bullets and teargas to disperse stone-throwing crowds in Guguleto at the weekend after officials of the Western Cape Administration Board had demolished 207 shacks at the KTC camp.

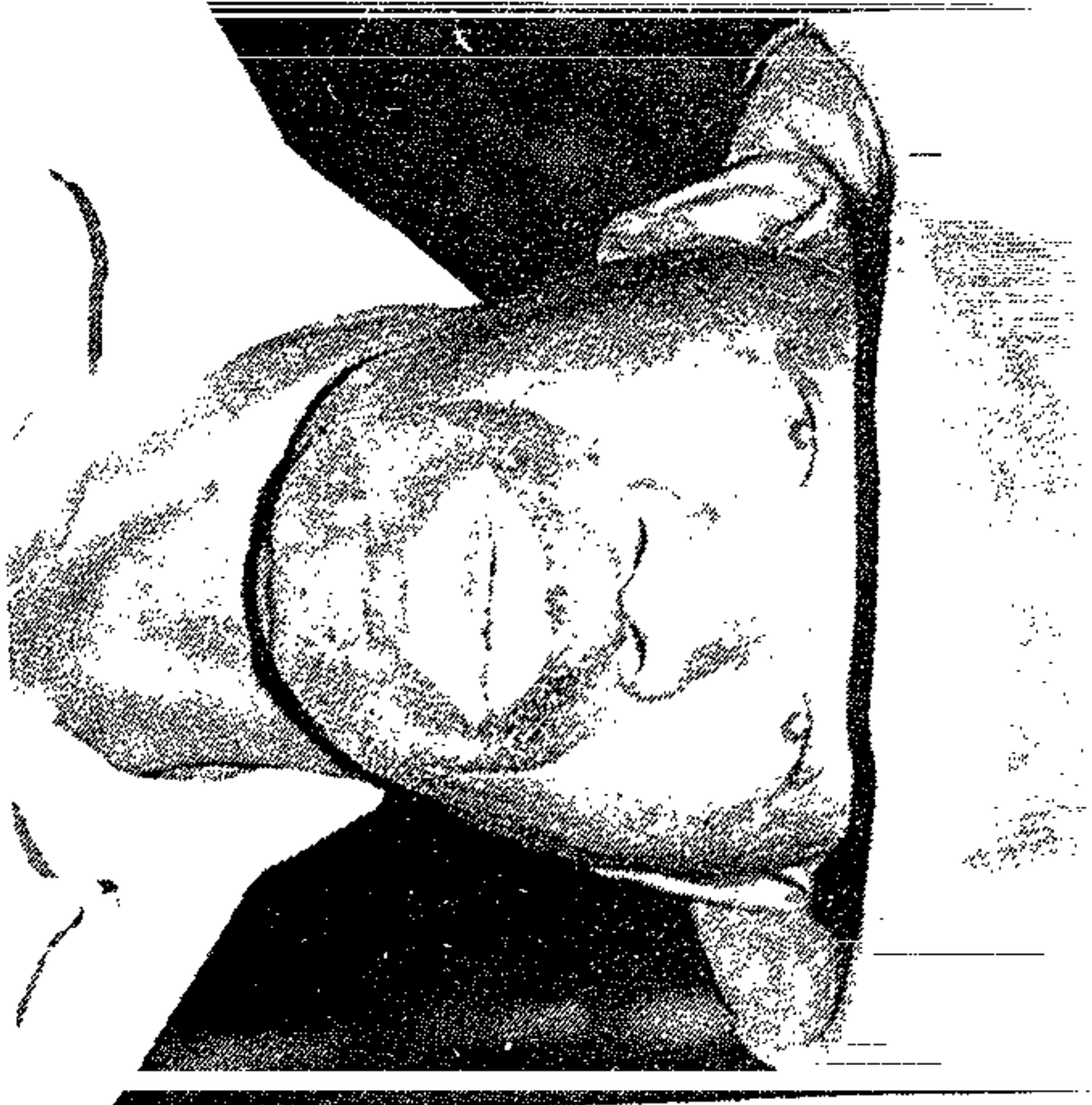
A number of commercial vehicles were stoned, two policemen were struck by rocks, a police dog was attacked with kieres, several children fainted from the tearsnake and squatters swore at police and WCAB officials as their shelters were torn down.

Captain Gerhard van Rooyen, a police liaison officer for the Western Cape, said that as far as the police were aware, no-one was injured by the bullets.

The trouble at the KTC camp began Friday morning as officials of the WCAB moved in to demolish the shacks. Teargas was used to disperse the squatters, who had resisted the demolitions on the previous day.

Police used tearspray cannisters to quell occasional scuffles which broke out with squatters and fired tearsnake from transport vehicles as they patrolled the surrounding townships.

According to Captain van Rooyen, two police

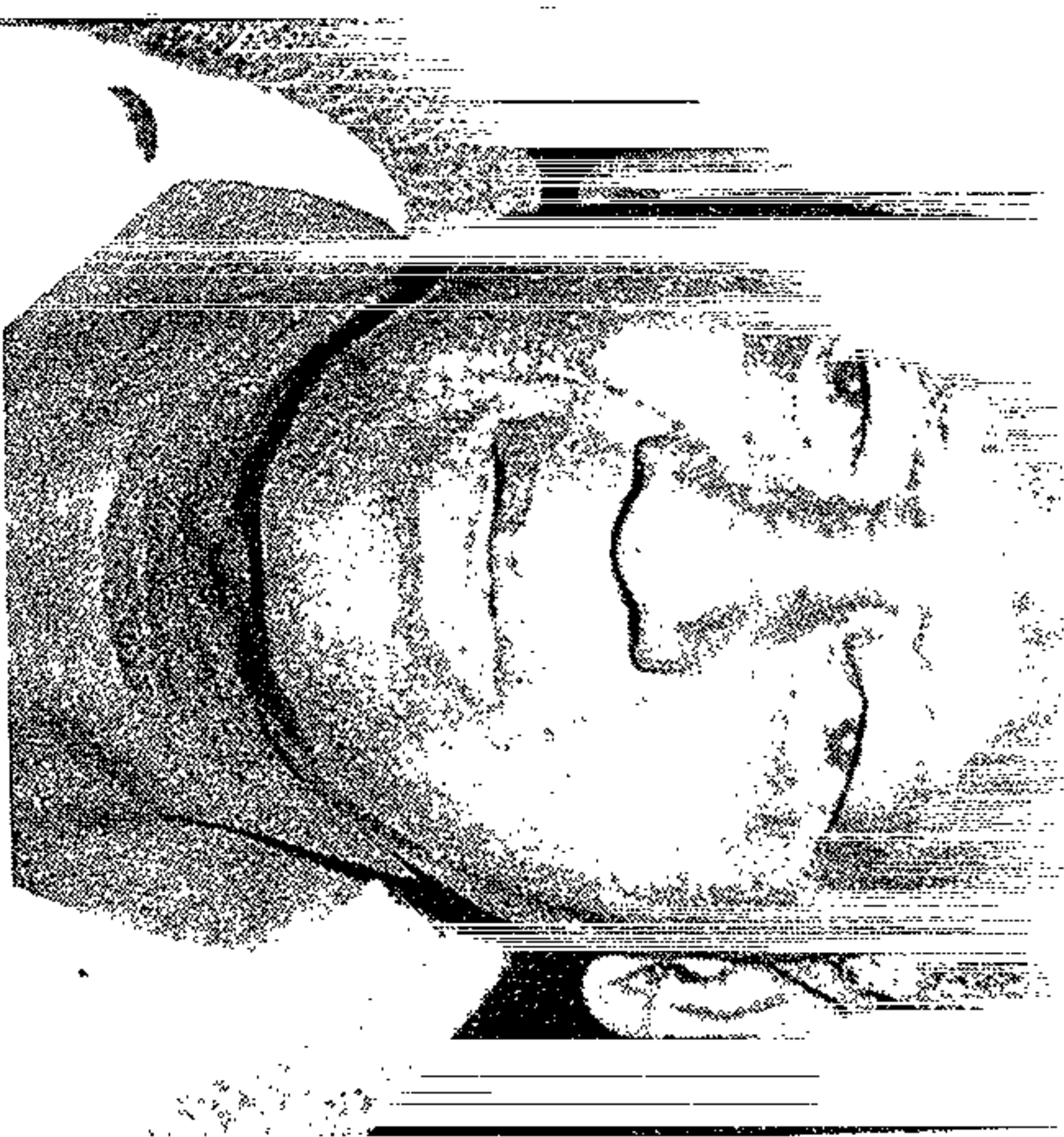


MR BENJAMIN DLAVANA: Drought threat.

ON POTCHEFSTROOM

**Killer
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MR T MAFOKO: Cattle farming is booming business.

TOWNSHIP'S LIFE BLOOD HANGS

WHITE BALANCE

By LEN MASEKO

IKAGENG in Potchefstroom is a township with a difference. Cattle farming — normally associated with rural areas — has a strong influence on the township's community.

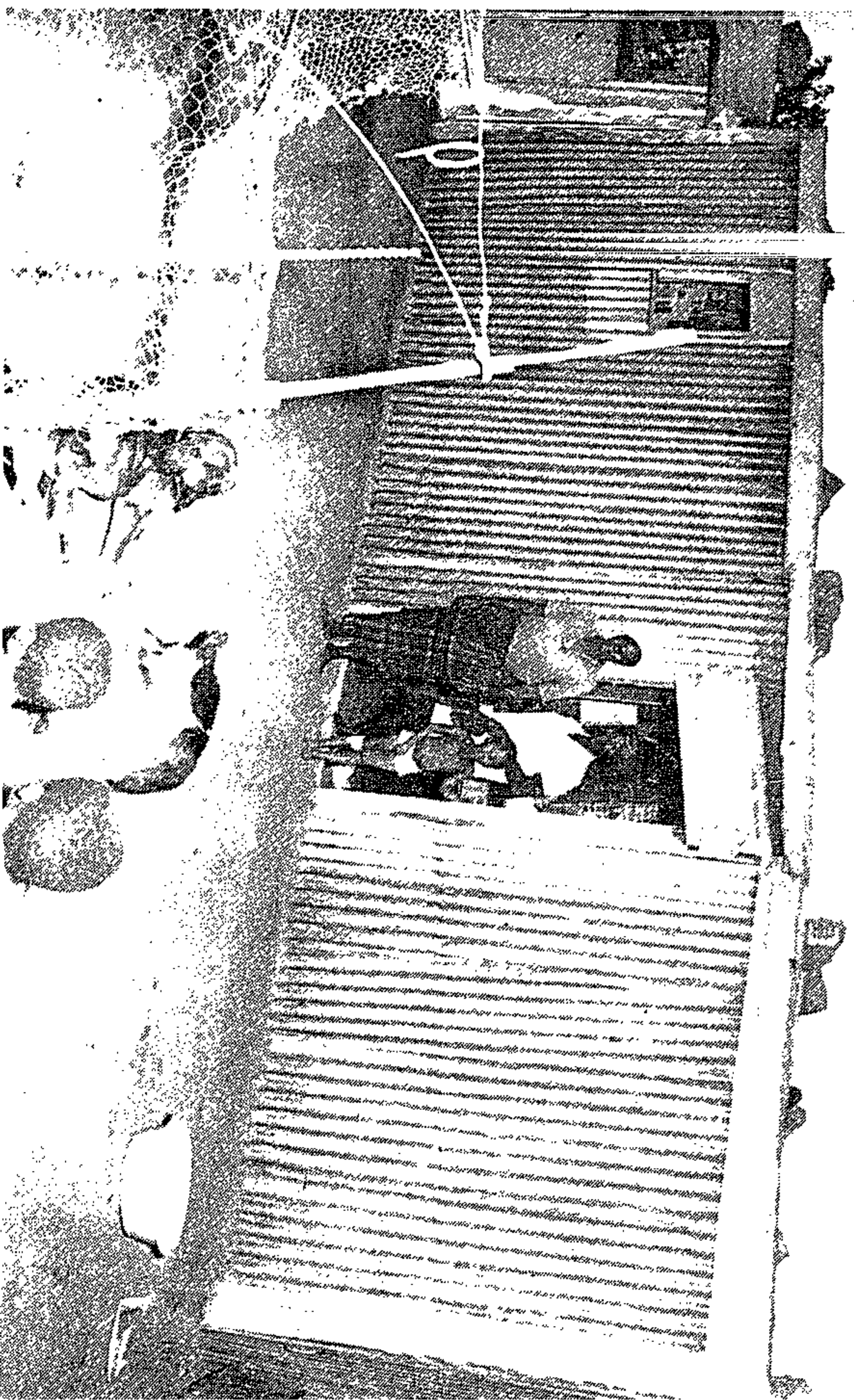
Cattle rearing has become a big money-spinning industry with local blacks and whites taking in profits from the business.

About 50 Ikageng residents are at present

jobs in town to dedicate more time to the business, while several are retired businessmen who view the whole thing as a hobby.

In fact, the township's former mayor, Mr Richard Sepotokele, boasts that cattle breeding forms a strong base of his business empire. On a good day, his cows sell at over R500 each at an auction sale.

However the crippling drought at present



CARETAKER: One of the families looking after the cattle at the ranch.

investing their money in the business with their livestock totalling 300. Some have left their sweeping the country has caused deep concern among the local farming community. With the grazing land dry, farmers fear that they may face total ruin. The drought has pre-

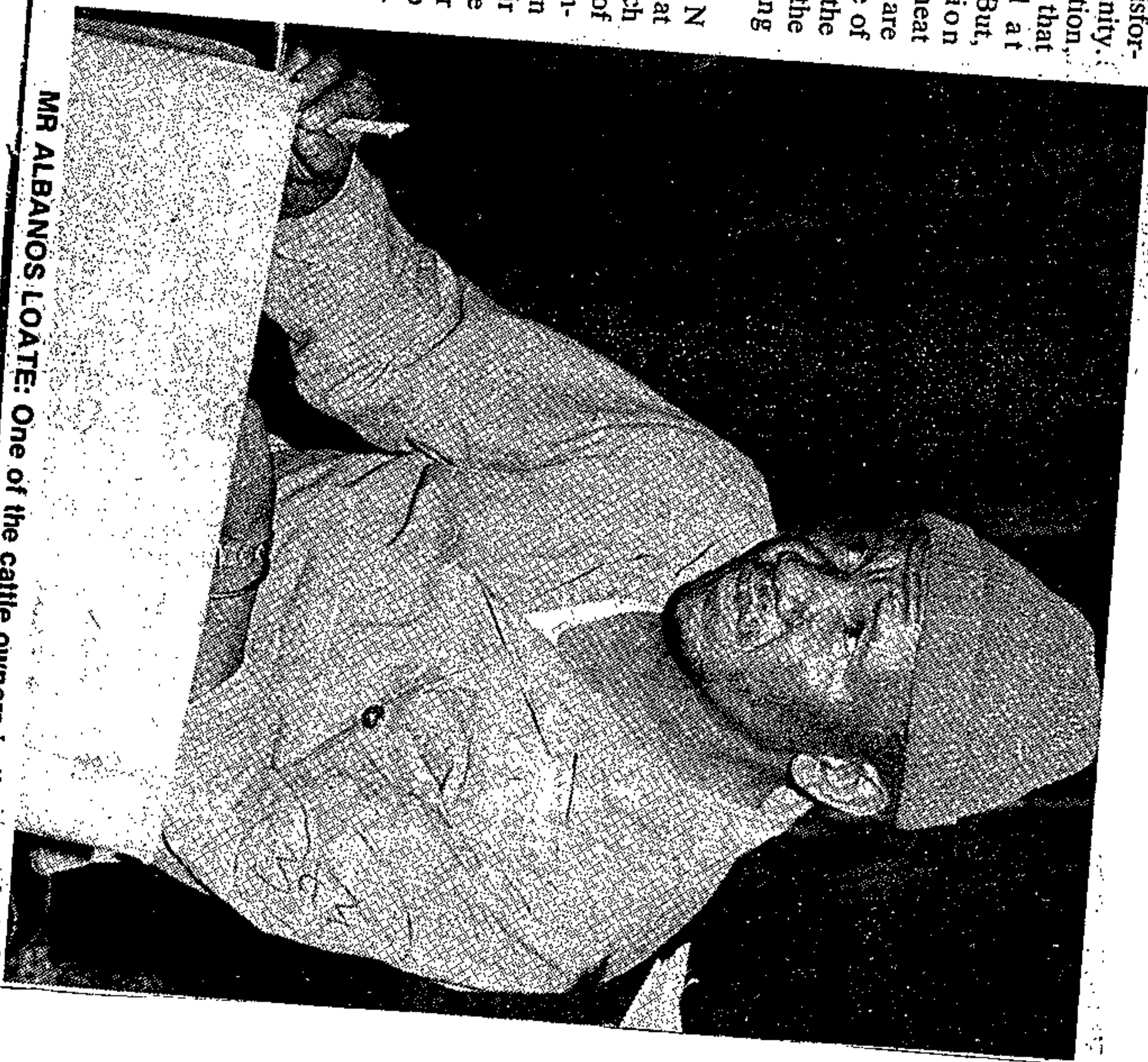


RUCHENA MODISAUTSIA: Stricken farmer.

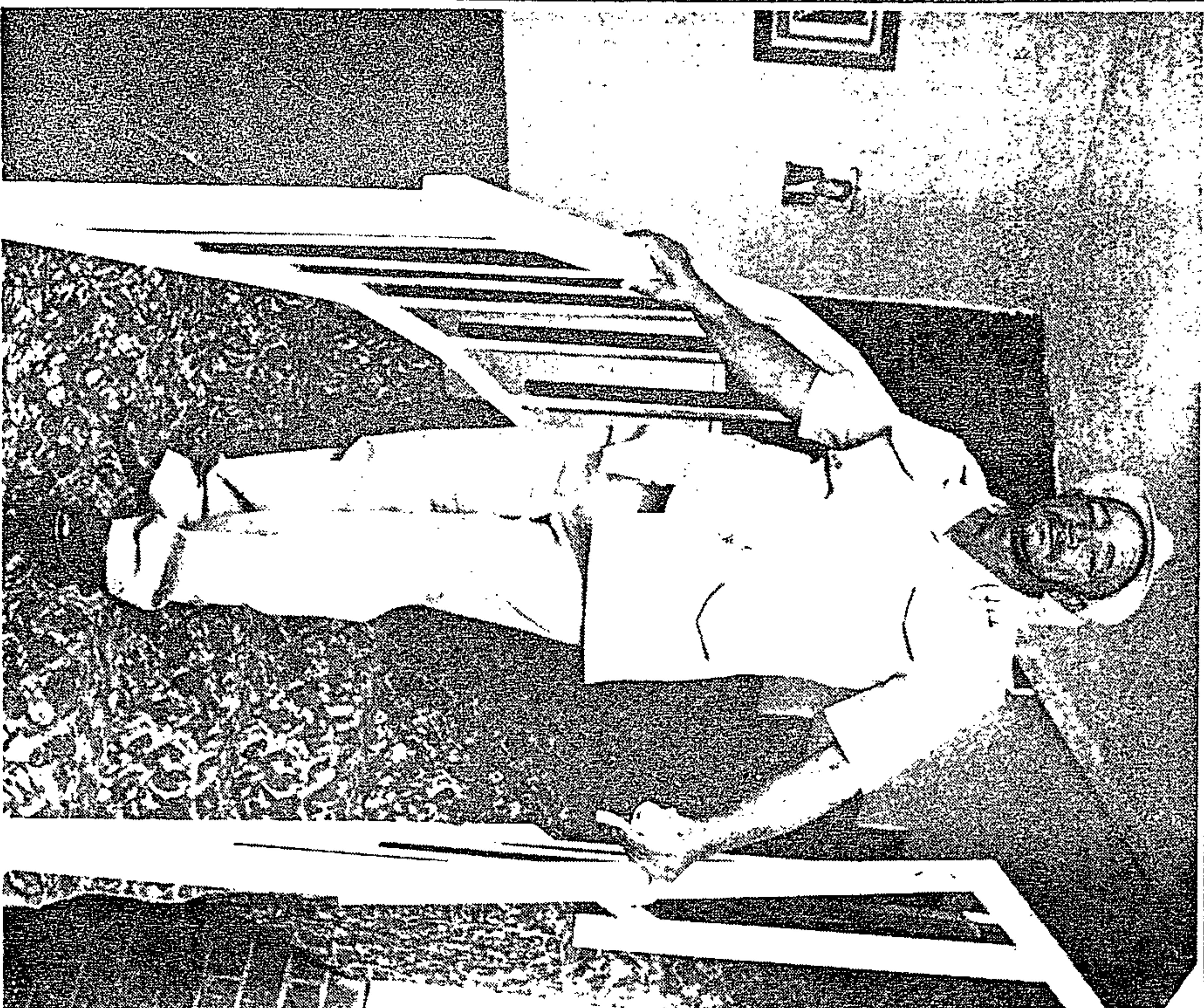
icipated a lot of misfortune for the community. At their last auction, bidding was so low that most cows sold at slightly over R80. But, even when auction prices are low, meat prices at butcheries are unchanged — a bone of contention among the farmers who feel the consumers are being given a raw deal.

The SOWETAN team spoke to farmers at a self-built cattle ranch on the northern side of the township. The farmers expressed concern over the future of their business and felt there was an urgent need for all farmers in the area to meet to discuss the issue.

Mr T Mafoko, a retired businessman, said: "Cattle farming is a good investment, except that long periods of drought can spoil your business. But we hope that things will look up later this year."



MR ALBANOS LOATE: One of the cattle owners in the area.



OUSTED CHAIRMAN: Mr Richard Sepotokele.

Ikageng's Sepotokele is a very bitter man

ONCE YOU HAVE PUT your heart into helping your community, that is where it will always lie, as Mr Richard Sepotokele who has been number one resident (mayor) in Ikageng, near Potchefstroom, until last year will tell you.

Mr Sepotokele, community leader, businessman, farmer and perhaps most influential resident in Ikageng, is a bitter man. He was ousted from the chairmanship of the local community council last year for leading a protest against tent increases.

He told the story this way: "Ikageng township was founded in 1958 and most of the present residents were from two ghettos, Makweteng and Willem Kloppersville. All the residents were allowed to build their own houses, that is

By SELLO RABOTHATA

the entrance to the township.

He said Ikageng was a peaceful place to live in. He should know as he has been there for the past 25 years. That is since it was founded and he has been involved in its planning and representation. Opportunities are there for the hard workers. He just would not like to see people being exploited, he stands for their rights first.

The Sepotokeles' house . . . oooops mansion . . . oops castle, simply called home by them, is a showpiece — right at



CAUGHT IN THE ACT: This little girl could not help but look in amusement at one of the Wrab policemen who are keeping a vigil at the Chicken Farm — a new constituency for the people from "Mochaneeng". See page 3.

Pic. by ROBERT MAGWAZA

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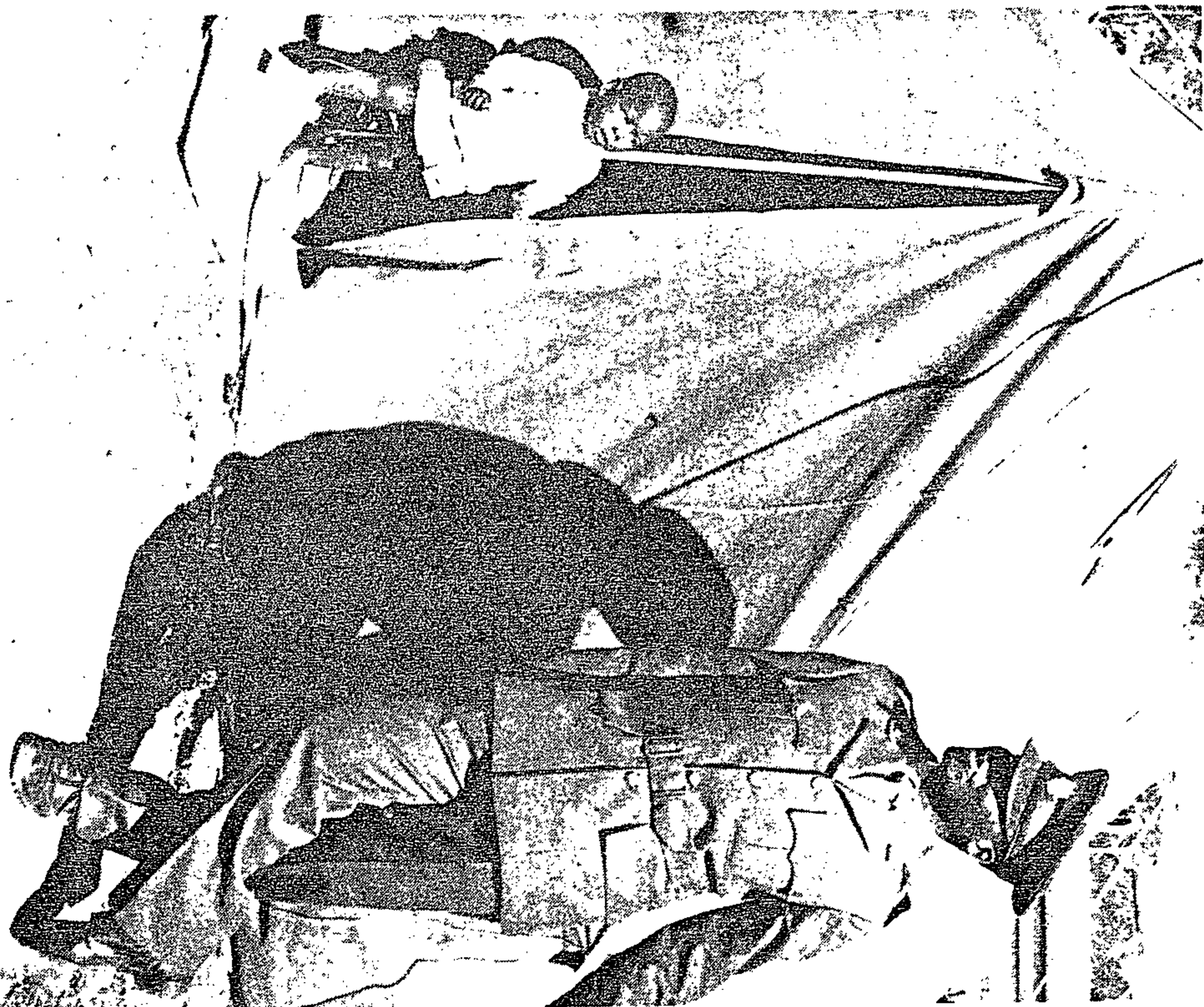
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Souls freeze in the cold of Tent City

WINTER has not yet shown its claws but a night spent in one of the tents donated by the Witwatersrand Council of Churches (WCC) to the stranded people of Mochaeneng, was like an evening in a fridge. I spent a night with the family of Mr William Nkosi, an experience I am not likely to forget in a hurry.

By ALI MPHAKI

There were four of us in the mini tent, including Mr Nkosi's one-year-old daughter Sibongile who was seated on the cold floor covered with cardboard paper. The primus stove that had been used to cook supper was kept on, but its heat was something of a joke compared to the penetrating cold wind from the nearby spruit. We were hardly in bed and already I was regretting my impetuosity on spending the night here.

SNIFFLING

Our vast shadows cast menacing figures on the side of the tent as the candle bravely

I had mixed feelings

about the West Rand Administration Board police keeping vigil over the place. At first there was the suspicion that they might take the place apart in the night. Later I was cheered by the thought that they might be keeping thugs at bay. Then I thought I would be hauled off to jail if I was found an interloper in the place. Then I wondered if I needed my passport, a permit, all sorts of insane thoughts. If anything, my busy mind stilled my chattering teeth somewhat.

would not have it.

Some of the men in the other tents woke up to investigate. We got hold of the Wrab police who quickly despatched the culprit from the scene. The widow was told to blow her whistle should the intruder try and sneak back into the tent. Then silence. The occasional hum of cars from Potchefstroom joined the howling of dogs from the nearby houses. It was bitterly cold and I longed for the warmth of my bed. I had feelings of deep pity and constant fear for myself and those around

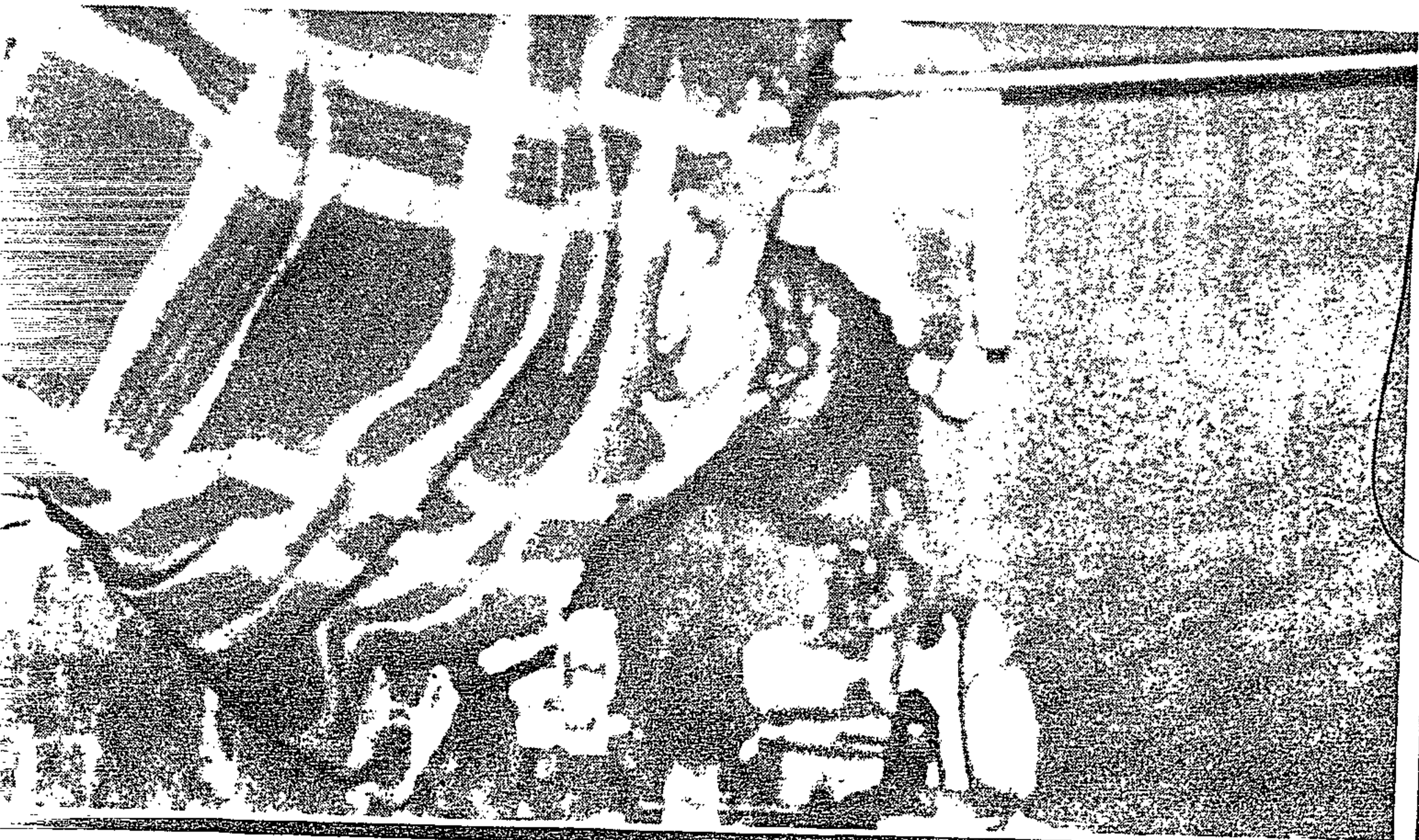
that at times shook the well anchored tent.

CRYING

A child from one of the tents was heard crying and then hush words from the mother trying to stop the little thing from troubling the sad quietness of the place.

BUS

I think I must have fallen asleep after that because I was woken up by the sound of a Putco bus in the very early hours of the morning. By then it appeared the cold had gained a striking intensity. Although the couple that was sharing the tent with me were sleeping very close to each other, I guess so as to afford their little child some warmth, I could see



SIN-TILLING

Our vast shadows cast menacing figures on the side of the tent as the candle bravely tried to keep the place lit.

There was occasional laughing from nearby tents and this gave the scene an eerie air, as if we were on a battlefield and somebody was trying to keep his spirits up.

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ACTIONS

At about midnight there was action. A woman in a nearby tent started to have a screaming argument with a man. It seemed the man wanted to share her tent, perhaps her bed, with her. She

longed for the warmth of my bed. I had feelings of deep pity and constant fear for myself and these people. That they had to spend most of their lives in this kind of situation seemed inhuman, impossible. I was young, I could take the occasional discomfort, but not as a way of life.

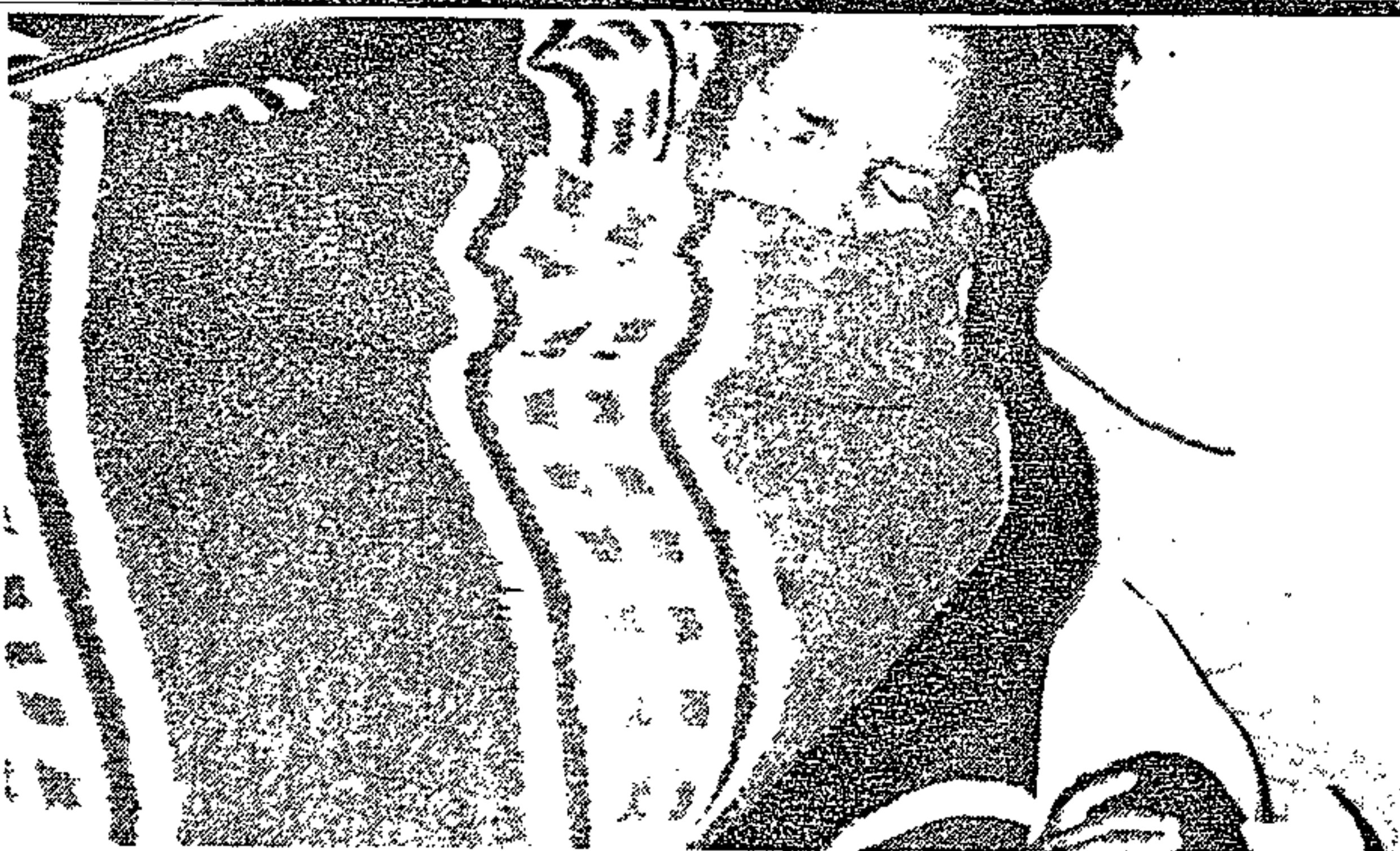
Although I had my sleeping bag and two of my "winter special" blankets, I could not help ~~feeling the~~ help feeling the devastating cold air

close to each other, I guess so as to afford their little child some warmth, I could see that the bitter cold had telling effects.

Mochaeneng, is about three kilometres from the prestigious Selection Park, Dube, and about walking distance from Rockville. As I woke up I could see smoke coming up from chimneys in these areas and I considered myself and many others who are living in "better" houses very fortunate indeed.



TENT CITY: My host Mr Nkosi and family sleeping on the floor of their mini-tent at Mochaeneng.



SHARE: Mr Johannes Peterson and wife share their mini-tent with widow Mrs Edith

HOMELESS MOVED TO KLIPTOWN FARM

THERE was a sigh of relief and general satisfaction among the about 30 families who were moved from "Mochaeneng" next to Rockville to the Chicken Farm near Kliptown by the West Rand Administration Board on Saturday.

It took five Wrab trucks and some top officials to uproot the 25 tents at "Mochaeneng", which were erected by the Witwatersrand Council of Churches to house people following the demolition of their shacks by Wrab about three weeks ago.

Their removal from "Mochaeneng" to the Chicken Farm, was like an exodus to the land of milk and honey, with sanitation facilities and water, which were not available at "Mochaeneng".

This dramatic move by Wrab comes after a series of meetings with the WCC over the plight of the "tent people". The WCC also sent

By ALI MPHAKI

Wrab two memoranda which stated that they should provide people whose shacks were demolished with alternative accommodation and that Wrab should consult the minister concerned with black housing to give this matter his urgent attention.

Last week Wrab chairman, Mr Knoetze, appealed to clergy and churches to express their concern for the homeless people by providing them with temporary accommodation. He refused the WCC permission to pitch more tents for about 23 families who are still without ac-

commodation.

Mr Knoetze requested that Regina Mundi, which is adjacent to "Mochaeneng" provide the families with ablution until Wrab could offer alternative relief.

Dr A B Asvaat, who owns a surgery in "Mochaeneng", offered his surgery for sleeping purposes for the families and also allowed families to use his toilet facilities.

The same number of tents have been pitched in Kliptown and there was rumour among the families that Wrab would soon replace the tents with prefab structures. The SOWETAN could not confirm this with Wrab yesterday afternoon.

And yesterday Wrab policemen armed with guns were patrolling the farm.

Storm in beer carton

THE WEST Rand Administration Board knew about the startling findings of a report on the presence of high levels of toxins (poisons) in sorghum beer — long before it was tabled in Parliament.

This emerged yesterday in an interview with

the Wrab chairman, Mr John Knoetze, who said he was "rather surprised" that the findings of the report — compiled by the National Institute of Nutritional Diseases in Cape Town — had been made public.

The report, tabled in

Parliament last week, said 17 out of 28 samples of industrial malt tested contained the cancer-linked substance Aflatoxin B1. It also said investigations had revealed the presence of other toxins in "unacceptably high" concentrations which could not be tested.

"We are still studying the implications of the report. At the moment we would prefer not to comment further on the matter," Mr Knoetze said of the report that has set tongues wagging in the townships.

Mr Knoetze said a statement would be released as soon as the study on the findings had been completed.

Of suggestions that sorghum sales should be stopped since it had been found to be a "health hazard", Mr Knoetze said: "No, no, no, of course not. We wouldn't want that. That would be ridiculous".

Sorghum beer sales, as is the case with beer and other liquor sales, is a major source of revenue for administration boards. According to the latest figures, nearly a thousand million litres of sorghum beer are sold by the boards every year for over R133-million.

During 1981/82 administration boards sold 700 000 litres of the beer every day.

The big test!

ORLANDO Pirates face probably their biggest test of strength at Orlando Stadium on Thursday when they take on defending league champions Durban City.

On current form, it looks like Bucs will

emerge victorious from this one. But City are determined to raid Soweto once more and return home with full points.

For full previews of Thursday's games, don't miss The SOWETAN tomorrow.

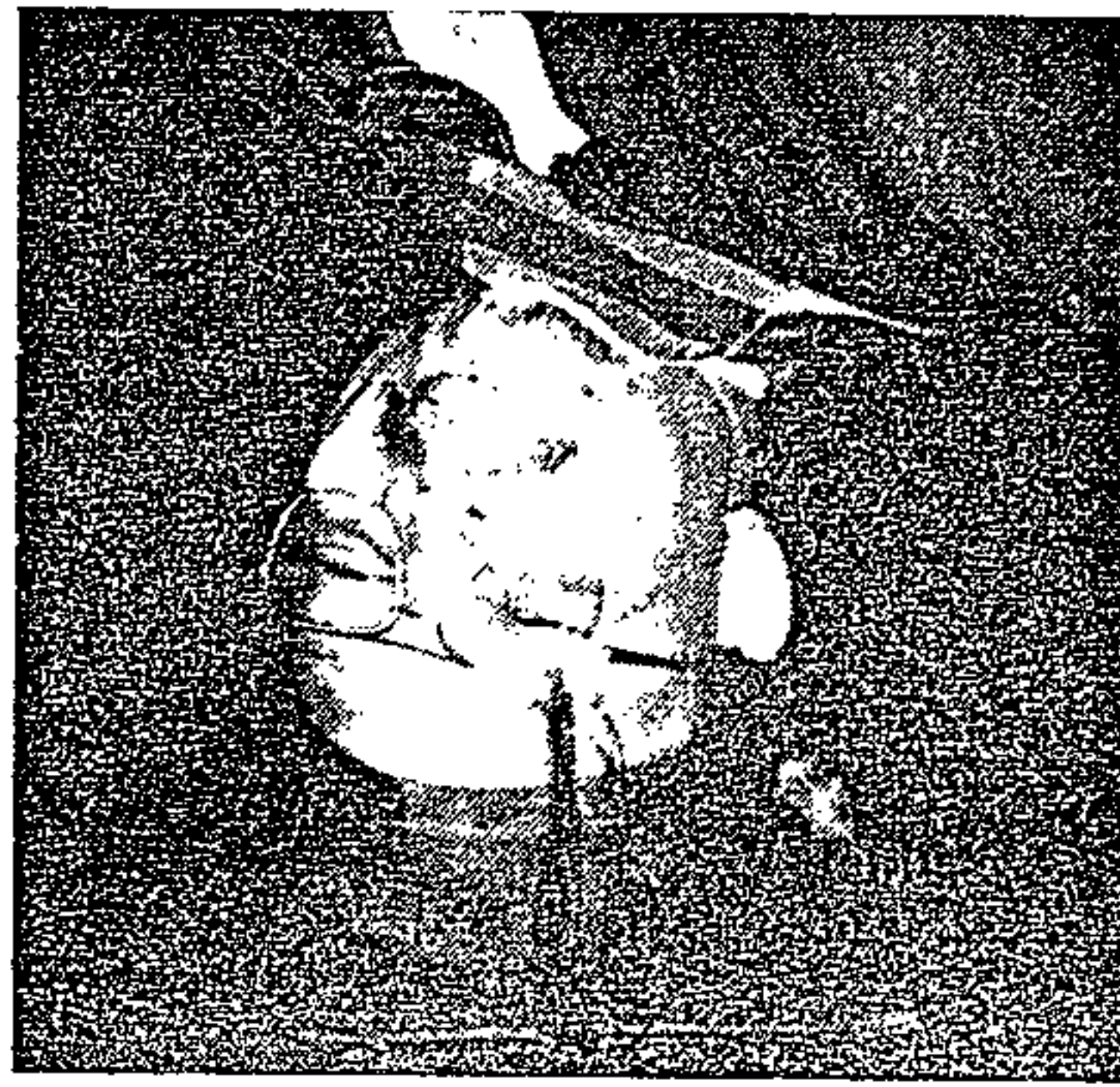
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DEATH struck in Soweto when about 13 people, including three women, lost their lives in a spate of violence. Police working

Three women lose lives



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400 homes to be built

By LEN MASEKO

THE SERIOUS housing shortage in Mohlakeng, Randfontein, will soon be alleviated following Government approval of a R3,6-million housing scheme.

The project, which has already been approved by the local community council and the West Rand Administration Board (Wrab), involves the building of about 400 houses in the township.

Wrab's director of community services, Mr Steve Burger, said yesterday the surveying of sites in the area had already started and that this process would be completed within the next two weeks.

LOAN

"The Department of Co-operation and Development has given us the green light to build the houses. All that is left for us now is to obtain a housing loan from the National Housing Commission, from whom we have asked R3,6-million," Mr Burger said.

The scheme will go a long way towards solving the housing crisis in the area, he added. The last batch of houses in Mohlakeng were built in 1978 and, since the inception of the local community council, no houses have been built in the township.

SCHEME

Meanwhile a scheme involving the building of about 800 houses at a cost of R10-million in Dobsonville has been started. The first batch of eight houses, which will serve as showpieces for prospective home buyers, is nearing completion.

Dobsonville Council Chairman Mr B Mashao said yesterday contractors had already started work on the servicing of sites, for which the council had set aside R1-million. In addition, the council has made available 350 sites for development by individuals.

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Prefab units for Soweto tent dwellers

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By Jo-Anne Collinge

Sturdy, serviced homes are in sight for most of Soweto's evicted shack people who moved into tents in desperation 10 days ago.

Chairman of the West Rand Administration Board, Mr John Knoetze, confirmed yesterday that the board would provide homes — probably prefab units — on serviced sites as a temporary measure.

He had visited the tent town pitched at Chicken Farm, near Kliptown, and found it "cold, miserable and dangerous". Mr Knoetze added: "We are anxious to provide shelter for these families before the onset of winter, but we won't have an uncontrolled tent town."

Conflict over the fate of the evicted shack dwellers broke when the Witwatersrand Council of Churches provided the families, whose shacks were demolished by Wrab, with tents as temporary shelter.

Wrab argued that the council had taken the law into its hands instead of bringing the families to the board.

The council said it had appealed to the board in vain and families had visited Wrab offices without result.

The tents were erected on an unserviced site opposite the Regina Mundi Church. At the weekend they were moved under Wrab supervision to Chicken Farm, where services are available.



A typical scene on a train from Soweto to Johannesburg.

By Sol Makgabutlane
and Themba Khumalo
In Soweto only the fittest and the strongest arrive at work on time.

It is not an unusual sight to see an elderly woman, with heavy bags on her frail shoulders, racing to catch that early morning train.

It is also not uncommon to see old people jostling and elbowing youngsters aside to get places on the trains. The younger spirits hang on to train doors and window frames next to the driver's

Songs of frustration track travellers to work

compartment to avoid the crush in the third-class carriages.

A chorus of singing women has become a hallmark of Soweto trains. A train that does not have these people, who chant songs of every religious denomination, is like a book without pages.

Somewhere in the crowded coach a solitary figure with greying hair tries to convert young commuters to his "purified" lifestyle. He shouts, condemning the high crime rate in the sprawling township. People seldom pay any attention to his rhetoric. But when he starts

to sing everybody joins in

Some claim that commuters sing on trains to vent their frustration about the hectic day that awaits them. Some say they do it because they want to forget the hazards of the journey.

Boys selling apples struggle through the

crowds eager to buy the fruit.

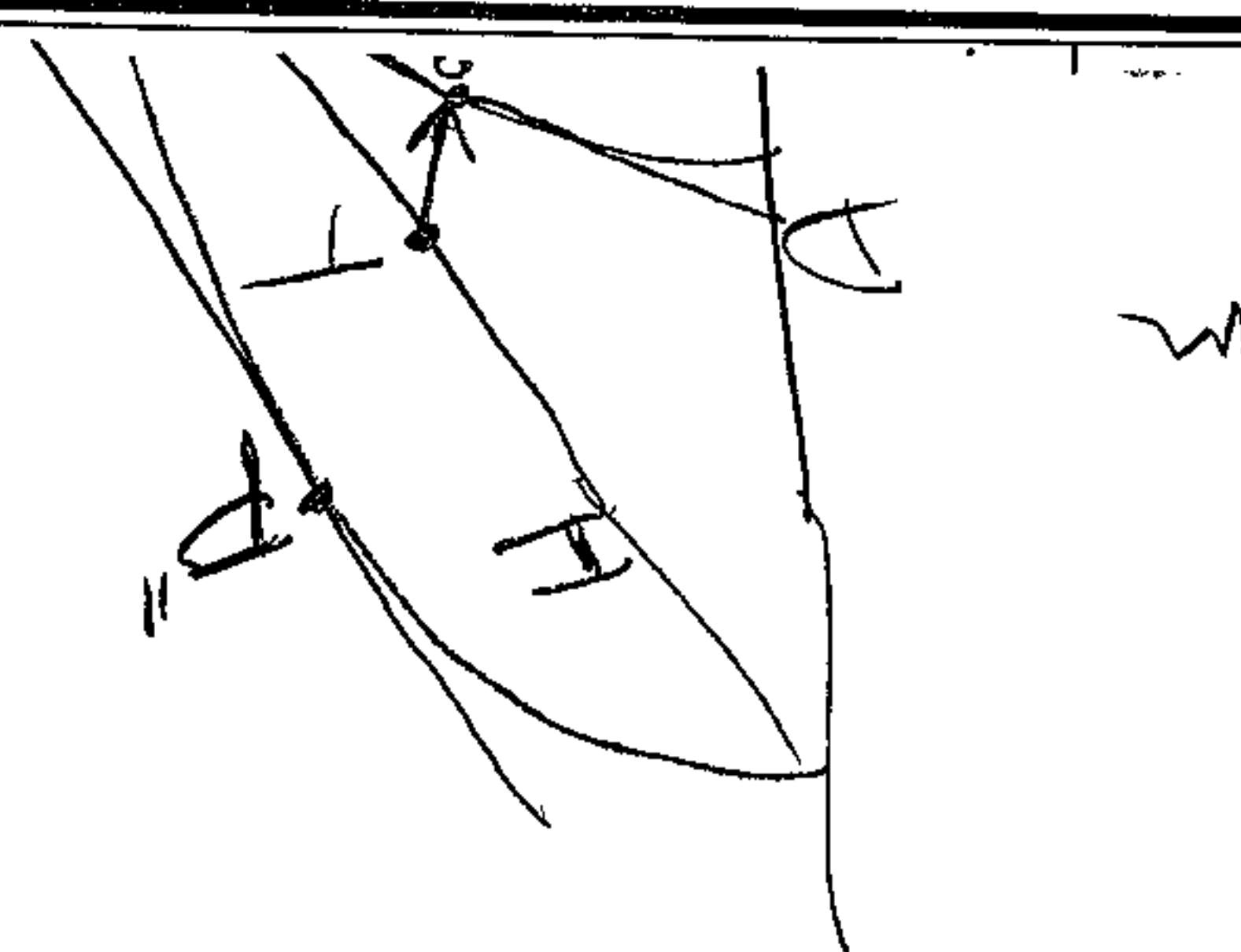
Then there are the unscrupulous pickpockets whose lithe fingers lift valuables from the pockets of the unwary. Sadly, the victims are usually the elderly.

As soon as the train reaches either Johannesburg, Faraday or Westgate stations, another "war" erupts.

The singers fall silent and the rush for the barriers begins. Once again the old people lustily take part in the pushing, elbowing and shoving.

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WRAB PLANS SHELTER FOR TENT PEOPLE

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LIVING IN tents and being exposed to the bitter cold of the night will soon be a thing of the past for the about 30 families at Chicken Farm near Kliptown.

The West Rand Administration Board (Wrab) will erect prefab structures at the farm, the Reverend Cecil Begbie of the Witwatersrand Council of Churches (WCC) said.

Mr Begbie added that an agreement was reached between the WCC and Wrab that no additional tents may be pitched at the farm as Wrab will erect prefab units to house the families.

This move by Wrab, comes after a series of meetings with the WCC over the plight of the families. On Saturday top officials from Wrab and five trucks uprooted 25 tents that were pitched at "Mochae-

By ALI MPHAKI

neng" by the WCC to house the stranded families whose shacks were demolished by Wrab about three weeks ago, and resettled them at Chicken Farm.

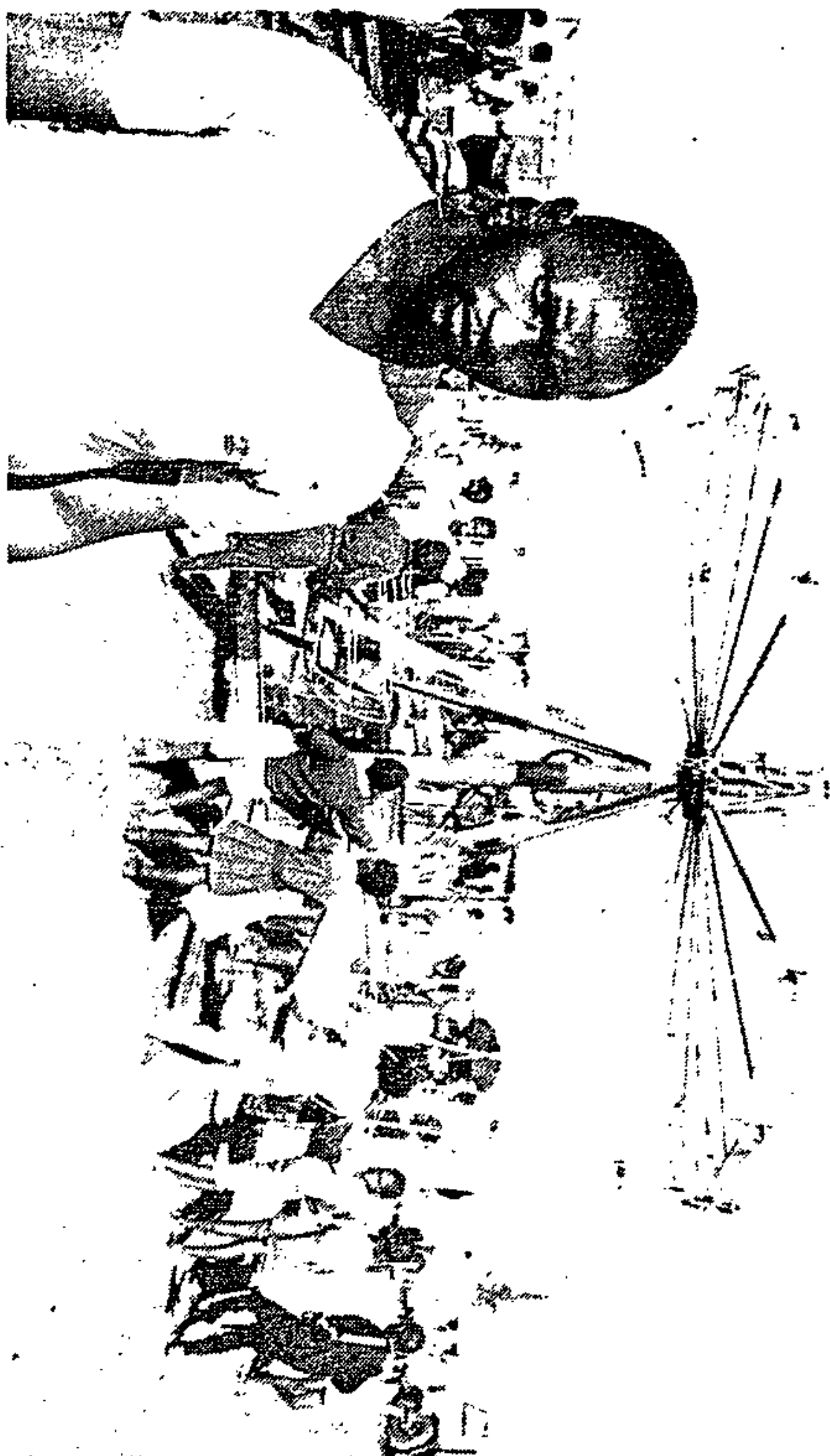
Mr Begbie said yesterday morning they were busy at Wrab's Jabavu offices trying to help some of the families who have not been housed yet. Mr Begbie said although there might be some who do not qualify to be in Johannesburg, they hoped to get in touch with organisations like the Blach Sash and the South African Institute of Race Relations to help them.

He said he was grateful for the role the Press had played in exposing the plight of these people.

Wrab's chairman Mr John Knotzee said no private organisation will be allowed to pitch tents in the area. He said an "agreement" has been reached between him and the WCC that no additional tents will be pitched and if any organisation had money to house these people, "let them give it to us as we are in a better position to use it by building these people houses instead of tents".

He said the appalling conditions of sleeping in tents as reported in **The SOWETAN** yesterday were a matter of great urgency to Wrab and they were arranging "something" for the families.

The fun fair comes to town



SHOWGROUND: Mr John Lekekele with his merry-go-round in the background.

ON POTCHEFSTROOM

SPOTLIGHT

By SELLO RABOTHATA

COMPLAINTS over the lack of recreational facilities and of children being knocked down by cars in the dusty streets of Ikageng touched a soft spot in Mr John Lekeke's heart and he vowed

to do something about it. Mr Lekekele owns a set of merry-go-round equipment and moves his entertainment show around the townships

and the mines. Hundreds of little ones — even teenagers attend — converge on the rented playground to enjoy rides on the spinning swings.

He started working on the mines until the day he lost one of his fingers at work, then he thought of other ways of making money without the danger of facing such hazards. He was struck by the merry-go-round idea when he saw one at the mines and realised how much black children needed this sort of entertainment.

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"I started as a front for a white man, but when I realised that there was a lot of money involved I began seriously thinking of buying my own equipment. I did this by buying the sets piece by piece. I am still going to buy more sets, although of a different kind, to add variety," he said.

He rents an open area in any township on his schedule and in Ikageng he paid R143,30 for a week's rental. The number of laughing children, as they play, makes him realise the joy he has brought to the township and their safety is guaranteed for the hours spent there.

The children pay 40 cents for a ride on the small swings and 60 cents for the big one. Mr Lekekela said he visits the mines at weekends and the townships during the week.

Well, Mr Lekekela has done his bit but he obviously cannot please everybody. Some of the residents are not merry-go-round crazy or they are just too old to swing their leisure time away. Other forms of recreation are needed and Mr Boetie Viljoen feels something has to be done soon before local talent wastes away.

He said: "We have a lot of talented youngsters in this place, but because of financial problems this talent is never exposed. Our footballers end up playing for teams in neighbouring townships. Look at George "Harari" Makhubela, he had to join Orlando Pirates to further his career on the football fields. Many more will follow suit if nobody comes with a solution to improve the lot of the youth."



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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.

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Residents won't move

THE PEOPLE of Uhudi Township in Vryburg, Northern Cape, are once again up in arms against the Government's threat to move them from their homes and resettle them in Bophuthatswana.

Later this month they will hold a protest rally to which they have invited Dr Nthato Motlana, chairman of the Soweto Committee of Ten, to address them.

This was confirmed yesterday by a spokesman for Uhudi Civic Association, who said his association was organising the rally to be held on May 28.

The spokesman, who asked not to be named, said the people of Vryburg were bitter about the Government's intention to move them and he added that the area where they were to be

resettled, Pudumong, is 55km from Vryburg.

He added that since 1970 the development of Uhudi had been frozen and it had become illegal for anyone to build or to renovate an existing house. He also said the Northern Cape Administration Board had threatened to demolish 462 houses said to be dilapidated and uninhabitable.

"But it is conceivable that if people could not do anything to their houses for the last 13 years, they should be wearing out rapidly. We believe that the reason for refusing us permission to renovate our homes was to ensure that they became dilapidated to justify their being demolished and us being forced to leave the area," he added.

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Soweto: aerial survey

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Mr. G. B. D. McINTOSH asked the Minister of Co-operation and Development:

(a) What is the estimated total cost of the aerial survey of Soweto and (b) how is the survey being financed?

The MINISTER OF CO-OPERATION AND DEVELOPMENT:

(a) Approximately R4 million.

(b) An application for a loan from the National Housing Fund has been submitted to the Department of Community Development.

Hostel rents indaba

THE Alexandra Liaison Committee (ALC) is to make representations to the West Rand Administration Board concerning hostel rentals which have been hiked by almost 180 percent — between R9 to R25 a bed — from May 1.

The committee's spokesman slammed the new tariffs and said that they were concerned about the level to which Wrab has increased the rents.

"We are going to persuade Wrab to reduce the hikes. Ordinary people cannot afford to pay so much. If we fail in persuading them we will have to devise some means to help the hostel dwellers," the spokesman said.

Wrab's chief executive officer in Alexandra, Mr Gert Steyn, said the hikes at the old hostel, were to bring them in line with those at the new men's hostel which is R31,10.

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Townships: permits

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775. Mr. G. B. D. McINTOSH asked the Minister of Co-operation and Development:

- (1) How many standing permits to enter Black townships administered by the West Rand Administration Board were (a) issued and (b) withdrawn in 1982;
- (2) what is the procedure in respect of the withdrawal of such permits?

The MINISTER OF CO-OPERATION AND DEVELOPMENT:

- (1) (a) Separate records are not kept of *ad hoc* and standing permits. The total number of permits issued in 1982 is 18 792 of which approximately 6 250 were in respect of standing permits.

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- (2) By means of a written notice to the permitholder.

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Indaba over Reef housing

A DELEGATION from the Reef Steering Committee representing thousands of shack-dwellers will today meet the Chief Commissioner of the Department of Co-operation and Development to discuss housing projects in Johannesburg.

According to an executive officer of the committee, Mr Ambition Brown, the discussions will include the position of shacks on the Reef and tent dwellers.

The committee was formed by interested parties on the Reef following large scale demolition of shacks in Soweto and on the west and east Rand by administration boards and community councils.

Mr Brown said following several complaints by residents about the housing crisis the committee decided to submit a memorandum to the deputy minister of Cooperation and Development, Dr Morrison, who advised them to meet the commissioner for the area.

Store demands apology

THE chairman of the Soweto Community Council, Mr David Thebehali has been asked to withdraw his claims that the Black Chain supermarket is a business fronting for whites.

Mr Thebehali's accusations were strongly refuted by the Public Relations Officer of the National Federation African Chamber of Commerce (Nafcoc), Mr Gabriel Mokgoko at a Press conference in Johannesburg at the weekend. The meeting was attended by Mr H Q Majola, managing director of African Bank Limited, Mr Sy Kutumela, managing director of African Business Publications Holdings and Mr Matodzi Liphosa, Project Development Manager, African Development Construction Holdings Limited.

Mr Mokgoko explained that the

Press conference was convened to clear the confusion which might have arisen regarding the Nafcoc sponsored Black Chain following Mr Thebehali's attack on the supermarket.

Mr Majola said the Black Chain was effectively black, with some 800 black shareholders. He said its share register was available for inspection by any interested party. He said Mr Thebehali had been asked to apologise to the company within a "certain specific time."

Mr Majola said the company had only black directors. He said shares were still open and available to blacks to buy.

He said only 15 percent of the company's capital was held by shareholding banks (whites).

The percentage was expected to decrease with future increase in the company's capital.



THEBEHALI



● Lack of recreation has forced these children to use their imagination to ward off boredom. The result is these self-made cars — but the danger is that they are fond of driving them on busy streets.

SOSHANGUVE township, situated some 40 kilometres north-west of Pretoria, is an exception to many South African townships when it comes to the number of educational institutions found in this area.

The township, also known as Mabopane East, was founded in the

fully tarred roads, neat rows of clean match-box houses lie on both sides. These are interspersed with large ones built by the Corporation for Economic Development, formerly the Bantu Investment Corporation, for the elite

Scenes that strike the visitor are women and

WHERE NATIONS LIVE SIDE BY SIDE

mid-70's when the non-Tswanas encountered problems with the Bophuthatswana authorities.

Realising the difficulty of persuading the non-Tswanas to move to their "homelands", the South African Government resettled the people in the new area adjacent to Mabopane West, falling under the Bophuthatswana Government.

The name Soshanguve is derived from the first letters of the ethnic groups' names in the area; SO for Sotho, SHA for Shangaan, NGU for Nguni and VE for Venda.

At the entrance to Soshanguve, there is a vast bus rank called a transfer station where hundreds of commuters gather daily to find some means of transport to their work. Driving further into the township on beautiful

children hawkers sitting in groups at busy places selling all kinds of edibles from fruits to meat.

And despite the fact that all the main roads are tarred, there are many bumpy streets and heaps of rubbish along the way.

A chat to residents reveal that they pride themselves in the fact that almost every educational institution exists in the township.

There are 10 primary schools, five high schools, one technical school and a teachers' training college. There is also an in-service training centre for post office technicians.

They further boast a glaring absence of backyard shacks.

However, one resident warned that the local authority should not be complacent but prepare itself to build more houses.

One other factor that pleases the community in this township which has no community council but is administered by a superintendent and a township manager, is the low house rent. People in four-roomed houses pay an average of R15 a month.

But, one headache for residents are the few shops in the area. There are only three shopping complexes in this big township with an estimated population of 72 000.

People complain that some residents have to walk a distance of up to five kilometres to the nearest shop. Many families are inconvenienced because they cannot send children for fear of them being robbed.

Another dissatisfaction is the lack of recreational facilities which, according to residents, were not taken into consideration in the planning of the township.

The place has a low crime rate compared to all the townships in the Pretoria area. This is attributed largely to the ever-vigilant police all over the township.

All in all, Soshanguve is a harmonious place suffering from no ethical polarisation despite people having been settled in its six sections according to their ethnicity.

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● The transfer station in Soshanguve is a hive of activity. Hawkers sell their stuff to commuters waiting for their transport.

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Councillor knocked down by train

MZOBE KILLED

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A MEMBER of the Soweto Council and chairman of the Dube branch of Inkatha, Mr Michael Mzobe, died under the wheels of a fast-moving train in Soweto last week.

Mr Mzobe, who died on Tuesday at Dube Railway Station, lay at the Government mortuary as an unknown person until he was discovered on Friday by friends and relatives who had been looking for him all over Johannesburg since he disappeared on Tuesday night.

He is believed to have left his room at the hostel in Dube on Tuesday evening and nothing was heard from him until he was found at the mortuary three days later.

A close friend and

By SAM MABE

colleague of his, Mr Robert Ndebele, told The SOWETAN that he last saw Mr Mzobe after 7pm on the night he met his death.

"We were together every day and we parted as usual when he went to his room at the hostel for JCI employees in Dube. But I did not see him the following day and when nobody seemed to know anything about his whereabouts on Wednesday afternoon, I started panicking.

"He was a supervisor at work and I could not imagine him staying away from work without telling anyone of his juniors if he had some problem preventing him from coming to work.

"The security officer at our hostel said he saw him leaving the hostel premises at about 8pm and thought he was going to the nearby shops. He also said he was certain that Mr Mzobe could not have returned that evening because he would have seen him.

"I started contacting all Soweto police stations and the hospital because I found it surprising that he had not taken his car as he always uses it and seldom walks.

"The search ended at the government mortuary when we found him and were told that he was killed by a train at 8.15pm on Tuesday. What I could not under-

stand was what he wanted at the station because even if he was going to the shops he would not have reached the station," Mr Ndebele said.

An executive meeting of the Soweto Council was planned for today to discuss Mr Mzobe's death and according to Mr Ndebele, Mr Mzobe will be buried at Maphumulo in Natal on Saturday.

Mr Ndebele said a short memorial service will be held at his place of employment on Friday.

Mr Gibson Thula, a senior member of Inkatha and Urban Representative of KwaZulu's government, confirmed that Mr Mzobe was branch official of Inkatha and he expressed shock at his death.

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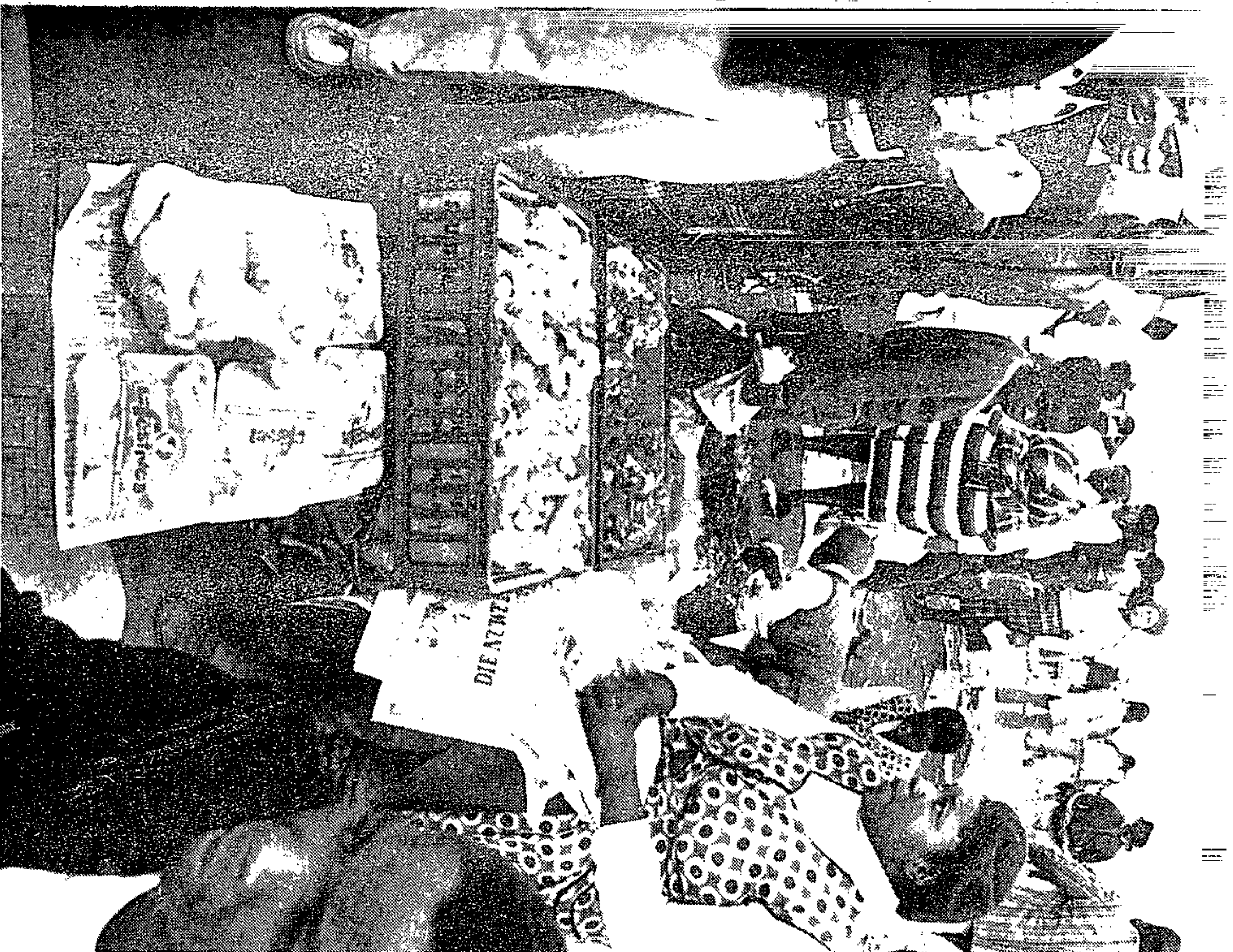
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ANYONE FOR CHICKEN? Custom queue at Mary Sae's chicken stand.

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Vendors and the law play cops and robbers

Every week The SOWETAN takes you on a round of one of the areas of it circulation. This week, our team visited the sprawling township of Soshanguve north of Pretoria. Watch this page for further reports on the activity in the township. ELLIOT TSHI-NGWALA and NKOPANE MAKOBANE wrote the stories. LEN KUMALO to the pictures.

TABLES turn and vol-
uninous skirts are sent
flying as hefty mommas
balancing boxes on their
heads scuttle for cover.
It is a police raid.

This is the kind of life vendors at Soshanguve have to face every day. Sometimes they are not so lucky to get out of sight before the police strike and are forced to pay heavy fines of up to R75 and have their stock destroyed.

The blitzes are a daily

event and most vendors have stories to tell of their encounters with the police. Some have had more than one and in each of these incidents they had to part with the fine and forfeit their stocks.

Vendors interviewed by The SOWETAN said this was a way in which the Government was denying them a chance of earning an honest income.

Mother of five Mrs

Linda Masemola, whose husband died "a long time ago," said the raids were starving her family. Mrs Masemola depends solely on her earnings from her "business" to pay rent, buy food and send her children to school.

Two of her children are at high school and the rest are still at a primary school. When her husband died, she had to do something to bring money into the house or

face starvation, she said.

The SOWETAN also spoke to Ms Mary Sape at her meat stand. Ms Sape has been selling chicken pieces to commuters at the station for the past nine years. She now has two children and struggling to make ends meet. The only thing she has achieved is the quick-thinking response of a person who is on a permanent run from the long arm of the law.

During the interview which was interrupted by customers enquiring about prices, this and that, Ms Mape let out a shriek of terror, grabbed two boxes full of frozen chicken and ran as fast as her legs could carry her massive body.

REASON

The SOWETAN team were only to learn the reason for the incident after spotting a kwela-kwela driving slowly

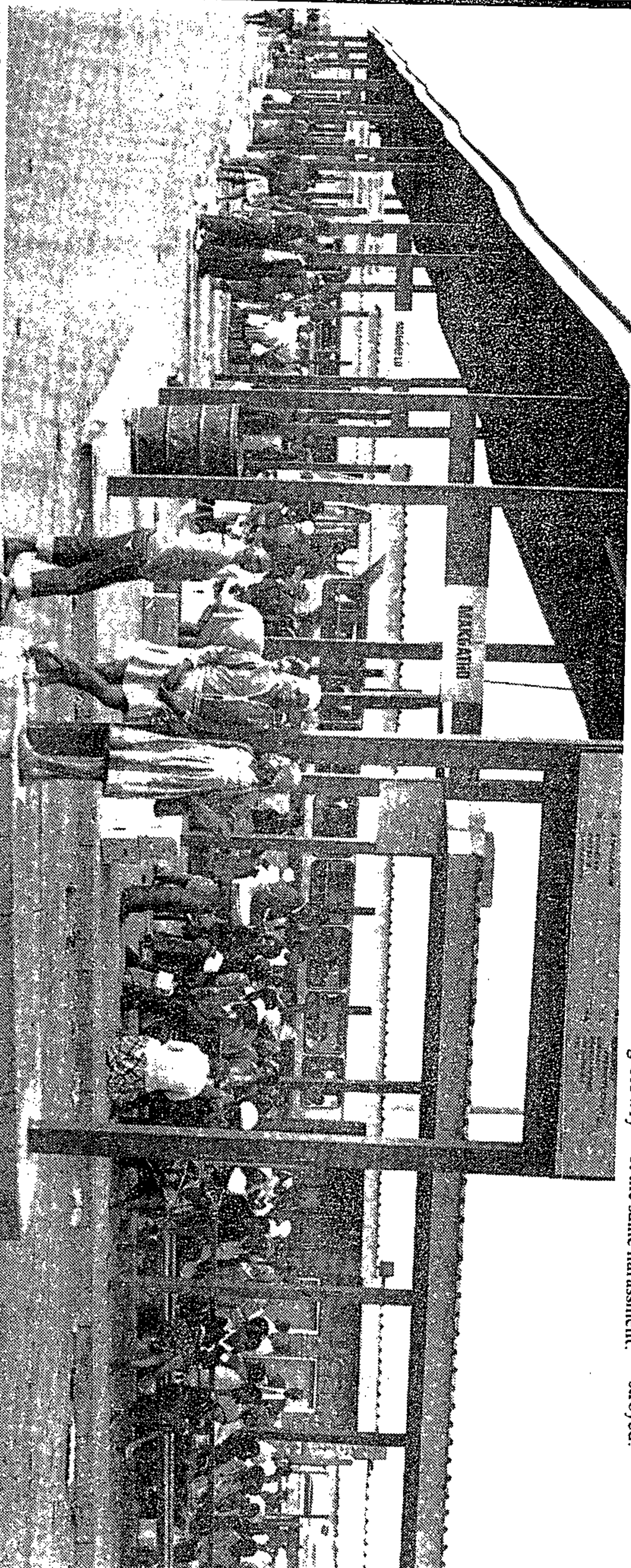
past the empty stands. As soon as it was gone she and the others who had disappeared into the milling crowd were back with their boxes.

"This is what we go through every day," she said with a smile.

Next came Mrs Martha Mofa, who complained that there was no place to hide from the police. Hawkers who do business at their homes were also victims of the same harassment.

Most people interviewed said they were eager to apply for hawkers' licences but did not know where to go and whom to consult. Previous attempts to get licences had failed inexplicably.

According to a policeman interviewed by The SOWETAN, raids will continue because hawkers sell unhealthy food. The food confiscated by the police is destroyed.



The Soshanguve transfer station or giant bus terminal is a beehive of activity. Here thousands of commuters from Soshanguve and their neighbours in Mabopane, in Bophuthatswana take their buses to their place of work in town. Bophuthatswana commuters, who use a double transport system, change from their buses to Putco at this station. It is believed the transfer station will close down soon when the local railways which is still being built, is completed.

THERE may not be many spectacular things about the huge complex called Soshanguve, but there is a man who stands out like a beacon as part of the township's short history — the Rev Father Smangaliso Mkhathshwa.

Father Mkhathshwa is tall, bespectacled, ever laughing and influential.

He is the secretary general of the Southern

African Catholic Bishops' Conference and secretary of the Southern African Region of Social Communications, the latter comprising of eight countries in the region and aimed at promoting communication and media education.

However, back in the township, he is the priest-in-charge of St Charles Lwanga parish whose church building was officially opened in 1980. The church is named after one of the Ugandan martyrs and has his relic in it.

Since his ordination in the mid-60s, Father Mkhathshwa did his pastoral ministry as he had been commissioned by his bishop. But in 1977, his brush with the law started.

He was served with a five-year banning order confining him to the magisterial district of Pretoria and Soshanguve. The order placed him under house arrest between 6am and 6pm and restricted him from attending social gatherings, entering educational institutions as well as publishing houses.

Numerous appeals by the Catholic hierarchy to have his ban lifted have been turned down.

There have been times when the Government showed a little mercy and allowed him to move out of his magisterial district. Just last weekend he attended the ordination of Mon-

Mkatshwa makes the best of it

signor Reginald Orsmond to bishop in Johannesburg.

But in 1980, the chief magistrate of Pretoria refused him an exemption from his order to attend the funeral of Bishop Mandlenkosi Zwane in Swaziland.

Apart from the fact that he was to officiate, his sister is married to Dr Ambrose Zwane, a former Swaziland politician and brother to the late bishop.

There was a time in 1979 when Father Mkhathshwa owed the Soshanguve Administration Board house rent totalling R136. He was locked out of the house for four days but his eviction order was rescinded by the township manager. He had refused to pay on the grounds that he was staying in the house forcibly because applications to stay elsewhere had failed.

He has also appeared in court for allegedly breaking his restriction order. After a number of appearances, the charges were dropped.

He has also been the target of the right-wing Wit Kommando. In 1980 he received an anonymous death threat



FATHER MKATSHWA: In parish yard.

call. This was a few days earlier to Bishop Desmond Tutu receiving a similar call. At the time he even thought of changing residence.

His first banning order was to have expired in 1982 but was renewed and is now to expire in April 1985.

Before he was banned, he was an active member of black consciousness movements like the South African Students' Organisation and the Black People's Convention.

Born in Witbank in 1939, he is a widely travelled man, having attended international congresses and addressed seminars. He studied at the University of Louvain in Belgium where he obtained his Masters degree in Theology in 1973.

During the October 19, 1977, clampdown, he was among the 47 people who were detained under the Internal Security Act at Modder Bee Prison. He spent 147 days there before he was released.

Home gives to tent people

IN what could be a challenge to other community organisations, the matron of the Orlando Home Mrs Maggie Nkwe, donated jerseys, soup packages and carpets for the families of the tent city in Chicken Farm in Kiptown.

"Although we here at the home are in very serious need of food, clothing and other material, we felt we should donate some of the material we had to other people who might be in a more critical situation than we are," said Mrs Nkwe.



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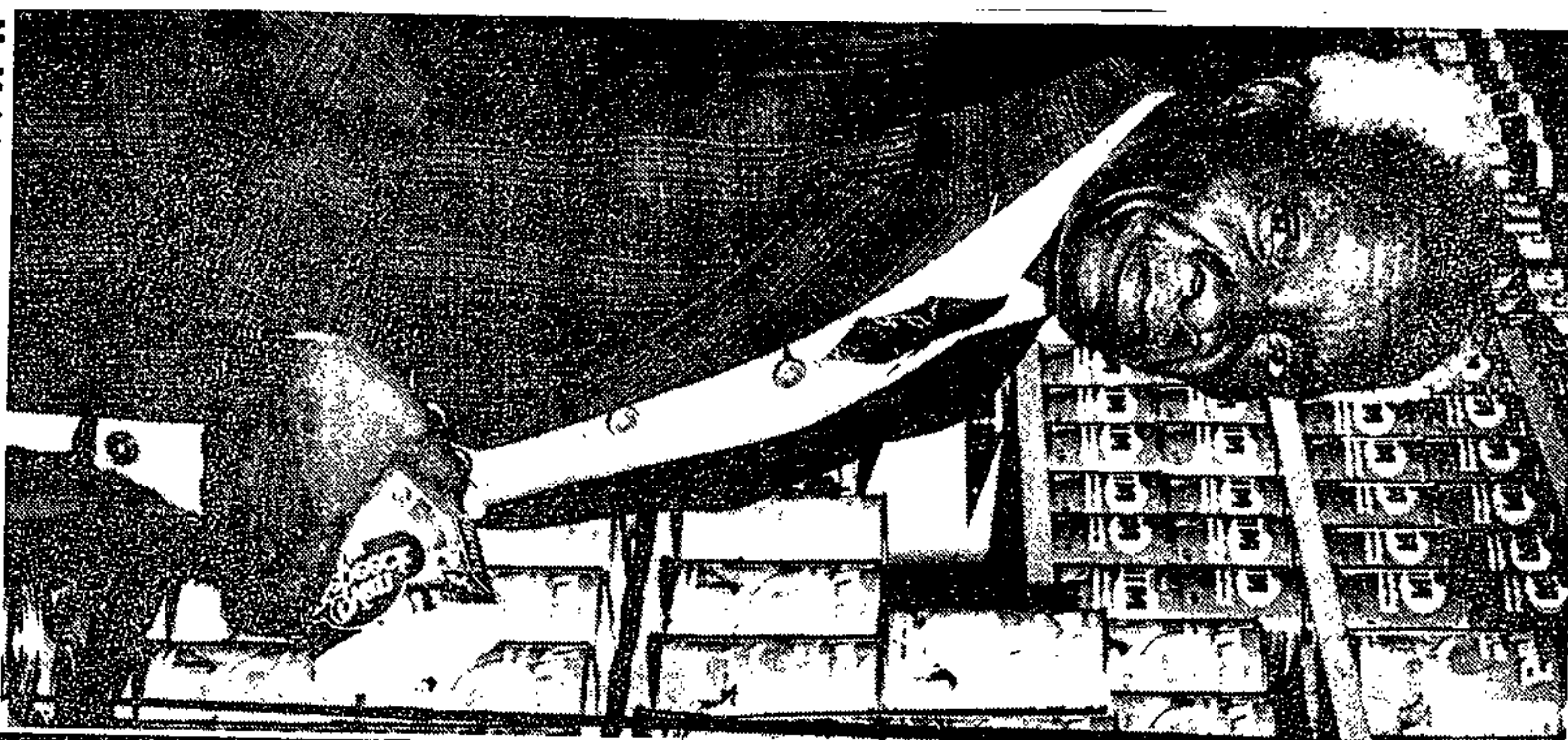
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Maluleke tells a tale of toil - but with a happy ending

ON SOSHANGUVE

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Story: ELLIOT TSHINGWALA
Pics: LEN KUMALO



Mr Maluleke ... a good end to a story that started badly.

FROM the humble beginnings as a bare-footed herdbooy in the Northern Transvaal, Mr Hlangani Rinos Maluleke is today one of the richest people in Soshanguve.

Mr Maluleke (72) is the owner of a large super-market store and is well liked and respected by the local people.

"This is a good end to a story that started badly," said Mr Maluleke whose life story is blotted with hardships and a string of bad luck.

Mr Maluleke was born in Rivola near Louis Trichardt in 1910. As a young man he looked after his father's flock like all other children of his age at the time. He never went to school and after marrying a local girl, Elinah, his present wife and mother of his six children, he moved south to seek his fortune.

He settled at a place called Walmanstad and after a number of years of hard work he managed to buy a plot where he built himself a house. It is here that Mr Maluleke's business mind started unfolding.

With his savings he managed to build a little shop but when the building was completed Mr Maluleke did not have money to buy stock, and was forced to rent the building out.

By a stroke of luck his in-laws offered him a fully-stocked shop in another township but things did not go well. After the death of his father-in-law, squabbling among his in-laws forced him to hand the shop back to them. This was a blow to him because he left the place without a penny in his pocket and had to start afresh.

Soon afterwards he fell ill and could not work for a number of years. His relatives took him to witchdoctors in the country and after five years of doctoring he was cured but his left leg was permanently paralysed, and he still walks with a limp.

Soon thereafter Mr Maluleke was back in business. This time he was offered a partnership in a bus service business.

With help from relatives and money he received from letting his shop he established himself in the bus business. It was a relief for him and his family, but luck did not last long.

In less than two years in the business he had an accident which nearly cost him his life. He stayed in hospital for two months and when he was discharged he decided he had had enough of driving and settled down at his plot.

He took back his shop and in a short time he became popular and business grew. In 1977 he moved to Soshanguve and established the first self-service business in the area.

The future is bright for the business. Mr Maluleke's children, two of whom are university graduates, are gradually taking over the running of the shop from him.

Besides being a businessman, Mr Maluleke is also the chairman of parents' committees at several schools and is also a representative of the Gazankulu Government.

High Wrab budget to ³⁴³ help blacks run affairs

By Jo-Anne Collinge ^{19/5/83}

The West Rand Administration Board yesterday approved an operating budget of almost R150 million and capital expenditure of R29,5 million.

The proposed expenditure will exceed income by R10,6 million.

Chairman Mr John Knoetze said the deficit and the increased spending — 19,2 percent above last year's figure — were necessary to establish independent local authorities in black urban areas.

"The expenditure for which the board has to make provision is not strictly its own because overall administration has to be maintained to provide for those tasks and functions that community councils and — shortly — the envisaged black local authorities should be doing themselves, but for various reasons are not yet equipped to handle."

Because of this, Mr Knoetze said, he expected the Treasury would approve the budget although expenditure exceeded the annual growth rate of 9,75 percent laid down for local authorities and administration boards for the coming year.

The councils and committees of the areas which fall under Wrab's jurisdiction have independent budgets. Taken together with the Wrab budget, these account for spending in excess of R400 million.

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Greater Soweto community councils: loan
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*16. Mr. G. B. D. McIntosh asked the
Minister of Co-operation and Development:

(1) Whether an overseas loan was nego-

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tiated by the Greater Soweto community councils in 1982; if so, for what (a) amount and (b) purposes;

- (2) whether the funds so obtained are held in a special account; if so, (a) what is the nature of, and (b) who authorizes withdrawals from, such account;
- (3) whether any payments have been made from this account to the consultants conducting the aerial survey of Soweto; if so, (a) how many, (b) on what dates and (c) for what amounts in each case?

*The MINISTER OF TRANSPORT AFFAIRS (for the Minister of Co-operation and Development):

(1) Yes.

(a) 150 million dollars.

(b) For the upgrading of civil services in Greater Soweto.

(2) Yes.

(a) The nature of the account is a trust account managed and controlled by the project agent (Volkskas Merchant Bank) on behalf of the overseas banks.

(b) The process of authorizing withdrawals commences with the project engineer followed by the resident engineer (both from Van Wyk and Louw) and finally by the Chief Engineer of the Roads Department of the Transvaal Provincial Administration.

(3) No. (a), (b) and (c) Fall away.

The West Rand Administration Board yesterday passed a R147 million operating budget.

Departments handling direct services — housing, electricity, job placement and unemployment funds — got less than R19 million, but this belies the work they supervise. Jo-Anne Collinge reports.

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Wrab is reliant on outside housing funds

The budget of the West Rand Administration Board reflects only a portion of the housing activity for which it is responsible — funds are generally channeled through Wrab rather than provided by it.

Mr John Knoetze, chairman of Wrab, reported yesterday in his budget speech that his department of community services, which is responsible for housing, gets about R3,5 million of the R147 million budget. But building work many times that value has been done in the Wrab areas in recent years.

The chairman's budget report indicates that Wrab itself erected only 579 houses in 1982/83. It showed greater involvement in procuring single occupancy hostel accommodation, building a 1 500-bed unit in early 1982 at George Goch, where two further units — accommodating 2 000 — are nearing completion.

The board plans to extend the Kagiso Hostel by 312 beds and to lease the No 2 compound at Rand Leases Mines to house 2 500. A further three-year lease has been signed by Wrab on the CMR hostel.

Funds for housing come mainly from the National Housing Fund and the private sector, the report reveals.

The housing fund will provide for 514 units in Alexandra and Mohlakeng in 1983/4. It has also funded the servicing of sites for a further 1 513 units in the pipeline at Alexandra, Krugersdorp and Mohlakeng.

Mr Knoetze states: "Progress is being made in negotiating an external private sector loan on terms that will enable it to be channelled into low-cost housing schemes." The amount involved is R25,5 million intended to provide over 3 000 units in various townships.

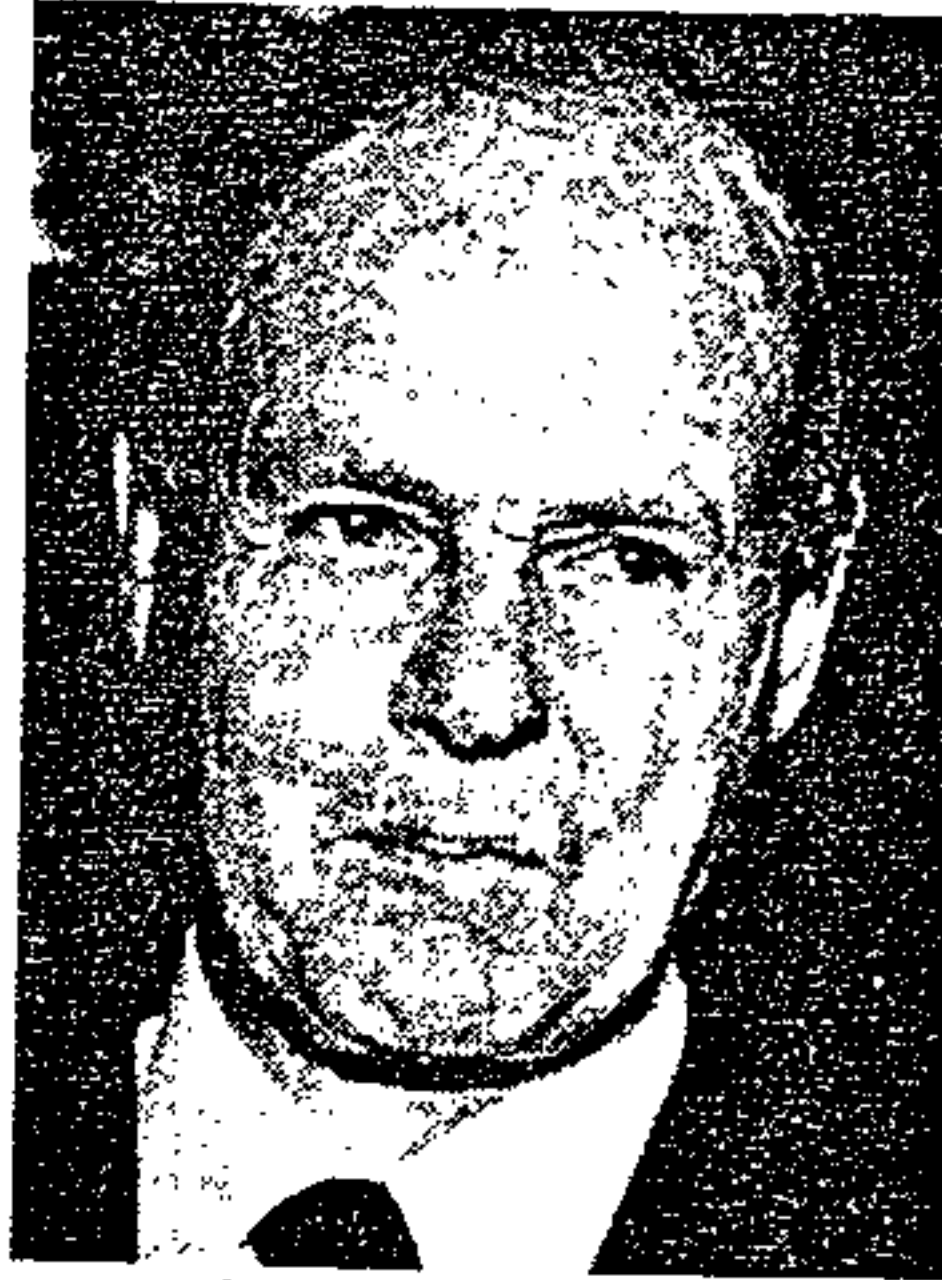
In the past three years renovation plans for work to the value of R32 million have been approved by Wrab. The number of homes involved is 6 166.

While 17 131 homes have been sold on certificate of occupation since 1976, 2 657 leasehold sales have been contracted and 1 462 more applications for leasehold have been made.

● Wrab estimates there are about 500 families of squatters in the townships it controls who qualify for family housing.

The chairman reports the board has begun building an emergency camp near the Fred Clark centre in Soweto "where a limited number of families can be accommodated in neatly constructed zinc huts and where essential municipal services can be provided at the lowest possible cost".

He adds that the camp is a purely temporary measure and that the servicing of more than 1 000 sites in Naledi, where core houses will be erected, is being pursued with urgency.



Wrab chairman John Knoetze

Many Manpower Dept duties taken over

The West Rand Administration Board has assumed many of the service responsibilities of the Department of Manpower in its area and the expenditure of its own manpower department is expected to be nearly 27 percent higher in 1983/4 than in the previous year.

The chairman's report states that Wrab's manpower department is "responsible for the orderly movement of blacks who work and live in the white areas in the board's jurisdiction".

It undertakes job placement

and administration of unemployment insurance as an agent of the Department of Manpower. It also assists in tracing recipients of workmen's compensation payments.

Wrab reports that there are 575 805 registered workers in its area, excluding 76 216 miners. About 170 000 of these are women.

It says it is "forced" to recruit manpower from the homelands and independent states. "Available local labour is not always readily available to fill the different categories of work," the report says.

Soweto electrification scheme on schedule

The R250 million capital scheme to electrify Soweto is on schedule and should be completed by the end of the year, reports Mr Knoetze.

Explaining the growing budget for the electrical department, Mr Knoetze pointed to increasing demand for maintenance and operation of newly installed equipment.

He said 32 109 homes in Greater Soweto already had power and that the wiring of 72 862 houses had been passed by the local authority.

"The main extra high tension reticulation system has been fully completed and taken into service," he reported. Regarding the secondary 11kV system, Mr Knoetze said 816 of 955 mini-substations were either complete or nearly complete.

The chairman reported "satisfactory" progress on the upgrading of water supply, sewerage, roads and stormwater drainage in Greater Soweto.

PENSIONER IN EVICTION DRAMA

AN AILING Soweto pensioner was forced to sleep in her neighbour's house after she was locked out of her home without prior notice that she was in arrears with her rent.

Mrs Florence Marilela of 943A White City Jabavu, said she was fetched by Wrab police from her home to the local office where she was served with an eviction notice with immediate effect.

She said although she tried to explain to the superintendent that she would only be receiving

her bi-monthly pension pay today he would not listen.

"I was shocked when after all my explanation the superintendent ordered his men to go and lock my house," she said.

But a superintendent

at the Jabavu office denied that he served Mrs Marilela with an ejection notice. He said he could show **The SOWETAN** a carbon copy of the notice served on Mrs Marilela which only warned her that she should pay her rent within seven days.

When asked why he did not consider the fact that Mrs Marilela would only be getting her bi-monthly pension pay today, he said he would investigate the matter.

Mrs Marilela was returned to her house after the Rev David Nkwe of the St Paul's Anglican Church paid her rent. Her house was opened hours after her rent was paid.



LOCKED OUT: Mrs Florence Marilela.

By ALI MPHAKI

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Granny evicted for power bill

By SAM MABE

A 64-YEAR-OLD widow and her family of 20 children and grandchildren has been evicted from her Orlando East home for owing R1 000 in electricity.

Mrs Gertrude Matoni, also had all her house furniture confiscated by officials of the Soweto Council and 15 people who live in four shacks erected in her yard were arrested.

According to a receipt she showed to The SO-WETAN, Mrs Matoni has paid her monthly rental for up to May and she said she did not understand how she could be owing R1 000 be-

cause the R161.40 she paid on Tuesday, was according to her, for rent and electricity as well.

She said the township manager of Orlando East, who was armed, arrived at her home on Wednesday and ordered the removal of all her household effects which were loaded into a truck. Her stove, which had been left behind, was fetched yesterday.

She also said that the township manager told her the house was to be sold to someone else.

Mrs Matoni has 10 children and eight grandchildren. She said that after the eviction, she slept at a friend's house and her children had also divided themselves into groups and sought temporary accommodation at houses of friends and relatives.

Mr J J Oosthuizen, housing director of the Soweto Council, said he was not aware of the incident but promised to look into the matter and find out what circumstances surrounded Mrs Matoni's eviction.

He also said that under normal circum-

stances, residents were not evicted from their houses for owing electricity.

"Orlando East has been problematic for us. I know that we are taking action against many people in the area because many of them don't show responsibility in settling their electricity debts in time.

"We don't normally evict people who owe electricity but if like you said there is R1 000 owing, possibilities are that several other methods of recovering that money could have been unsuccessful.



MRS MATONI: With some of her grandchildren in Orlando.

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ON the day the Maqubelas moved into their custom-designed house in Orlando West Extension, known as Soweto's 'Beverly Hills', the neighbours sent cakes.

The Maqubelas and the Dlalilas, who have a similar lifestyle and live nearby, are two families who are forging a new elite middle-class structure in Soweto.

Over 2 000 have bought their homes under the heavily-promoted 99-year leasehold scheme.

Take the Maqubelas...

Mr Armstrong Maqubela, 39, is a clerk with Wesbank and was one of his company's first black employees to build his own home with a company loan.

"We still have to furnish the study," said Mrs Maqubela, "and the garden takes quite a bit of looking after."

The new-life class structure is spreading to other parts of the black township. One example is Pimville, which is becoming exclusive, and the community thinks you're really "better off" if you live in Selection Park or Diepkloof Extension.

And so life runs smoothly for a tiny rich section of a minority of blacks known as "insiders" — those legally allowed to live in cities and who enjoy certain

Life runs fairly smoothly most of the time for the middle-class but the traffic is a problem. Mr Armstrong Maqubela has to sit in the traffic. It takes ages to get in and out of town.

"He has so many part-time jobs to earn more money, and we hardly see him on weekends. We used to go to the Colosseum, but now Armstrong is always so busy I don't even bother to find out who's appearing."

Mr Maqubela is not busy every weekend. Some Sundays he and his wife take the children to a nearby fairground, and on Saturday mornings, they shop for groceries at a Norwood supermarket.

The family have their own car.

Both Sakhie and his sister

"Sakhie says he wants to be a doctor, and then he sees something on television and he wants to be a magistrate. He doesn't know what he wants to do."

"Nomabele wants to be a social worker. I would prefer her to be educated than married. It's a security, you know."

Sakhie has become a familiar television face. Mrs Maqubela saw an advertisement in a newspaper for TV models, and she took the kids along to audition. Sakhie was a natural.

Mrs Maqubela is taking the children to Durban in December for their annual holiday.

"We normally go on holiday to the Transkei. My parents are retired there. It's a lovely country. But this year the kids want to go to Durban.

"We'll go for a few days, but Armstrong has decided not to come with us. We're very security conscious, and someone has to look after the house."

Mrs Maqubela is not working at the moment — she was a clerk for an electrical company — but has a char come in twice a week to do the ironing.

The Dialisas of Orlando East are another middle-class

When Mrs Phyllis Dlalisa, 35, realised she would be home late from work, she asked a cousin to live with the family and look after the children.

She doesn't mind cooking the dinner when she gets in.

"I enjoy my work during the day and am not too tired to cook when I come in," she said.

Mrs Dialisa does promotional work for a food manufacturing company, and this week she was in 'white' Rosebank demonstrating pressure cookers to domestic workers.

She usually drives to work.

Her husband, Pat, 41, has his own taxi, but the income fluctuates and so the family of five is dependent on Phyllis's salary.

Their son, Sibusosi, 8, attends a mixed school in Discovery, and it costs a packet — R243 a term — to keep him there.

They also live a modest three-bedroom house. They used their own savings to build it, and it is fully paid for.

Mrs Dialisa wanted the children to go to a mixed school because the facilities and education standard are better.

The school, La Salle College, agreed to take her son, but were reluctant to enrol her 13-year-old daughter, Nokutkuthla, because "the principal said he preferred to take black pupils from Grade One"

3 previous - ^{even} compliance

The issue is the R20 monthly levy the council is planning to charge consumers to pay off the R250-million loan raised for the massive electrification project.

The council's plan is to charge everyone who occupies a site a monthly levy of R20 once electricity becomes available. Even householders who choose not to use electricity will be liable.

Explains Director of Townships, Mr Jan Oosthuizen: "These people will have to help pay for the street lighting and lights in public places."

The Soweto Council now faces debt. It can't turn to the Government, because Co-operation and Development Minister Dr Piet Koornhof decreed the electrification of Soweto could go ahead only if the scheme paid for itself.

The Diepmeadow Council came up with an idea. It thought it might pay ~~the~~ electricity loan by selling houses at a whopping R12 000 instead of the estimated R2 200.

But the West Rand Administration Board put a damper on this plan. Chairman John Knoetze said all money from the sale of houses would go back into the housing fund.

The Soweto Council will meet later this month to decide what to do.

SOUTH WESTERN TOWNSHIPS



● Mrs Doreen Maqubela in the kitchen of her Orlando West home with her daughter Nomabele, son Sakhie and niece Nelisa Mafilika. Inset is Mrs Phyllis Dlalisa with the trophy and certificate her son Sibusosi won for winning a running race at his 'mixed' school. Picture by HERBERT MABUZA

Sowetans can buy homes soon — for R1 300

A NEVER-to-be repeated sales on July 1.

For the first time the Government is offering thousands of houses to blacks at bargain prices — with many attractive discounts.

Every person who legally occupies a house in Soweto can buy it for between R1 300 and R1 800.

"I wish I were a black man now," West Rand Administration Board chairman Mr John Knoetze quipped to a euphoric gathering of employers at a Johannesburg hotel this week.

"Never before has there been an opportunity to immediately acquire a cheap house that will triple in value in a year or two," he said.

There are 40 000 houses up for sale in the township, and space for 18 000 more dwelling units. And speaker after speaker at the SA Institute for Housing seminar urged employers to tell their 'legal' workers they can also own homes.

But the message is not going to be left only to employers to pass on. The Government has hired a group of marketing consultants to promote the advantages of home ownership, of participating in a property market and of accumulating capital.

It has also hired a trouble-shooter to help implement its scheme. He is Mr Johan Kruger, a civil engineer formerly with the Urban Foundation.

As the Government's newest civil servant, Mr Kruger is quite blunt about his task: "We want to create a quality of life that will make communism unattractive to blacks. No one will be left out in the cold," he said.

Equally straightforward is a private sector representative, Dr Llewellyn Kriel:

"The issue is stability. What we want is a stable workforce," he said.

Less enthusiastic were some black delegates at the seminar. They believed they were being offered sub-standard houses which they have half paid off anyway.

"Most of the houses were built 20 or 30 years ago," said one black delegate. "In the interim, occupants have put in ceilings, plastered walls, put in doors and flooring."

Mr Kruger agreed, but added the occupant has had

the benefit of shelter and would have to pay more to replace the house today.

Besides, he said, the value of the house will be calculated according to the cost to the local authority at the time of erection. Improvements will not be taken into account.

The Government favours the 99-year leasehold scheme. Building societies can only lend money if a property is surveyed and registered.

But after five years, the

response has been disappointing, said building society representative Mr Piet Kruger. Only 3 775 bonds have been registered countrywide and only 4 013 home owners have participated in the scheme.

Mr Knoetze said Wraab was selling 27 houses a day, but mostly under the 30-year home ownership scheme. To would-be home owners, this scheme seems simpler, is slightly cheaper, and offers just about the same security of tenure.

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ALEXANDRA, FORGOTTEN, DARK CITY

By MONO BADELA

ALEXANDRA township, the sadly neglected "Dark City" that gave birth to the sprawling townships of Meadowlands, Diepkloof, Dube, Tembisa, George Goch and Klipspruit West, will soon celebrate its 70th year of existence, the chairman of the Alexandra Liaison Committee, the Rev Sam Buti told The SOWETAN at the weekend.

In an interview Mr Buti said massive preparations were underway to make the celebrations a resounding success. He said various programmes depicting the community spirit of the place were being planned and as a highlight of the festivities the residents would see in colour slides the many facets of the colourful and fascinating history of the township that so much characterised the

ternationally acclaimed musician, Hugh Masekela, is said to have been a former chief health inspector of Alexandra.

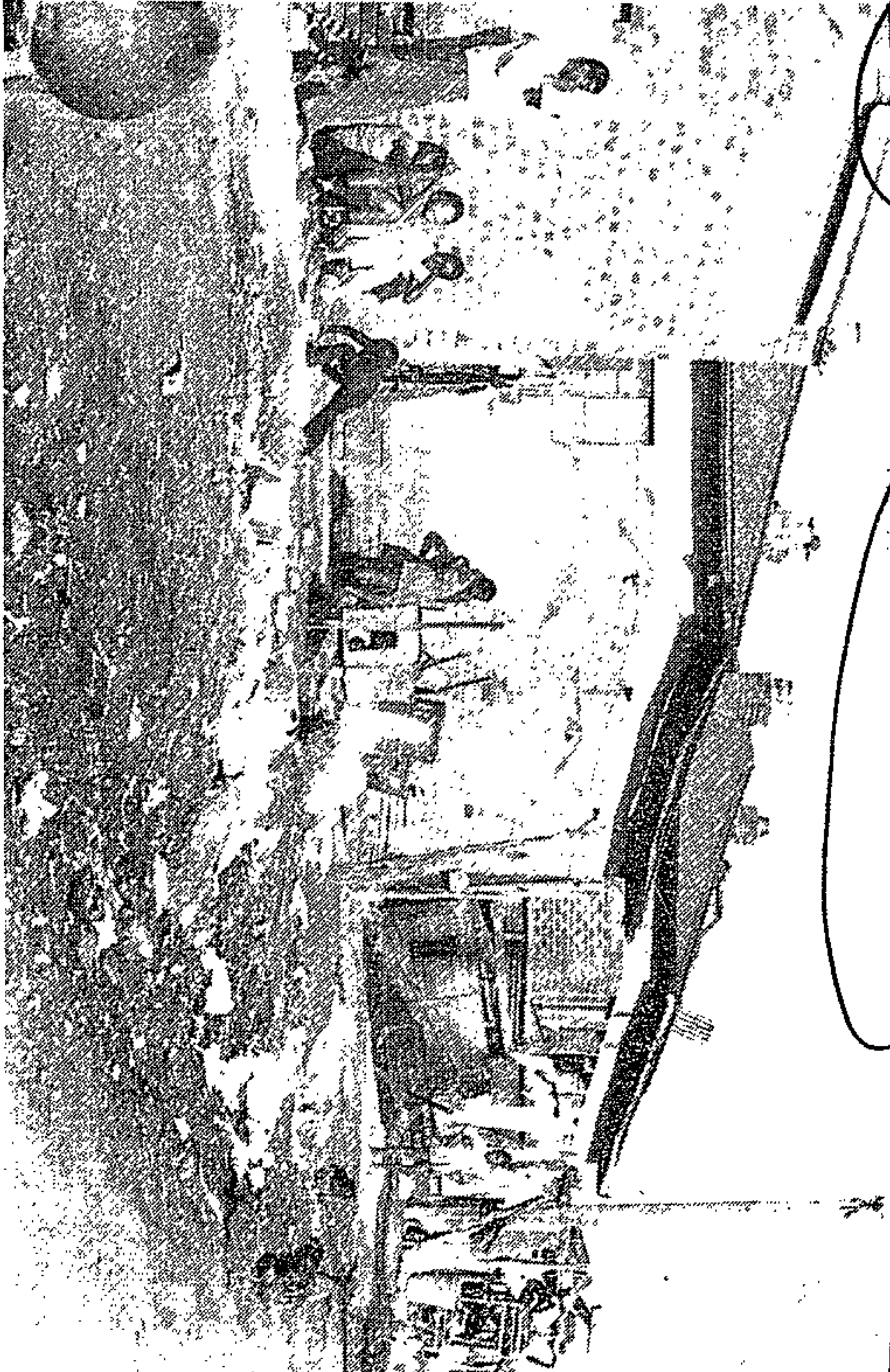
In 1958 the administration of Alexandra township fell under the Transvaal Board for the Development of Peri-urban Areas and later the West Rand Administration Board (Wrab).

In 1963 the Government decided to replan the township for 25 000 "single" men and women hostels and that all Alexandra families would be rehoused in Soweto and Tembisa. During the big removals in the late 1950's Diepkloof, Meadowlands, Klipspruit West, George Goch, Tembisa, part of Orlando West and Dube saw the light.

demned ghost town of hostels sink into a quagmire of despair. Officially no more houses were built, roads became dongas, the only high school in Alex was moved to Soweto and its buildings were barricaded and soon became derelict with disuse. Rubble started piling up everywhere.

But the people of Alexandra refused to see their township die without some kind of battle to save her, and in May 1979, the projected struggle of the Alexandra Liaison Committee led by the Rev Sam Buti, bore fruit. The township was reprieved and housing is now being provided for the remaining families, said to number 90 000.

Mr Maggerman said Alexandra township was completely forgotten



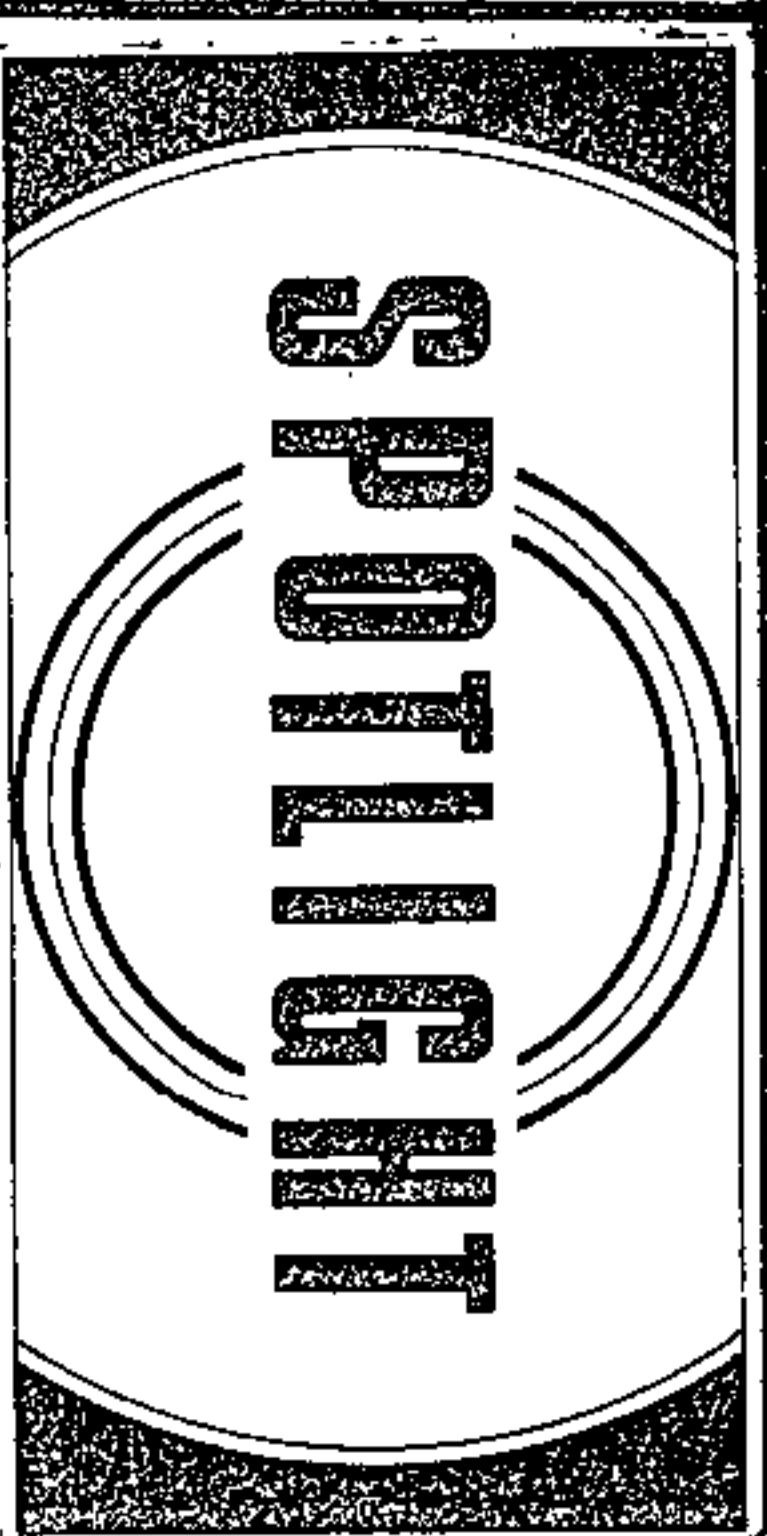
HOPE: The Government has granted Alexandra a reprieve, bringing promise of new houses and better facilities.

and her buildings, schools, shops and roads, "are a chillingly sad symbol of the nefarious period of oblivion."

However Mr Maggerman said Alexandra was to be saved from this burden and nightmare. He said the Alexandra Liaison Committee had been entrusted with the massive task of phoenix-

ing this buffeted town — to rebuild and reconstruct her and make her stand up, tall and proud, amid her affluent neighbours; amongst others the rapid growing Sandton and Lombardy.

The committee has promised to build better houses and not the four-roomed match-box types of homes built in Soweto.



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ON ALEXANDRA

SOMETHING YOU HAVE ALWAYS WANTED

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Alexandra township has a fascinating history that dates back to 1905 when a total of 338 erven were made available for purchase to whites. Lack of interest made the town owners decide to register Alexandra as a black town instead.

According to the secretary of the Alexandra Liaison Committee, Mr Arthur Maggerman, blacks were allowed to purchase and own properties in Alexandra under the freehold land tenure system.

This resulted in a rapid population growth which defied and baffled influx control measures, for property owners could and did allow persons of their own choice onto their premises. In fact, the ability to pay rental was the main yardstick, not influx control regulations.

Blacks, coloureds and Indians lived happily together for decades as a community and at times it is related that there were many intermarriages. Today the township is predominantly inhabited by blacks.

From 1905 to 1958 the local authority of the day was the Alexandra Health Committee. Residents elected two representatives on this committee. A number of residents held responsible positions in the administration. The chief health inspector was a resident of Alexandra and so was the town clerk. The father of in-

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Alexandra gets

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R2 million

for housing

By Jo-Anne Collinge

State funding of more than R2 million is available for the second phase of the Alexandra township renewal project.

The chairman of the Alexandra Liaison Committee, the Reverend Sam Buti, said yesterday that tenders would shortly be invited for 200 houses and extensions to complexes of flats. The flats are planned as part of phase one but have still to be built.

Many of the houses in phase two would be sub-economic but some stands were being held for private development, he said.

He had been assured that there would be no delay due to unnecessary red tape.

Finance from the National Housing Fund amounted to R2 million and a further R300 000 was available for water and sewerage provision, Mr Buti said.

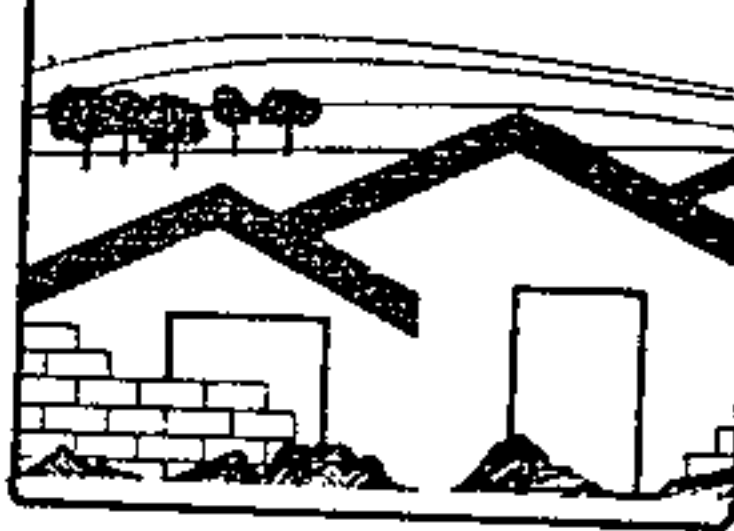
Since Alexandra was reprieved from demolition in 1979 only 79 houses have been built by the West Rand Administration Board and 60 by private contractors.

Earlier this year R3,2 million was allocated to complete phase one by erecting 15 more houses and 324 flats.

In his budget speech last week, Wrab chairman Mr John Knoetze said planning had reached an advanced stage but lack of funds had delayed progress.

A further R5,5 million has been tentatively earmarked in the Wrab 1983/4 budget for Alexandra housing. It is part of a private sector loan of R25,5 million which has yet to be finalised.

Uplift in Alex



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Community councils: financial regulations
Q. Col. 1366 - 1367 24/5/83
850. Mr. G. B. D. McINTOSH asked the
Minister of Co-operation and Development:

Whether he or the Deputy Minister of Co-operation consulted with the community councils of (a) Alexandra, (b) Atteridgeville, (c) Cape Town, (d) Dobsonville, (e) Mamelodi, (f) Meadowlands/Diepkloof, (g) New Brighton/Walmer/Zwide, (h) Soweto, (i) Stilfontein and (j) Wakkerstroom in connection with the amendment of financial regulations concerning such community councils; if so, (i) when in each case and (ii) what was the nature of these consultations?

**The MINISTER OF CO-OPERATION
AND DEVELOPMENT:**

No. The Department of Co-operation and Development, however, issued a comprehensive circular dated 17 August 1983 to chief commissioners and administration boards requesting them to consult with the community councils regarding the change-over of the financial year of the councils from 1 April to 31 March each year to a financial year of 1 July to 30 June each year. These consultations took place on the following dates:—

Alexandra—14 September 1982.

Atteridgeville—22 September 1982.

Cape Town—26 October 1982.

Dobsonville—26 October 1982.

Mamelodi—21 October 1982

Diep-Meadow—24 November 1982

Port Elizabeth—6 September 1982

- (2) how many such units are being built at present by (a) the East Rand Administration Board and (b) private owners?

Delmas	0
Devon	0
Tsakane	160

Housing schemes

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

The MINISTER OF CO-OPERATION AND DEVELOPMENT:

(1) (a)	(aa)	(bb)	(b)
Cullinan	0	20	270
Tokorn	440	0	1 510
Wattville	0	4	2 469
Daveyton	30	196	11 220
Vosloorus	204	98	5 408
Kwa Tema	0	0	9 757
Ratanda	0	23	1 520
Katlehong	215	46	17 588
Duduza	235	0	3 733
Tembisa	50	64	18 312
Delmas	0	4	817
Devon	0	0	182
Tsakane	334	67	6 138

(2) (a)	(b)
Cullinan	0
Tokorn	0
Wattville	0
Daveyton	0
Vosloorus	0
Kwa Tema	0
Ratanda	0
Katlehong	124
Duduza	0
Tembisa	120

(Figures in respect of private owners are not readily available)

- (1) Whether any housing schemes are at present being developed in (a) the Black township of Cullinan, (b) Tokorn, Alberton, (c) Wattville, (d) Daveyton, (e) Vosloorus, (f) Kwa Tema, (g) Ratanda, (h) Katlehong, (i) Duduza, (j) Tembisa, (k) the Black township of Delmas, (l) the Black township of Devon and (m) Tsakane by the (i) East Rand Administration Board and (ii) private sector, if so.
- (2) (a) how many in each case, (b) when were such schemes initiated, (c) when is it envisaged that they will be completed and (d) how many housing units are involved, in each case:
- (3) whether any housing for lower-income groups under construction in such townships; if so, (a) how many, and (b) how many housing units are involved, in each case?

The MINISTER OF CO-OPERATION AND DEVELOPMENT:

(1)	(i)	(ii)
(a) Cullinan	No	No
(b) Tokorn	No	Yes
(c) Wattville	No	No
(d) Daveyton	No	Yes
(e) Vosloorus	Yes	Yes
(f) Kwa Tema	No	No
(g) Ratanda	Yes	No
(h) Katlehong	Yes	Yes
(i) Duduza	No	No
(j) Tembisa	Yes	Yes
(k) Delmas	Yes	No
(l) Devon	Yes	No
(m) Tsakane	Yes	No

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

- (1) How many family housing units were (a) built in 1982 in (i) the Black township of Cullinan, (ii) Tokorn, Alberton, (iii) Wattville, (iv) Daveyton, (v) Vosloorus, (vi) Kwa Tema, (vii) Ratanda, (viii) Katlehong, (ix) Duduza, (x) Tembisa, (xi) the Black township of Delmas, (xii) the Black township of Devon and (xiii) Tsakane by (aa) the East Rand Administration Board and (bb) private owners and (b) there in each of the above townships as at the latest specified date for which figures are available;

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Family housing units 1368
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(2) (a)

East Rand Administration Board

Private Owners

Cullinan
Tokorn
Wattville
Daveyton
Vosloorus
Kwa Tema
Ratanda
Kathehong
Duduza
Tembisa
Delmas
Devon
Tsakane

0
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1
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(b) Between 1979 and 1983

(c) Between 1983 and 1985

(d)

East Rand Administration Board

Private Owners

Cullinan
Tokorn
Wattville
Daveyton
Vosloorus
Kwa Tema
Ratanda

0
0
0
0
50
0
50

0
14
0
264
300
0
0

350 Stands (site and service)

124

1 208

Kathehong

124

0

Duduza

0

300

Tembisa

120

0

Delmas

0

0

Devon

160

0

Tsakane

700 Stands (site and service)

(3) No.

(a) and (b) Fall away.

99-year leasehold scheme

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

(1) Whether any persons in (a) the Black township of Cullinan, (b) Tokorn, Alberton, (c) Wattville, (d) Daveyton, (e) Vosloorus, (f) Kwa Tema, (g) Ratanda, (h) Katlehong, (i) Duduza, (j) Tembisa, (k) the Black

township of Delmas, (l) the Black township of Devon and (m) Tsakane have applied for leases in terms of the 99-year leasehold scheme from its inception to 31 December 1982; if so, how many in each case;

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

THE MINISTER OF CO-OPERATION AND DEVELOPMENT:

(1) (a) Cullinan 0

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(b) Tokorn

0

(c) Wattville

0

(d) Daveyton

321

(e) Vosloorus

63

(f) Kwa Tema

242

(g) Ratanda

7

(h) Katlehong

141

(i) Duduza

2

(j) Tembisa

220

(k) Delmas

0

(l) Devon

0

(m) Tsakane

0

(2) (a) Cullinan—(No applications received).

(b) Tokorn—(No applications received).

(c) Wattville—(No applications received).

(d) Daveyton—Yes; (168 granted, 15 applications withdrawn and 138 applications pending).

(e) Vosloorus—Yes; (26 granted and 37 applications pending).

(f) Kwa Tema—Yes; (170 granted, 2 not granted as funds were not available and 70 applications pending).

(g) Ratanda—Yes; (4 granted and 3 pending).

(h) Katlehong—Yes; (68 granted and 73 pending).

(i) Duduza—No; (2 applications pending).

(j) Tembisa—Yes; (77 granted, 10

not granted as funds were not available and 133 applications pending).

(k) Delmas—(No applications received).

(l) Devon—(No applications received).

(m) Tsakane—(No applications received).

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Trading licences 24/5/83

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837. Mnr. P. G. SOAL asked the Minister of Co-operation and Development:

How many trading licences were operative in (a) the Black township of Cullinan, (b) Tokorn, Alberton, (c) Wattville, (d) Daveyton, (e) Vosloorus, (f) Kwa Tema, (g) Ratanda, (h) Katlehong, (i) Duduza, (j) Tembisa, (k) the Black township of Delmas, (l) the Black township of Devon and (m) Tsakane at 1 January 1982 and 1 January 1983, respectively?

The MINISTER OF CO-OPERATION AND DEVELOPMENT:

Trading licences are not issued by administration boards and consequently the East Rand Administration Board does not keep statistics in this connection. As a result of a recent physical survey the following figures in respect of trading licences operative at 1 January 1983 are available:—

Cullinan	2
Tokorn	63
Wattville	21
Daveyton	96
Vosloorus	63
Kwa Tema	118
Ratanda	30
Katlehong	240
Duduza	28
Tembisa	91
Delmas	12
Devon	3
Tsakane	67

ALEXANDRA — TOP ARTISTS FOUND A VOICE IN HER DUSKY STREETS

Dark City pulsates

BESIDES politics and crime, Alexandra township could well be described as the crucible of black culture and art.

Some of the leading musicians, artists, painters and art folk found their voice in the dusty streets of what is called the Dark City — Alex.

The close proximity of Alex to the centre of the city, and the fact that Alex is surrounded by wealthy white suburbs only reinforced the sense of excitement and freedom that normally nurtures creative work, particularly amongst oppressed people.

One legendary figure to have come out of Alexandra was none other than the late Zakes Nkosi or "Bida Zacks" as he was called by all his friends. His music vibrated throughout South Africa for decades. He is still revered by all, young and old in the Dark City and many agree that no history of Alexandra would be complete without mentioning him.

The SOWELAN visited his home and spoke to his widow and children. People interviewed at random all seemed to agree that he was a true and honest musician, one who was born under the star of music.

Mr Darkey Rametsi described him as pleasant, amiable, willing and striving, but quietly insisting on what he thought should be done.

The Rev Hope McPherson said of the man, he

was never "flying high, but was always basically firm and solid to his approach to life as well as in his music".

By **MONO BADELA**

As leader of the famous Alexandra African Swingers, the City Jazz Nine and Zakes and His Sextet, he mastered such instruments as the saxophone, bass guitar, and rhythm instruments. He read and wrote music. Besides recording for years, he also played all over South Africa.

His children, especially the two sons, Jabu and Sobuza and daughters Didi and Nonto, will soon make their presence felt in the music world. Jabu plays piano and organ, Sobuza plays clarinet while the girls are good at the piano.

Other big names who hit the world and were born or grew up and stayed in Alexandra are the famous Dolly Rathebe, the penny whistler, Spokes Mashiyane and the internationally acclaimed trumpettist, Hugh Masekela.

Some of the first black films to be produced in South Africa, including Alan Paton's work, Cry The Beloved Country and Magic Garden that starred Dolly Rathebe were shot in the neglected township of Alexandra.

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The family of the legendary musician, Zakes Nkosi. His widow Mrs Kate Nini Nkosi and grandson, Isaac watch daughter Didi play a favourite family tune, one of many compositions of Zakes.

PHOTO FIRST Grand Slam

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Evicted widow must pay up

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By SAM MABE

THE 64-year-old Orlando East widow who was kicked out of her house for owing R1 000 for electricity last week, will not be allowed back into the house, unless she pays all she owes to the Soweto Council.

This is according to the Soweto Council's Director of Housing, Mr J J Oosthuizen who said the electricity at Mrs Getrude Matoni's house has been cut off because she could not pay her bill, but that power was illegally re-connected again.

Also, he said, illegal electricity connections had been made to an illegal shack in Mrs Matoni's yard.

Mr Oosthuizen added that his council's officials have handled many cases of a similar nature with leniency, "but our leniency has bred a lot of irresponsibility on the part of some residents, and we cannot tolerate this forever," he said.

Mrs Matoni was last week kicked out of her house together with her family of 20 which included her children, and grandchildren. She said she had been told she owed R1 000 in electricity.

She said yesterday that a man from the Orlando Power Station came to her at the weekend and informed her she owed R300 and not R1 000. This, was dismissed by Mr Oosthuizen as unfounded.

He said Mrs Matoni should have at least had the decency of taking her matter up with the Soweto Council rather than tell unfounded stories to the Press

Erab gives housing big lift 43

By MZIKAYISE EDOM
THE East Rand Administration Board (Erab) is to spend about R6-million on the development of a second township in Bronkhorstpruit.

The township, to be

known as Enkangala, will house about 1 378 families when completed before the end of the year, according to an Erab official.

Mr J H Opperman, a senior director of Erab,

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said a better type of house was being built at Enkangala. The price of each of the 620 houses already erected in the township varies between R6 500 and R12 500.

He said: "The board will further provide 758 sites with water, sewerage and electrical services. Two reservoirs have already been com-

pleted." Erab has also approved the development of an industrial area near Enkangala at a cost of R7,5 million.

Mr Opperman said: "The construction of a railway line from Forfar to the industrial site has been planned at a total value of R5,2 million which will be spread over a period of two financial years."

343 (27) Alexandra O. Col, 1380-
25/5/83 1381
*13. Mr. W. C. MALAN asked the Minister of Co-operation and Development:†

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

†The MINISTER OF CO-OPERATION AND DEVELOPMENT:

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

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

Erection of 324 flats.

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

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

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

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 Q. Col. 1381 - 1382
 *14. Mr. P. G. SOAL asked the Minister of Co-operation and Development:

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

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

31 December 1981

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

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31 December 1982

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

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343 Highveld Administration Board:
accommodation
Hansard Q. 61 1388 - 1389
Mr. B. B. GOODALL asked the
Minister of Co-operation and Development:

- (1) Whether there is a waiting list for accommodation in the area administered by the Highveld Administration Board; if so, how many persons are waiting for accommodation;

- (2) whether steps are being taken to provide the necessary accommodation; if not, why not; if so, what steps;

- (3) whether any moneys have been allocated for this purpose; if not, why not; if so, what amount?

The DEPUTY MINISTER OF CO-OPERATION:

- (1) Yes. 5 052 persons.

- (2) Yes.

- 1 117 sites have been made available for the erection of houses in terms of the leasehold system.
- 802 sites are being provided with services for allocation in terms of site-and-service schemes.
- The provision of infrastructure to 2 656 sites is being planned.
- Schemes for the erection of 742 houses with infrastructure have been approved.

- (3) Yes. R7 million.

Questions standing over from Friday, 20 May 1983:

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MR SOLOMON MONKWANE: A representative of the Lebowa Government who came to Alex in 1936 had all the information about bus boycott at his finger-tips.



TELL-TALE SCARS: A completely ruined West Rand Administration Board beerhall stands as a reminder of the 1976 Student Uprising.

The Dark City shines

Residents relive the historic past of Alexandra

By MONO BADELA

ALEXANDRA township has always been in the vanguard of protest and resistance in such a way that it has produced some of most remarkable political figures and events in the history of South Africa.

Several tales of heroic protests and of some of the most remarkable personalities were related by the people of Alexandra to The SO-

WETAN during a recent visit to the Dark City. One of the leaders of the late 1950s in the township, Mr Arthur Maggerman, said the com-

paigned against unjust laws, the 1957 Bus Boy-

cott; the birth of the Pan Africanist Congress (PAC) in 1958, the forced removal of families to Soweto and other townships and last but not least the student uprising against Bantu Education in 1976.

From the above-mentioned events emerged such colourful personalities as Josias Madzunya, then known as "Black Verwoerd", a former ANC leader and later

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strong ANC leader.

Senior residents of Alex interviewed displayed emotions of pride because of the dignified way they carried themselves during the bus boycott. It is regarded as the most effective protest action by blacks. They all recalled the "Big Walk" and even today still think of it as Alex's "finest hour".

Mr Alphus India Nkosi, a cousin of Zakes Nkosi, said it was just a spontaneous reaction

when the Johannesburg Chamber of Commerce offered to subsidise the increase, the people still refused to board the buses. The Johannesburg City Council was compelled to fetch workers on the outskirts of Alexandra township. He said, however, many workers purchased themselves bicycles.

There was also the student uprising against Bantu Education in 1976 which swept the township leaving schools, shops, beerhalls and homes burning in its wake. The scars of the

nicknamed the "Black Prophet" or "Black Verwoerd". Besides being the moving spirit behind the bus boycott, he helped found the PAC after breaking with the ANC on a principle of ideology in November 1958.

Although he dissociated himself with the PAC Anti-pass campaign he was also jailed along with PAC president Mr Robert Sobukwe for incitement. He served 18 months. In August 1962 he was ban-



ANOTHER OLDIE: Mrs Wilhemina Mailula also took an active part in the bus boycott.



MRS MARTHA MAKOBA: Another stalwart who saw her way through the bus boycott.



ship, Mr Arthur Mag-german, said the com-munity spirit and the spirit of resistance that characterised that time still prevailed in Alexan-dra township even to-day.

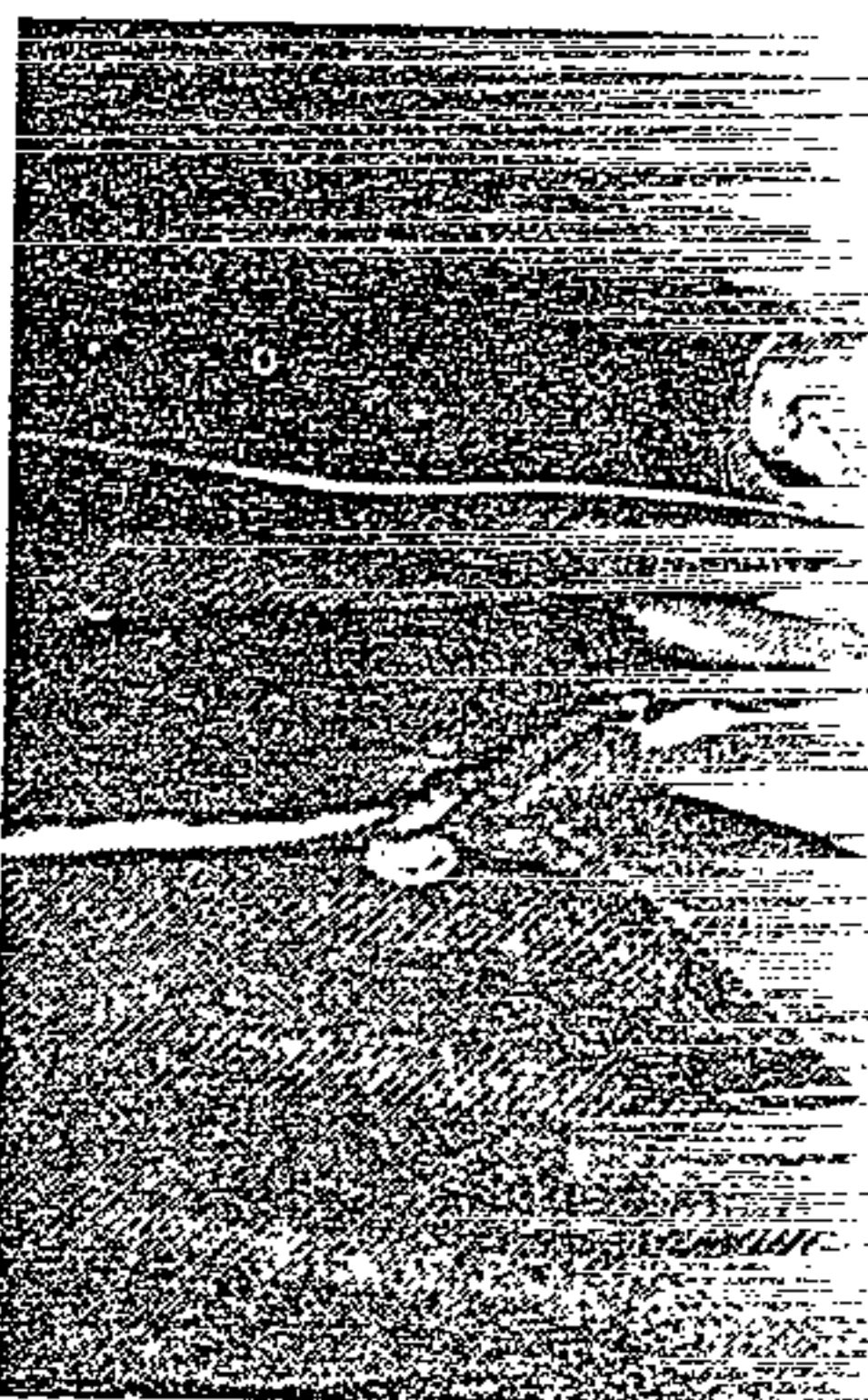
He said no history of the Dark City was com-plete without mention of the power of the now outlawed African Na-tional Congress (ANC), the 1952 Defiance Cam-

Verwoerd", a former ANC leader and later founder of the PAC, Al-fred Nzo, Oliver Tam-bo's right hand man in the ANC movement abroad, and Mr Dan Mokonyane, former Non-European Unity Movement leader and one of the most power-ful leaders of the 1957 Bus Boycott who is now in exile. There was also Cable Pelu, another

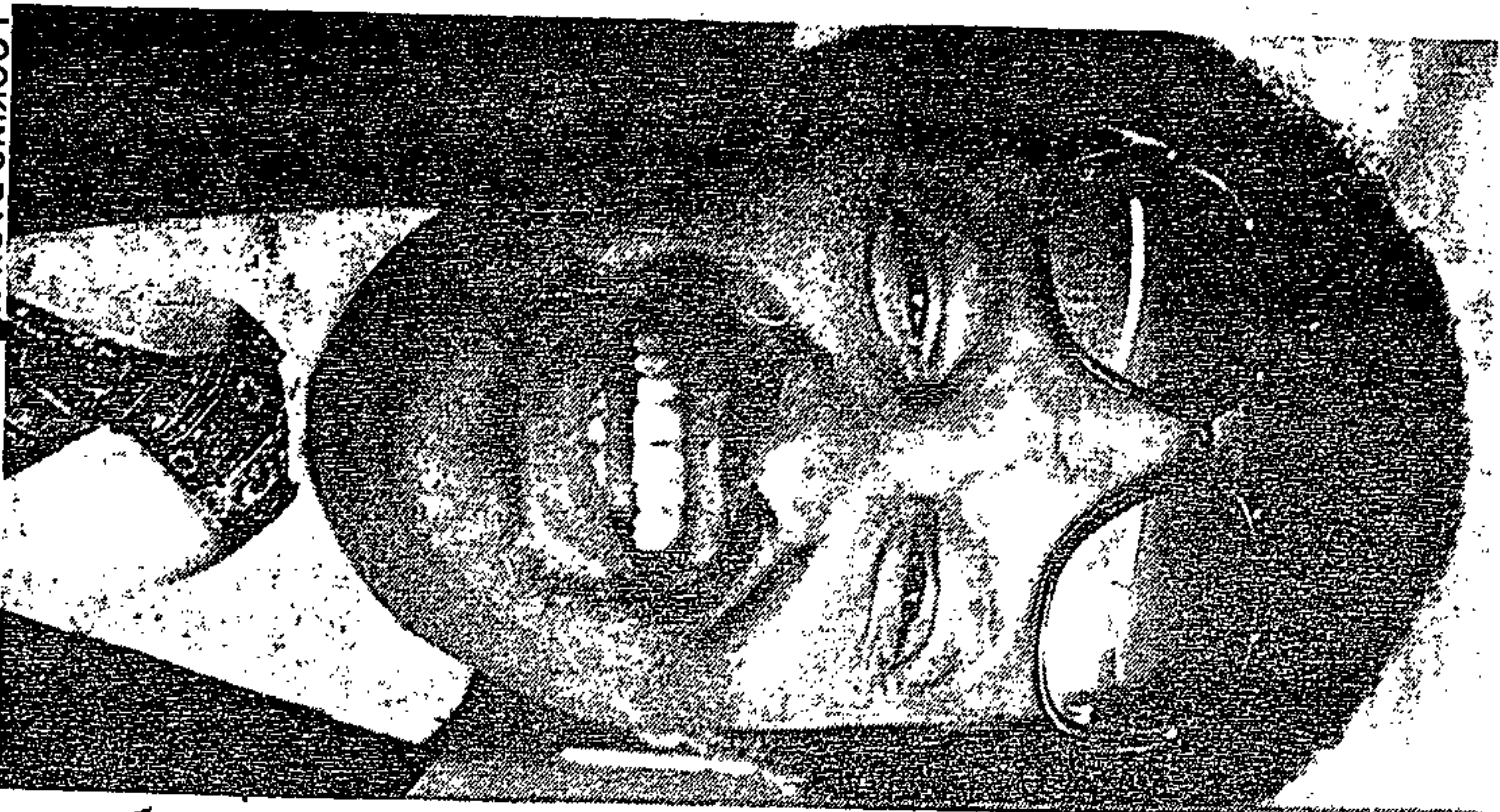
Nkosi, a cousin of Zakes Nkosi, said it was just a spontaneous reaction against the increase in bus fares from three to four pence per ticket. Mr Magerman, who was a member of the ad hoc committee that steered the boycott, said it lasted a full three months and proved to be "a land mark in our political history".

He said that even shops, beerhalls and homes burning in its wake. The scars of the uprisings are still visible in Alexandra today. A total of 22 men and women, including school children lost their lives during the uprising. One of the most colourful and controver-sial leaders to emerge from Alex was the fiery, bearded Africanist, Jo-sias Madzunya, who was

He served 18 months. In August 1962 he was ban-ished to Sibasa in Ven-daland from where he came in 1929. He fell foul of the influx control laws after the introduc-tion of the reference books when the authori-ties declared him a citi-zen of Venda by virtue of his father's birth. He is still alive and lives with his wife and three children.



POWERFUL LEADER: Josias Madzunya in full cry. Madzunya's trade-mark was his great overcoat which he wore in cold and hot weather.



LOOKING BACK: Yothful looking Mr Arthur Mag-german has lived through two generations of life in Alex.



FUGITIVE: Mr Martin Mabiletsa the advocate who fled Soweto for Swaziland and is now living in Britain. Mr Mabiletsa's family was one of the oldest in Alexandra and his father, the late Rev Mabiletsa, donated properties for the building of the first

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Alex project gets big boost

THE Alexandra township re-development scheme received another shot in the arm with the announcement yesterday of a R2-million housing project which will build 220 houses and flats in the area.

Announcing this, Alexandra Liaison Committee chairman the Rev Sam Buti said the money would be used in phase two of the re-development scheme. Phase one involved the building of 15 houses and 324 flats, for which R3,2-million was spent.

Mr Buti said: "I am now in a position to announce that in addition to the R3,5-mil-

lion in respect of which work has already started, a further R2-million has been made available and additional money will be used for the extension of the flat projects and for the development of 220 houses on phase two."

Mr Buti said the new housing project would make provision for a site and service scheme. The private sector was also invited.

"The Minister of Development and Co-operation has agreed that a lot of red tape exists and that this would have to be removed so as to allow the smooth development of the area," he added.

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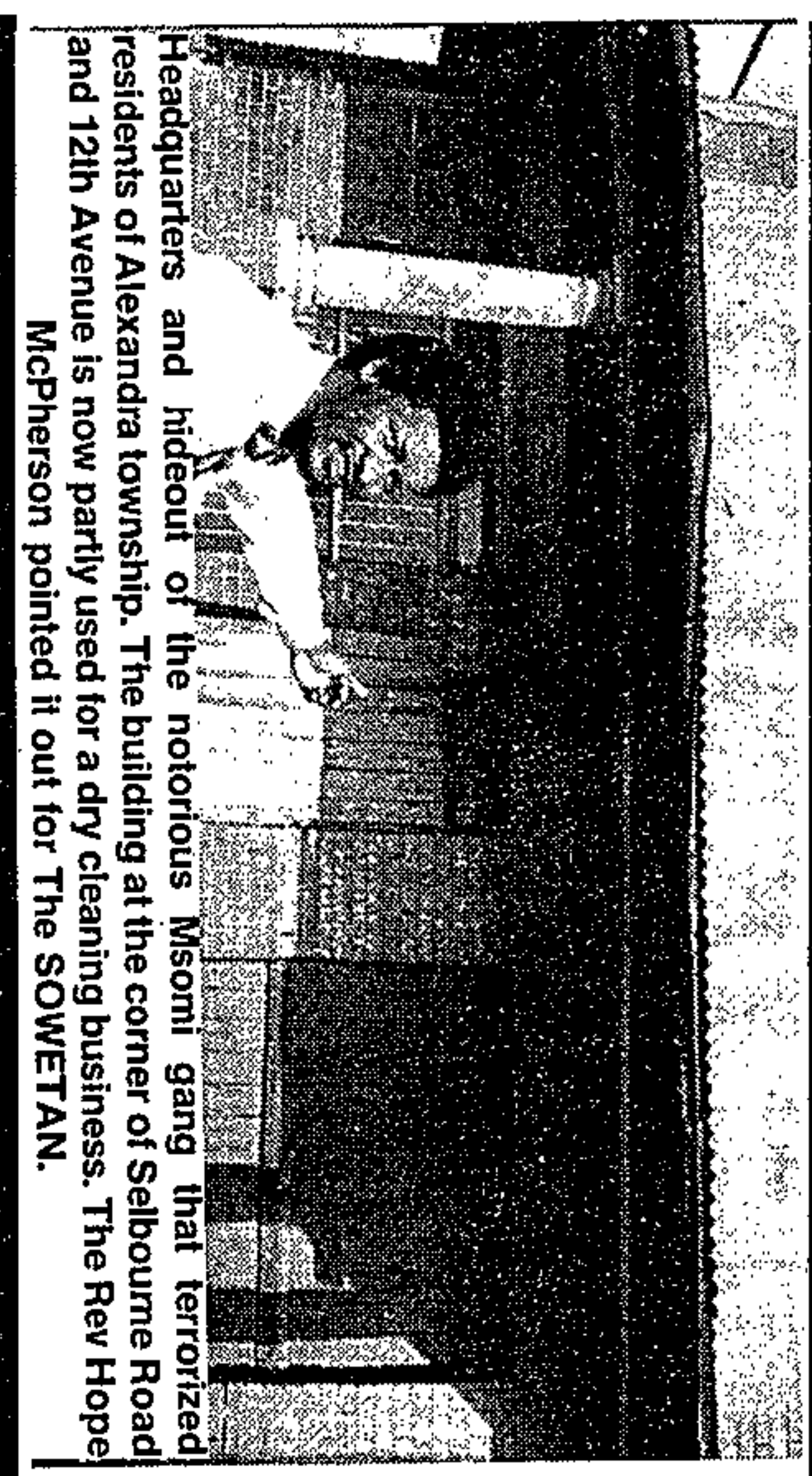
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When guns smoked in Alex



Headquarters and hideout of the notorious Msomi gang that terrorized residents of Alexandra township. The building at the corner of Selbourne Road and 12th Avenue is now partly used for a dry cleaning business. The Rev Hope McPherson pointed it out for The SOWETAN.

SPOTLIGHT

ON ALEXANDRA

By MONO BADELA

THEY started as "Bangalalas" which was the popular name for the vigilante group of the makgolla type those days. They ended up as murderers, sadists and robbers, some of them even in Death Row.

This in brief is part of the story of crime in Alexandra township, a story so full of intrigue, of mayhem and unforgettable characters that it would make a first-rate gangster movie or a best seller crime novel.

The principal characters in this Chicago-style drama were the Msomi Gang, the Spoilers, the CPZ's, the Tutaranch and some members of the Young Americans who later made the Dark City their hideout. The latter came from Sophatown.

The most aggressive and feared of the groups were the Msomis. It is said they used to fight in the open in a cowboy style with their opponents the Spoilers, especially outside the Plaza Cinema.

Immaculately dressed and driving posh black Impala sedans they smartly went about their business. Cisko "The Great" Tefo, former member of the Young Americans who spent 15 years at the Fort, said the Msomis were so sadistic that they went to shoot people at their homes. "They conducted a real reign of terror, abducting beautiful girls after they had forcefully removed them from their parents. No-one dared open their mouth — they would be courting death".

Their leader Max Matthews is said to have been the most sadistic of the group. The story goes that they started as vigilantes and first helped to combat crime in the area. Because of this they got help from various officials who it is alleged supplied them with guns. They then started to extort traders and some coal merchants and demanded protection fees from them. They clashed frequently with the Spoilers over the shares.

The Msomis were so smart and organised they even ran an office, their headquarters where their most deadly acts were planned. The building at the corner of 12th Avenue and Selbourne Road still shows the inscriptions on its wall stating among other things that the occupants were "rent collectors, money lenders, brokers and agents. We give cash loans and properties".

They used their own justice at this place holding trials of their victims and many were given death sentences which was swiftly executed.

It is alleged that a Mr Gilbert Sibeko infiltrated the group, learnt their plans and where their weapons were being stored and betrayed them to the Inspectors of the Peri-Urban Board. They were arrested and eight of the "an-nen gang" were sen-

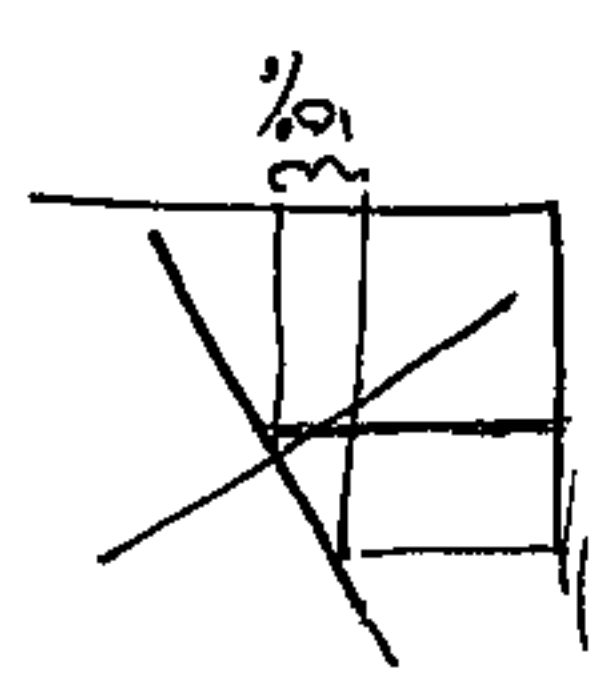
tenced to death, including Matthews.

Lefty Owen Mthembu, the boss of the Spoiler gang was also a name that spelt terror and fear among the people of Alex and later Soweto. No-body seems to know his real name.

He had appeared on a number of murder charges but none of them could stick. He is said to have been charged for no less than seven murder charges and 17 attempted murders.

He was gunned down in September 1969 in typical Chicago-style in Meadowlands allegedly by two masked men. He was 34. No-one has been convicted for Lefty's murder and the docket is still open.

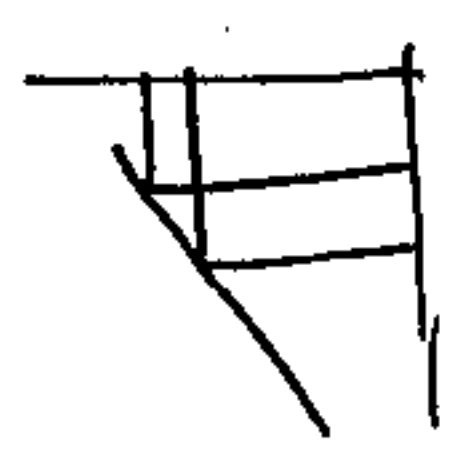
Even after their death, the names of the Msomi gang and Mthembu and the Spoilers are still surrounded with fear.



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Council happy with progress on complex

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THE ATTERIDGEVILLE community was "reasonably happy" with the progress made in the development of Atteridgeville Extension Two, the elite area planned for the eastern end of the township.

Council spokesman Mr Solly Rammala, told The SOWETAN this week the development of the area was a major project which could not just be rushed through.

Mr Rammala was reacting to reports last week that the community council was dragging its feet in implementing development projects in Atteridgeville and Saulsville.

He said that provision had been made in their budget for the current financial year to finance the infrastructure of the new area.

"A sum of R175 000 has been budgeted for sewerage networks, R600 000 for water re-

treatment and R990 000 for electricity," said Mr Rammala, adding that they were only waiting for their budget to be approved.

He added that over and above these amounts, various private companies had also indicated an interest in assisting in the provision of these services. "The Urban Foundation, a building society and some private construction companies are not only keen to be allocated stands, but also expressed willingness to help in the provision of the infrastructure," he said.

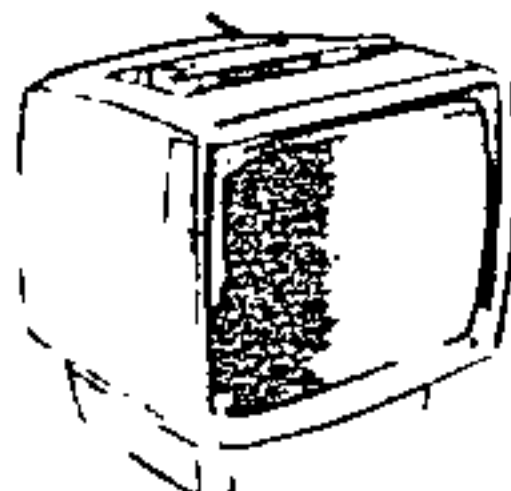
Referring to complaints by residents in the area surrounding the circle where a new business centre is being set up, Mr Rammala said that they were aware of the "nuisance" created by the re-routing of traf-

fic while work was in progress. "Right now, we have re-routed buses and they are not using roads which are not tarred. We hope that all the work will be completed in the next month or so."

"There is also no truth in the rumour that the houses in the affected area will be demolished now. There are several issues that have to be looked at before any such decision is taken, and such a decision can only be taken in full consultation with the people concerned," he added.

He said the whole shopping centre project was a long-term project, and said there was a need for such a centre. "By using the circle, we are just utilising space which was going to waste. The centre will also help keep money in the township," he concluded.

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Lights by end of year

By LEN MASEKO

ALL is geared for the completion of the R250-million electrification scheme in Soweto by the end of this year, with about 73 000 houses so far wired in the area.

Mr John Knoetze, chairman of the West Rand Administration Board (Wrab), told The SOWETAN that work on the project was pro-

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Woman burnt to death

A 28-YEAR-OLD woman was burnt to death when the backyard tin shack she was sleeping in was destroyed by fire in Katle-

By MZIKAYISE EDOM

hong, near Germiston, this week.

She is Ms Lizzie Gamede of Phake Sec-

tion. At the time of her death, Ms Gamede was staying alone in the shack which she had just recently occupied.

Damage estimated at more than R5 000 was caused by the fire. A spokesman for the family told The SOWETAN yesterday that they thought that Lizzie fell asleep, forgetting to put off a candle which was burning next to a kettle in the shack.

SCREAMS

He said: "Neighbours were woken up by Lizzie's screams and when they arrived at the shack they tried opening the door but could not because it was locked. The fire was so strong that the water they were throwing to extinguish it failed to put the flames out."

He said that the neighbours battled for more than 45 minutes to extinguish the fire, but

by the time it was put out Lizzie was dead. He also mentioned that the fire brigade they had summoned failed to arrive at the scene in time and only arrived after the fire had been put out.

Lizzie, who is survived by her mother Mrs Idah Gamede and her sisters, will be buried at the Katlehong Cemetery tomorrow afternoon. The funeral service, starting at 11am, will be held at her home at Section 19, and the cortege will leave for the cemetery at 2pm.

LIQUID ASSETS

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Black entrepreneur Pat Mbatha claimed it was a dream come true. And Sowetan imbibers who, until recently, have been denied access to legal drinking holes, echoed the sentiment.

Certainly the opening of the first bar lounge in Dube, Soweto, was a dramatic occasion, attended by numerous luminaries including mayor David Thebehali.

Mbatha has taken years to bring the R250 000 project — financed mainly by Standard Bank — to fruition. His hurdles were the obvious ones: bureaucracy and finance.

However, after he secured a business site (rezoning was not necessary) the way was clear for his liquor licence — which still eludes shebeeners.

According to the Standard Bank, more than R75m was spent on liquor in Soweto in 1980 — more than R60m of it through the Wrab outlets.

Mbatha forecasts turnover of about R500 000 in the Dube Bar's first year and double that the following year.

Thebehali says he has approved 37 of the 63 applications for liquor licences lodged with him. Now they are in the hands of the Liquor Board.

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Cops allege security men abused them

By NKOPANE MAKOBANE

TWO police witnesses described in the Johannesburg Magistrate's Court yesterday how they were threatened with death by members of Mr David Thebehali's All Nation's Guard.

They were giving evidence during the trial in which Mr David Thebehali, Chairman of the Soweto Council, is charged with defeating the course of justice. He pleaded not guilty to the charge before Mr R D Curle.

His appearance is a sequel to an incident when the police had gone to the Mavis Isaacson Hall, White City, Soweto, to arrest members of the Makgotla on January 30 this year.

The members had allegedly assaulted a Mr Alpheus Mkhonza. On arrival at the scene the

police arrested two members and put them in a van. Mr Thebehali and his men followed them and later opened the van's door with the aim of releasing the two.

Sergeant M D Ngubane told the court that on realising there were only three policemen against a whole crowd of guards, they decided to go to the Moroka Police Station for assistance.

"Before we left we were threatened with death by the members and Mr Thebehali.

The policeman said that Mr Thebehali was "very angry" on that day and that he consequently decided to leave the premises because "I feared for my life," he said.

The hearing continues on Monday.



● David Thebehali leaving court by a side entrance yesterday.

Thebehali in court ³⁴³ on cop ^{City} van ^{29/1/83} ^{press} charge

By TEBELLO
RADEBE

JOHANNESBURG —

The mayor of Soweto, Mr David Thebehali, appeared before a regional magistrates court here yesterday on charges of defeating the course of justice.

Mr Thebehali is alleged to have released two men from custody in a police van on January 30 near Mavis Hall in White City.

They are Mr S Dyakopo and Mr W Ngobeni, who were allegedly being held in connection with assault on a Mr Alpheu Mkhonza.

One of the men allegedly freed by Mr Thebehali is said to have avoided court proceedings with regard to the assault.

Mr Thebehali is alternatively charged with having threatened two policemen with violence to prevent them from carrying out their duties.

Mr Thebehali pleaded not guilty.

Council to investigate

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By TOM GWEBU
THE ATTERIDGEVILLE/Saulsville Community Council has promised to investigate electricity failures in the township.

This follows complaints by residents living between Seophela Street and Tau Street. Mr Ben Mabena (20), a student at Unisa, is among those affected. "This whole thing has

disrupted my study programme. Every evening between 6 pm and 9 pm for the past weeks I've had to endure this", said Mr Mabena.

He also added that, together with other students living in the affected area, they had circulated a petition and obtained signatures. The petition, he said, was sent to the superin-

tendents office.

Mr Sol Rammala, a spokesman for the community council, said the petition had not yet reached his desk. He was, however, informed by the local electricity department that there was a broken cable and that there were going to be power cuts while they repaired the cable. The council was not in-

formed which areas would be affected.

The spokesman also said the council was aware that residents were buying more electrical appliances and that the existing network was inadequate. However, he appealed to residents to exercise patience and try to understand the council's problems.

Tent City kids suffering

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MORE than a hundred children at the "tent city" in Chicken Farm, Kliptown, have so far received medical treatment as a result of the cold weather conditions they are subjected to.

This was disclosed to The SOWETAN yesterday by Dr Asvat, who also warned that the situation at the farm, if not quickly attended to, might reach serious and frightening proportions especially during the coming cold months.

Although the West Rand Administration Board, after a series of meetings with the Witwatersrand Council of Churches, promised to house the more than two hundred residents now living in tents at the farm as soon as possible, nothing has happened to

date.
The tent people were moved from a place next to Rockville called Mochaeneng after they were housed in tents donated by the WCC fol-

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Following the demolition of their shacks by Wrab about a month ago.

Commenting on the matter, Wrab chairman Mr John Knoetze, said his department was

aware of the problems facing these people and they were working as fast as possible to finish the prefab structures they are erecting for them.

Freedom of Soweto to be bestowed on unit

THE SOWETO Council has agreed in principle to bestow the Freedom of the City of Soweto upon the black military unit, 21 Battalion, whose camp is situated in Lenasia.

Mr Tolica Makhaya, deputy chairman of the Soweto Council, said yesterday that bestowing the Freedom of Soweto upon 21 Battalion was only a symbolic gesture and a token of trust and goodwill.

He said it was customary for local authorities to bestow the freedom of the city upon military units within their close

vicinity or area of jurisdiction.

He said 21 Battalion was established in 1974 and was the first and the only black military unit consisting of permanent force members in the Republic. A third of its members, he said, resided in Soweto.

"The ceremony originates from the early centuries when each town had its own army to defend it. Members of such army units were looked upon as defenders of the town and were

granted the freedom which enabled them to move around freely while dressed in full battle uniform.

"It further enabled them to unsheath their swords without being offensive to the residents of such a town. The sword was later replaced by a rifle and bayonet," he said.

He added that bestowing the Freedom of the City of Soweto on 21 Battalion, could only improve the image of the council.

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SOWETON By SAM MABE

Driehoek delegation may meet Koornhof

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A DELEGATION representing over 15 000 Eastern Transvaal residents threatened with removal may meet the Minister of Co-operation and Development in Pretoria next Monday to discuss the controversial resettlement.

A spokesman for the Driefontein Council of Directors said yesterday Dr Piet Koornhof had hinted that he was prepared to meet the delegation — possibly on May 30.

"We have sent a message to the Minister saying that the committee will be available for a meeting on this date. At

present we are still waiting for him to confirm that the meeting will take place," the spokesman said.

The plight of the Eastern Transvaal communities — Daggakraal, KwaNgema and Driefontein — shot into the spotlight when the areas' leaders, Mr Saul Mkhize, died from a policeman's bullet during a meeting held last month to protest over the proposed resettlement of the people.

The areas again came into the news when two men died in a cell at a local police station — the same station at which

the policeman who shot Mr Mkhize was stationed.

Meanwhile, talks over the issue between representatives of the communities and the department of Co-operation and Development have drawn a blank during the past months. The residents are refusing to move.

The communities are to be moved from the land they have occupied for more than 70 years to make way for the construction of a dam there. The Government intends to resettle them in KaNgwane "homeland" and Natal.

More creches needed

By ALINAH DUBE

THE HEAD of the welfare section for the Central Transvaal Administration Board, Mr H S Sties, has opposed the statement by the Atteridgeville/Saulsville Community Council that the five existing creches would satisfy the needs of the whole community in the area.

Reacting to the

statement by the council that there would be no problem if a standard of 200 families per creche was maintained, Mr Sties said there was need for more facilities. He suggested a system of 1 000 or 1 500 families to one creche.

Atteridgeville/Saulsville residents have in the past complained of children who were turned back from

creches because of overcrowding.

The council has decided to re-zone a site which was formerly allocated for the building of a creche for a cripple care work shop.

Though not against the idea, Mr Sties said the council had to make provision for the erection of more facilities in the near future.

New association calls for election boycott

'DON'T VOTE!'

AN ANTI-COMMUNITY Council Committee (ACC), that is to campaign vigorously against participation in the forthcoming elections to choose members of the new local authorities boards, was formally constituted in Soweto yesterday.

At a well attended meeting held at the St James Anglican Church in Diepkloof, residents of Soweto pledged themselves to oppose the three so called Koornhof Bills which are shortly to be tabled in Parliament. They urged the residents of Soweto not to take part in anything that has got to do with the community council. The elections of the new local bodies may be held in September or early next year.

Mr Amos Masondo, a committee member of the Soweto Civic Association, said even a six percent vote for members of the new bodies would be an "insult to Soweto." He explained that the Soweto Civic Association would be in the forefront of the campaign. The ACC would liaise with workers, students and church bodies to help co-ordinate and render the setting up of these institutions a "farce."

Businessmen who supported the new local bodies would risk victimisation. Several ward meetings would be held as from June 1 to help the residents become aware of the "evil Koornhof Bills". A declaration that was circulated and adopted stated that Government-created institutions had failed the people and that those who in the past had participated in them had always been rejected by the masses.

By **MONO BADELA**

By rejecting the community council system, the people were also rejecting the concept of separate development which had provided the whites with 87 percent of the land in South Africa and the blacks with a mere 13 percent.

It was pointed out that separate development had stifled progress and had forced countless people to live in shacks or as squatters.

The meeting, which was addressed by the chairman of the Soweto Civic Association, Dr Nthato Motlana, also discussed the huge power bills which the people in Soweto were being forced to foot.

He said the residents of Soweto were being ripped off and were paying far more for electricity than most elite suburbs of Johannesburg.

Dr Motlana said it was not the fault of township residents to be placed where they were. The township developer and, in this case the Government, should bear the major costs of upgrading the services in places like Soweto.

He pointed out that the issue of housing was no longer a civic matter these days — it was political. The last sub-economic homes he said were built before 1968. Because the Government wanted to keep people away from the big cities it stopped building low cost homes for the workers. Instead people were being asked or forced indirectly to build very expensive homes like in Selection Park and elsewhere.

and sent his wife to check. When she opened the door she found the room filled with fumes from the refrigerator. Her son was already dead at the time. Mr Khoza was still breathing and was taken to hospital.

Turf student found dead

A FORMER Turfloop student and a friend to another student who died in a car crash last week, was killed at the weekend after inhaling fumes from a malfunctioning fridge while he was asleep.

Mr James William

morning. His friend, Mr Absalom Khoza, who was visiting him, is in a critical condition at Bargwanath Hospital.

The dead man was a close friend of Mr Hargrieves Matlhare, another Turfloop student who died in a mo-

Hargrieves shared a room at the university and were very close.

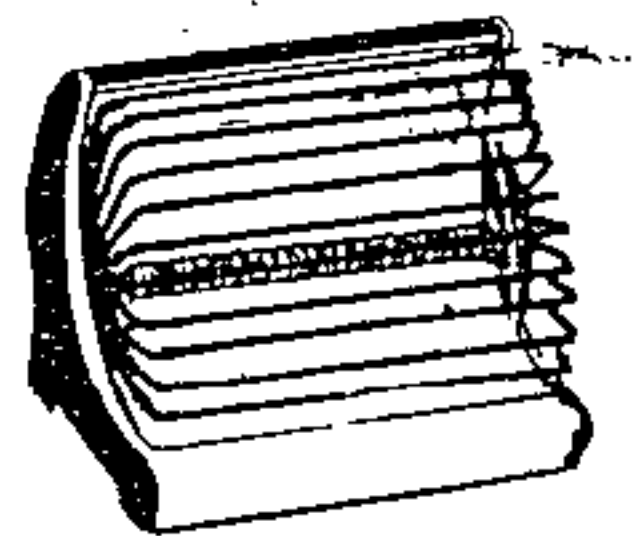
Mr Gilbert Seabelo, James's father, said his son came back from the church meeting the previous night and decided to watch a football match on TV before



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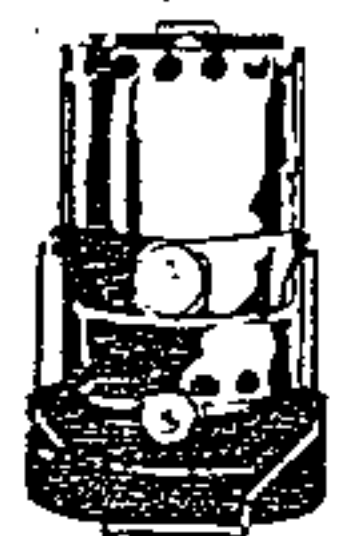


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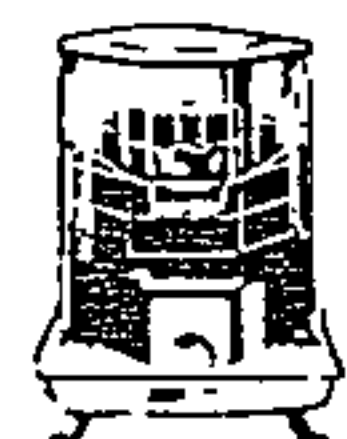
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**Appeal Court ruling will
affect tens of thousands**

Watershed decision on migrant workers

Star
By Malcolm Fothergill 31/5/83

Tens of thousands of black workers, regarded until now as migrant workers, have had the way opened for them to live permanently with their families in South Africa's cities.

This stems from yesterday's ruling by the Appeal Court that a Germiston engineering firm worker, Mr Mehlole Tom Rikhoto, had earned the right to live in the urban areas.

The unanimous decision, by Mr Justice van Heerden and four other Appeal Court judges, will apply throughout the country.

Mr Rikhoto, who had worked for the same employer for 10 years, had been forced by a 1968 regulation to return to the black rural areas each year to renew his contract.

Officials took the view that, because workers such as Mr Rikhoto were obliged to leave their employers each year to renew their contracts, they had not worked continuously for one employer and did not fall under Section 10(1)(b) of the Black Urban Areas Act which allows any migrant who has worked continuously for one employer for 10 years, or for several employers for 15 years, to obtain city rights.

Annual holiday

In a 1981 Rand Supreme Court hearing, Mr Rikhoto's employer testified that he regarded Mr Rikhoto's forced return to the rural areas each year as an annual holiday and that he regarded him as a permanent employee.

Rejecting with costs an appeal by the East Rand Administration Board against the Rand Supreme Court's ruling, the Appeal Court found that Mr Rikhoto had worked for a single employer for 10 years.

The court noted that it was the mutual and continuous intention of Mr Rikhoto and his employers that he remain in his employer's service.

Professor John Dugard, head of the law school at the University of the Witwatersrand, said he thought the decision "one of the most important judgments to be handed down by the Appellate Division".

Mrs Helen Suzman of the Progressive Federal Party said today the Appeal Court ruling would give black workers the right to have their families live with them.

Mrs Suzman said she hoped that remarks made by the Minister of Co-operation and Development, Dr Piet Koornhof, "in the fever of a National Party congress" that he might circumvent the Rikhoto ruling, would not be translated into action.

Dr Koornhof was not available for comment.

Professor S A Strauss, head of the department of law at Unisa, said: "This is an important judgment which will affect the rights of a substantial number of blacks in the Republic and as such it must be welcomed."

New electricity levy angers black community leaders

By Michael Tisong

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The new R12 a month levy on the availability of electricity in Greater Soweto, effective from tomorrow, has been strongly criticised by community leaders.

They said the levy amounted to exploitation.

The director of the West Rand Administration Board's electricity department, Mr M van der Spuy, said the money was to be used to repay the loan of about R150 million being used for the township's electrification project.

From June 1 1984, the availability charge would rise to R17 a month and to R23 a month in 1985. From June 1 1986, residents would be charged R29 a month.

This levy would be in addition to metered consumption. The loan was approved by the community councils of Soweto, Dobsonville and Diepsmeadow.

A spokesman for the Azanian People's Organisation (Azapo) said the chairman of the Soweto

council, Mr David Thebehali, did not have a mandate from the people to approve the loan in the first place.

"The decision to charge the levy is racist. The affluent communities receive electricity without having to pay a levy. This decision is likely to cause many people to lose their homes because if they cannot pay for the electricity, they will be kicked out," the spokesman said.

Dr Nthato Motlana, of the Soweto Civic Association, said it had already been proved that Wrab charged Soweto higher electricity tariffs than other local authorities.

"Since the Government owns the township and we are regarded as temporary sojourners there, it is incumbent on the Government to bear the responsibility of the cost," Dr Motlana said.

"The community councils approved of the availability charges because they have no minds of their own. They echo the voices of their masters," said a social worker, Mrs Ellen Khuzwayo.

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Witness tells of fight with guards

A STATE WITNESS this week described to a Johannesburg magistrate how he fought a terrible fight with Mr David Thebehali's All Nations Guards when they came to arrest him on January 30 this year.

Mr Alpheus Mkhonza was testifying in the trial in which Mr Thebehali, chairman of the Soweto Council, is charged with defeating and obstructing the course of justice.

He has pleaded not guilty before Mr R D Curle to allegedly releasing two men from a police van. The incident is said to have taken place in January when three policemen went to Mavis Isaacson Hall, in White City Jabavu, to arrest some of the makgotla members who had earlier assaulted Mr Mkhonza.

POLICE

Mr Mkhonza told the court that after putting up a fight with the men at his home, he had managed to run to Jabulani Police Station. He had then left with the policemen to the hall to point out the people who assaulted him.

"After the two men were placed in the van, I saw Mr Thebehali coming to open the door while talking loud to a policeman. When this happened, he was in the company of many people who were in a fighting mood.

By NKOPANE MAKOBANE

"I also heard voices say you can shoot but you will only shoot once because we will kill you," Mr Mkhonza said.

After giving evidence, Mr Mkhonza evoked laughter in the courtroom when he objected to being cross-examined by Mr Thebehali's lawyer, Mr H Bornman.

When warned by the magistrate that the lawyer was going to ques-

tion him on his evidence, he said: "How can this man question me because he was not there?"

However, during cross-examination, Mr Bornman said his client would deny that two people were arrested when the police arrived at the hall for the first time.

The hearing continues tomorrow.



ACCUSED: Thebehali.

By MONTSHIWA MOROKE

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

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

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

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

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

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

Suburbs without water for up to four days

The reservoir in the township had also dried up.

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

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

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

Swazi police release Mail correspondent

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Mail Reporter

MR SIMON NGWENYA, the Rand Daily Mail correspondent in Swaziland who was detained by Swazi police last Thursday, was released on Monday evening.

Mr Ngwenya said in a telephone call yesterday the Commissioner of Police, Mr Titus Mbisi, had warned him that he would be re-detained if he continued to write articles that "disturbed" the Swazi people.

Mr Ngwenya was ordered to report to the Swazi police last Thursday, following a report that police had acted against members of the African National Congress.

The latest crackdown on ANC members follows the Pretoria bomb blast on May 20, and a subsequent strike against ANC positions in Maputo by South African Air Force jets three days later.

When Mr Ngwenya reported to the police, he was detained at Lobomba and questioned that afternoon and on Friday. His home was searched and his typewriter and a pamphlet were taken

away. The typewriter has been returned to him.

He was held in a cell which, he said, he shared with a member of the ANC who claimed to come from Durban. Another member, who claimed he had applied for political asylum, was in an adjoining cell.

On Monday he was taken to police headquarters in Mbabane where Mr Mbisi told him that Prince Bhekimphe Dlamini, the Prime Minister, was disturbed by the report.

"They did not deny the authenticity of the report, but said simply that it was disturbing the lives of the Swazi people. Mr Mbisi said the Prime Minister did not want me to report for the Mail in this way. If I wrote similar reports again, the Prime Minister would have me detained for 60 days — and it's renewable," Mr Ngwenya said.

He said he was also questioned about the former Prime Minister, Prince Mabandla Dlamini, who came to South Africa after being ousted earlier this year.

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AND DEVELOPMENT:

Happiness is being endorsed IN

By SYDNEY MOSES

NOW Mr Mehlole Rikhoto has been endorsed IN!

Four days after a judge ruled that he had done the 10 years' continuous service with his firm entitling him to urban residence, his reference book was stamped by the East Rand Administration Board.

The entry gives him the right to live in the Germiston area, where he is employed by an engineering firm as a contract worker.

The right was originally granted by the Rand Supreme Court in September 1981, but East Rand Administration Board appealed against it.

The board contended that a 1968 ruling compelling migrant workers to return home once a year to re-register broke the service and made it impossible to qualify for 10 years' continuous employment.

But in the Appeal Court on Wednesday, Mr Justice van Heerden and four other judges rejected the Board's plea.

They decided that Mr Rikhoto WAS entitled under Section 10(1)(b) of the Black Urban Areas Act to urban residence after his 10 years with the same firm — a ruling which upholds the rights of thousands of other migrant workers.

And on Thursday Mr Rikhoto's reference book was endorsed with that permission at the offices of the East Rand Administration Board.

It had not been until the day before, however, that he heard he had won his case.

He said: "I was told when I arrived back after a weekend at home in Tzaneen with my family."

His wife's name is Rosina and the children are Hester, 10, Helen, 7, Tony, 5, and Terrence, 3.

"Now I must start arranging for them to come and live with me."

Mr Rikhoto was born at Tzaneen in 1948 and left school after passing Standard 4 because his father, Mr Sixpence Rikhoto, a former diamond miner in Kimberley, was too old to work and to pay his fees.

Mr Rikhoto began his job at the Germiston engineering firm in 1970 and was the breadwinner for his family.

He stayed at the Simmer and Jack compound, but he wasn't happy about living conditions and he wanted his family with him. So he moved to Katlehong Township.

His battle for the right to live there began when his landlord, Mr Phillemon Nkosi, applied to Katlehong Administration Offices in December 1979 for a lodgers' permit for him.

Legal action

"I was told that I didn't qualify to stay in an urban area," Mr Rikhoto said.

"So I started legal action against the East Rand Administration Board.

"Now that the Appeal Court has ruled that I am here to stay, my next move is to apply for a house in the township, and bring my wife and four children to stay with me.

"I don't see any reason why they should not be registered as residents in the township. My wife will seek employment and my children will attend school here."

He said Terrence was born in Germiston and he has an authentic birth certificate.

Indebted

In his legal battle he was helped by the Black Sash and he said he was very much indebted to them for their relentless efforts.

He added: "I am disappointed that the SABC-TV did not interview me.

"I expected that such an important matter that affects thousands of my black brothers would be televised."

● Mr Rikhoto said his brother, Mr Raphiel Rik-

The selfless band behind the fight for the rights of Mr Rikhoto

By BRUCE LOUDON

IT is an organisation founded with the noble ideal of helping the little man and the little woman.

And when, this week, the Appeal Court handed down its landmark decision in the case of *Rikhoto v East Rand Administration Board*, everything, suddenly, seemed worthwhile to a small and dedicated group of lawyers working from modest offices on the "wrong" side of Johannesburg.

The Legal Resources Centre (LRC), started four years ago with a plethora of good intentions but little material backing, had broken new ground and established itself as a potent new force to be reckoned with in promoting a fairer and more just society in South Africa.

Alone, Mehlole Tom Rikhoto could have done nothing. Indeed, few individuals could have stood the cost of two years of litigation, ending with argument in the Appellate Division.

With the aid of the LRC, however, Mehlole has won a victory that has far-reaching effects for tens of thousands



MR ARTHUR CHASKALSON
A worthwhile job

as the Carnegie and Ford

providing R25 000 this year.

But for the rest, the local donor list — bearing in mind the landmark work being done by the LRC — is not particularly impressive.

"Our costs are going up all the time and we have to try and increase our funding," says Mr Budlender. "We desperately need more money."

His cry from the heart is understandable, for the LRC is expanding at a rapid rate — a branch office is already functioning in Durban, and another is due to open in Cape Town on September 1.

A clinic has been opened in Johannesburg where anyone may go for legal advice (the

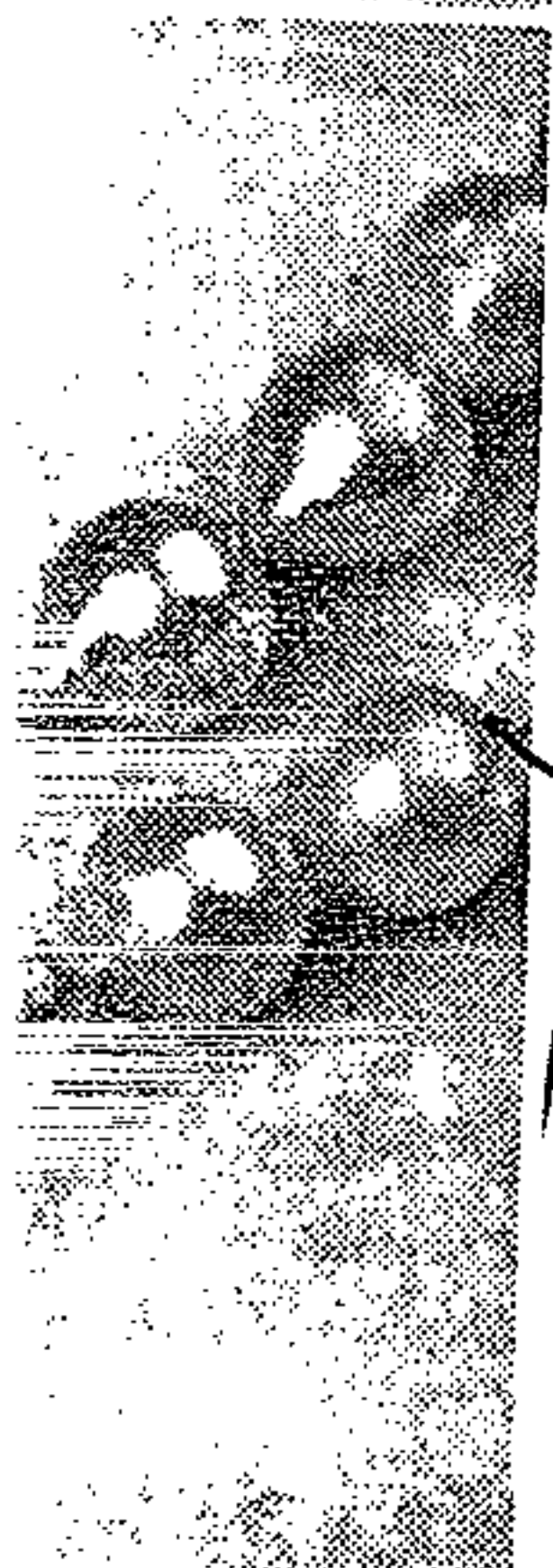


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With the aid of the LRC, however, Mehlolo has won a victory that has far-reaching effects for tens of thousands in a similar predicament — and it hasn't cost him a cent.

Research

"On his own, without lawyers, Mehlolo could not have had his rights recognised. Indeed, such an action involving large amounts of time in research and preparation would have been beyond the means of any but the very richest of individuals," explains Mr Geoff Budlender, one of the LRC's top lawyers. "We can justify our involvement in the case and the expenditure of so much time because so many others will now benefit."

There can, indeed, be no doubt that the Rikhotso judgment is far and away the most important in the four years since the LRC was established.

There was an earlier landmark judgment — that, in 1980, involving *Komani v Bantu Administration Board, Peninsula Area* which was of great importance as it opened the way for wives to be united with their husbands in the towns.

The Rikhotso case touches the other end of the scale — the right of a man to be there — and concerns many more people than the Komani case.

To the 10 lawyers who work permanently at the LRC in Johannesburg under the leadership of Mr Arthur Chaskalson, SC, life is a constant, uphill struggle.

Hard work

Clear-cut victories are few and far between. Rikhotso was one, and they should be forgiven the obvious pride they feel.

It took two years of hard work by the whole team, and in particular Mr Chaskalson, his junior Karel Tip, and his attorney, Charles Nupen.

And, of course, the reality is that the Rikhotso case is just one of scores, if not hundreds, that the LRC is dealing with at any one time.

The LRC was founded by Mr Chaskalson and his colleagues with the aim of offering legal help to people who could not otherwise afford it. Mr Chaskalson sacrificed an extremely lucrative practice to undertake a task that even to a man of his ability must have appeared daunting.

He was joined by others, no less dedicated.

Funding came, initially from major American philanthropic organisations such

MR ARTHUR CHASKALSON A worthwhile job

as the Carnegie and Ford foundations.

Overseas donors still contribute some 60 percent to the LRC's funds (which, to the year ended March 31, 1982, amounted to R351 124).

But, happily, local donors are increasingly digging deeper into their coffers and helping to fund an organisation of inestimable and increasing value in our society.

The Sunday Times National Charity Fund has provided R21 452 during the current financial year, and is one of the LRC's principal sponsors. The biggest single local donor is the Anglo American and De Beers Chairman's Fund, which is

another is due to open in Cape Town on September 1.

A clinic has been opened in Johannesburg where anyone may go for legal advice (the only proviso is that the person wanting help must show that he is unable to pay for a lawyer in private practice).

The LRC, for obvious reasons, does not take on political cases, particularly those that relate to the Terrorism Act, and this is obviously one of its strengths.

Those working under Mr Chaskalson are a dedicated lot.

"Yes, I suppose the lawyers here could make more in private practice, but that's not the point: this is a very worthwhile job if you believe the law can be used to build a fairer society," says Mr Budlender.

Cabinet to decide on new influx loophole

By IVOR WILKINS

THIS week's historic Appeal Court decision on the right of contract workers to qualify for permanent urban residence is likely to be a priority subject at Tuesday's Cabinet meeting.

Government sources are clearly deeply concerned by the ruling — which flies in the face of influx-control policy — and legal experts in the Department of Co-operation and Development were studying the implications of the ruling this week.

The Minister, Dr Piet Koornhof, has declined to comment on the ruling other than to say it was being studied.

Other sources in the department confirmed that intense attention was being focused on the Appeal Court decision.

Problems

It is reliably understood that a report is being prepared in time for Tuesday's sitting of the Cabinet, where the matter will receive urgent attention.

Sources said it was possible that an announcement of the Government's plans in connection with the judgment could be made during next week's Budget Vote of the Department of Co-operation and Development.

At last year's Cape con-



Dr PIET KOORNHOF
Ruling being studied

gress of the National Party. Dr Koornhof announced that amending legislation was on the cards to close loopholes in the influx-control system exposed in court actions like the Komani case, which allowed urban blacks to live permanently with their wives and families.

"We will have to come with amending legislation to deal with the Komani case because it is causing problems," Dr Koornhof said.

At the time, he refused to be drawn further on his statement.

Committed

But another senior source said the intention of the amending legislation would be to restore the status quo before the Komani case and the Rikhotso judgment — con-

important matter that affects thousands of my black brothers would be televised."

Mr Rikhotso said his brother, Mr Raphael Rikhotso, who has worked for more than one employer for a period of more than 23 years, stays at the Simmer and Jack compound and qualifies to be in the urban area of Germiston.



firmed in this week's Appeal Court decision — which established the right of contract workers to permanent city rights in terms of Section 10 of the Black Urban Areas Act.

"Those rulings defeat the purpose of government policy. Contract workers were not meant to get Section 10 rights," the source said.

So far, there is no amending legislation on the parliamentary order paper, but if the Cabinet decides there is a need to close the Rikhotso loophole, an amending Bill could still be prepared in time.

The Government remains firmly committed to a policy of influx control, but the entire mechanism for administering that policy is under review.

Rigid

There has been speculation that the task of policing influx control will be removed from the administration boards — which are to become development boards under new legislation — and pass to the Department of Internal Affairs.

The basic philosophy is to create a permanent urban black population, a sort of insider class, and then introduce a rigid system to prevent blacks from the rural and homeland areas, the outsiders, from penetrating the influx barrier.

The Government's most recent attempt to introduce this system came in the form of the savagely criticised Orderly Movement of Black Persons Bill, which has been temporarily shelved.

But, it is expected that ultimately there will be new legislation that will determine qualifications for permanent urban residence status, replacing the current Section 10 qualifications.

Argentina cries for 'sleazy' Evita

Sunday Times Reporter: London

ARGENTINA is fighting back at the hit British musical "Evita".

Argentine writers who were angered by the British portrayal of their social national heroine as a sleazy social climber have put together a rival version.

It shows her as a saint — in one scene she

sits on a pedestal in heaven.

Producers plan simultaneous openings in Spain, Mexico and the US.

One of the authors, Robert Pansera, started writing it after seeing the British show three years ago.

He said this week: "That version attacks 'Evita', the forces, our education system and some of our most respected politicians."

By STEVEN FRIEDMAN
and SOPHIE TEMA

THE EAST Rand Administration Board yesterday acknowledged it would have to implement at least part of this week's historic Appeal Court judgment upholding the right of long-serving migrant workers to city rights.

But none of the migrants who approached Administration Boards for their rights yesterday were granted them and one group was told they could not be granted their rights because an Erab computer was broken.

Meanwhile, unions have warned of possible worker unrest if the Government attempted to override the judgment and the Black Sash is considering court action if workers who qualify in terms of the judgment are not granted rights. Migrants began approach-

Boards cagey as migrants flock to get city rights

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ing boards yesterday to claim rights to which they were entitled after the Appeal Court upheld the right of a Germiston migrant worker, Mr Mehlole Tom Rikhotlo, to permanent city life.

This means thousands of migrants who have been in cities for a decade or more are now entitled to rights and that their families can live with them.

A Johannesburg company yesterday assisted about 300 of its workers to go to the Wrab offices and claim their rights. They were told by offi-

cials that the judgment was regarded as "simply an individual case" and the officials were awaiting guidelines from Bureforia which could take two weeks.

At an Erab office, about 60 members of Fosatu's Paper, Wood and Allied Workers Union were told that they could not be granted the rights "because the computer is broken".

Our Cape Town correspondent reports that the local Administration Board now faces about 800 applications for city rights in terms of the

judgment.

Wrab's chairman, Mr John Knoetze, said the judgment "has a number of implications and should be studied thoroughly to see how much of it could be carried out most effectively."

Mr F E Marx, the chairman of the East Rand Administration Board, said, however, that "somehow or other" Erab would have to implement "part of the court judgment."

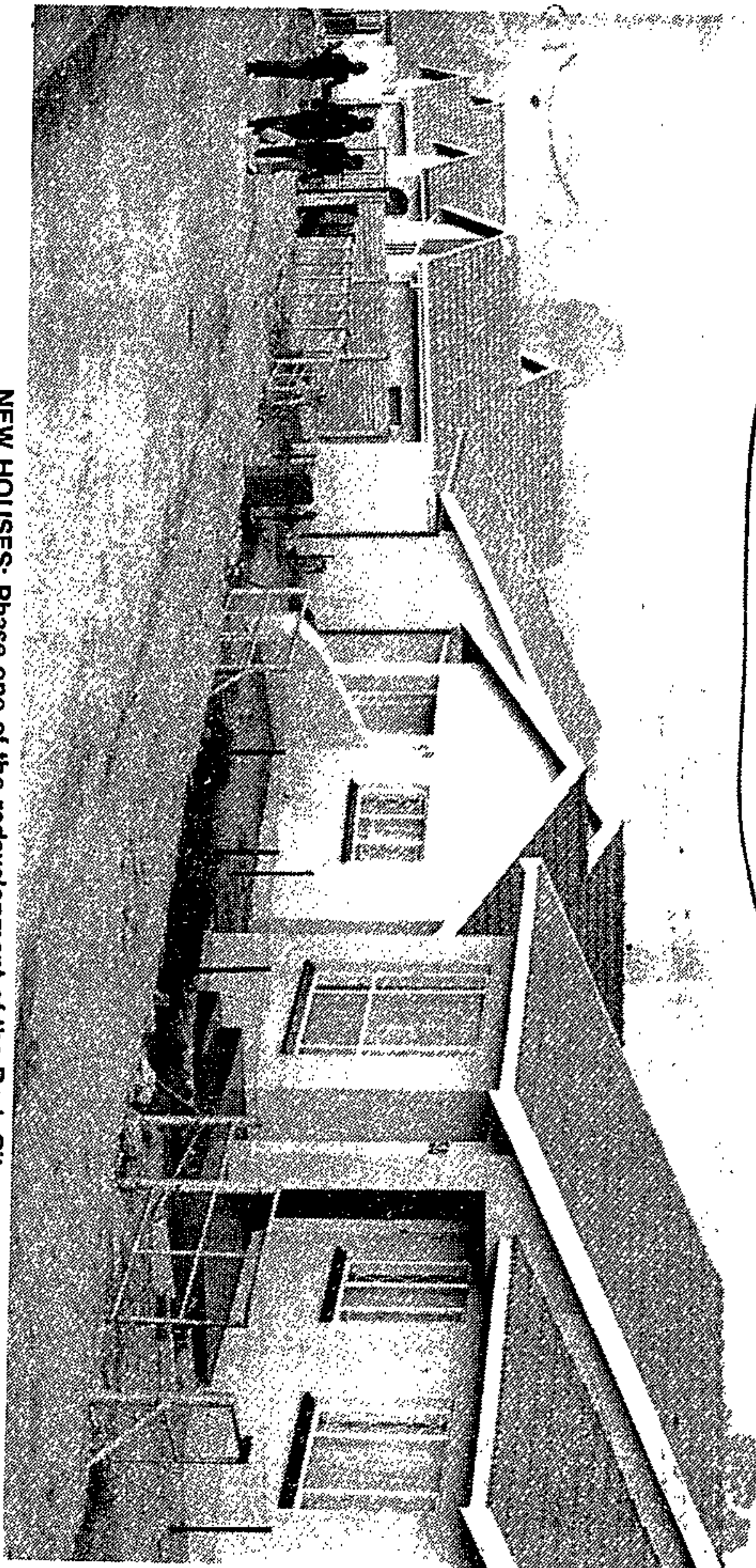
He said the board was still studying it and awaiting guidelines.

The national president of the Black Sash, Mrs Sheena Duncan, said the Sash was considering taking legal action on officials who refused workers rights.

A lawyer said yesterday administration boards "have no right" to await policy guidelines before implementing the judgment. "It is the law and they must abide by it," he said.

Meanwhile the General Workers Union has warned of worker anger should the Government override the judgment.

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NEW HOUSES: Phase one of the redevelopment of the Dark City.

Start of a brave new era

BY LEN MASEKO

ALTHOUGH the reprieve of Alexandra township — the Dark City — was greeted with great relief and joy, there is every need for the Government to convince local residents that the new era will mean the beginning of great things for them.

First, the Government has to come up with concrete proof to convince residents that at no stage will it review its decision to allow the township to stay. Some feeling of permanency have to be instilled in people whose despondency — resulting from

Diepkloof, Tembisa and Klipspruit over the years, and there is a common belief that the authorities will stop at nothing in carrying out their plans.

Residents interviewed said this insecurity was later erased when they were told plans to upgrade the area were in the pipeline.

An eye-sore in the eyes of the neighbouring mink and manure suburbs, Alexandra is on the threshold of being

of funds that the redevelopment of the township could not get off the ground.

It was only last year — three years after the reprieve was announced — that the first steps towards providing the Dark City with a new lease on life came into fruition. This followed several meetings on the hold-up between the local authority, the Alexandra Liaison Committee, and the Minister of Co-oper-

atives and Development.

phase with a new type of housing springing up on the south eastern side of the township. Projects taking place there include the building of 324 flats and 220 houses. Seventy-nine houses have already been built in the area.

The SOWETAN spoke to the man who has been on the forefront throughout the resistance against removal — the Rev Sam Buti, chairman of the ALC. Recalling the events leading to the reprieve, he said:

"The spirit among the people of Alexandra was one of defiance at the time."

dra."

Mr Buti believes, depending on the availability of funds, Alexandra become one of the most beautiful suburbs in the coming years. This could be realised through more involvement by the private sector in housing schemes in the area.

"Residents in Alexandra have finally reached a stage where they are not only looking forward to the availability of rented houses or flats but also feel the need to build houses of their own choice," said Mr



NO FACILITIES: Local boxing trainer Sinkwe Joe Mongale holds two of his young boxers shoulder high after a dust-up. Mongale, due to a lack of facilities in the area, trains young boys in the basics of the game in his own yard.



ON ALEXANDRA

SPOTLIGHT

years of living under the threat of removal — has spilled over into the new era.

Residents are suspicious that the Government has only postponed their planned relocation. Their fears stem from the fact that thousands of families have already been moved to places like

black city following a Government announcement of a multi-million rand redevelopment scheme.

But, because of red tape, it took about two years before the first signs of the upgrading scheme could be seen. It was, the authorities said at the time, through lack

Dr Piet Koorhof, in 1980 and last year.

To date, the Government has allocated R10 million for the redevelopment of the area. The private sector has also played its role — building 60 houses in the township in the past 12 months.

As it is, Alexandra is going through a unique

that of despondency. Hundreds of families were ferried in trucks every day and others — in a bid to avoid being resettled — disappeared during the day, only to appear at their homes at night. But the ray of hope we had at the time helped us get through those difficult times. We can now witness winds of change blowing through dusty Alexan-

duction of a site and service scheme in the area.

All in all, the local community will always look at their past with pride. It has been a long, hard and dusty road. The Msomi Gang era, bus boycotts, the area's music giants and all the other colourful characters from the township will be engraved in the annals of Alexandra's history.



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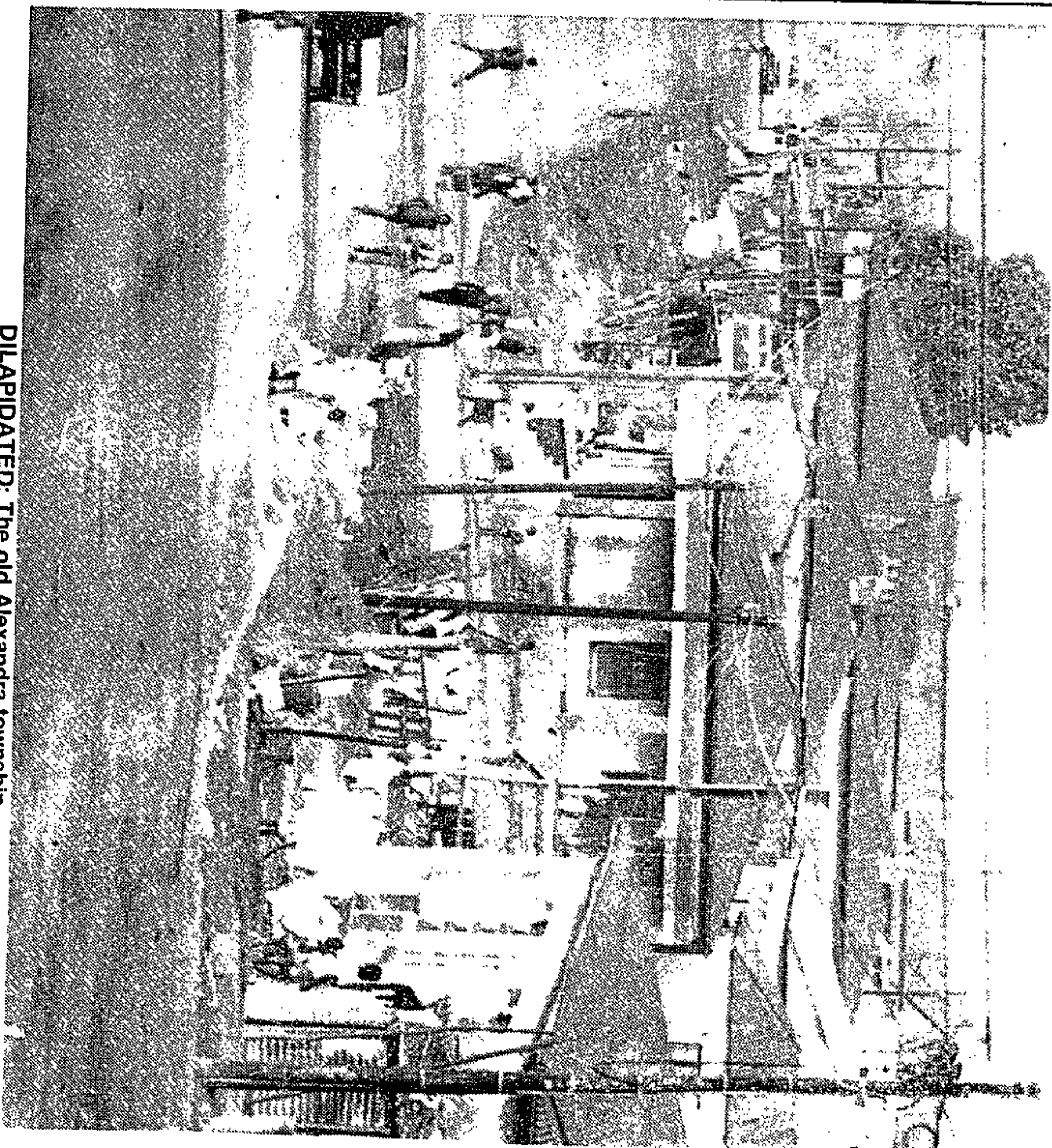
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DILAPIDATED: The old Alexandra township.

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SIMON NGWENYA
detention denied

Political Reporter

A SWAZI police spokesman yesterday denied the Rand Daily Mail's correspondent in the kingdom, Mr Simon Ngwenya, had been detained — but two people were reported to have seen Mr Ngwenya in a cell at the Lobomba police station on Sunday.

In answer to inquiries, a CID spokesman in Mbabane said Mr Ngwenya had not been arrested.

But the Mail learnt yesterday that Mr Ngwenya was seen by two people in a cell at the Lobomba police station between Mbabane and Manzini on Sunday.

Yesterday the Mail sent telexes to the Swazi Prime Minister, Prince Bhekimphe Dlamini, and to Mr Msibi, expressing disquiet at Mr Ngwenya's detention and asking for details. By late last night no replies had been received.

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Pledge on boundaries of Soweto

By Peter Sullivan, Political Correspondent

Whites on the West Rand worried about a bursting Soweto have been given a promise by the Minister of Co-operation and Development, Dr Piet Koornhof, that no black residential areas will be extended without consulting MPs and town councils.

This follows attempts by councils and national planning committees to work out a "master plan" for black housing on the West Rand.

Dr Koornhof's statement was welcomed today by the MP for Roodepoort, Mr Willie Cuyler.

"This gives clarity to the people who live to the west of Soweto," he said.

Dr Koornhof's statement released last night follows a series of meetings between various bodies and the "Quadro-Council" composed of the town clerks and councillors of Roodepoort, Krugersdorp, Randfontein and Westonaria.

Dr Koornhof said he was aware that the West Rand Administration Board was in the process of acquiring a small section of land between the proposed K-102 road and the north-western boundary of Soweto. This would round off the boundaries of Soweto in that vicinity.

Roodepoort City Council and the local MP, Mr Cuyler, had been consulted and had subsequently agreed to this extension but other departments and bodies consulted still had to react.

"As soon as this has been done, I will consider the matter," he said.

He added that there would be an increase in the housing density in Soweto which could provide an additional 50 000 housing units.

Soweto tent people relocated

By Jo-Anne Collinge

About half the inhabitants of Soweto's Chicken Farm tent town were yesterday removed to an emergency camp, and police raided the 15 remaining households early this morning — taking away four men.

New homes for 10 households in the group — which spent five weeks in tents after Wrab demolished their shacks — consist of single-room iron huts at a former Salvation Army centre.

Also, Mr TF Bronkhorst, senior township manager for Pimville, said 20 huts had been completed in a temporary housing scheme.

The tent dwellers had occupied 25 tents, often living two families to a tent, but Mr Bronkhorst said each family would be housed separately. Facilities on the new site would be improved.

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AT WORK: Mr Mehlolo Tom Rikhoto operates a machine that produces bolts and nuts in Germiston.

RIKHOTO WANTS A HOME

By MONO BADELA

THE man behind the historic influx control decision, Mr Mehlolo Tom Rikhoto is here to stay.

Interviewed by The SOWETAN, Mr Rikhoto yesterday expressed joy and triumph after being given his 10 (1) (b) rights by the East Rand Administration Board, making him legal. "I am now fully qualified to stay with my wife and four children in Johannesburg. My problems are over."

He said his family was in Tzaneen, in the northern Transvaal and that for a long time, he had lived a very lonely and abnormal life.

"I was thrilled when I read in the newspapers on Tuesday that finally I was entitled to reside in Johannesburg permanently. As soon as I am through with my registration I shall start looking for a home where I will start a new life. Imagine going home everyday after 5 pm to be met by your kids. This is going to be a dream come true," he said.

His boss at work said he would not mind giving help to Mr Rikhoto and the rest of his 60 work force to buy houses which would soon be available next month.

An Appeal Court decision earlier this week rejected with costs an appeal by the East Rand Administration Board against a September 1981 Rand Supreme Court judgment upholding Mr Rikhoto's right to live in the cities. This means that a precedent set by the Rand Supreme Court now applies throughout the country.

The Government is to state its views shortly on the implications of the Appeal Court judgment on the permanency of blacks in white areas and on influx controls.

A spokesman for the deputy Minister of Co-operation and Development, Dr George Morrison, said in Cape Town that his department was awaiting the Appeal Court documents on the verdict.

The Chief director of Erab, Mr F E Marx, said that in the light of the court decision, administration boards have no other choice but to grant permanent residential rights to those with similar problems.

It is estimated that about 11 000 single blacks on the East Rand will be affected. He said serious problems could arise as a result of a housing shortage in the region.

SECRETAN

Council 3/6/83 blames 343 Govt for deadlock

THE Minister of Co-operation and Development Dr Piet Koornhof has been accused by the Duduza Community Council of applying delaying tactics by not solving the backlog between them and the East Rand Board, over the installation of the sewerage system in the township.

The sewerage project had to be abandoned late last year when both the council and the board refused to finance it. The council insisted that the board was responsible for the welfare of the Duduza community while the board maintained that residents had to foot the bill.

The board had decided on rent increases of R9 in October last year, a further R6 this year in April and finally R7,03 next September when the project is completed to meet the R5-million costs.

At a meeting called by residents, the increases were rejected, forcing the board to cancel the scheme.

Chicken Farm folk on the move again

THE NOMADS of Chicken Farm and "Mochaeneng" are on the move again. Yesterday the thirty odd families were relocated to the property of the Salvation Army across the Old Potchefstroom Road.

Late yesterday the families moved into the four by three metre wood and iron homes built by the West Rand Administration Board. Their nomadic life dates back some two months.

First the shacks where they lived as squatters in "Mochaeneng" were demolished two months ago by Wrab.

They then started to sleep outside in the open veld until the Witwatersrand Council of Churches (WCC) donated ten tents to them follow-

ing a special meeting with Wrab about their plight. Then, after weeks of staying in those tents, Wrab moved them to Chicken Farm where it was said they would have access to better sanitary facilities than at "Mochaeneng."

Once they had occupied those prefab huts and tents they were asked to pay rent of R40 a month. However, the WCC took up the rent matter with Wrab but, according to a spokesman for the WCC, the issue had not yet been finalised.

People interviewed at random said they would prefer better homes than the ones allocated to them. They were not yet sure whether they would have to pay rent for the new houses.

Ambition Brown slams calls to boycott elections

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A PROMINENT Soweto community leader and executive member of the Sofasonke Party, Mr Ambition Brown, has reacted strongly to calls for the boycott of the forthcoming Soweto Council elections.

Mr Brown, who hopes to stand as a candidate in the elections expected to be held in September if they are not postponed again, said he was critical of the present council leadership but believed that boycotting the council was not going to achieve anything.

He said the expansion of the community councils' powers by the Black Local Authorities Bill,

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By SAM MABE

should be hailed as heralding a new era in the lives of blacks living in the urban areas.

"We cannot, however, overlook the fact that the Soweto Council as it stands today, has perpetrated a lot of injustices and disservice to their own electorate in the last seven years of its existence.

"It is partly for that reason that here in Soweto elections are becoming more and more an inevitable and desperate necessity because of the poor administration and shaky leadership of the councillors.

"The weakness of the present council was demonstrated in their handling of the housing and shack issues. In the forthcoming elections, Soweto residents will be able to get the right leadership to correct the wrongs that have been passing unchecked in the council chamber for the last seven years," he said.

He added that one blunder for which the Soweto Council should not be forgiven was that of plunging Soweto into a R230-million debt which residents had to pay for despite the fact that they were not con-

sulted when the debt was incurred.

"It is only with good leadership that we can avoid such blunders. And by assuming the status of a town council, blacks will have powers to exercise their self-determination and achieve some of their goals," he said.

He criticised those who engaged in what he called "mud-slinging" from outside and challenged them to prove their worth by fighting from the same platform as those they opposed.

lecturer in psychology at the University of the Witwatersrand, was testifying before Mr Justice H van Dyk sitting with two assessors in the trial of Mr Malesela Benjamin Moloise of 220C, Sonny Boy's Plot, Stinkwater, who has pleaded not guilty to murdering Warrant/Officer Phillipus Selepe (50) at the front gate of his home in Mamelodi on November 7 last year.

Mr Cumes told the court he had conducted three tests on the accused in May this year and had concluded that Mr Moloise was also an impressionist, highly emotional and had feelings that people wanted to poison him. He had a low level of intelligence and would like to appear as if he had certain qualities which he did not have. "He is an actor

Row over lights levy

THE SOWETO Party, led by Soweto businessman Mr Ephraim Tshabalala, intends taking the Soweto Council to court to challenge the R12 levy charged to residents to pay off the R230-million electrification loan.

This was revealed yesterday by an executive official of the party, Mr Ambition Brown, who said the party's lawyers had already been briefed about the matter.

Mr Brown accused the Soweto Council of using "unfair and fraudulent" methods to fleece Soweto residents of their money.

He told **THE SOWETO** that when the decision to raise a loan

overseas to pay for the electrification project was taken, the council did not consult residents to inform them of all the implications thereof.

"We view this matter in the most serious light."

"It is obvious that anybody who is asked whether they would like to have electricity would say yes. But it was important for residents to be told that besides getting the money to electrify Soweto from abroad, they would have to settle the bill themselves."

The Soweto Council

had originally decided that each household in Soweto would be liable for a R20 monthly levy for the repayment of the loan which will be paid up over 25 years.

At the council's monthly meeting last week, it was decided that the levy be reduced to R12 and increased in stages until it came to R29 a month in 1986.

Residents who installed their own electricity without making use of the council's scheme will pay R4 and those who used it to upgrade their electricity will pay R8.

Chicken Farm folk on the move again

THE NOMADS of Chicken Farm and "Mochaeneng" are on the move again. Yesterday the thirty odd families were relocated to the property of the Salvation Army across the Old Potchefstroom Road.

Late yesterday the families moved into the four by three metre wood and iron homes built by the West Rand Administration Board. Their nomadic life dates back some two months.

First the shacks where they lived as squatters in "Mochaeneng" were demolished two months ago by Wrab.

They then started to sleep outside in the open veld until the Witwatersrand Council of Churches (WCC) donated ten tents to them follow-

ing a special meeting with Wrab about their plight. Then, after weeks of staying in those tents, Wrab moved them to Chicken Farm where it was said they would have access to better sanitary facilities than at "Mochaeneng."

Once they had occupied those prefab huts and tents they were asked to pay rent of R40 a month. However, the WCC took up the rent matter with Wrab but, according to a spokesman for the WCC, the issue had not yet been finalised.

People interviewed at random said they would prefer better homes than the ones allocated to them. They were not yet sure whether they would have to pay rent for the new houses.

Thebehali hearing

THE CASE against Mr David Thebehali, chairman of the Soweto Council, was yesterday postponed to June 27 in the Johannesburg District Court because the presiding magistrate was ill.

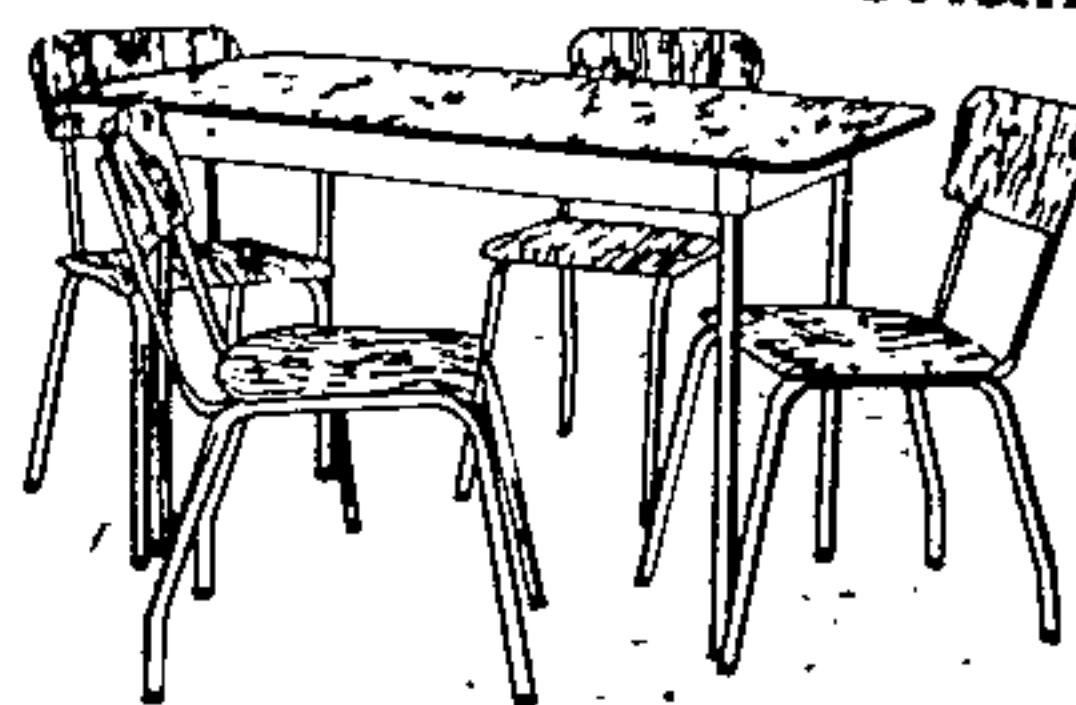
Mr Thebehali was to have appeared before

nection with a charge of obstructing and defeating the cause of justice.

He has pleaded not guilty to the charge that he released two of his makgotla men from a police van on January 30 this year after they were arrested at Mavis Isaacson Hall in connection

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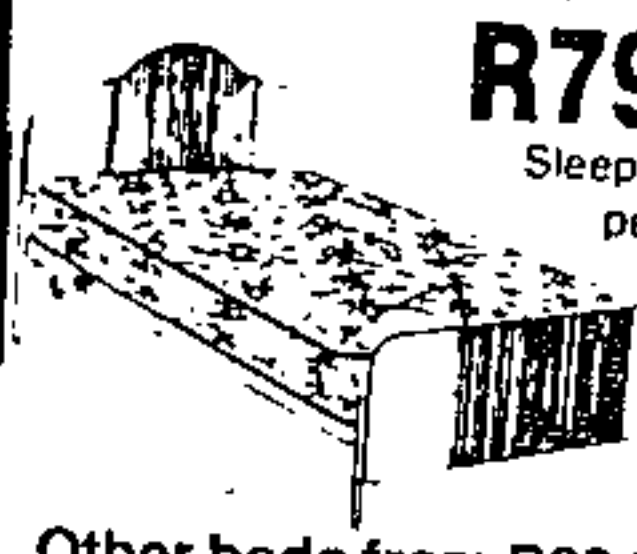
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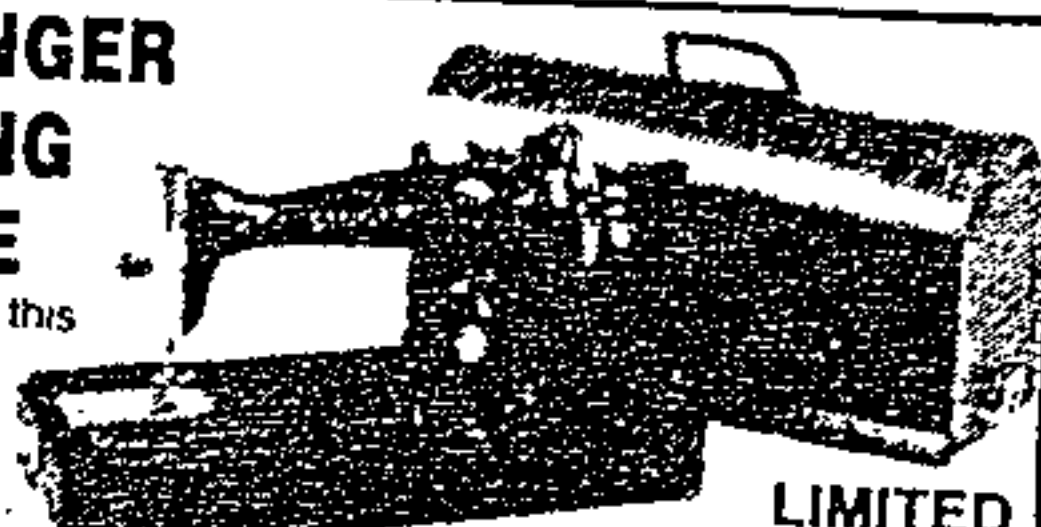
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ALEXANDRA FM 3/6/83
Starting to move

Many residents of Alexandra township had given up hope of seeing improvements to their blighted township. They often felt government was focusing attention on the upgrading of Soweto for "political reasons" at the expense of other equally needy townships. Now things could be changing.

The Reverend Sam Buti, chairman of the Alexandra Liaison Committee (ALC), has announced that the Department of Co-operation and Development has made R2m available for the second phase of the Alexandra Township renewal project. In addition, Buti has called for tenders for the construction of flats and for the second de-

velopment phase.

Since government granted a reprieve to Alex in 1979 only 79 houses have been built by the West Rand Administration Board (Wrab) and 60 by the private sector. Wrab chairman John Knoetze blames lack of funds.

Buti says: "The R2m will be used for building a variety of housing types. This will include 220 houses, 120 flats and the provision of serviced plots for self-build schemes."

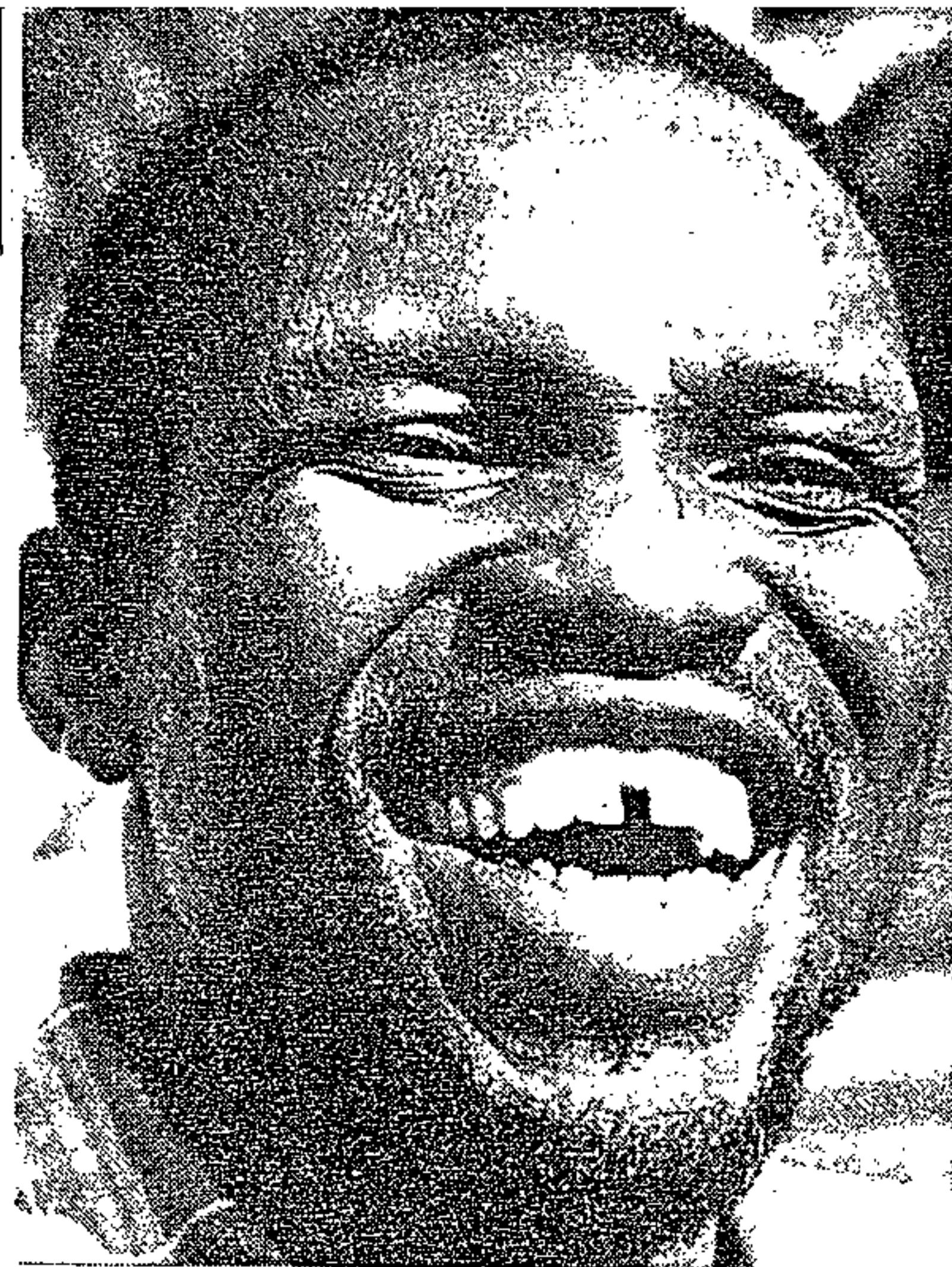
The provision of flats in Alex is likely to set a precedent. Adds Buti: "The first block of flats — a four storey walk-up — will be complete by the end of the year. The provision of the flats is being undertaken as a pilot project to test residents' responses. The ALC did a survey and found that there are people prepared to live in flats, but the reality could be different."

There are still a number of problems to be ironed out — not least the provision of a main out-fall sewer for the township, which Buti believes to be the "major stumbling block" to development.

According to Buti: "Some 243 families will be affected by the construction of the sewer. Although we still have to raise R10m for construction, this is complicated by the need to remove people whose homes lie in the path of the proposed sewer and to provide temporary alternative accommodation for them during building operations."

"Connections to the existing sewer outlet are being laid and 120 houses have already been connected. However, for the total development to continue it is essential that the main sewer is built as soon as possible."

An additional R80m is needed to complete the development project. Buti is negotiating to raise R10m at present. "I was frustrated at the rate of progress in Alex but now things are beginning to shape up, and we can probably expect things to progress at a faster rate," he says.



A DELIGHTED Mr Mehlolo Tom Rikhoto after the news of his victory in the highest court in the land.

Ecstasy of a man who made history

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Weekend Argus
Correspondent

DURBAN. — A joyous Mr Mehlolo Tom Rikhoto — the migrant worker who made history this week when he won permanent residence rights in the urban area where he is a contract worker — will be househunting this weekend.

The Appeal Court judgment handed down in Bloemfontein in Mr Rikhoto's favour has brought him one step closer to realising his dream of 13 years: a four-roomed house with electricity and running water where he and his family can live together without fear of a police pass raid.

Mr Rikhoto had the precious 10 I(B) stamp entered into his passbook within three days of his court victory.

Now he can begin looking for a house in Natal's prime township outside Germiston where he works in an engineering factory, and bring his wife Rosina and their four children to live with him.

When the 35-year-old migrant worker set out, in 1981, to get his permanent residence rights he did not realise that his quest would affect a wide cross section of South Africans, from the humblest labourer to nationalist Cabinet Ministers.

"I just remember my boss telling me in 1970 when I started working for him that after 10 years I would be able to get permanent residence rights," Mr Rikhoto said this week during an interview at the factory where he works.

Mr Rikhoto's dogged pursuit of his case, assisted free of charge by the Legal Resources Centre in Johannesburg, has earned him the admiration of his fellow workers.

Contract workers queuing at the East Rand Administration Board, hoping to get the same rights, hailed Mr Rikhoto as a hero and shook his hands on Thursday as he left the offices with his 10 I(B) stamp.

PLAYING BY THE RULES OF APARTHEID MAKES LI



● Mr William Beckett — his home in Wynberg is nothing more than a corrugated shed against a wall in a yard filled with rubbish.

The daily Trek' tha Sandton

HUNDREDS of workers travel between Wynberg and coloured townships up to 50km from Johannesburg. Many of them would like to live closer to their work.

Mr Trevor Davids and Mr Goolam Sheria are among them.

They live in Bosmont, Johannesburg and travel by car. They have to get up at 5.30am to reach work at 7.15am.

They have a lift club with four other people. But transport costs them each R30 a week.

"It would save on travelling costs and time if we could live nearer work," said Mr Sheria, a senior quality control inspector.

"We are part of the area was established near here can be seen."

Said Mr Davids: "A lot of people live in Eldorado Park buses in the evenings."

These people, at 4am and take the bus to Wynberg.

Both Mr Sheria and Mr Davids supported the coloured residential area.

By STEPHANIE VENTER

TREVOR Davids is just one of hundreds of coloured workers who get out of bed before dawn — winter or summer — to trek between 25km and 50km to clock in on time for work in Sandton's industrial township of Wynberg.

Not that the money there is much better than anywhere else.

No, it's quite a different problem...

Mr Davids and hundreds like him are unable to live near their work because Sandton does not have a coloured township, and neither will it get one, in the words of Mr Pen Kotze, the Minister of Community Development, in five, 10 or

even more years.

Even the last outpost of coloured people living on the fringes of factories in Wynberg, or in the zoned black area of Alexandra, is going to be moved elsewhere.

The ministerial decree that there is no need for a township means that hundreds of coloureds will be forced to continue their daily trek, criss-crossing the city to work and school and home again — and totting up millions of kilometres a year in the process.

Take Mr Trevor Davids's case.

He spends R30 a week getting to Wynberg from his home in Bosmont on the other side of Johannesburg — and he is perhaps still one of the luckier workers.

Hundreds of others have to get up at 4am to catch the bus to Wynberg.

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buses in from Eldorado Park, south of the city.

More than 500 schoolchildren in Alexandra have to travel daily across the metropolis to Vrededorp — there is no school closer to home.

For some of their teachers, the 'march' is even longer — they come from as far afield as Eersterus in Pretoria, catching up to six trains a day to get from home to work and back again.

Commuting is far easier for Mr Essop Sutton.

He has worked at a factory in Wynberg for 15 years and lives in the area.

He walks to work.

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They may eventually have to move to unfamiliar townships up to 50km from Johannesburg.

Between 30 and 40 families live in Wynberg — an area which has been set aside for industrial development. They, too, will have to move.

But they do not want to move and neither do those people who were brought up in Alexandra.

According to a report by the Save Alexandra Coloured Party, 90% of the working community works within the vicinity of Wynberg, Kew, Sandton, Bramley and Randburg.

They can see that moving will only mean unnecessary cost, hours spent travelling and their having to leave the community which they love.

Sandton Indians have been given a township in the area — Marlboro Park.

The coloured community also feels it needs and deserves a residential area there.

Cinema manager Mr Frank Jinga said: "There is no apartheid here. We all get along together. It is like no other township ... we know each other and have respect for each other."

"We grew up rough, tough and smart. Neither bulldozers nor dynamite will move us from here. We want to die with our people."

"The coloured community has been here for as long as I can remember."

Mr Jinga echoed the sentiments of the Wynberg coloureds when he said: "We don't mind moving to better conditions, but it has got to be right here in the Wynberg-Alex-Sandton area."

Mr Godfrey Patrick, who has lived in the community for 20 years and works in Wynberg, said: "It's like one big family here."

"Other townships are corrupt and miserable."

There is no violence here everybody lives happily together."

Mrs Norma Patrick, a teacher at a school in Vrededorp lives in one room with her three children and brother-in-law. There is no privacy — but where must we move to? They must build us houses in Alex," she said.

Long, arduous trek to school for pupils and teachers



● Mr Stanley Ernest
... 142km round trip



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MORE than 500 coloured children who live in Alexandra have to travel to school in Vrededorp, Johannesburg, while their teachers have to travel from Pretoria.

Both teachers and pupils at Krause Street Secondary School say their lives would be a lot easier if there were a school in a coloured area closer to Alexandra.

Most of the 800 pupils at the school travel by bus from Alexandra. The school — with black, coloured and Indian pupils then — was situated in Alexandra for over 60 years before it was moved to Vrededorp in 1978.

Now there's no school for Alexandra's coloured children.

The principal, Mr Edmund Petersen, said the school drew its teaching staff from a 75km radius.

Mrs Mary Ollier teaches the Standard One class and to get to school on time, her day begins at 3.30am.

Mrs Ollier, who lives in Eersterus outside Pretoria, recently suffered a stroke and suffers from hypertension and arthritis. But still she must take six trains to and from school every day.

"We were happy in Alex township — it was all right," she said.

The first train leaves Eersterus station at 5.50am and the changeover is at Station B, Pretoria. "That's where we have got to run seven minutes to catch the Johannesburg train on Pretoria A," she said.

One other change at Park Station in Johannesburg and Mrs Ollier finally gets to Vrededorp.

But travelling by train had to stop for a week after Mrs Ollier had a stroke last month. Commuting by car

was easier, "but it costs R3 a day — it's too much for me".

"The train is bad for my health, but I'll go back to the car if it gets bad," she said.

School ends at 2.10pm and she will finally get home at between 5.30pm and 6pm.

Mr Stanley Ernest, a mathematics teacher also lives in Eersterus. Although he travels to school by car he would prefer not to travel the 142km at all.

He has to leave home at 6am to reach the school at 7.45am.

He gets home at 3.30pm and has to prepare his lessons and mark work for another three hours, leaving little time for socialising.

He said that if a coloured area were established in Sandton or Alexandra he would want to teach in a school there.

Two Standard Eight pupils, Rosemary Meyers, 15, and Josephine Williams, 18, who live in Alexandra, said they would prefer to go to school there as well.

"Lots of children, especially the little ones, live far away from the bus stop and have to get up very early in the morning," said Rosemary.

"In the afternoon the buses come late. Those with money can drive home, but the rest of us have to hike — and it's bad for the young children."

Rosemary, who studies until about midnight, gets up at 6am to take the school bus.

"I hope that the school moves back to Alex, because there is no Standard 9 and 10 here, and we will have to go to school in Boksburg or Noordgesig (near Orlando, Soweto)."

LIFE HELL FOR THOSE COLOURED FOLK WHO WORK IN THE

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part and parcel of the area. We are moving here if a coloured township is established. The guys staying here can even walk to work."

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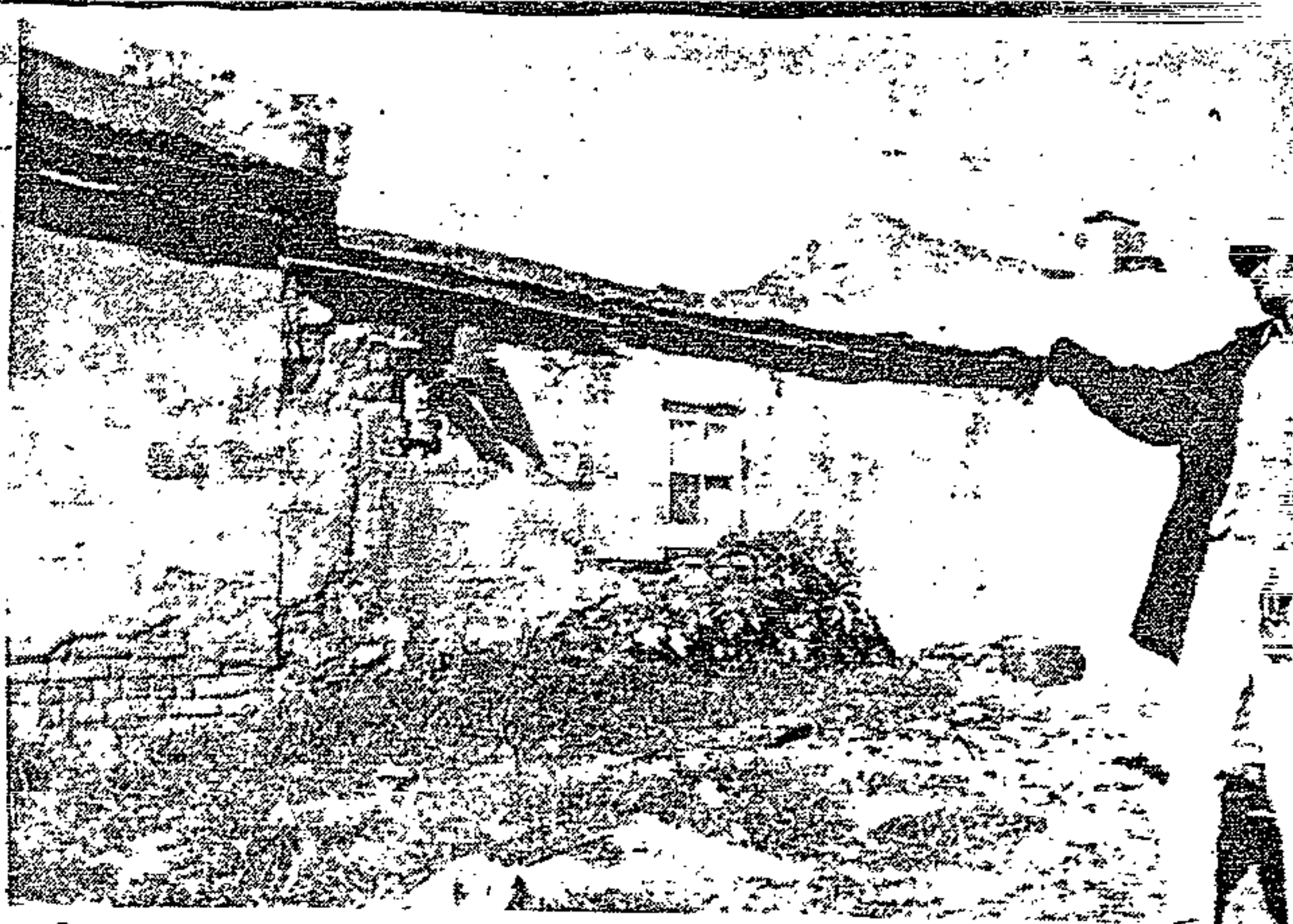
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WHO WORK IN THE FACTORIES OF SANDTON'S WYNBERG

Alexandra's 'come and see' challenge

"SANDTON desperately needs a residential area for coloured people," the chairman of Sandton's management committee, Mr Rick Valente, said in January.

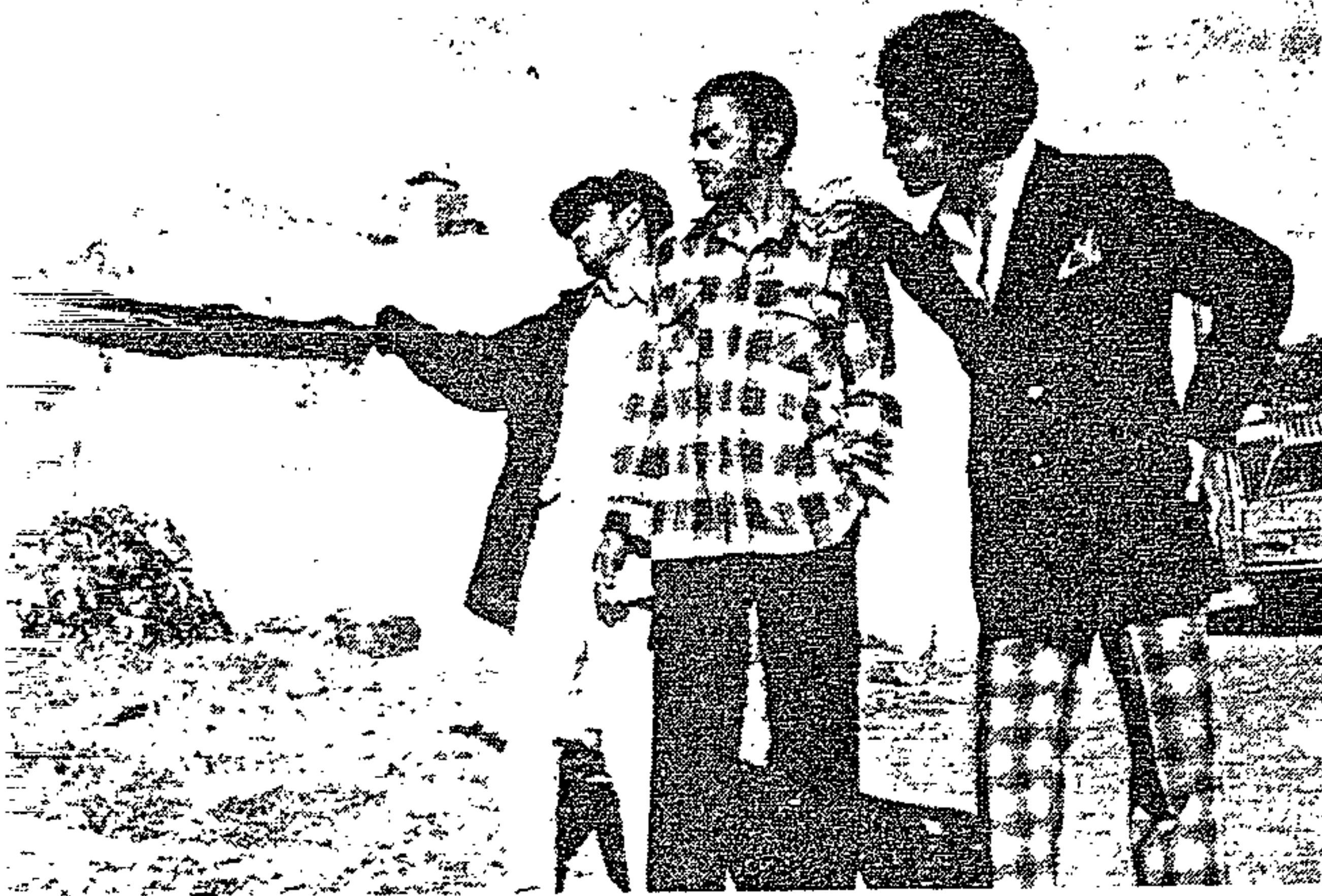
Last November the PFP faction on the Sandton Town Council requested that the Department of Community Development investigate its proposals that a coloured group area be established in Sandton and that the Indian area of Marlboro Park be extended east of the Jukskei.

A survey was carried out and submitted to the department, but last month Minister of Community Development Pen Kotzé disappointed thousands of coloureds when he refused to consider investigating a coloured area in Sandton — it was "not necessary".

This week Alexandra's leaders challenged the Minister to visit the area to see the conditions in which people were forced to live.

While there is no official coloured area in Sandton there can be no school. Most children travel to a school that was in Alexandra for 60 years before it moved to Vrededorp in 1978.

Schoolteachers, factory workers, salesmen, toddlers and unemployed all make up the vibrant coloured community in Wynberg — an area earmarked for industrial development.



Mr Ali Mahomed — smart clothes among the shacks of Wynberg.

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SPOTLIGHT
ON DUDUZA

By LEN MASEKO

ALL IS NOT well in the sleepy township of Duduza, Nigel, where a disillusioned community sadly watches while an industrial revolution takes place.

Not that the local community has deliberately refrained from drifting with the changing times but, as most said, the township is being neglected when upgrading projects are planned on the East Rand.

Unlike neighbouring townships like Tsakane and KwaThema, where a sewerage system is in operation, Duduza has to make do with a bucket system and communal taps. Long queues of bucket-carrying women and children at communal taps — one in each street — is a common sight.

Local residents always curse at the dreaded hour when the night-soil men throng the streets to empty buckets. The stench that pervades the atmosphere during this "invasion" is enough to drive the flies away.

Industrial development left us behind say residents from this sleepy township on the East Rand

This stuffy affair is still far from being solved as a new plan to remedy the situation is vehemently opposed by residents. The East Rand Administration Board (Erab) has proposed that R7-million be raised through a rent increase to install a sewerage system. But residents have protested to this, arguing that they should only be levied for using the system — not for its installation.

However, word is awaited from the Minister of Co-operation and Development, Dr Piet Koonhof, who is expected to come up with a solution to this problem.

Another serious problem facing this township is the housing shortage. The main problem is land. The private sector shown its eagerness

ing crisis, shacks are mushrooming in the township while authorities battle to prevent more of these structures springing up. A new regulation, aimed at curbing further shack-building in the area, was promulgated recently.

A council for fighting for the protection of the township's shackdwellers, Mr Kebana Moloi, has initiated a fund to help these families in case of prosecution by Erab policemen.

Said Mr Moloi: "By not allocating more land, the Government is

our township for too long. Townships on the East Rand are being developed while ours is simply forgotten. How else does Erab explain that of townships under its jurisdiction, we are the only one still using the bucket-system and communal taps?"

When Duduza residents were moved in 1962 from Charterston, 20 kilometres to the east of Duduza, an area now occupied by coloureds, they were promised electricity and sewerage, Mr Moloi said. Instead, electricity and sewerage



to participate in housing projects, only to be turned away by the lack of sites. The authorities, according to local leaders, say there is no possibility of the township being expanded within the next 10 years.

Because of the hous-

curtailing expansion and progress in the township. Many people are moving out of the township because they cannot get houses. Some are resorting to building shacks so that their families can have shelter.

"Erab has neglected

was installed in Charterston after the community had been resettled in the new township.

At present the Duduza population is estimated at 35 000 with about 600 families on the housing waiting list.

"Most residents are losing their homes in the township because of the unemployment crisis.

WATER: Duduza women on their way to the communal taps.



BUSINESS: Mr Moloi helps run his father's coal business. The family also owns a supermarket in the township.



LITTER: Pupils clean the streets up in the township.

Pics LEN KUMALO

Sec 10 — migrants can apply

Sowetan 7/6/83

By STAFF
REPORTERS

MIGRANT workers can now claim their urban rights at various offices of the West Rand Administration Board, the board's chief director, Mr C J Bezuidenhout, said yesterday.

This announcement comes at a time when the Black Sash and labour unions are threatening the board with court action if it continues to turn away hundreds of migrant workers seeking Section 10 (1) (B) qualifications.

Mr Bezuidenhout told The SOWETAN that the board had started accepting applications from the migrants following the landmark Appeal Court Rikhoto ruling.

The East Rand Administration Board has also taken in applications from migrants.

Meanwhile the Black Sash, which had intended handing over three test cases to lawyers as a step towards pressurising Wrab into complying with the court ruling, yesterday indicated that they would monitor the situa-

tion in the light of latest developments.

However, there are strong fears that the Government is gearing up a new legislation in an attempt to override the judgment, which gives rights to thousands of migrants and their families to stay in the cities permanently.

A member of the staff board of the Johannesburg City Council, Mr J Kitshoff, yesterday denied allegations that some migrant labourers in their employ had been refused certificates of service by the council which they need in order to get 10(1)B rights.

However, an official of the Municipality and General Workers Union, yesterday told The SOWETAN that they had received reports from their members that since the judgment, many had been refused the certificates.

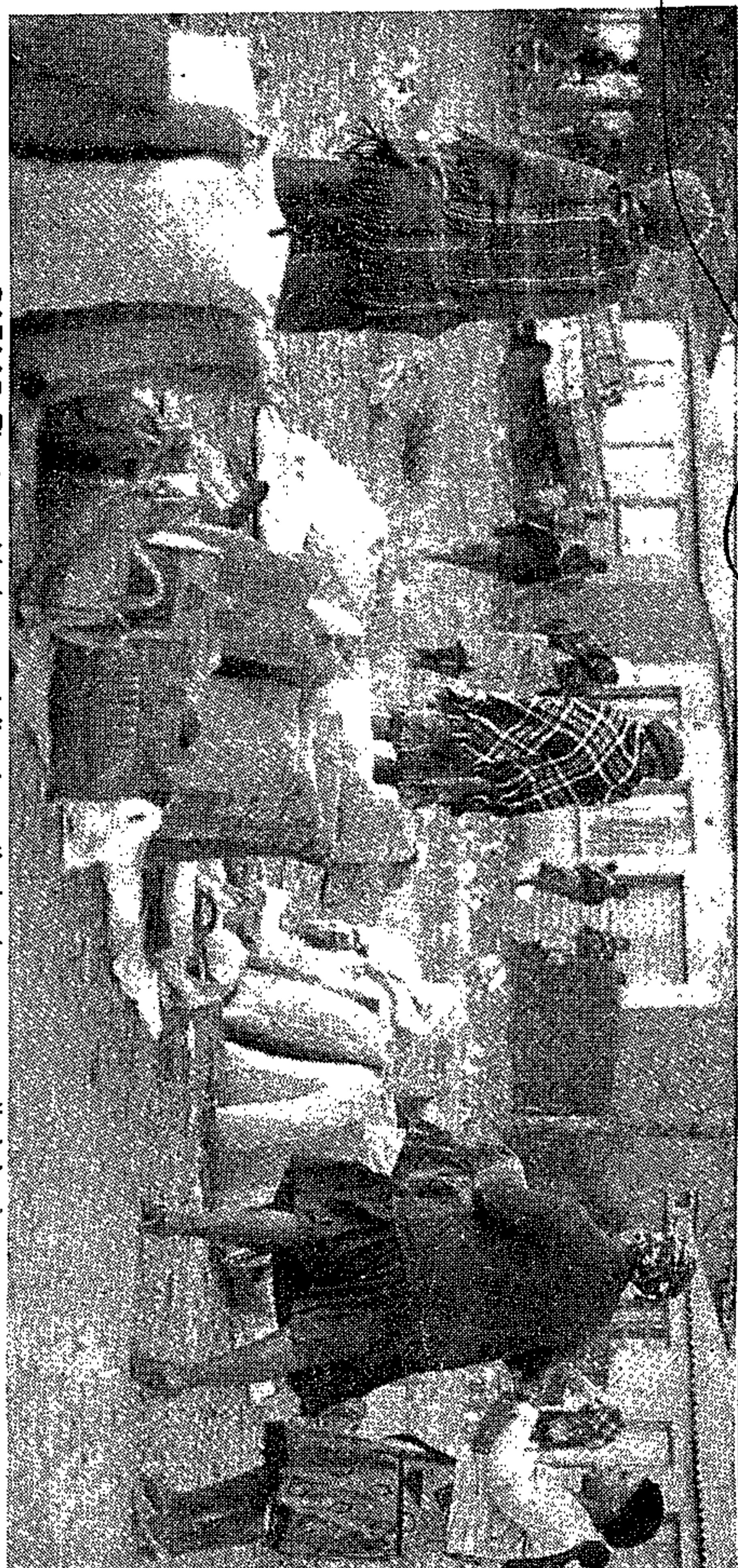
A spokesman for the Western Cape Administration Board, Mr Gert du Preez, said yesterday the Rikhoto Appeal Court judgment would be implemented from this week. — Sapa.

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ON DUDUZA

**Residents declare
war on ethnicity
in bid to overcome
Duduza's problems**



BAZAAR: The township has no stalls where the hawkers can run their businesses.

THE FORGOTTEN TOWNSHIP



MR MONTIEDI: New leadership needed.

WHILE impatience and despondency is fast growing within the Duduza community, a local civic body has pledged to take up the cudgels and fight for the much-needed upgrading of the East Rand township.

Formed last year, the Duduza Civic Association (DCA) believes it is due to lack of strong leadership that the township has been discriminated against and neglected for so long.

"Our local community council is praised by the East Rand Administration Board (Erab) as the most 'obedient' of all

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under the board's jurisdiction. But we cannot allow this to continue at the expense of the community," Mr Alexander Montoedi, DCA chairman, told **THE SOWETAN**.

DCA's bone of contention is that barely two years after the residents were moved from Charterston, now a coloured area, their former township was upgraded immediately. Houses were improved,

way for new housing schemes. Erab is still to negotiate with mining houses and farmers for the purchase of more land.

But, Mr Montoedi said, Erab was delaying the negotiations. The private sector — waiting in the wings to develop the area — could run out of patience as a result of the delay, he added.

Meanwhile the township is going to miss out on the forthcoming mass sale of the 500 000 State-owned houses next month. Only a small percentage of the

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If they could upgrade that area within such a short time, one wonders why Erab has failed to do the same in our township in the past 20 years. We were told Duduza was going to be turned into the most beautiful township on the East Rand. None of Erab's promises have materialised," said Mr Montoedi.

To set the ball rolling, the DCA is working towards uniting the ethnically-divided community. The township, with an estimated popu-

at the hall, Erab thinks we are anti-community council, but this is not so. We are fighting for the improvement of the township, which has been neglected for too long," Mr Montoedi explained.

The DCA has listed three problem areas in its agenda:

- Sewerage
- Housing shortage
- Lack of recreational facilities.

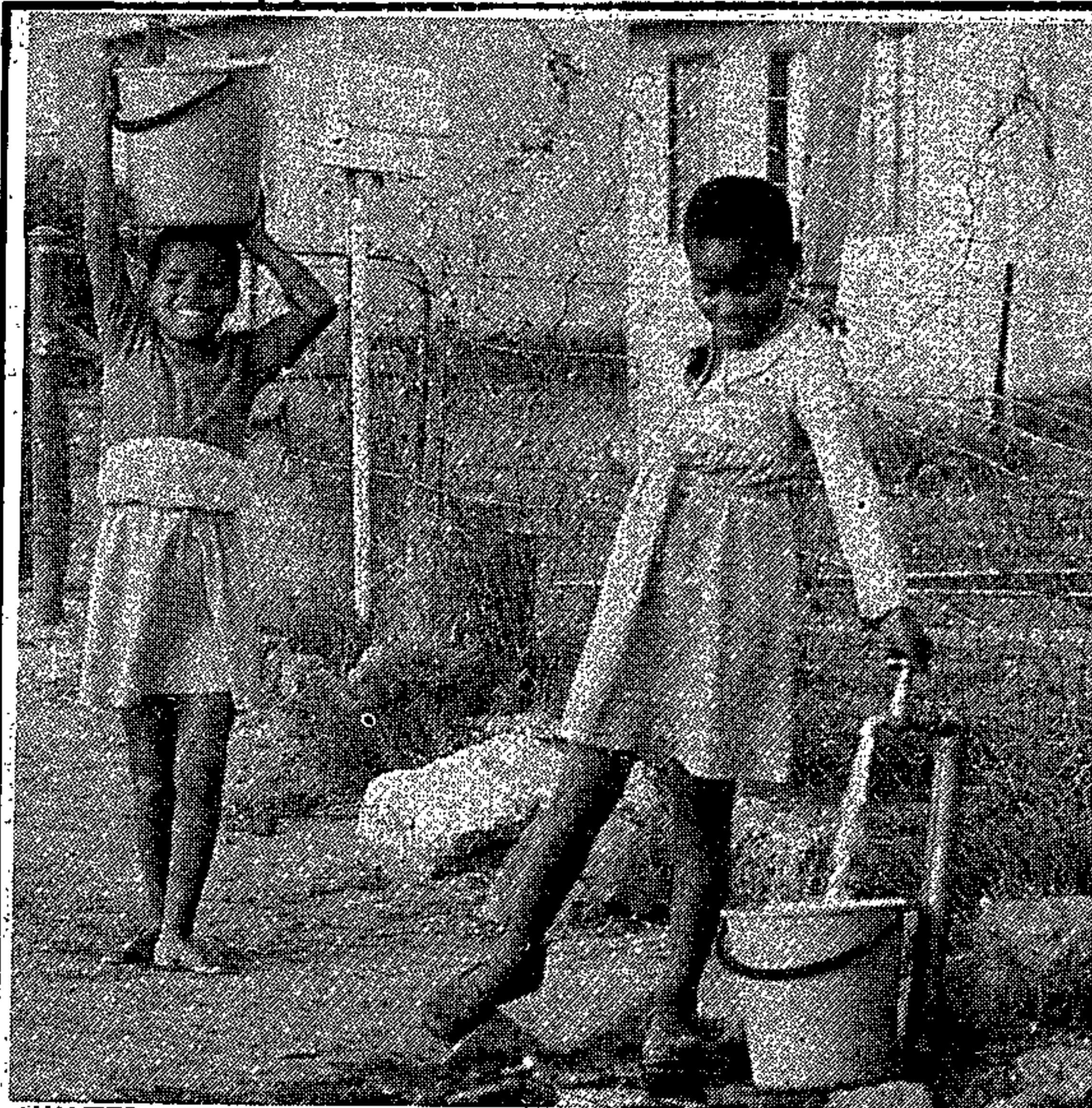
Surrounded by mining areas and farms, Duduza appears far from being expanded to pave-

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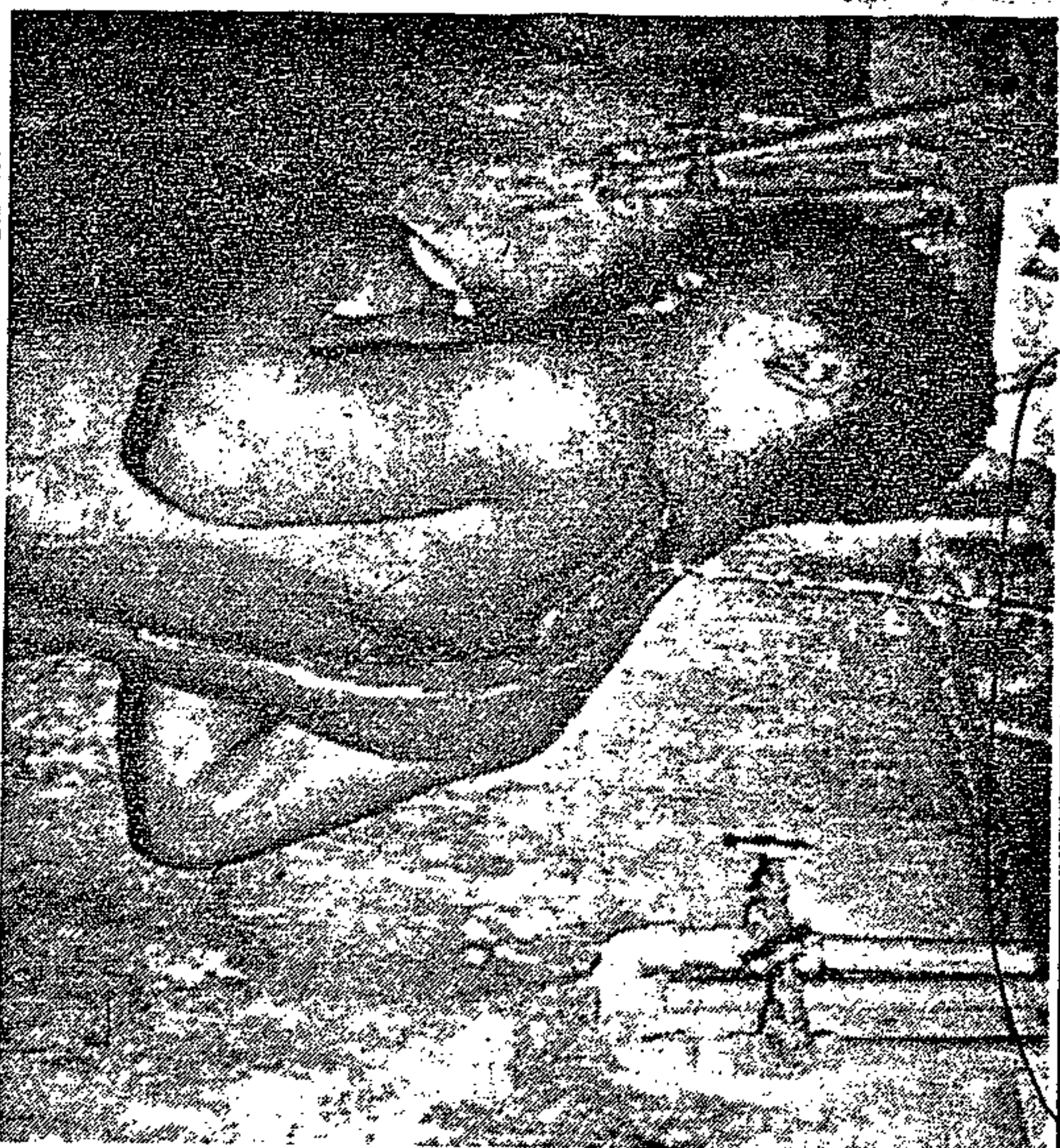
Said Mr Montoedi:

"Residents will have to wait years before they can buy their homes because of lack of funds. I fail to understand why the township was not surveyed before the community was allowed to occupy the houses."

However, all the civic problems facing the township could be a thing of the past if more powers were granted to the local community council and new blood elected into the body, he said.



WATER: These two little girls were first to draw water from the communal tap before the rush begins. With only one tap to a street, the queue for water can stretch to several metres.



WATER: An inmate enjoys an early morning shower.

'Harassment is a way of life here'

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THEY left their families in poverty-stricken rural areas — hundreds of kilometres away — to seek jobs in big cities, but none of them say their long trek has been rewarding, except for the meagre pay.

These are men who were driven away by hunger from their homes in "national

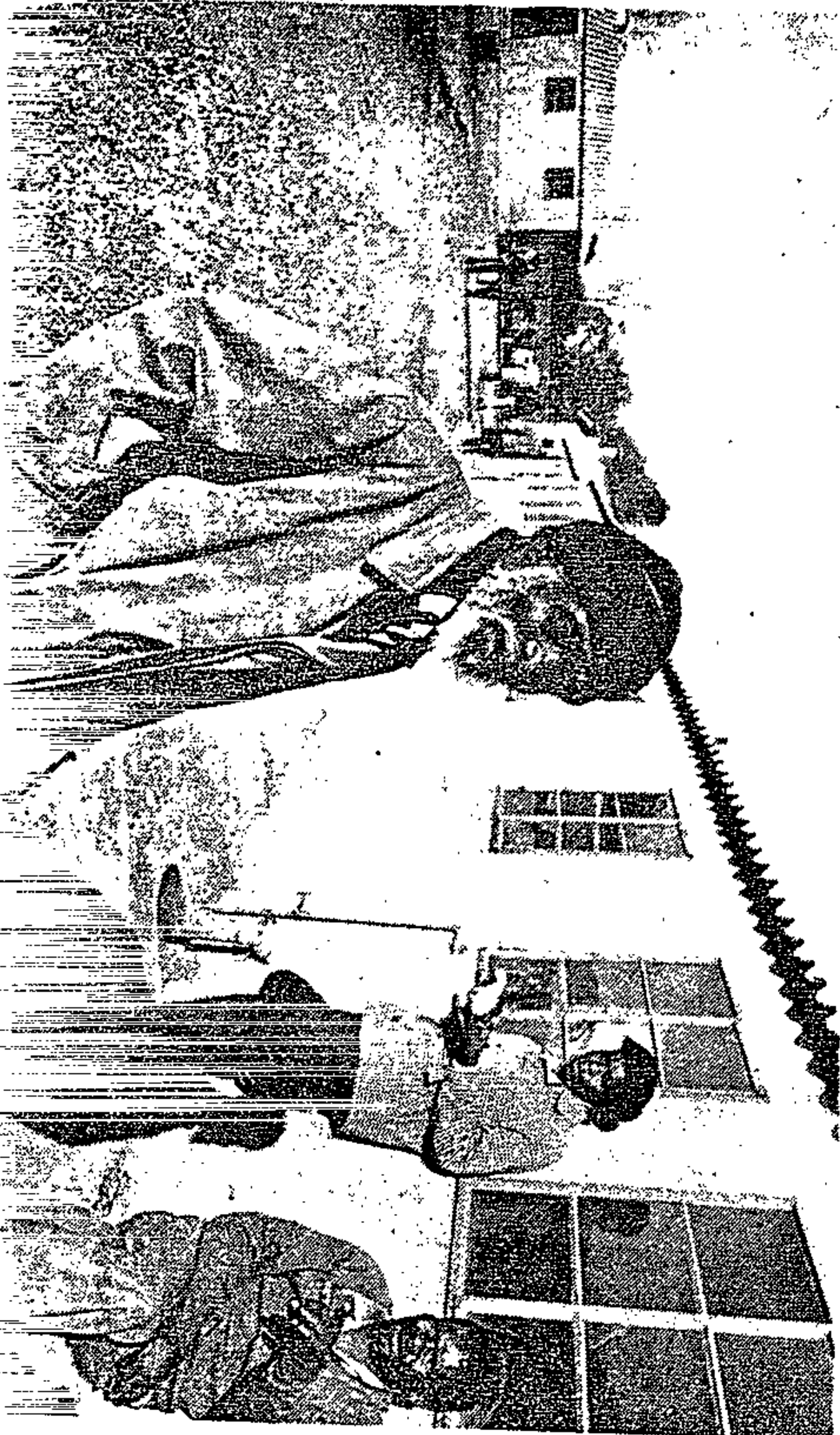
states like Lebowa, Bophuthatswana and Venda. Some even come from neighbouring states like Lesotho.

Although they comprise the main workforce in urban towns, migrant workers continue to be victims of exploitation with most earning wages below the subsistence level.

As is found elsewhere, they are crammed into hostels where the word privacy is non-existent. Because of influx control laws, they cannot enjoy normal family lives by bringing their loved ones to their "temporary homes" in the town.

Although the historic Rikhotso ruling has paved the way for these workers to live with their families in the cities, the current housing crisis in urban areas is another hurdle that stands between them and a normal family life.

At Duduza Hostel, Nigel, The SOWETAN found that hostel inmates were an unhappy lot. Their "rievances



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if we have paid rent. They also stop us daily at the main entrance to check if we have permits to enter the hostel".

Meanwhile Duduza hostel, for some inmates, has become a permanent home. These inmates are those who have lost contact with their relatives and do not know whether their next-of-kin are still alive.

One such man is Mr William Matavu (82), originally from Ciskei,

whose only source of income is a meagre bi-monthly pension. "I last saw my family about 20 years ago and have never seen them since. If I am to die, I will die in this place. I am not going anywhere," he said.

However, despite all their daily hardships, most migrant workers at the hostel continue to maintain contact with their families — from whom they get inspiration and love.



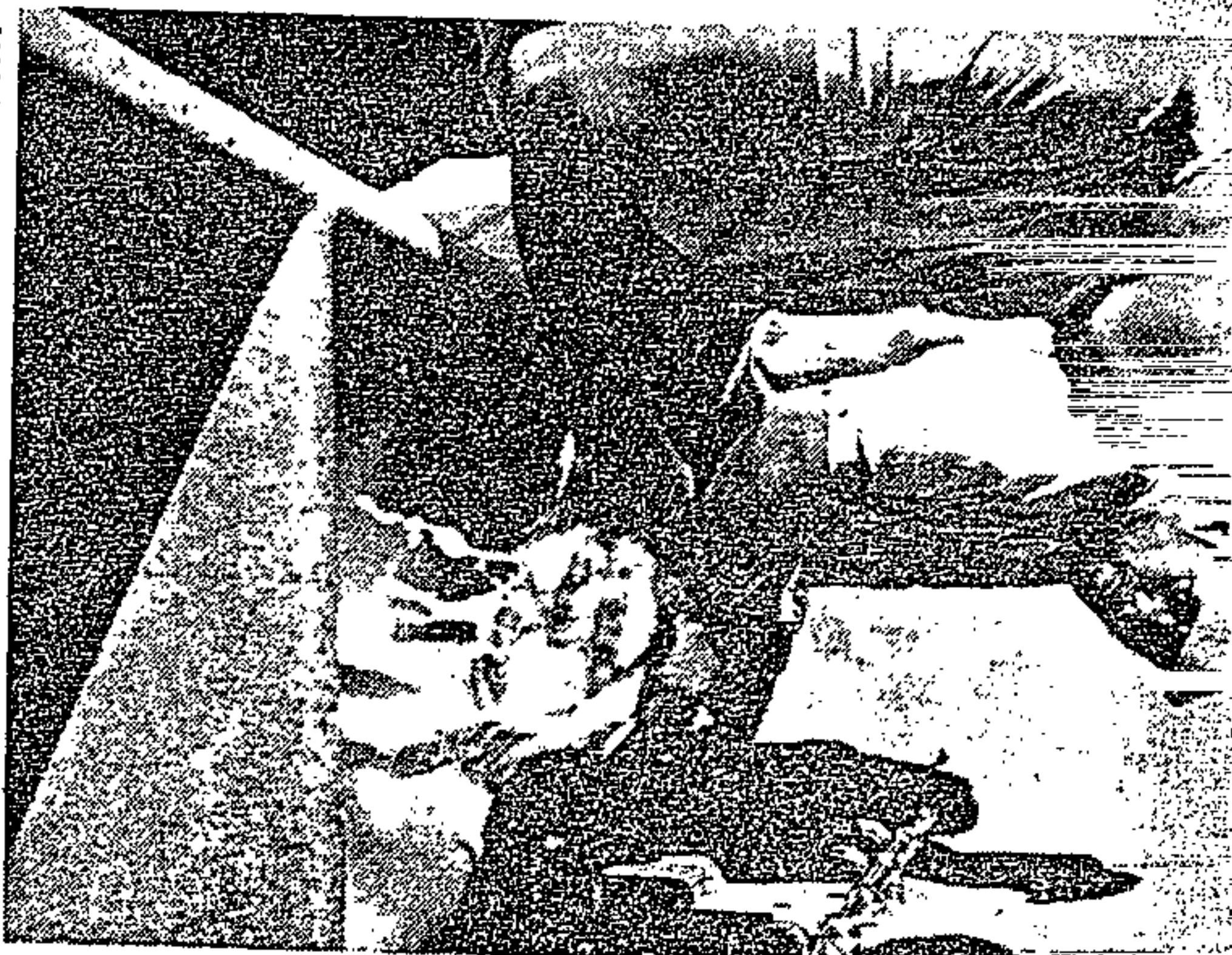
MR. MATAVU: Has lost contact with his next of kin.

lot. Their grievances ranged from thefts harassed by the East Rand Administration Board's policemen.

Thirty-four inmates are crammed into one sub-divided room. Fights among inmates over who should cook first are not an uncommon thing as only one little stove is allocated to each room.

Said one inmate: "The cupboards are dilapidated and, because of this, we have no place to store our things. As is always the case where people are crammed into one place, there is a high-rate of theft at the hostel.

"And Erab policemen are not making life easier for inmates either. They always raid our rooms in the wee hours of the morning to check


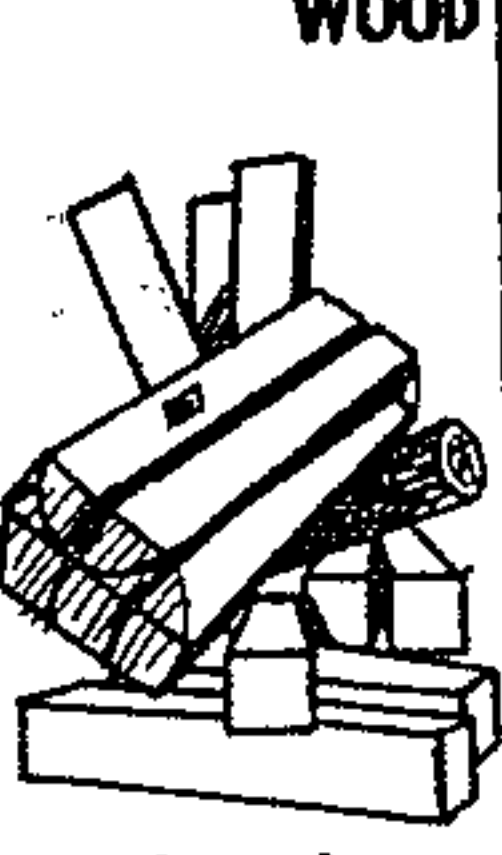
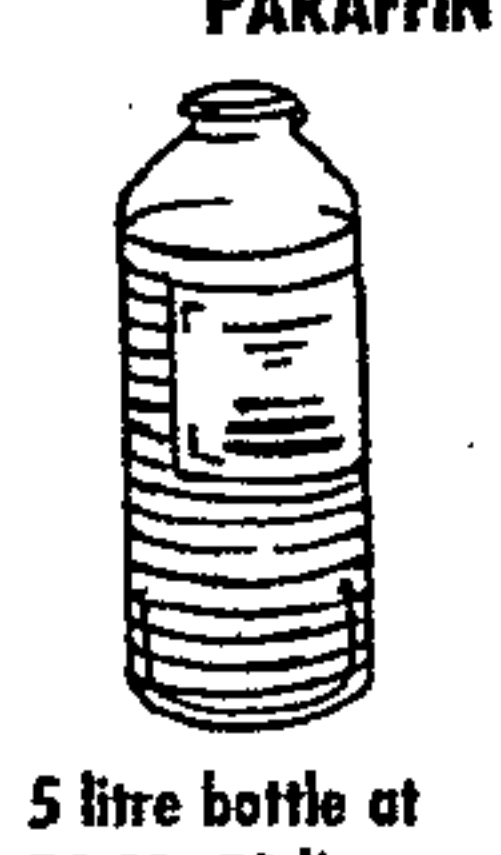





WASHING: With their wives hundreds of kilometres away, migrant workers are forced to do their own washing.



SQUALID: An inmate, Mr. Jonas Tshiya, cooks his lunch from the only stove provided for 33 inmates.

THE AVERAGE MONTHLY ENERGY EXPENDITURE FOR SOWETANS

COAL	WOOD	PARAFFIN	GAS	CANDLES	OTHER
					
6,95 a bag. 7 =	R1 a bag 7 bags =	5 litre bottle at R3,20 20 litres =		56c a packet, 10 packets =	
R48,65	R7,00	R12,80	0,51c	R5,60	32c (?)
TOTAL = R74,10					

Nicky Taylor

The switching on of Greater Soweto

Greater Soweto — a conglomeration of the three administrative units of Soweto, Diepmeadow and Dobsonville — is the country's largest and most progressive black area.

About 300 500 Soweto residents stream into Johannesburg daily to work.

Although it is only a stone's throw away from Johannesburg, Soweto remains a mystery to most whites. Few visit it and to many it is a tempestuous, unpredictable source of political disturbance and a breeding ground of crime.

However the South African Government, through its appendages — the three community councils of Diepmeadow, Dobsonville and Soweto and the West Rand Administration Board (Wrab) — is determined to turn this "black city" into a showpiece and an oasis in the black urban areas.

Money has been poured into various developments in the townships — notably the upgrading of roads, sewerage and a huge electrification project.

For decades some of Soweto's people, whose numbers total about two million, have known light

only from candles and paraffin lamps, heat from coal or gas and warmth from sunshine.

The beginning of the end to this primitive life began six years ago.

Dissatisfied with the life of the people and dismayed at the lack of Government efforts to improve it, the community councils of Soweto, Dobsonville and Diepmeadow clubbed together to confront the authorities. They lobbied and agitated ... and even went to the private sector for support.

Finally, this led to the development of a consortium by the country's leading engineering and planning firms to identify the needs of the black city.

Ecoplan, commissioned by the three community councils to define the townships' infrastructure and requirements, was established.

Among other things, Ecoplan found that fewer than 20 percent of the houses in Greater Soweto — there are about 110 000 units — had electricity, and even these were poorly wired and served by an overloaded system.

The three councils chose electrification as the priority from the

overwhelming list of essentials.

On August 29 1980, after four years of talking, politicking and manoeuvring, the great electrification programme swung into gear.

With a preliminary

they were filled with water and mud and had to be cleared out before cables could be laid.

Few people turned up for jobs offered by the contracting companies and work started late and proceeded slowly until enough labour could be

For decades parts of the "shadow city", home of an estimated 2 million blacks, were without electrical power. A scheme to rectify this has been plagued with problems. In the articles on this and the facing page, Sol Makgabutlane examines the situation.

loan of R20 million acquired from several banks, including Volkskas Merchant Bank, National Merchant Bank, Standard Merchant Bank and Union Acceptances, the first phase was fully subscribed immediately.

A second phase of R80 million, the loan clinched from the Post Office, was equally successful. So was the third of R50 million from the banking consortium.

From the outset progress was plagued by setbacks. No sooner were the trenches dug than

found from sources other than Greater Soweto itself.

Much of Soweto's ground is solid rock which could not be removed with picks. Blasting could not be done because of the unstable foundations of houses, which could collapse from the shock of the explosion.

But despite this, about 27 000 houses were wired and ready for the switch-on by December 1981, and work gathered momentum in a bid to meet the December 1983 deadline.

Soweto's light loans hunt



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She added that since the electrification project township complex began a few years ago, the bureau had been receiving a steady flow of Soweto residents eager to be educated about the pros and cons of electricity.

The bureau advised householders on how to deal with lightning and power cuts, which electrical appliances to buy, how to save electricity and how to deal with a person shocked by electricity.

"For example, we advise them to buy only appliances approved by the South African Bureau of Standards."

But inquiries at leading Johannesburg furniture stores indicated that the electrification had not

had much bearing on sales.

The director of one company said: "Although there has been a slight increase in the sale of such goods, it was not as substantial as we hoped. I don't think the electrification of Soweto has affected our sales."

COAL STOVES

But another said: "There has been a marked difference in the sale of electric utensils, especially television sets, in the past two months. It was probably because of the electrification."

A spokesman for a third company said: "We noticed in our Benoni branch after the electrification of Daveyton that blacks still preferred old-fashioned coal stoves, even when they had current in their homes. Because of that we do not

expect any rise in sales in Johannesburg."

But one great relief for Soweto residents, when the Greater Soweto electrification project is completed next March, will be the end of the cable-trench menace.

Named "progress holes" by Wrab, the trenches, often left unfilled for several weeks, have claimed at least five lives and have left scores of unwary residents injured after falling into them.

RELIEF

Wrab maintains that trenches are marked and that planks are provided to be used when crossing the ditches. It also claims that these are always stolen or destroyed. But when the final trench is filled in early next year residents will heave a sigh of relief.

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Cost of Soweto's light sparks loan hunt

Soweto's mammoth electrification scheme took an auspicious turn last week when the West Rand Administration Board (Wrab) electricity department's director said all Sowetans, including those in privately owned houses, would be drawing power by March 1984.

Mr M van der Spuy said 32 109 Soweto houses, including those that had previously had electricity, were already switched on and about 72 862 had been wired for power. At the end of this year another 70 000 houses would be connected.

The project gained pace with the near-completion of 663 of the 960 mini-substations which will serve the township.

Mr van der Spuy said: "The wiring of houses is slightly ahead of schedule, while the infrastructure is a bit behind, but the contractor has indicated it will be completed to meet next year's deadline."

"It means the main job will be complete by the end of the year and the first quarter of next year will be spent on tidying up."

When completed, the Greater Soweto electrification project will have produced some interesting statistics.

Contractors will have dug 3 000 km of trenches (a return trip from Johannesburg to Cape Town); more than 300 km of piping will have been used (a distance from Johannesburg to Welkom); and more than 12 000 km of cables will have been laid (Johannesburg to Moscow).

It was also the first time such a scheme had

been undertaken in a township.

However, Wrab has a problem which could hinder the project's progress: escalating costs.

The price of the project was set at R150 million when the scheme was launched five years ago but a Soweto Community Council report said last week it had rocketed to R250 million — R100 million more than the original budget.

The council's acting chairman, Mr T J Makhaya, said at the meeting a loan of R56 million was urgently needed to keep pace with the rising costs.

It was then agreed that Wrab's finance director be authorised to seek the money from a consortium of banks.

Mr Makhaya said loans available for the scheme now amounted to only R194 million though it needed at least R250-million.

Mr van der Spuy blamed the rise on the high inflation rate now running at 13 percent.

"The electrification cost has been climbing by about R22,5 million every year since 1977."

As the original loans did not meet the rising costs, the need to impose tariffs on residents had developed.

Through an availability charge all householders, whether they want electricity or not, will contribute in a bid to cover the loans.

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Creche site row goes to chief commissioner

THE WITWATERS-RAND chief commissioner, Mr P A van Heerden, has been asked to intervene in the deadlock between the Tembisa Community Council and the local central creche committee over the building of a creche and an early learning centre in the township.

Early last year, the committee asked the council to grant them at least two sites to build the creche and the learn-

ing centre. But the committee claimed the council refused to grant them the sites on the grounds that they were capable of raising their own funds for these two projects.

ACCOMMODATION

Both parties have failed to reach agreement on the issue in past meetings.

Tembisa has four creches with about 30 000 children still needing accommodation.

A spokesperson for the committee, Mrs Zorah Khumalo, told **THE SOWETAN** yesterday that they had already asked the chief commissioner to intervene on their behalf.

She said: "A joint meeting between the commissioner, the creche committee and the council will be held within the next few weeks to try and solve the problem."

AGREED

Mrs Khumalo claims that in their last meeting the council agreed to let them build the creche and centre on the condition that they will hand them over to them on

completion.

Mrs Lazarus Nhlapo, the deputy chairman of the Tembisa Community Council, said "they had no comment to make until after the meeting with the chief commissioner."

Mrs Khumalo has threatened to refer the matter to Dr Piet Koornhof, Minister of Co-operation and Development, as "a last resort."

Sele wants better deal for cripples

CRIPPLES in Atteridgeville — Saulsville may soon be housed in a fully equipped workshop.

This is the wish of the Atteridgeville — Saulsville Cripple Care Association as expressed by various speakers at a cheese-

and-wine fund-raising party held at Mpheba-tho Hotel during the weekend. Mrs C M Sele, a social worker, asked the guests, "has it ever occurred to you that you may wake up crippled tomorrow?"

"Cripples are not al-

ways born cripples," she said. It was up to blacks to support whatever fund-raising campaign as everyone could meet an accident which might leave him crippled for life. Atteridgeville Saulsville residents tended to look down upon one another and

were critics, rather than helpers, Mrs Sele said.

She suggested that each household donate 50 cents every quarter to support projects to help disabled blacks. A local band, Four Sounds Plus Three entertained guests with good jazz music.

CONSTRUCTION work has started on the Mabopane automatic telephone exchange project which is estimated at more than R20-million.

According to the post master general, Mr H G Nel, local residents who apply for the installation of telephones in their homes during this year will have to wait until the project has been completed. The building, he said, was at an advanced stage and the service will be ready by the end of the year.

But, Mr Nel said, the whole project, including the installation of equipment, would only be ready for operation by November next year. The same project was going on in Ga-Rankuwa, he said.

Boost for rural health

By LEN MASEKO
ANGLO and **De Beers** companies are to build several clinics in rural areas in a bid to upgrade health services.

The second in a series of rural clinics being built by these two large multi-national companies was officially

opened at Izingolweni, KwaZulu, last weekend.

The clinic-building follows an agreement between the corporations and the homeland authorities in 1980. The first clinic was built at Nibela, in the Ubombo District, while the third is nearing completion in

the Umzumbe district.

Meanwhile six mobile clinics have been presented to the KwaZulu Government to speed up the provision of health services of rural communities.

Since the Izingolweni clinic opened its doors in February, more than

4 000 patients have been treated there.

According to a spokesperson for the companies, a new design and innovative materials and method of construction will be employed during the next phase of the clinic-building programme.

Work starts on new telephone system

Traders vie for site for complex

IN an effort to prevent outsiders from doing business in Diepmeadow, the local traders association has formed a public company with the aim of purchasing and developing over 50 000 square meters of business sites.

The sites, which are situated at strategic points in Meadowlands and Diepkloof, have been earmarked for giant shopping centres the size of the Blackchain or bigger.

Several other applications, including one by a company which planned to build a R50-million hotel at the Meadowlands West circle, have been submitted to the Diepmeadow Coun-

cil. However, the association's secretary, Mr P Makgetha, is hopeful that their application will be successful by virtue of their being residents of the area.

He also urged local traders to exploit the offer or otherwise face doom. "If somebody else were to take over and develop these sites that will mean the end of your little shops," he said.

The sites on sale are the 50 000 square meters situated at Meadowlands West Circle, the Hekroet Circle in Zone 2 Meadowlands (77 488sq meter) and in Diepkloof Zone 3 (1 748sq m).

ALL SET FOR BIG SALE OF HOUSES

By LEN MASEKO

ALL is set for the selling of State-owned houses on the West Rand and the Vaal areas from July 1 while the mass sale will only come into operation in East Rand townships within the next two years.

A mass survey of 50 000 stands in five townships on the East Rand will begin later this month in preparation for the Government scheme. About R3-million has been allocated for the survey on the area.

Mr E Marx, chief director of the East Rand Administration Board (Erab), said yesterday land surveyors would begin with their work before the end of the month. Of the total 80 000 houses in townships under the board's jurisdiction, 30 000 had been sold to tenants under the 99-year leasehold or 30-year ownership schemes.

The survey will be divided into two sections: 8 000 stands will be surveyed in phase one dur-

ing the first year, while the balance will be surveyed the following year. Each stand will cost R65 to survey.

In the Vaal, work is in full swing to complete the survey of 20 000 stands in the area.

Mr G D Guns, chief director of the Orange-Vaal Administration Board, told The SOWETAN yesterday that

stands — surveyed at R75 each — were being inspected in five Vaal townships.

SOLD

Mr Guns said 9 000 houses had already been sold to residents on leasehold or home ownership schemes, while a further 10 000 would be retained for those who

did not want to buy their homes.

"The whole survey will cost R1,5-million. Discounts will be available for those who are interested in buying their homes," Mr Guns added.

In Soweto, the survey of about 60 000 stands is expected to be completed before the end of this month. Over 40 000 houses will be sold to residents at discounts of up to 30 percent.

Mixed reaction to Act

THE ANNOUNCEMENT by the Government this week that at least seven community councils on the East Rand would be given powers to run their own affairs, has been received with mixed feelings by community leaders in the area.

While most councillors interviewed by **The SOWETAN** praised this move as a "great step" towards the improvement of the administration of the townships, other leaders said the move would bring little change whatsoever.

Dr Piet Koornhof, Minister of Co-operation and Development, announced in Parliament on Tuesday that a limited number of community councils would be considered for local authority status later this year. These in-

cluded the Transvaal councils of Soweto, Mamelodi, Atteridgeville, Evaton, Witbank, Kagiso, Alexandra, Potchefstroom and Klerksdorp.

In the East Rand the following townships have been included: Daveyton, Katlehong, Vosloorus, Tembisa, Kwa-Thema, Thokoza and Wattville.

Dr Koornhof said community councils serving large areas would be made town councils, while smaller ones would become village councils, according to the Black Local Authorities Act.

Mr A P Khumalo, chairman of the Katlehong Community Council, said: "We feel happy about Dr Koornhof's announcement and we hope that we will be given township council status because of the

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size of our townships." Mr Tom Boya, chairman of the Daveyton council said: "We hope that with the new status to be granted to our council the administration of our townships will improve a great deal." **(343)**

Mr Sam Ntuli, former chairman of the East Rand People's Organisation, said he was not impressed with Dr Koornhof's statement. He said that as long as community councils were working within the framework of the Government they would remain toothless and ineffective.

Mr Kebane Moloi, deputy chairman of the Duduza Council, said it was unfair for the Government to exclude some councils by promising to attend to them later next year.

Boozers think big

By LEN MASEKO

Shebeen drinking could acquire a new image if plans mooted by taverniers and their patrons in Duduza township are carried out.

The plans revolve around a new slogan

adopted by local shebeen owners that "while a patron downs a beer, he should think of all those needy people in

his society who cannot afford a meal".

"And that should not end there," retorts Mr Cutter Twala, a local shebeener who is pioneering the "new-image" campaign. "It is high time all the people in the drinking business involved themselves in community projects."

A new cultural club to be an umbrella body of all the social groups operating in the township, is to be formed to monitor projects undertaken by the shebeeners. Recently they organised a fund-raising function at a local hall where all takings were given to the township's aged.

On Sundays the she-

beeners—males only—and their patrons shake off their "babalas" to test their dribbling skills in their own football team. Most of their soccer matches are against sides in neighbouring areas like Springs and Heidelberg.

"After every soccer match we meet at any social place to discuss our weak points and formulate strategies. The whole exercise is to make the patron a responsible person who can participate in any event," Mr Twala said.

Mr Twala added that because of lack of recreational facilities in the area, most youths were patronising shebeens. "But, because there are no facilities, that does not mean we should sit



MR THWALA: Pioneering a new image.

back and fold our arms. By organising cultural activities, to some extent, we are helping stamp juvenile delinquency," he added.

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Knoetze: Rikhoto

rule is applied

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By Tony Davis,
Labour Reporter

10/6/83

Administration boards say they are processing applications by migrant contract workers for permanent residence rights.

Both the West and East Rand administration boards said this week they were not turning away any applicants, adding that the process took time.

Contract workers who qualify for residence status have been streaming to the boards' offices since the Appeal Court's Rikhoto judgment last week.

But the Federation of South African Trade Unions (Fosatu) has accused the boards of not implementing the judgment and its members are drawing up a petition to the Minister of Co-operation and Development calling for its speedy application.

At Erab, workers had to fill in lengthy questionnaires which meant that only a few people were filing applications each day, Fosatu said.

LIMITED

The chief director of Erab, Mr Frans Marx, said his officials were not restricting applicants but the board was working with a limited staff.

He said there had been long queues of workers at their offices for the past week. Officials had been told to accept applications, and afterwards process them and check particulars.

Wrab's chairman, Mr John Knoetze, said the board was applying the judgment.

"We are not turning anyone away but time is needed to check out applications,"

A spokesman for the Department of Co-operation and Development in Pretoria said no directive had yet been sent to administration boards on the processing of applications.

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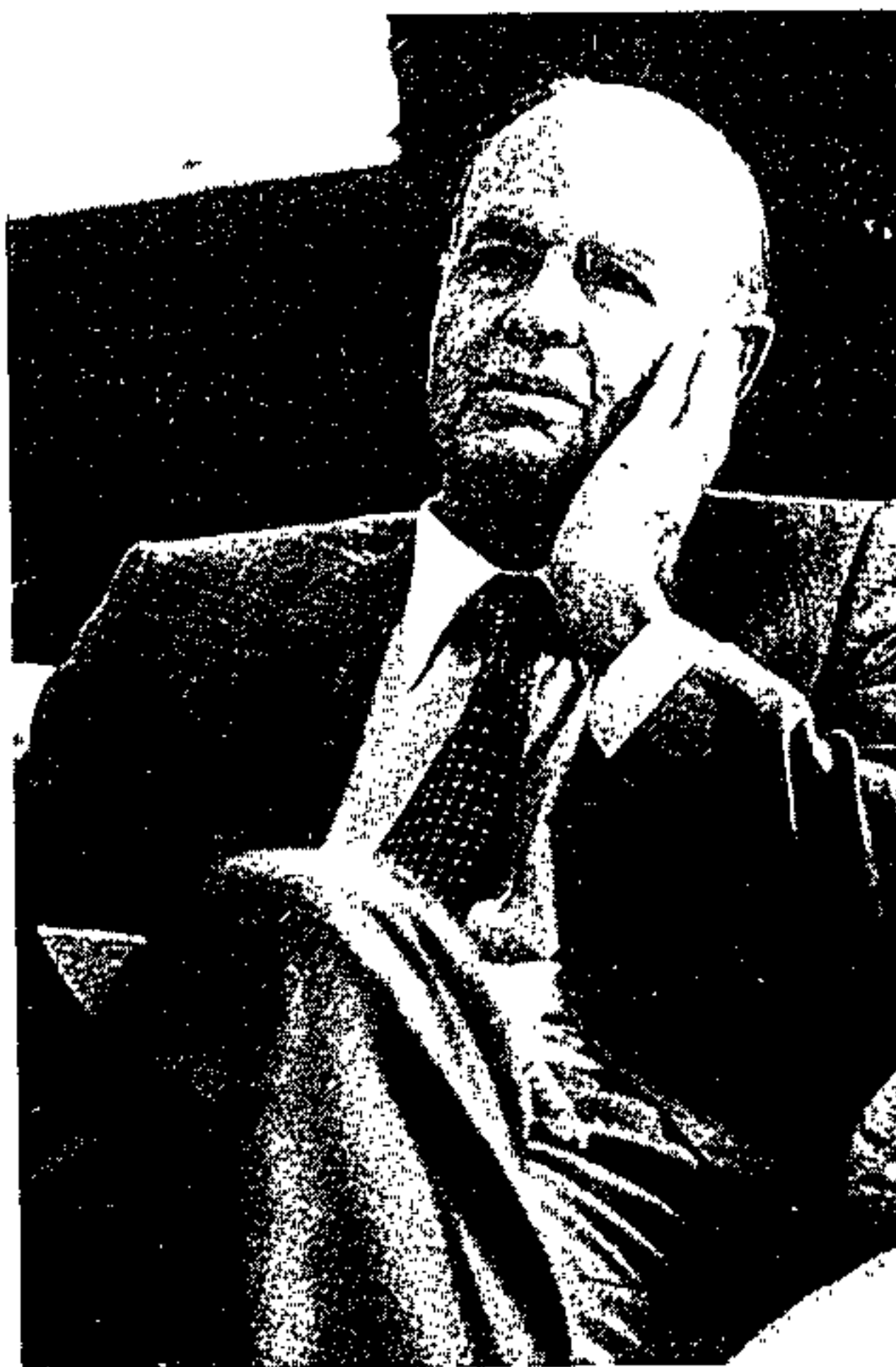
Fatuous figures

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Last week's promise by Co-operation and Development Minister Piet Koornhof, to white West Rand residents, that no black residential areas will be extended without consulting MPs and town councils may be good tidings for them. But it does raise some perplexing questions about Greater Soweto (GS) — the conglomerate of Soweto, Diepkloof and Dobsonville.

Koornhof's announcement follows news that the West Rand Administration Board (Wrab) is in the process of acquiring a small piece of land on the north-western boundary of GS to round off the township complex in that area.

The FM understands that a "quadro-council," made up of the town clerks and councillors of Roodepoort, Krugersdorp, Randfontein and Westonaria, is opposed to GS creeping closer to them. Their view is that the GS complex is basically a dormitory labour pool for Johannesburg and should not encroach on their areas, which are there to cater for their own black residents.

Fair enough. But Koornhof also said there would be an increase in GS's housing density which could provide an extra 50 000 housing units. This figure appears to contradict figures supplied earlier this year by



Wrab's Knoetze ... rapidly running out of room

Wrab chairman John Knoetze (*Soweto Survey* March 25).

Knoetze told the FM then that there is room for approximately 14 000 new houses in GS. He also said that if one room is add-

ed to each of the 105 000 existing GS houses, there would be space for another 210 000 people. Preparations were in the pipeline as well for high-rise developments in Jabulani, Orlando East and other areas. The term "high-rise" is something of a misnomer, however, as buildings will probably not be permitted to exceed three storeys.

Regardless of what both Koornhof and Knoetze say, the basic fact remains that the official Wrab waiting list for new houses stands at a minimum of 21 000. And it is not clear how the authorities envisage making sufficient accommodation available.

The 1980 census placed GS's population at approximately 900 000. Wrab has discounted this figure, saying the actual number, including illegals, is in the order of 1,2m. Wrab's figure, however, is also suspect and some sources place the real figure as high as 2m.

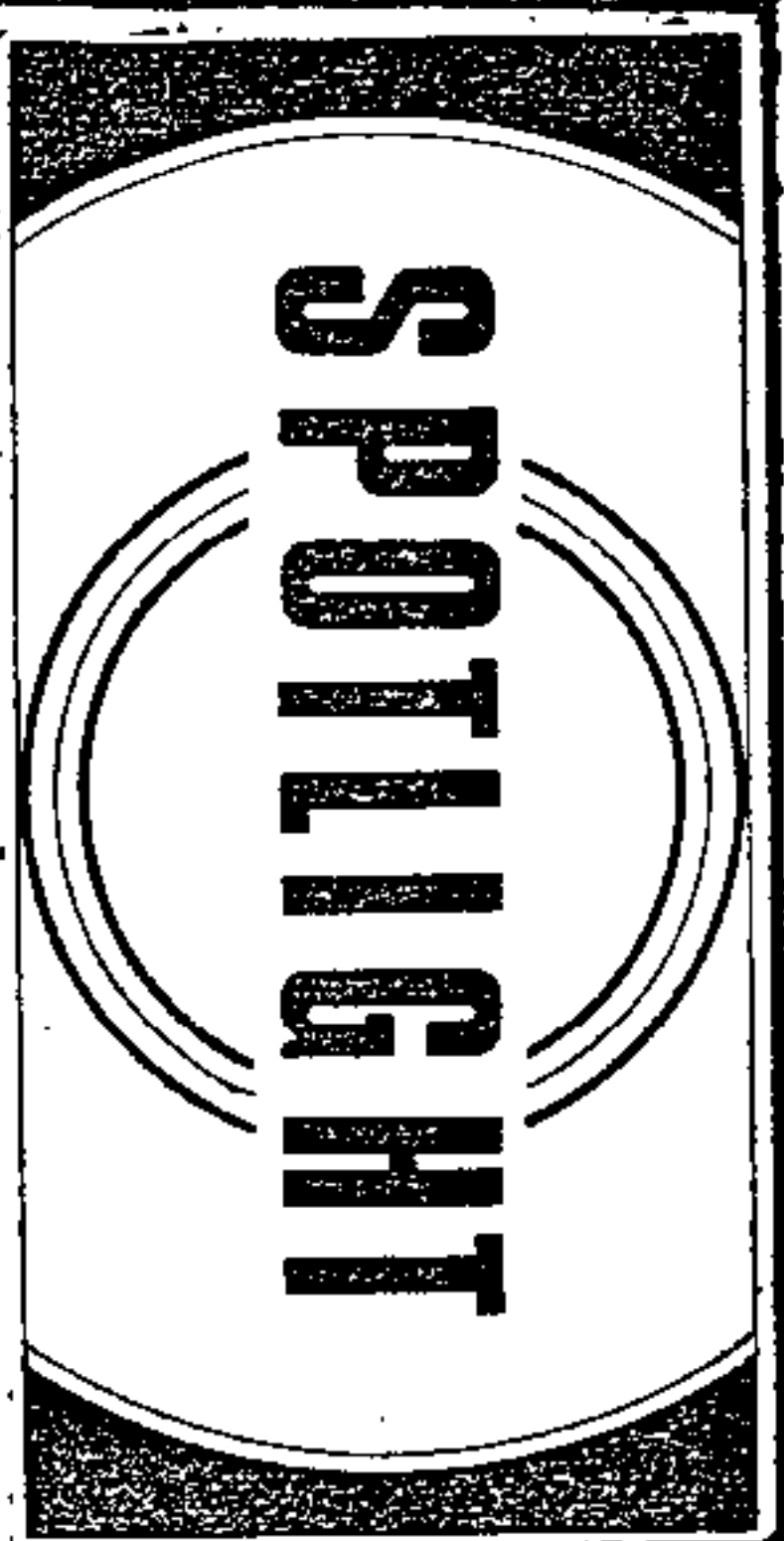
Demographic projections estimate that GS's population will double by the year 2000. The landmark Rikhotso judgment, which grants some migrant workers the right to urban residence, will raise this figure even higher unless government, as has been predicted, brings in new legislation to counter it.

The crucial factor is that Knoetze is on record as stating that because of managerial and economic factors, GS's size will have to be limited and its population increased

to an optimum of 1,5m. Using Wrab's figures that leaves room for a mere 333 000 people.

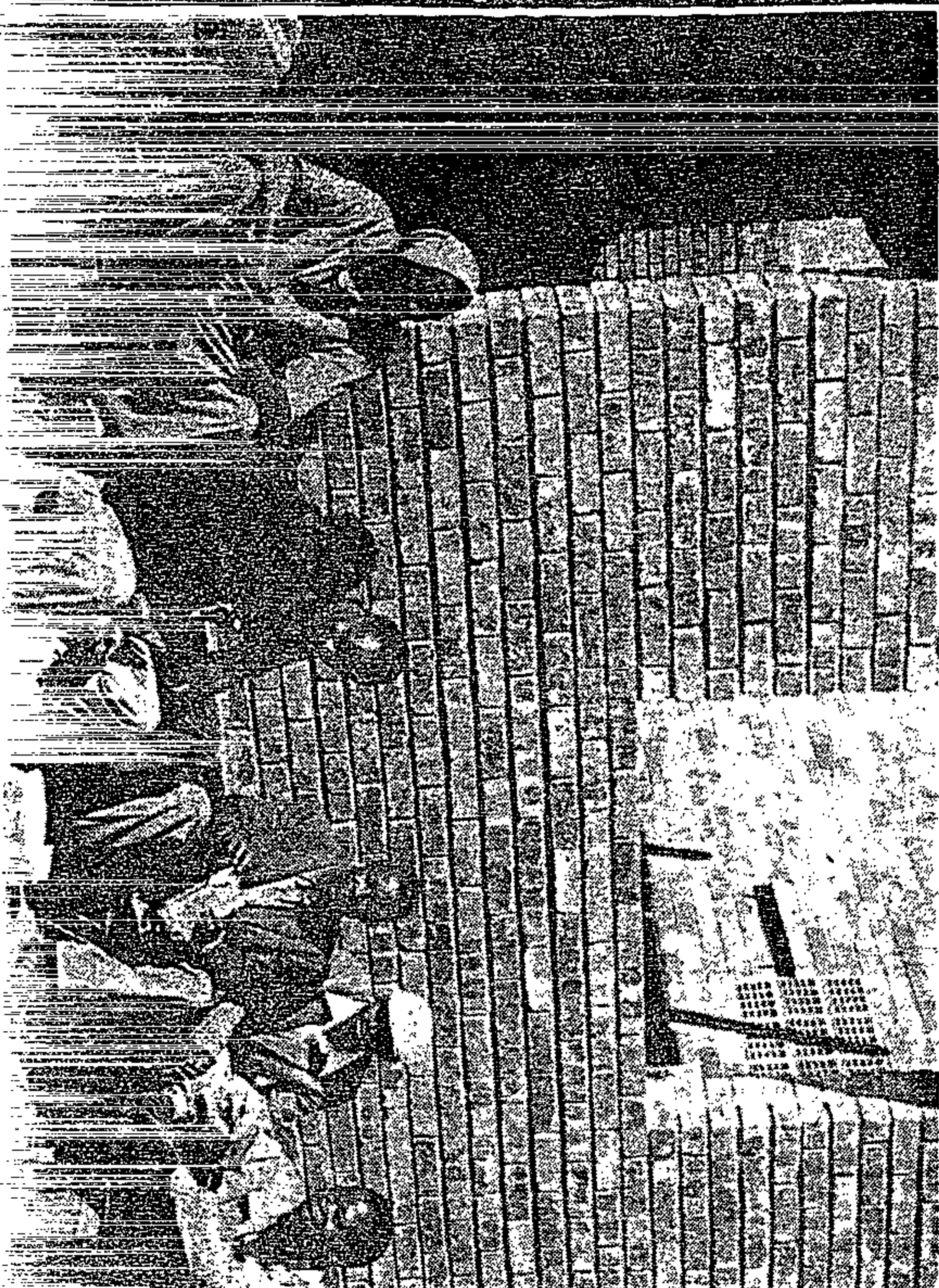
At present GS cannot even accommodate its present population satisfactorily. What is to happen to resolve these contradictions? The point has been made that people will be creamed off to deconcentration areas and that six cities the size of GS will have to be developed. But this will obviously take time and an enormous amount of capital.

Where work is stone's throw away



ON KAGISO

Story: NKOPANE MAKOBANE
Pics: ROBERT MAGWAZA



BEER: Small children buy sorghum beer for their parents at one of the many selling points in the township.

KAGISO

KAGISO, near Krugersdorp on the West Rand, is one of the few townships in the country that can



Children buying beer next to one of the incomplete sorghum beer bottles.



BEER: Small children buy sorghum beer for their parents at one of the many selling points in the township.

Kagiso boasts local industry

KAGISO, near Krugersdorp on the West Rand, is one of the few townships in the country that can boast industries in the residential area.

This huge complex comprises three parts; Kagiso I and II, and Munsieville — the oldest of the three and situated about ten kilometres from the main township.

The township under the jurisdiction of the West Rand Administration Board (Wrab), has a population of more than 53 700 and is no exception to the critical housing problem facing the rest of the country.

What makes the crisis worse in its case is the pending removal of 7 400 Munsieville residents in the near future to the main Kagiso.

A chat with Kagiso and Munsieville residents revealed they were unhappy with the Government's resettlement plan. Many feel the motive behind the removal is a racial issue simply because the area happens to be adjacent to a white suburb.

They argue that there is inadequate housing for Kagiso residents and the removals would make the situation even more chaotic. Others feel the residents should be left in peace and encouraged to improve their old homes.

A drive-through Kagiso underlines residents' concern. In many yards one sees all kinds of backyard shacks. The dwellers say they have no alternative but to erect them because they have been on the waiting list for too long.

But the positive aspects of living in Kagiso is evident. Talking to a number of workers having lunch next to a firm in the vast industrial complex, their pleasure of being able to work close to their homes became clear. They said they saved a lot of money because they walked to work and at times enjoyed their lunch at home.

In contrast to many townships around the Reef, the residents here seem to be satisfied with transport provided by the Greyhound Bus Service and local taxis.

They told The SOWETAN that they wanted the local council to tar all streets, particularly the road leading to the cemetery.

It was clear from many that they would not like to see the building of more sorghum beer selling points. They would prefer more sports and entertainment facilities, especially playing parks for small children to keep them off the streets.

All in all, it is clear that Kagiso residents take pride in their township and would like to see it take its rightful place on the map like its big neighbour — Soweto.

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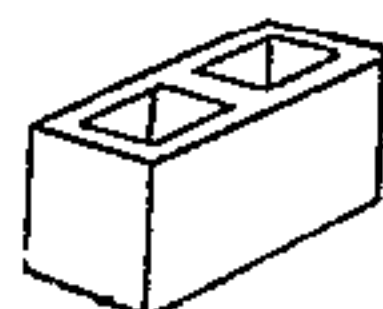
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Mams vote for Ndlazi

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ABOUT 600 Mamelodi residents yesterday passed a vote of confidence in the president of the Vulamehlo-Vukani Peoples Party (VVPP), Mr Bennet Ndlazi, for running the organisation "faithfully".

At a public meeting held at the Rethabile Hall to discuss the present squable in the party, residents said allegations that Mr Ndlazi mal-administered the party's funds were a fallacy.

The suspended deputy president, Mr Joe Hlongwane and five other executive members of VVPP were reported to have alleged that the president had spent large sums of money without consulting members of the supreme council. The six were suspended early this year.

After financial records had been read, speaker after speaker accused the suspended executive of being power hungry. "Their aim was to destroy the party," one speaker said.

Mr Ndlazi told the meeting that he had sought legal advice about the accusations. A letter of demand has also been made regarding the party's books which are still in the suspended executive's possession.

An executive member of the party, Mrs J Kgope, called on blacks to unite and added it was time they stopped in-fightings. This, she said, retarded progress.

THE MOTHER of one of the three ANC men who got a last minute reprieve, Mrs Olive Tsotsobe, claimed yesterday that after working for 25 years, she was "summarily fired" by her employer, the Soweto Community Council, because of her son's political activities.

She was posted at the Zondi Township Welfare Offices until January 7, 1982 when she was summoned to the office of the chief personnel officer and had to account for her, as well as her son's political activities.

She claimed she was forced to resign from her job on the spot despite her pleas that she be given a three months

"I was forced to resign over my son's political activities. I did not get my benefits. I was told I would receive leave money due to me after a thorough investigation into the sick leave I took in 1981. I have been unemployed for 18 months and up till now, have not received my pension benefits," she said.

She has been looking for employment but because of her age has been finding job-hunting difficult.

Mrs Tsotsobe said the

Mr Isaac Germihuis, Chief of Personnel at the offices of the Soweto Community Council, denied that Mrs Tsotsobe was fired. He said he believed that Mrs Tsotsobe resigned from the council. "However I am not prepared to discuss the domestic affairs of the council with the Press. If you want to take up the matter you can make an appointment with the Chief Executive Officer, Mr Nico Malan," said Mr Germihuis.

Mr Malan was not available for comment.



Battle

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Cusa supports anti-council body

THE 100 000 strong Council of Unions of South Africa (Cusa), emerged at the weekend in full support of the newly established Anti-Community Council Committee, urging Soweto residents to boycott the forthcoming community council elections. *Sowetan 13/12/83*

In a statement the union said: "Cusa wishes to endorse the call of the Anti-Community Council Committee to boycott the elections in September. Cusa believes in common citizenship in an undivided land and the separate community councils are in conflict with this."

"Instead we call for municipal rights for everyone. Community councils, like homelands, are farcical and do not even remotely fulfil the civic and political aspirations of black people."

[Signature] By MONO BADELA *(343)*

"Cusa repeats its call to its members and other workers to increase their commitments to their communities through participation in activities aimed at creating a just society."

Cusa said this could be demonstrated by refusing to vote in all future community council elections. "We therefore support the efforts of the Anti-Community Council Committee to boycott the forthcoming elections," the

statement concluded.

Last month the Soweto Civic Association headed by its chairman Dr Nthato Motlana fired the first shots against the proposed new Black Local Authorities Board which will soon be tabled before Parliament.

An Anti-Community Council Committee (ACCC) which is to campaign vigorously against the participation in the forthcoming elections, was formally constituted in Soweto.

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 Sefasonke 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 prefab 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.

Couple wed to keep home

By Themba Khupalo

A Soweto man, Mr John Fulanta, yesterday formally married his common-law wife, who had been threatened with removal if the couple did not produce a marriage certificate.

This bizarre state of affairs came about when West Rand Administration Board officials ordered the couple, who have lived together for five years, to marry or face eviction.

Mr and Mrs Fulanta live in the "tent city" on Chicken Farm in Kliptown. They consented to the marriage, which took place at the Commissioner's Court, as they wanted to keep their tent home.

Mr Fulanta said: "A Wrab official told us that if we wanted to be on the housing waiting list we had to get married or my wife would be sent back to Lesotho. I qualify to be in the area but she does not. We were given until yesterday to marry."

He said his attempts to sort out their problem had kept him away from work since Monday. He would submit his marriage certificate to the authorities this week.

Their tent is among the 10 remaining tents donated by the Witwatersrand Council of Churches.

Attempts to contact Wrab officials were unsuccessful.



Mr John Fulanta and his wife Sophie with their children, Richard (5) and Nthabiseng (18 months), in front of their tent after being married at the Johannesburg Commissioner's Court yesterday. They were given until yesterday by West Rand Administration Board officials to marry in order to be considered for the housing waiting list. Until yesterday they had been married under customary law.

● Picture by Alf Kumalo.

Many migrants seek residence

Labour Reporter

See The East Rand Administration Board (Erab) has processed more than 100 migrant worker applications for permanent residence status.

Hundreds of workers have streamed to the board's labour offices in Germiston since the Appeal Court upheld the Rikhoto judgment less than three weeks ago.

Erab's chief director, Mr Frans Marx, confirmed this week that his officials had processed about 140 applicants.

At the time of the Appeal Court decision Mr Marx said the board would abide by the law and accept applications.

On June 2 Erab processed Mr Mehlolo Tom Rikhoto's reference book with the stamp that entitled him to live permanently in the Germiston area with his family.

Erab, the West Rand Administration Board and the Western Cape Administration Board are the three largest boards which are likely to be flooded with applications from migrant contract workers. There are 12 boards throughout the country.

But trade unions have complained that the administration boards have tied up applicants with bureaucratic red tape and lengthy interviews.

Fears have also been expressed that the Government will still try to frustrate the Rikhoto judgment.

New study reveals glaring
administration deficiencies

The 'lower' justice of pass law courts

Every three minutes a black man, woman or child is arrested somewhere in "white" South Africa for being in the wrong place at the wrong time or for not having a reference book in his or her pocket.

That is the start of a process that usually results in a spell in jail, a brief appearance in court and a trial often characterised by "procedural irregularities" and a "lower standard of justice", according to a new study on the Johannesburg Pass Courts.

The study, entitled "Is This Justice?", reveals the extent to which the enforcement of influx control and the procedures employed in the Commissioners' Courts undermine the general standards of criminal justice, concludes Mr Ramarumo Monama, a research officer for the Wits University Centre for Applied Legal Studies.

His study is based on two weeks of observation of practices employed by five of the Johannesburg Commissioners' Courts during last December. Mr Monama and another law graduate recorded the proceedings in 369 trials.

Mr Monama found:

- There was a 66 percent increase in the number of blacks tried in Johannesburg in 1982 compared with 1981 — more

The sausage-machine justice of the Commissioners' Courts where black people, including children, caught up in the influx control web appear for trials that last 30 seconds to a few minutes and face a jail sentence of months, has again been highlighted in a new study by a Johannesburg lawyer. Anthony Duigan reports.

than 40 000 against 24 334 the previous year.

- The shortest time spent on the cases attended was 30 seconds, the longest period was seven minutes. About 60 percent of all accused were convicted on the day of their first appearance, while fewer than one in 10 were acquitted or discharged. Only five of the accused had legal representation.

- The heaviest fine imposed was R250 and the longest jail sentence was 250 days. The usual sentence appears to have been between R30 (or 30 days) and R90 (or 90 days). More than a third of the cases (135) involved people who had been held in custody after their cases had been remanded from an earlier hearing.

A number of the cases heard were also postponed for between one and 19 days with no bail granted unless specifically

requested by an accused with some idea of legal procedure.

- In 48 of the cases the accused had a reference book which, it appeared, he or she was not given an opportunity to get — a transgression of the ruling laid down by court decision and police regulation that a person be given "reasonable opportunity" to fetch his reference book.

The administration of justice was left almost entirely in the hands of the influx control bosses — the Department of Co-operation and Development — and it appeared that the prosecutors had usually been promoted from positions as clerks and interpreters in the department, said Mr Monama.

"Their experience of the law of evidence and of criminal procedure is therefore inevitably limited and this may well contribute to the number of procedural irregularities that characterises these courts," he added.

Too often the impression given is that the courts are determined to complete the roll as soon as possible — a case of "justice sacrificed in the interests of haste".

During his period of observation none of the commissioners explained to an accused that he or she could be released on bail, even when the State postponed a case. When bail was specifically requested it was often fixed so high that it was difficult for the accused to afford it — between R70 and R100 for cases in which the fine was rarely more than R30 or 30 days.

Certain aspects of cases observed clearly showed up irregularities, Mr Monama believed:

- Courtesy and the civilised standards of behaviour required in courts generally were missing. For instance, the accused — and even witnesses — were referred to by first names or case numbers only.

- No investigating officer was called to prove the accused was in an "illegal" area.

- In one case an accused said he was coloured and the case was postponed for seven days. The accused went back to jail and no mention was made of bail.

More than 44 percent of the cases tried in the female Commissioners' Court during three days of last December were postponed at the request of the prosecutor.

"Such a high number of postponements should be cause for concern, particularly because the accused are unrepresented and their right to bail is neither explained nor respected," said Mr Monama.

Schoolchildren who visited their parents in Johannesburg also fell foul of influx control and ended up in court, said Mr Monama. About 10 cases involving youngsters below the age of 16 years were heard during the two-week period. In some cases the children were deported to their homelands without any notice to their parents.

There was also no indication in the Commissioners' Court that legal aid through the Legal Aid Board was available.

The study concluded that justice was being undermined in these courts and nothing would change until legal representation was introduced on a large scale for pass offenders.

Council promises more houses for Kagiso in 'the near future'



By NKOPANE MAKOBANE

THE KAGISO Council is concerned about the housing situation in the area and is giving it serious consideration.

This emerged in an interview with the chairman of the local council, Mr Lesaoana Moeketsi, when the Spotlight team visited the township last week.

He said three housing schemes were presently underway. The first project was for 1 000 houses for people in Kagiso I and II who are on the waiting-list. Of these houses, 500 are already complete, 80 are occupied while the rest are still being allocated.

The second scheme of 1 025 houses has been earmarked for the first batch of people to be moved from Munsienville in the near future. The third scheme involves 176 luxury houses.

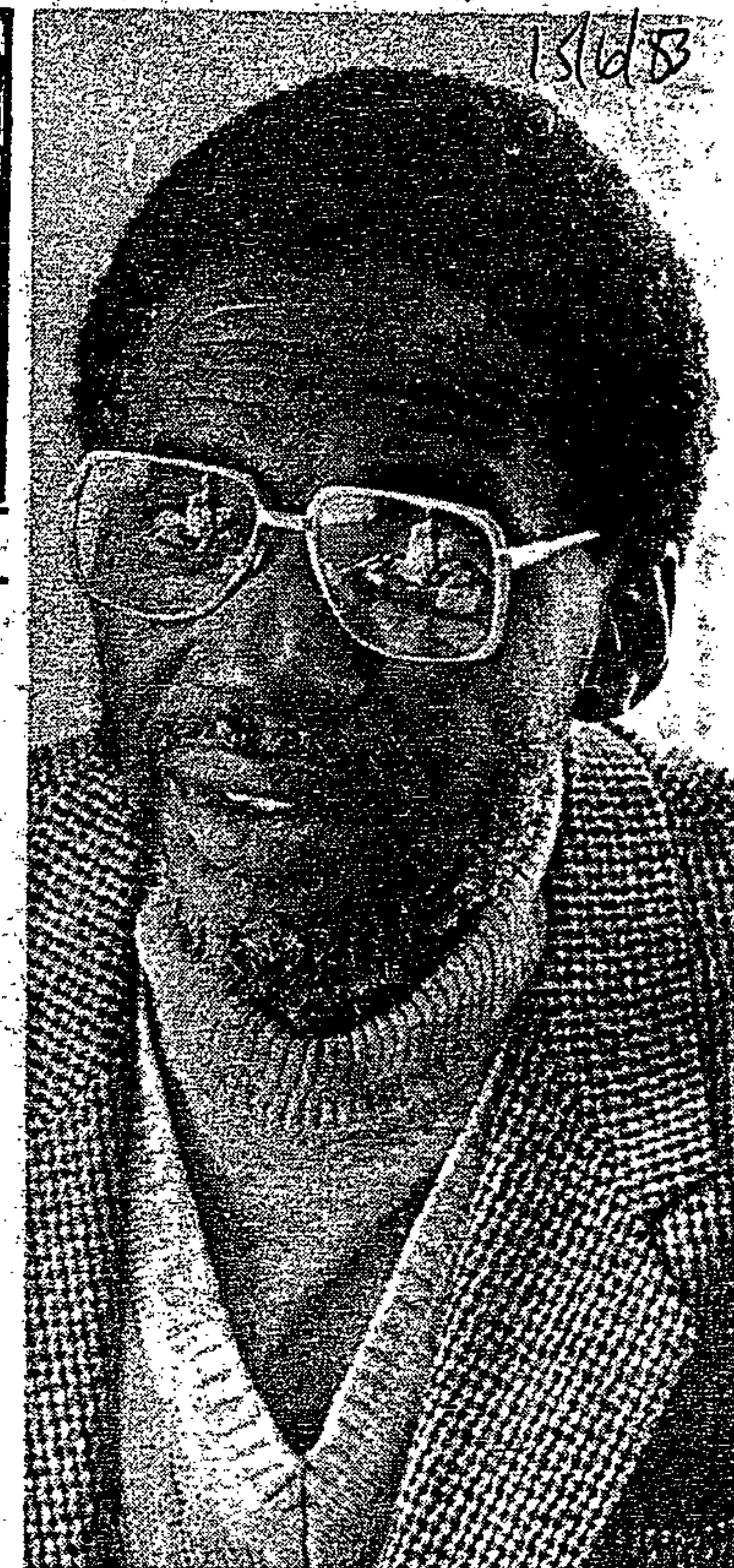
Turning to the resettlement of people from Munsienville, Mr Moeketsi said it was positive that the Government had reached a final decision. They were at the moment only waiting for loans from the Department of Community Services to start the ball rolling.

He conceded that this was going to be a considerable task but everything had been worked out with great care. He said despite the great numbers, they were fortunate that they had abundant land with 981 hectares presently available.

"We are also aware of the backyard shack problem in the township. Although we regard them as an eyesore, the attitude of my council so far has been that they should not be tampered with until alternative accommodation has been provided for those people who qualify.

"However, there will not be any mercy shown on people who are illegals in the area. We cannot allow them to stay in the township for free without paying for essential services such as water and refuse removal and we are going to launch a strong campaign against them very soon," he said.

Mr Moeketsi said a recreational centre, a huge business complex and a cinema to be owned by a private enterprise were also in the pipeline. They were also looking at the possibility of erecting one or two



LESAOANA MOEKETSI: Chairman of the Kagiso Council.

more secondary schools.

They are also giving attention to sports facilities. One stadium is presently under construction and eight soccer fields, four all-weather tennis courts, 15 netball fields, four softball fields and the development of ten sites for recreational parks are all in the pipeline.

"My council is doing

everything in its power to better and uplift the standard of the Kagiso community. Small as the township may be, there is great potential and prospect for advancement. The future looks very bright for us in view of the fact that we are one of the 25 councils that have been earmarked for autonomy, he said.

Study reveals pass offenders get raw deal

By JOSHUA RABOROKO

ABOUT 40 223 blacks were prosecuted for pass law offences in the Johannesburg Commissioners' Court in 1982 compared with 24 334 in 1981.

A study by the Wits University Centre for Legal Studies of the Johannesburg Commissioner's Court (pass, reveal that the figures show an increase of about 39.50 percent.

According to the report, the people were arrested in terms of the Blacks (Urban Areas) Consolidation Act of 1945 which has been amended over 33 times since its implementation.

The Act is designed to control the influx of blacks into prescribed areas "white SA" — and to control their conduct while there. It is used to arrest an average of one black person every two-and-a-half minutes, day and night, or some 206 000 per year.

The Act, together with the Curfew Regulations Promulgated under the Act; the Black Labour Act 67 of 1964, as amended; the Admission of Persons to the Republic Act 59 of 1972 and the Blacks (abolition of passes and Co-ordination of Documents) Act 67 of 1952, as amended, have caused "serious concern" because South Africa has one of the highest prison population in the world, according to the study.

Contravention of all these statutes is an offence punishable by fines ranging from R20 to R500 and the study undertaken during the first 10 days of December 1982 in five Commissioners' Courts in Johannesburg reveal that approximately 2 380 criminal cases were dealt with.

According to the study the cases are tried by Commissioners who have passed civil service lower law examinations or any examination determined by the Public Service Commission to be equivalent to a civil service lower law examination.

Prosecutors in these courts are normally promoted from the positions of clerks and interpreters in the Department of Co-operation and Development. Their experience of the law, is therefore inevitably limited.

"Legal representation in pass courts is rare. Consequently the administration of justice in these courts is left almost entirely in the hands of CAD, which is responsible for the appointment of commissioners . . ."

In all the cases observed there was no sign of state witnesses or arresting officers in attendance at the proceedings.

Blitz on pass offenders. 17/6/83

By JOSHUA RABOROKO

MORE than 100 blacks have been prosecuted and ordered to leave the Oranje-Vaal Administration Board's area of jurisdiction within 72 hours because they did not have urban rights during June so far.

And, several others have been fined between R10 to R20 or jailed after being convicted for failing to produce their "pass books" during the same period.

The order to leave the area comes amid calls by trade unions' and other organisations' pleas to the Government to relax the influx control laws

by scrapping the "abhorrent apartheid laws."

It also comes in the wake of a Supreme Court ruling that Mr Mehlole Tom Rikhoto, a contract worker who has worked for more than 10 years for the same employer, is entitled to permanent urban residence rights, despite enforced annual returns to his "homeland".

According to records in the Vanderbijlpark Commissioner's Court this week, 101 people who pleaded guilty be-

fore Mr A Ahlers, were ordered to leave the area within 72 hours after they had been found in the area without permission.

A spokesman for the Department of Co-operation and Development in the area told The SO-WETAN that the courts dealt with several cases of this nature daily. An average of 40 cases were treated each day.

The spokesman said that those convicted under Section 10(4) RW

Section 1 and Section 44 of Act 25, 1945 — being in the prescribed area without permission — were normally sent back to their "homelands".

Meanwhile moves are afoot to take full advantage of Mr Rikhoto's judgment and employers have been urged by the Black Sash to send employees who have worked for 10 years to pass offices with letters certifying the dates of their employment so that they can claim their Section 10(1)(b) rights — in terms of the Blacks (Urban) Consolidation Act.

The Black Sash's chairman Mrs Sheena Duncan, has said that "tens of thousands" of migrant workers who have "continuously" worked for one employer for over ten years or several employers for 15 years were entitled to Section 10(1)(b).

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Mathopistad: police action
Q. 61-1599.
*17. Mr. S. A. PITMAN asked the Minister of Law and Order:

Whether the South African Police took any steps in respect of a group of persons wanting to enter an area known as Mathopistad on or about 11 June 1983; if so, (a) what steps and (b) (i) in terms of what statutory provisions and (ii) why were these steps taken?

†The MINISTER OF INTERNAL AFFAIRS (for the Minister of Law and Order):

Yes.

(a) and (b) As a result of a complaint, the Boons Police on 11 June 1983 came across a number of persons in the area known as Mathopistad. As they could produce no permits to be in the area, they were requested to accompany the Police to the police station where it was ascertained that they no longer require permits to enter the area.

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

- (2) whether any problems have been experienced in this regard; if so, what is the nature of these problems;
- (3) whether he will make a statement on the matter?

The DEPUTY MINISTER OF CO-OPERATION:

- (1) A sewerage system for Duduza has been designed.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Duduza: sewerage system
Q. Col. 1599-1601
 *18. Mr. P. G. SOAL asked the Minister of Co-operation and Development:

- (1) Whether a sewerage system is to be

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

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

Mr. P. G. SOAL: Why were they promised?

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

National Manpower Commission: report

*19. Mrs. H. SUZMAN asked the Minister of Manpower:

- (1) Whether he has received the report of the National Manpower Commission on the conditions of employment in farming operations and domestic service in private households; if so,
- (2) whether this report will be laid upon the Table during the current session of Parliament?

†The MINISTER OF MANPOWER:

(1) No.

(2) Falls away.

Question standing over from Wednesday, 15 June 1983:

BY MIKE CADMAN

HLONGWANE was only 15 years old when he was deported from Johannesburg to kwaZulu — without his parents being told.

He appeared in the Johannesburg commissioner's court alone, without legal representation, and was tried for allegedly being in an urban area without a permit.

He was then sent to appear before a children's court, hundreds of kilometres away in kwaZulu.

He is only one of hundreds of children who have been found guilty of pass offences and deported to a 'homeland' by South African commissioner's courts.

In a study of the Johannesburg commissioner's courts, Mr Ramarumo Monama, a lawyer at the Centre for Applied Legal Studies at the University of the Witwatersrand, found 10 cases (out of the 365 studied) involving children below the age of 16. In some instances the children were deported to their 'homeland' without any notice to their parents.

Mr Monama quoted the case *State v Hlongwane*, heard on December 13, 1982, in the Johannesburg commissioner's court.

"The accused was a 15-year-old child from kwaZulu arrested for being in the Johannesburg area without a permit.

"Without any real investigation the matter was referred to a children's court in kwaZulu and the boy was deported for this purpose" he said.

Mr Monama quoted another case where a child was about to be deported when it was discovered that his mother lived in Alberton.

Mr Monama felt the procedure followed in this case

So where

have all

the

children

gone?

S. C. Peters
19/6/83

THOUSANDS of black people are found guilty of offences under South Africa's influx control laws in commissioner's courts (pass courts) annually.

During 1982, 206 022 black people were arrested for pass law offences in South Africa and the vast majority of these cases were heard in commissioner's courts.

During the same year no fewer than 40 223 cases were heard in the Johannesburg Commissioner's courts alone.

should be adhered to more often.

"In the case *State v Skosana* a child who visited his mother was to be deported

to Standerton, on application of the prosecutor," Mr Monama reported.

"Further inquiry by the commissioner resulted in

● The Johannesburg Commissioner's Court.

young children appear before the commissioner's courts?" Mr Monama said.

In an interview this week, Mr Monama explained the procedure for trying children in commissioner's courts.

"In not one of the 10 cases in which children were involved did any child have legal defence," Mr Monama said. "The child is required to answer questions as well as possible.

"During the case, the child is asked various questions in an attempt to find out if an offence under the pass laws has been committed," Mr

Monama said.

"Some children said they were in Johannesburg because they go to school here."

Mr Monama said that in an effort to find out if the child was telling the truth some prosecutors asked them to answer questions.

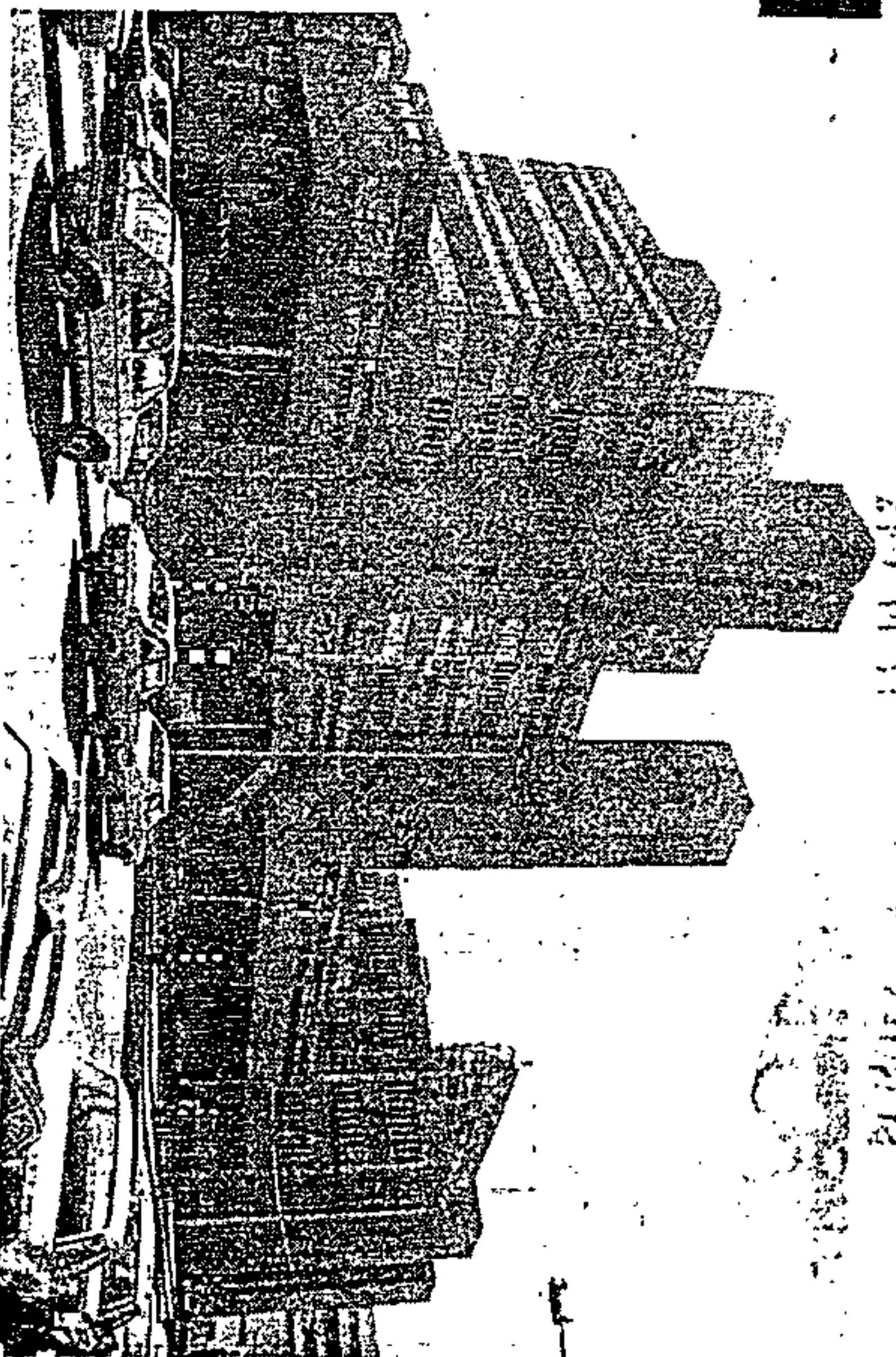
"Children were asked to provide answers to arithmetic problems. Examples of the questions asked are: 'What is the answer to x plus x, or, how much is x?'

"One assumes that if the child answers them correctly it proves school attendance," Mr Monama said.

It was quite possible, he added, that some children did not understand what was happening to them. "One young girl told the court she came from Pietersburg."

"She was about to be deported there when she mentioned she was at school in Johannesburg — this obviously was of vital importance but she did not seem to be aware of it.

"The children in these cases were all between the ages of 14 and 16," Mr Monama said. "If they are deported, their cases are referred to children's courts in whichever area they are sent."



'homeland' without any notice to their parents.

Mr Monama quoted the case State v Hlongwane, heard on December 13, 1982, in the Johannesburg commissioner's court.

"The accused was a 15-year-old child from kwaZulu arrested for being in the Johannesburg area without a permit.

"Without any real investigation the matter was referred to a children's court in kwaZulu and the boy was deported for this purpose" he said.

Mr Monama quoted another case where a child was about to be deported when it was discovered that his mother lived in Alberton.

Mr Monama felt the procedure followed in this case

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as possible.

"During the case, the child is asked various questions in an attempt to find out if an offence under the pass laws has been committed," Mr

'What is it', x, or, to...
"One child... ly it... dance,"

THOUSANDS of black people are found guilty of offences under South Africa's influx control laws in commissioner's courts (pass courts) annually.

During 1982, 206 022 black people were arrested for pass law offences in South Africa and the vast majority of these cases were heard in commissioner's courts.

During the same year no fewer than 40 223 cases were heard in the Johannesburg Commissioner's courts alone.

should be adhered to more often.

"In the case State v Skosana a child who visited his mother was to be deported

to Standerton, on application of the prosecutor," Mr Monama reported.

"Further inquiry by the commissioner resulted in

the refusal of the application because one of the parents was in Alberton.

"Surely this type of inquiry is necessary whenever

Legal shocks in pass laws survey

SERIOUS irregularities in legal proceedings occur almost daily in the Johannesburg commissioner's courts, according to a report released by the University of the Witwatersrand this week.

In a study called 'Is This Justice?', Mr Ramarumo

Monama, a lawyer at the Centre for Applied Legal Studies at the University of the Witwatersrand, and an assistant, Miss Nomali Tshabalala, attended 365 trials over 10 days in December, 1982.

The courts handled a phenomenal 40 233 cases during the year.

Those tried under South Africa's influx control laws range from grandparents to children, from South African residents to citizens of Zimbabwe and Mozambique. All were black.

In the survey period, 2 380 cases were heard in the six commissioner's courts.

Mr Monama reports on serious irregularities in the proceedings of the courts, including:

- Not once, in the 365 cases attended, was the accused informed of the right to be released on bail — even though the Criminal Proce-

dure Act, 51 of 1977, safeguards this liberty.

- Despite Section 84 of the Criminal Procedure Act, which stipulates that an accused should be accurately and fully informed of the charge pending, this seldom happened.

- In all cases observed, neither the commissioner nor the prosecutor addressed the accused as Mr, Mrs, or Miss.

The following facts were also recorded in the study.

- Only five of the accused were legally represented — 0,21%.

- The longest time spent on a case was seven minutes and the shortest 30 seconds.

- The heaviest fine was R250 and the longest prison sentence was 250 days. The average was between R30 or 30 days and R90 or 90 days.

- In one third of the cases people had been held in custody after their cases had been remanded from an ear-

lier hearing.

The report stresses that the lack of legal representation — only five of 365 accused had legal representation — raises serious doubts as to the fairness of the courts.

Mr Monama also draws attention to the legal qualifications of the commissioners and prosecutors.

"A commissioner is a member of the public service who has passed the civil service lower examination or any examination determined by the Public Service Commission to be the equivalent of that examination," the report explains.

"A commissioner does not necessarily need experience as a prosecutor before his appointment.

"Their experience of the law of evidence and criminal procedure is, therefore, invariably limited."

A fair trial or not?

PFP MP for Gardens, Mr Ken Andrew, told Parliament this week that the Langa commissioner's courts were disgraceful instruments of oppression where black people could not expect a fair trial.

Blacks arrested under the Blacks Consolidation Act, 25 of 1945, have to prove their innocence — rather than the State having to prove their guilt.

Professor John Dugard, head of the Centre for Applied Legal Studies at the University of the Witwatersrand, in the foreword to the report, 'Is this justice: A study of the Johannesburg Commissioners' Courts', says South African lawyers should work towards the abolition of this system.

Do these courts, which try one third of all persons sent to trial each year, deserve this reputation?

Sowetan 20/6/83

Koornhof will decide council merger issue

THE MINISTER OF Co-operation and Development is expected to reach a decision soon on whether the Diepmeadow and Dobsonville community councils will be dissolved in favour of one Greater Soweto authority.

The West Rand Administration Board (Wrab) chairman, Mr John Knoetze, said his board expected Dr Koornhof to make a "favourable" decision as the proposed amalgamation would have "many advantages".

"One Greater Soweto authority will result in cheaper and more effective administration. And I should imagine that Sowetans are in favour of the move. It is only the two councils opposing this," Mr Knoetze added.

The proposed merger of Greater Soweto's three councils is in line

By LEN MASEKO

with the new Black Local Authorities Act, which will come into effect after elections later this year. The Diepmeadow and Dobsonville councils have expressed opposition to an umbrella representative body in the area.

Meanwhile the Orlando East based civic body, the Sofasonke Party, yesterday pledged its full support for the formation of an umbrella Greater Soweto municipality.

The party's chief executive officer, Mr Ambition Brown, said in a

statement: "The separation of the three councils was geographically incorrect. It coincided with the building of smaller states within a state, that is dividing Soweto into three components."

"The merging of the councils will be ideal in consolidating and bringing about uniformity and performances of officials."

In 1964 people were forcibly moved from Stirtonville

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ON VOSLOORUS

Victims of apartheid

By JOSHUA RABOROKO

THE Government's mass removal policy gave birth to the sprawling Vosloorus township on the East Rand.

In 1964 hundreds of blacks were moved from the old Boksburg location, Stirtonville to Vlakplaas — now popularly known as Vosloorus.

The reason for moving the people at the time was that in terms of the Group Areas Act, coloureds, Indians and blacks could not stay together.

Most leaders protested at the removal but authorities forcefully made them pack their bags and moved them out of the area.

The township, named after a city councillor, Dr D W Vosloo, has a total population about 60 000 people. The local community council is aiming at making it one of the "most beautiful townships on the East

Rand," according to the council's secretary, Mr Gideon Tsie.

Most of the over 6 000 houses in the area are electrified, have sewerage and a proper sanitation system. But not all streets are tarred and street lights are scarce.

Where accommodation is a problem single men are housed at hostels and the council is to build a R50 000 hostel for single women during the 1983/84 financial year.

To ease the housing backlog which stands at over 2 000 the council has set aside thousands of rands for the building of more homes. Already a "snob hill" township is developing on the eastern side of the area where 42 "show houses" have been built. These houses are priced between R13 000 to R15 000.

Mr Tsie said that a civic centre would be

erected at approximately R3.5-million which will consist of community council chambers and a new hall to replace the one that was razed in the June 16 riots in 1976.

Vosloorus boasts 12 schools — one high school, one secondary, four higher primary schools and six are lower primary schools. There are two creches, and two clinics.

House rental is a problem. Residents complain they often face the wrath of council's and the East Rand Administration Board's officials who evict those in arrears.

Businessman Mr Tommy Mazibuko told THE SOWETAN that several people were evicted from their homes after failing to pay rent and "this poses a problem for most who have to be moved to the waiting list for new

MR TOMMY MAZIBUKO: Lack of recreational facilities.

homes".

Residents pay house rents ranging from R30 and R45 depending on the type of house.

But, Mr Tsie explained, it was not his council's policy to evict people from their homes. "We give people time to collect money and pay later."

"Anybody who encounters problems with rent should talk to the councillor in a particular

ward."

Referring to rent increases, Mr Tsie said they were unlikely to be increased this year. The last rent increase came into effect during last January.

Several people interviewed complained about lack of recreational facilities, such as a proper stadium, halls and parks. Streets and street lights should also be improved, they said.



MR GIDEON TSIE: The council plans to build more houses.



SIMON MOGOERANE - HERO OF VOSLOORUS

HE IS a martyr.

His execution has strengthened the winds of change blowing through the politically sleepy township of Vosloorus on the East Rand.

Telle Simon Mogoerane, one of the three African National Congress (ANC) members executed for their role on the attack on various police stations and killing of four policemen, was born and bred in Vosloorus.

Vosloorus youths and residents praised and hailed him as "hero" during the June 16 commemoration services held at the township last week.

Murmurs of political change started in Vosloorus, and black consciousness found its roots, when residents formed the Civic Association which operates along the same lines as the Soweto Civic Association.

Even long before that, Vosloorus had caught "a political cold" in 1976 when black anger flared country-wide after Soweto had

the Mogoerane family was worried about their son's life after he was sentenced to death for political activities.

The family believed that their son died for a good cause following discussions they held with him on Death Row.

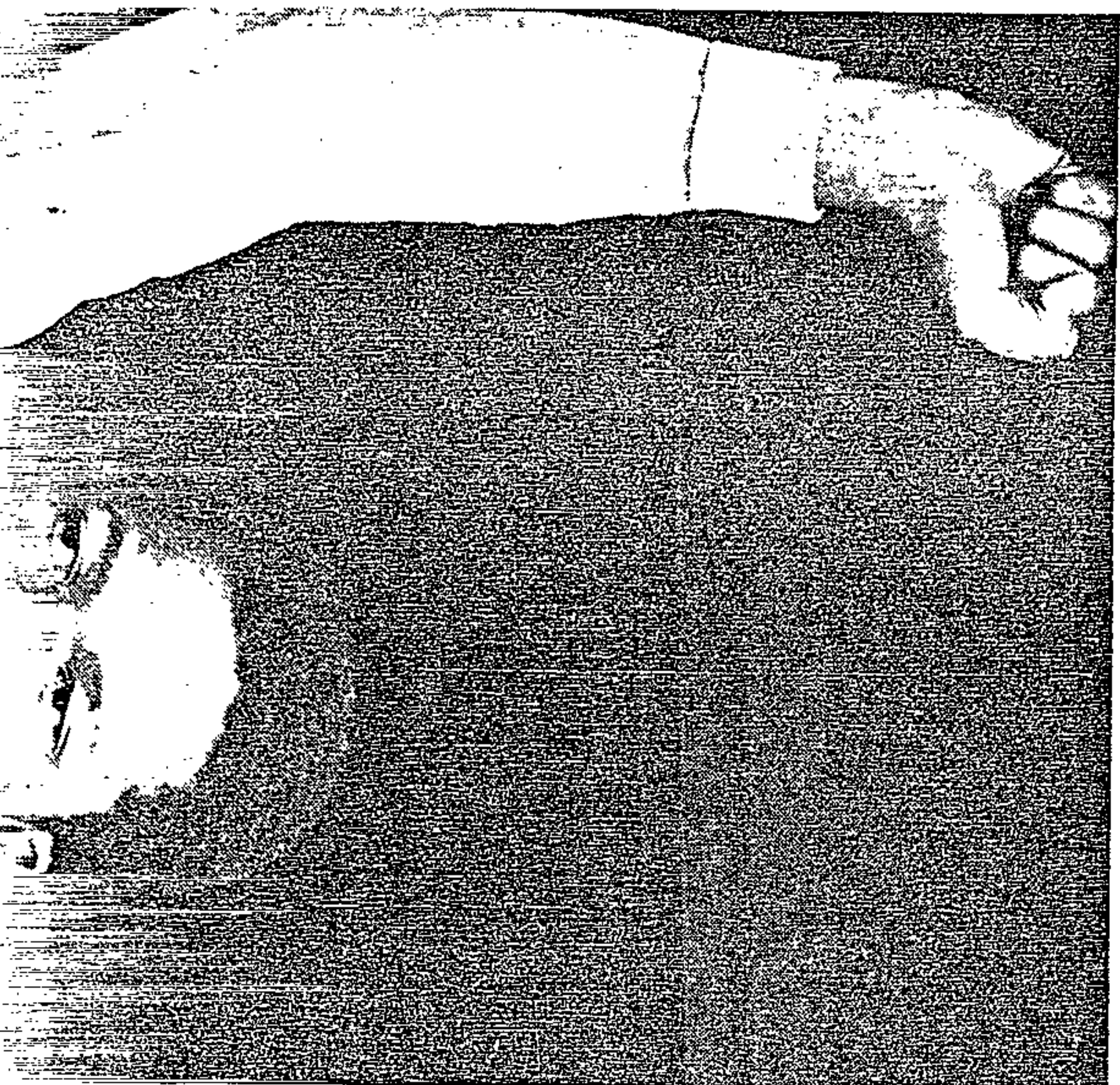
"My son did not show any sign of remorse for what he was accused. He was in high spirits and advised us to be courageous, because he believed 'one day we shall overcome'," his mother, Mrs Mmapela Mogoerane told **THE SOWETAN** this week.

Her son was educated in Vosloorus and later at QwaQwa where he disappeared in 1976 after the reopening of schools. "I was told he had gone to Botswana. Until then police had been paying frequent visits to my house," she said.

"I am particularly proud that the stance he took — he did not back track on his convictions. He was an inspiration to the youth in Vosloorus before and after his death." "Mrs Mogoerane said

**'They will kill my body
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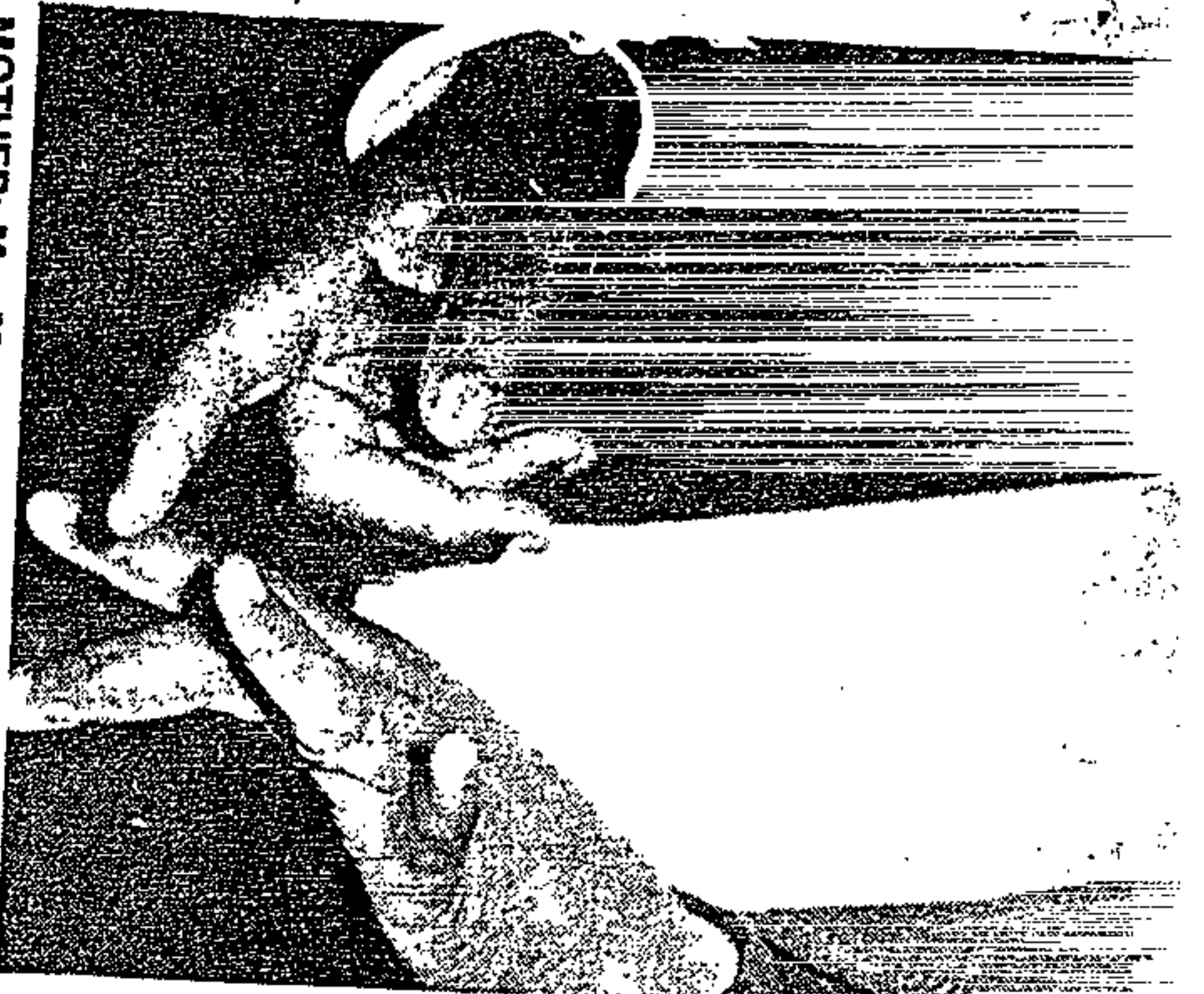
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MOTHER: Mrs. Mapela Mogoerane: "My son died from his convictions."

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Even long before that, Vosloorus had caught "a political cold" in 1976 when black anger flared country-wide after Soweto had sneezed. A community hall and other buildings were razed in the turmoil that followed.

A series of other political events swept through the township, including the boycott of classes by hundreds of students and the Putco bus strike early this year.

While these events were growing unabated

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Mrs. Mogoerane said her family was "depressed by the way we have been treated by the authorities so far. We do not know where our son is buried."

"According to our custom we are supposed to visit his grave and pay respects. We actually intend unveiling a tombstone. But we are puzzled as we do not know where he was buried."

Mr. Thekiso Mogoerane, Simon's elder brother, said: "My brother's sentence was severe. His death will bring change to our family in that we shall miss him. Vosloo will also miss him."

"They will kill my body, but my spirits are high," Simon told his family before his execution.



MOTHER: Mr. Thekiso Mogoerane: "Simon's sent-

A town is not a town without its own market

By JOSHUA
RABOROKO

THOSE travellers who have been to other parts of Africa and the world will tell you that this kind of exotic scene is typical of scenes in Bombay and Lagos.

People have written songs and poems about market places such as this and one only needs to walk through Vosloorus township on the East Rand to feel the vibrancy, the smell and the magic of the market place.

Most African markets are an amazing conglomerate of almost any commodity under the

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market places.

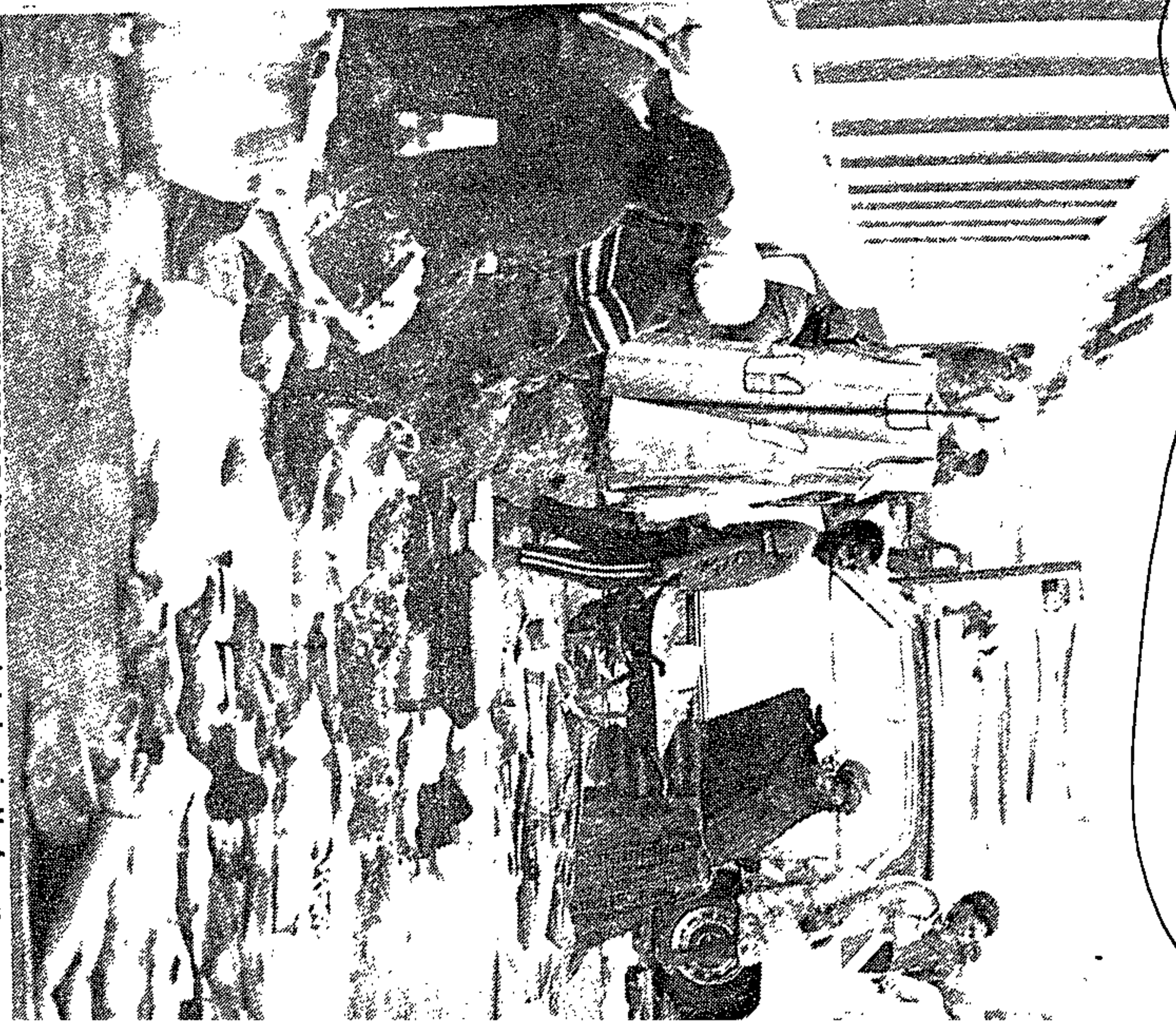
"I find it easier buying here than travelling by bus or taxi to the neighbouring town. Medicine is cheaper here for the poor," a patron told The SOWETAN team this week.

Several women inter-

licences," one dealer said.

She said business was "not roaring and we only exist through the grace of the Almighty."

"I was forced to come and trade here because there is a scarcity of jobs around here. I have to



DAILY HUSSLE: Part of the market place in Vosloorus.

sun. Here as elsewhere you can buy yourself a dress, you can have your health problems attended to by an experienced herbalist, you can buy yourself a mattress and you can even get yourself a car.

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Among the things The SOWETAN saw were herbs, animal skins, dresses, mattresses, fruit and vegetables, etc.

This is where those members of the Vosloorus community who cannot afford to travel to the cities go for their shopping. Rising unemployment, drought, high inflation and the escalating cost of living hitting the country are all factors that have encouraged the growth of such

viewed on the scene expressed delight about the place which they feel must be developed into a "beautiful market" where "we can spend time."

Mrs Flora Mangena said it was expensive travelling to town by public transport and buying from the market can only help Vosloorus. The money used on transport can be spent on buying food there.

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However she immediately conceded that the place must be kept clean so as to avoid it turning into a health hazard.

"People think we are having a royal time here. We are often raided by police and have to run for dear life because we do not have

support my family and take my kids to school, so how do I do that if I don't sell — even without a licence," she said.

Dealers at the market are not the only people concerned about shopping in town.

The general manager of a local supermarket, Mr Joas "Roro" Dirane, says more blacks should be encouraged to buy in the townships to avoid spending money on transport to town.

Blacks should use money sparingly in these times of retrenchments, recession, high unemployment inflation and drought.

A local community councillor also agrees with the idea of black businessmen developing their sites.



JOAS DIRANE: Blacks should buy in their own areas.

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Number of registered voters at previous election	Member of Executive Committee	Chairman of Executive Committee
- 8 000	144 pa	144 pa
8 001 - 32 000	288 pa	288 pa
32 001 - 64 000	432 pa	432 pa
64 001 - 128 000	576 pa	576 pa

(NOTE: For each additional position held, the amount in the relevant column is added to the amount in the second (members) column.)

In the case of the Soweto Community Council the following allowances are applicable:

Chairman	R 3 882 pa
As member of Council	R 12 030 pa
As chairman of Council	R 3 882 pa
As member of Executive Committee	R 3 882 pa
As chairman of Executive Committee	R 23 676 pa

Vice Chairman	R 3 882 pa
As member of Council	R 3 882 pa
As vice-chairman of Council	R 3 882 pa
As member of Executive Committee	R 11 646 pa

Members of Executive Committee	R 7 764 pa
Members of Council	R 3 882 pa

B Subsistence and travelling allowances

A subsistence allowance of R27,25 per 24 hour period of absence on official duty is payable plus R1,13 per hour for every hour of absence in addition to 24 hour periods of absence.

When members are compelled to use their private vehicles on official trips, they are entitled to be compensated according to the kilometre tariffs as prescribed by the Department of Transport.

(c) Fringe benefits—Nil.

Group Areas Act 24/6/83

How many families in each race group had been moved in terms of the (a) Group Areas Act, No. 41 of 1950, and (b) Group Areas Act, No. 36 of 1966, as at the latest specified date for which figures are available?

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THE MINISTER OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT:

(a) and (b)

White	Coloured	Indian
2 285	81 948	39 485

The Group Areas Act No. 41 of 1950 was repealed by Act 77 of 1957 which in turn was repealed by Act 36 of 1966. The figures above include resettlement in terms of all three the mentioned Acts until 31 December 1982. Separate figures are not available. More than 90% of the persons involved formerly lived in such dilapidated and slumlike conditions that their rehousing can hardly be termed removals from ideal housing circumstances.

Group Areas Act

968. Mr. S. S. VAN DER MERWE asked the Minister of Community Development:

- (1) How many group areas other than those referred to in his reply to Question No. 776 on 11 May 1983 had been proclaimed for each population group since the enactment of the Group Areas Act, No. 41 of 1950, up to 31 December 1982?
- (2) What was the total area proclaimed for each group as at that date?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT:

(1) 1 for Chinese.

(2) Whites	775 054 ha
Coloureds	98 420 ha
Indians	49 436 ha
Chinese	259 ha

For the information of the hon. member, I wish to state that the Group Areas Act, No. 41 of 1950 was repealed by Act 77 of 1957 which in turn was repealed by Act 36 of 1966.

Trading licences 24/6/83
975. Mr. P. G. SOAL asked the Minister of Co-operation and Development:

How many trading licences were operative in (a) Mamelodi, (b) Atteridgeville, (c) the Black township of Brits, (d) the Black township of Thabazimbi and (e) the Black township of Warmbaths at 1 January 1982 and 1 January 1983, respectively?

THE MINISTER OF CO-OPERATION AND DEVELOPMENT:

The following trading licences were operative in the Black townships referred to:

	1 January 1982	1 January 1983
(a) Mamelodi	125	127
(b) Atteridgeville	108	109
(c) Brits	47	47
(d) Thabazimbi	0	0
(e) Warmbaths	13	13

Trading licences

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

How many trading licences were operative in (a) the Black township of Witbank, (b) Mhluzi, Middelburg, (c) Siyathemba Balfour, (d) Syathuthuka, Bellast, (e) Mfuleni, Leandra, (f) Thula, Oges, (g) Nthorwane, Greylingstad, (h) the Black township of Perdekop, (i) Vukuzakhe, Volksrust, (j) Sakhile, Standerton, (k) the Black township of Hendrina, (l) Fimzini, Bethal, (m) Mbalenle, Secunda, (n) the Black township of Dullstroom, (o) the Black township of Lydenburg and (p) the Black township of Machadodorp at 1 January 1982 and 1 January 1983, respectively?

THE MINISTER OF CO-OPERATION AND DEVELOPMENT:

The following trading licences were operative in the Black townships referred to:

	1 Jan. 1982	1 Jan. 1983			
(a) Witbank	81	81	Amsterdam	4	4
(b) Middelburg	107	94	Breyten	29	29
(c) Balfour	39	39	Chrissiesmeer	0	0
(d) Belfast	9	9	Davel	5	5
(e) Leandra	32	36	Ermelo	39	41
(f) Ogies	9	10	Lothair	1	1
(g) Greylingstad	0	0	Morgenzon	1	1
(h) Perdekop	0	0	Piet Retief	16	16
(i) Volksrust	26	26	Sabie	4	4
(j) Standerton	40	39	Wakkerstroom	0	0
(k) Hendrina	6	10	Waterval Boven	18	18
(l) Bethal	54	54	Kanyanmazane	22	22
(m) Secunda	40	40	Kabokweni	9	9
(n) Dullstroom	3	3	Matsulu	5	5
(o) Lydenburg	13	12			
(p) Machadodorp	7	7			

Trading licences

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

How many trading licences were operative in (a) Ezamokuhle, Amersfoort, (b) Emjindini, Barberton, (c) Silobela, Carolina, (d) Kwa Thandeka, Amsterdam, (e) Kwa Zanele, Breyten, (f) the Black township of Chrissiesmeer, (g) Kwa Dela, Davel, (h) Wesselton, Ermelo, (i) the Black township of Lothair, (j) Sivukile, Morgenzon, (k) Ethandakukhanya, Piet Retief, (l) Simile, Sabie, (m) Esizameloni, Wakkerstroom, (n) Emgwanya, Waterval Boven, (o) Kanyanmazane, Kangwane, (p) Kabokweni, Kangwane, and (q) Matsulu, Kangwane at 1 January 1982 and 1 January 1983, respectively?

The MINISTER OF CO-OPERATION AND DEVELOPMENT:

The number of trading licences operative in the Black townships referred to is as follows:

	1 Jan. 1982	1 Jan. 1983
Amersfoort	7	7
Barberton	22	22
Carolina	5	5

Zondi families turfed out of homes

THREE Zondi families were locked out of their Soweto Council-owned houses and their furniture thrown out by West Rand Board policemen for owing rent.

The three families were among a group of twenty houses raided in an early morning swoop yesterday. The other 17 families paid their arrears or made arrangements to pay the remainder in instalments.

Mrs Iris Tabane (61), and Mrs Caroline Mbaliso, both widows who depend on their children for maintenance, accused the Soweto Council of being unsympathetic. "They know we are widows and do not have any other source of income, but as soon as we run into arrears they do not want to hear any explanations," said Mrs Tabane whose husband died 10 years ago.

They also complained bitterly about the R20 electricity levy which they are required to pay, although their area has not been switched on yet.

Mrs Mbaliso said she was surprised when inspectors informed her that in addition to owing two-months rent, she also owed the council R40 for electricity.

Mr Nico Malan, Soweto's Director of Housing, confirmed the raid. He said his men had taken 20 people from their homes early yesterday to the local office where they were required to explain why they had not paid their rent.

Mr Malan said some of the people owed up to four months rent. He also called on widows and pensioners who cannot pay their rent to discuss the problem with their local township managers. Arrangements can be made to allow these people to pay half, he said.

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Merging of councils blasted

By JOSHUA RABOROKO

THE MERGING of the three Greater Soweto Councils was aimed at creating a "bantustan" and would lead to political chaos.

An emotion charged meeting — interrupted by black power slogans — yesterday rejected Minister of Co-operation, Dr Piet Koornhof's proposal for the merger and warned of blood-

shed.

This warning comes on the eve of a controversial meeting between the Minister and chairmen of the councils for Diepmeadow, Dobsonville and Soweto in Pretoria today.

Addressing a meeting at the Dobsonville Council Chamber, Mr Moses Khumalo said that the residents and the Dobsonville council rejected the merger.

He warned the Government that if it pursued the matter a lot of trouble would follow with "serious consequences". He asked the Government to avoid a similar situation to the one that existed before the 1976 riots and the KaNgwane and Ingwavuma episodes.

He made a scathing attack on the West Rand Administration Board for its alleged involve-

ment in the issue and said the board was controlling the influx of blacks into urban areas and not developing them.

He revealed that Soweto had a deficit of R18-million which the Government and the board wanted the Diepmeadow and the Dob-

sonville Councils to help Soweto pay for because of financial problems.

"We want to warn the Minister that we are aware of the immediate results of such a merger and we reject it with the contempt it deserves," Mr Khumalo said.

Councillor B Phatsoane of Meadowlands

said that the merger was aimed at creating a "bantustan" so that blacks could be channelled to vote in Bophuthatswana and other "homelands".

"We ask our chairman to tell the Minister that the merger will not solve black problems, but will instead add fuel to an already explosive situation," he said.

Councillors J Radebe, Steve Kgama and M P Mthembu said that the Government should follow in the footsteps of white councils such as Sandton, Randburg and Bedfordview which had formed their own councils outside the area of the Johannesburg city council.



MOSES KHUMALO: Merger rejected.

Councillors cheat death

ONE of three Wattville Community councillors who last week went into hiding following raids on their homes by irate and armed hostel inmates, yesterday spoke of death threats made on them by residents who called them "cowards."

The raids and threats followed the announcement that rent increases of R3 would come into effect from July 1.

The councillors are Mr J Poo, the chair-

man, Mr J Moalasi, vice-chairman and Mr P Ntshona. A fourth man, Mr Fred Tloane, a representative of the local hostel has also been threatened with death by inmates armed with an assortment of pangas and knives.

The three councillors went into hiding after receiving tip-offs of the impending raids.

When the raiders arrived at the houses of the men at different times during the night,

they found them missing.

Mr Ntshona is believed to be slightly injured on the forehead. Efforts to trace him drew a blank over the weekend.

Immediately after circulars signed by Mr Poo were distributed to residents last week, the raiders besieged his house but found him missing.

According to Mr Moalasi the inmates were travelling in two cars.

Since many NPSL teams are steeped in superstition, Moroka Swallows Limited must have thought themselves bewitched when the referee disallowed an Angelo Burts goal in their game against Mamelodi Sundowns at George Goch Stadium. And the incessant drum beating and a needling bugle fanfare from Sundowns' supporters, who were resplendent in green and yellow colours, must have been agonising as "The Birds" lost 1-nil to the young upstarts.

Indeed, providence can be seen to have played an unkind hand on the pride of Soweto.

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TEARGAS was apparently not the cause of death of the two babies who died in Lamontville near Durban amid disturbances there last week. It is reliably understood that post-mortem examinations conducted on the babies, two month-old Siphindile Radebe and seven-month-old Khayelile Sibeko, show that

Tear gas did not cause death of kids

He added that the first anniversary of the Freedom Charter was commemorated by about 1 000 people at the same ground where it was adopted in Klip town. During the second anniversary, about 75 percent of the workforce in Johannesburg did not go to work.

"The Freedom Charter will one day triumph over apartheid because the Charter stands for democracy. Apartheid should have seen as another way of advocating dialogue, rather than Mogoerane, Mosololi on the other hand, killed the Freedom Charter."

She described the Freedom Charter as a harmless document which the Government cars kept a close watch Security police in two tributed at the meeting. dom Charter were distributed at the meeting. Pamphlets containing extracts from the Freedom Charter were distributed at the meeting. Pamphlets containing extracts from the Freedom Charter were distributed at the meeting. Pamphlets containing extracts from the Freedom Charter were distributed at the meeting.

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call on church report to ideals dom Charter

Dr Koornhof lays down conditions for Soweto council amalgamation

By NKOPANE MAKOBANE

THE CHAIRMEN of the three community councils of Greater Soweto have seemingly agreed on the proposed amalgamation of the Councils following discussions with the Minister of Co-operation and Development, Dr Piet Koornhof.

In a statement at the weekend, the Minister said the object of the amalgamation of the three communities of Dobsonville, Diepkemaduw and Soweto into one local authority in terms of the Black Local Authorities Act of 1982, was to grant full autonomy to all the inhabitants of Greater Soweto.

He said that during their meeting in Pretoria on Friday it became evident that in order to implement an amalgamation of this nature between the three councils, four matters would

have to be clarified between the relevant councils and his department. These were:

- financial arrangements so as to ensure that any one community shall not be burdened with the financial problems of another community and shall under no circumstances be called upon to defray outstanding debts of another
- the question of domination of one community over another
- the necessity of retaining community spirit, identity and pride which have been built up over the years, and
- methods by which decentralised local administration in each area can be retained.

He added that the

three chairmen were to report back to their councils and further discussions are envisaged for the near future.

Yesterday Mr I B Mashao, chairman of the Dobsonville Council, told The SOWETAN that they appreciated the merger provided the four points were met.

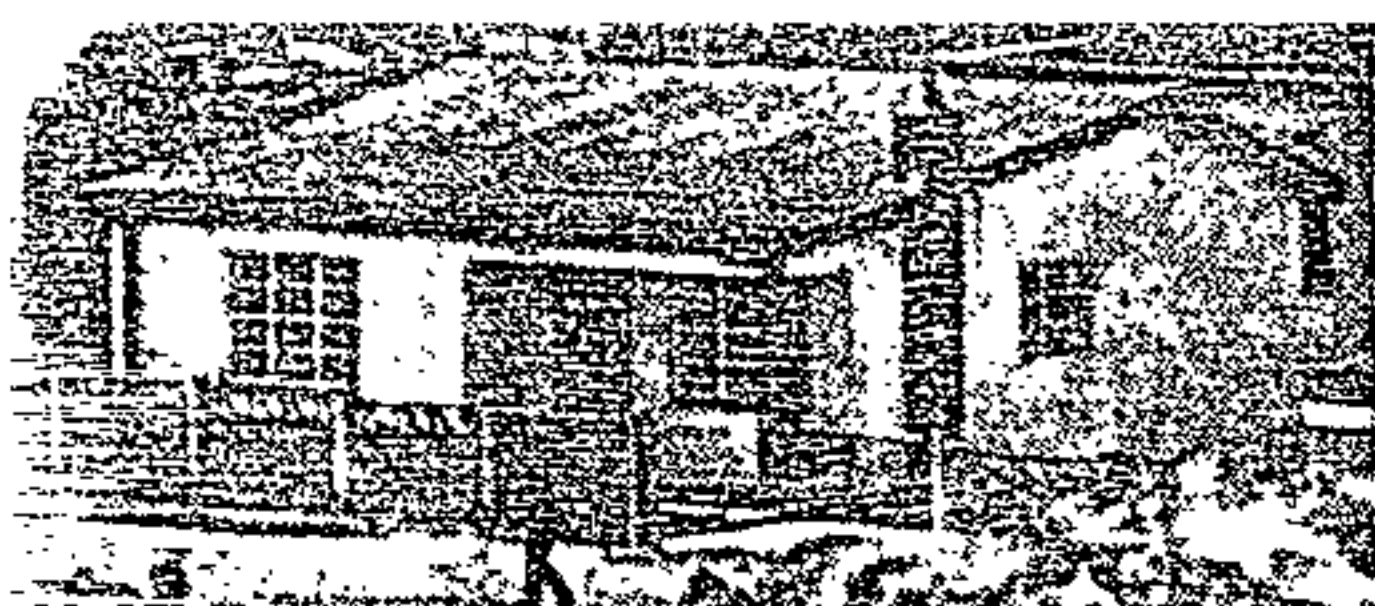
He said at first they had been suspicious about the whole move and as a result opposed it. One of the main reasons for rejecting the move was that they knew the Soweto Coun-

cil had a deficit of R18-million. The Government, they suspected, wanted his council and the Diepkemaduw Council to help pay. Again, they had feared that they would be dominated by the Soweto Council.

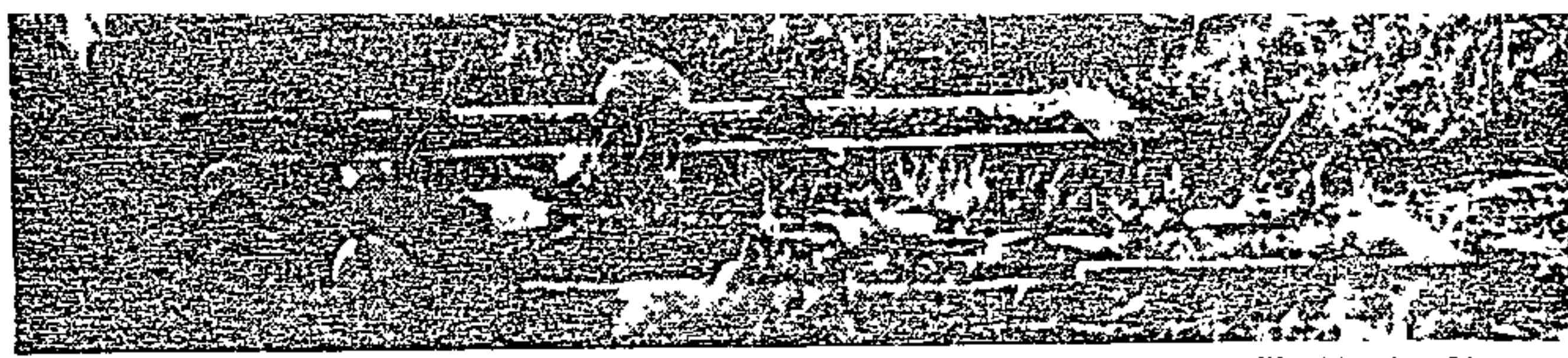
"We must be understood that we are prepared to work together for joint services like roads and the electrification project because it is easy to get loans. But for local administration, things should be left as they are because we know the problems facing our communities much better," he said.



I B MASHAO: Would appreciate merger if certain conditions are met.



homes in Soweto.



POIGNANT MEMORIAL: A row of 69 graves of people, old and young, killed in the Sharpeville shooting of 1960, are the main feature of the old cemetery in Sharpeville.



to indulge in political activities.



until it was banned in 1960.

The history of Sharpeville dates back to 1942 when large families were removed from Top location near Vereeniging to the place where the township is. The Group Areas Act played a major role in Sharpeville being established as a township. It was named after a Mr Sharpe, a former mayor of Vereeniging.

The small Vaal township that hit world headlines

27/6/83 By MONO BADELA

SHARPEVILLE, the little Vaal township that shot into international prominence on March 21, 1960, is today a place that seems to be dying on its feet.

However, despite this state of affairs, the people of Sharpeville — all without exception — cannot forget March 21, the day when about 155 policemen shot dead some 69 people and maimed about 177 others during an anti-pass campaign.

The **SOWETAN** spoke to some of the casualties of that fateful day. Some have lost arms, some legs and others are without jobs. They all have memories of the horrific shootings.

The reasons why Sharpeville is no longer "ticking" are plentiful. Among the chief is the fact that from 1960, soon after the "massacre" to 1981, "growth" of the township was "frozen." This is according to Mr Sam Kolisang, a local business man and former UBC member. He said the authorities had decided soon after the shootings to remove Sharpeville from the map of South Africa.

For 20 years a dark cloud hung over the

place while the people were threatened with resettlement to nearby Sebokeng. Mr Kolisang said no houses were ever built since 1958 except for about 12 houses built in 1982. The younger people have been removed to Sebokeng. Most children of Sharpeville school in Sebokeng.

Most of the political leaders and young men belonging to the Pan Africanist Congress led by the late Robert Sobukwe, fled the country soon after the organisation was banned. Others went underground and a good number, after serving imprisonment sentences for being members of PAC were banished to some remote areas. This in some way left a vacuum in the leadership of the place.

The Rev Tebogo Moselane of the Black Priests Solidarity Group and of the Church of the Province of South Africa said since the shootings the Government had tightened security in the area.

The heavy presence of the security police in particular makes it impossible for the people of Sharpeville to indulge



in political activities, and if they do talk, they do so in whispers.

Mr Moselane said barely 50 people attended the June 16 commemoration service which he organised at his St Cyprians chapel this year and most of these were mothers of the Thursday Manyano. He also attributes the lethargy in the area to the big presence of the members of the Zionist Christian Church, whose form of "praise-worshipping" fail to take into account the economic, political and social evils of the day.

People claimed that the police in the area are tough and since 1960 any form of resistance of authority and rebellious acts are not tolerated and "quickly suppressed." There is more talk and reference to the Sharpeville shooting from other places like Soweto than in Sharpeville itself.

However, Mr Kolisang said he remembered very well the events that led to the fateful day of March 21, and how people were shot that day.

"The events of 1960 will surface again one day as long as the Government provides the black people with half measures. To me, the 99-year lease is nothing but a half measure. All we need is the right to own land anywhere in South Africa. Also the application of the pass laws will again surface into something very explosive one day," he said.

Mr Moselane said people have become so apolitical, that many were no more concerned about the improvement of the area.

"Lots of people owe dual allegiance. Many believe that Lesotho is their home. They have properties and others are building homes in Lesotho. Except for its historic significance, most of the action in Sharpeville has been de-

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Trading licences
28/6/83 Q. 61. 1715
1020. Mr. P. G. SOAL asked the Minister of Co-operation and Development:

How many trading licences were operative in each specified township falling under the control of the Orange Vaal Administration Board at 1 January 1982 and 1 January 1983, respectively?

The MINISTER OF CO-OPERATION AND DEVELOPMENT:

The following trading licences were operative:—

	1 January 1982	1 January 1983
Sharpeville	161	161
Boipatong	21	21
Bophelong	21	21
Zandela	21	23
Deveysville	4	5
Sebokeng	4	5
Zone 7A + &B	34	38
Zone 3	12	12
Zone 10	3	3
Zone 11	12	12
Zone 12	17	17
Zone 13	25	25
Zone 14	31	32
Residensia	46	47
Evaton +		
Small farms	160	162
Hostels: Sebokeng	20	20
Arlington	6	7
Bethlehem	145	146
Bothaville	25	33
Clarens	—	—
Cornelia	3	3
Edenville	18	18
Frankfort	18	25
Harrismith	28	32
Heilbron	23	29
Kestell	5	5
Koppies	4	4
Kroonstad	122	68
Lindley	10	10
Memel	2	2
Oranjeville	1	1
Parys	16	20
Petrus Steyn	12	12
Reitz	21	23
Steynsrus	5	5

	1 January 1982	1 January 1983
Tweeling	6	6
Viljoenskroon	22	22
Villiers	5	5
Vrede	11	11
Vrededorst	8	8
Warden	7	7

Trading licences

1028. Mr. P. G. SOAL asked the Minister of Co-operation and Development:

How many trading licences were operative in each specified township falling under the control of the Northern Transvaal Administration Board at 1 January 1982 and 1 January 1983, respectively?

The MINISTER OF CO-OPERATION AND DEVELOPMENT:

The following trading licences were operative in the Black township referred to:—

	1 January 1982	1 January 1983
Messina	5	5
Louis Trichardt	10	10
Soekmekaar	1	1
Pietersburg	3	2
Naboomspruit	5	6
Nylstroom	3	3
Duiwelskloof	0	0
Breedan	0	0

28/6/83 Q. 61. 1716
1030. Mr. P. G. SOAL asked the Minister of Co-operation and Development:

(1) How many persons were (a) tried for and (b) convicted of offences relating to influx control and identity documents in the commission of courts falling under the jurisdiction of the Northern Transvaal Administration Board in the 1982 calendar year;

(2) (a) what was the average daily number of cases heard in these courts in that year and (b) what amount accrued to the State in 1982 from fines imposed for these offences?

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The MINISTER OF CO-OPERATION AND DEVELOPMENT:

The administration costs are as follows:

	(1)	(2)
(a)	(b)	(b)
Louis Trichardt	144	140
Pietersburg	605	600
Pietersburg	1 068	1 045
Tzaneen	42	42
Phalaborwa	78	69
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		Nil
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1031. Mr. P. R. C. ROGERS asked the Minister of Co-operation and Development:

What are the administration costs in respect of each of the Black townships administered by the Eastern Cape Administration Board within the corridor between the Republic of Ciskei and the Republic of Transkei?

The MINISTER OF CO-OPERATION AND DEVELOPMENT:

	Annexure	(a)	(b)
University	Year	(i)	(ii)
Cape Town	1980	659	545
	1981	663	617
	1982	751	665
	1983	766	685
Witwatersrand	1980	207	185
	1981	199	179
	1982	186	168
	1983	216	198
Natal	1980	147	120
	1981	151	136
	1982	135	125
	1983	163	158
Stellenbosch	1980	71	70
	1981	69	69
	1982	59	57
	1983	82	82

The MINISTER OF INTERNAL AFFAIRS:
See annexure. Separate particulars in respect of each faculty are not readily available.

1032. Mr. K. M. ANDREW asked the Minister of Internal Affairs:
(a) How many Coloured students applied for permission to study in each faculty of each White university in 1980, 1981, 1982 and 1983, respectively, and (b) how many applications by such students were (i) granted and (ii) refused in each of these years?

The MINISTER OF INTERNAL AFFAIRS:

Soweto's 'mayor' denies charges

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The "mayor" of Soweto, Mr David Thebehali, denied before a Johannesburg magistrate yesterday that he had defeated the course of justice by releasing two suspected criminals from the back of a police van.

The Soweto Council chairman, Mr Thebehali (46), said he was holding a weekly meeting at Mavis Hall, White City, on January 30 when a policeman entered and pointed out various people.

He became angry as the policeman, Constable M Nombewu, had not approached him.

"He had every right to come into the hall but he should have shown some courtesy", he said.

"The constable was hostile, he smelled of liquor and he said he did not need to ask anyone to investigate a complaint."

Mr Thebehali said they went out of the hall and another policeman started to pull out his gun.

"I told him if he dared to point a firearm at me, I would lay a charge against him."

Constable Nombewu and Sergeant M Ngomane earlier told the court that Mr Thebehali had released two men they had arrested.

Mr Thebehali has also pleaded not guilty to three alternative charges — hindering the police in the exercise of their duty by intimidating them and threatening them with violence or death; compelling the police to abstain from exercising their powers; and aiding the two suspects to escape from custody.

Thebehali allegedly swore at cops

COURT DRAMA



DENIAL: Thebehali.

CHAIRMAN of the Soweto Council, Mr David Thebehali, yesterday denied in the Johannesburg Magistrate's Court that he had sworn at policemen, calling them "dogs and illiterates" when they came to arrest two of his All Nations Party members.

He told the court: "I do not easily get excited or angered and cannot use derogatory words against anybody because I know my status and standing in Soweto."

He has pleaded not guilty before Mr R D Curle to a charge of defeating the course of justice by obstructing police from performing their duties by releasing the two men from a police van.

His appearance is a sequel to an incident on January 30 this year at Mavis Isaacson Hall in White City Jabavu. Three policemen had gone there to arrest some of his committee members who had allegedly assaulted a Mr Alphus Mkhonza.

**By NKOPANE
MAKOBANE**

Describing the events of the day, Mr Thebehali said a uniformed policeman entered the hall in the company of Mr Mkhonza who pointed at certain people.

He had objected to Constable M Nombewu's bursting into the hall while a meeting was in process. He had called him outside to discuss what his problem was about.

Mr Thebehali said when he told Constable Nombewu he had no right to disturb the meeting, Constable Nombewu, who, he alleged smelt of liquor, had become aggressive, negative and hostile. Constable Nombewu told him he needed no permission from anybody when investigating a case.

"I could not have obstructed the police in their duties. I am a registered police reservist and always assist the police in their investigations. I would never have opened the van door to let the men go," he said.

The case was adjourned until tomorrow when the defence will present its argument.

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Mlokoti clarifies stand 28/6/83

By Mzikayise Edom

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FOLLOWING death threats on three Wattville community councillors a fourth councillor has dissociated himself from the rent increase of R3, which comes into effect as from Friday.

Mr Noel Mlokoti, told

The SOWETAN yesterday that he was against the increases when they were first suggested by the council early this year. He said he failed to convince the council not to implement the increases when the majority of the councillors voted for the motion.

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

Whether any persons appearing before the Johannesburg Commissioners' Courts in 1982 were legally represented in court; if so, how many persons (a) were and (b) were not so represented?

†The DEPUTY MINISTER OF CO-OP.
ERATION;

Yes.

- (a) Number of persons legally represented in the Johannesburg Commissioners' Courts (Criminal) in 1982 . . . 33.
- (b) Number of persons not legally represented in the Johannesburg Commissioners' Courts (Criminal) in 1982 . . . 56 011.

Acquittal for the 'mayor' of Soweto

By Fiona Macleod

Mr David Thebehali, chairman of the Soweto Council, was acquitted in Johannesburg today of charges of defeating the cause of justice.

Mr Thebehali (46) had pleaded not guilty to releasing two assault suspects from a police van.

The incident occurred at the Mavis Hall, White City, on January 30.

The magistrate, Mr R D Curle, said it was possible that the policemen who alleged that Mr Thebehali released the two suspects were laying a false charge.

Mr Thebehali told the court that the policemen disrupted a meeting he was chairing and that he reprimanded them for their discourtesy.

Mr Curle said the State's evidence was unreliable in several material aspects.

Mr Thebehali was also acquitted on three alternative charges to which he pleaded not guilty — hindering the police in the exercise of their duties by intimidating them; compelling the policemen to abstain from exercising their powers; and aiding the two men to escape from custody.

Council blamed for kids' deaths

By MONO BADELA
A CONTROVERSY has erupted following the bizarre deaths of a Sebokeng father and his five children with the Vaal Triangle Community Council being blamed for negligence in not arbitrating soon enough.

Mr. Knox Matjila, a councillor and former chairman of the council, told The SOWETAN yesterday he would demand a special council sitting to discuss the matter which should have received prompt attention.

Mr Tumani Mosala, a top Sebokeng businessman has blamed, in particular, the ward councillor for failing to act when the dispute between Mr Michael Mathinye and his wife, Pauline, was brought before him.

"It is about time that the whole business of community councils settling disputes is done away to avert more unnecessary deaths. The council would not approach Mrs Mathinye with an offer to help but expected her to come cap in hand to them. This is a shame because the poor woman is destitute," said Mr Mosala.

Mr Mosala is a member of the newly established Mahlaseli Relief Fund, formed specifically to help raise funds for the Mathinye family. Other members are Mr Siphon Dlamini, Mr Simon Hlapo and Mr Jan Mokoena.

Mr Matjila said the tragedy, which shook black townships, happened because some leaders took very little interest in residents' affairs.

Mr Mathinye shocked the Sebokeng com-

munity when he killed his wife's children before hanging himself.

He has been described as a "man of God." He belonged to the Men's Guild of the Methodist Church.

According to Mr Lucas Mathinye, his dead brother was devoted to church and loved his children dearly. He was neither a drunk nor a sports lover. He portrayed a picture of se-

renity.

But his wife, still shocked by the tragedy, said he was only cruel to her. "He killed my children in order to hurt me for the rest of my life," she said.

She said there was nothing for her to live for and felt it would be best for her to follow her children.

"My life is just a vacuum. I will only be happy if something hap-

pened to me for I do not know why God is keeping me," she sobbed.

The funeral will be on Sunday with a service held at Mphatlaletsane Hall, Zone 14 at 8 am. The five Sebokeng businessmen have hired fifteen buses and will provide three cows and groceries. While a burial society has offered to pay for the coffins, the funeral undertakers have offered to bury the family free of charge.



WIFE: Mrs Pauline Mathinye: "I have nothing to live for", she said.

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By NKOPANE
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SOWETO Council chairman Mr David Thebehali yesterday vowed to take legal action against the police following his acquittal on a charge of defeating the course of justice in the Johannesburg Magistrate's Court.

He was found not guilty and discharged by Mr R D Curle, who said the State witnesses had been unreliable, unsatisfactory and had contradicted themselves. As for Mr Thebehali's testimony, he said it could be reasonably true.

He further said there was a possibility that a false charge could have been laid by the police against Mr Thebehali because he had told them he was going to report their conduct to the station commander. Another possible reason for concocting the charges could be that they had been ashamed and had lost face.

Mr Thebehali had pleaded not guilty to charges that he obstructed the police in the performance of their duties by releasing two of his All Nations Guard members, who had been arrested, from a police van.

After his acquittal, Mr Thebehali told The SOWETAN that he would definitely take the matter further against the policemen concerned because he wanted to clear his name in the eyes of Soweto residents.

"These people have besmirched my name and I have lost a lot of money and time because of this trial. I wonder how many people are in jail today as the result of false charges laid by police," he said.

30/6/83 Q. 61.1790
Public/recreational facilities
1021. MR. P. G. SOAL asked the Minister of Co-operation and Development:

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

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

(2) whether any additional facilities are

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

The MINISTER OF CO-OPERATION AND DEVELOPMENT.

(1)

(a) Public facilities

(b) Recreational facilities

Sasolburg 1 Community hall
1 Bioscope

3 Tennis courts (all-weather)
1 Soccer stadium
4 Soccer practice fields

Vrede 1 Community hall
1 Bioscope

1 Soccer field
1 Tennis court (all-weather)
1 Practice wall

Bethlehem 1 Community hall
1 Bioscope

1 Soccer stadium
1 Practice field (soccer)
2 Tennis courts (all-weather)

Heilbron 1 Community hall
1 Bioscope

1 Soccer stadium
1 Practice wall
1 Soccer field
1 Athletic track

Viljoenskroon 1 Community hall

2 Tennis courts (all-weather)
5 Soccer fields

Bophelong 1 Community hall

1 Sports centre
1 Tennis court (all-weather)
2 Practice fields (soccer)
1 Soccer field

Boipatong 1 Community hall

1 Soccer field with pavilion
1 Soccer field
2 Netball courts
1 Tennis court with club house

Sharpeville 1 Community hall
7 Recreation halls

1 Sports complex
3 Netball courts
2 Tennis courts (all-weather)

Sebokeng 3 Community halls

3 Soccer fields
19 Practice fields
8 Tennis courts (all-weather)
1 Golf course

Sasolburg

3 Tennis courts (all-weather)
1 Soccer stadium
4 Soccer practice fields

Denysville

1 Soccer field

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(a) Public facilities

(b) Recreational facilities

Oranjeville

1 Netball court
1 Soccer field
4 Soccer practice fields

Villiers

1 Soccer field

Menel

1 Soccer field
1 netball court

Harrismith

1 Soccer stadium
2 Tennis courts (all-weather)
4 Practice walls

Warden

1 Sports complex

Frankfort

2 Tennis courts (all-weather)
1 Soccer field

Tweeling

1 Tennis court (all-weather)

Reitz

1 Soccer field
2 Practice fields
1 Tennis court (all-weather)
1 Recreation hall

Kestell

1 Soccer field

Clarens

1 Soccer field

Port Arlington

1 Soccer field

Lindley

1 Soccer field
1 Practice field
1 Tennis court (all-weather)

Petrus Steyn

1 Tennis court (all-weather)
1 Soccer field
1 Netball court

Koppies

1 Tennis court (all-weather)
1 Practice field

Edenville

1 Soccer field

Kroonstad

4 Tennis courts (all-weather)
6 Practice walls
1 Soccer stadium

Vredefort

1 Tennis court (all-weather)
1 Soccer field

Parys

1 Soccer stadium
1 Practice field (Soccer)
2 Tennis courts (all-weather)
1 Golf course (9 holes)

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

(2) Yes.

(a) During this and the next financial year.

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

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

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 1015. Mr. P. G. SOAL asked the Minister of Co-operation and Development:

What was the (a) adult male, (b) adult female and (c) child population of each specified township under the control of the Orange Vaal Administration Board as at 31 December 1982?

The MINISTER OF CO-OPERATION AND DEVELOPMENT:

	Adult men	Adult women	Children
Evaton	15 833	20 917	30 756
Sebokeng	53 618	36 354	62 830
Sharpeville	12 375	13 556	17 529
Boipatong	3 857	3 901	3 021
Bophelong	2 473	2 273	6 194
Zamdela	9 564	1 884	3 510
Refenkotso	430	493	569
Arlington	1 170	1 214	704

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Bethlehem	7 381	6 692	23 312
Bothaville	2 663	2 301	5 916
Clarens	97	128	247
Cornelia	215	186	433
Edenville	689	661	684
Frankfort	2 608	1 920	3 280
Harrismith	3 044	3 289	10 742
Heilbron	2 295	2 326	4 319
Kestell	632	770	1 591
Koppies	1 158	1 118	1 207
Kroonstad	14 154	19 330	23 941
Lindley	1 198	1 345	1 540
Memel	243	174	374
Oranjeville	107	132	204
Parys	3 548	4 557	11 825
Petrus Steyn	927	934	1 308
Reitz	987	1 139	2 288
Steynsrus	436	692	1 090
Tweeling	232	304	349
Viljoenskroon	2 552	2 463	3 670
Villiers	881	1 071	1 886
Vrede	1 892	2 138	3 230
Vredefort	581	611	1 092
Warden	931	872	1 928

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(a) *Public facilities*
Louis Trichardt:

(b) *Recreational facilities*

Floodlighting: Soccer stadium
1 Athletic track
1 Trimpark
2 Netball courts
1 Volleyball court
2 Soccer practice fields
Dressing rooms
Extra pavilion
2 Tennis courts

Messina:

2 Soccer practice fields
1 Athletic track
2 Tennis courts
Floodlighting: Soccer stadium
1 Netball court
2 Volleyball courts

Improvement of recreation hall
Improvement and completion of sport stadium
1 Recreation hall
2 Tennis courts

Roedtan:

Improvements to soccer field
2 Netball courts
1 Volleyball court
2 Tennis courts
Alterations to pavilion

Naboomspruit:

1 Recreation hall
Water supply to sports field
2 Soccer practice fields
Floodlighting: Soccer field
Alterations to pavilion
1 Trimpark
1 Volleyball court
Improvements to hall

Nylstroom:

1 Trimpark
Improvements to sports stadium
1 Recreation hall
1 Boxing ring
2 Soccer practice fields
2 Volleyball courts
2 Netball courts

Vaalwater:

Improvements to pavilion
1 Volleyball court
2 Netball courts
Practice field (soccer)

Ellisras:

1 Soccer field
1 Pavilion
1 Volleyball court
Practice field (soccer)

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(a) *Public facilities*
Duiwelskloof:

(b) *Recreational facilities*

Alterations to soccer field
2 Netball courts
2 Tennis courts
2 Volleyball courts
Construction of pavilion

Tzaneen

2 Tennis courts
2 Volleyball courts
Improvements to recreation hall

Agathabos:
Vleyfontein:

1 Swimming pool
Sport stadium and recreation hall

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(b) Recreational facilities

- 2 Netball courts
- 2 Volleyball courts
- 2 Tennis courts (all-weather)
- 1 Trimpark

Steilloop: 1 Beerth
1 Clinic

- 1 Sport stadium
- 1 Soccer practice field
- 2 Netball courts
- 2 Volleyball courts

Roedtan: 1 Beerhall

1 Clinic
1 Community/
Recreation hall

- 1 Soccer field with athletic track
- 1 Netball court
- 1 Volleyball court

Nabootspruit

- 1 Beerhall
- 1 Clinic
- 1 Community/ Recreation hall

- 1 Soccer stadium
- 2 Soccer practice fields

Nylstroom: 1 Beerhall
1 Clinic

- 1 Sport stadium
- 2 Soccer practice fields
- 2 Netball courts
- 2 Tennis courts (all-weather)
- 2 Volleyball courts
- 1 Trimpark
- 2 Tennis courts

Vaalwater: 1 Beerhall
1 Clinic

- 1 Soccer field
- 1 Volleyball court
- 1 Tennis courts

Duivelskloof:
1 Soccer field
1 Netball court

1 Soccer field
1 Netball court

Ellistras 1 Beerhall
1 Clinic

- 1 Soccer field
- 1 Tennis courts
- 1 Volleyball court

(2) Yes.

(a) During this and the next financial year.

(b) Soekmekaar

- 1 Pavilion
- 2 Tennis courts
- 2 Volleyball courts
- 1 Athletic track

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

**THE MINISTER OF CO-OPERATION
AND DEVELOPMENT:**

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(a) Public facilities

(b) Recreational facilities

Soekmekaar: 1 Beerhall
1 Clinic

1 Beerhall
1 Clinic

- 1 Soccer field
- 2 Netball courts

Louis Trichardt:

1 Beerhall
1 Clinic

1 Sport stadium
1 Soccer field with athletic

Messina:

1 Beerhall
1 Clinic

1 Soccer stadium
1 Soccer practice field

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Population
1033. Mr. P. G. SOAL asked the Minister of Co-operation and Development:

specified township falling under the control of the Northern Transvaal Administration Board as at 31 December 1982?

The MINISTER OF CO-OPERATION AND DEVELOPMENT:

What was the (a) adult male, (b) adult female and (c) child population of each

	(a)	(b)	(c)
	Adult male	Adult female	Children
(i) Messina	1 222	1 087	2 039
(ii) Louis Trichardt	1 291	908	1 977
(iii) Soekmekaar	146	155	228
(iv) Duiwelskloof	173	18	90
(v) Roedtan	74	61	121
(vi) Naboomspruit	1 073	770	1 001
(vii) Nylstroom	2 218	889	1 475

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The MINISTER OF CO-OPERATION AND DEVELOPMENT:

(1) Yes.

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

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 Trading licences
 1040. Mr. P. G. SOAL asked the Minister of Co-operation and Development:

How many trading licences were operative in each specified township falling under the control of the Western Trans-

vaal Administration Board as at 1 January 1982 and 1 January 1983, respectively?

The MINISTER OF CO-OPERATION AND DEVELOPMENT:

The following trading licences were operative:—

1813	THURSDAY, 30 JUNE 1983	1814
	1 January 1982	1 January 1983
(a) Potchefstroom	25	26
(b) Klerksdorp	44	44
(c) Carletonville	21	21
(d) Stilfontein	13	15
(e) Orkney	17	20
(f) Fochville	3	4
(g) Biesiesvlei	1	1
(h) Bloemhof	10	11
(i) Wolmaransstad	6	6
(j) Coligny	4	8
(k) Schweizer Reneke	19	19
(l) Ottosdal	2	2
(m) Leeudoornstad	4	4
(n) Ventersdorp	10	11
(o) Makwassie	8	9
(p) Hartbeesfontein	2	2
(q) Koster	11	12
(r) Christiana	3	3
(s) Witpoortjie	—	—
(t) Lichtenburg	6	7
(u) Swartruggens	3	4
(v) Zeerust	6	7
(w) Sannieshof	4	4
(x) Delareyville	2	2

- (1) (a) Which persons have served as presiding officers at the Johannesburg Commissioners' Courts in a (i) permanent and (ii) temporary capacity in 1980, 1981, 1982 and 1983, respectively, and (b) what (i) are the legal qualifications and (ii) is the legal experience of each of these presiding officers;
- (2) by whom are these presiding officers appointed?

The MINISTER OF CO-OPERATION AND DEVELOPMENT:

- (1) (a) (i) Officers appointed as presiding officers permanently—

1980: Messrs. D. W. M. Paulsen, R. R. Rheeder, P. J. Warner, J. J. Joubert, G. van Eyssen, C. P. W. Schutte, H. Wendelborn, J. O'Conner.

1981: Messrs. C. H. Swanepoel, P. J. Warner, R. R. Rheeder, J. J. Joubert, C. P. W. Schutte, G. van Eyssen, D. Lubbe, P. Vermaak and J. F. Reyneke.

1982: Messrs. C. H. Swanepoel, A. J. Becker, W. J. Scheepers, R. R. Rheeder, P. J. Warner, J. Boshoff, J. J. Joubert, L. J. Moorcroft, S. P. van Rensburg, C. J. Nel, M. Serfontein, D. Lubbe, J. F. Reyneke, and P. Vermaak.

1983: Messrs. A. J. Becker, J. Boshoff, J. J. Joubert, L. J. Reyneke, P. Vermaak, J. Preiss, J. J. Muller, J. J. Swart, W. Faul, C. Maree, M. le Roux, H. F. Hannan, T. Freysen and W. J. Scheepers.

- (ii) Officers appointed as presiding officers temporarily—

1980: Messrs. G. M. S. Rossouw, A. C. Wilken and H. Drutman.

1981: Messrs. G. M. S. Rossouw, A. C. Wilken, and H. Drutman.

1982: Messrs. A. C. Wilken and H. Drutman.

1983: Messrs. A. C. Wilken, H. Drutman and D. P. Kleyn.

- (b) (i) and (ii) The legal qualifications and experience of the above mentioned officers are as follows:—

D. W. M. Paulsen—Civil Service Lower Law (20 years)
R. R. Rheeder—Civil Service Higher Law (23 years)
P. J. Warner—Civil Service Higher Law (23 years)
J. J. Joubert—B Juris (13 years)
G. van Eyssen—Civil Service Lower Law (3 years)

C. P. W. Schutte—B. Proc (38 years)
H. Wendelborn—German Legal Qualification (4 years)
J. O'Conner—BA, LLB (1 year and 6 months)
C. H. Swanepoel—Civil Service Lower Law (22 years)
D. Lubbe—B. Juris (1 year 6 months)
P. Vermaak—B. Proc (21 years)
J. F. Reyneke—B. Juris (6 years)
A. J. Becker—Civil Service Lower Law (20 years)
W. J. Scheepers—BA, Civil Service Lower Law (22 years)
J. Boshoff—BA, Dip. Juris (15 years)
L. J. Moorcroft—B. Juris (3 years and 6 months)
S. P. van Rensburg—B. Proc (2 years)
C. J. Nel—B. Juris (6 years)
M. Serfontein—B. Juris (1 year and 6 months)
D. Lubbe—B. Juris (1 year and 6 months)
J. Preiss—BA, LLB (6 months)
J. J. Muller—BA, LLB (6 months)
J. J. Swart—BA, LLB (6 months)
W. Faul—BA, LLB (6 months)
C. Maree—B. Juris (1 month)
M. le Roux—BA, LLB (6 months)
H. F. Hannan—Civil Service Lower Law (22 years)
T. Freysen—B. Juris (3 months)
G. M. S. Rossouw—Civil Service Lower Law (41 years)
A. C. Wilken—BA, Civil Service Lower Law (20 years)
H. Drutman—Attorneys' admission (45 years)
D. P. Kleyn—BA, LLB (30 years)

- (2) These presiding officers are appointed by the Chief Commissioner, Witwatersrand, under delegated powers in terms of section 2(2) and 2(6) of the Black Administration Act, 1927 (Act 38 of 1927).



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



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

LOOKING AHEAD

By **MONO BADELA**

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

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

Soon after the Sharpeville shootings in March 1960, the Gov-

community councillors like Mr Knox Matjila, a dark cloud hung over the township.

REPRIEVE

Mr Matjila told **THE SOWETAN** that one of the conditions why Sharpeville gained a reprieve in 1981 was that

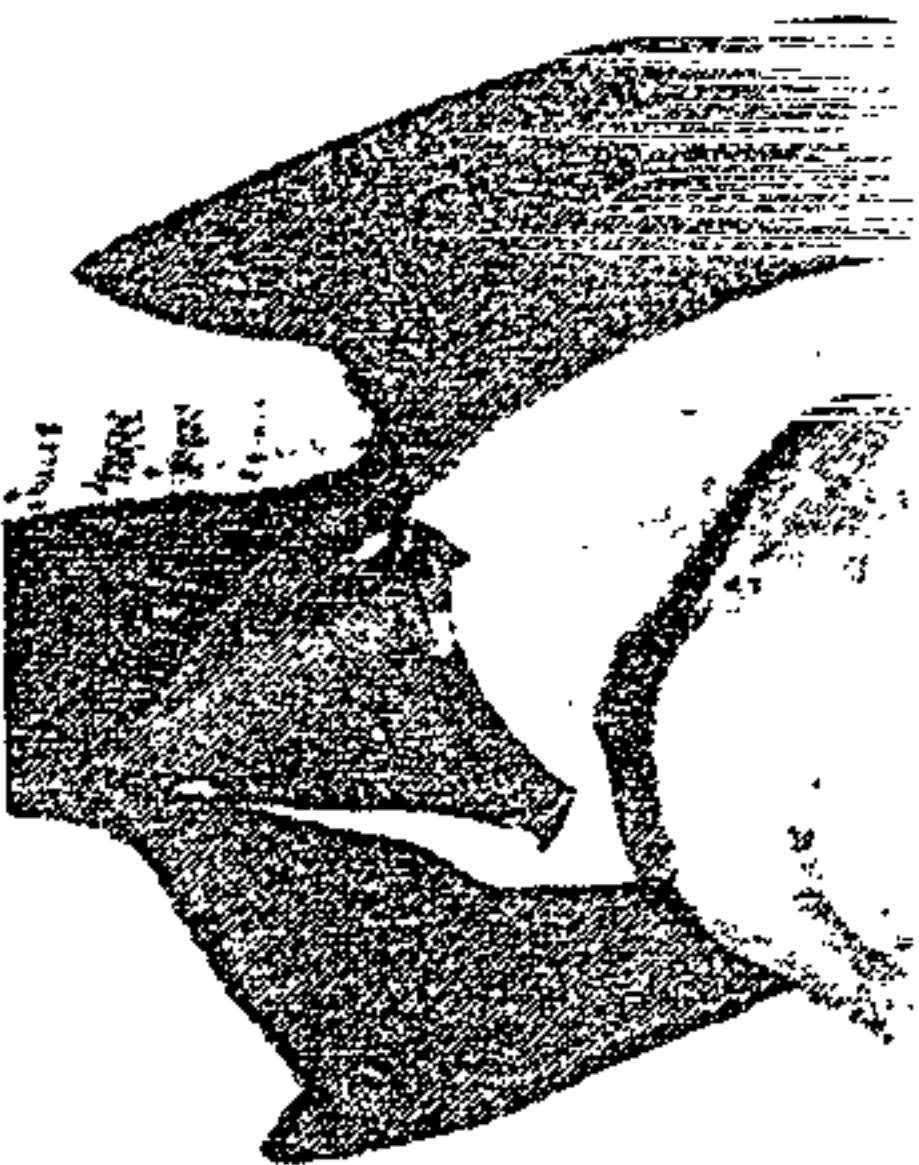
the boundaries of the township would not be extended. This he interpreted as implying that the Government was not prepared to build houses on a larger scale. He also said that the Government was not prepared to engage itself in capital works in the township.

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faces despite the Government's decision" he said.

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

place was completely overhauled, would the businessman in Sharpeville ever make the grade. "The shopping centres are to be totally replaced to match up with the white giants surrounding them," he said.



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

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

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

houses were built last year and there was a need to build more schools in the area. He said most children in the area attended schools in Sebokeng. "The long term plan is to have all ideal and adequate facilities for the residents of the place," said Mr Matjila. He said that not until the business complex of the

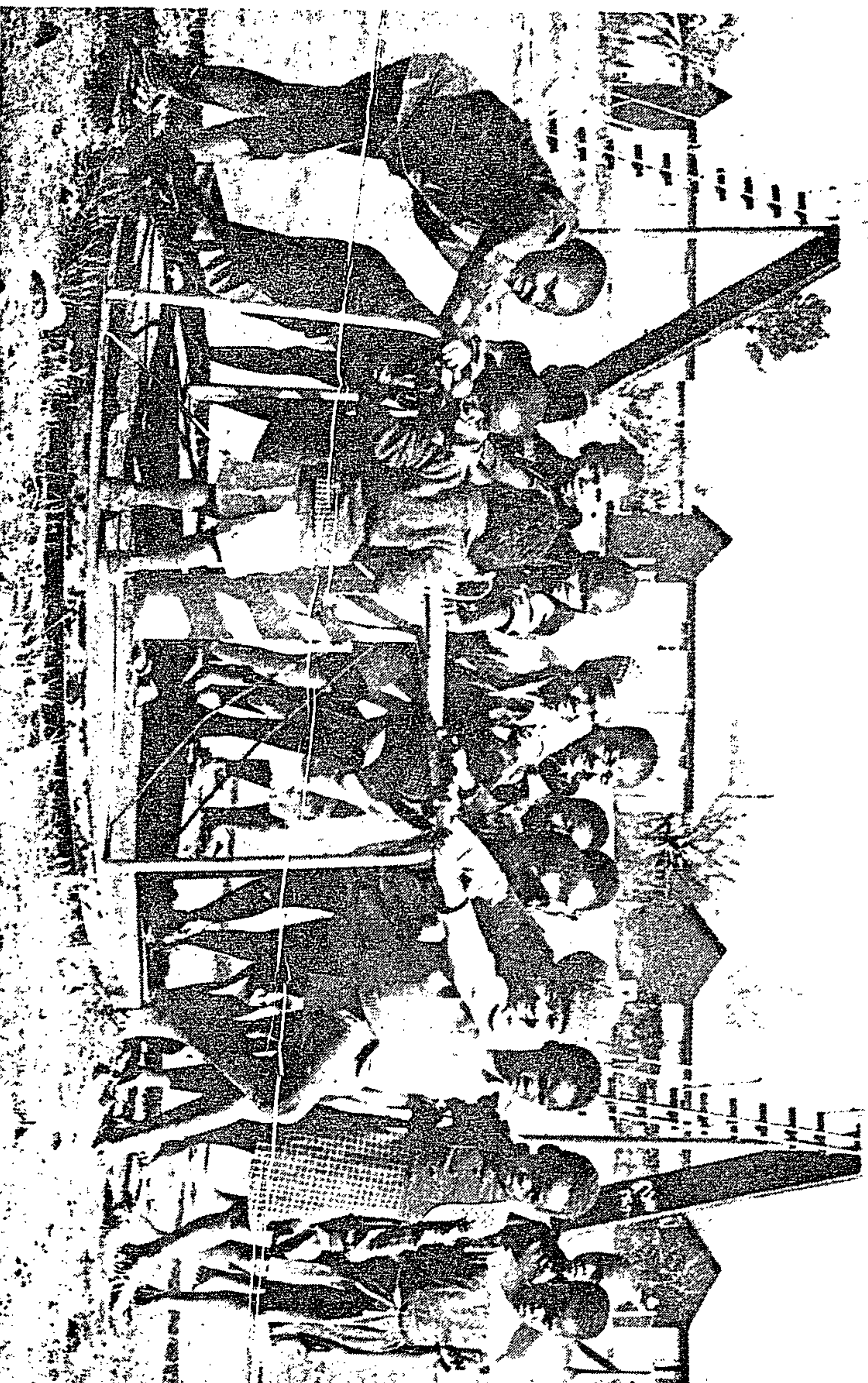
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He urged the people of Sharpeville to stop clowning about: "They must get a better type of leadership who must and can echo the aspirations of the residents quite clearly and without flinching."

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

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

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

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



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

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Mamelodi residents told to pay R 200 000 for council error

MAMELODI — Residents were this week told to pay R200 000 for an error made by the Community Council.

Community leaders have warned the council to reverse the decision in order to maintain peace in the township.

The council had allocated a site at the Muckleneuk sports grounds to a group of local businessmen who plan to build a R2,6-million hotel.

After the businessmen spent well over R15 000 to survey and plan the site, the council discovered that a planned highway would pass through the site.

Mr W M Aphane, the council chairman, said the council has agreed to pay the costs incurred by the businessmen.

"Residents will have to give us a hand to accumulate the R200 000 so that we can pay the costs to the businessmen and later redesign the sport grounds.

Mr Donsie Khumalo, secretary general for the General Workers' Union in the Pretoria region, said: "This is all madness. How can residents pay for a mistake attributed to the council?"

NOW DAWN RAIDERS ARE AFTER THE RENT

By KHULU SIBIYA 3/7/83

SOWETO — Scores of families in Soweto's elite suburbs are being "frog-marched" daily to the Soweto Council offices for failing to pay their monthly rentals in time.

Mr J J Oosthuizen, chief director of housing in Soweto, said this week his council is losing thousands of rands in employing extra manpower and extra vehicles to round up rent defaulters.

"It is the elite in Soweto that fails to pay rent on time, and we are forced to go out of our way to get the money, even if we end up losing in the end," said Mr

Oosthuizen.

Raids are being conducted in the early hours of the morning, and Mr Oosthuizen said the main culprits are in townships like Dube, Orlando West, Mofolo and Chiawelo Extension 3.

Last week the Soweto Civic Association warned the Council to use better methods and said "strong-arm tactics" would aggravate the situation.

But Mr Oosthuizen said: "Black people must learn to pay their accounts."

An announcement regarding rents in Chiawelo Extension houses would be made soon, Mr Oosthuizen added.

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.

Wrab leaves 'illegals' 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.

5 000 km of power cable laid in Soweto

No more trenches are to be dug in Soweto for the electrification scheme and all those that are still open are being filled, the West Rand Administration Board revealed today.

Wrab's electricity department's director, Mr W van der Spuy, said more than 5 000 km of cable had been laid and the trenches were being closed.

"A fairly major milestone is that all the electricity cable, just more than 5 000 km in length, has now been laid and all trenches are being closed.

All Sowetans would hopefully be drawing power by next March. At the moment, a little more than 32 000 housing units in Greater Soweto are connected to the electricity mainstream and a further 73 000 are wired for power. By December more than 70 000 of Greater Soweto's 110 000 homes will be using electricity.

He said the scheme would cost R250 million — R100 million more than the original 1977 budget. To secure the R56 million "urgently" needed, every Sowetan would be charged a monthly R17 availability levy from June, and this would rise to R29 a month in 1986.

^{7/1/83} Thebehali denies ^{Sowetan} Brown's claim ³⁴³

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."

EXPULSE

Mahuhushi in shock land deal

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IN AN expose that could rock the community council in Soweto and elsewhere, The SOWETAN has established that Mr J C Mahuhushi, the "mayor" of Diep-Meadow, is alleged to have allocated himself a site big enough to accommodate 20 houses.

The site, allocated sometime last year, is 7 000 square metres in size and is situated near Blackchain Shopping Centre in Diepkloof.

Mr Mahuhushi has confirmed that he has a site on which he is going to build an office block.

He would not confirm the size of the site and denied that he participated in the decision by the Trade and Transport Committee to allocate the site to himself. The committee which allocates sites consists of councillors who work under Mr Mahuhushi.

It is believed that the white officials of the West Rand Administration Board (Wrab) are not permitted to attend meetings at which sites are allocated. But in other councils, Wrab officials do sit in at such meetings.

An average-sized site for a Soweto house is approximately 300 square metres, which means that Mr Mahuhushi's site can accommodate 23 houses.

When confronted with questions on how he obtained the site and what he was going to do with it, Mr Mahuhushi said he got it through the normal channels followed by all members of the public who apply for trading sites.

He said he was going to build an office block because he realised that many doctors had no surgeries and were hiring rooms at private houses from where they conducted their practices.

"There is nothing sinister about it. I applied like any member of the community would have done because I am also a member of the community.

"And in terms of the regulations, my application was advertised and

House sale

THE GREEN light had been given for the sale of the first of 350 000 houses which had been made available to black renters countrywide under a new Government scheme announced recently, the Minister of Co-operation and Development, Dr Piet Koornhof, said in Pretoria yesterday.

The first sales of state-owned houses in black townships were expected to begin this week, he said. The homes would sell for between R800 and R1 500, depending on their age, he added.

Under the same scheme, an estimated 150 000 houses throughout the country would be made available to other race groups.

Dr Koornhof said "all channels" had now been opened for the sale of 350 000 houses in the black townships, and potential black homeowners could begin applying to financial institutions for financial assistance. — Sapa.

on the day the decision was taken by the committee as to who the site was allocated to, I was not present. The committee decided in my absence to allocate the site to me," he said.

In terms of the Urban Areas Act of 1945 as amended, regulation 1036 of 1968 requires that all applications for trading sites be advertised for a minimum of 14 days at the township managers' offices where members of the public can see them.

But yesterday, the Chief Executive Officer of the Diep Meadow Community Council, Mr G H Brophy, said it was the council's prerogative to decide who may or may not have access to the applications.



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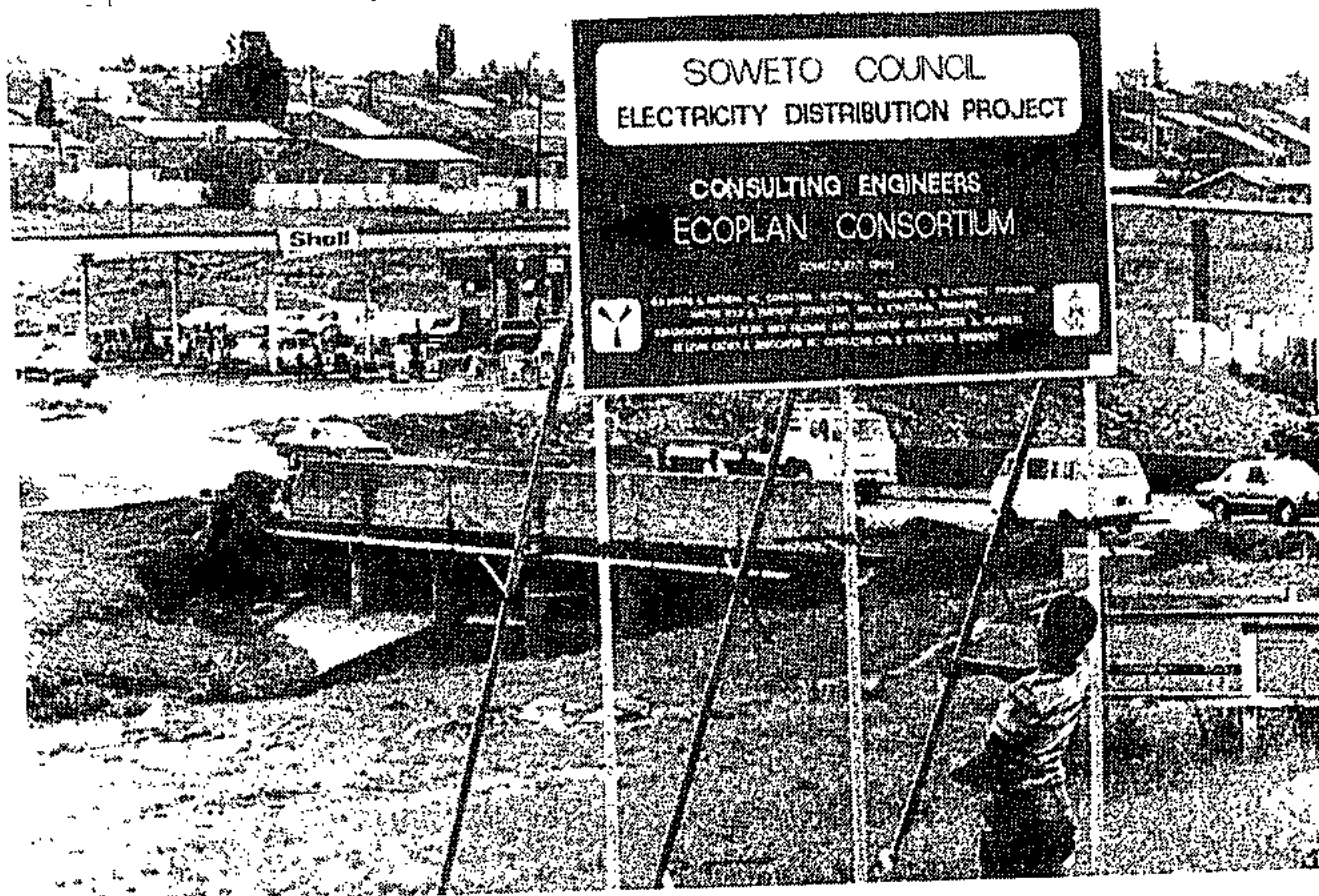
Soweto on target

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Soweto's R250m electrification project is "right on target," according to West Rand Administration Board (Wrab) chairman John Knoetze, and should be completed by the end of the year. To date, however, it has not led to the predicted boom in the sale of electrical appliances.

Wrab's electricity director, Melt van der Spuy, says: "The wiring of nearly 73 000 houses has been completed and 32 000 are already receiving power. Approximately 30 000 houses are still to be completed, but the programme is ahead of schedule."

So far the programme has had minimal impact on sales of electrical goods, according to industry sources. Tedelex joint MD Jack Cohen says: "Sales have picked up, although not dramatically. I think demand will rise progressively and constantly over the next few years."

Peter Broad, marketing manager of appliance manufacturer Berda, agrees. He says: "We haven't noticed a dramatic in-



Soweto electricity ... no consumer boom

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crease in sales yet. This is happening on a gradual basis. We do expect an increase, but not on an overnight basis; rather gradually over the next few years."

The Bureau of Market Research's forecast of retail sales for 1983 predicts that sales of television sets and radios, household appliances and foodstuffs are expected to show a relative increase in the year although total retail sales will be 2% lower, in real terms, than in 1982.

Berda has started a special advice bureau for new consumers of electricity. The bureau's Marie Louise Holliday says: "We received many complaints resulting purely from the misuse of appliances. So we started the bureau as a non-profit service to the

community. We receive about 200 letters of inquiry a month in addition to holding talks and demonstrations."

But Knoetze sounds a note of warning: "A lot of inferior equipment is being passed on to the consumer. I appeal to the trade to make suppliers aware of the need to encourage people to buy durable and simple equipment."

The electrification programme has not been without problems. Approximately 5 000 km of cable have been laid in Soweto and connections to the 950 sub-stations are still in progress. As a result, open trenches from both the civil and electrical projects have resulted in a number of deaths.

But, says Van der Spuy, "the open trench-

es have been of tremendous concern to us and we've done everything we could to prevent injuries."

Since the beginning of June, residents have been charged a R12 monthly levy to recover the capital costs involved in the project. All residents are charged the levy as soon as electricity is available, whether the house owner intends using electricity or not, and this has met with some opposition.

Van der Spuy explains that "the levy is being imposed as a municipal levy and is the equivalent of rates. The black community councils themselves decided to repay the loan in this manner by charging a separate levy rather than an amorphous sum levied through increased house rental."

By Anthony Duigan

Further confusion has arisen over the interpretation of the Rikhoto judgment.

The judgment, handed down by the Appeal Court in May, granted black migrant workers who have worked for one employer for 10 continuous years, or for more than one employer for 15 years, the right to qualify for permanent residence in urban areas.

But Mr John Knoetze, chairman of the West Rand Administration Board, said today that his board distinguished between two types of migrant workers — those from independent homelands (Transkei, Bophuthatswana, Venda and Ciskei) and those from other rural areas.

Wrab's interpretation of the Rikhoto judgment was that to qualify for permanent urban rights, workers from independent homelands had to have completed their 10 or 15 years

New confusion on Rikhoto urban rights judgment

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employment before those territories became independent, Mr Knoetze said.

If they completed their term of service after independence they were not granted urban rights and their cases were referred to Pretoria.

"We prefer to be cautious rather than grant people urban rights and have to take them away later," he said.

Wrab was waiting for a ruling from Pretoria, he added.

A spokesman from the Department of Co-operation and Development said early today

that the department was looking into the matter.

If this interpretation of the Rikhoto ruling is confirmed by the Government it could exclude many thousands of workers from obtaining rights which they believed were granted them by the Appeal Court ruling.

Last month the Minister of Co-operation and Development, Dr Piet Koornhof, said the Government would abide by the Rikhoto judgment.

Wrab denies a pregnant woman shelter

A WOMAN, seven months pregnant, who has been sleeping in the open veld in Kliptown with her husband and two children could not be given accommodation by the West Rand Administration Board yesterday because she had lost her reference book.

A tent to house the family temporarily was pitched in a coloured area by the Witwatersrand Council of Churches late yesterday.

Mrs Esther Mtotoba, born in Johannesburg and married to a man with Section (10)1(a) rights (those born in a white area are permitted permanent residence there) could not be given temporary accommodation by the Wrab because she lost her reference book and now has to prove her right to be there.

The Mtotoba family and many others were discovered by the Rev Cecil Begbie, vice-chairman of the WCC yesterday when he and other members, including a local practitioner Dr. Abubaker Asvat, visited the area.

The Mtotoba family was taken to the Pimville Administration Board offices where Mr Begbie and Dr Asvat appealed to the township manager, Mr J A Bronkhorst, to give them temporary accommodation.

Mr Bronkhorst said there was nothing he could do to help Mrs Mtotoba and suggested that she ask for a copy of her identity documents or her registration number from the offices of Co-operation and Development to prove her right to be in the area.

He suggested the Mtotoba family report to

his office again on Monday morning.

A request by Mr Begbie for permission to pitch a tent to house the family temporarily was turned down by Mr Bronkhorst, who said: "I have been given strict instructions by the authorities not to allow any more tents to be pitched in this area ... because we have to combat squatting".

He said there were no more prefab units available at the Fred Clark emergency camp for squatters because Wrab had run out of building material.

Mr Begbie then appealed to members of the Good Shepherd in Eldorado Park who agreed that a tent could be pitched on their premises to provide the family with temporary accommodation.

The case of the Mtobas is no different from that of many others sleeping in the veld behind the Kliptown market every night.

Some claim the sky has been their roof for more than two years.

Mrs Mabel Davidson, a 60 year-old woman who also claims to have Section (10)1(a) rights shares a disused panel-van with her son and his wife and lives by scavenging food from dustbins near the Kliptown fruit-market.

She claims she lived alone in the van until a few months ago when she was sexually attacked by a group of men.

Her son and his wife, who shared a chicken stall with several others, then decided to move in with her.

Mr Begbie also referred Mrs Davidson's case to Mr Bronkhorst, who agreed to meet her at his office on Monday morning.

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MIGRANTS GET COUNCIL VOTE

By KHULU SIBIYA

THOUSANDS of migrant labourers from the homelands will be allowed to vote in the forthcoming Soweto Community Council elections — provided they have been in the prescribed area for 12 months.

This was revealed yesterday by a spokesman for the Department of Co-Operation and Development, Mr J Oosthuizen.

He said unlike the previous elections, which were held in

1978, contract workers from the homelands would be eligible to vote in all Community Council elections throughout the country in November this year.

This, he said, will include workers from the independent states like Venda, Transkei, Bophuthatswana, Ciskei, provided they can prove that they have been in the council area for 12 months or more.

Mr Ishmael Mkhabela, Azapo's publicity secretary, said Azapo was committed to boycotting the elections.

"Why do they refuse people permanent rights in an urban area, and at the same time allow them to vote? The Government is actually practising double standards," Mr Mkhabela said.

Meanwhile the Anti-Community Council Committee, formed a month ago to oppose the elections, has called for a mass meeting of all Soweto residents to form a strategy to boycott the elections.

The meeting will be held at the Dube YWCA on Sunday at 1pm and will be addressed by Dr Nthato Motlana, among others.

Clerk is one of first to acquire Government scheme home

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BY ANNE SACKS

MR JOHN RABEDE, a clerk at the Orange-Vaal Administration Board, is one of the first black South Africans to buy his own home in terms of the Government's massive sale of 500 000 houses.

The scheme was officially launched at an elaborate ceremony in Sebokeng, Vereeniging, yesterday with the

Minister of Co-Operation and Development, Dr Piet Koornhof, disclosing some of the hidden costs of buying a State-owned house.

He announced to about 250 guests of Ovab that the cost of surveying a stand will be included in the purchase price of the house.

In the interim, he said, the cost of surveying 370 000

stands in black townships would be borne by the National Housing Fund and will take five to six years to complete.

A delay in the surveying of stands is one of the major reasons for the sluggish implementation of the home-ownership scheme, although top Government officials say the programme is ahead of schedule.

Workers in community organisations believe the cost of each house is relatively cheap — between R800 and R1 500.

But the real expenses will be in service and infrastructure charges.

In terms of the 99-year leasehold scheme, Mr Rabede is granted title to the house but not to the land.

He bought the house for R4 160 with a building society loan.

But with special discounts, he will have to pay back R2 800 over 20 years.

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ANC plans to beam propaganda into

By ANDRE VILJOEN
Harare

THE banned African National Congress (ANC) has asked the United Nations to set up a powerful radio transmitter in Southern Africa.

The transmitter would beam propaganda broadcasts into South Africa as part of the overall "liberation struggle".

It would vastly intensify the presently limited programme of

broadcasts made by the ANC over the official radio stations in Lusaka, Dar-es-Salaam, Luanda, Tananarive and Addis Ababa.

The plan was disclosed at a major, five-day meeting of the ANC leadership which took place in Lusaka this week.

The meeting is regarded as one of the most important recently held by the ANC command.

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All these banned in South Africa. In the aftermath of the bomb blast in Harare, the ANC has engaged a radio and television team around the world to enunciate its policy.

But it is in that the ANC's platform.

Malan warns Press

By DIRK VAN ZYL

'Blatant lies and propaganda' come under heavy fire

THE Minister of Defence, General Magnus Malan, yesterday made a veiled threat against newspapers which "serve the public lies and blatant propaganda" about South Africa's alleged destabilisation of its neighbours.

Speaking at a "Commando Day" at Kempton Park he said "allegations and half-truths" being spread about South Africa by government leaders in neighbouring states were being supplemented "with absolute lies by

correspondents in some of these states".

The SADF's media liaison section was daily confronted by reports dealing with South Africa's alleged bids to destabilise Southern Africa.

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regards newspapers and news organisations, but this government cannot allow lies and blatant propaganda to be served to the public.

"One gains the impression that the Republic has been outlawed and that every Marxist-inclined journalist is daily sucking allegations out

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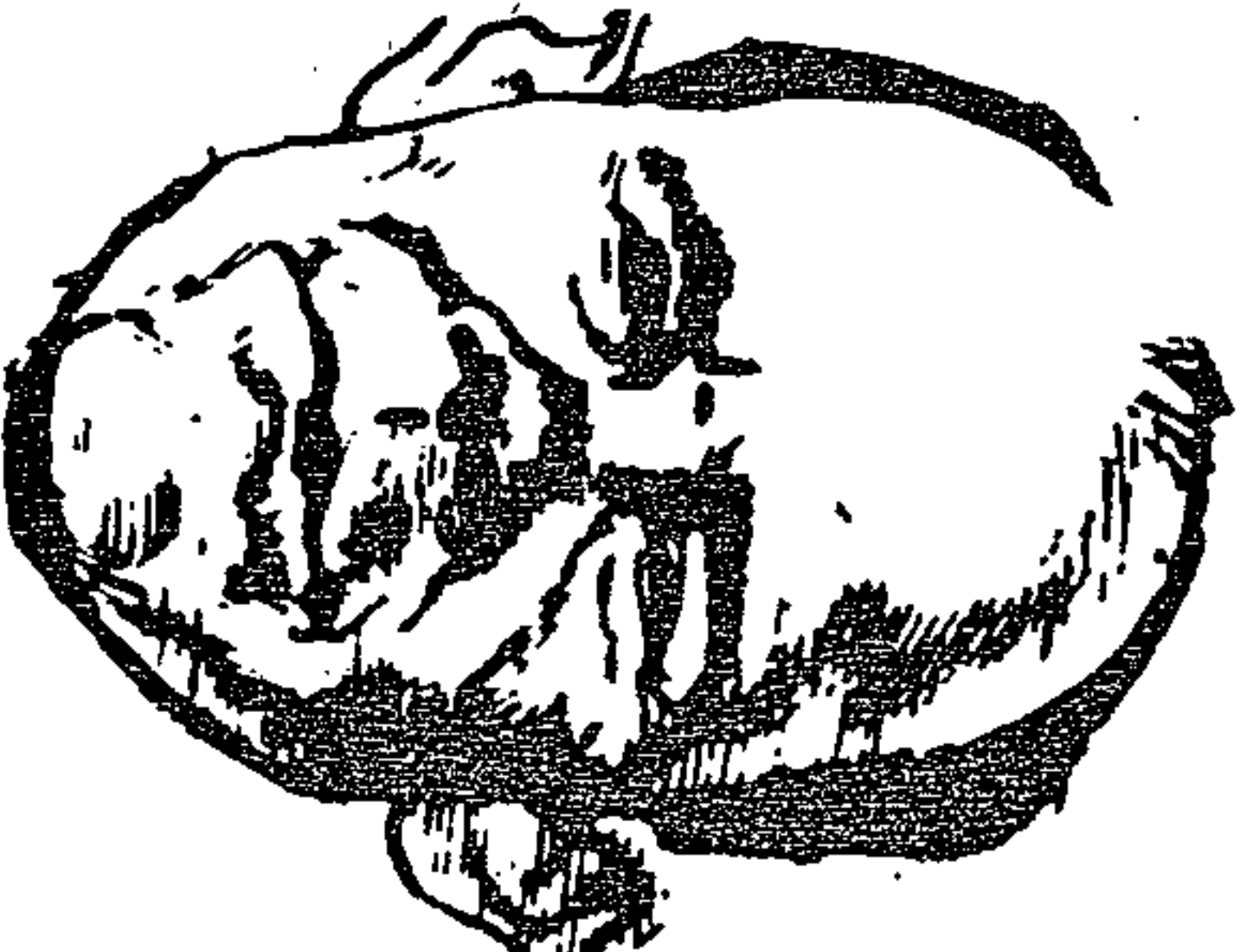
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GENERAL MAGNUS MALAN
Allegations and half-truths

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By DIRK VAN ZYL

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In the aftermath of the ANC bomb blast in Pretoria Mr Tambatumba has enjoyed a major platform on radio and television networks around the world from which to enunciate ANC strategy and policy.

But it is in South Africa itself that the ANC most dearly wants a platform.

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Seminar on Press freedom

By DIRK VAN ZYL

THE question of Press freedom in South Africa will be examined at a one-day seminar in Pretoria on Thursday.

Presented by the Pretoria Press Club as part of its fifth anniversary, seminar topics will include State intervention in the news media; professionalisation of journalism; the SABC as political information service; restrictive legislation; the possibility of Press freedom surviving in South Africa; and the freedom of the individual as against that of the Press.

Speakers are: Mr Justice Tienie Steyn; Mr Louis Nel, MP; Professor Mike Hough of Pretoria University; Mr Tertius Myburgh, Editor of the *Sunday Times*; Mr Harold Pakenendorff, Editor of the *Vaderland*; Mr Harvey Tyson, Editor of the *Star*; Dr Alex Boraine, MP; and Mr Jan van Zyl of the SABC.

WRAB SHOCK ON RIKHOTO JUDGMENT

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FURTHER confusion has arisen over the interpretation of the Rikhotso judgment which has opened the way for migrant workers to obtain per-

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manent urban residence right.

The Rikhotso judgment, handed down by the Appeal Court in

May, granted black migrant workers who have worked for one employer for 10 continuous years or for more than

one employer for 15 years the right to qualify for permanent residence in the urban areas.

MIGRANTS

But Mr John Knoetze, chairman of

the West Rand Administration Board (Wrab), said his board distinguished between two types of migrant workers — those from independent homelands (Transkei, Bophuthatswana, Venda and Ciskei) and those from other rural areas.

Wrab's interpretation of the Rikhotso judgment was that in order to qualify for their permanent urban rights workers from independent homelands had to have completed their 10 or 15 years' continuous employment before these territories became independent, Mr Knoetze said.

CAUTIOUS

If they completed their term of service after independence then they were not granted their urban rights and their cases were referred to Pretoria.

"This is our interpretation of the judgment and we prefer to be cautious rather than grant people urban rights and have to take them away later," he said.

Wrab was waiting for a firm ruling from Pretoria on the matter, he added. A spokesman from the Department of Co-operation and Development said that the Department was looking into the matter.

If this interpretation of the Rikhotso ruling is confirmed by the Government it could exclude many thousands of workers from obtaining rights which they believed were granted them by the Appeal Court ruling.

Mkhize's son ³⁴³ suing Minister ~~287~~

MR Paris Mkhize, the teenage son of Driefontein leader Saul Mkhize, who was shot dead in the south-eastern Transvaal village in April, is claiming R10 000 from the Minister of Law and Order.

Paris Mkhize claims he was held overnight and assaulted by police in Piet Retief in February. He alleges he was repeatedly asked why his father was resisting removal of the Driefontein people.

The youth's legal representative at the Legal Resources Centre in Johannesburg said notice of a "nominal claim" of R10 000 had been sent to the Minister of Law and Order, Mr Louis le Grange.

Alleged wrongful arrest is one of the grounds on which the claim is based.

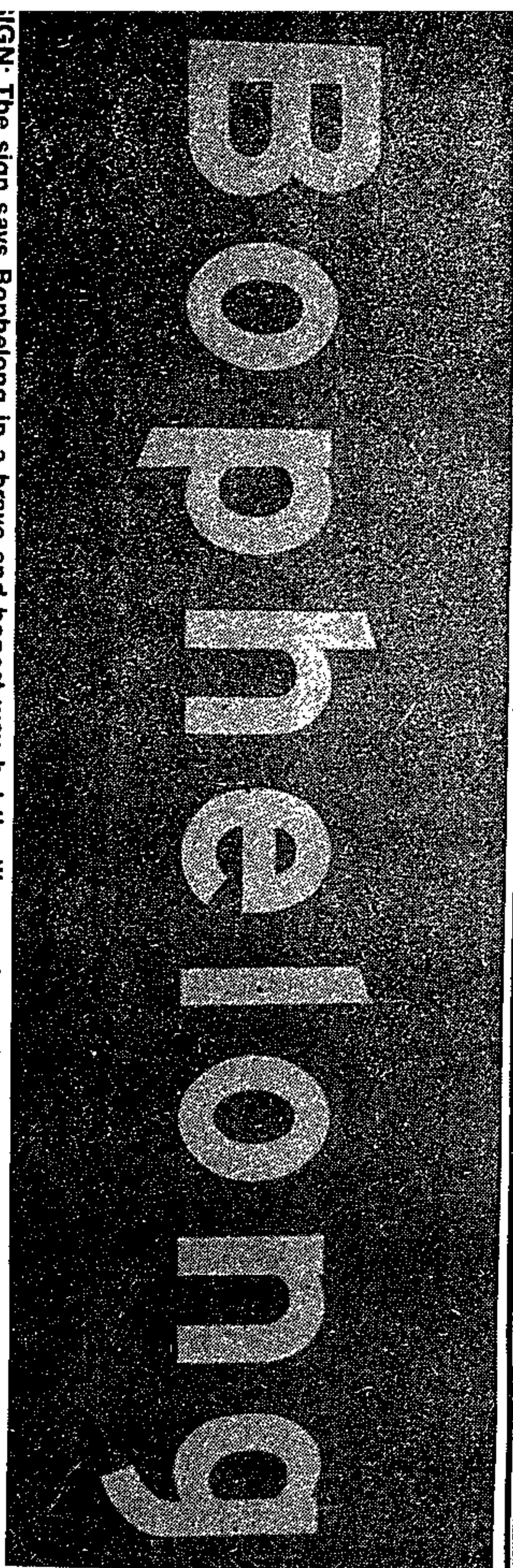
Earlier this year the Minister acknowledged in Parliament that Paris Mkhize had been held overnight.

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left: Beauty Vanda, Esther Hlongwane and Sheila
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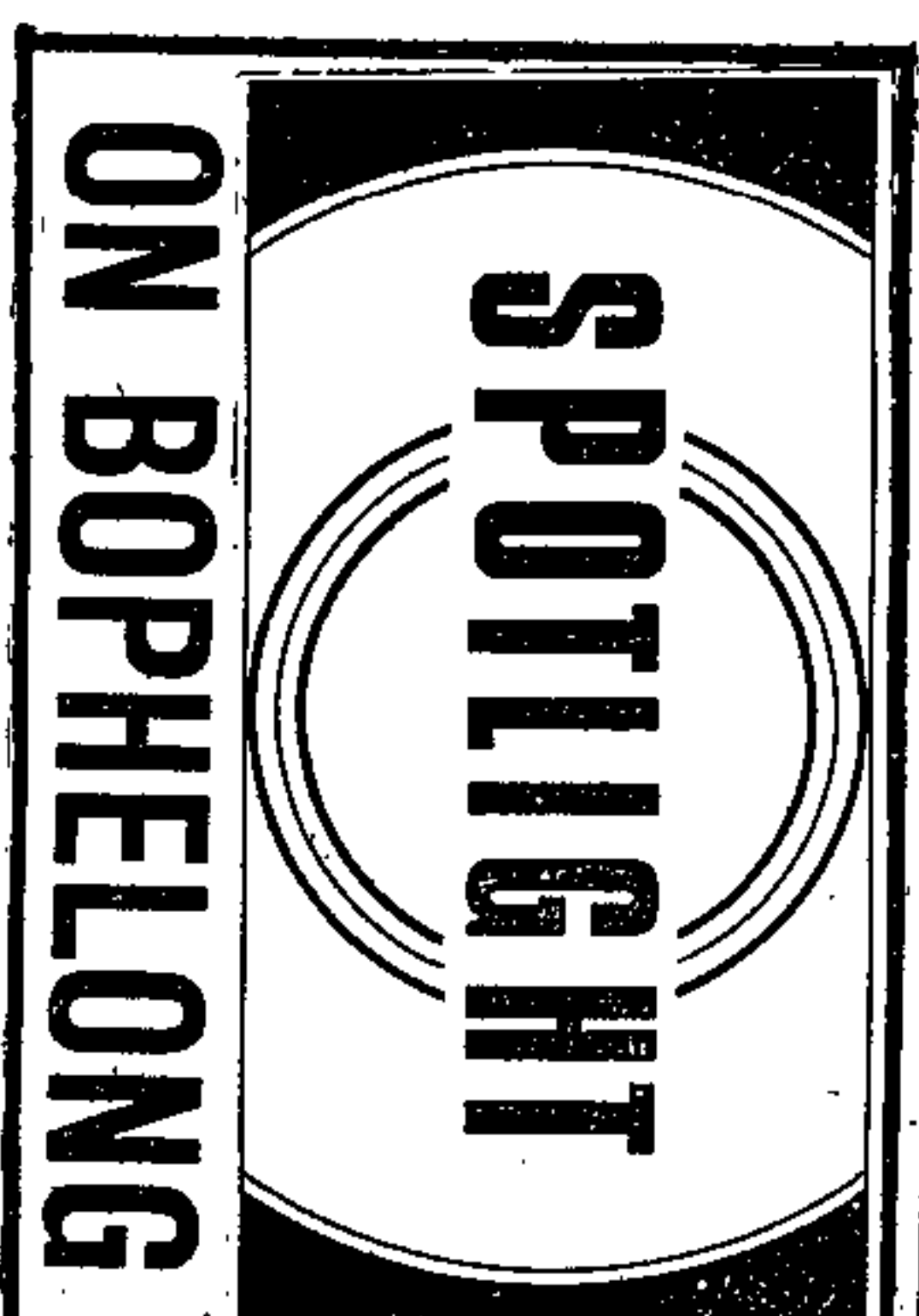
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SIGN: The sign says Bophelong in a brave and honest way but the life people are leading in this steamy township is one of uncertainty and even fear. There is a sense of insecurity about Bophelong as most people believe they might have to be moved to Sebokeng one day.



Bophelong may be moved



MAYOR: The Vaal Triangle Community Council chairman, Mr Essau Mahlati.

THE FUTURE of a small township in the Vaal, Bophelong, hangs by a thread. The fate of its over 4 000 families is in the balance as they might be moved to the neighbouring Sebokeng township any minute.

The little township, the smallest after Dennisville, also a Vaal township, has been on the Government's "black list" for some time, the Vaal Triangle Community Council chairman, Mr Essau Mahlati said.

Although talk of removals has toned down, many projects that were earmarked for future development have remained on the drawing-board because of the pervasive uncertainty and the township's future.

No new houses have been built since the township came into existence in the '50s and according to Mr Mahlati no new houses will be built in the near future. The housing backlog is not abnormal but Mr Mahlati said he expected it to soar following the historic Rikhotso ruling by the Supreme Court.

Although faced with

such a tough situation, Mr Mahlati said the council has decided to go on with some projects irrespective of the decision by the Government. Playparks and a community hall and other projects have already been completed, Mr Mahlati said.

Another major headache for the "mayor" is plans by the Transvaal Provincial Administration (TPA) to build a highway which will cut through the township.

About 140 houses will be affected, Mr Mahlati said. However, the council was negotiating with the TPA to persuade them to divert their highway or else exchange the affected area with an equivalent piece of land adjacent to the township. Mr Mahlati

does not know how the TPA will acquire land because land surrounding Bophelong is owned by private companies and only 3km separates the township from the Vanderbijlpark and a white residential area.

Bophelong is also known for its notorious crime rate. Muggings, robberies and rape are rife in the area and not much has been done by the residents to fight, the "mayor" said. There is no vigilant group in the area or police reservists to patrol the streets at night. And for this reason, Mr Mahlati said, a seminar on crime would be held in the township to try and educate the people. The seminar is for all townships in the Vaal, he said.

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Super council - it's war!

THE recently proposed amalgamation of the Dobsonville, Diepmeadow and Soweto councils into a single Greater Soweto Council, has sparked off such a fiery controversy among the leaders of the three councils that the trio have at times been on the verge of jumping into the boxing ring to sort out their differences.

Mr David Thebehali, of the Soweto Council, has supported the idea since it was mooted earlier this year. He saw it as the best way of facilitating the administration of the area because of its

geographic unity.

But Mr I B Mashao, of Dobsonville, and Mr J C Mahuhushi, of Diepmeadow, were suspicious of the proposal and they dismissed it at first sight. To them, it was a ploy to get their councils to help in paying off the Soweto Council's R18-million deficit.

They gave other reasons which included among others, their de-

By SAM MABE

sire to retain their separate identities. If the analysis given by Mr Thebehali on the deficits of the three councils is correct, the Soweto Council's deficit is no worse than that of the other two.

DEFICIT
We said Dobsonville had 4 000 houses and an annual deficit of R1-mil-

lion against Soweto's 76 000 houses and a deficit of R18-million. If Dobsonville were to have 76 000 houses and a deficit of R1-million for every 4 000 of them, its total deficit would come to R19-million.

Dobsonville and Diepmeadow had hoped that the Black Local Authorities Bill soon to

be passed by Parliament was going to grant them city status.

But Mr John Knoetze, chairman of the West Rand Administration Board, who is also in favour of amalgamation, said earlier that it was the Soweto Council alone which stood a chance of being granted autonomy because of its size.

He also said it would be a luxury to have three

mayors, three civic centres, three town clerks, three chief engineers and three separate budgets being submitted to the Government for funding.

LOGIC

Mr Thebehali said earlier this year that it only required logic for one to understand that it was easier and much cheaper to run one administration instead of three. He also based his argument on the fact that geographically the three areas could not be seen as separate entities.

It has been argued in some quarters that Mr Mashao and Mr Mahuhushi oppose the amalgamation because they fear that their positions as "mayors" of Dobsonville and Diepmeadow respectively, would be in jeopardy after amalgamation since there would have to be only one mayor for the whole of Soweto.

But the hue and cry raised against amalgamation would seem unwarranted as there is clear evidence showing that the Government is going to amalgamate the three councils despite their opposition.

The Soweto Council's "mayor" has been provided with a mayoral car

and, about a year ago, a R100 000 house was built for him in Pinville. And there is not even the slightest indication that the same could be in the offing for the other two "mayors".

AUTONOMY

Recently, when names of townships that are to be granted autonomy in terms of the new law were announced, Dobsonville and Diepmeadow were not among them. This is in spite of applications they made that they also be granted autonomy.

The two councils do not have civic centres of their own and although the Soweto Council has one in Jabulani, a new and much bigger civic centre is currently being constructed at a cost of R4,1-million opposite the existing one.

Mr Thebehali would not confirm nor deny the necessity of building a new civic centre. But it is clear that the new centre is to cope with the expected increase in the workload the Soweto Council will be faced with after amalgamation.

And the fact that work on the new centre has been started even before finality has been reached on the question of amalgamation, is a stronger indication that Mr Mashao and Mr Mahuhushi's feelings on the issue are of no consequence.

Black Sash to take action against Wrab

By **LEN MASEKO**
and **MONO BADELA**

IN A move that could give more clarity on the historic Rikhoto ruling, the Black Sash is to take legal action against the West Rand Administration Board (Wrab) for refusing to grant permanent urban rights to migrant workers from independent homelands.

Black Sash national president Mrs Sheena Duncan told **THE SOWETAN** yesterday that her organisation was referring all cases in which migrants had been "illegally and unlawfully" turned away by Wrab to lawyers.

CONTROVERSY

This latest round of controversy surrounding the Rikhoto judgment follows Wrab's statement last week, distinguishing between two types of migrant workers — those from independent homelands and those from other rural areas. Migrants from independent homelands,

in order to get the Section 10 (1) b qualifications, had to have completed 10 to 15 years' continuous employment before these territories became independent, Wrab said.

If the migrants applying for the city rights only completed the term of service after independence then they could not claim their qualification under the Rikhoto ruling, according to Wrab's interpretations.

Meanwhile several workers on the East Rand have been granted the right to stay permanently in the cities by the local administration boards. The workers, whose applications were processed in Pretoria immediately after the Rikhoto judgment was handed down, can now bring their families to

stay with them in the urban areas.

Among the successful applicants are Tembisa Hostel inmates Samuel Mogaramedi and Reuben Sethoba, whose reference books were stamped on July 4.

Mrs Duncan said yesterday: "By turning away migrant workers from independent states, Wrab was acting quite illegally and unlawfully. We are handing all the cases to the lawyers, in a bid to press Wrab to grant these workers their urban rights."

She said one worker from Transkei applying for city rights was yesterday told at Wrab's offices in town to "bring a letter from Prime Minister Matanzima, giving him permission to seek the qualifications".

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SPOTLIGHT

ON BOPHELONG

'High prices are being
used to kick us out'

Residents kick up row over rents, electricity

Story: Elliot Ntshingwa



PIS LEMKUMALO

HIGH rent and electric- ity bills are the biggest headaches for residents of Bophelong township in the Vaal Triangle. Not only that, they believe this is a concerted move to drive them out of the area.

Residents who spoke to The SOWETAN claimed that the average rent they pay for their three-roomed houses plus electricity was about R70. This is nearly twice what their neighbours in Sharpe-

ville are paying for their four-roomed houses. They also complained that they were paying a monthly rate for community services whose projects they never see. Veteran politician and former secretary of the new defunct Vaal Advisory Board, Mr George "Zuka" Khoza said the Government was using the rent issue as a stick to drive them out of the township to make way for industry.

"We will not be intimidated," said the nonsense Mr Dikoko. He claimed his rent varied between R90 and R100. One resident, a Mr Killion Nshingela is believed to have been sent summons to pay R220 for rent and electricity.

Mr Khoza said the Government seemed to be singling them out because they want to leave their homes and settle in other townships where the rent is lower. Orange Vaal Administration Board (OVAB) police were also being

used in the onslaught against Bophelonians, he said. People are raided for owing rent even though notices have not been sent to them, he said.

Mr Paul Dittanang said his rent for this month was "a clean R80." He lives in a three-roomed house with his family and his parents and he complained that the rooms were too small for everybody.

"I am paying the same amount for what people in four-roomed houses are paying in other townships," he said.

Mr Lempe Lempe, who has bought his home under the 30-year-old leasehold, said site and services rates have risen a mere R8 in 1963 to R82 this year.

"This is disguised violence," Mr Lempe said. He said he did not see any advantage in buying the house, "because I am still paying the same as other people," he said. Last month he paid R82 for site rent and electricity.

The acting director of OVAB, Mr Boet Potgieter denied that rents were as high as the residents were saying. He said the rents were raised by arrears emanating from monies left unpaid on other months. He invited Mr Nshingela and any other person who has a complaint to bring the receipts to him.



POLITICIAN: Mr George "Zuka" Khoza . . . "We will not be intimidated."



ANGRY: Mr Paul Dittanang . . . lived in a small three-roomed house but pays an average of R67 per month.

Mr Dittanang is wearing a grass skirt made from grass only found in the Free State and Lesotho.

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Community leader tells his side of the story

By PHIL MTIMKULU

ALTHOUGH he is a Christian, Mr Mike Rantho, the Pretoria social worker and community leader, says he is first and foremost a human being capable of

feeling pain — physical and emotional — which he has felt since he was assaulted.

Rantho, who was severely assaulted by a neighbour and spent three months in hospital as a result, has been vilified and pilloried for going ahead with a demand for R10 655 he was awarded by a civil court following the assault.

Because he is an elder in the local Anglican Church and the choir leader, it was expected of Mr Rantho to show a spirit of reconciliation by waving aside the claim which is being made on the property of Mrs Pamela Makabela whose late husband, Joe, had assaulted him.

"As much as I am a Christian, I am also a social worker and a human being with flesh and



MIKE RANTHO: No axe to grind.

R1 500 during his three-month stay in hospital. He is paying it off at the rate of R120 a month.

What has infuriated him is that while people are accusing him of not wanting to reconcile as a Christian, threats were still being made on him and his family which in-

have never been given the opportunity of giving my side of the story," he said.

UNPROVOKED

"To me the assault was unprovoked and totally out of the blue.

"If I may clarify the situation, Mr Makabela was a relative of mine

blood. The fact that I am a Christian has been used to cloud the issue and I have been turned into a villain. I have been threatened, abused and intimidated. If I had a sense of guilt I would have been hysterical and emotional about all that has been said about me," Mr Rantho said.

REDRESS

Mr Rantho revealed the circumstances which forced him to go and seek redress in a civil court after a criminal court had fined Mr Makabela R30 for assault. "These people viewed the fine as an acquittal. They terrorised my family and openly boasted about the assault on me.

"I had to go to the Supreme Court to show Mr Makabela that the law would still protect me against him. I wanted to prove to him that physical assault is not the best way to settle differences. But, mark you, I don't say I had any differences with him. Not to my knowledge at least," he said.

Mr Rantho said during the civil action he was still prepared to settle the matter out of court. But he said Mr Makabela insisted that the matter proceed in court.

To prove that he was not motivated by money, Mr Rantho said he was still prepared to accept from Mrs Makabela what he paid out of his pocket for medical and legal fees. Mr Rantho accumulated a bill of

cludes his sickly 77-year-old mother. "I cannot reconcile what is being done to me and what is expected of me. I have tried to reconcile with these people, even now I am still amenable to a reconciliation. But I want to reconcile with people who are also prepared to reconcile. It should not be from my side only," Mr Rantho said.

AXE

"I don't have an axe to grind with Mrs Makabela just as I did not have one to grind with her late husband. In fact I felt bad that his death should come at a time when we had this problem. But I also mourned his death. Mrs Makabela is free to go to my lawyers and work out a settlement for the medical and legal fees.

"Since most of the people know the story from where it ends, it is necessary for me to detail it from the beginning. But before that I want to make it clear that the claim for the money and subsequently for attachment of property was made on Mr Joe Makabela while he was still alive. It is not true to say I am hounding a poor widow," a distraught Mr Rantho said.

Mr Rantho, who is also an executive employee of the Urban Foundation, said it was necessary for those who have ganged up against him to know the full facts before they started criticising him. "But I

through his first wife who was my cousin. During his second wedding my choir was in attendance. Mr Makabela also sang in my choir before he was forced to drop out because of problems with his voice.

"The problems started when I woke him up one night when I realised that he had left his parking lights on. His wife did not take kindly to my throwing stones on the roof. But we settled that. The second time was when I went to him to try to reach an agreement about our cars as we always drove into each other when reversing out of our yards.

"He went to the township superintendent to complain. I was called by the superintendent and I explained our problem. He agreed with me that we should find a solution to our problem.

"When his wife asked me to help her reverse her car out of the yard, I willingly went to assist in a neighbourly manner. It was while I was in the car that Mr Makabela appeared from nowhere and assaulted me. What made me bitter was that as he was assaulting me, his wife, who had asked for my assistance, encouraged him by saying he must kill me.

"It is not true that I was in love with Mr Makabela's wife. Mr Makabela also denied that allegation in court. It is an unfounded rumour only spread to tarnish my image," Mr Rantho said.

Wrab gives doctor final marching orders

GOODBYE ASVAT

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MORE than 500 people whom the benevolent Dr Abu Baker Asvat selflessly helped in times of need will be left on their own when he vacates his surgery at Mochaeneng at the end of July.

Dr Asvat, who is the chairman of the health committee of the Azanian People's Organisation (Azapo), has received a final notice from the West Rand Administration Board (Wrab) informing him that his lease for the surgery will be terminated on July 31. Dr Asvat has been practising at this surgery since 1972.

The news of Dr Asvat's move from Mochaeneng, which is opposite Regina Mundi,

has been met with despair by the small community of this area and his more than 18 000 patients. Many of his patients came from the nearby townships of Rockville, Dlamini, White City Jabavu and Senaoane.

Dr Asvat, together with the Witwatersrand Council of Churches, played an important role in helping the shack people who had been evicted from the townships and were squatting around Mochaeneng. He had highlighted the plight of these people and helped in getting them accommodated in tents. Dr Asvat was always on hand to assist the community of Mo-

chaeneng whenever they encountered problems with authorities.

To the people of Mochaeneng, Dr Asvat was more than just a doctor to them. And they are worried about what is going to happen to them when he leaves. "Dr Asvat did not only attend to our health problems but also to our financial problems," Mrs. Jane Shezi said.

She said Dr Asvat had no qualms about giving loans and then completely forgetting about it.

Dr Asvat also treated those who could not afford his services, either on credit or charged them a minimal amount.

Miss Eunice Ngcun-

ga said she never experienced problems calling on Dr Asvat to attend to a person who could not make it to the surgery. "All we did was to rush to the surgery and informed him about our predicament and he would, without hesitating, return with us to the patient," she said.

Mr Lord Hlongwane says since he came to stay at Mochaeneng he has been assisted by Dr Asvat in both his personal and health problems. "I found him to be very approachable and willing when requesting aid from him," he said.

But all these people are worried about what would happen to them in the event of a confrontation with the West Rand Board.

Ovab evicts Bophelong families

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By JOSHUA RABOROKO

Payika Nako of 1129 and Mrs M Molete 723, all of Bophelong township.

THE property, furniture and clothing of several families in Bophelong township near Vanderbijlpark have been confiscated by the Oranje-Vaal Administration Board because the families are in arrears with their house rent.

Families interviewed by The SOWETAN yesterday estimated the cost of the confiscated material at thousands of rands. They have been left completely stranded, they said.

Those whose belongings were taken include Mr Zakhe Mafa of 949, Mr P Tladi of 871, Mr

Several other homes have been locked and the families left out in the cold because they failed to comply with the regulation that house rent should be paid before the seventh of every month, according to sources.

Mr Mafa told The SOWETAN he believed his case has been based mainly on his activity in trade union movement and involvement in the Congress of South African Students (Cosas).

He claimed that he lost two jobs because he

was accused of being a politician and even when "I tried to pursue the authorities they would not listen".

His rent has been in arrears for three months because he was unemployed. He raised money to pay the rent but then he went to pay the authorities refused to accept the money.

He said the family has been visited by two other families who claimed they have been allocated their house and wanted to know when they would be "moving out".

"I am completely at sea and have consulted my lawyers on the mat-

ter. They have promised to help because I feel I am just a victim of circumstances. The value of our goods are over R2 500."

The township's senior superintendent, Mr Frans Janje Ticht, said some of the residents whose houses were locked have moved back into the houses after settling the debts.

VICTIM: Mr Zakhe Mafa — property confiscated.

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Anti-council campaign grows

THE CAMPAIGN for the boycott of community council elections scheduled for September is going to be intensified and nationalised.

A formidable alliance of political, worker and community organisations, spearheaded by the anti-Community Council Committee, is working on plans to highlight the campaign.

A spokesman for the committee, Mr Isaac Mogase, said the campaign was going to be intensified through a series of meetings to be held throughout the country.

"It is important that people must know that community councils are useless, dummy institutions," Mr Mogase said.

Some of the organisations that are going to participate in the campaign are the Soweto Civic Association, General and Allied Workers' Union, Federation of South African Women and the Azanian People's Organisation (Azapo).

A significant aspect of the campaign is that it will mobilise for the boycott of the elections even if community councils are given town council status.

"We cannot accept participation at local level without meaningful participation in the central structure of the country," he said.

The chairman of the Committee of Ten, Dr Nthato Motlana, said he was confident the campaign would succeed.

Speculation is rife that faced with such a massive campaign, the Government is likely to postpone the elections indefinitely.

The publicity secretary of Azapo, Mr Ishmael Mkhabela, said his organisation would co-operate with the committee.

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Woman with a mission to assist others

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SPOTLIGHT ON BOPHELONG

SHE is reputed to be a master of all trades.

That is Mrs Daisy Olifant, a nursing sister, organiser of a pensioners' care project, executive member of the Vaal Tennis Association, president of the Youth Hostellers, member of the local Housewives' League, an active member of the Dikwankwetla Party and finally also president of the Organisation to Preserve Culture.

Yes . . . quite a long list, especially for a 51-year-old married woman with children and grandchildren. But surprisingly she manages to do all this work without a frown on her brow and no click of the tongue.

Her secret is the support which she gets from her family. Mrs Olifant said her family was her source of encouragement — even in times of frustration and confusion.

"If it were not for my husband and my children's support I would have long disappeared from active community work," she said.

Mrs Olifant's dream to become a community worker first came to her during her school days at a training college in Natal some years ago. She was studying home economics and this brought her face to face with the misery of the black nation. As a result



COMMUNITY WORKER: Mrs Daisy Olifant dressed in her tennis outfit.

she decided to dedicate her life to helping others.

After completing her education she married and settled in Bophelong, which became the nerve centre of her operations. She started a number of projects for both young and old with the sole aim of handing over the reins of power as soon as the organisation was ready to stand on its feet.

However, she has not been able to shed her responsibilities because there is no one else to replace her.

"I do not want to rule from the roost. All I want is to see things being done the right way," she said laughing

happily.

Her latest project involves the aged in the area. Every Friday a little party is held for pensioners at the clinic where she works. There is singing, dancing and good food. Mrs Olifant said it did the old folk a lot of good to mix with others and be merry. "It makes them feel that they are important too."

In spite of all this work, Mrs Olifant still finds time to play her favourite sport — tennis. She takes active part in the sport and still plays in tournaments all over the Vaal and elsewhere. She is also chairlady of the Bophelong branch of the tennis association as well as a coach.

Simple burial for Chicken Farm child

By Jo-Anne Collinge

Churchmen and representatives of community groups joined the people of Chicken Farm, Soweto, at their shanty settlement yesterday to hold a simple funeral service for baby Thabisa Ndongeni, who died this week.

Mourners filled the yard of Mr and Mrs Leonard Ndongeni's flimsy home. The boy's tiny white-and-gilt coffin was placed in their midst by a single pallbearer, who cradled it lightly in his arms.

Baragwanath Hospital doctors had diagnosed month-old Thabisa as having bronchial pneumonia and meningitis. His death has thrown the spotlight on the harsh conditions at Chicken Farm, where the West Rand Administration Board "temporarily" housed families it had evicted from Kliptown two years ago.

Bishop Desmond Tutu, general secretary of the South African Council of Churches, told mourners that Thabisa's death had been caused by apartheid and that it had been deliberately caused.

"Jesus would have wept at the death of this infant, knowing that the child would be alive today if born under normal social conditions," he said.

The bishop declared: "The God we worship is the God of those who are persecuted and despised." He said that the birth of Jesus in a stable was a sign to Christians that He identified with the impoverished and hounded.

The service was conducted by Methodist minister the Rev Tom Mbabane of Jabavu. Organisations represented included the Witwatersrand Council of Churches, the Health Workers' Association, the Azanian People's Organisation, the Azanian Student Movement and the Soweto Committee of Ten.

The burial took place at Avalon Cemetery, where a long row of graves in the children's section stands open. Thabisa's grave was a simple mound, devoid of decoration. Many surrounding graves bore toys, baby bottles — and piles of medicine bottles, a sad reminder of the infectious illnesses that ended these children's lives.

Leaders slam (343) 'freedom' plan

By Themba Khumalo

The Soweto Council's decision to give the Lenasia-based 21st Battalion of the South African Defence Force the freedom of Soweto was yesterday strongly criticised by black leaders.

Mr Popo Molefe, chairman of the Soweto branch of the Anti-community Council Committee, said the decision clearly exposed the limitations of community councillors to administer the complex without calling for the assistance of the army.

"They have failed dismally to represent the residents. They often take decisions without consulting the people because they know they will be opposed."

Mrs Albertina Sisulu, executive member of the South African Women's

Federation, called on the councillors to make the acute housing shortage in Soweto a priority instead of worrying about the Defence Force.

"Let the councillors think of the plight of thousands of people who are homeless. Most of them have been charged under the Squatters Act with erecting shacks to provide a roof over their heads at night," she said.

Mr Ishmael Mkhabela, publicity secretary of the Azanian People's Organisation, said that Mr Thebehali (Soweto's mayor) and his colleagues were out of touch with the black thinking.

At a public meeting held in Dube YWCA on Sunday to oppose the coming community council elections, residents unanimously condemned the councillors' decision.

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CALL FOR BOARD TO SPEED SALE

THE Central Transvaal Administration Board has been urged to speed up the sale of rented township houses.

In a hard-hitting statement, Mr Zikhali Ndlazi, a Mamelodi community councillor, also urged the Mamelodi and the Atteridgeville/Saulsville community councils to reject the Administration Board's delaying tactics in implementing the Minister of Co-operation and Development, Dr Piet Koornhof's promised sale of houses.

"We have had enough of the Administration Board. This is a second major decision by the Government to improve the housing situation in the townships which the Board appears reluctant to implement. It is about time they were told that enough is enough," said Mr Ndlazi.

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Mr Jaap Cloete, the Board's director of community affairs, said earlier this week that the surveying of sites would delay the sale of houses in Mamelodi, Atteridgeville/Saulsville and Warmbaths.

About 13 000 of the 23 931 houses would be put up for sale in these areas, he said.

"The surveying of sites is not the problem. We want the houses to be put up for sale. The houses are there. All the administration has to do is to put the prices for these houses. Why do they shy away from implementing the decision announced by the Minister last week?" asked Mr Ndlazi.

Mr Koos Nel, the Mamelodi township manager, said yesterday his office had not yet begun the work of selling the houses to the home renters.

"We have not yet received a single application from residents to

purchase their houses under this scheme, but as soon as we get the green light from head office, we will advertise in the press and radio for people to come forward and buy their houses," said Mr Nel. — Sapa.

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ON SALE TODAY: A family in front of a typical Soweto house.

Soweto houses on sale as from today

MASS SALE

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SOWETO HOUSES are to be sold for an average of R600 each as from today, a special meeting of the Soweto Council decided yesterday.

This is going to mark the beginning of the biggest housing sale in black townships ever, which ought to have started on July 1 this year.

The mass sale, which carries discounts of up to 40 percent on cash purchases, was delayed because the price formula for the houses was not completed.

Announcing the new prices yesterday, Mr David Thebehali, chairman of the Soweto Council, said the ordinary four-roomed house will sell for R793 and the two-roomed Orlando East house for a minimum of R400.

The prices, however, do not include costs for registering the houses under the 99-year lease, a maximum of R600.

But the only residents who are going to benefit from the massive discounts are those who have occupied their houses for more

By **SAM MABE**

than five years and those who are going to pay the full price within 12 months, beginning July 1.

Mr Thebehali said a 51/6 type would sell for R1 750 under the old home-ownership scheme, and if the same house was bought under the new 99-year lease before July 1, it would finally cost R2 350, including R600 leasehold costs.

Under the "new scheme" the selling price for a house not qualifying for a discount is R1 321 plus R600 for leasehold, amounting to R1 921. With a 30 percent cash sale discount, the selling price comes down to R925 plus leasehold costs.

A further five percent discount for those who have resided in their houses for five years brings the selling price to R859 plus leasehold costs, and for buying the house between July this year and June 30 next year, qualifies the buyer for a further five percent discount, bringing the selling price to R793 plus leasehold costs.

Mr Thebehali also told the meeting he wanted to dispel false rumours being spread in the townships about the big sale. Some people have been told that the Council was going to evict people who will not be buying.

"I don't understand why people want to tell lies about this programme. I hear that some pensioners have been told they will be moved to two-roomed houses in White City if they cannot buy the houses they live in.

"This is a terrible thing to do. We are not going to force anybody to buy. We are encouraging them because of the advantages of buying, and probably selling at a high profit in future. Besides, there is no better investment than property," he said.

He also told his councillors that they should be exemplary by buying first.

Meanwhile Mr Joseph Mahuhushi, "mayor" of Diepmeadow, said his council has received a price list for houses in his area. These would be submitted for consideration to the Executive Council next week as they are complicated.

A tree spells home for twelve Alex families

By JOSHUA RABOROKO

ABOUT twelve Alexandra families are living in an open field under a tree because of the acute shortage of homes in the "dark city".

The families told The SOWETAN yesterday their homes had been demolished by the West Rand Administration Board in 1980 and since then "we have had nowhere to stay".

They also claim that Wraab officials often harassed them by raiding their homes, prosecuting them and making them pay fines ranging from R10 to R15 on charges of being "illegal blacks".

Mrs Mareka Nkabinde said she came to Alexandra in 1949 and later worked as a domestic in the city. She married but her husband died three years ago after their home was demolished.



Some of the families living under the tree in the Dark City.

"Since then I have had nowhere to stay because the authorities could not provide alternative accommodation for me and my children. In a moment of desperation I asked for a temporary shelter and was forced by circumstances to stay under this tree."

After she had erected a "temporary structure" to stay with her kids she was joined by other families with similar problems.

"Although police raid us day in and day out, we have nowhere else to stay nor money to buy food because we are un-

employed," she cried.

Some of the "tree-dwellers" had gone to seek food in the neighbouring Bramley and Wynberg suburbs when The SOWETAN team visited the place yesterday.

The chairman of the Alexandra Action Committee, Mr Michael Beca, said the families were living under "very squalid conditions" and that the committee was trying to find them roofs over their heads.

Plans were also afoot to provide them with food and to help them

and their families live "properly and under healthy conditions," he said.

A spokesman for the Alexandra Liaison Committee said they would investigate the people's problems. Meanwhile, he said, the people should come to the Alexandra Help Centre.

Councillors 'were on a killer's list'

By Abel Mabalane and
Trevor Jones

A hired assassin may have been responsible for the slaying of two East Rand community councillors and three other men, and police have appealed to the public for information.

Their appeal follows the gunning down at the weekend of Mr Jacob Ratale (54), a community councillor at the Daveyton township.

A man wearing a balaclava shot Mr Ratale seven times behind the counter of his shop on Friday night.

The murder was witnessed by several customers and the gunman fled after threatening them.

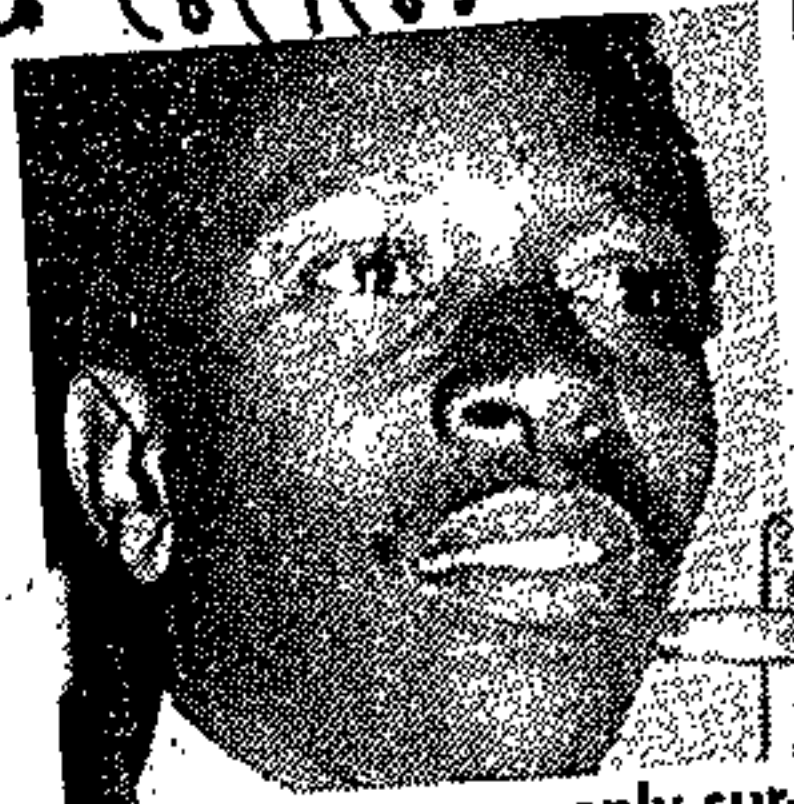
Mr Ratale was on a hit list discovered in the township last year following the murder of another community councillor, Mr Andrew Nxumalo (57).

Mr Nxumalo, Mr MK Manzini — deputy chairman of the Daveyton Council — and the council's chairman, Mr Tom Boya, were also on the list.

Mr Manzini has since died of natural causes.

Police are investigating the possibility that three other men not connected to the community council have been killed by the gunman since 1980.

Captain S Tshabalala, the station commander at the Daveyton police station, said all the peo-



Mr Tom Boya . . . only survivor of the Daveyton "hit list".

ple were killed by a man of the same description.

"Witnesses have always described the killer as being a hefty man with a balaclava. This gives us the impression the man is a hired-killer," said Captain Tshabalala.

It was believed the man did not live in Daveyton, but only entered the township to carry out his task before leaving again, he said.

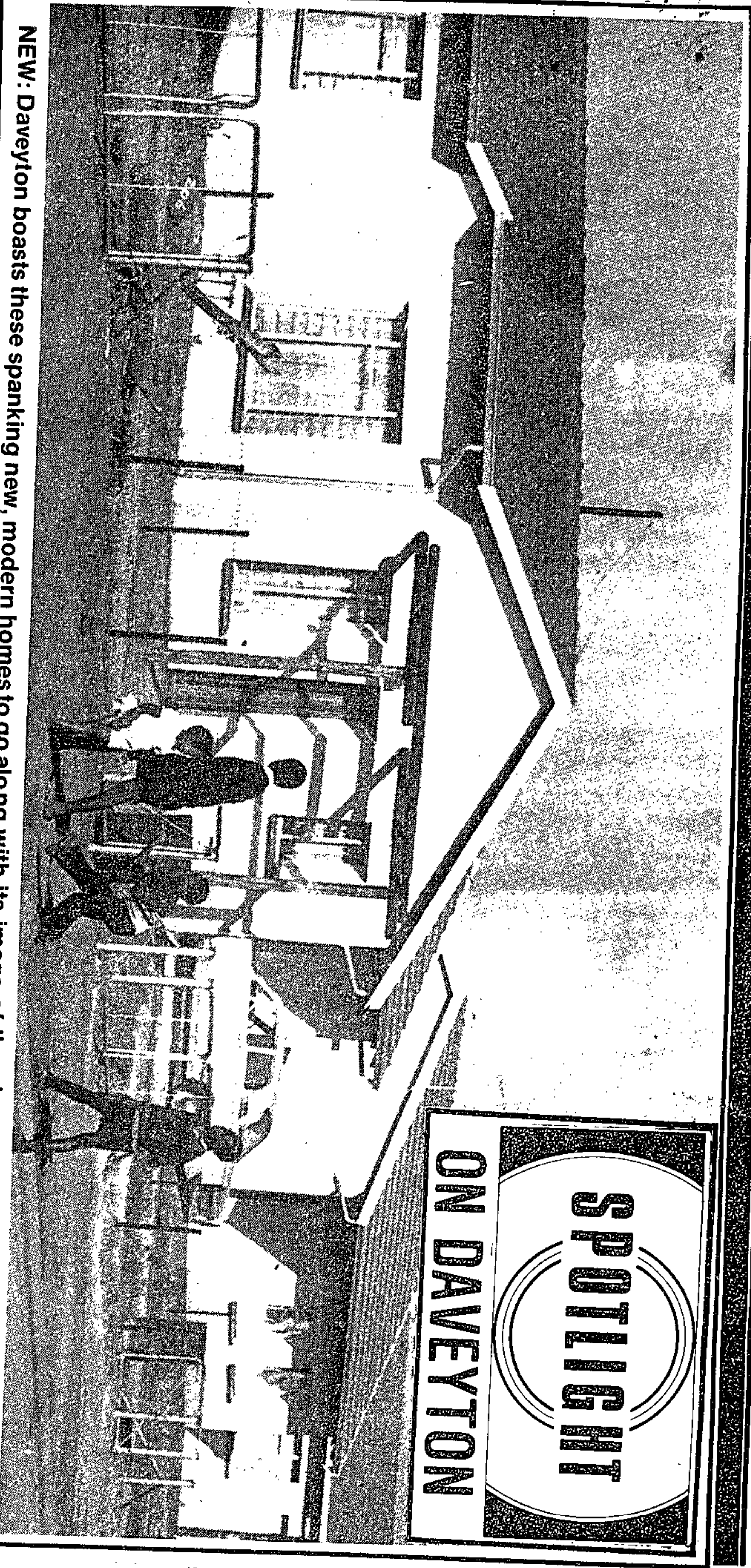
Captain Tshabalala said it was not true that the police were not doing enough to solve the murders, and added that the East Rand Murder and Robbery Squad had been called in for assistance.

Mr Tom Boya, the surviving councillor on the hit list, has called on the police to do something to stop the killing.

"The whole thing does not bother me, but my family is worried because we no longer have the freedom to move in and out of the house as we wish.

"I have received death threats and these threats have been repeated to my wife and children," he said.

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NEW: Daveyton boasts these spanking new, modern homes to go along with its image of the cleanest, brightest township around.

Verwoerd intended Davey for immigrants

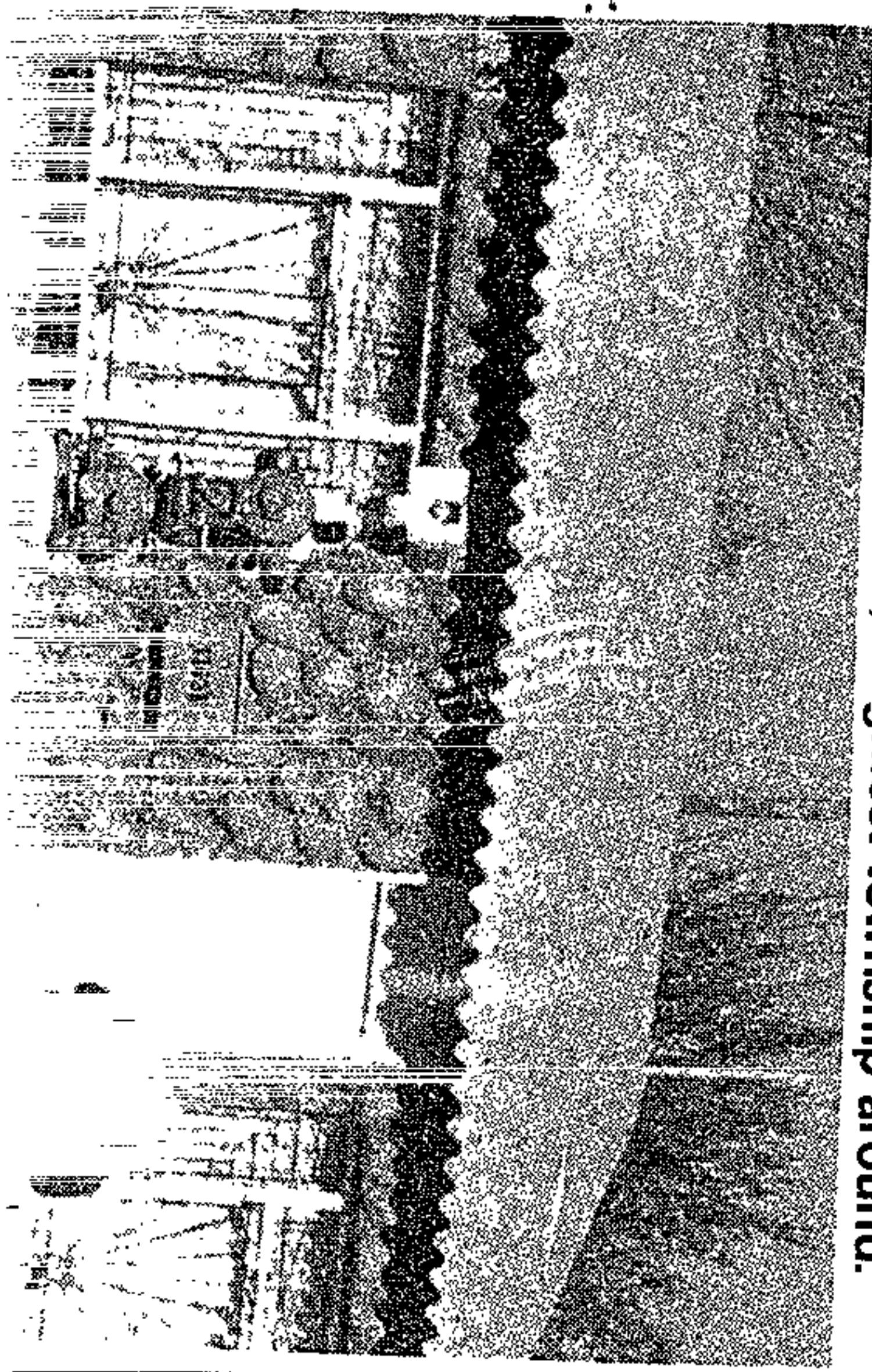
Township designed for 'poor whites'

DAVEYTON — The right man at the right township that Dr H F Verwoerd decided to build for white immi-

grants. Negotiations resulted in the purchase of land. "It was realised that

ferred in the development of this new "model" township were professionally approached, carefully

parks became the pride of all its residents. When SABC television came on the air in 1975 every resident already had



grants — has remained black because his "partner" in the building scheme wanted to prove that blacks were here to stay.

Dr J E Mathewson, who was head of Non-European Affairs in the Benoni Municipality, and member of the United Party, has gone on record as saying that "the grand vision of a black exodus from the city would prove to be nothing but a tempting mirage". He died a few years ago and Daveyton is as black as ever.

It is perhaps more appropriate to begin the story on June 23, 1950 when Dr Mathewson and his staff were faced with serious problems. A number of squatters invaded a vacant Apex industrial lot, belonging to the council. By the end of July 632 huts had been erected with an estimated population of 5 000. The Apex squatter camp eventually accommodated 23 000 persons in 3 969 families.

According to the local community council chairman, Mr Tom Boya, urgent action was called for. No time was wasted in the tedious process of establishing a new township which would meet Dr Mathewson's vision of a new dimension. He was the

Daveyton would not be developed overnight, but due to circumstances at the Apex squatter camp short cuts had to be taken. Dr Verwoerd as the Minister of Native Affairs paved the way for site and service schemes. His department also came up with a R14-million low inter-

planned and speedily developed.

Daveyton was ready for its new residents on a site and service basis on April 1, 1955. The resettlement of Apex squatters was planned over a period of 12 months, but 23 225 squatters moved to Daveyton in 55 days. Temporary huts were provided on every site while building teams and private contractors erected permanent dwellings. No less than 6 000 houses were built within a year.

Our roving team comprising reporter SELLO RABOTHATA and photographer ROBERT MAGWAZA, this week visited the East Rand and turn the spotlight on Daveyton.

est loan in 1955," Mr Boya said.

The basis of the site and service scheme was relatively simple. A whole town could be laid out and services such as roads, water, sewerage and even electricity could be provided while residents moved into temporary huts on legal sites. In this way very large numbers of residents could be moved away from slum and disease infested areas within a short period of time.

The provision of housing would follow afterwards in an orderly manner and according to the availability of funds, building materials and the training of skilled labour. Daveyton was planned accordingly. The challenges of-

Eventually every house was connected to the completed water reticulation system, the sewerage system and electricity reticulation complete with street lighting, storm water drainage and even tarred roads. An ideal climate was created for the development of human potential. Residents reacted gratefully by keeping Daveyton the cleanest, neatest and tidiest black township in South Africa.

Every site was provided with trees and beautiful gardens and

electricity and when 1 v 2 and 3 came on the air in 1982, Daveyton could boast the largest number of black viewers in the country.

That Daveyton was planned for white immigrants, built on white standards, because it would eventually be deserted by blacks returning to the homelands, was revealed only in later years. It was to be occupied by "poorer" classes of immigrants from Europe like Greeks and Italians.

The end result is now known to everybody. The black exodus to the homelands remained wishful thinking.

ER cops to hunt assassins

By JOSHUA RABOROKO

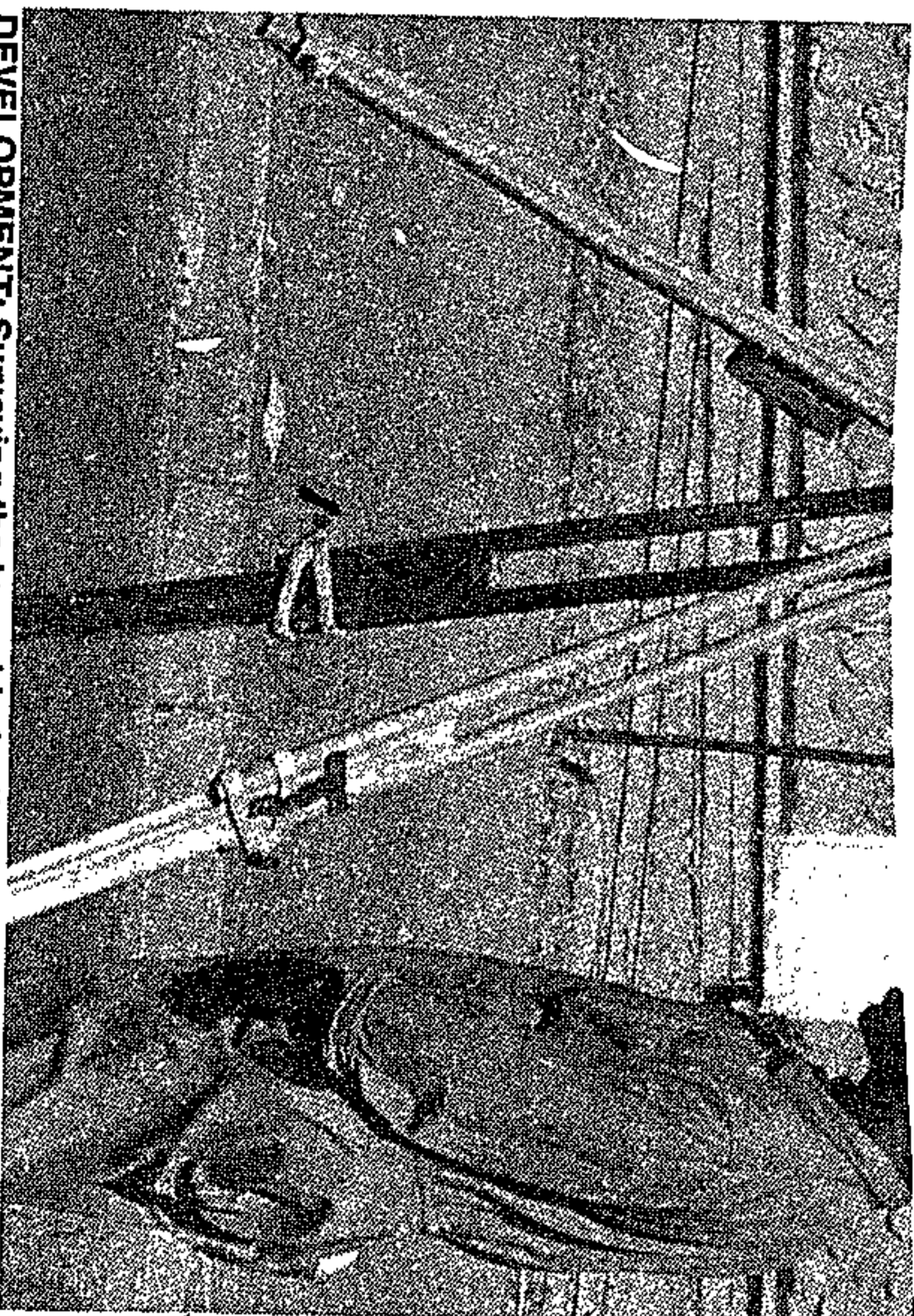
EAST RAND police are to launch an intense man-hunt for the killers of a Daveyton community councillor and rumours that the local "mayor" is the next on the death list of an anonymous "massacre squad" are to be investigated.

A police spokesman said that Mr Jacob Ratale, was shot seven times by unknown people as he stood in his shop on Friday night.

His death has shocked residents as he is the second man killed after a list was found a year ago at the funeral of Mr Andrew Nxumalo, another councillor.

The list included well-known figures in the township, such as Mr Nxumalo, Mr Ratale, Mr K Manzini and Mr Tom Boya, chairman of the local community council. Mr Manzini has since died of natural causes.

The spokesman said that the police are on the look-out for the killers and the origin of the list.



DEVELOPMENT: Surveying the township for the 99 year leasehold plan and buying of homes is underway in Daveyton.

They are appealing to the public to help. Mr Boya told The SOWETAN yesterday: "I am not worried about the empty threat made by the people. I am not scared."

"These people are apparently trying to intimidate councillors from continuing their job. If they want to eliminate us then they should take part in the community council elections."

The police also seem not to be making head-way because they have not as yet arrested the killers of Mr Nxumalo who died violently last year, he claimed.

He urged other councillors not to get "dispirited" but to concentrate more on matters that affect the people without fear of favour. He paid tribute to the bereaved families.

Mr Ratale was a former school teacher and former Lebowa Member of Parliament. He was a popular councillor and wealthy man. He leaves his wife and seven children. No funeral arrangements have been made as yet.

AID CAME TOO LATE FOR SAM

By ELLIOT TSHINGWALA

THE BEST things in life came a little too late for old Samuel Mabaso of Alexandra. For only a week after war veteran, Mr Mabaso (80) froze to death in the dilapidated kombi that has been his home for three years, the Sandton Rotary Club, in association with the Alexandra Liaison Committee and Wraib, completed a temporary home for the aged in the township.

Police were about to give him a pauper's funeral when the Itlo-komeleng Association for the Aged intervened. At their call Alex residents, including businessmen, donated freely and old man Mabaso was given a respectable burial on a quiet Thursday afternoon.

Old man Mabaso came to Alexandra some years ago. No one knows exactly when. He and a friend rented a room together. He became popular with both young and old in the township through the stories he told of the second world war.

But he never enjoyed the fruits of his toil because he died a wretched man without a friend in the world. After his only friend died, he was evicted from the room he used to occupy. A sympathiser offered him a scrap car which he converted into a sleeping room with two bunkers, one for his bed and the other for his rags. Another sympathiser, Mrs Marjory Manganyi, used to give him food daily. Just a few months before he died, Mrs Manganyi raised Mr Mabaso's plight at several meetings at the Sandton Rotary Club and Dominee Sam Buti devised a plan to build a temporary home for the aged. It was agreed that a permanent home would only be built after the replanning of the township had been completed.

The leaders said the increases discriminated against the most poorly paid section of the community. The increases come into effect on August 1. They feature the following: An average rail fare/rise of 6,5 percent; an increase of 10 percent on weekly third class tickets and 5 percent on monthly third rates; a flat 5 percent increase on both monthly and weekly first class tariffs; no increase on single-ride tickets, in order to encourage travel in off-peak periods and an average 4 percent rise on air fares.



Mourners next to the car wreck that used to be old man Mabaso's home.

PHOTOGRAPH BY ELLIOT TSHINGWALA

VOW TO FIGHT DR K'S BILLS

THE principle of establishing a national United Democratic Front (UDF) body that will consolidate the fight and opposition against the proposed Constitutional Bill, says a UDF spokesman.

Seeing that there now exist in the country four regional bodies of the UDF, it was agreed to consolidate and forge ahead with the establishment of a national UDF.



It is believed that in increasing third class tariffs more sharply than monthly rates, the Government is hoping to encourage people to buy monthly tickets to relieve pressure at ticket offices.

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 (Azasm). They were pulled down because Wraab said they were not legal.

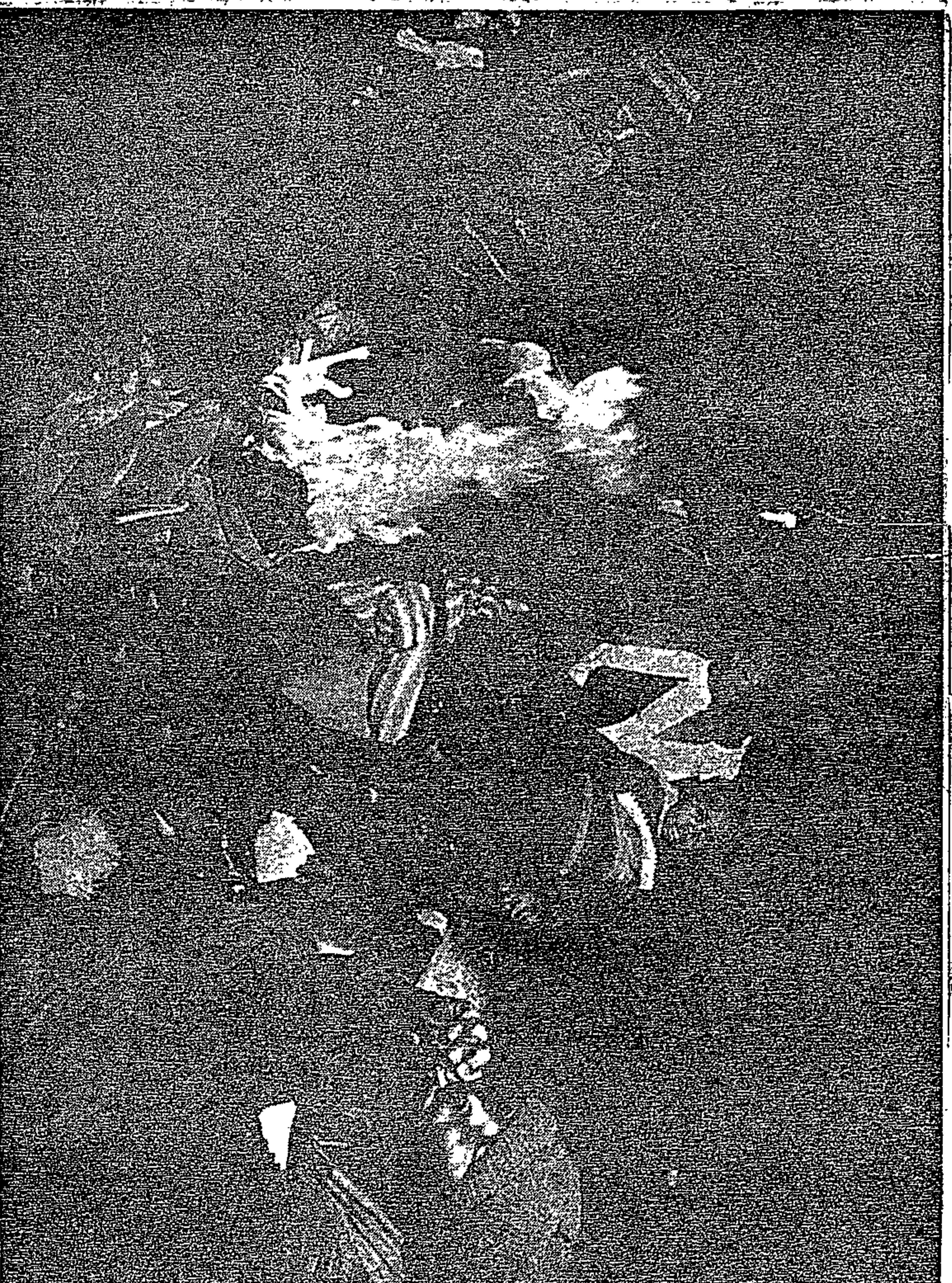
Mrs Aletha Makagalemele (27) said today that Mr Begbie replaced the tents at 9.30 last night.

Five Azasm 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 Moshia Hlabia 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 Aletha Makhalamele 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 destitute.

Picture by Alf Kumalo.

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.

Power shock

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THERE is a shock in store for Soweto residents who want to buy their houses under the new mass sale of houses — they will have to pay an additional amount of up to R600 for electricity, which is not included in the purchase price.

As a result, the cost of some houses will double.

Even those people who have not bought their houses but are renting them, will not escape this payment as they will pay a monthly levy of R12 over 25 years.

These amounts will go towards the repayment of the R250-million loan the three councils re-

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ceived and they do not include the monthly electricity bill, nor the R30 that is required as deposit.

People who buy their houses will pay between R400 and R620 for electricity.

The breakdown for the amounts that will be paid is for the electricity cubicle in the street, connecting electricity to the house and internal wiring.

This means that residents will have three electricity payments to make. The first is the monthly electricity bill, the lump sum or levy for

wiring and connection and the R30 deposit required against the account.

Those who connected electricity to their own homes and did their own wiring will be paid a monthly rebate of R8 which comprises R4 for internal wiring and R4 for the connection.

The rebates will also be paid over 25 years.

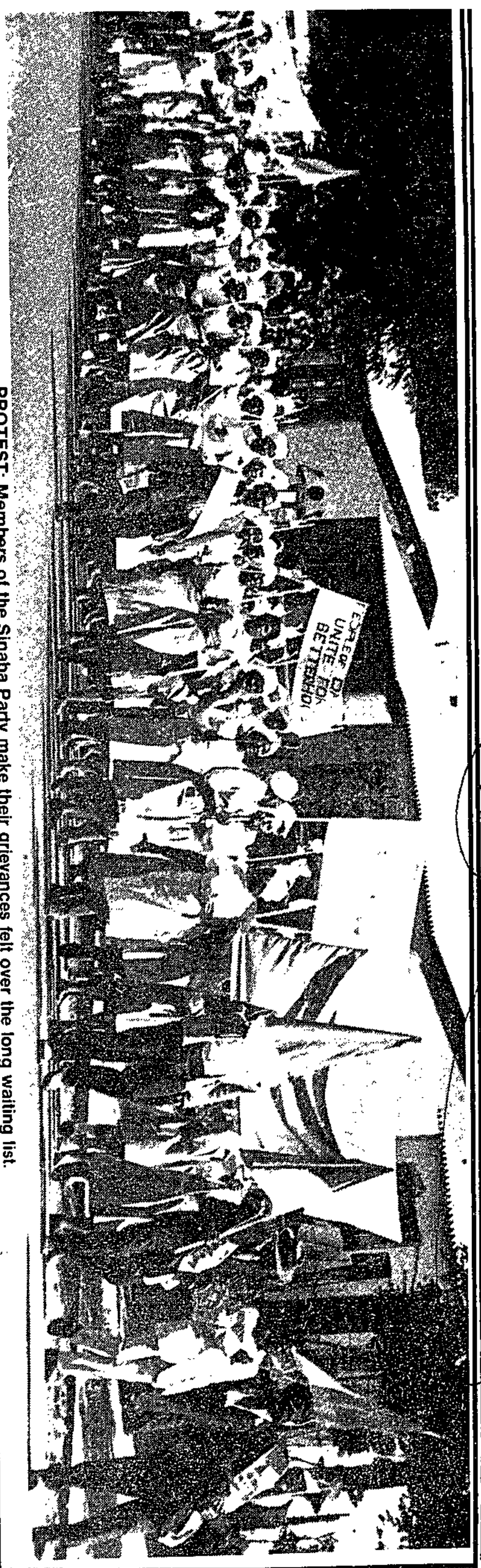
Further, the monthly levy of R12 is only applicable for the first year but is expected to escalate thereafter.

Besides being used to repay the loan, the money will also be utilised to make up for the interest that will accrue on the loan.

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PROTEST: Members of the Sinaba Party make their grievances felt over the long waiting list.

A dirt resettlement by more than labour pains

SPOTLIGHT

ON DAVEYTON

THE resettlement of people from the Apex squatter camp in Daveyton in 1955 was not without its problems and cries of dissatisfaction from some quarters of the population, mainly because of the apartheid policy.

Dr H F Verwoerd, the architect of separate development, made it a point that his apartheid policy should be passed on among the black population. Daveyton, from its first stages until about 1965, was divided on an ethnic basis and different ethnic groups lived in different sections in the township.

This division created problems in the allocation of houses because the Zulu far outnumbered other groups. They were thus not in a position to be allocated houses on an equal num-

Authorities proceeded with the site and service scheme and the "invaders" were treated in the same manner as the early Apex squatters, eventually replacing huts with completed houses.

Another problem cropped up in 1965 when the local Indian community demanded more land for houses in

smart set-up it was, proved to be too much of a temptation. They could not resist the offer and by mid 1966 the removals got under way. There were cries, jubilant cries, of "Tuka na-

Daveyton rejected Verwoerd's dream of 'ethnic diversity' in their township

such as Vergenoeg, Losmy Cherré, "Drink Jou Bier" and Sigodphola, which were all "mixed" sections. These were also planned according to the standard of the "old, new township".

MAYOR: Mr Tom Boya, chairman of the community council, joined forces with Mr Sinaba in fighting for more houses.

When all was said and done and the authorities sat down to look back on a job well done, a new problem emerged. More people came in and shacks were put up, spoiling the beauty and cleanliness of the whole township. Houses were not being built and the waiting list was getting longer, people were also getting restless, infighting started between the township's leaders — notably between veteran community leader, Mr

when hundreds of houses were built deeper in Daveyton. This section came to be known as Phumlanshi — where the lodger could rest.

There are presently a number of shacks in the township, but councillors are no longer protesting because an extra 1 042 hectares are in the offing for the expansion of the township. The area is called Holfontein.

Mr Boya has also given an assurance that the present shack population will not be interfered with until this area is ready for their occupation which he hopes will be soon.

Statistics for the town-



Story: SELLO RABOTHATA
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ber as was done with the others. The Zulu section had to be extended in pursuance of the ethnic policy.

That Daveyton had to expand was just a formality; facts and logic called for it. When news of the new township spread, people from areas such as Putfontein, Rietfontein and Modderfontein came looking for accommodation.

Benoni. The only way this could be achieved, was to resettle blacks at Benoni Old Location, otherwise known as Etwatwa in Daveyton and to develop their once loved ghetto into the plush Indian suburb now known as Actonville.

Although there were isolated signs of protest to the resettlement of people from Etwatwa, Daveyton, with the

boneng" (City of Lights), whenever a truck full of possessions left for Daveyton and the bulldozers came in.

The removals at Etwatwa, were also a blessing in disguise for ethnicity in Daveyton. The move was urgent and people could not be denied. The beginning of the township's expansion was also inevitable, new sections sprung up,

Shadrack Sinaba and others within the council.

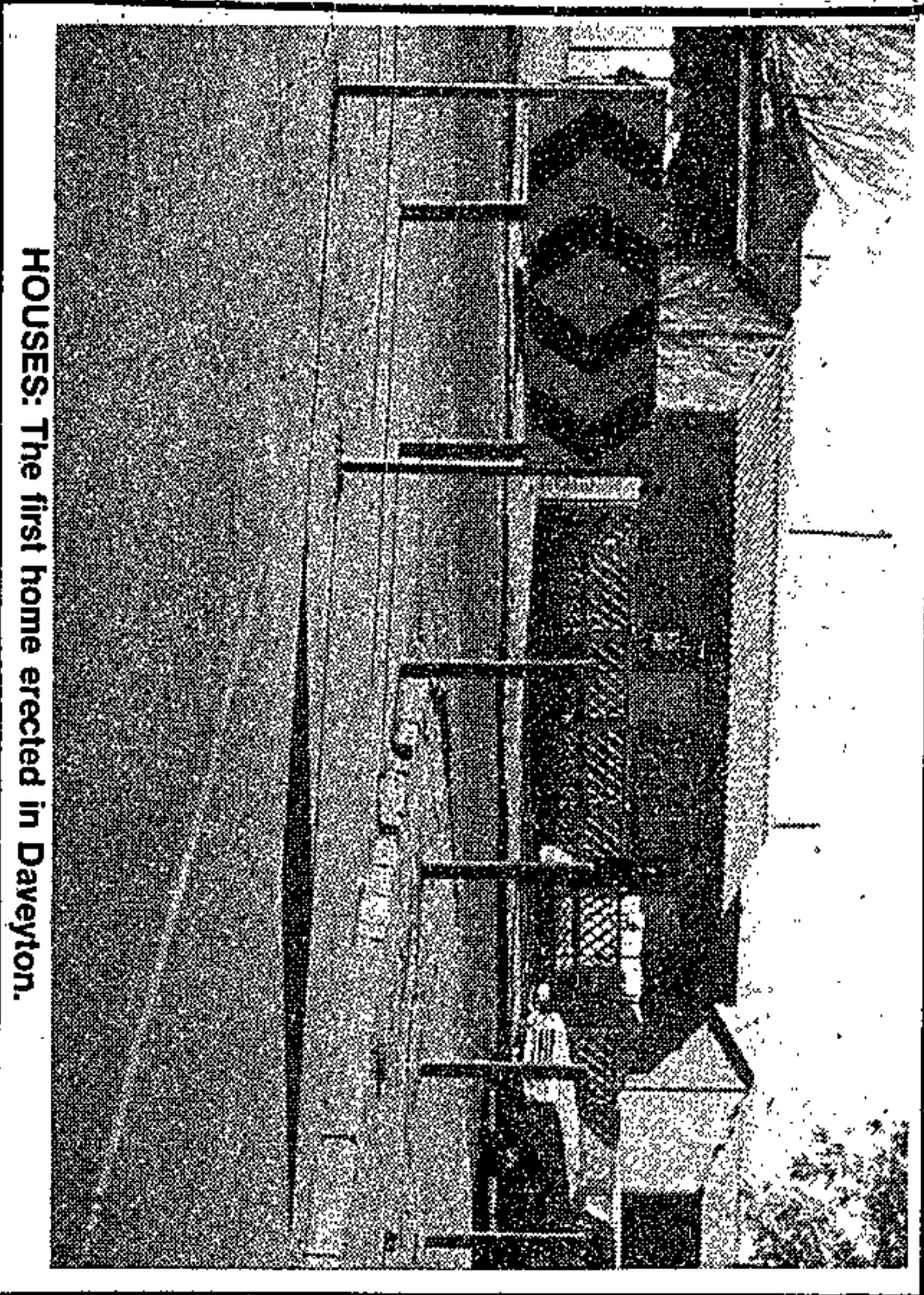
Mr Sinaba, with his Sinaba Party, were probably more in the fight for more houses than any other. He organised so well that at a later stage he was joined by the present chairman in his fight. He and Mr Tom Boya even went to the extent of showing their protest by refusing to wear their council gowns during their monthly meetings. The protest bore fruit

ship show that:

- There are 11 260 houses and the waiting list stands at 3 873;
- There are 93 216 people living in Daveyton; a breakdown revealed 45 932 men and 47 284 women.
- There are 14 lower primary schools, nine higher primary, two secondary schools and two senior secondary schools. There are also six creches, none of which are "illegal", only unregistered, according to Tom Boya.



VETERAN: Mr Shadrack Sinaba, a people's leader since the inception of local authorities in black townships.

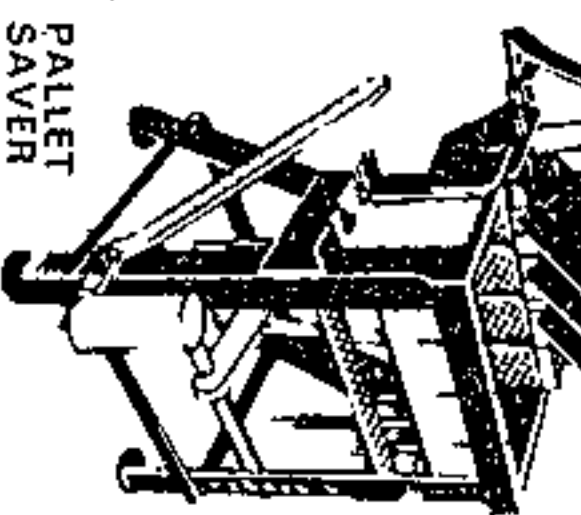


HOUSES: The first home erected in Daveyton.

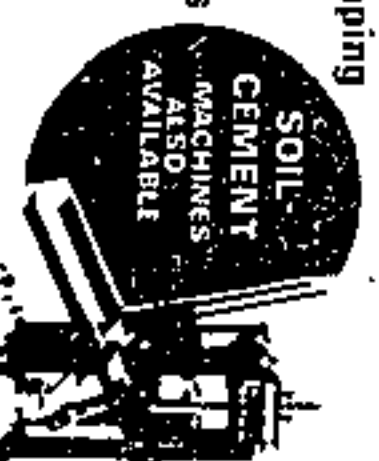
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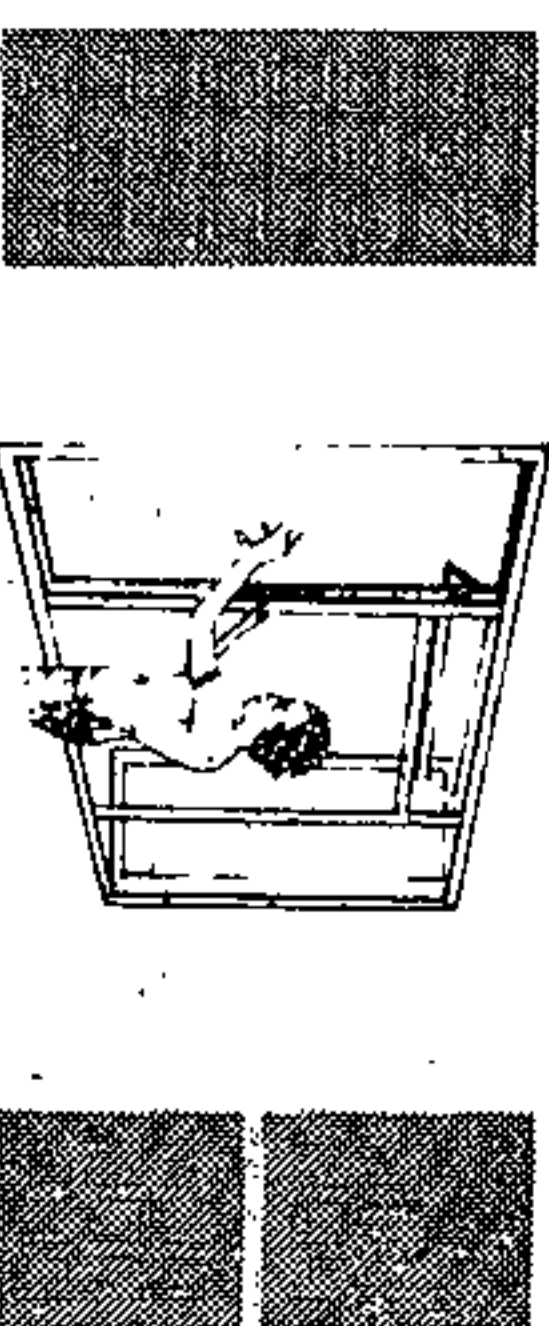
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that decision.

The two groups have had papers drawn up and hope the application "will come up before the end of the week", said Prof Trevor Jenkins, the head of the Department of Human Genetics at the University of the Witwatersrand.

Prof Jenkins, Prof Frances Ames, the head of the Department of Neurology at Groote Schuur Hospital, and Prof Philip Tobias, the former dean of the Medical Faculty of the University of the Witwatersrand are members of one group. — Sapa.

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the two parties at the weekend.

In a statement the union says it was "hopeful that management's attitude will change when negotiations on a new agreement starts soon."

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Wrab to decide on rights of immigrants

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By ZWELAKHE SISULU

THE WEST Rand Administration Board (Wrab) will decide this week on whether migrant workers from independent homelands qualify for permanent urban residence.

Following the Rikhotso Appeal Court judgment Wrab said that only those migrant workers who fulfilled employment requirements before independence would be eligible for permanent urban residence.

The chairman of Wrab, Mr John Knoetze, said a decision should be made early

this week on the matter.

"There are no problems for people who qualified as 10A or B before independence, but after independence there are legal complications and the matter is being considered by very senior legal advisors, and we are treating it with urgency," he said.

In the meantime, he said, they were accepting and holding applications in readiness until a decision was made.

The president of the Black Sash, Mrs Sheena Duncan, yesterday warned that if Wrab did not make a decision this week, several applications would be made to the Supreme Court.

"We hope that these delays and obstructions will cease during the course of the week, otherwise people will have to take applications to the Supreme Court in order to enforce their rights," she said.

Two women gunned down

A WOMAN was killed and her neighbour seriously wounded when shots were fired at them from a mysterious car while they were waiting for a bus in the quiet Wattville township in the East Rand yesterday morning.

The dead woman is Mrs Elizabeth Kau (52)

of 2369 Shobede Street and the other is Mrs Violet Mahlangu of 2367 Shobede Street. They were both shot at about 6.20am while they were waiting for a bus to work, in the section called Tent Town. Mrs Kau died on the spot and her neighbour was taken to the Benoni-Boksburg

Hospital from where she was later transferred to Baragwanath Hospital in a serious condition.

Mrs Kau's son, Patrick, who is also a teacher at the local high school, said: "My mother left home and went next door to fetch her friend.

"While they were still

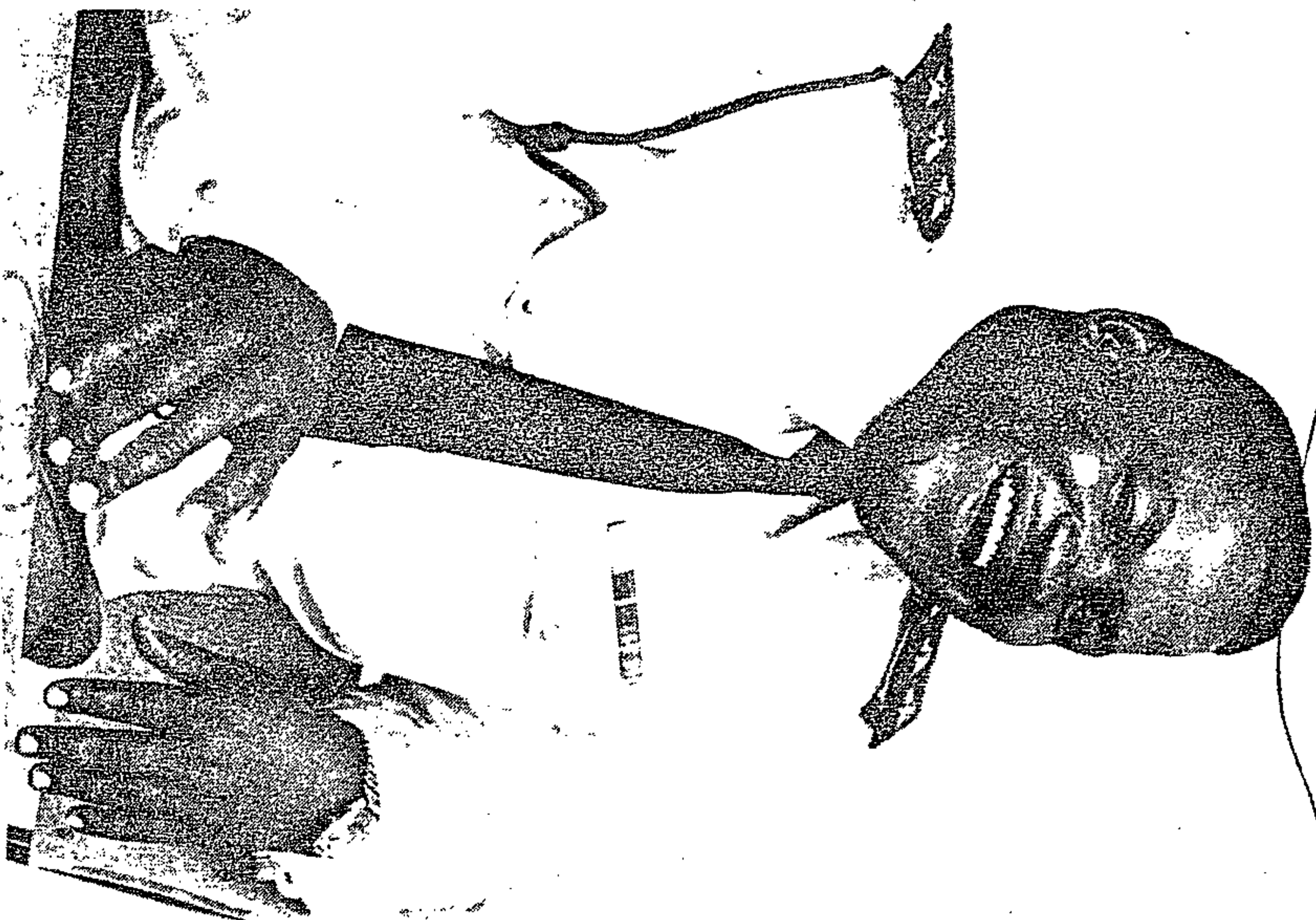
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POLICE: Captain S S Tshabalala, chief of the Daveyton police.

Top cop believes in serving people

By SELLO RABOTHATA

THE RATE of crime in Daveyton has dropped drastically mainly because of the present co-operation between the local community council, residents and members of the South African Police, SPOTLIGHT learnt from the chief of the Daveyton police, Captain S S Tshabalala.

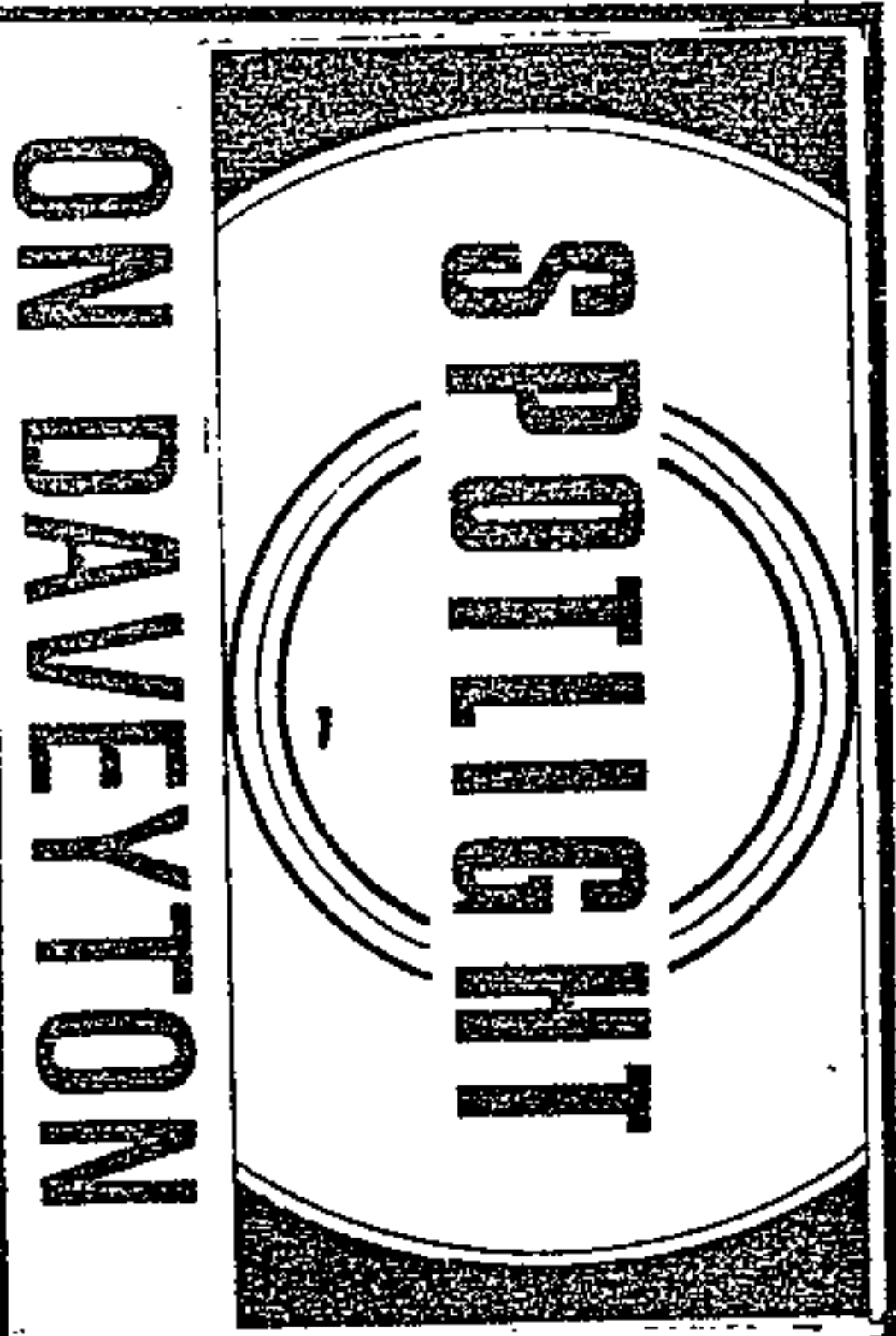
Captain Tshabalala said there was a standing agreement in the township for the three groups to hold meetings from time to time to discuss ways and means of combating crime in the township. Police in Daveyton were engaged in this sort of practice because they regarded themselves as servants of the public and were there to see to the well-being of the residents.

He said: "Through these meetings we have been able to know where most of these crimes are committed and have been able to work on them with recommendations from the council and the community. I can tell you that we have been able

to reduce the rate of crime in those areas drastically. People can now move around the township with a bit of certainty and confidence.

"The installation of high-mast lights and the erection of fences around the schoolyards

owners for some of the unsolved crimes in the township. He said most of the murders in the area were committed in the shebeens and youngsters between the ages of 18 and 24 years were in the majority of those who died in such places. He said he personally



has contributed to the lowering of the number of rapes in certain areas. I can tell you specifically about one area where numerous rapes used to be committed but have since been stopped.

Since the community council built the brick wall around the Sinaba all-purpose stadium we have not received even a single rape complaint, and that was the area from where most

had nothing against people going out to enjoy themselves.

"But," he said, "most of these shebeen owners are making our task difficult in apprehending the culprits. What happens most of the time is that once a person is killed in a shebeen, the owner quickly makes sure that the body is dragged outside and all trace of blood is mopped up. When the police ar-

"Once the police find the situation like that, they have nowhere to start and no clue to follow. You should not interfere with the scene of a crime before the police complete their job. This type of thing makes it difficult for the police to execute an arrest and I hope people will bear this in mind in future."

Daveyton police also expressed concern about the number of people driving with false drivers licences. Captain Tshabalala said about a quarter of the township's drivers were involved in this sort of practice and that most of his men are concentrating on putting a stop to this. They have undertaken what they term a "gentleman's duty".

While performing "gentlemen's duties" one plain clothes policeman is stationed at a specific corner while one in uniform is stationed further down the road. Once a driver transgresses a traffic regulation the one in private tips his colleague in uniform off who then stops the car and takes action against the driver.

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CLINIC: Some of the women, with nurses, at the Phumla Mqashi satellite clinic.

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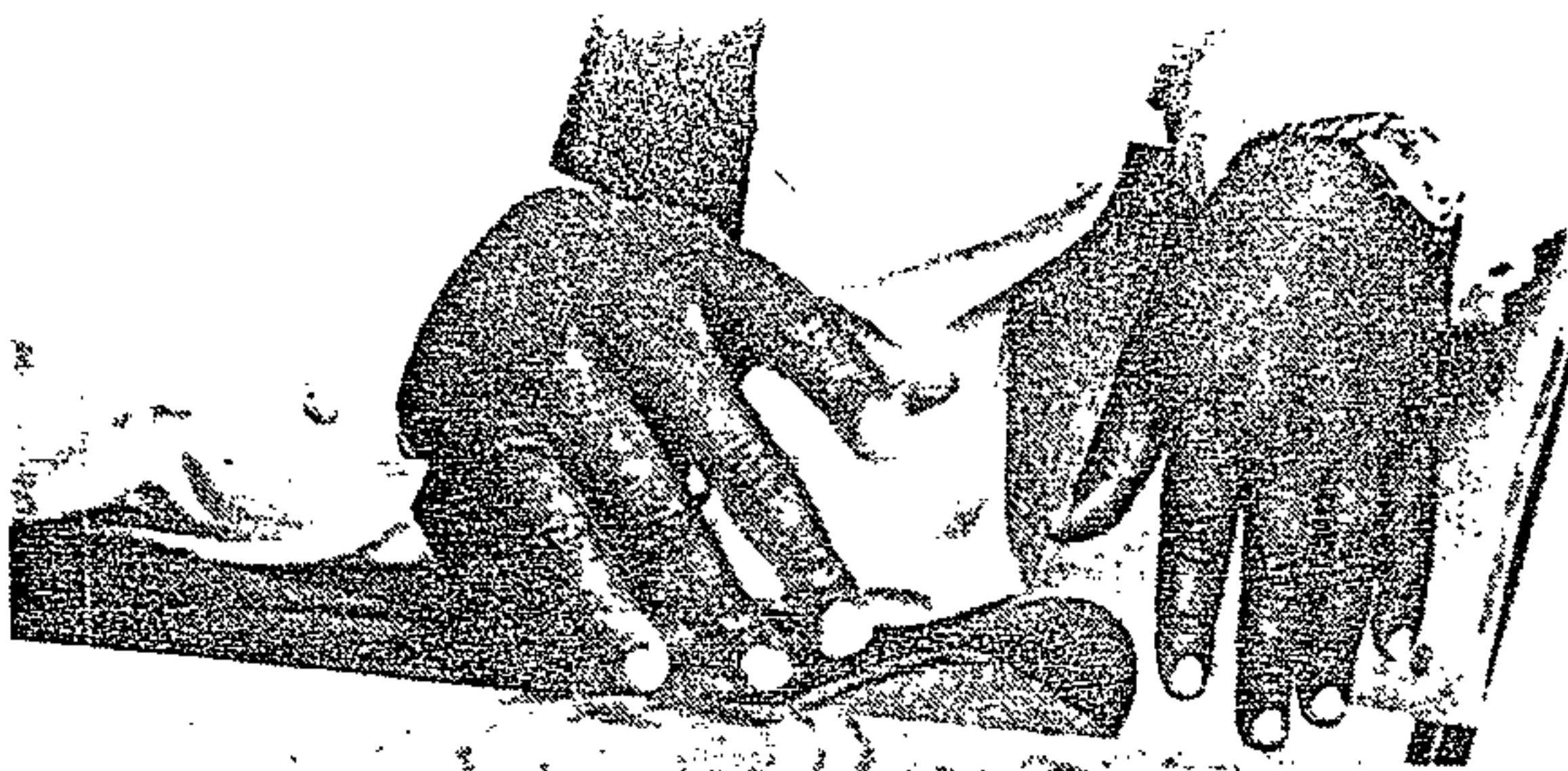
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Thebehehali takes on Wrab

THE West Rand Administration Board, Wrab, or monthly levies of R12 and the chairman of the

Mr Thebehehali insists that he knows nothing about the R600 outlay and Wrab's Chief Director, Mr C F Bezuidenhout is equally adamant that the payment is required.

The dispute is a sequel to the revelation that people who buy or their houses under the mass sale of houses will be required to pay a lump sum of up to R600

By ZWELAKHE SISULU

the electrification project.

While Mr Thebehehali roared his ignorance over the R600 payment, Mr Bezuidenhout made it clear that the money would have to be paid.

"The cost of the houses under the mass sale of houses does not include any provision for electricity," he said.

However, he said, residents would be given the option of paying a lump sum or in monthly levies of R12 over 25 years. The R12 levy is likely to escalate next year.

This means that when buying a house there will be three main categories of payment; the purchase of the house,

leasehold and electricity.

"The purchase price includes the electricity connection and internal wiring," Mr Thebehehali had said earlier.

Yesterday he said he had never heard of any lump sum that has to be paid. "Nobody is going to pay R600, whatever

Wrab says." The monthly levy was all his council would require to repay the loan.

The connection and wiring charges are determined by the distance of the house from the supply point and these range from R420 to R600.

According to Wrab at least 31 000 houses have been electrified in Soweto and 52 000 will soon be connected.

When asked whether it would be advantageous to pay the huge amounts or the monthly levies, Mr Bezuidenhout said that would depend on the choice and resources of the individual.

"It may be difficult for many people to purchase the house and also find money for the electricity, so for many people it will be better to pay over a period," he said.

Tents torn down

THE WEST RAND Administration Board (Wrab) has again pulled down the tents which were defiantly put up for the homeless Kiptown people by the Azanian Students Movement (AZASM).

It was the second time that AZASM had erected tents for the Kiptown people — and Wrab pulled them down on each occasion. The tents were first erected on Friday evening and Wrab pulled them down on Monday. They went up again on Monday evening only to be pulled down the following day. Wrab confiscates all the tents it pulls down.

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New civic party to contest council elections

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THE MAYOR: Mr David Thebehali.

By SAM MABE

IN A move seen as an attempt to unseat the present community council leadership in Soweto, a new civic party is to be launched in Johannesburg tonight, to start campaigning for the forthcoming council elections.

The formation of the new body, African League Party, is likely to send shock-waves throughout the country as some of the personalities involved are known to have been bitter opponents of participation in Government-created civic and political bodies.

Details of the founding of the party and the names of personalities involved have been kept a closely guarded secret.

But The SOWETAN established the structure of the new party and also obtained a list of eight people involved. They include among others, prominent business personalities, social and community leaders and some well-known journalists.

Details of the new body and its functions will be announced to selected guests who have been invited to the inaugural meeting to be held at the Johannesburg City Hall (Duncan Hall) from 5.15 tonight.

The SOWETAN has in its possession a document which sets out the structure and the functions of the league. This will include the civic wing of the organisation, whose major aim shall be to gain greater control of civic institutions so that "blacks can have a co-ordinated and substantive direction of local administration."

The thrust of the civic wing works from the premise that local administration provides a power base for social, cultural and economic development in black areas.

Blacks will be able to "gain experience in administration" and the African League Party shall "press for the implementation of the De Lange Commission's recommendation and for education to be a local issue".

Wrab to help Kliptown squatters

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The West Rand Administration Board has agreed to interview Kliptown squatters with a view to providing them with shelter.

It has set up a team of senior officials to undertake the task and will today transport the homeless from their overnight accommodation at the Methodist Youth Centre in Jabavu to a selected Wrab office where the interviews will be held.

The arrangement was reached yesterday at a meeting between a top-

level Wrab staff and churchmen — Bishop Desmond Tutu, general secretary of the South African Council of Churches and the Rev Cecil Begbie, vice-president of the Witwatersrand Council of Churches.

Wrab representatives were headed by chairman Mr John Knoetze.

Although Wrab has made special arrangements to investigate the possibility of housing the squatters, it continued to act against the erection of tents at Kliptown.

What you pay for electricity after switch on

By LIN MENGE

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

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

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

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

● The cost of this whole operation — from the

primary reticulation down to the wiring of each house and the connecting of each house to the cables outside — is being paid with that R212-million loan raised by the councils of Soweto, Diepsmadow and Dobsonville.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

● What happens in the case of people who bought their houses from Wrab before May

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

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

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



sending out to each tenant of a saleable house, he said.

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

The ad was for farm sheds, factories and "Bantoehuise". Just what is a "Bantoehuise"?

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Tent dwellers cry out for caring help

By Sol Makgabutlane

For the last few weeks, squatters living in Kliptown, near Soweto, have constantly been in the news after their tents were pulled down, put up again, pulled down and...

Firstly the West Rand Administration Board (Wrab) pulled them down, then the Azanian Students' Movement (Azasm) put them up, Wrab pulled them down again and then this Monday the Witwatersrand Council of Churches put them up again.

By late yesterday it was still not clear whether the tents would be pulled down again.

Most of the squatters cried out for help yesterday — help in finding a good home, a secure job and a way of getting proper identity documents.

Many have no hope. They said they were vagrants because they could not find proper housing.

A few, mostly women, settle for strong home-brewed beer and methylated spirits to relieve the tension and frustration.

They have no privacy. In one tent 11 people — eight adults and three children — live as a family.

APPEARED IN COURT

Last Wednesday, 25 squatters from Kliptown and Nancefield appeared in the Johannesburg Commissioner's Court charged with being on specified premises without the permission of the owner, being in an urban area for more than 72 hours without authorisation, and not having reference books. The trial was adjourned until August 19.

These are some of the people who were in Kliptown yesterday:

● Mr Ishmael Moletsane (45). He was born in Kliptown. After divorcing his wife in 1972, he became homeless and came to squat in the area, sleeping in the open veld and sometimes in make-shift shacks.

In 1975 he was knocked over in Soweto in a hit-and-run. He was taken to hospital and his left leg was amputated. Then it was back to Kliptown. He has no relations, apart from his

younger sister who went to Malawi 15 years ago with her husband.

"It's a long time since I slept under decent shelter on a bed. In fact, the last time I did was when I was in hospital in 1975," he said.

He survives by going into Johannesburg to ask passers-by for money and old clothes.

OWNED HOME

● Mr William Motaung (43). He was born in Pimville and once owned a house there. When he returned from prison four years ago he found new people in his house and his wife living there as a sub-tenant.

He decided to look for another place but could find none. "That's when I moved into the veld."

He said he had many relations in Soweto, but was reluctant to stay with them as he did not want "quarrels" with them. His two sons stay with their uncle in Diepkloof and regularly give him money.

● Mrs Doris Zwane (38). She was born in Newcastle, Natal. When she was four her mother brought her to Booyens, where she lived for three years.

She then went to live with relatives in Evaton, near Vereeniging, to go to school. "I passed Std 5 in 1961. When I was in Std 6 I was sent home because I was pregnant." She said she came to Kliptown in 1980 and built a shack, which was later pulled down. So she joined the others to live in the open.

● Mr Amos Mototoba (27). He is unemployed and desperate. His wife, Ester, by whom he has two children, is seven months pregnant. He does not know how he will maintain three children and their mother.

He was born in Zola township, Soweto. His parents divorced in 1969 and his mother won use of the house. She could not afford to run it and was evicted. She got a smaller house in White City township, but could not afford that either.

Amos stayed with his grandmother in Orlando East for a short time, but she chased him away. He went to Kliptown and built a shack which was pulled down.

Fighting road deaths

By SELLO RABOTHATA

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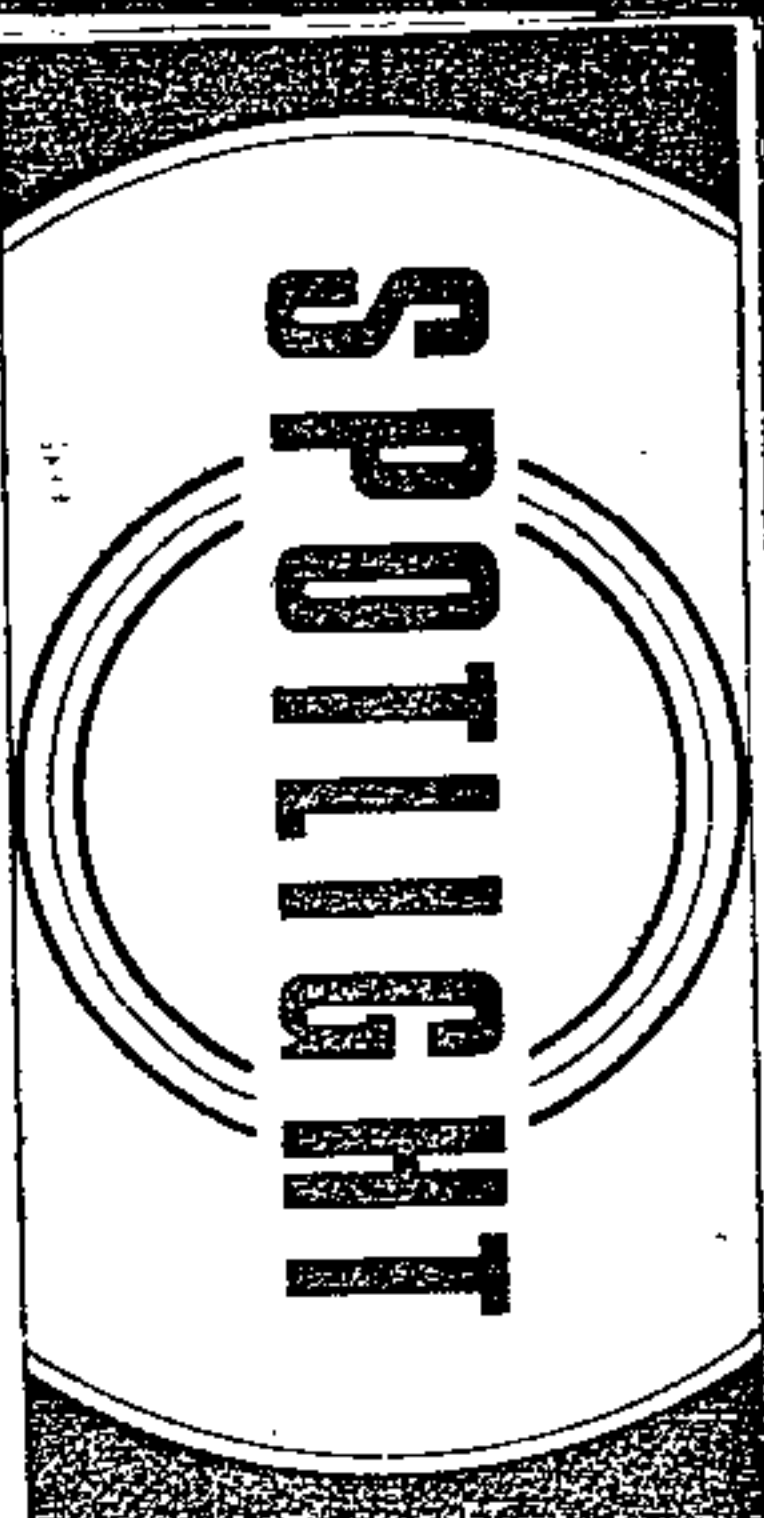
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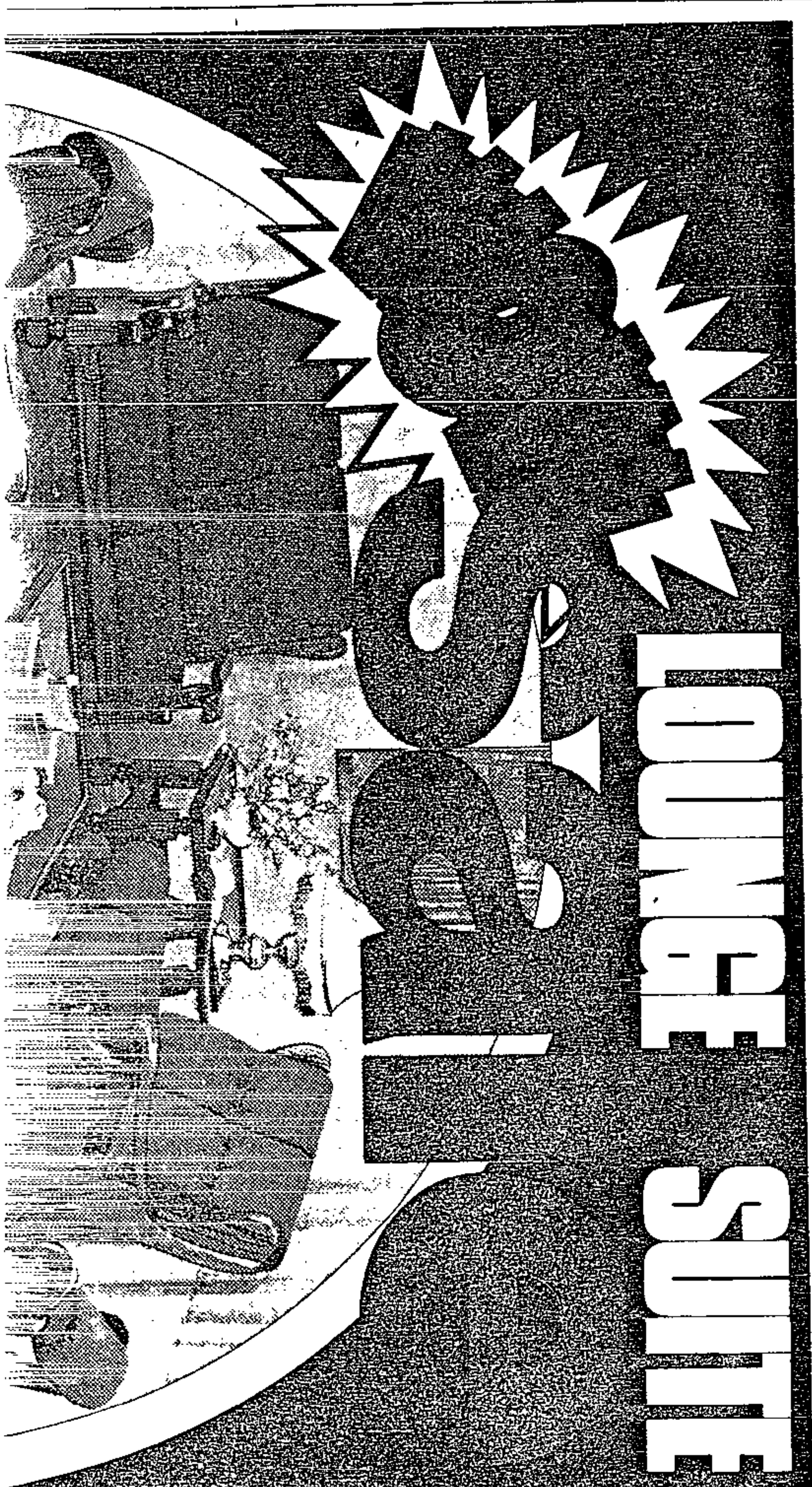
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- getting pedestrians to wear protective articles, like skid free shoes in slippery weather conditions or light coloured or reflective materials at night; and
- insuring its members against death on the roads.

To benefit from these objectives, any resident may become a member of the association.

The association's chairman, Mr Silumko Boya, said: "Most of the township's accidents were caused by speed,

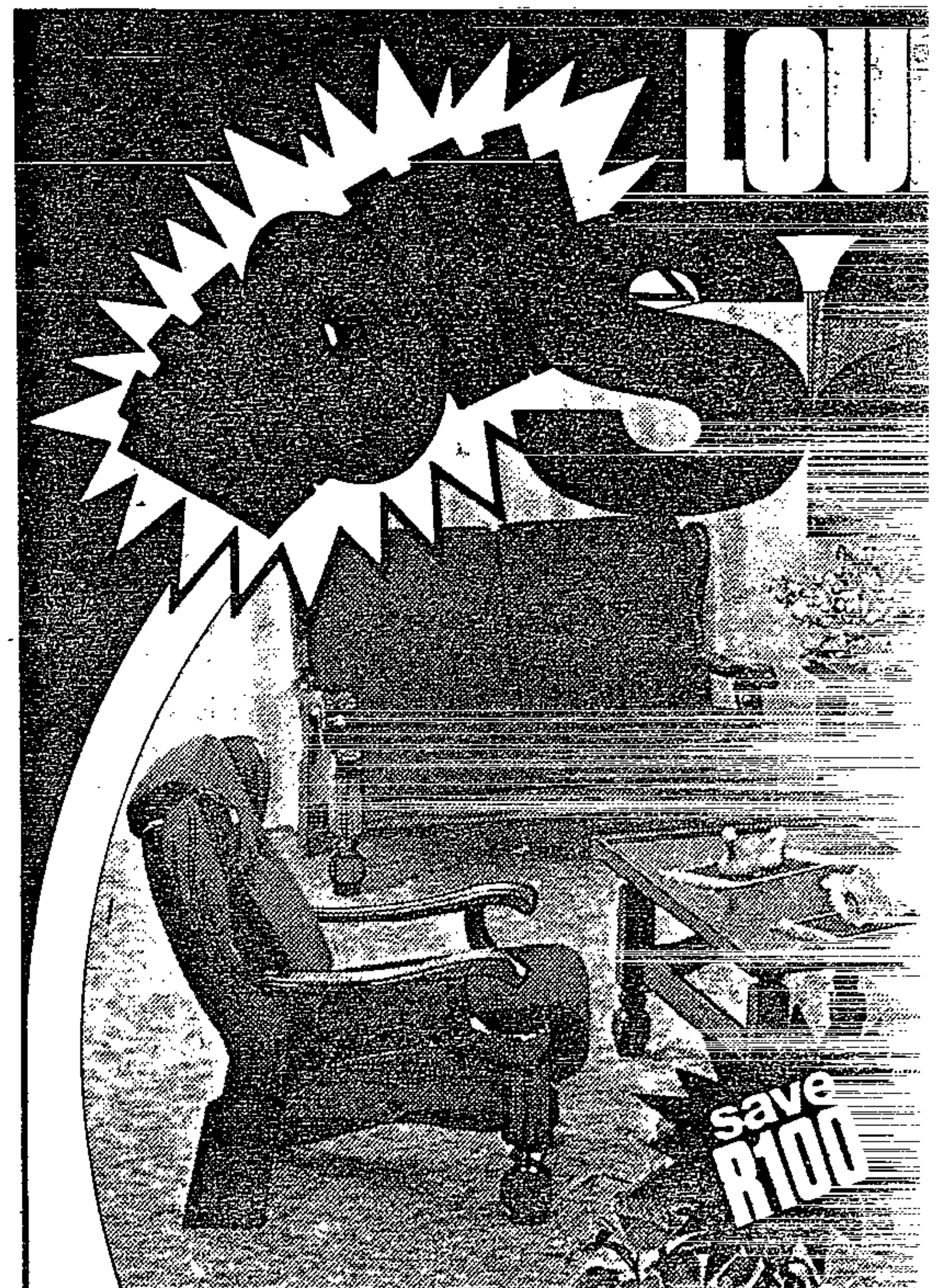
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Students in court over violence

THREE of the four Mahlobo 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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ROAD: Mr Thebehali cuts the ribbon at the official opening of the Klip River Road yesterday.

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Thebehali opens Klip Valley Road

THERE was nothing wrong with the much-maligned Klip Valley Road — alias "Death Road" — except high-speeding drivers, Soweto Council chairman Mr David Thebehali said yesterday.

Addressing Greater Soweto Planning Council officials and councillors at the official opening of the R8-million road, Mr Thebehali said wreckless drivers, by not observing traffic regulations, had caused a number of fatalities on the road.

"There is nothing wrong with the road except the person behind the wheel. We have had a few accidents and fa-

talities on this road and I should appeal to Soweto motorists to drive more carefully, so as to ensure that no lives are placed at risk," Mr Thebehali added.

There were over 50 000 cars in the townships and this figure could increase to 75 000 within the next two years, he said. Projec-

By LEN MASEKO

tions had shown that by the year 2000 there would be about 180 000 vehicles in Soweto.

Yesterday's opening of the road, according to the Soweto "mayor", marked the end of phase one of the R400-million worth of civil upgrading projects taking place in the black city.

"The Klip Valley Road was planned 10 years ago, but, because of a lack of funds at the time, the project had to be shelved until a loan was raised overseas. Perhaps we will have to raise more money overseas so that we can continue with phase two," he added.

The Klip Valley road, which was opened to the public two months ago, got off to an unhappy start with the tragic death of four people when a truck and a sedan collided at the Orlando West/Orlando East intersection in May.

Sash lashes Rikhoto 'delays'

By PATRICK LAURENCE
Political Editor

THE Government is deliberately trying to frustrate the Appeal Court ruling on the Rikhoto case, Mrs Sheena Duncan, national president of the Black Sash, says in a memorandum.

The court found that contract workers who had worked in a prescribed urban area for one employer for 10 consecutive years, or for more than one employer for 15 successive years, qualified for permanent rights under section 10 1 (b) of the Urban Areas Act.

The Government later agreed to accept the judgment rather than nul-

lify it with new legislation, but, Mrs Duncan says, the Government has actually embarked on a campaign to prevent contract workers from obtaining their rights administratively.

In her memorandum, released to the Rand Daily Mail yesterday, Mrs Duncan lists several ways in which she contends rights are being denied administratively. Her list is based on reports received from the West Rand Administration Board area by the Sash advice office.

People applying for Rikhoto rights have been told that their applications have to be referred to Pretoria and that they must await Pretoria's decision.

Mrs Duncan comments: "This is a quite unlawful instruction. The deci-

sion as to whether a person is entitled to a 10 1 (b) qualification must be decided by the labour officer in the area concerned."

People have been given lengthy forms for their employers to fill in, requiring the employer to record the dates of engagement and discharge for every contract and the dates of all paid and unpaid leave.

Mrs Duncan says: "This is an obstruction and quite unnecessary. The Labour Bureau record shows the dates of engagement and discharge of every worker. The periods of leave and whether it was paid or unpaid are irrelevant to section 10 1 (b)."

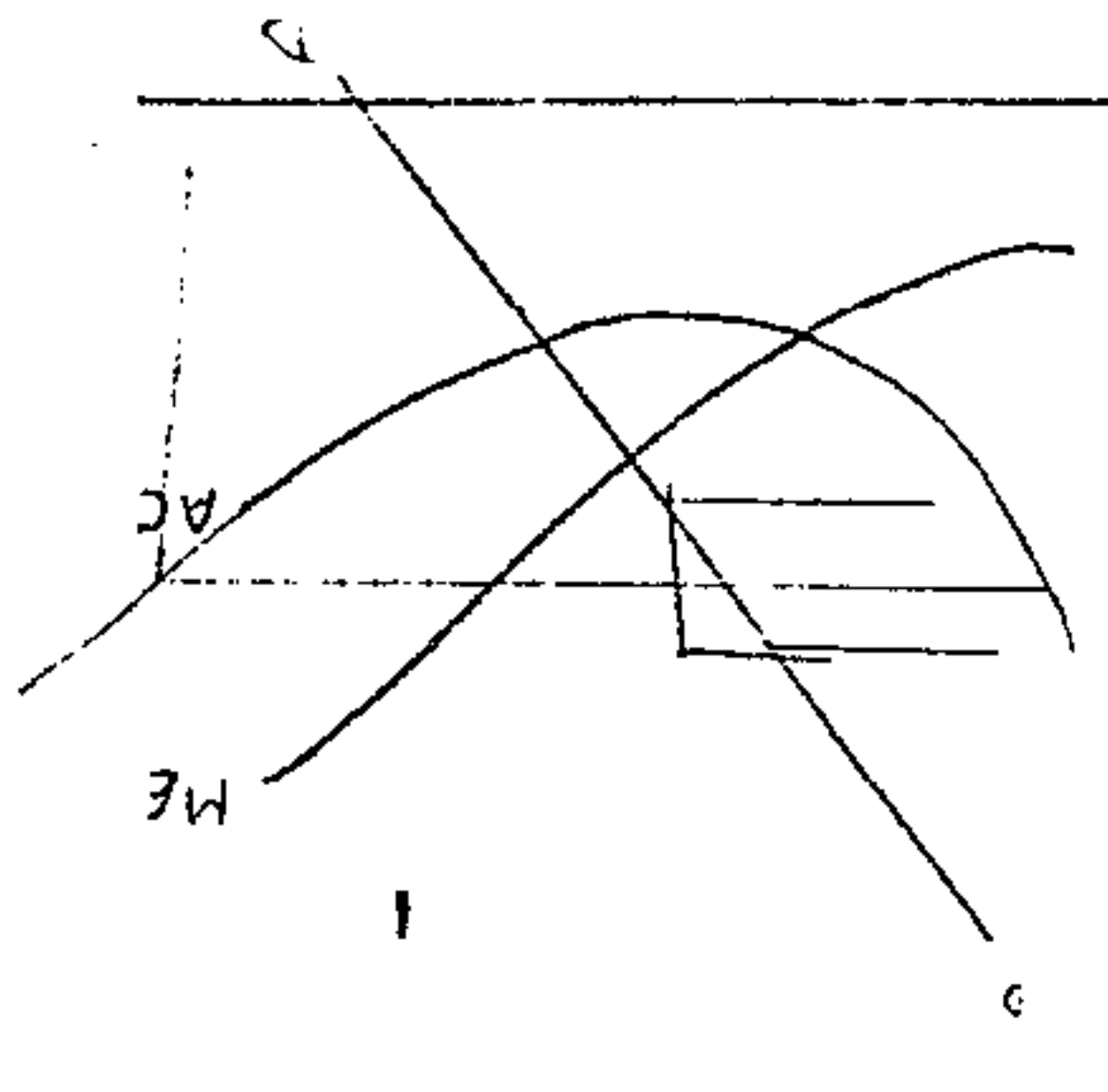
Mrs Duncan writes: "It is impossible to understand why it should take days to establish whether a person

has a 10 1 (b) right. If he seeks registration for work, she notes, "his record card is produced within a few minutes and checked — and if it is not satisfactory it takes the labour officer a further 30 seconds to order (the person) to leave the prescribed area".

"Some people will now approach the Supreme Court with applications to establish the rights denied to them," Mrs Duncan says.

"They will no doubt succeed... one at a time after many months have passed."

Mrs Duncan concludes: "Law in such circumstances has no meaning whatsoever and that is a most dangerous prospect for the future of this country."



Launching of new party falls flat in wake of exposé

INDABA FLOPS!

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THE MEETING scheduled for last night to launch a new civic party which was to topple the Soweto council leadership was yesterday postponed because of The SOWETAN's exposé of the party's motives.

The indefinite postponement was announced by Mr Meshack Mabogoane, secretary general of African League (AL), the mother body of numerous organisations which were to start operating in various spheres of life among blacks after the launching.

Mr Mabogoane said the Johannesburg City Hall was booked on the understanding that the meeting to be held was a private one and only a few selected people would attend.

"But after The SOWETAN's story, the authorities decided that the meeting was no longer private because the public knew about it and many uninvited people might also attend.

"This therefore meant that our contract was automatically nullified and we have to make a fresh application which will follow the normal procedures for approval," he said.

He emphasised that the postponement was due to technical reasons which the AL could not have done anything about. A handwritten notice was pasted on the door of the hall saying: "African

By SAM MABE

League meeting postponed, further notice in the Press tomorrow."

But only hours before its official launching was due yesterday the AL had already come under heavy fire from Soweto's "mayor" Mr David Thebehali, who condemned its formation as the work of white liberals.

Dismissing the idea of launching the party in Johannesburg as "a big joke," Mr Thebehali said he would not be threatened by "parties launched in white suburbs to deal with problems of the ghettos."

He also said he found it strange that he should not have been invited to the meeting "to give them the nitty-gritty of running a council."

Greeting the news of the postponement with excitement, Mr Thebehali said he suspected that many of the prominent personalities whom The SOWETAN had said were involved in the AL, had got cold feet and may have decided to withdraw from the AL.

"The organisers made a big blunder. They should not have done their organising clandestinely because it is the secrecy of this whole business which interested the Press and turned the whole thing into a scandal.

"Anyway, I did not feel threatened at all. There will never be a coup against me. We were ready for them and their white liberals and we were going to meet them head-on," said Mr Thebehali.

Back to school for pupils

By MONO BADELA

THE situation at the two strife-torn schools in Soweto was quiet yesterday, and it will be back to school for the students of Ibhongo High School and Progress Senior Secondary School today.

The situation at Ibhongo in Dlamini was almost back to normal yesterday with about three quarters of the stu-

dents would attend classes today.

Mr Mokone said this decision was taken after a two hour meeting between ten prefects, the principal, Mr Piet le Roux, and four senior officials of the Department of Education and

accord on Tuesday. Because there was no immediate replacement for the mathematics teacher, it was decided that the present white teacher should keep her job.

The principal also promised that the stu-

In the meantime, five members of the Azanian Students Movement (Azasm) detained on Monday, were released on Wednesday, a spokesman for their lawyers told Sapa.

The five — Mr Pule Monama (28) national organiser of Azasm, Mr Kenny Mesimo (21) the treasurer, Mr Jackie

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Wrab houses 3 squatter families

~~343~~ 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.

~~343~~ 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.

~~343~~ Among the three families referred for immediate housing to the chief township manager for Pimville, Mr T F Bronkhorst, was the Mtotoba family.

~~343~~ 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.

~~343~~ 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.

~~343~~ Mr Begbie added that Wrab had undertaken to provide meals for the families.

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Mystery slayings by masked assassin baffle

By Abel Mabelane,
East Rand Bureau

Rumour is rife in Daveyton following the killing of two community councillors — whose names appeared on a four-name hitlist — by someone police believe is a hired assassin.

A councillor, Mr Jacob Ratale (54), was shot dead in his shop last Friday at 7.30 pm by a gunman wearing a balaclava. After shooting Mr Ratale — popularly known as JR — the gunman

warned stunned customers not to interfere, walked out and disappeared into the night.

Another councillor and close friend of Mr Ratale, Mr Andrew Nxumalo (57), was gunned down in his house at 7.30 pm on July 1 last year — by a balaclava-clad man. During Mr Nxumalo's funeral, a "hitlist" was discovered, bearing the names of Mr Nxumalo, Mr Ratale, the council's deputy chairman, Mr MK Manzini, and the chairman, Mr Tom

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Mr Manzini has since died from natural causes. Mr Boya believes he will be next.

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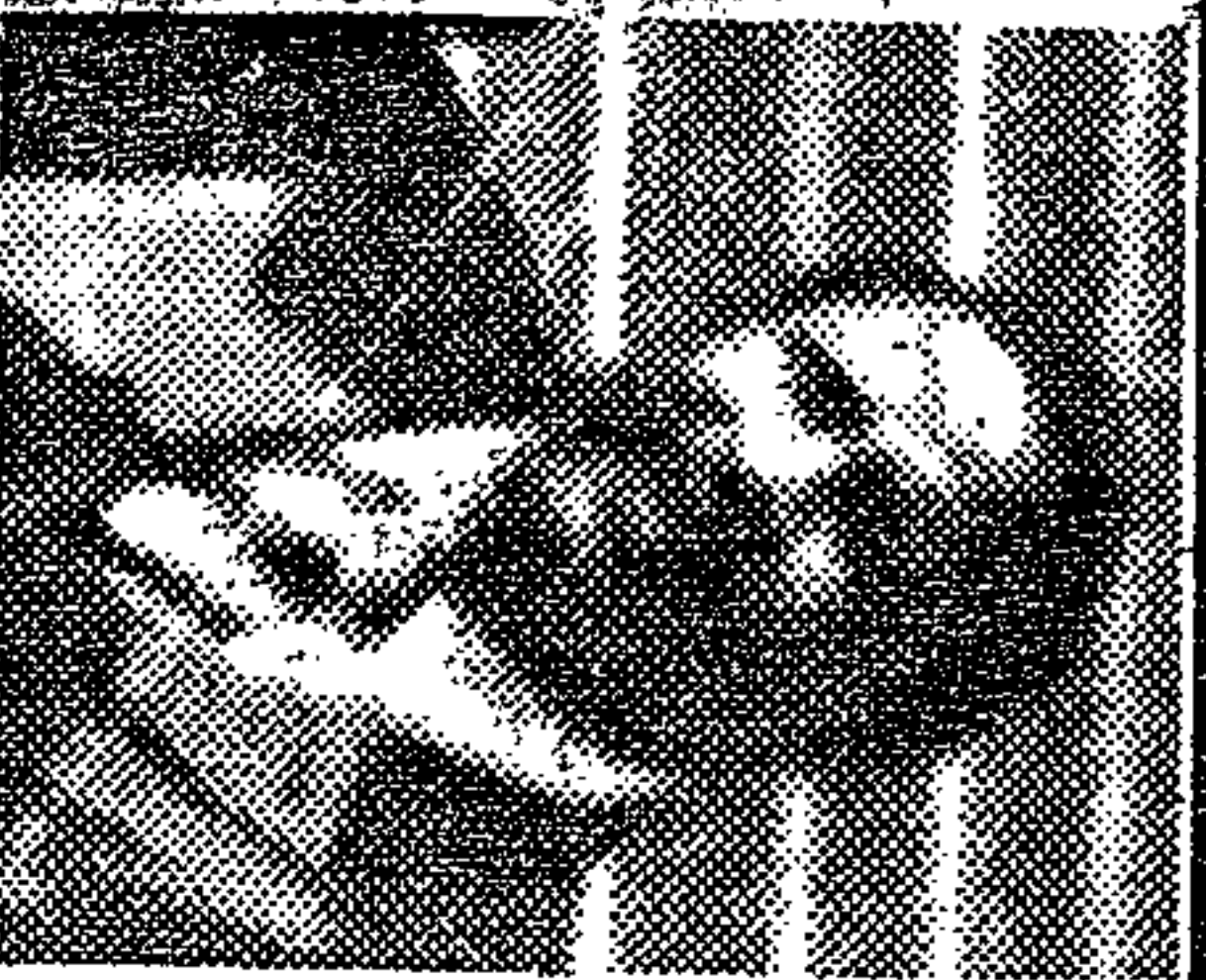
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The Daveyton police station commander, Captain S Tshabalala, said the killing of about five people since 1980, including Mr Nxumalo and Mr Ratale, followed the same pattern — an unknown gunman answering to the same description.

"Witnesses have always described the killer in all cases as being a hefty man a balaclava. This gives an impression he is a hired who does not stay in Daveyton," Captain Tshabalala said.

Mr Boya believes police not trying hard enough to the murders. He accused the police of "dragging their fee investigations."

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speed up their investigations —
his father was shot more than a
year ago and the killer has still
not been arrested, he said.
Captain Tshabalala has den-
ied that the police are not doing
enough. He said the East Rand
Murder and Robbery Squad was
called in when Mr Nxumalo was
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know the motives for the mur-
ders, although they may be con-
nected with civic affairs, Cap-
tain Tshabalala said.



Mr Andrew Nxumalo (57).

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Asvat defies final council notice

THE Soweto Council has refused to grant Dr Abu Baker Asvat an extension on his lease and he has been requested to vacate his surgery at the end of the month.

A few days ago Dr Asvat was served with a final notice from the West Rand Administration Board (Wrab) informing him that his lease for the surgery at Mochaeneng would be terminated on July 31. On receiving the letter he wrote to the Soweto Council requesting an extension of two to



DEFIANT: Dr Abu Baker Asvat.

three months to enable him to secure alternative premises.

"Instead of getting a letter in the post, the Moroka Township Manager delivered the letter which informed me that I am expected to vacate my surgery at the end of the month. I had expected that since I offered an essential service I would have been the last to leave this place," Dr Asvat said.

Dr Asvat said he was not going to move voluntarily from a place that has become his second home. "At the end of the month I will do what I have been doing for the ten years that I have been practising here — go and pay my monthly rent. What they do with it is their problem and not mine," he said.

The news that Dr Asvat was served with a final notice caused gloom among the small struggling community of Mochaeneng. But they still hope he will be granted an extension. But they were shattered yesterday when told that the Soweto Council had refused to accede to his request for an extension of his lease.

Wrab denies Rikhoto red tape obstruction

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By PATRICK LAURENCE
Political Editor

THE chairman of the West Rand Administration Board, Mr John Knoetze, yesterday emphatically rejected allegations that Wrab was deliberately preventing migrant workers from obtaining Rikhoto rights through administrative obstruction.

Mr Knoetze was reacting to allegations made by Mrs Sheena Duncan, national president of the Black Sash, in a memorandum on the Rikhoto Appeal Court judgment and its aftermath at the administrative level.

The Appeal Court found that migrant workers who served one employer in a

prescribed urban area for 10 successive years, or several employers for 15 continuous years, qualified for permanent residence rights in that area under section 10 1 (b) of the Urban Areas Act.

Citing cases of people who had applied for Rikhoto rights in the Wrab area of jurisdiction, Mrs Duncan charged Wrab with obstructing them administratively to reduce the number who qualified to an absolute minimum.

Wrab's policy, she contended, was part of an overall plan to cut back to 5 000 the 143 000 people thought to be eligible for Rikhoto rights, a target mentioned by the Minister of Co-operation and Development, Dr Piet Koornhof.

Mr Knoetze replied: "I deny emphatically that there is any conspiracy to delay or frustrate attainment of these

rights. We respect the judgment of the court. Everyone who qualifies can come forward and be dealt with."

Applicants were granted rights except where their reference books were "delapidated, torn or obviously tampered with" — or where they were citizens of "independent states" who qualified after the State received independence from South Africa.

Where records in the reference book were illegible or in doubt, Wrab would check them first before conferring rights.

"Obviously we like to be certain before granting rights," Mr Knoetze said.

Where citizens of independent states qualified after independence, the case was referred to the Department of Co-operation and Development in Pretoria.

TOP PEOPLE

SNUB NEW PARTY

SOWETO'S mysterious new political party which says it aims to oust "mayor" David Thebehali in the community council elections was experiencing severe birthpangs — even before being born yesterday.

Key figures approached to form the new party, the African League, have refused.

Journalist Meshack Mabogoane, who describes himself as secretary general of the party, last night invited top Soweto personalities to help launch the African League. The party says it wants to oust Mr Thebehali from the Soweto seat to replace him with somebody "more relevant".

Mabogoane is former editor of the defunct magazine, African Impact, who presently writes on showbiz for The Star.

Percy Qoboza, former editor of the banned World and Post newspapers, Mrs Debra Mabiletsa, an executive with the Urban Foundation, Mrs Hope Ramaphosa, Mr Douglas Lolwane, and business people like Mr Roel Khoza and Mr David Pooe, are among these approached.

The list of those approached was kept

By LEN KALANE

secret until late yesterday.

Mr Qoboza, Mrs Mabiletsa and Mrs Ramaphosa said their names were being used and did not wish to serve in the new party.

"I was approached and I turned it down. I don't want to add to the existing division among blacks. I'm not a politician," he said.

"I'm being used. People who are behind this thing are being mischievous," said Mrs Mabiletsa.

Mrs Ramaphosa also said she was out of it.

Political observers have meanwhile written off the African League arguing that it would not be able to make the Soweto Council viable if it grabbed control of it. They see it as an attempt to take advantage of the Black Local Authorities Act and to mobilise blacks "within the system".

League shuns boycotts

By EZRA MANTINI

AN influential group of urban blacks has decided to abandon the politics of boycott and to contest the local council elections later this year.

Mr Meshack Mabogoane, secretary-general of African League told the Sunday Times the party was planning a new launch after its inaugural meeting was aborted because of Press leaks.

"We are working on the manifesto, campaign, strate-

gies and organisation of the new party," he said.

It is believed that former supporters of the Committee of Ten may be involved in the African League.

Yesterday Dr Nthato Motlana said his Committee of Ten would meet on August 7 to discuss the ideals of the new party.

"We will only issue our statement after that meeting," he said.

The League hopes to introduce an about-face in black politics, steering away from

boycott tactics to participation.

Its plan is to work "within the system" to gain control of all councils in the September elections and run them along party and national lines.

A public proclamation of the League's aims and policies is now expected in about three weeks.

"Part of our manifesto will be that we would promote cultural, social and economic welfare among blacks throughout the country," said Mr Mabogoane.

ASSASSIN

With JR gone
there's one
more to go . . .



● Captain Simon Tshabalala: "We appeal for help."

ON THE LOOSE

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By TEBELLO RADEBE
CONFUSION reigns over the identity of the hired assassin believed to be behind the deaths of two community leaders who were on an alleged "sellout" hit list.

The assassin's latest victim was Mr Jacob "JR" Ratale, an ex-mayor and former Lebowa Member of Parliament.

Police have appealed to the public to come forward with any information they may have which could help to solve the mystery of the assassin.

Balaclava

Eyewitnesses who saw the balaclava-disguised gunman pump seven bullets into the body of Mr Ratale in his shop last week have given conflicting descriptions of what he was wearing.

According to one witness, the man was wearing a blue dust-coat, while another says he was wearing a khaki overcoat.

The hit list naming four targets of the assassin was found at the Daveyton Civic



● Mr J R Ratale — victim number three.



● Mr Andrew Nxumalo — the first victim.

Hall shortly before the funeral procession of community councillor Mr Andrew Nxumalo arrived at the hall last year.

Mr Ratale was one of four councillors on the alleged hit list, together with Mr Nxumalo. A third man, Mr M K Manzini, has since died of natural causes.

The only survivor on the list is Mr Tom Boya, the current "mayor" of Daveyton. Asked whether he had seen the death list, Mr Boya said he had only heard people talking about it at the funeral of Mr Nxumalo.

"However", said Mr Boya, "I have received a number of

phone calls threatening me with death since then."

Abusive

Police have confirmed that Mr Boya has received abusive phone calls at his home. But, said Captain Simon Tshabalala, head of the Daveyton Police, "we do not have any knowledge about the hit-list, we do not even know whether the motive behind the list is political".

He added that police are investigating the possibility that three other men, not connected to the Community Council, have been killed by the assassin since 1980.

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House sales lauded

THE government's decision to sell houses on a major scale to black residents in Soweto is one of its most crucial moves in the last ten years, the chairman of the South African Jewish Board of Deputies said in Johannesburg.

Mr Michael Katz said the Board of Deputies urged employers of black staff to ensure that

all available houses are purchased.

"There will be a cost involved but the benefits will be measured in a far more secure black population in Soweto," he said at the weekend.

He added that although freehold ownership would have been ideal, the 99-year lease was a step in the right direction. — Sapa.

Mohlakeng's mum fights back

By NKOPANE
MAKOBANE

MOHLAKENG near

Randfontein is a small township but among its residents there is one with a big heart.

Mrs Elizabeth Sokhela, a former school teacher, started running a creche at her home in 1977 after realising that parents had nowhere to send their kids when they went to work.

Mrs Elizabeth Sokhela; "This time I am not going to ask for permission . . ."

fighting spirit found in a small township like Mohlakeng.

Although the Mohlakeng Civic Association has been fighting for the rights of the community since its inception three years ago, Mrs Sokhela's story is a special one.

PEOPLE

Her story reveals the face of a situation that is often overshadowed by those professional poli-



ticians who assume themselves the voice of the people. She speaks for those who cannot speak for themselves in more ways than one — the children.

In December last year she was forced to close shop after an official creche, built by the

West Rand Administration Board, started to operate in November.

But Mrs Sokhela, a qualified nursery school teacher, told The 80WETAN she was going to defy the authorities and start operating a creche from her home next month.

SERVICE

"This time I am not going to ask for permission from anyone and I am prepared for what-

ever may follow. One thing that drives me to start afresh is that parents are appealing to me, particularly those whose children are under three and could not be admitted at the new creche.

"Another thing that motivates me to undertake this project is my love for small children and the call I have of looking after them," she said.

The authorities must

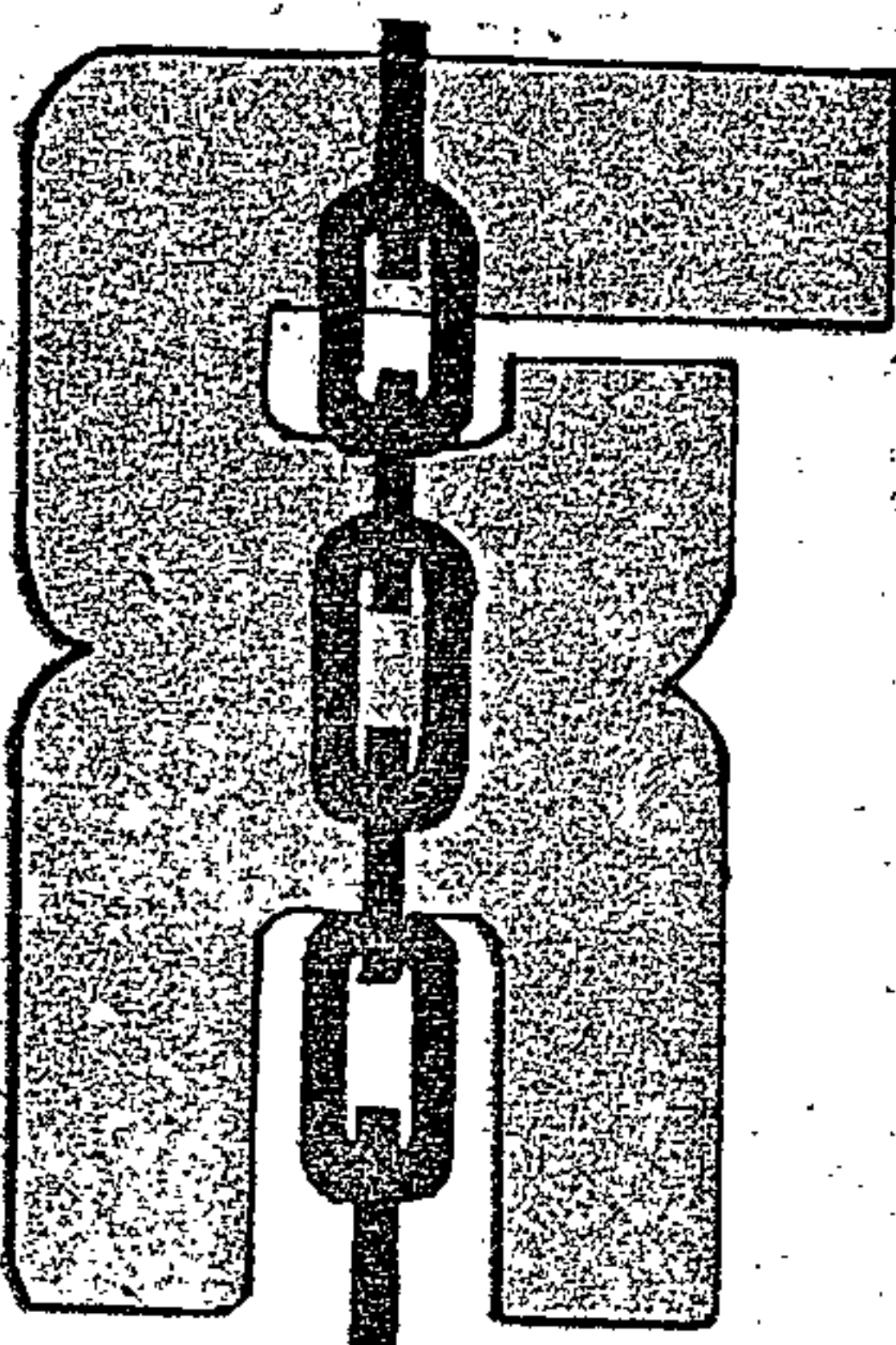
understand that she was not competing with them but only doing a service for her community she stressed. She was not profiting at all but merely dedicating herself to help working parents.

She said her old creche had 20 children when it opened and 100 when it closed down. With her new creche she intends starting with 30 children whose ages will strictly be under three years. And her new creche will be called Elizabeth Home and no longer Elizabeth Creche.

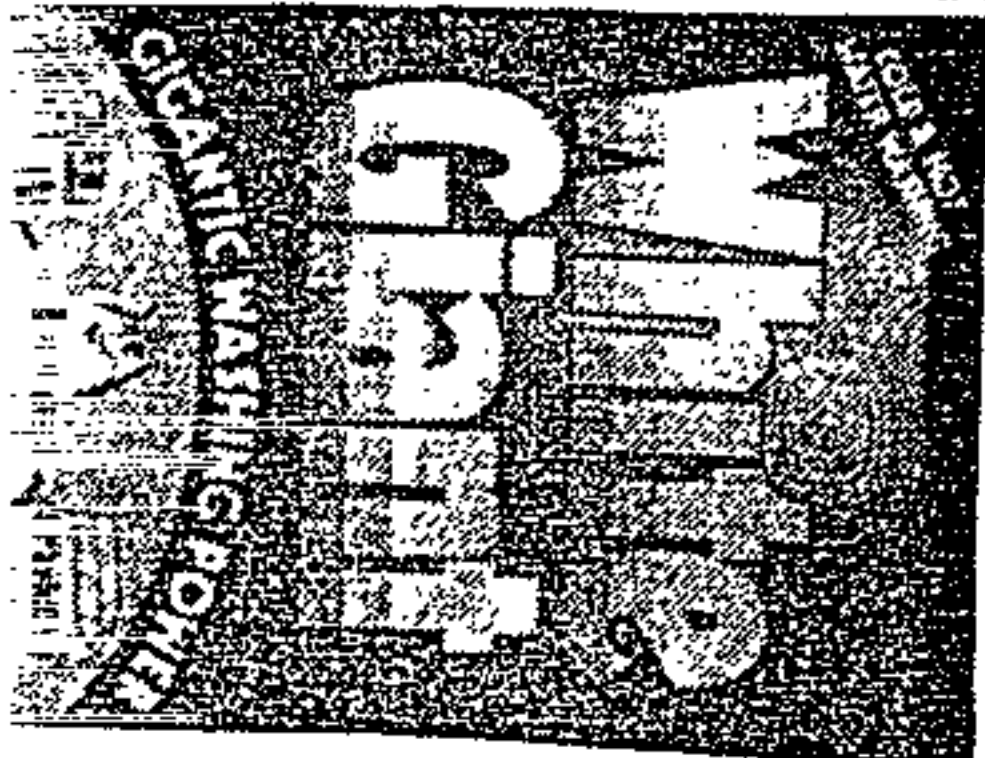
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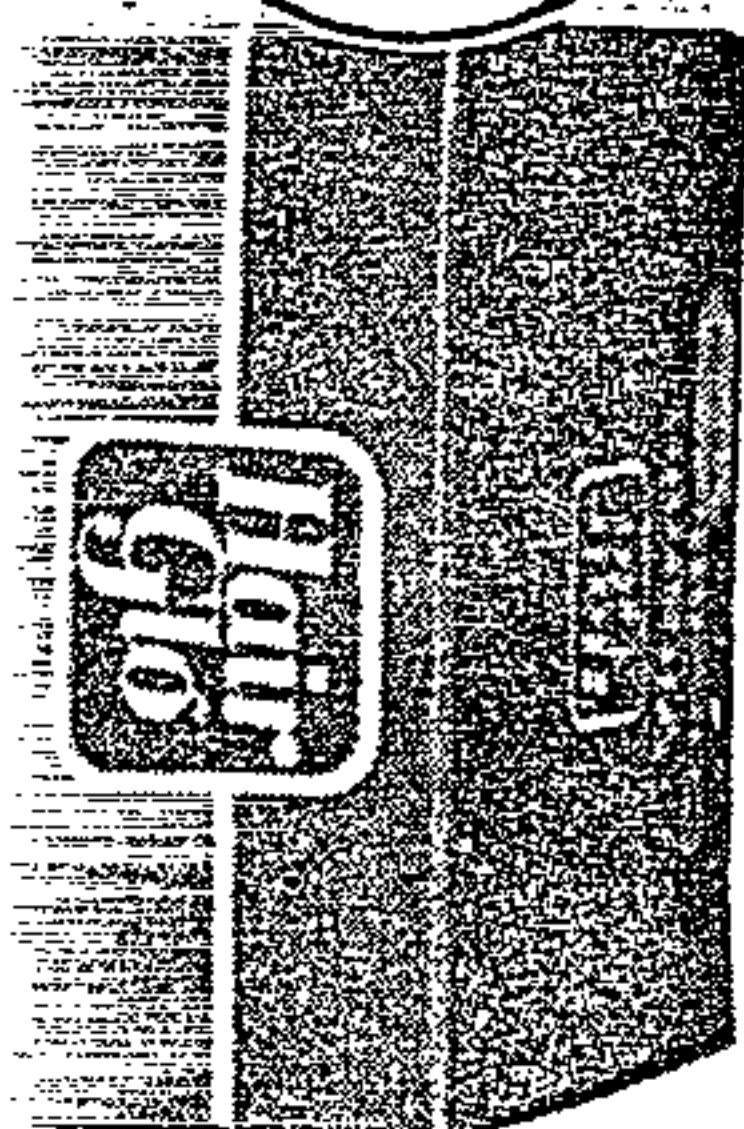


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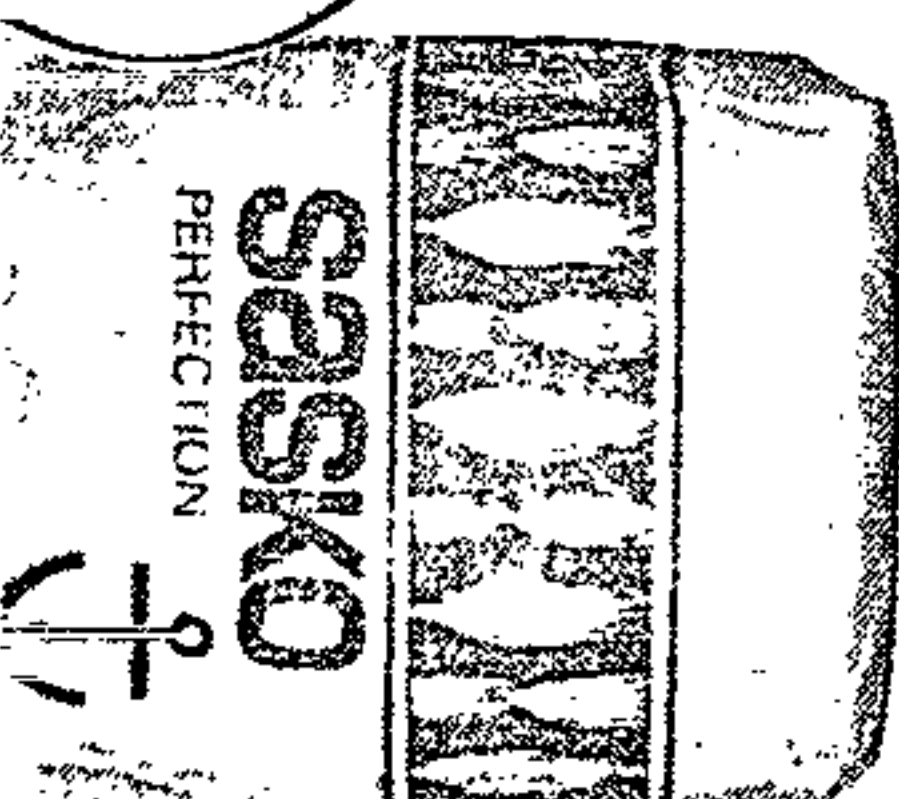


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By Jo Anne Collinge

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Homeless: distrust boils over

Distrust between officials and community workers on the treatment of the homeless in Mochaneng, Soweto, flared into open conflict yesterday.

It is claimed that West Rand Administration Board officials threw a doctor out of an old bus nine families were using as a home.

A prominent Azanian Peoples Organisation member, Dr Abu-Baker

Asvat, was in the bus attending to documentation queries of families, who had been living there since their homes were destroyed by Wrab on Friday.

Three Wrab officials from Pimville then arrived. Dr Asvat said Pimville's senior township manager Mr T F Bronkhorst told him he was trespassing and that he

had to have a permit to be in a black area.

Mr Bronkhorst then ordered him out of the bus and when he did not move, the township manager and his two men threw Dr Asvat out.

Mr Bronkhorst said he had had words with the doctor but had only given him a verbal order to leave the bus.

"Dr Asvat is interfering with things that are none of his business. Influenza matters have nothing to do with him. I warned him I would have to take action against him."

Mr Bronkhorst said doctors were only exempt from permit requirements in black areas "if they concern themselves with purely medical matters".

Dr Asvat, who has been given notice to vacate his rooms in the area by July 31, has been involved in housing issues affecting his patients, including those of the Chicken Farm tent people and the Kliptown market squatters.

At the centre of the latest conflict is a group of nine women and their children who had lived in

shacks in a large barn a stone's throw from Dr Asvat's rooms.

Last Friday, Wrab partly demolished the barn and shacks. Seven of the 16 families were given single-room zinc shacks at the Fred Clark emergency camp but the remaining nine were left homeless.

"They didn't tell us where we could stay, they just warned us not to move back into the barn," a woman said.

Kagiso leader on shooting charge

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A KAGISO man has laid charges against a local community councillor who allegedly shot at him three times and missed after being told he was not wanted near the councillor's property.

Mr Pius Dipheko said he had gone to visit his girlfriend who is the councillor's step-daughter. He parked his car and waited for his woman friend who later came and they talked in the car.

The incident took place on Sunday at about 7 pm when the councillor arrived and parked his car in the yard.

He said: "After about 15 minutes on entering the house, the councillor appeared holding a gun in his hand. He was very aggressive and threatened to kill me saying I should not be seen next to his property again. I did not think he would use the gun on me and just ignored him. My friend and I went on with our discussion."

Police

"While we were talking, he fired a shot in the air. Soon thereafter he fired a second shot which hit the wheel's rim. A third shot rang out and hit the door on my side, but I was not hit. On seeing that I might get killed or injured I started my car and drove to the police station where I laid charges against him."

West Rand police chief Colonel "Cowboy" Saunders yesterday confirmed that a charge has been laid against a councillor. He said a man is being detained and would appear in court today. The man is to appear on a charge of attempted murder at the Krugersdorp Regional Court.

Mamelodi power boost

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MORE than R3-million has been set aside for the upgrading of electricity supply network in Mamelodi.

The Mamelodi Community Council has approved the increase of the amount to be spent on this project from R3,1-million to R3,3-million.

In his report tabled at the council meeting at the weekend, Mr F Aab, Director of Technical Services of the Central Transvaal Administration, recommended that more money be spent on the upgrading of the township's power supply network in view of the recurring power failures in Mamelodi.

Mr Aab also said overloading of the existing system was the major cause of the township's power failure. More than R14-million

would be required to eliminate the danger of power failure in the township, he said.

"With one or two exceptions the cause of power failure in Mamelodi, between May 15 and June 15 this year was due to overloading. An earnest appeal should be made to the residents to guard against overloading in their homes," said Mr Aab.

"This problem of power failure could seriously delay the development of the new residential areas. But we cannot stop development. That is why I think something should be done immediately."

Mr Aab said his department was experiencing manpower problems. The existing staff was "hopelessly" inadequate, he said. Sapa

MOCA HITS BACK

By NKOPANE MAKOBANE

THE MOHLAKENG Council is following in the footsteps of its boss, Dr Piet Koorhof, Minister of Co-operation and Development, by making unfulfilled promises.

This claim was made by Mr Pinky Ngakane, chairman of the Mohlakeng Civic Association (Moca), in an interview with **THE SOWETAN** when the **SPOTLIGHT** team visited the area last week.

His organisation which was formed three years ago, aligns itself with all other civic organisations throughout the country. It came into being after it was realised that the local council was a powerless body, ignoring or doing very little as re-

gards problems and grievances affecting the residents.

Since its inception, Moca has tackled a number of issues like rent increases and transport. In fighting some of these matters, it has even sought legal advice and has at least one pending legal action.

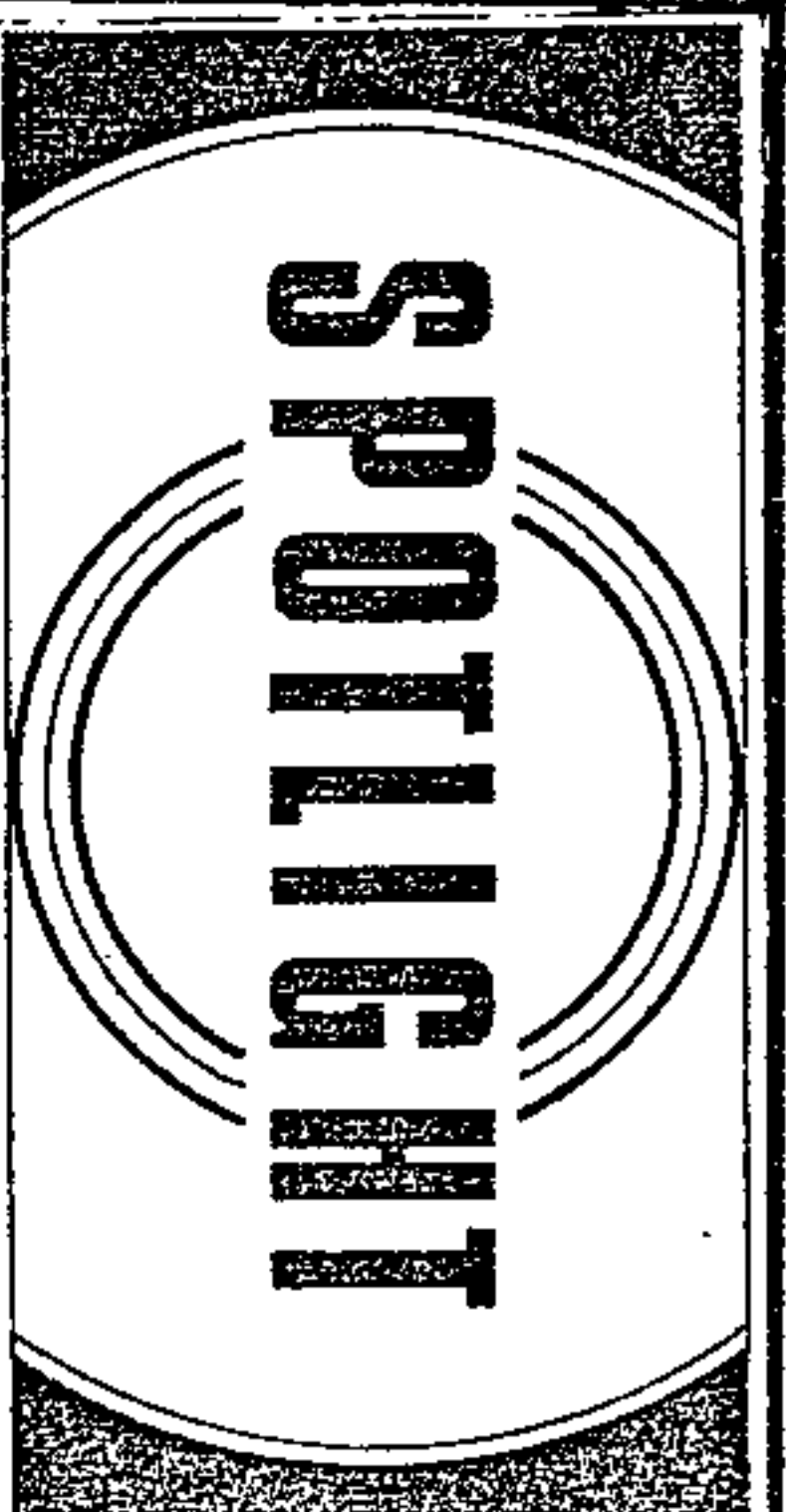
One area of concern, according to Mr Ngakane, is the critical housing situation. Although he admits that the housing problem is not confined to South Africa alone, he feels very little has been done by the local authorities to alleviate the position. He is furious that the last time that any houses

were built was four years back. His contention is that the council has been fit to build additional, posh hostel structures for migrant labourers rather than provide much needed houses for hundreds of residents who are on the waiting list.

Mr Ngakane, who does not mince his words, also says he is not happy about the council not calling public meetings to inform the residents about issues concerning them. He says allegations by the council members that they fear to hold meetings because Moca members have intimidated the community to

kill them are untrue. "I fail to understand how people who regard themselves as the leaders of Mohlakeng are afraid to meet the people they are supposed to uplift. This goes to show that there is something wrong and that they also realise that they are inefficient," he says. Another matter which

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MR PINKY NGAKANE: Chairman of the Mohlakeng Civic Association.

their duties. This, he claims, is the result of the cowardice of some councillors who seek outside help instead of fighting their own battles. "I want to make it clear to our opponents that we are prepared to

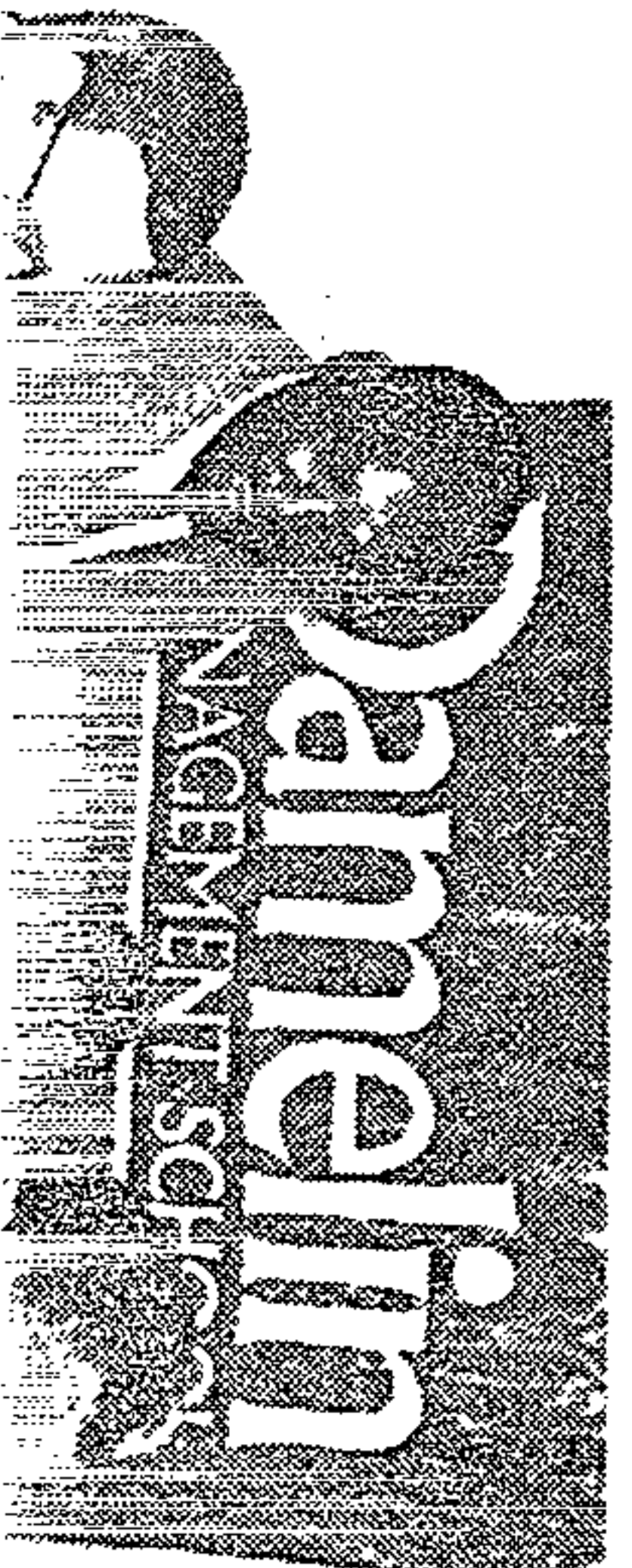
fight on and we will not be threatened or intimidated. Anyone who challenges our beliefs must know that we will fight on and we are ready to stand before a court of law to uphold what we think is right," he says.

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Azapo slams Asvat eviction

THE eviction of Dr Abu Baker Asvat from the surgery where he has been practising for the past 10 years is seen as "political victimisation" by the Azanian People's Organisation (Azapo).

Dr Asvat, who is on

the Health Committee of Azapo, is expected to vacate his surgery at Mochaeneng at the end of the month. But he has vowed that he will not move away voluntarily from a place which has become his second

home

"We view Dr Asvat's eviction as a politically motivated act of victimisation, which is not only meant for him, but which is directed at the whole discriminated nation which he is ser-

ving," said Mr Ishmael Mkhabela, Azapo's PRO.

An extension which Dr Asvat had requested from the Soweto Council so that he could arrange alternative accommodation was refused.

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Wrab men dragged me off bus — doctor

Mail Reporter

A SOWETO doctor was allegedly manhandled on Monday by two West Rand Administration Board officials on Chicken Farm and warned to "mind his own business".

Dr Abu-Baker Asvat had visited families who had slept in an unused bus since Friday last week after the roof of the stable they lived in had been ripped off by Wrab workers.

Wrab officials had given instructions to the workers to rip off the corrugated roof to set up shacks for five families that were transferred from the stable to the Fred Clark emergency camp for squatters.

Mr T F Bronkhorst, senior township manager of the area, accompanied by the su-

perintendent Mr J Lange, found Dr Asvat speaking to the occupants in the bus.

Mr Bronkhorst demanded to know what the doctor was doing in the area and if he had a permit to be there.

Dr Asvat said he explained that he did not have his permit on him. He alleges the two officials manhandled him and dragged him out of the bus.

Mr Bronkhorst threatened Dr Asvat with arrest and said: "I will arrest you the next time I find you in our area. This is our area."

Yesterday Dr Asvat said he was considering what action to bring against the officials. He claims also Mr Bronkhorst used abusive language.

Yesterday Mr Bronkhorst refused to comment.

A small township walks tall when it comes to sport

By NKOPANE MAKOBANE

NO SMALL township stands as tall as the tiny Mohlakeng township when it comes to well known sports personalities.

What puts the township in the limelight is the fact that with only about 5 000 houses, a fraction compared to Soweto and many other black townships, it has been proved that there is an abundance of talent in the area.

One cannot think of football without the mind crossing to Mohlakeng — nor boxing and even tennis for that matter.

Names that quickly come to mind when one thinks about soccer are Patrick "Ace" Ntsoelengoe, Joseph "Banks" Setlhodi, Patrick "IBM" Sithole, Donald "Ace" Khuse and Guitar Aphane — once rated by the great Percy "Chippa" Moloi as world class.

In boxing the township prides itself on the fact that one of its residents was the first black to win a world title. Peter "Terror" Mathebula became a hero for South Africa when he took the flyweight title from Tai-Shik Kim in Korea only to lose it later to Santos Laciari at Orlando Stadium.

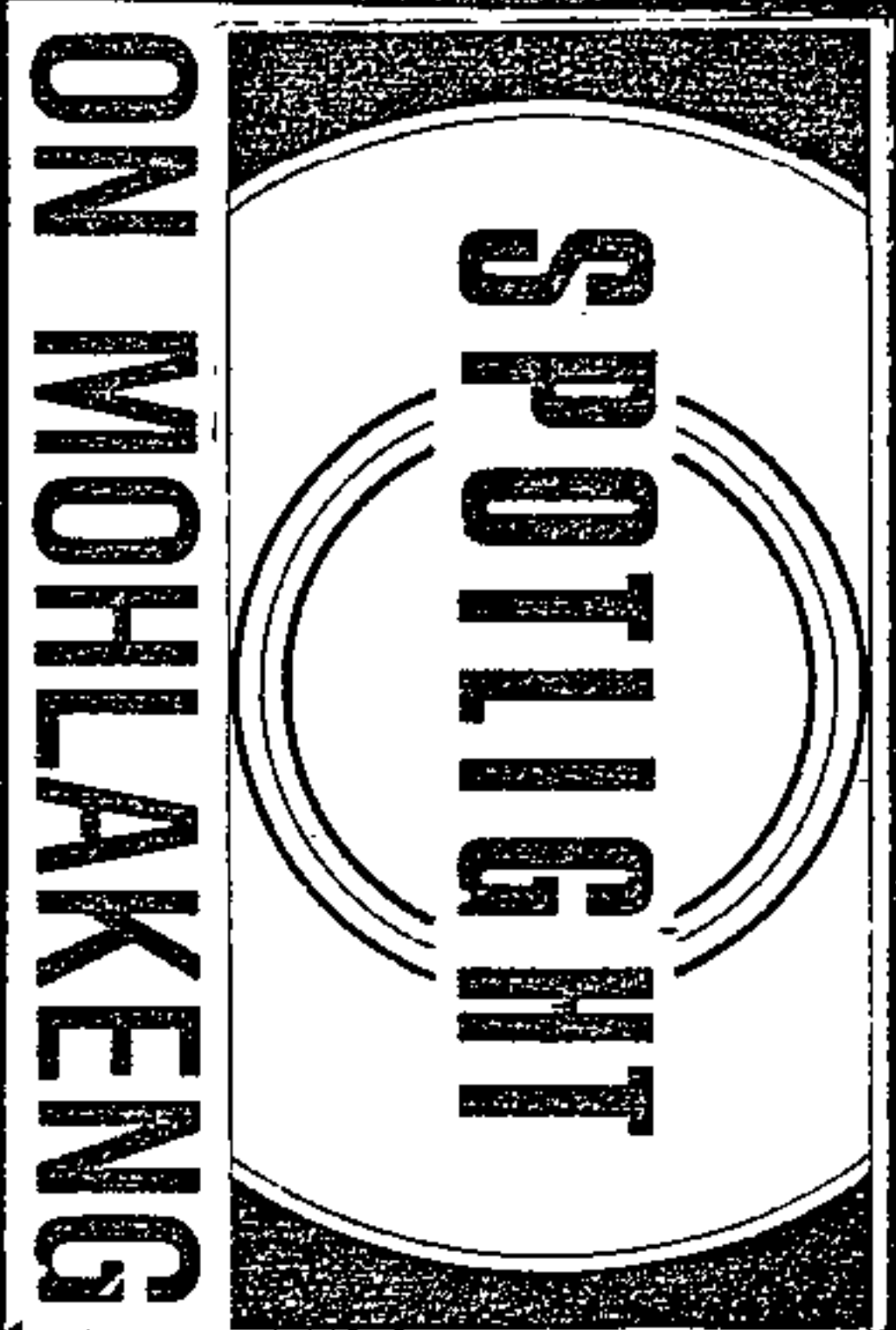
As for tennis — the second most popular sport in the area after football — it boasts of having produced Rocky Mogapi, who in the early '60s partnered the great Jane Muso.

During the SPOTLIGHT team's visit to the township it was unfortunate that none of these personalities were available but we did talk to "Ace" Ntsoelengoe's mother, Margaret. She said her son's in-

terest in soccer started at an early age, just like many township youngsters. She said she had problems at times when she wanted to send "Ace" to the shops because he would be nowhere to be found, being busy elsewhere kicking a football with his mates.

The first team "Ace" started playing for was Young Ones of the Old location. When they moved to Mohlakeng he had then played for Home Stars who belonged to Mr Matsipane Motsumi.

At the age of 16 he was among a pick team that represented Mohlakeng against the then Kaizer XI. It was at this stage that he was spotted by Kaizer Motaung and so began on his journey to fame.



That was in 1969.

Like any mother, she said, when "Ace" first went abroad she missed him very much but has now got used to his being away.

"Ace" regularly writes to her to find out how things are back home. The last letter she received from him mentioned that he was disappointed that his team was not faring so well but he hoped it would pick up before his return in September.

The letter also said his fans should dispel wor-

ries that he was not playing because of injuries.

He said he was playing pretty well and last month he was chosen as the best midfielder of Toronto Blizzards.

"Ace" is not the only one with talent in his family. His late father used to play for Randfontein Young Zebras.

Two of his brothers, Fonda and Henry, play for his club, Ace Kicks, and another for Jade East Dynamos. His youngest brother's interest is in tennis and the same applies to his sister.

PROUD FAMILY: Mrs Margaret Ntsoelengoe with two of his sons, Fonda (on the right) and Henry. They are holding awards "Ace" won last year while doing duty for Toronto Blizzards.



ACE SERVE: Patrick "Ace" Ntsoelengoe relaxing with a game of tennis in his hometown in Mohlakeng.



WORLD CHAMP: Peter "Terror" Mathebula mobbed by well-wishers during his reign as world champion.



Wrab's 'migrant' ruling to be challenged in court

By STEVEN FRIEDMAN
Labour Correspondent

A RULING by the West Rand Administration Board, which could deprive thousands of migrant workers of the permanent city rights they believed they had won in terms of the Rikhotso judgment, is to be challenged in the courts.

A lawyer employed by the Legal Resources Centre said yesterday an application to the courts to overturn the ruling, which would deny city rights to migrants who are citizens of "independent" homelands, would be launched today.

Wrab has been refusing to grant city rights in terms of the Rikhotso judgment to these workers.

It argues that they are not entitled to rights because they are "foreigners" and has referred its view to the Department of Co-operation and Development's Pretoria head office for a ruling.

No decision has yet been taken by the Department, but, if Wrab's interpretation holds sway, tens of thousands of workers would be deprived of rights which they believed they had won in terms of the Rikhotso ruling.

Since Wrab's stance became known, however, lawyers have said they believe that the board's interpretation is "totally incorrect"

and workers from "independent" homelands are entitled to these rights.

Yesterday, a lawyer employed by the Legal Resources Centre, Mr Charles Nupen, confirmed the centre had been briefed to apply for city rights on behalf of an "independent" homeland citizen who has been refused rights.

He said he was in the process of completing the necessary papers and that the application would be launched today.

Mr Nupen said the worker who had briefed the centre was a Bophuthatswana worker, but declined to reveal his name or further details until papers have been served on Wrab.

The case could, however, take some months to come before the courts.

The application to be brought by the LRC will provide yet another test of official interpretations of the pass laws.

In five key "test cases" over the past few years, the courts have overruled official interpretations on influx control law.

Wrab relies for its interpretation on a stipulation in the Black (Urban Areas) Consolidation Act which stipulates that foreign blacks are not entitled to city rights.

However, lawyers and civil rights groups argue that this stipulation does not apply to blacks who are citizens of "independent" homelands, which were formerly part of South Africa.



EASY GOING: Mr Sidwell Molefe on the (right) having a good time with some of the patrons of his shebeen.

A shebeener who cares

By NKOPANE MAKOBANE

MR SIDWELL Lekwete Molefe, a businessman in Mohlakeng near Randfontein who attained success from humble beginnings, has come to be known as a man of the people.

Like other people of a similar standing one would imagine him to be mixing with the elite, but he boldly says he prefers the company of down to earth people because "these are the people that have made me what I am today, and many of them have been

my friends since childhood."

Besides being a businessman-cum-shebeen owner, Mr Molefe, popularly known as "Four Boys", is an active member of his community.

He is the chairman of the M o h l a k e n g Chamber of Commerce, public relations officer of the M o h l a k e n g Tavern Association, chairman of the Sedimosing Higher Primary School

and an official of a bursary club formed some two years ago to cater for local students.

He is also former secretary of both Phahama High School and Tswelelo Lower Primary School as well as a former official of Randfontein Young Zebras.

Talking to Mr Molefe, one realises that his love for education is immense. On his own accord, apart from the activities of the bursary

club, he has been sponsoring 15 high school students every year since 1981.

"I took this upon myself because, as a person running a tuck shop at Phahama High School, I felt it was proper that I should plough back a little towards the needy school children. I am pleased to say that some of these students have gone into teaching while others are at university," he said.

The company, whose chairman is Mr S Maribe, has already obtained a site to build a complex costing about R1-million. The complex will have an administration block for the company, a supermarket and offices to let for businessmen and other professional people.

Proud

Mr Molefe is also proud that his chamber of commerce, with 35 members in the township, donated an amount of R350 to the local Methodist Church choir before they departed to London on June 30 following their success last year in winning the Ford Choirs/music competition. They also organised a welcome party last year when the Phahama Boys Choir returned from a trip in Switzerland where they fared quite well.

And last weekend, Mr Molefe officially opened his re-zoned shebeen and threw a party for hundreds of his patrons. He is one of the 16 of the 25 tavern members who are awaiting the approval of their liquor licences.

"I welcome the idea of legalising the shebeens because children under the age of 18 will not be allowed in. As a parent I am also concerned about the high rate of drinking among youngsters in the 40 shebeens scattered around the township. At least with the normalisation of these drinking places, we will be able to halt this practice," he said.

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Bursary

Turning to the bursary club, he said it was an idea that was formulated after 40 residents clubbed together to form a company called Raikagela (Pty) Limited.

For the last two years, the 40 residents — comprising shopkeepers, teachers and ordinary people — have contributed R100 a month an individual and their coffers now contain about R80 000.

New plans to eliminate forgeries

By Sue Leeman, Pretoria Bureau

The Department of Co-operation and Development is taking steps to stamp out the forgery of reference books and drivers' licences, a spokesman said yesterday.

The assistant-director of the department's Reference Bureau, Mr Braam Lintvelt, said during a Press tour of the bureau that officials were training police commissioners, magistrates and others to spot forgeries.

The department has also established a round-the-clock service to follow up queries from those manning road-blocks.

Monthly pass arrests hit 3 000

Pretoria Correspondent

Every month at least 1 000 blacks in the Johannesburg area run into problems with reference books, according to the Department of Co-operation and Development.

Officials told the Press yesterday that over one weekend in the city as many as 700 people were arrested for alleged pass offences — and the monthly figure country-wide reaches 3 000.

Officials said facsimile machines at the department's reference bureau in Pretoria were used to check the identities of alleged offenders.

From one of 17 aid centres countrywide a query would be put through to Pretoria.

Its facsimile machines reproduced the person's identity document, either confirming or disproving his story.

Officials said delays and unnecessary jailing were being eliminated.

New precautions are also being taken in the production of reference books. These include a new printing method in which the ink sinks two-thirds into the paper — making it impossible to erase vital information.

Since 1981, studs have been pinned through photographs and drivers' licences to make it difficult to insert forgeries.

Although the department has no concrete statistics on the number of forgeries in circulation, Mr Lintvelt said it remained a real problem, with some forgers appearing to have perfected their "craft".

He added that those trying to spot forged licences should look for:

- Writing that is crooked, or inconsistencies in the printing.
- Untidy municipal registration stamps.
- Stamps bearing the words "Bantu Reference Bureau". Since 1978 the word "Bantu" has been dropped.
- Certificates "issued" long after they were printed. The printing date usually appears in small letters in the bottom right-hand corner. Municipalities, said Mr Lintvelt, do not keep stocks of licence forms for long.

Groups join forces to aid Reef homeless

By Jo-Anne Collinge

Twenty community organisations are to combine with the victims of eviction and removal in a co-ordinated approach to aiding the Reef's homeless.

This was decided in Coronationville last night at a meeting convened by the Health Workers' Association (HWA) which has provided medical care to the displaced people of Chicken Farm, Soweto and residents of the nearby emergency housing camp at Fred Clark centre.

"The idea is that we will work with — and not for — the people, so that we don't create a situation where we provide relief for ourselves and for the of-

ficial system instead of assisting the victims to secure their human rights," summarised chairman Dr Errol Holland of the HWA.

The organisations affirmed their belief that adequate housing and the opportunity of seeking employment in the area of his or her choice were the inalienable right of the individual.

They dedicated themselves to redress infringements of these rights "by embarking on a programme of awareness as to the plight of victims and by collective action".

Speakers emphasised the economic and political roots of homelessness, pointing to the immediate role of in-

flux measures in disqualifying people from housing lists.

The areas of practical action outlined included:

- Caring for the welfare of victims by material aid and medical attention.
- Interceding with authorities on their behalf.
- Securing legal assistance and investigating new avenues of legal defence.
- Communication with, and organisation of, victims.
- Location of settlements under threat, or homeless groups.

Gasa on (43) murder rap 28/1/83

MR MOONLIGHT
Gasa, the chairman of the Ningizimu Community Council in Lamontville, and three other men were remanded in custody when they appeared briefly in the Durban Magistrate's Court yesterday charged with murder.

Mr Gasa (54), Mr Ebenezer Mapamulo Mngadi (59) of Lamontville, Mr Vakuthethwa Yalo (30) and Mr Julius Juja Ndodana (70), both of Bizana, appeared before Mr B J C Willemse on a charge of murdering Mr Harrison Dube, a community councillor.

Mr Dube was shot dead at his home in Lamontville on April 25.

The State alleges that Mr Gasa and Mr Mngadi plotted the killing and that Mr Yalo and Mr Ndodana carried it out.

Mr Mngadi has pleaded guilty to murder. Pleas of not guilty have been recorded for the other three men.

They will appear in court again on August 26.

The courtroom was crowded long before the men appeared and other people stood in the corridor outside.

The spectators remained silent as the men were remanded, but there was a roar from the crowd as they left the dock after a brief appearance. — Sapa.

Pensioner vows to defy R20 levy

By SAM MABE

AN 82-year-old pensioner who has twice been threatened with eviction from his Zola house, has vowed to defy the Soweto Council's order that all householders pay a R20 levy to pay off its overseas electricity loan.

Mr Walter Ngqoyi showed The SOWETAN two notices served on him on February 22 and on July 21 this year.

The first one warned him to pay an amount of R20 and the second one warned him that unless he paid R64 within seven days, he would be

evicted from his house.

He said he was fetched from his home by council policemen who asked him to produce his June and July rent receipts at the township manager's offices. He said the receipts were taken from him by a Mr Mtshali.

"I do not understand why he had to keep those receipts because I thought they were mine. But I am not stupid, I know that I am up to

date with my rent and electricity payments, which is all I am prepared to pay every month.

"Anything else, I will certainly not pay. Early this year we were asked to pay R30 if we wanted electricity and I paid that without hesitation. When we were afterwards asked to pay R20 for repayments of an overseas loan, I felt that was demanding too much and my resolution is not to pay.

"Nobody around here seems to know what is happening. Everybody in this area has had policemen knocking at their doors to raid them over the payment of this R20.

"I refuse to accept that the overseas loan we are expected to pay back has anything to do with us and I am firm that I will not pay even a cent," said Mr Ngqoyi.

He added that he has briefed his lawyer on the issue.

The superintendent was unavailable for comment.



MR NGQOYI ... "I will not pay."



CHAIRMAN: Tshabalala.

'Mayor' ^{28/7/83} ^{Sowetan} hits out at police ³⁴³ over raids

By MONK NKOMO

THE ATTERIDGEVILLE/Saulsville Community Council yesterday condemned the alleged spate of pass raids and assaults on local residents by black and white policemen in the township.

Mr Joseph Tshabalala, the council chairman, lashed out at the alleged incidents at the council's monthly meeting yesterday. The raids were allegedly carried out by police stationed in town.

The condemnation followed allegations by a 28-year-old man who was allegedly punched and kicked by black and white policemen during a pass raid in the township two weeks ago.

Mr Winston Patrick Peta of 15 Segola Street has since laid a charge of assault against black and white policemen who allegedly assaulted him near his home on July 13.

Mr Peta told **The SO-**
WETAN he was stopped by police travelling in a big van and a kombi with Bophuthatswana registration numbers (YBX) at about 10am that day. He said when they demanded to see his reference book he gave them a temporary identity certificate issued to him after he had lost his reference book.

He added: "I was surprised when they insisted that they wanted a pass and not a piece of paper. I tried to explain but, instead, I was punched and kicked by the policemen who then put me into the van."

Mr Peta said he was then taken to the Help Centre in Von Wielligh Street in town where he "was again assaulted and then released at about 3.30pm the same day".

Brigadier H A du Plessis, chief CID officer for the Northern Transvaal, yesterday confirmed that Mr Peta had laid a charge against the police who allegedly assaulted him. The matter, he said, was being investigated.

"It is the first time we have heard of this terrible thing which must stop forthwith," said Mr Tshabalala. The council, he added, would launch an intensive investigation into the matter.

Black Sash slams govt

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THE BLACK Sash has accused the Government of side-stepping, evading, manipulating and ignoring the rulings of the courts and has alleged that administration board officials have been arbitrarily refusing to give urban residence rights to migrant workers who have applied for them in the wake of the Rhikoto Case.

In a document examining the government's response to the Rhikoto judgment, the Black Sash quotes examples of people who have apparently been prevented from obtaining their rights by bureaucratic traps.

The document claims that:

- People have been told unlawfully that they will have to wait for decisions in their cases to come from Pretoria;
- people who completed application forms in the first weeks of June are being told these forms have been cancelled and they have to fill in new ones;
- workers are being given complicated forms on which their employers have to supply details of precise dates of engagement and "discharge" for each contract as well as dates of paid or unpaid leave;
- when employers are unable to complete the form correctly, even when employers certify that the workers have been employed by them, they are told to "forget it";

- arbitrary, false reasons are being given for the refusal of rights, (contract workers are apparently told they are not entitled to urban residence rights and that the required 10-year period of continuous employment had to have begun in 1968);

- Tswana, Venda and Xhosa people are being refused 10(1)(B) rights and are being told they are not entitled to them if they did not complete the 10-year period before the date of their respective homelands' independence;

- some are being told they are classified as Section 13 workers and are therefore not eligible for Section 10 rights, even when they have been registered in terms of Section 10(1)(D).

Dr Gert du Preez, press liaison officer for the Western Cape Administration Board, declined yesterday to comment on the document until the board had had time to study its contents. — Sapa.

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Mamelodi Council lashes Koornhof

By MONK NKOMO

THE Mamelodi Community Council yesterday accused the Minister of Co-operation and Development, Dr Piet Koornhof, of retarding the township's progress by delaying approval for a new housing site.

The council chairman, Mr W M Aphane, said they were still awaiting ministerial approval on the proposed new resi-

dential sites aimed at alleviating the housing backlog in the township.

APPLICATION

The council, in an effort to ease the acute housing shortage submitted an application to the Minister early this year to have the eastern

boundary extended, Mr Aphane said. The council has already approved millions of rands for the establishment of an elite area and Extensions 1 and 2 in Mamelodi East which would comprise about 2 000 residential sites.

"The housing crisis

has reached alarming proportions and only if the proposed plans are approved will we be able to help solve the backlog," Mr Aphane said yesterday. He added that each time they had enquired when approval would be obtained, officials from the local administration board told the council they were also awaiting approval from the Minister.

Health Fair launched

EACH of Baragwanath Hospital's 622 doctors is responsible for an average 2 800 patients a year and the hard-pressed staff at the hospital treat 1,8-million out-patients annually, Mr Brian Gibson said this week.

Mr Gibson was speaking at the launching of Health Fair '83, an educational exhibition — underwritten by Carlton Paper — to be held at the Diepkloof Hall from September 17 to 25 from

10 am to 10 pm. The seminar and exhibition is funded by 20 manufacturers of health care products.

The primary aim of the Health Fair is to contribute towards better understanding of health in the community. Exhibitors have been asked to lay stress on the quality and content of the educational effort. The organisers said there was no profit motive and excess re-



HEALTH FAIR '83: The organising committee members, from left to right: Pelma Lekhele, Nick Utton and Gladys Phakoa.

ceipts would be donated to the Soweto Chamber of Commerce and the Friends of Baragwanath society. Visitors will receive special vouchers and samples, education material from the exhibitors and product related lectures and demonstrations.

OPINION

The Fair will be open to trade and opinion formers, nurses, student nurses, teachers, paramedics, clinic staff and others by invitation on September 15 and 16 and to the public thereafter. It will be preceded by a seminar in the Baragwanath Hospital auditorium on August 22 on "The Role of Private Enterprise in Community Health".

'Mayor' slams assassinations

By MONK NKOMO

THE ruthless killings of two Daveyton community leaders was the work of armchair revolutionists intent on sowing seeds of confusion in the community, the Atteridgeville/Saulsville Community Council charged yesterday.

At their monthly meeting yesterday the council chairman, Mr Joseph Tshabalala, launched a scathing at-

tack on the killers of Mr Jacob "JR" Ratale (54), who was gunned down in cold blood in his shop on the night of July 15 this year, and Mr Andrew Nxumalo, who was shot dead last year.

Reacting to the killings, Mr Tshabalala condemned the "brutal murders" and made a passionate plea to the public that: "If you do not like anybody in the council, do not kill him — vote him out."

Buses to Turfloop

THE UNIVERSITY of the North (Turfloop) will re-open for the second semester on Monday, August 1, and student leaders have organised buses to ferry students back on Sunday evening.

The buses will leave from Jomo's Kentucky in Dube at 5 pm and will travel via Johannesburg Station. Those who may need to make bookings are asked to phone 986-1274 and ask for Frans or Looky. They can also go personally to 467 Olifant Street, Rockville. The buses have been organised for students in Soweto and other Reef regions.

Saawu men held

TWO organisers of the South African Allied Workers' Union (Saawu) were detained by South

Saawu officials being held in the border. The vice-president, Mr Sisa

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DR K'S GIFT ³⁴³ NOT A ^{city} BONSELA ^{Pres} — 'MAYOR'

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By TEBELLO RADEBE

DR PIET KOORNHOF has given the Katlehong Community Council a bonsela they do not know about — an extension a quarter the size of the township. The council learned this from a letter from Mr R J Raath, Director-General of the Department of Co-Operation and Development.

Mr Raath says: "Ministerial approval for the extension of Katlehong by various portions of land whose size is 726,1623 hectares is conveyed."

The monthly meeting of the council this week unanimously accepted a recommendation that "more information regarding the extent of the area be obtained".

"Gentlemen," said the Mayor, Mr A P Khumalo, to the council, "this is a matter we do not know much about. I hardly even know where the farm Boomplats is."

"We must get more information," Mr Chairman," added Councillor Jacob Khoali. "Right now we are not sure where the township will expand to because we are now swamped by Indians in Ridge on one side, coloureds (Eden Park) on another and whites in Leon- dale."

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'ONLY BULLDOZERS WILL MOVE ME'

"THEY will have to bring in bulldozers to remove me from my surgery, or else I will not move," said Dr Abubaker Asvat.

Dr Asvat has been ordered to move out of his surgery opposite Regina Mundi in Soweto by Sunday by West Rand Board chief director, C J

Bezuidenhout.

Dr Asvat, Azapo's chief health spokesman, has been practising at the surgery for 13 years and has become a father figure to many squatters in the area.

This week, Dr Asvat had another quarrel - with Pimville township

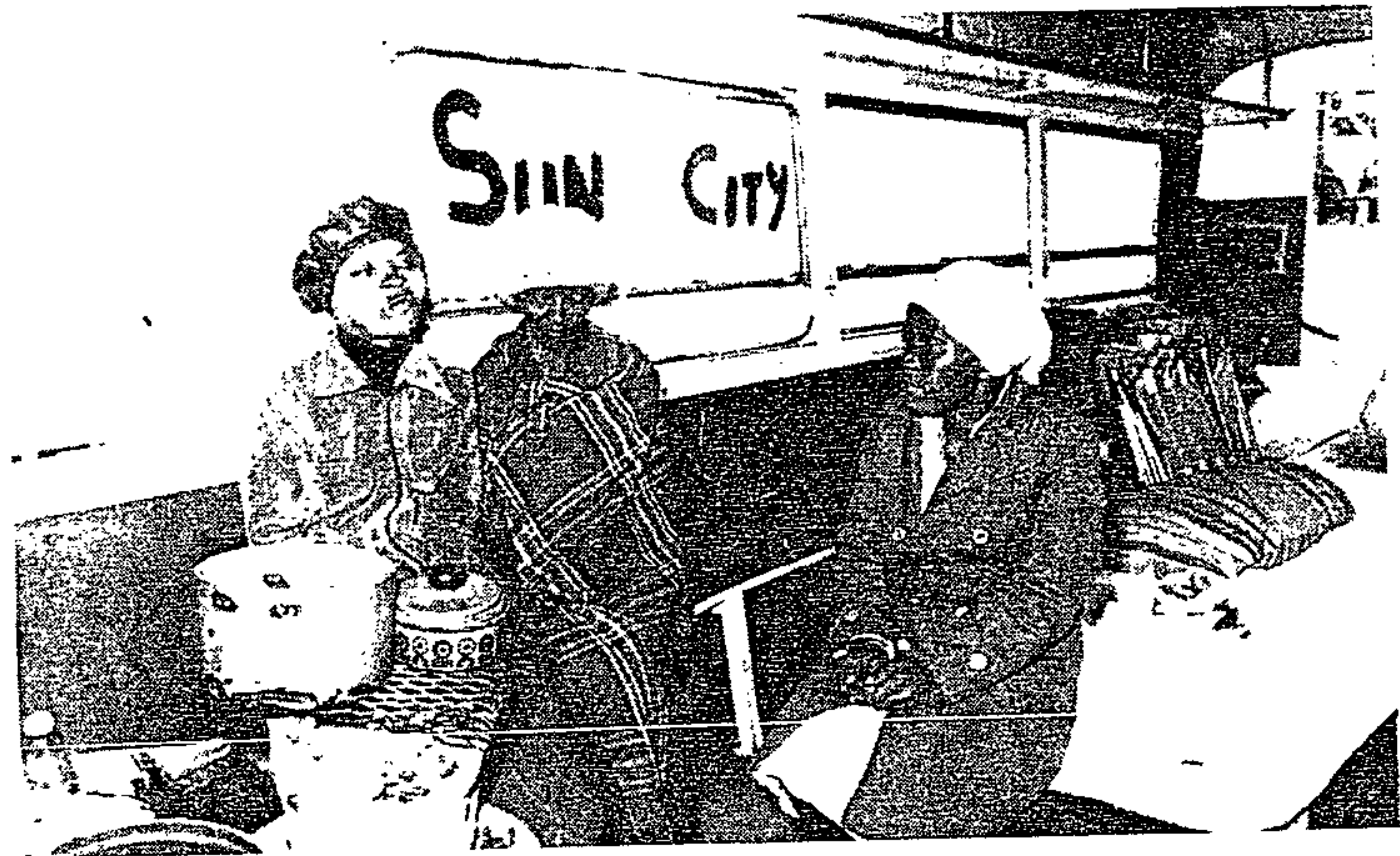
manager T F Bronkhorst at the squatters' camp.

Bronkhorst ordered him out of the area while Dr Asvat was attending to some squatters he had rehoused in a disused bus.

Bronkhorst ordered two of his police to eject him and said that he was trespassing.



● Dr Asvat ... staying.



● Hardly Sun City, but a home for these squatters.