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Far East Rand gets a huge black city

By ANTON HARBER Political Reporter

EKANGALA — intended to be one of the biggest townships in South Africa within 17 years — is rising rapidly out of the dusty veld near Bronkhorstspruit, 100km north-east of Johannesburg.

The East Rand Administration Board (Erab) has already built the first 620 houses of a scheme intended to create a township of 300 000 people in 52 000 houses by the year 2000.

The importance of the scheme is immense, for it signals crucial new patterns in the way the region is to be developed and in the implementation of influx control.

The scheme was described in Growth magazine, the publication of the Corporation for Economic Development, as the "first and most dramatic manifestation of the Government's new policy of decentralisation".

Its importance is underlined by the fact that finance for the project is coming directly from the central Government, which spent R14-million on it this year and is planning to spend the same next year.

It is accompanied by Ekindustria, an industrial growth area intended to attract a huge amount of manufacturing business.

Already, according to Erab officials, 200ha of land has been set aside and all of it has already been earmarked for specific firms.

The plan is that by the year 2000, at least 675ha of land will be developed for industrial use.

If you drive to Bronkhorstspruit, you will see a small sign saying "Ekangala" shortly before you reach this small town.

If you turn off the main road and follow the sign down a small dirt road, you will find a new cluster of houses rising out of a barren and empty field.

This is Ekangala. It is immediately striking because it is not being built in the patterns of the townships we have become accustomed to.

Gone are the straight rows of dowdy, identical matchbox houses. The houses are varied in size, design and even colour. All are electrified. Although this hardly denotes luxury, it does denote a change from the style of Transvaal townships in the past.

"Nowadays we apply modern town planning when we build these townships," the head of Erab, Mr Charles Marx, said in an interview. The streets are not straight, but follow the natural contours of the land. Some of the houses are set back from the road, some sit closer to the road. Their size ranges between two and four bedrooms.

In some ways, the design has not changed. There are still only one or two access roads, probably for security reasons.

The official purpose of building such a township, according to Mr Marx, is to relieve the pressure on the PWV area.

"The PWV population has already outgrown the infrastructure of the area. Decentralisation is absolutely necessary.

"It would be better to move now to areas where land is not so expensive and labour is cheaper.

"Ekangala is just outside the PWV area, so it is still within its sphere of influence. It is not so far for people to commute to the East Rand, for example," he said.

It seems therefore that a key part of the plan is to facilitate the implementation of influx control.

Faced with a swiftly growing population in the PWV area, which is becoming increasingly difficult to control and service, the Government is trying to attract industry and people already in urban area to new points a little further away from the urban areas.

Black people, they are hoping, will be attracted by houses and jobs. Over 58 000 people are in need of homes in the area of Erab administration and there are 13 000 names on the waiting list for homes in Katlehong alone.

Need is thus likely to drive many people to Ekangala.

This could represent a new carrot and stick style of population removal, with the carrot of housing and jobs being matched with the slow building of houses and unemployment in areas like the East Rand.

As Erab responds to housing shortages by destroying over 11 000 "illegal structures" in recent months, so they simultaneously offer housing in Ekangala.

But the carrot is being held out to very specific people.

Ekangala and Ekindustria will be placed right on the edge of KwaNdebele, the small "homeland" destined to take Pretoria-style independence at the end of next year.

According to the latest plan for the consolidation of KwaNdebele, the border will run right through the middle of both the township and the industrial area.

The plan, according to Mr Marx, is to house Ndebele-speaking people on the "homeland" side of the border, and others on the South African side. Half will be administered by KwaNdebele, and half by Erab.

Apart from the obvious problems the township administration will have with passport control, it is also possible that entirely different rules, facilities and rents might apply in the two different parts of the township.

It is possible that such things as wage controls, safety rules and legal attitudes to trade unions may differ entirely between the two sections of the industrial area.

The South African side will be a prescribed area and the houses will be strictly for people with Section 10(1)a and 10(1)b rights to live in urban areas.

The prices of the houses — between R5 500 and R12 000 in the first scheme — will limit the range of people even further. According to Mr Marx, there was a lot of response to an initital advertisement for the houses, "but it would appear that they are slightly on the expensive side and not everyone can afford it".

The houses will be rented at first but sold in the near future when the position of the area is finalised. The first scheme being built at the moment will include 1 500 houses. The second will begin once demand has been gauged.

According to Mr Marx, Ekindustria is hoping to employ 37 000 workers by the turn of the century. It is clear that many others will have to commute to work elsewhere.

It has been reported in several places that the second half of the development plan includes a high-speed railway line to carry commuters to the workplaces on the East Rand, about an hour's drive away.

Asked about this, Mr Marx said there was no such plan at the moment, "but nothing is impossible". Such a distance is "internationally accepted" as a reasonable distance for people to commute to work, he said.

So, this part of the plan implies that they would now prefer people to commute such distances than build houses for them near their places of work.

It is possible to speculate on political motivations for such a move. It is no coincidence that it comes at a time when the Government is considering the controversial Orderly Movement and Settlement of Black Person Bill and appears to be tightening up on influx control in general.

A community out in the Eastern Transvaal veld would be much easier to control in the event of unrest or a guerrilla threat. It will be close enough for people to commute, although only at great costs in time and money, and far enough for white cities to remain "white by night".

But the long term implications for those who move there could be more serious.

There has already been speculation that the entire area could be incorporated into KwaNdebele at a later stage. This would mean that workers who have taken the carrot and moved there will also lose what citizenship rights they have.

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Soweto still owes R2-m in power bills

Sowetan 4/1/84

THE Soweto Council is still faced with a huge electricity deficit of over R2-million — all owed by township householders in power bills.

And there is fear that this figure could rise dramatically within the next few months considering that all of Soweto's 105 000 housing stock should be having electricity later this year. At present 36 000 houses are receiving electricity while the rest have been wired and inspected by the complex's engineer.

This was disclosed yesterday by the council's director of finance, Mr Irwin Florence, who added that however, scores of defaulters had started paying to update their accounts. Some were facing arrears of up

By LEN MASEKO

to eight months and records showed that Orlando East had the highest figure of unpaid accounts.

According to the council's statistics the areas contributing to the R2-million deficit were: Mofolo (R199 000), Zola (R109 000), Tladi (R75 000), Senaoane (R92 000), Dube (R136 000), Pimville (R272 000), Tshiawelo (R41 000), White City Jabavu (R55 000), Moroka (R242 000), Orlando West (R483 000) and Orlando East (R710 000).

By the end of 1982, the electricity payment backlog had reached R2,5-million.

Mr Florence could not indicate what action his council would take to retrieve the money but said the matter would be discussed at a council meeting later this month. Last year, hundreds of Soweto residents appeared in the Commissioner's Court for failing to pay their electricity accounts.

Meanwhile Mr John Knoetze, chairman of the West Rand Administration Board, said yesterday that Greater Soweto received its electricity from Escom, at 4 cents per unit. "Some people may think that the Board is making a profit out of the charge, all this money is paid to Escom for the supply," he added.

Khumalo (30), N S Khumalo (18), and A Z Sibiya (27), all stationed at Mapumulo, near Greytown.

The dead civilian is Mr Maqiya Ngema (40) also of Mapumulo, who was one of the complainants in the case.

The police spokesman said the shooting occured on the border of Mapumulo and Kranskop, some 30 km from Greytown, at about 9.30 am, while the five policemen, accompanied by two complainants, were investigating the alleged theft of the goats.

The two policemen who survived are Constables E M Zuma, and J N Ngubane, while the third survivor is Mr George Manqele (36), also of Mapumulo.

Meanwile a "large number" of men had been arrested, police said in Pretoria yesterday.

A spokesman said the exact number of people held was not immediately available. He added that police had also seized two automatic rifles. — Sapa.

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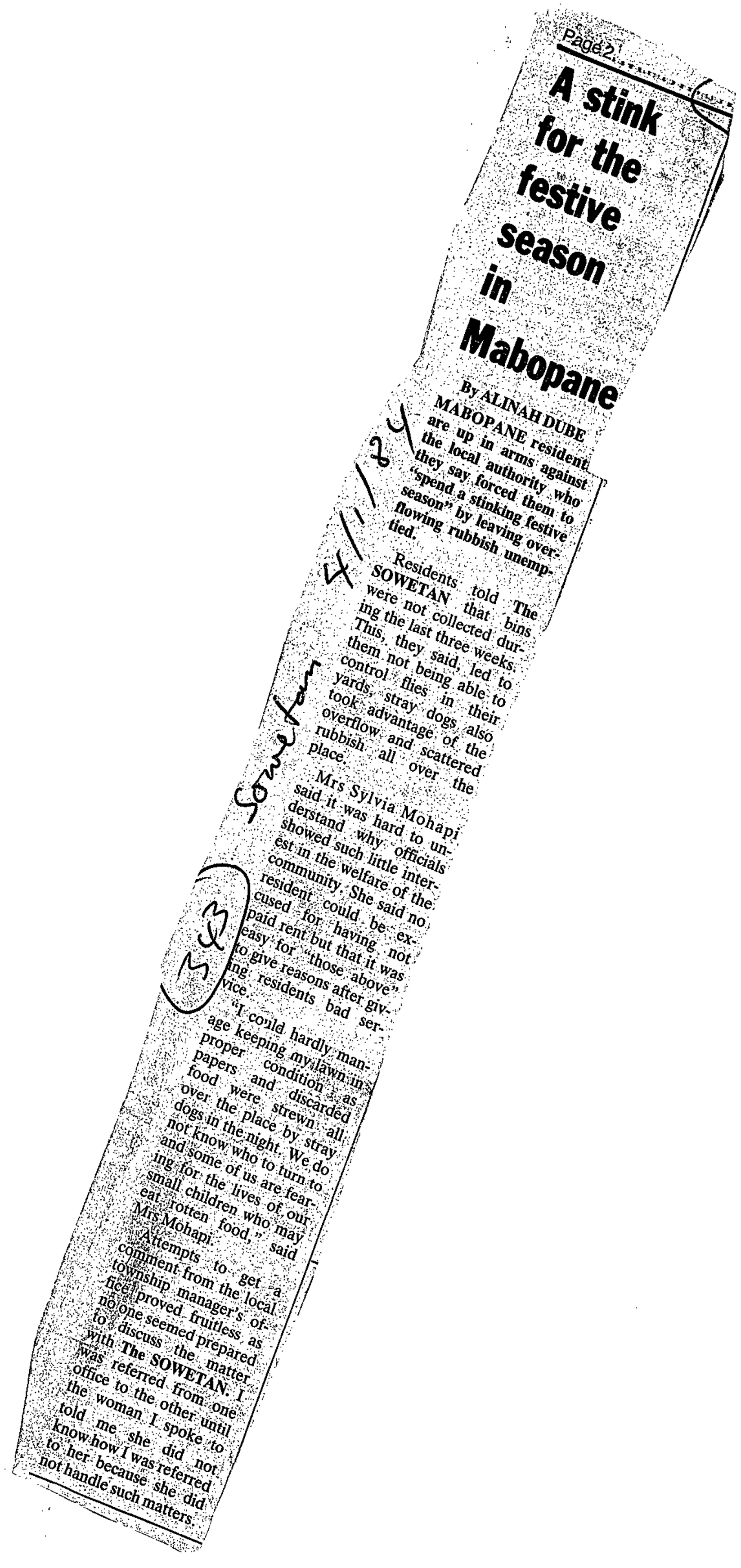

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A stink for the festive season in Mabopane

By ALINAH DUBE

MABOPANE residents are up in arms against the local authority who they say forced them to "spend a stinking festive season" by leaving overflowing rubbish unemptied.

Residents told The SOWETAN that bins were not collected during the last three weeks. This, they said, led to them not being able to control flies in their yards, stray dogs also took advantage of the overflow and scattered rubbish all over the place.

Mrs Sylvia Mohapi said it was hard to understand why officials showed such little interest in the welfare of the community. She said no resident could be accused for having not paid rent but that it was easy for "those above" to give reasons after giving residents bad service.

"I could hardly manage keeping my lawn in proper condition as papers and discarded food were strewn all over the place by stray dogs in the night. We do not know who to turn to and some of us are fearing for the lives of our small children who may eat rotten food," said Mrs Mohapi.

Attempts to get a comment from the local township manager's office proved fruitless as no one seemed prepared to discuss the matter with The SOWETAN. I was referred from one office to the other until the woman I spoke to told me she did not know how I was referred to her because she did not handle such matters.

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Housing loans for townships

2/7/84

African Affairs Reporter

THE Port Natal Administration Board yesterday announced that both the United Building Society and S A Permanent Building Society had signed agreements for housing loans to be granted to householders in Lamontville and Hambanati townships.

A board spokesman said as a result of the recent fixing of house prices in the two townships by the Department of Community Development, it had sent out letters to residents advising them of the new scheme.

They were being delivered to all registered occupiers of free-standing properties, requesting that they make fixed appointments as follows:

Lamontville residents should negotiate with the township manager. Hambanati residents should talk to the local executive officer.

The scheme starts in Lamontville on January 23 and in Hambanati on January 30.

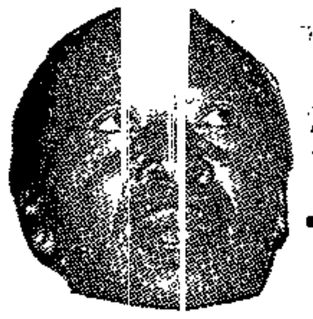
The spokesman said it had to be stressed that each sale would be negotiated on a person-to-person basis with the understanding that a prospective buyer may be accompanied by a legal representative, should he or she so wish.

The two buildings societies had recently signed agreements in terms of which loans would be granted to applicants under ceeded deeds of sale.

Any agreement between a prospective buyer and a building society regarding an advance of money, would be a private transaction.

The board would not be involved in the transactions.

Once consensus was reached by the Hambanati Community Council regarding the funding needed to update the electrical reticulation system in the township, final details for a sale price structure would be determined.



Mayor 'ET' turns up his nose . . .

I DON'T WANT DAVID T'S SHACK!

343 City Pen

8/11/84

SOWETO mayor Ephraim Tshabalala has rejected the R100 000 double storey mayoral house — because it is too ordinary and "lacks dignity".

The mayoral house — built by the Afrikaanse Sakekamer as a "gift" to the Soweto Council — was vacated by former "mayor" David Tshabalala after he lost last month's local authority elections.

"My present house is ordinary, but how can I move into another ordinary house? I don't want it," the recently-elected township leade said.

Instead, he said, he would recon mend that the house be turned into guest house for people from ove seas and other VIPs.

"The house doesn't have a swin ming pool, tennis courts or a park. is not a state house and it does nc have dignity.

"I'm from a royal family in Swaz land and I need a house that befi my status," Mr Tshabalala told Cit Press.

By KHULU SIBIYA

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Rent reduction a long time coming

City Press 8/1/84

THE defunct Soweto Council's decision four months ago to reduce rent in Soweto's Chiawelo Extension 3 has still not been carried out.

By KHULU SIBIYA

The council recommended in October that the provisional rental of R145,20 be reduced to R128,01.

The recommendations were, however, subject to the Department of Community Development's approval.

And now confused residents are repeatedly being turned back by local superintendents when they try to pay the new rent.

Soweto Council director of housing Mr J J Oosthuizen confirmed that the council passed the resolution, but added that the council could do nothing until they received a reply from Community Development.

City Press then spoke to 15 Community Development officials who said they knew nothing about the recommendation.

Mr Jan Joubert finally referred City Press to West Rand Administration Board chairman Mr John Knoetze, who said the onus was on the council to put their decision into effect – not Community Development.

He said the council had discovered there was no excess expenditure after the houses were built.

They also recommended that the selling price of the houses be reduced from R13 800 to R11 218.

But residents who go to the township office are being told to pay the old price, which has increased confusion.

Soweto's new "mayor", Mr Ephraim Tshabalala, said he could not comment until the first council meeting on January 9.



EPHRAIM TSHABALALA: Can't comment on decision by previous council.

'Whites must go'

343 Soweton 12/1/84

ALL white officials employed by the Soweto Town Council will be required to resign and reapply for their jobs, it was revealed in a shock move yesterday.

This means that about 100 white officials, including township superintendents, who were seconded to the council by the West Rand Administration Board (Wrab), will be affected by the decision.

Yesterday, Wrab's chairman, Mr John Knoetze, revealed that there had been a discussion between Wrab and members of Mr Ephraim Tshabalala's council about the matter.

By ZWELAKHE SISULU

"The feeling was that in due course they will want to advertise the jobs," Mr Knoetze said.

But, the decision will not affect the council's 2 300 black employees who were transferred from Wrab to the newly installed local authority shortly before the December elections.

The chairman of Diepmeadow, Mr J C Mahuhushi, is also known to be in favour of his council making a similar ruling as regards seconded white officials.

Mr Knoetze said his staff had been seconded to the three Greater Soweto councils for as long

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as they would be needed.

He said the Soweto Council was entitled to demand that officials should re-apply: "The new applicants will be evaluated and be appointed on merit, be they black or white.

"The council is definitely acting within the rights and there is nothing strange about this," he said.

If, however, senior officials such as the Chief Executive Officer, Mr Nico Malan were not reappointed, then they would be taken back by Wrab: "I would be more than happy to have him back, there is a place for him and other officials."

In the event of the Soweto Council deciding to appoint a new chief executive and heads of its various departments, it will have to consult with the Department of Co-operation and Development.

While the ruling will only affect the administrative staff for now, it is expected that the council will, as soon as it is expedient, move on to the technical services, such as sewerage and electricity.

Township mayors to be sworn in

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TWELVE town councils under the Black Local Authorities Act will be inaugurated in a series of ceremonies to be held on the Witwatersrand and Pretoria, starting tomorrow.

The Deputy Minister of Co-operation and Development, Dr G de V Morrison, and senior department officials will officiate at the functions. New chairman of the town councils will be presented with mayoral chains.

The councils to be inaugurated are Vosloorus and Daveyton (tomorrow); Katlehong, Thokoza, Diepmeadow and Dobsonville (next Wednesday); Kwa-Thema, Tembisa and Wattville (Thursday next week); Mamelodi, Witbank and Saulsille/Atteridgeville (Tuesday next week).

A spokesman for the Department of Co-operation and Development said yesterday that inauguration ceremonies for Soweto and Alexandra town councils would be held at a date still to be announced.

Knoetze denies Wrab burnt shacks



MR KNOETZE: Press misinformed.

By ELLIOT TSHINGWALA

THE chairman of the West Rand Administration Board, Mr John Knoetze, yesterday denied that his board burnt down shacks in Fordsburg on Tuesday that left about 20 people homeless.

According to Mr Knoetze, the fire that destroyed the shacks as well as the squatters' clothing and other belongings and also part of a packing factory next to where the people were living, was caused by fires made by the people themselves for cooking.

"I have received a report from two of my white inspectors. The story that my inspectors set the shacks alight is nonsense," he said.

Mr Knoetze said according to the report he received two black inspectors from his board on a routine check in the area, found nine people squatting in an empty space on Tuesday at about 10am.

The inspectors had "courteously" asked the people to collect their belongings and leave the area as they were occupying the place illegally.

"They even allowed the people to finish their cooking," Mr Knoetze said. Thereafter the inspectors flattened the rickety structures and the sheet metal started burning. The fire spread to the nearby buildings. Mr Knoetze said the man who informed the Press had been misinformed.

700 are sacked

ABOUT 700 striking members of the Engineering and Allied Workers' Union employed by African Cables Company in Vereeniging were yesterday dismissed by the company.

This was confirmed by the company's managing director, Mr P Muller, who said that the company would start recruiting new workers from today.

Meanwhile, the Police Directorate in Pretoria yesterday confirmed that eight people were arrested — two for illegal trading and six for pass offences — near the company premises, while union officials claim that 50 members are believed to have been detained. This claim has not been confirmed.

Mr Muller has also denied reports that workers chanted freedom songs and shouted black power slogans on the premises while the union has condemned the police invoivement in the labour dispute.

In another labout dis-

By JOSHUA RABOROKO

pute, about 500 Soweto Council employees have complained of assault, being pointed at with a firearm and being called kaffirs by their white supervisors while on duty.

During an emotion-charged meeting at Zondi, the workers, mostly street cleaners and refuse removers, demanded that the supervisors be replaced with blacks. The council is to investigate the allegations.

Between 1 600 and 2 000 members of the Commercial Catering and Allied Workers' Union (Ccawusa) employed at Pick 'n Pay were still on strike by late yesterday after rejecting management's new offer.

Meanwhile, more than 100 workers at the Durban Central Post Office went on strike yesterday in protest against their working conditions. After their stoppage, workers quietly waited at one of the post office entrances in Pine Street.

In Newcastle about 300 workers, members of the Textile and Allied Workers' Union went on strike in protest against the dismissal of a shop steward. Management said the workers had been dismissed.

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SOWETO COUNCIL

The new Soweto council, elected in terms of the Black Local Authorities Act, seems to have got off to an unhappy start.

West Rand Administration Board (Wrab) chairman John Knoetze says he is not aware of any problems. But the new mayor, businessman Ephraim Tshabalala, says he can't say how he intends to run the township until he is given the finances to do the job.

He also complains of strained relations with some Wrab and seconded officials whom he accuses of being rude and not respecting his mayoral office.

According to him: "We have been told by the Commissioner for Co-operation that Soweto is for us and that we, not Wrab, are running the area. Why should I be treated rudely? I'll have nothing more to do with one official; he must be dismissed immediately."

Knoetze says he is not aware of any problem in relations with the mayor's office and that he finds the allegations disturbing. "If mayor Tshabalala has any complaints he should immediately see chief executive officer Nico Malan or myself," he says.

He adds that it is reasonable for Tshabalala to seek clarity on the finances of Soweto: "He possibly wants them studied by his own auditors, and can get all the records he wants for the year ended June 1983."

Historical records, however, are not what Tshabalala is concerned about. It is accepted that Soweto's revenues are inadequate and that new sources of finance have to be sought.

WHOPPING

R254-m spent on booze

By NKOPANE MAKOBANE

BLACKS on the Pretoria-Witwatersrand-Vaal (PWV) complex spent a staggering R254,5-million on booze bought from outlets under the administration boards in the last financial year.

This figure, which is for 15 months of the 1982/3 financial year of four administration Board (Erab), Orange-Vaal increase of R55,4-million from the previous financial year, which ran for 12 months. Then R199,1-million was spent on booze.

The administration boards in the PWV are: the West Rand Administration Board (Wrab), East Rand Administration Board (Erab); Orange-Vaal Administration Board (Ovab) and Central Transvaal Administration Board (Ctab).

The R254,5-million total income grossed by the boards is made up of R174,4-million from liquor sales of beer, spirits and wine as well as R80,1-million from sorghum beer sales. The year before, liquor sales were R145,4-million while R53,7-million was fetched from sorghum beer.

The individual total turnover figures released by the four boards to **The SOWETAN** on liquor sales for the 1982/3 financial year are as follows (the previous year's income is in brackets):

Wrab R59,9-million (R53,2-m), Erab R58,04-m (R49,08-m), Ovab R40,8-m (R32,3-m) and Ctab R15,7-m (R10,9-m).

On sorghum beer sales: Wrab R26,2-m (R19,05-m), Erab R23,8-m (R15,5-m), Ovab R14,06-m (R9,9-m) and Ctab R16,1-m (R9,3-m).

Spokesman of the four boards told **The SOWETAN** that the amount of money spent at their outlets did not give a true reflection of the amount of booze consumed within their areas.

The bulk of liquor was purchased in other outlets in towns and cities. In addition, a considerable amount was bought from shebeens scattered all over townships.

According to a spokesperson of the All Media Products Survey (Amps), beer still remains the favourite drink among blacks, followed by brandy, cane, gin, whisky and vodka. There is also a fair intake of wine, the spokesperson said.

Mr John Knoetze, chairman of Wrab, told **The SOWETAN** that since the 1970's it was disturbing to note the rising consumption of hard liquor by blacks as opposed to malt beer and sorghum beer.



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Councils desperately in need of money

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FOR the newly elected town councils to be viable, the government should provide funds to enable them to achieve their goals.

By MZIKAYISE EDOM

This was said by Mr Tom Boya, after he had been sworn in as mayor of Daveyton by Advocate Rex le Roux, chairman of the Department of Co-operation and Development. The inauguration ceremony, attended by more than 500 people, was held at the Lionel Kent Centre.

Said Mr Boya: "In order for us to be viable there should be money pumped into our coffers, maybe from the Government's general sales tax. The council's should have a share in that money in order to achieve our goal because our sole income will be from the collection of rentals, water and electricity accounts, and this money is very little for us to achieve our goals."

FUNDS

Mr Boya said if the Government failed to provide the necessary funds needed by the councils, then "the Black Local Authority's Act is incomplete."

"As it is at the present moment my council needs close to R100-m to wipe off the present waiting list for housing, and if that happens, we shall not have only provided homes, but have created employment opportunities," he said.

Presently about 4 000 families are on the housing waiting list in Daveyton.

The council would have to work very hard in providing the basic needs one of which was putting up a second water reservoir in the township and to improve the present sewerage network.

"We also want to encourage the establishment of factories within the borders of our township to create employment opportunities. Again, traffic licences should be paid over to the Daveyton Town Council by the Benoni Town Council because we feel that this will help to improve the financial position of our council."

In his address, Advocate le Roux said: "The influx of people coming to stay in the Witwatersrand has caused a great shortage of housing, but the Government is trying its level best to solve the problem and I hope with the help of the newly elected Daveyton Town Council, the Government will overcome this problem of the shortage of housing."

Advocate le Roux said now that the Daveyton council will have greater powers than when they were a community council, he was hoping that a number of their projects which are presently on the pipeline will be achieved.

WRAB positions are now open to all

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D. Dispatch

JOHANNESBURG — Jobs until now held by white West Rand Administration Board (WRAB) officials seconded to the Soweto Council, will in future be advertised to be filled by any qualified person, including blacks.

It is not so that white officials will be withdrawn from the Soweto Council in the early phase of the new Black Local Authorities Bill, as was reported earlier Wrab chairman Mr John Knoetze said yesterday.

Mr Knoetze was replying to an announcement last week that all white officials employed by the Soweto Council will be withdrawn from their present positions.

He said that, as laid down in the new Act, that blacks should be given first preference as far as employment on the council is concerned.

Mr Knoetze said that the board had discussions with the Soweto Council and agreed that because it now has full autonomy over the running of Soweto, they should advertise jobs filled by whites for blacks to apply for them. "It was just a discussion and no final decision was taken," he said.

Mr Knoetze said his white staff can apply for the positions when advertised and selection would be on merit.

He said no jobs are being left vacant because all his seconded staff have filled the positions which, when advertised, can be filled by any suitable and qualified black person.

However appointment to senior positions such as the Chief Executive Officer will be made by the Department of Co-operation and Development.

Asked if blacks are trained to take over such positions, Mr Knoetze said if positions are advertised, even people from the private sector who are qualified for them could apply. "There is no specific training at all, blacks will have to be as qualified as any white who fill the position now".

Mr Knoetze said there was no time in which they agreed that the advertising of such positions will begin. "As long as the council is ready to do that they can go ahead." — DDC.

Living with 5 weeks rubbish

343 Sowetan 19/1/84

MABOPANE'S township authority has been accused of insensitivity by Section U residents who say they were told to lay complaints with the Bophuthatswana government offices in Mafikeng if they wanted their rubbish bins emptied.

By ALINAH DUBE

Rubbish bins have not been collected in the area for more than five weeks. This was the position in the entire township during the festive season but things went back to normal in other zones after an article in **The SOWETAN** which said residents were forced to spend a stinking festive season because of the overflowing rubbish bins which were left unemptied by the local authorities.

Left out

It is apparently just this section which was left out when the others were attended to a few days after the article appeared in the paper.

Mrs Doreen Matseke told **The SOWETAN** that she had paid numerous unsuccessful visits to the local superintendant's office in a bid to get "the mess cleared from our yards."

She said the whole area was a mess and that they did not know what to do because there was no dumping area which they could use for that purpose. "I reported the matter at the office and there I was tossed from one room to another until one man said I should report my case at the government's offices in Mafikeng," said Mrs Matseke.

Mrs Matseke said she was angered by the remark because the whole section was affected and for people to take a long trip for rubbish bin problems when there are people stationed at the local office to do the job, was impractical. She said residents expected service from the very offices receiving rent money in the township.

THEY'LL CALL YOU SELL-OUTS

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The chairman of the West Rand Administration Board, (Wrab), Mr John Knoetze, inducting the mayor of Diepmeadow, Mr J C Mahuhushi.

SIX town councils in the Transvaal and Free State were inaugurated yesterday under the Black Local Authorities Act.

The town councils are: Diepmeadow, Dobsonville, Lekoa, Katlehong, Thokoza and Bohlokong.

The councils were inaugurated by Cabinet Ministers, including Dr George de V Morrison, Deputy Minister of Cooperation and Development and Mr B H Wilkens, Deputy Minister of Development and Land matters.

At the induction of the Dobsonville Council, the mayor of Alexandra, the Reverend Sam Buti told the councillors: "There are those

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who will criticise you and call you sell-outs and Government stooges. These are cheap words.

"They will kill you, they will bomb you and they will curse you but you must never lose courage," he said.

The mayor of Diepmeadow, Mr J C Mahuhushi, said his council would strive to get more land for housing and for a railway line linking Diepkloof to Johannesburg.

"We no longer want to hear of projects being suspended indefinitely while Ministerial approval is being sought," he said.

Dr Morrison urged that people should use their right to vote: "Failure to vote may result in the minority who vote making changes that are not wanted by the majority," he said.

In Katlehong, two newly elected members of the council boycotted the inauguration because, they said, the new Act was as useless as the old Community Council. The two are Mr E A Sukazi and Mr M J Khoali.

In a statement the two said: "Until such time we are given real powers to govern ourselves we feel that at the present moment we are still working in the dark."

New party out to break Mahuhushi stranglehold



MR MJ KHUMALO . . . to oppose Mahuhushi in council.

By ZWELAKHE SISULU

AN OPPOSITION party has been formed in the Diepmeadow Town Council in an effort to break the stranglehold that its chairman, Mr J C Mahuhushi, has over it.

This was announced yesterday by the founder of the new party, Mr M J Khumalo, who said he had the support of six other councillors in the 15 member council.

POWER

Mr Khumalo said the party, which is going to be known as the Meadowlands and Diepkloof People's Party, will fight for the decentralisation of power in the council.

"We are worried about the centralisation of power in the hands of one man, Mr Mahuhushi," said Mr Khumalo.

Mr Mahuhushi, he said, was both "mayor" and chairman of the executive council: "Most councils separate the two and I think this is what should have happened in Diepmeadow too," he said.

He said his organisation would be officially launched at the end of February and would participate in a by-election that will be held in one of the wards soon.

TEST

"That will be a test of strength for us. The establishment of an opposition party is in fact long overdue," he said.

He said he had written a letter to Mr Mahuhushi informing him about the new party.

One of the things his organisation would strive for is to correct the public misconception about councillors: "The public should not construe councillors as a group of 'Yes' men and women," he said.

Meanwhile Mr Mahuhushi reacted coolly to the news of the new party: "I am not worried about it and anyway he has a democratic right to form an opposition party. It's happening in the whole world," he observed.



Housing . . . millions needed to meet the backlog

URBAN FINANCE

Blacks want more

Virtually all black councils elected recently under the Black Local Authorities Act are faced with the problem of how to generate sufficent revenue to finance the much-needed facilities in their areas.

In the West Rand area alone more than R500m is needed to eliminate the housing backlog and for upgraded services. Soweto needs at least 3 793 houses and 5 470 flats; Dobsonville Extension is short of 1 200 housing units; while Mohlakeng needs 360 houses and Alexandra 6 250.

Although the government and the private sector are expected, by the West Rand Administration Board, to provide funds for some housing projects, the three councils in Greater Soweto — Diepmeadow, Dobsonville and Soweto proper — have to raise about R250m for services.

And in the East Rand, the Daveyton Council needs at least R100m to tackle the housing shortage, says council chairman Tom Boya. About 4 000 families, he says, are on the waiting list for housing.

Other council chairmen in both the East and West Rand, among them Ephraim Tshabalala of Soweto and Sam Buti of Alexandra, say they get most of their funds from rents and service charges. They complain that these are too limited to make their administrations viable.

They believe government should give them, among other things, a portion of GST revenue, and also encourage the establishment of light industries in the townships. This would immediately make extra revenue available and would improve the rating structures.

They also feel that sections of traffic departments dealing with blacks should be transferred to their control so that traffic fines and licence fees could accrue to the councils. In addition they want the labour levy now paid by employers to administration boards to be transferred to the councils.

Says Buti: "The question of generating funds is a very serious one. I think the councils should be given the right to own the land so that they can sell properties and charge residents for rates and services."

He also says hostels in black townships should be put under the control of the township councils and that the councils should rent them to private companies.

"All beer outlets and the right to brew sorghum beer must be transferred to the councils," says Boya.

Soweto Council chairman Tshabalala says he believes a major source of income lies in the sale of liquor. He therefore opposes selling liquor outlets to private individuals and wants them transferred to the councils so that funds from sales can be used for development.

5th Soweto councillor's home bombed

The home of another Soweto councillor was petrol-bombed yesterday. Mr Silas Tshabalala was the fifth councillor to be attacked in this manner over the past two months.

Four petrol bombs were hurled at his Emdeni Extension home at about 2 am, the Divisional Commissioner of Police for Soweto, Brigadier D J D Jacobs, said today.

He said Mr Tshabalala had injured his right hand. "He was cut while trying to extinguish the flames, and was later treated at Baragwanath Hospital, receiving 16 stitches.

"He suffered about R76 damage to his home in the attack. In my opinion, the reason behind the attacks is that certain people want to intimidate the Soweto councillors," Brigadier Jacobs said. He would not comment on who was responsible for the attacks.

Mr Tshabalala belongs to the Sofasonke Party, of which the Mayor of Soweto, Mr Ephraim Tshabalala, is president. Mr Ephraim Tshabalala's home was petrol-bombed on Monday.

On Wednesday, the home of another councillor, Mr Patrick Gaboutloeloe of Emdeni South, was petrol-bombed for the second time in several weeks.

A few days before the local authority elections, the home of Mr Siegfried Manthatha, who was subsequently elected councillor, was also petrol-bombed.

Two bombs were thrown at his home, but only one went off. No damage was caused to the house because of prompt action by the councillor's family.

A day after the bombing of Mr Ephraim Tshabalala's home, the home of Dobsonville councillor Mr I B Mashao was similarly attacked.

Police believe all the attacks so far are linked.

Council's struggle all in vain

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By MZIKAYISE EDOM

ATTEMPTS by the newly elected Katlehong Town Council, which began last year to halt the selling of the liquor outlets in the township by the East Rand Administration Board (Erab), have failed.

In August last year, the board put a total of 34 bottlestores and bar lounges in all East Rand townships under its jurisdiction for sale to private owners. In Katlehong alone, the board sold two bottlestores and four bar lounges

Liquor outlets put up for sale

and at the same time also leased out two other bottlestores in the township.

The new owners of the bottlestores who include a consortium of black businessmen led by Mr Gibson Thula, a top official of Inkatha, are due to take over their new businesses next month.

Mr Thula's syndicate bought 13 of the 34 liquor outlets on the East Rand.

The Mayor of Katlehong, Mr A P Khumalo, told The SOWETAN in an interview this week that after the announcement by the board last year that the outlets were on sale, the then Katlehong Community Council under his leadership protested against the move.

Mr Khumalo said the council met top officials of the Department of Co-operation and Development to ask them not to sell the liquor outlets in Katlehong but in vain.

"We explained to the officials including Dr Piet Koornhof, the head of this department, that seeing that a new town council would be elected in the township, we felt that in order for it to be viable, it had to raise funds from the profits of the bottlestores," he said.

Mr Khumalo added that his council had tried everything it could to win back the bottlestores but they were informed by Dr Koornhof's department that it was a decision of the Government to sell the bottlestores and that he (Dr Koornhof) had no power to reverse this decision.

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Nafcoc set for indaba

THE 51/49 black/white percent partnership is to come into focus once more when delegates from nine National Federated Chamber of Commerce (Nafcoc) regions meet in Bloemfontein next month.

The delegates will meet at a two-day seminar on February 17 and 18 to discuss franchising and its opportunities as in the retail and wholesale business.

He said it was Nafcoc's belief that the arrangement is an indictment on the intelligence of the black people, when at this stage blacks can run much more sophisticated businesses.

"Because the arrangement entered into is unfair, Nafcoc says it cannot be

contract entered into between the two parties where Metro Cash and Carry is the only group to purchase and provide supplies to Afrimet whether goods are available somewhere cheaper or not, is unacceptable — seeing that this will take place over a period of 20 years.

According to Mr

tro Cash and Carry arrangement, there is a serious flaw where Metro Cash and Carry uses blacks to create a monolith, and thereby disqualifying an opportunity for them to run their own wholesale outlets as well as shutting off any other opportunities.

Mr Mokgoko said the

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Action promise for Wattville

By MZIKAYISE EDOM

THE planning and development of Wattville township near Benoni was neglected for many years because, "we as a new village council do not have enough funds to embark on all these projects without the Government's assistance."

For the village council to achieve all these ambitious objects money was needed and it was the Government responsibility to provide the funds and Development.

The ceremony, which was attended by about 800 people, was held at the Davey social centre. Mr Mlokoti said: "My council will develop an action programme to improve the quality of life of the people of our village, to foster pride and happiness."

Mr Mlokoti further said housing was an urgent need for residents of Wattville. Plans for the utilisation of land and overall development of the entire area under the jurisdiction of the village council must be drawn to identify development possibilities and to plan for this development.

There are presently 2 469 houses accommodating some 20 000 residents. The last house was erected in the area in 1957 by the Benoni Town Council and since then no houses have been built in the area.

Mr Mlokoti said: "Infra-structure services are out of date and in poor condition and they need upgrading and roads need to be tarred and maintained. The position of the community hall and recreation facilities, the council administration buildings, health clinics, hostels, and other amenities also need attention."

This was said by Mr Noel Mlokoti, in his maiden speech after he was sworn in as the "mayor" of the newly-elected Wattville Village Council by Dr G De V Morrison, the Deputy Minister of Co-operation and Development.

The ceremony, which was attended by about 800

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Wrab helps keep city tidy

The Keep Johannesburg Tidy Association yesterday received a R12 000 cheque from the sorghum beer division of the West Rand Administration Board.

The money will be used for the salary of an education officer and a spokesman said he hoped the sponsorhip would be maintained in subsequent years.

Mayor lashes at 'elements'

THE anti-community council elements fearing that the new town council might usher in an era of consultation and conciliation, have now embarked on missions of intimidation, violence and arson, Mr Z Z Mashao, the new mayor of Atteridgeville said this week.

Speaking at the inauguration of the local town council by Dr G de V Morrison, Deputy Minister of Co-operation and Development, Mr Mashao said that these groups proclaimed themselves the champions of democracy "and yet they seek to deny other the freedom of speech and the freedom of association which is a corner stone of the democratic system."

By MONK NKOMO

He said: "Their public statements and their publications abound with destructive generalities and hollow promises of utopia and they seek to destroy those with constructive practicable alternatives. Their aims and their methods they apply to achieve their goals are the greatest threat to the unity of our people.

"Those of us who made ourselves available for election did not do so because we are stooges or because we agree with every detail of Government policy.

"Neither did we do so because we seek clarification or self-enrichment. We see in the new councils an opportunity to focus attention on the many needs of our society and to address those problems with all the means at our disposal.

"We also see the possibility for negotiations at the highest level so that during the process of change which must inevitably come, the interests of our people continue to enjoy their attention which they deserve.

Mr Mashao also stressed that his council's most important objective was to utilise every available peace of land at their disposal for the erection of houses and flats in an effort to alleviate the township's acute housing shortage.

Kekana appeals for real change

THE chairman of the new Mamelodi town council, Mr Alex Kekana, yesterday called on the government to make it easier for black people to buy houses under the 99-year-leasehold scheme.

Speaking at the inauguration ceremony of the council held at the local YMCA, Mr Kekana said there were about 4 000 people on the waiting list and that the procedure of getting qualifications for the leasehold created difficulties for those who wanted to buy houses.

He appealed to the government to make the local authorities a viable vehicle in which people could ride towards real change.

PEOPLE

Mr Kekana said the councils had a duty to serve the people. He appealed to those with the necessary experience to contribute towards running the township.

The deputy Minister of Co-operation and Development, Dr George de V Morrison, said black people had to make it their duty to provide housing for themselves because the government did not have money to do so.

URBAN BLACKS

Bombing councillors

Petrol bombings, described by police as politically-inspired, at the homes of newly-elected local councillors in Greater Soweto, seem designed to force mass resignations. This follows the pattern of the 1976 riots when the Urban Bantu Councils became almost totally inactive after councillors were threatened by students.

So far the homes of four councillors, including Soweto Council chairman Ephraim Tshabalala, have been hit. One of the victims, Soweto councillor Patrick Gaboutloeloe, has been attacked twice within a few weeks. The other victims are Silas Tshabalala (Soweto) and Isaac Mashao (Dobsonville).

The bombings caused little damage. But they are causing considerable worry with the victims reluctant to comment for fear of provoking further violence.

The attacks were made in the early hours of the morning. Petrol bombs were thrown through windows while the councillors and their families were asleep. Soweto police say the bombings all seem to be the work of a single group.

A few weeks ago student organisations on the Witwatersrand called on black councillors to resign. Now it seems some radicals are bent on scaring them into quitting — thus crippling the new urban black local authority system created last November in terms of the Black Local Authorities Act.

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Food, glorious food!

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By DERRICK LUTHAYI

YOU CAN eat yourself silly on Sunday – for free.

Soweto mayor Ephraim Tshabalala has organised a feast of feasts at Eyethu Square at Mofolo Village in Soweto to celebrate his Sofasonke Party victory in the recent town council elections.

And everyone in Soweto is invited!

Sofasonke organiser Johnson Mokoena said 60 cattle are going to be slaughtered for the feast, paid for by the party and the West Rand Administration Board, which has contributed R5 000.

Mr Tshabala will be the main speaker at the feast, and there will also be film shows and music.

However, people have been asked to donate money "to assist evicted people, widows and pensioners".

Sofasonke is asking a minimum of 25 cents, and R2 for adults, although bottle store owners have been asked to give R100, and taxi owners and shebeen owners R20.

Sofasonke has also invited a wide range of personalities to its feast – including former "mayor" David Thebehali and members of the United Democratic Front, Azapo and the Committee of Ten.

But Azapo publicity secretary Muntu Myeza has already indicated the organisation will have nothing to do with the feast, which he described as "a terrible waste of money".

"We feel there is nothing to celebrate," Mr Myeza said.

Big row over Boya's party

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By MZIKAYISE EDOM

CONTROVERSY surrounds the launching of a youth movement in Daveyton, Benoni, which is the wing of a party led by the township's "mayor" Mr Tom Boya.

The organisation, to be known as the Daveyton Youth Council, will be launched tomorrow at 5pm at the Lionel Kent Centre. A number of organisations, including the Daveyton branches of the Congress of South African Students (Cosas) and the East Rand People's Organisation (Erapo) have been invited to take part in the launching of this new organisation.

A spokesman for Erapo, told **The SOWETAN** yesterday that this organisation had turned down the invitation to take part in the formation of this organisation, because "we have got nothing in common to share with people who are working within the system of the Government."

The spokesman said: "We feel that as long as the youth council works hand in hand, and for that matter, is a wing of the Daveyton People's Party, which is led by Mr Boya, we will have nothing to do with it because it will be preaching the ideas of the Daveyton Town Council and that of Mr Boya's party."

Cosas could not be reached for comment, but a number of pupils interviewed by **The SOWETAN** yesterday said they were not interested in joining the youth council because it would work hand in hand with Government created institutions like the local town council.

Mr V Sonti, the founder member of the youth council said the main aim of the council was to unite all the youth's clubs and organisations in the townships and form one big body to cater for their needs. He said: "It is true that we are affiliated to Mr Boya's party but it doesn't mean that because he is the "mayor" of Daveyton, then our organisation, will work within the framework of the South African Government."

Mr Sonti further appealed to the youth of Daveyton to join his organisation in order to help in the uplifting of the standard of living in Daveyton. Mr Boya was not available for comment yesterday.



TOM BOYA: Row over party.

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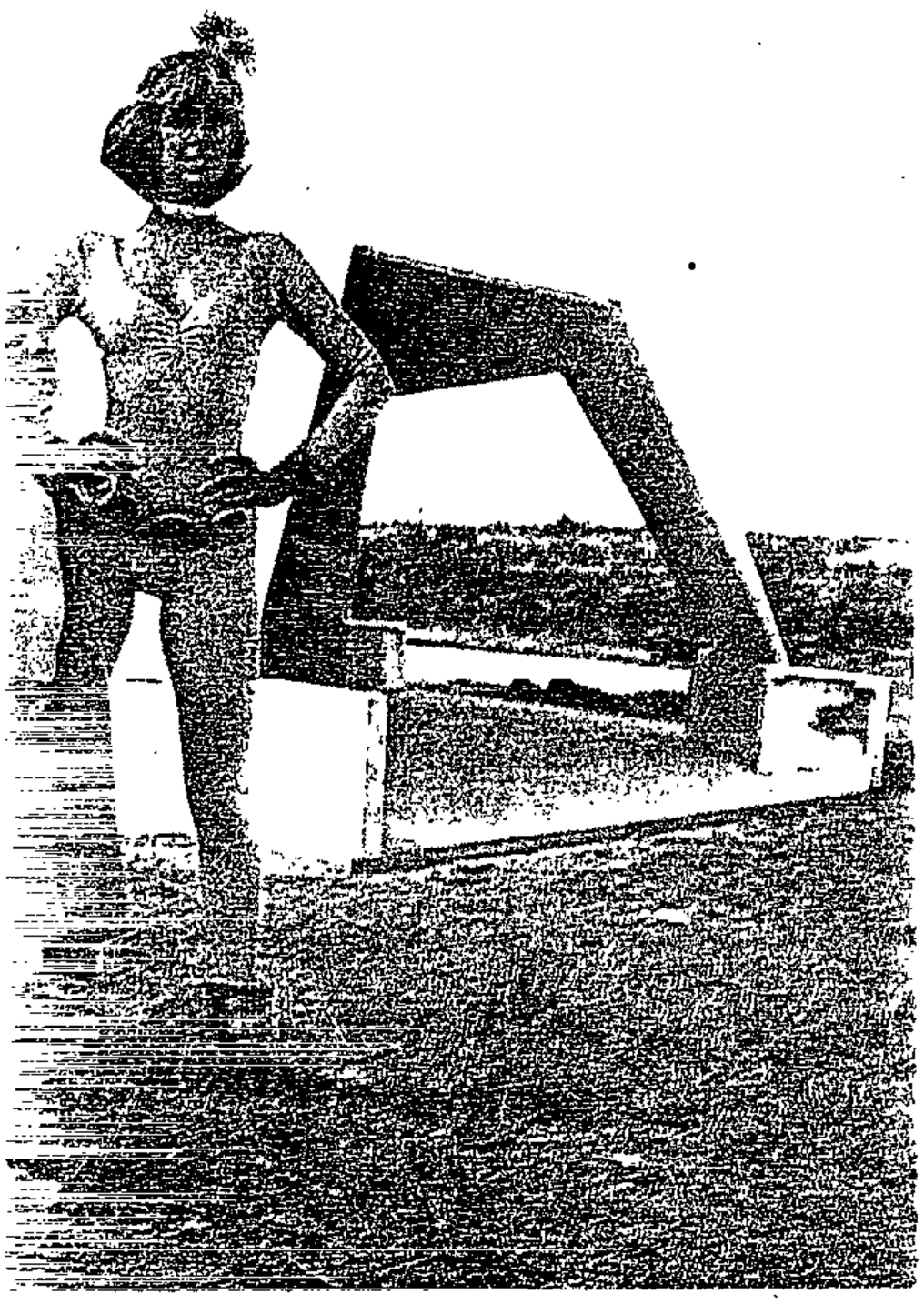

in a more examples at The Star Homes Festival 1984, at
see Lonehill, Sandton, from March 2 to March 16.

Soweto council vacancies are open to whites

Soweto town council has 600 vacancies for skilled workers and is prepared to pay competitive salaries.

Although these jobs are open to both blacks and whites, preference will be given to blacks with the necessary qualifications.

This was said by Mr E L Manyosi, chairman of the executive committee of the council.

The council has been placing large advertisements for the vacancies.

Mr Manyosi's statement that the vacancies were open to both blacks and whites contradicts what the Soweto Mayor, Mr E T Tshabalala, said a few weeks ago.

He had said that all jobs previously held by West Rand Administration Board employees were open to blacks only.

Both Mr Manyosi and Mr Tshabalala are members of the Sofasonke Party, which has a majority in the council.

Mr Manyosi said there were vacancies which blacks would not be able to fill. "We don't have qualified black engineers and experts in other fields. But we will apprentice blacks to the qualified whites."

The advertisements were for jobs ranging from accountants, librarians, their assistants, town treasurer, township manager and clerks. They attracted hundreds of recently graduated young men.

Five ad hoc committees have been formed: trade, transport and traffic (chairman, Mr S M Shabalala), housing (Mr J Mdlalose), technical (L Radebe), cultural and amenities (Mr P Ndaba) and planning and industry (Mr H Madikane).

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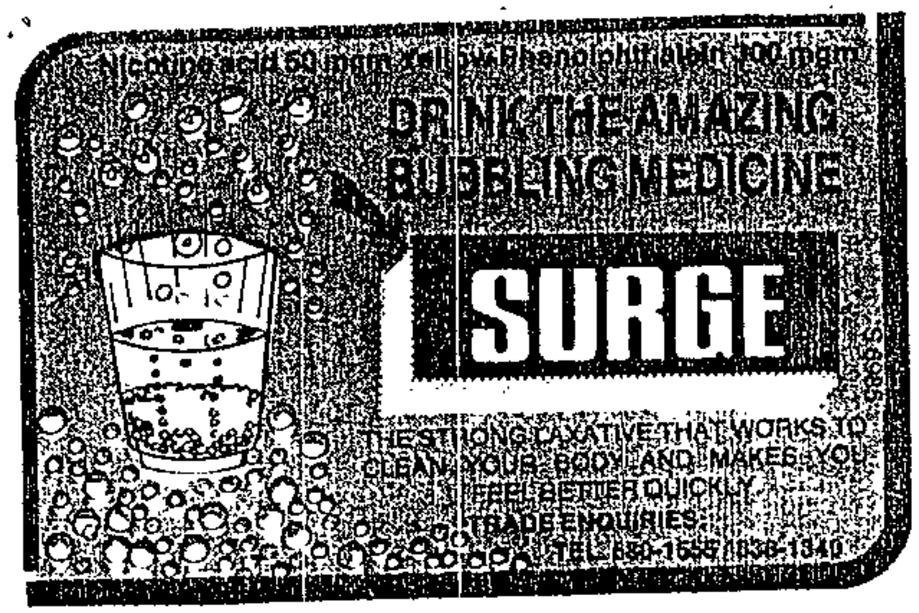

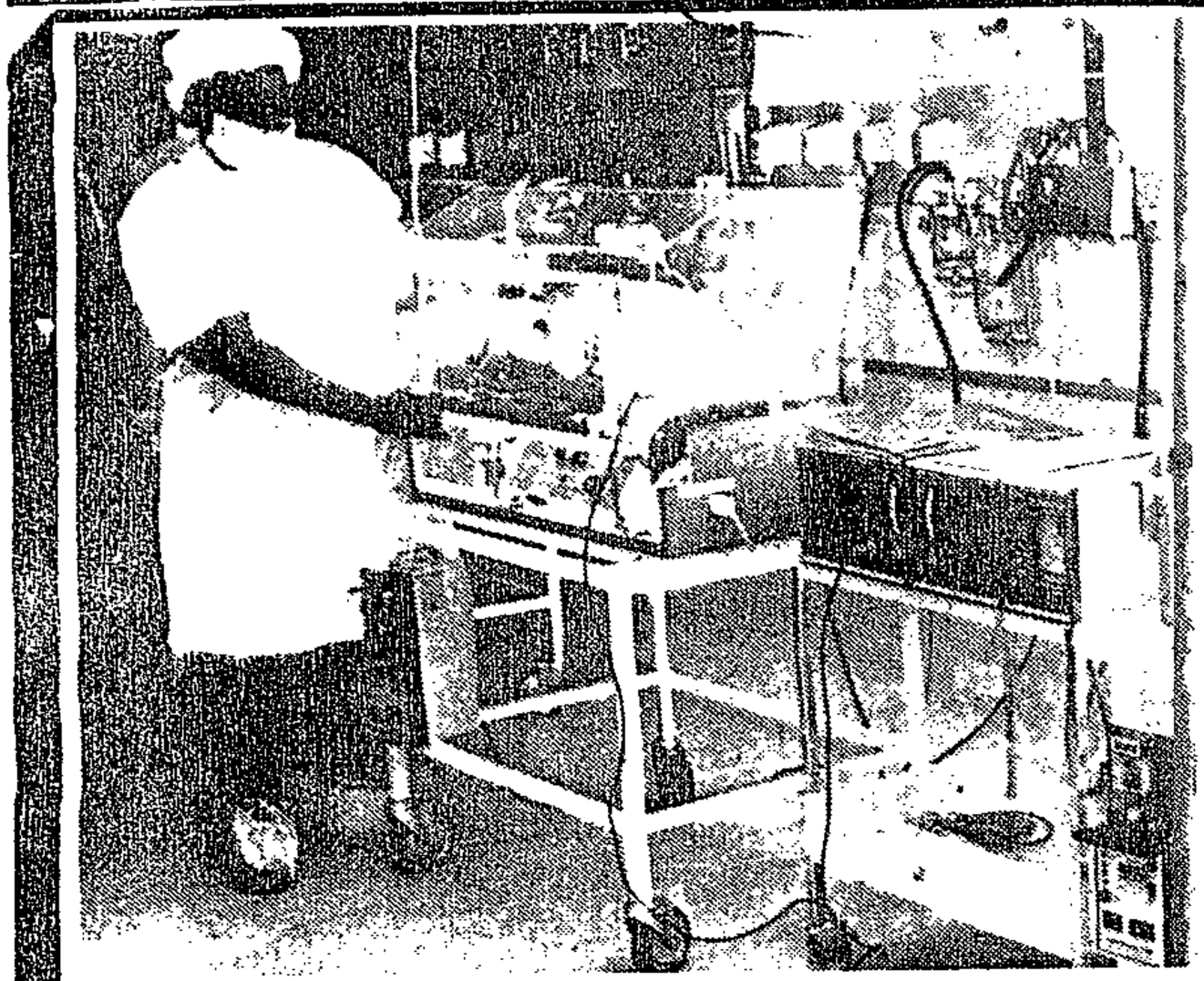

HOSPITAL: A sophisticated and expensive incubator unit at Baragwanath.

Council to take over Bara

BARAGWANATH Hospital is to be controlled by the Soweto Town Council, Mr Ephraim Tshabalala, Soweto mayor announced at the weekend.

And Soweto is to be fenced and vehicles to the complex would pay a toll, the mayor said in another controversial announcement.

Baragwanath Hospital superintendent, Dr Chris van der Heever, yesterday denied knowledge of the move to have the hospital fall under the Soweto Council. Director of Hospitals in the Transvaal, Dr A H Grove, could not be contacted for comment.

By ELLIOT TSHINGWALA

But should the announcement by Mr Tshabalala be accurate then it will be the most controversial move to involve the council since its inception.

Addressing over 5 000 supporters at a huge Sofasonky Party's "thank you" feast at the Eyethu Cinema on Sunday, Mr Tshabalala said the hospital, houses and flats occupied by staff members and the land on which they stand come into the hands of the Council as from March 7.

The "mayor" did not elaborate on his statement. However, he said there would be a big meeting with the Minister of Co-operation and Development, Dr Piet Koornhof, before the actual takeover.

Mr Tshabalala also announced plans to erect a high security fence around Soweto in the near future. Motorists entering or leaving Soweto will be expected to pay a certain amount of money which will eventually be used to pay rent for Soweto people.

With the toll money and other funds that are still going to be negotiated with Dr Koornhof, Mr Tshabalala said he expected rent to be "less than R5". Bottle stores including his, are also expected to help in this regard. Wrab was pocketing huge profits from the liquor trade instead of helping people, he said. "If necessary I will hand over my bottle store profits to Soweto people," he said.

In an apparent reference to the defeated former "mayor" Mr David Thebehali and his council, Mr Tshabalala said although he was not educated and could not speak English he was "doing much better" than his predecessors.

Stander's right-hand man McCall

THIS WEEKENDS BARGAINS
K-Mart cuts record prices

WITCH-HUNT IN WHITE CITY

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A MASSIVE "identify and evict" campaign has been launched by the Sofasonke Party to boot out illegal tenants and those who obtained houses fraudulently, a high ranking member of the party, Mr J Mokoena said yesterday.

By ELLIOT TSHINGWALA

And already a number of people in White City Jabavu — the former "mayor" Mr David Thebehali's stronghold — have been evicted and some have been warned to vacate the houses or face forceful evictions.

The witch-hunt is led by a top Sofasonke man, who is said to have a long list containing the names of victims.

Mr Mokoena alleges that most of the people being evicted are staunch supporters of the former "mayor" who were allowed to remain in the houses or were put in these houses even though they did not qualify to own houses in Soweto.

He gave the example of a leading member of Mr Thebehali's party in White City Jabavu and Central Western Jabavu who took over the tenancy of the house and kicked out the owner even though he did not qualify. The man is still occupying the house but has been given notice to move next week.

The facts about the witch-hunt came to light after several supporters of The All Nation Party complained to **The SOWETAN** that they were being evicted because they did not support Sofasonke during the elections. They also reported clashes with the Sofasonke women's branch.

According to one woman, who did not want her name to be published for fear of victimisation, she had been given until next week to vacate her house.

The woman, who shares the house with her son, said she was awakened by knocking at her door. When she opened it she found a Sofasonke official accompanied by three inspectors — one white and two blacks. She said she was ordered to vacate her house in a few day's time. She claims to have moved into the house after divorcing her husband in 1963.

Another family, who were told to leave by the end of this month, have already left. However in this case the people did not qualify to be in the house. They are Lesotho citizens who were "illegal" lodgers in the house and when the owner died they continued occupying the house under his name.

The All National Party's spokesman in White City Jabavu, said the evictions were part of a campaign of harassment to intimidate residents into joining the Sofasonke Party against their will.

Soweto Council after land

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By SELLO RABOTHATA

THE Soweto Town Council is to urge the West Rand Administration Board to acquire certain portions of land in the surrounding areas, suited to residential development, in a bid to expand its boundaries and area of jurisdiction.

At the council's monthly meeting, last week, councillors were told that the Du Randt Committee report has proposed certain expansions to greater Soweto, and that subsequent ministerial decisions have been taken to support these proposals.

The executive committee of the council also resolved to recommend that, subject to ministerial approval, the Soweto Council expand its area of jurisdiction to include portions from Doornkop, Klipspruit and Klipriviersoog.

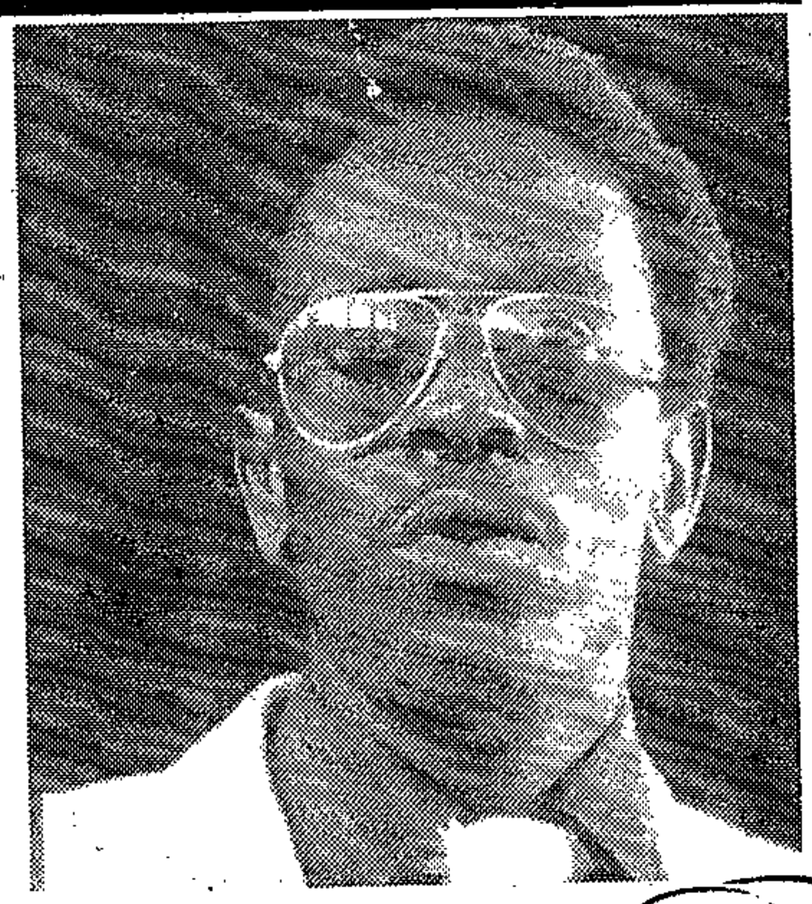
That Wrab be requested to acquire, as a matter of urgency, all areas of land suited to residential development north of Zola, north of Union Road, Kliptown and south of Protea. That application for funding of the purchase price of the land be made to the Department of Community Development.

The meeting was told that the current waiting list for accommodation on a family basis stands at 18 547 families. The waiting list increases by approximately 200 families per month, that is 2 400 families annually regardless of the fact that approximately 60 families are accommodated monthly.

The council's minutes read: "It should be borne in mind that, the Buy Your Home Campaign will eventually seriously limit monthly allocations of dwellings in that the number of rented dwellings will constantly decrease. The Du Randt Committee report refers to the expansion of Greater Soweto, that is Soweto Diepmeadow and Dobsonville.

"Although the area to the north of Zola also bounds onto the boundaries of Dobsonville, the needs and demands and the ability to provide municipal services of the Soweto Council exceeds that of Dobsonville. Due to physical limitations elsewhere, the area north of Zola is really the only direction of expansion available in Soweto."

Political split in Daveyton



TOM BOYA . . . "mayor" of Daveyton

By MZIKAYISE EDOM 3/2/84

IN a dramatic turn of events, the newly launched Daveyton Youth Council, has cut ties with the Daveyton Peoples Party, which is led by the township's "mayor," Mr Tom Boya.

The youth council was launched on Tuesday afternoon at the Lionel Kent Centre in Daveyton. The meeting, launched by the council, was attended by about 70 people. A number of organisations were invited to attend the launching of the youth council but only the East Rand's Organisation (Erapo) and the Congress of South African Students Organisation (Cosas) attended as observers.

The council was formed with the purpose of bringing together all youth organisations in Daveyton under one umbrella body. Cosas and Erapo turned down the invitation of joining forces with the youth council saying it was "an organisation working within the system of the South African Government."

Spokesman for Erapo and Cosas, have stated that they will not join the Daveyton council until the organisation had nothing to do with government-created institutions like the community council and organisations led by councillors.

Before the breakaway from Mr Boya's party, the president of the youth council, Mr Vuyisile Sonti, had told **The SOWETAN** last week that the organisation was Mr Boya's party's youth wing.

In an interview with **The SOWETAN** after the breaking up with Boya, he said: "We broke ties with Mr Boya's party because we wanted to be absolutely free and independent."

He further said: "It was not because of any pressure from any body or any organisation to cut ties with the Daveyton People's Party but we felt that at this stage we could stand on our own and decide our future. It is a pity that some organisations in the township think badly of our youth council, but we are only interested in fighting for the rights of the Daveyton youth."

Mr Sonti also said that the youth council had assigned itself to fight against the bad examination results in the townships and also to participate in the cleaning of the township. He said: "We will also organise clothing from the community of Daveyton with the main purpose of donating these clothes to the aged.

Office barriers of the council are: Mr Sonti (president), Mr E Mariba (chairman), Ms Joyce Magagula (secretary), Ms Agnes Masilela (assistant secretary), Mr Cornelius Mashologo (treasurer), Mr Raymond Pellem (liaison officer), and Mr Themba Hlatswayo (administration officer).

Meanwhile Mr Boya told **The SOWETAN** yesterday that his party had decided with members of the youth council to part in order for the council to "grow big and independent." He added: "There are no ill feelings between my party and the youth council since we parted ways because they made it clear and stated to my party that they felt that they wanted to be absolutely free and independent."



Wrab's Knoetze ... housing for the poor

HOUSING
Time to rethink?

There is room for new thinking on the financing of housing for urban blacks. Opinion is growing that official funds should be devoted mainly to providing low-cost housing for the poor — leaving the private sector, through normal market mechanisms, to provide more expensive houses for those who can afford them.

The poor are not being totally neglected. Jan Oosthuizen, Soweto's director of housing, points out that 1 226 low-cost units are planned for Naledi Extension and the Dlamini buffer strip.

According to David Grinker, director of the Diepmeadow Council, another 2 200 units are to be erected in Meadowlands and Diepkloof for "the average family."

West Rand Administration Board (Wrab) chairman John Knoetze says not all funds come from government sources. Although it might appear that "we are assisting those who can afford to help themselves, it is actually not so. They are assisted by the private sector — their employers and building societies. The government's declared policy is that its big funds are to be used to provide services and housing for the underprivileged."

However, over the last four years most family housing projects, at least in Soweto, were geared towards those who could afford infrastructural costs and interest rates.

Some R54m was spent to build 3 596 housing units in the Wrab area, including Alexandra. Most were in the (in Soweto terms) — "prestige" category, with rent or bond repayments ranging from R100 a month upwards.

Wrab has plans for 18 000 houses and 6 000 flats, at a cost of more than R500m, to be built in the next few years. Proposed monthly rentals are from R113 to R221.

The result of the seeming reluctance to build low-cost housing is that, in Soweto alone, the waiting list remains fairly constant at about 25 000. There has also been a noticeable increase in the number of backyard shacks as the poor battle to provide shelter for themselves.

The administration boards also provide, or channel, funds to those who wish to improve existing houses. Diepmeadow has R2,6m available for this purpose, Dobsonville R601 000 and Soweto R214 000.

The *FM*'s view is that it is desirable that a proper housing market should develop in the urban black areas — and it is gratifying that this seems to be happening to some extent. There have been reports of excellent capital growth when new or improved houses have been sold in black areas (under the 99-year leasehold scheme). And there has been a slow but steady growth in bonds granted to black homebuilders and improvers.

Whether administration boards or other official sources should be actively involved in the market, either in providing funds or in channelling them from private sources, is another question.

Once the "great sell-off" of much of the official housing stock is completed, government, through its various boards and authorities, should consider whether its role in the black housing scene should be more than that of a provider of houses for the poorest section of the community.

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Lion strikes up a union agreement

Labour Reporter

After less than a month of negotiations, the General Workers' Union of South Africa yesterday signed a recognition agreement with the Lion Match Company.

The agreement covers the union's 220 members in the company's Rosslyn plant.

A joint statement released yesterday said negotiations were conducted in a cordial manner and both parties expected worthwhile discussions in future.

The agreement covers the establishment of a shop steward committee, and draws up guidelines for grievances, appeals and dispute procedures. A disciplinary code has also been set out.

BARRED

In Sebokeng a meeting of 2 500 members of the Steel, Engineering and Allied Workers' Union which was scheduled for the weekend was postponed after members were barred from entering the Mphaplalatsane community hall.

Instructions to prevent the workers from holding the meeting allegedly came from the Vaal Triangle Administration Board.

"The caretaker told us the reason was to stop any talk of strikes similar to the AECI strike," said a union spokesman.

NOW ET's COUNCIL BACKS THE TAXIMEN

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THE Soweto Council this week backed private taxi owners in their battle for survival against the bus companies.

The council rejected the Welgemoed Commission's recommendation of a clampdown on minibus taxis because of the way they compete with buses, saying:

"The report is detrimental to the citizens of Soweto."

"And besides, black opinion was not sought about possible improvements to the transport system," said deputy mayor Isaac Buthelezi..

The council has sent an urgent letter to Transport Minister Hendrik Schoeman stressing that, in terms of the new Black Local Authorities Act, it is empowered to make recommendations in connection with transport facilities.

Mr Buthelezi pointed out that Soweto taxi owners had used mini-buses effectively since 1979, and helped alleviate transport problems.

He said the council rejected the Welgemoed Commission's arguments that mini-buses compete with buses, tout at bus stops, have fluctuating tariffs and are difficult to control.

By KHULU SIBIYA

"And we'll fight to the bitter end to oppose the commission's recommendations," Mr Buthelezi said.

He added that the council had requested several changes to Soweto's transport network, including:

● All taxi applications to the Johannesburg Road Transportation Board (JRTB) since 1980 should be made available to the council.



ISAAC BUTHELEZI: "Report detrimental."

● Mr Schoeman should instruct the JRTB not to handle licence applications without consulting the council

● The traffic department should be moved to Soweto so that Soweto-registered car owners pay licence fees to the council

"We've also asked the Government to give us part of the GST money, because Soweto has more people than Johannesburg," Mr Buthelezi said.

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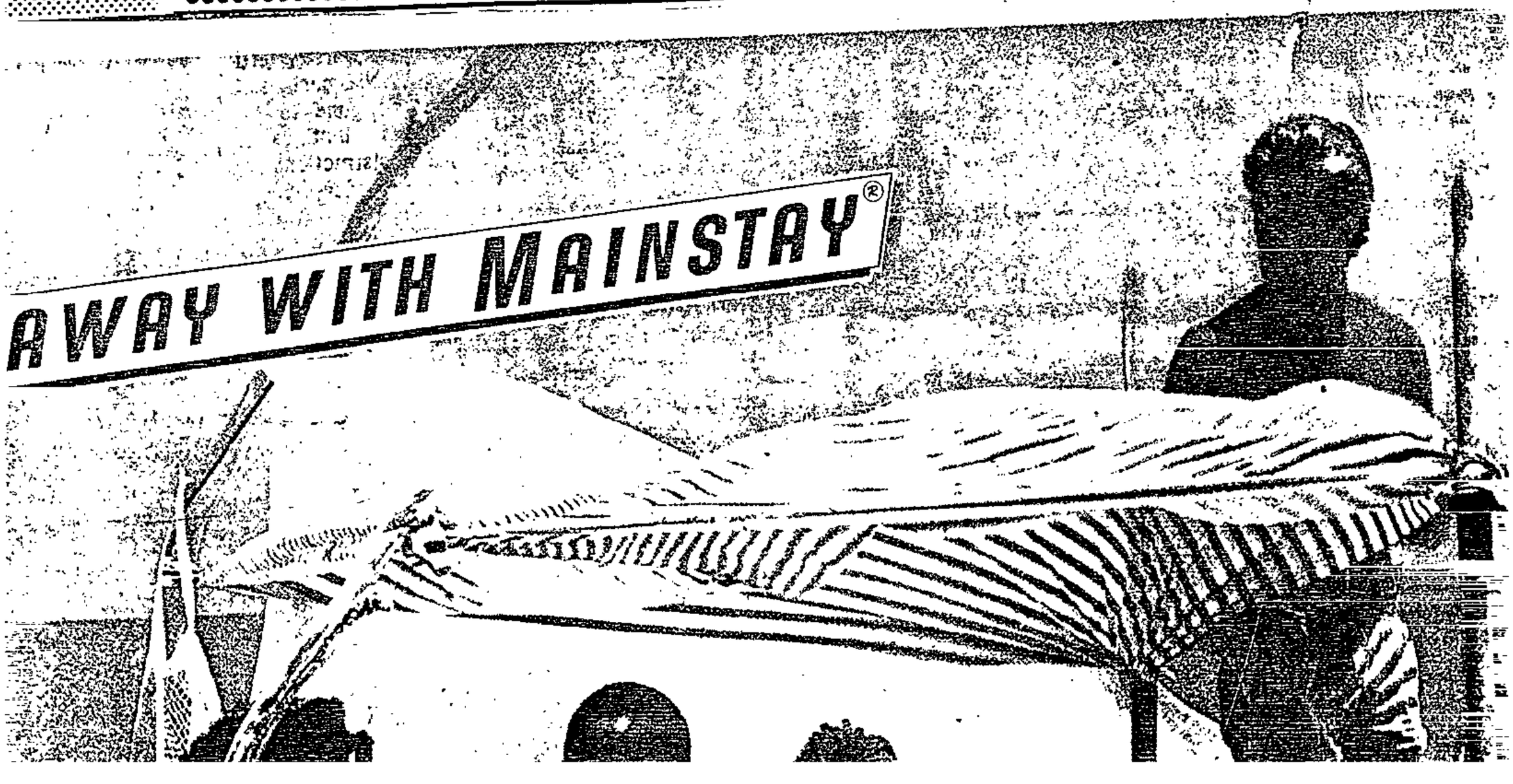

Woman (53) wins her battle against illegal deportation

By Jo-Anne Collinge

Few of those removed to the homelands return legally to South Africa's urban centres, but a 53-year-old Bethal widow who was deported to kwaNdebele has won a nine-month battle to restore her residential rights in Bethal's Emzinoni township.

This week Mrs Lina Vilakazi — with a fresh "10(1)(b)" urban rights stamp in her reference book — was making plans to leave the mud-brick and zinc home she built at Gemsbokspruit, a sprawling settlement in the homeland.

Mrs Vilakazi was aided in her fight by a prominent Johannesburg lawyer, who advised the Highveld Administration Board that his client would take Supreme Court action if the Bethal labour officer's "wrongful and unlawful refusal" to put the correct stamp in her reference book was not rectified

Mrs Vilakazi received her 10(1)(b) endorsement and a housing permit days later.

"The best thing is that I'll be able to earn my own money back in Bethal," said Mrs Vilakazi. "Here at Gemsbokspruit there is no work and I had to wait for my children to give me money."

In May last year Mrs Vilakazi's qualification to live in Bethal was cancelled by HAB — despite the fact that she was born just outside the town and worked legally for 25 years for a single family, the Fuhris. In terms of the law, 10 years' registered work with one employer is required for urban residence rights.

A month later officials arrived at her home at 2 am, waited with her till dawn and then demolished her zinc home, she said. That afternoon she and seven children and grandchildren were trucked 150 km on a "GG" vehicle to kwaNdebele, she recalled.

"They first took us to a place in kwaNdebele called 'Benoni', which we were told was a 'waghuis' (a place to wait). There was no water there, they brought it by tanker.

"We came there with a 10-day-old baby, Elsie, who was not yet vaccinated. I thought we'd have to bury her there, but she never had a day's sickness. It was the next child, Doctor, who couldn't eat and was sick with yellow sickness."

The "waghuis" horrified Mrs Vilakazi and she left it after a month, obtaining a stand at nearby Gemsbokspruit. "They gave us tents to live in at the 'waghuis' and said we must build before three months were up. But before they even came to take the tents I was gone to Gemsbokspruit."

Her adult sons, deported with her, returned to work in Bethal. So Mrs Vilakazi squared up to the demands of life in an alien place largely on her own. She put up a zinc home made of material salvaged from her Bethal house. She learnt to make mud bricks — "mixing just enough water so that they won't be too wet and go to sleep" — and to lay them.

Her deportation has cost Mrs Vilakazi hundreds of rand. She has had to pay for two stands at R37,50 each, taxes to the chief and R120 to move her goods from the "waghuis" to Gemsbokspruit. Her stove and hi-fi were damaged in the earlier move.

She is worried about the cost of getting back to Bethal. Will the officials who brought her here against her will take her back, she wonders.

Whether or not she obtains compensation for the damages suffered, Mrs Vilakazi feels she has scored a victory. "I have already won — I am going back. When I was left here I never knew there would be anything to help me return."

● A top HAB official at Witbank, who received correspondence on Mrs Vilakazi, was repeatedly unavailable for comment. Chief director Mr E Jonker said he did not know the details of the case, but neither HAB nor the Department of Co-operation and Development forced people to move.

He added that the cases of approximately 20 other families under threat of eviction since last year were still under consideration. Their position had been drawn to the attention of HAB headquarters by Mr Alf Widman of the Progressive Federal Party. "If a person is in the township illegally and is given notice to remove we will not just take him and drop him outside the town. We will assist him to get alternative accommodation in his particular homeland."



Mrs Lina Vilakazi, triumphant at regaining her urban rights, jokes about the brick-making skills she learned when left homeless in kwaNdebele.

Vaal board warns priests

THE Oranje-Vaal Administration Board has banned all local political movements and trade unions from holding meetings in church buildings in the Vaal Complex.

This is contained in letters written to all churches in the complex. There has been caused wide-spread anger from church and community leaders.

In a letter to the priest at the Roman Catholic Church in Zone 12 Sebokeng, the board's acting director Mr D F Schutte says that should the church be used for non-church activities, the leasehold will be cancelled in terms of clause 9 and the right of occupation withdrawn.

The letter also says that the priest has been warned by the board to adhere to the Deed of Lease, but has continued to allow the use of the church building, Stand number 4895 Zone 12, for non-church purposes.

The RCC has been the scene of mass political rallies by the Azanian People's Organisation, United Democratic Front, Vaal Civic Association, Cosas, Youth Congress and trade unions in the area.

The Dean of the Anglican Church has also received a similar letter and notices from the administration board, asking for an audience with him concerning the use of the St Cyprian's Church in Sharpeville.

Various other pastors in the area have claimed that they have received letters warning against the use of church buildings for non-church purposes.

The ban on the use of church buildings is seen as an attempt by the local authorities to stifle their activities, especially the trade unions which have been in the forefront in the latest strikes.

Reverend J Moselane of the Black Priests Solidarity Group, said that this move should be condemned with the contempt it deserves.

"The church is the place where people worship God and people should be free to use it regardless of their motives. I find this decision in contrast with the purpose of the church and God's will. I have ignored the warning," he said.

A spokesman for the RCC said that this move was aimed at organisations which usually hold rallies at the church. These include Azapo, UDF and the civic associations.

Vaal area rent shock

HUNDREDS of home-owners in the Vaal Complex are in for a shock — the Oranje-Vaal Administration Board has announced an increase in their house rentals from March 1.

According to letters sent to residents and signed by the board's chief director, Mr D Z Ganz, the increases range between 1,5 percent and 5 percent and are caused by an increase in the "applicable interest rate."

The letters say that as a result of rates increasing the board has found it necessary to increase the monthly instalment in order to redeem the loan amount within the original loan period.

"It is recommended that you advise your employer accordingly if he deducts the payments from your salary on a monthly basis, so that the necessary adjustment to your payment can be made," the letters say.

The announcement has already triggered-off anger and resentment from residents who maintain that they were not properly informed by their newly inaugurated town council.

The council had assured them during the recent election campaign that rents will not go up without consultation with the residents of the fast-growing complex.

Fear is also mounting that thousands of other residents who have not bought their houses under the 20 or 99-year leasehold will soon be affected by the rent increases.

Nomadic baby Mandla is dead

By Jon Qwelane

Little Mandla Msimango is dead.

The five-month-old baby boy who until a short while ago led a nomadic life with his mother, Ms Esme Msimango, took ill suddenly and was admitted to Baragwanath Hospital just over a week ago.

Until three weeks ago Mandla had never known a place called home. In February last year his mother's shack was destroyed by the West Rand Administration Board along with many others when demolition squads went into action in Soweto.

As a result Ms Msimango stayed in parks and slept wherever she found a place to lay her head.

By the time Mandla was born the woman was desperate and she came to The Star for assistance.

Her story touched many readers who rallied to her assistance with donations of cash and clothing and a young Dobsonville, Soweto, businessman offered the nomadic pair free accommodation.

A few days after that baby Mandla, with whom the Mpama household fell in love at first sight, began coughing and vomiting.

What a little while before was a bundle of joy became one of misery as the baby gradually lost weight and his captivating smile.

He was admitted to Baragwanath Hospital and died on Sunday.

The superintendent of Baragwanath Hospiyal refused to disclose the cause of the baby's death.

Yesterday his grieving mother said she wished to thank all those who had come to her assistance. Mandla will be buried on Sunday.



The baby with the winning smile, Mandla Msimango, is dead.

Bar on church hall use aimed at us, says union

Labour Correspondent

"THE Orange-Vaal Administration Board has warned three churches in its area they could lose their premises if they allowed their halls to be used for "non-church" activities — and was yesterday accused of doing this to prevent trade unions using the halls.

Unions frequently use church halls for their meetings and, in many cases, say these are the only venues available in the townships for worker meetings.

Yesterday, the board's chief director, Mr D Ganz, confirmed that the warning had been issued — but denied it was aimed at unions.

He said the Board warned the churches — in Sebokeng, Sharpeville and Bophelong townships — after their halls were used for political meetings by groups opposed to the recent black local authoritiy elections.

Mr Ganz added that groups such as unions might be allowed to use church halls for meetings — but only if they obtained permission from the new black town councils in their areas.

A spokesman for the Black Allied Workers Union, Mr Cosmos Thokoa, said yesterday that the board's bar on the churches making their halls available for non-church meetings had been conveyed to them in a letter from the board.

This warned that allowing these meetings could lead to the cancellation of the church's lease and the withdrawal of its right of occupation.

Mr Thokoa said BAWU saw the move as "an attempt to prevent unions recruiting" and branded it "unchristian".

He said church buildings were erected with money donated by workers. This money had been earned by workers through their "sweat and toil".

Workers were "not only Christians on Sundays" and the holding of union meetings in church halls formed part of workers' Christian commitment.

The ban was "embarrassing — particularly in view of the fact that South Africa is a Christian country," he added.

Mr Ganz said yesterday the letters were sent to the churches last month.

He said the leases the churches held specified that their buildings be used for church activities only and the letters had merely restated the existing legal position.

"We sent the letters to these churches because all three allowed their buildings to be used by non-church groups for political meetings which were designed to disrupt the recent elections," he added.

While the move was not aimed at unions, the terms of the lease meant that any non-church group which wanted to use church halls would have to obtain permission.

Unions barred, claim

THREE black trade unions have claimed that they have been barred from using church buildings and a community hall to hold meetings in the Vaal complex.

The unions, the Engineering and Allied Workers' Union, the Steel and Engineering Workers' Union and the South African Chemical Workers' Union, see the move as a government/-employer onslaught on unions in the area.

The ban on the union is a sequel to a directive from the Oranje-Vaal Administration Board.

The board earlier circulated letters to priests informing them that if they continued to allow non-church activities in their churches, then their leasehold will be withdrawn.

This ban, which affected organisations such as Azapo, UDF, Vaal Civic Association, students movements and other organisations, has caused anger.

In a joint statement yesterday the unions said that they were "disappointed with the action by the administration board" and demand an explanation from the town council.

SOWETO'S VIEW

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The newly constituted Soweto Council has stepped into the black taxi fracas. Using its powers in terms of the Black Local Authorities Act, it has drawn up a comprehensive memorandum appealing to Transport Minister Hendrik Schoeman — "in the interests of taxis, the black community and industry" — not to implement the controversial Welgemoed recommendations as contained in the draft Road Transportation Act Amendment Bill.

In the memorandum Schoeman is asked to:

☐ Reject all the recommendations made in the Welgemoed Commission report relating to the use of taxis, lift clubs and buses;

☐ Consult blacks about possible improvements in the public transport system before introducing new legislation or procedures;

☐ Provide the council with all records of applications to the Johannesburg Road Transportation Board (JRTB) for public transportation in Soweto since 1980; and

☐ Instruct JRTB not to grant or reject any applications for taxi licences without consultation with the council, pending investigation into JRTB's handling of applications.

About 500 000 people use public transport between Greater Soweto and their places of employment daily, argues the council in its memorandum. Nearly half of that number use trains; a third commute by buses; with the rest using taxis.

The council says it is "amazed" by the Commission's proposal to do away with combi-taxis, which are not subsidised, while supporting Putco which receives heavy subsidies from government each year.

"If implemented, the Welgemoed recommendations would make a lie the government's support for free enterprise and small business operations," the memorandum says. Implementation would also cause turmoil and "set the clock back to 1976".

The fault, adds the memorandum, "lies not in the use of combis as taxis but rather with JRTB, which rejects applications from would-be taxi-operators in an attempt to protect Putco."

Ban on church meetings

LEADERS CONDEMN BOARD

Sowetan 10/2/84

By JOSHUA RABOROKO

VAAL community leaders, including the newly elected town council, have strongly condemned the Oranje-Vaal Administration Board's decision to ban political and trade union meetings in church buildings.

In a strongly-worded response, the Vaal Town Council says it is going to raise the controversial issue at its monthly meeting because "we have used church buildings for our meetings."

The OVAB has circulated letters to various priests in the Vaal complex informing them no non-church meetings should be held in church buildings and failure to comply with this order would result in the cancellation of the leasehold.

The move, which has been seen as a "total onslaught" on trade unions and political organisations in the area, is also to be discussed by church leaders during the weekend, according to Father Jeff Moselane, an executive member of the Black Priests' Solidarity Group.

Fr Moselane said that he had evidence that during the last elections under the Black Local Authorities Act, meetings, and in some instances, voting actually took place in church buildings."

"This is in conflict with the decision to ban non-church activities in church buildings. These meetings were also political and why were they not banned?" he asked.

Rallies

He strongly believed that the move was aimed at trade unions and political organisations which usually held their rallies at churches — incidentally the organisations are preparing themselves for "Sharpeville Day" next month.

Fr Moselane said that he would ignore the letter because "the church is where people go and worship God, why bar them from doing so?"

A councillor revealed that such a ban was approved by the community council last year but since the inception of the town council, they had not discussed the issue.

He conceded that they held non-church meetings in churches during the last elections.

6th councillor's home bombed

City Press 12/2/84

THE Mofolo North home of Soweto Councillor Michael Gcwensa was petrol-bombed this week, making him the sixth victim of such attacks.

EXCLUSIVE!

By MANDLA NDLAZI

Mr Gcwensa woke up in the early hours of Tuesday morning to find his lounge filled with flames after a missile was hurled through his lounge window.

"I was awoken by a blast and the screams of my children," said Mr Gcwensa, general secretary of the Sofasonke Party.

He used buckets of water to put out the flames which destroyed his curtains and a lounge suite, causing R1 000 worth of damage. Nobody was hurt, he said.

Mr Gcwensa said some people were seen in the street near his house but they drove off soon after the blast.

Three other unexploded missiles – small brandy bottles containing sand and petrol, with cloth hanging out their tops – were found in the front garden.

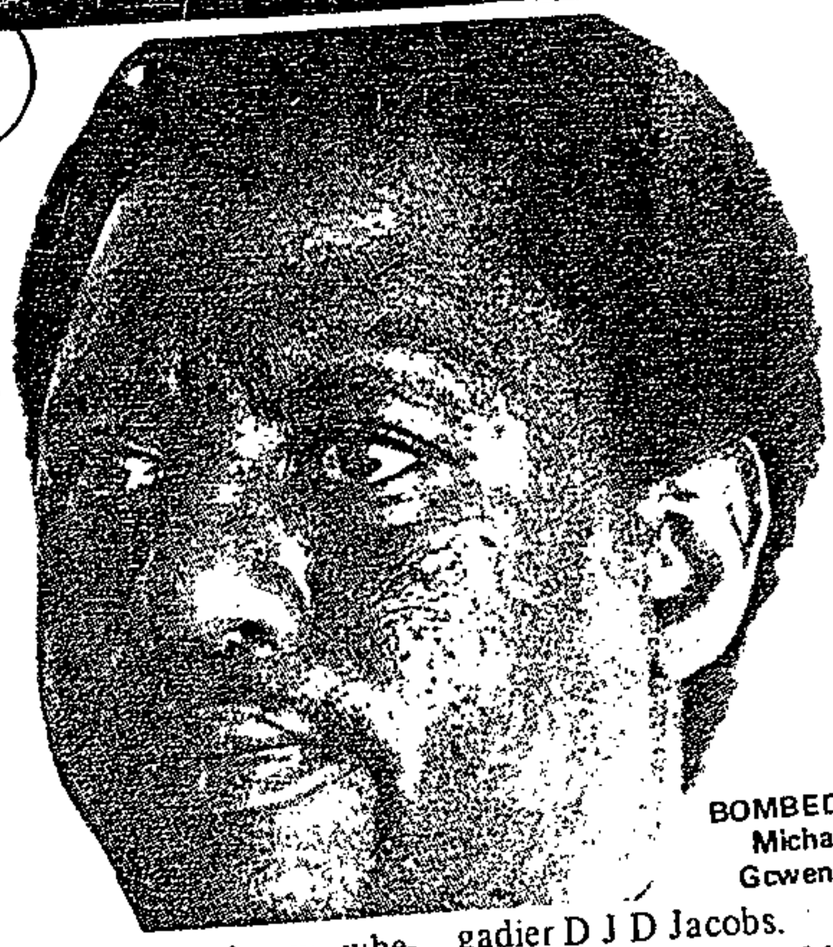
An angry Mr Gcwensa told City Press: "The culprits are known – we have the names of the people behind these attacks."

Mayor Ephriam Tshabalala said the Security Police had arrested a women in connection with the attacks, but he did not know whether she was questioned or released.

Soweto police would only confirm the attack.

"The councillors are being intimidated and we would not like to point fingers at the moment," said police chief, Brigadier D J D Jacobs.

Brig Jacobs added that a deputation of councillors had been to see him this week. Among other points the councillors raised was that they had asked the West Rand Administration Board police for protection.



BOMBED: Michael Gcwensa.

PRISON GANG ORDERS SUICIDE SQUAD:

KILL THE JAIL BOSS!

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CONVICT gangs at the notorious Barberton Maximum Security Prison sentenced their new Chief Warder to death, and a suicide squad was ordered to assassinate him in broad daylight.

EXCLUSIVE!

By DESMOND BLOW

Not even a cordon of 41 warders around Colonel Johannes Grundlingh could deter the two kamikaze killers.

Armed with sharpened spikes, they managed to stab him in the back before one of the assassins was shot through the heart



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Soweto Council moves to save ta

By Anthony Duigan

The Soweto Council has joined those organisations urging the Government to halt moves to eliminate the kombi-taxi from black areas.

A report by the council on certain recommendations of the Welgemoed Report into bus passenger transport has been sent to the Minister of Transport Affairs, Mr Hendrik Schoeman, who has been urged to consult blacks before introducing legislation intimately affecting them, Soweto's Deputy Mayor, Mr Isaac Buthelezi, has said.

Draft legislation, due to come before Parliament soon, provides for the elimination of the estimated 82 000 kombi-taxis for blacks.

But this Bill is likely to be radically changed by a parliamentary select committee before it is finally altered.

Almost 500 000 Sowetans used public transport to get to and from work each day. An indication of the importance of this form of transport to blacks was the fact that about 80 000 used taxis each day, the Soweto Council report estimated.

The unsubsidised kombi-taxis appeared to be the most effective and efficient form of public transport available when compared with the heavily subsidised bus industry.

"It is estimated that SA Transport Services shows a shortfall of R35 million a year on the Soweto run, or three times the price of the tickets," the council said.

"For Putco, the Government subsidy is more than R5 million a year. Yet Welgemoed proposes to do away with the kombi-taxis which are not subsidised."

In general taxis rendered a better service than any other form of public transport — and provided it without Government expense and in a free-market situation, the council added.

The council's report also hit at the Johannesburg Road Transportation Board, which was accused of being the cause of most problems involving taxis. Only one out of three Soweto taxis were legal, proving existing facilities were inadequate, yet the board continued to attach undue weight to the objections of bus companies against taxis.

"Through its actions the transportation board has increased the disrespect for the law," the council said.

"Recommendations by Welgemoed, if accepted, make a lie of the Government's support for free enterprise. It also puts the clock back, as far as transport is concerned, to 1976."

The Soweto Council has thus urged the Government to reject all the recommendations of the Welgemoed Report affecting taxis, buses and lift clubs and to consult blacks before introducing new transport legislation.

The Soweto Council has also urged the Minister of Transport to make available all the records of the Johannesburg Road Transportation Board regarding applications for public transport licences in Soweto.

The Minister was also asked to instruct the board not to grant or reject any applications without consultation with the Soweto Council.

Unregistered workers are blitz target

By Melody McDougall, Vereeniging Bureau

The police and inspectors of the Oranjevaal Administration Board are to join forces in an effort to clamp down on Vaal Triangle residents who employ unregistered domestic servants and gardeners.

Action will also be taken against those who allow black employees to sleep on their premises in white residential areas without the necessary authorisation.

According to a spokesman for the Oranjevaal Administration Board it is planning a massive blitz on homes in the Vaal Triangle area in the near future.

"Our prime aim is to bring about a decrease in the number of serious crimes committed in the area," he said.

He also said that the police and senior prosecutors of the various towns had already discussed the large number of cases reported to the police of unregistered employees stealing from their employers.

"We have warned the public about the dangers of employing unregistered employees on several occasions, but in spite of this there has been no drop in this sort of offence. Police investigations into these cases are invariably hampered as there are very few clues and leads to work on."

Residents in the area were warned to have their employees registered as soon as possible, as spot checks on houses would be carried out shortly.

56 families must move from Leandra

13/2/84 Star

By Jo-Anne Collinge

The redevelopment of the township at Leandra will result in the removal of 56 families out of 1 400 — not the majority of the population, as reported earlier, says the Highveld Administration Board (Hab).

Families who will have to quit the Eastern Transvaal township are those who do not qualify in terms of section 10 of the Urban Areas Consolidation Act.

"We have ascertained for sure that there are 56 families where the head does not qualify," said Hab chief director Mr E Jonker. "We can only issue site permits and residential permits to persons who qualify."

He added that the number of disqualified families could increase, as Hab had been unable to contact 87 families during a recent survey.

Mr Jonker said the board was liaising with the Department of Co-operation and Development to arrange the removal. "We don't just arrest and throw people out of the township," he said, adding that families would get notice "as and when the department feels it fit".

About half would be sent to kwaNdebele and the rest mostly to kaNgwane and kwaZulu.

Hab is presently building 712 houses at Leandra. It sees this as part of a total redevelopment plan for the township.

"We couldn't accept the township as it was. Its uncontrolled growth meant we couldn't reticulate for water or sewerage."

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Commissioners' Courts: legal representation

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

Whether any persons appearing before the Johannesburg Commissioners' Courts in 1983 were legally represented in court; if so, how many persons (a) were and (b) were not so represented?

The MINISTER OF CO-OPERATION AND DEVELOPMENT:

Yes. It must be borne in mind that most offences are of a petty nature which in the normal course of events would not require legal representation.

(a) Sixty-two (62).

(b) Sixty-two thousand four hundred and seventy-six (62 476)

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Alexandra Township

20. Mr D J DALLING asked the Minister of Co-operation and Development:

(a) What stage had been reached as at 31 December 1983 in the development and replanning of Alexandra Township, as referred to in his reply to Question No 16 on 2 February 1983, (b) what stages are due for completion in 1984 and (c) when is it anticipated that the project will be completed?

The MINISTER OF CO-OPERATION AND DEVELOPMENT:

(a) The following projects have been completed:

Leveling and compaction of the area at a cost of fifty thousand rands (R50 000), installation of water reticulation system, sewerage system, roads and storm water drainage (one comma three million rands—R1,3 million), erection of 79 houses (one comma nine million rands—R1,9 million) and construction of ring road (five hundred thousand rands—R500 000). 65 houses were built by private developers.

(b) The erection of 324 flats at a cost of six comma one million rands (R6,1 million), installation of water and sewerage systems to provide for another 1 214 houses and 104 flats—(three hundred thousand rands—R300 000) and the first phase of electrification (nine hundred thousand rands—R900 000).

(c) This will depend on the availability of funds and cannot be determined at this stage.

Threats don't scare us says Tshabalala

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THE mayor of Soweto, Mr Ephraim Tshabalala, yesterday said those who were calling on him to resign and threatening to use violence against him and his councillors were dreaming.

He was reacting to pamphlets distributed in Soweto warning that the bombings of the homes of town councillors would continue until they resigned, and an ultimatum for the end of the month was set.

The pamphlets were issued by the South African Suicide Squad. The pamphlets said the majority of people in Soweto rejected the councils and that the councils entrench apartheid and have no power.

"You cheated the people of Soweto by promising to reduce their rents to R5," the pamphlet charged and added: "Resign before the end of February or the worst is ahead."

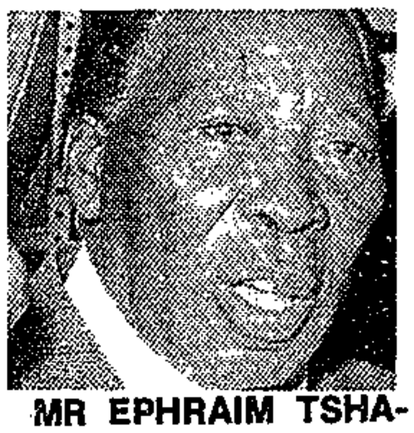
It then goes on to list the councillors who have had their homes petrol-bombed in recent months.

WE ARE FOR THE PEOPLE, NOT FOR APARTHEID

Mr Tshabalala said he was not intimidated by the threats made in the pamphlet: "Those who say I must resign are just dreaming.

"We are in the council for the people not for apartheid. These people say they are against apartheid. So why don't they fight apartheid instead of fighting us," Mr Tshabalala asked.

He said copies of the pamphlets were sent to the police. "What I can tell you though is that our councillors will be protected. We have already furnished each councillor with a fire extinguisher so that in the event of fire caused by these bombings, councillors can put out the fire," he said.



MR EPHRAIM TSHABALALA: Not intimidated.

The number of policemen guarding councillor's houses would also be increased.

He denied that he had failed to live up to his election promises such as reducing rents.

"We will still be able to bring rents down to between R5 and R12, it's just a matter of time before that happens. We are presently negotiating with the Government to give us things like bottle stores and other means of generating revenue.

"I am convinced that we will be able to raise enough money in Soweto without going overseas," he said.

He estimated that he enjoyed the support of about 98 percent of the people who voted in the elections of December.

"We have a good record. Since we took over power we have not evicted anybody and we have not demolished a single shack. So why are these people fighting us?" asked Mr Tshabalala.

Kei envoy slams Erab and Wrab

THE Transkeian Embassy said in Pretoria yesterday that "arrogant and abusive" policemen from the East Rand Administration Board raided the premises of the Transkeian consulate in Tembisa last week and made "derogatory insinuations about our State President, Dr K D Matanzima."

Mr L Ntshongwana, a senior envoy at the embassy, said in a Press statement that the following day, February 15, two West Rand Administration Board policemen persisted in demanding passes from the consul-general's employees at his Houghton home.

The incidents have been reported to the Transkei government in Umtata and to the South African Department of Foreign Affairs, reports the Pretoria Bureau.

"When approached by our staff, they were arrogant, insulting and abusive, and threatened them with violence," Mr Ntshongwana said.

One policeman

threatened to kill a staff member and called him a "monkey", he claimed.

The policemen also made deregatory insinuations about the Transkei president, Dr K D Matanzima.

They said they were fed up with "this Matanzima office".

When the Johannesburg consul-general contacted the Tembisa township manager, a Mr Kruger, he confirmed the raid "and displayed no remorse".

"When told of the inviolability of the premises, Mr Kruger threatened to continue with such raids whenever he felt like it."

Approached last night, the chairman of Erab, Mr F E Marx, said he was unaware of the incident at Tembisa but would call for an immediate report.

Mr Kruger said he was not permitted to speak to the Press.

The chairman of Wrab, Mr J C Knoetze, was not available for comment on the Houghton incident.

Mr Ntshongwana also referred to another incident, in which he and a black American were refused service at a Pretoria restaurant. — Mail Reporter and Sapa.

Erab denies 'rude police'

By GERALD REILLY
Pretoria Bureau

THE chief director of the East Rand Administration Board, Mr C Marx, yesterday denied police had raided the premises of the Transkeian government offices in Tembisa on February 14 and used arrogant and abusive language.

Clerks in the office, he counter-claimed, had used abusive language when speaking to four Tembisa municipal policemen serving summonses on three women trading illegally inside the grounds of the building.

Mr Marx was responding to allegations made by the Transkeian Embassy in Pretoria that "arrogant and abusive" policemen had raided the premises, and made derogatory insinuations about the Transkeian President, Dr K D Matanzima.

The embassy also alleged that inspectors of the West Rand Administration Board had entered the grounds of the Transkeian Consul-General in Houghton on February 15, and demanded identity documents from members of his staff.

This, the embassy claimed, was a violation of diplomatic privilege.

Mr Marx said four Tembisa municipal policemen summonsed three women trading illegally outside the Transkeian government offices in Tembisa on February 14.

The women drew the attention of the police to the fact that three other women were trading inside the premises. The police then served summonses on them too.

While the police were dealing with them Transkeian government clerks came out of the building and used bad language when they spoke to the police, who at no time entered the offices of the building. It was not a raid, Mr Marx said.

A senior official of the protocal division of the Department of Foreign affairs said he knew of the incidents but details had not so far been submitted to the department.

Alex council 'a historic first'

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24/2/84 By Michael Tissong Star

For decades "our history was one of removals and fear of removals," the Mayor of Alexandra, the Rev Sam Buti, said at the induction of the town council at the Nobuhle Hall last night.

"While under the threat of removals, our properties decayed for decades — unpainted. Structures deteriorated to the point of breakdown. Our people lived among the rubble and clung to their unique community spirit.

"This was rewarded in the reprieve of Alexandra in 1979. Our struggle continued and our aim was the establishment of a fully-fledged municipality or nothing at all.

"Today is a reality of that dream," Mr Buti said at the elaborate occasion attended by at least eight mayors newly-elected under Black Local Authorities Act.

He added that the demand for land by the Alexandra community was growing.

"There is an area that could possibly be made available to us — that is the area east across the river. With the inclusion of this area, it would be possible to erect housing for families that have been displaced from their houses.

"We would also like to have our freehold rights returned to us."

The guest of honour, Dr P Koornhof, said he always knew Mr Buti "as a man of conciliation. He shows it by his deeds", the Minister said.

"The launching of local government for blacks is an historic step. Local government is the first tier in the governing of people.

"It is also an historic first that all the councillors of the Alexandra Town Council were elected unopposed," he said.

In answer to Mr Buti's reference to land, he said: "All the land with public buildings is the property of the Alexandra Town Council. As far as more land being given to Alexandra is concerned, the Government is fully aware of Alexandra's needs. It will receive the urgent attention of myself and the Government.

"On the question of freehold rights, it is a political decision and I cannot compromise the government on it. I cannot make any promise concerning this," he said.



Top: The Minister of Co-operation and Development, Dr Piet Koornhof, sits with the new Mayor of Alexandra, the Rev Sam Buti, at the induction of the Alexandra Town Council at the Nobuhle Hall last night. Above: Part of the crowd of people who attended the councillors' induction.

Krugersdorp 'no' to black attorneys

By Terry Friend, West Rand Bureau

An application by two black attorneys to practise in Krugersdorp was given a unanimous thumbs down by the town council last night.

The council was asked to comment on an application made to the Department of Co-operation and Development, but has no power to refuse the application.

Mr M J Kuanho and Mr A S Khanyile, of Soweto, applied to open a firm of attorneys in the Astor Building, Princess Marina Street, Olivanna. There are no suitable facilities in Kagiso, Soweto, and the offices must by law be within 8 km of the courts.

Mr C Viljoen rose first and shouted: "I cannot see the logic in the blackening (verswarting) of the town. We don't know these people. Are they socialists — the jackals of the communists — just like the other one?"

He was referring to a previous case in which an application by another black attorney, Mr Moses Mohlahledi, was supported by the council. In a subsequent Press report, Mr Mohlahledi's political views were described as socialist.

Mr A van Wyk said the council should leave the matter to the department: "Give it to the wing and let the wing score."

Management committee chairman Mr I Nel said he did not agree, as the council had a duty to comment. "They must be accommodated at places where they can bring their own councils into being," he said.

Mr P Kruger: "The case has no merit. I recommend that they not be allowed."

Mr Viljoen: "What merit did the previous one have?"

The council then unanimously resolved to oppose the applications.

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Soweto's council applies for city status

29/2/84 Star (343)

By Revelation Ntoula

Soweto, like its neighbours Johannesburg and Roodepoort, may soon become a city if the Government approves an application for city status.

At the second monthly meeting at its chambers yesterday, the Soweto Town Council unanimously adopted a resolution by the executive committe that an application for city status be submitted to the Minister of Co-operation and Development, Dr Piet Koornhof.

As reasons for the application for cdity status, the council states: "In view of the fact that Soweto is the largest urban black town in southern Africa, and the fact that provision is made for city status to be awarded to town councils on application, it is felt that an application for city council status should be awarded by the Department of Co-operation and Development without delay."

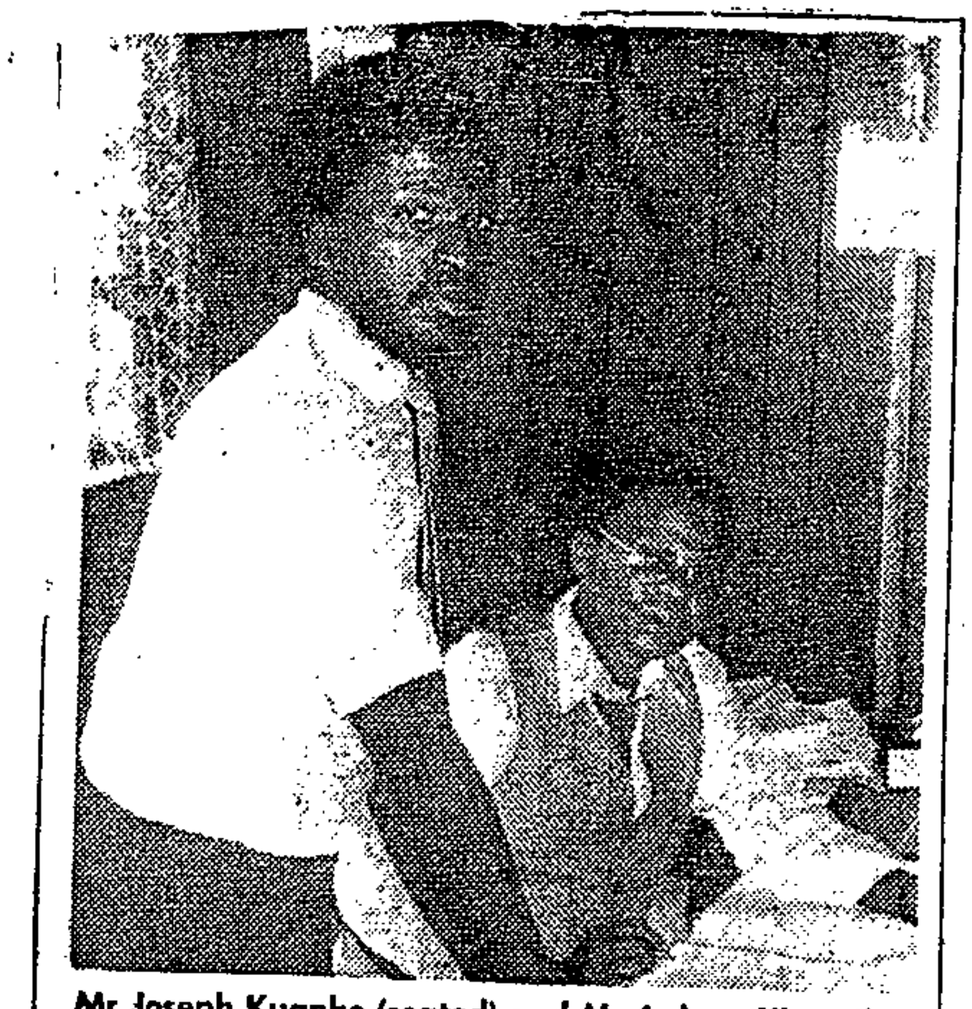
Other reasons advanced in the application include the fact that there are more than a million people living in the Soweto townships, that there are over 73 000 houses in the area and that the town council is an approved structure with about 5 200 posts.

On the financial aspect, the council states that it has an annual budget of R50 million.

In an interview, Mr John Knoetze, chairman of the West Rand Administration Board, said city status was a mere status symbol.

He added that councillors, including the mayor, would be entitled to higher allowances if Soweto became a city.

Another resolution adopted by the council is that a Mercedes Benz, costing about R40 000, and a smaller vehicle for his deputy should be purchased.



Mr Joseph Kuanho (seated) and Mr Aubrey Khanyile — a unanimous thumbs down to their application to open a practice in Krugersdorp.

Town's ban dismays black lawyers

By Gavin Engelbrecht,
West Rand Bureau

29/2/84

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Two black Krugersdorp attorneys are shocked and dismayed at the council's unanimous thumbs down to their application to open a practice in town. They also reacted strongly to a councillor's statement.

Mr Joseph Kuanho (26) and Mr Aubrey Khanyile, of Soweto, applied to the Department of Co-operation and Development to open their offices at the Astor complex in Krugersdorp. The offices must, by law, be within 8 km of the courts.

The council was asked to comment on the application but had no power to refuse it.

Mr Khanyile said the first he had heard of the decision was when a warrant officer from John Vorster Square contacted him requesting an interview.

He had not yet been informed by the council when interviewed last night.

"It came as a blow," said Mr Khanyile.

He said he thought the council's attitude would have changed after it had supported the application of another black attorney, Mr Moses Mohlaledi, to have a practice in town.

Mr Kuanho said he regarded a statement made by Mr C Viljoen at the council meeting as derogatory and libellous.

Mr Viljoen had said: "We don't know these people. Are they socialists — the jackals of communists — just like the other one? (He was referring to Mr Mohlaledi)." Mr Kuanho said they had not yet decided what to do regarding Mr Viljoen's comment.

The Mayor of Krugersdorp, Mr Wiets Botes, who used his casting vote in favour of Mr Mohlaledi's application, said he had voted against the two as there was insufficient information on them.

"According to information it was not clear whether they were qualified or not."

POLITICAL THUGGERY

Thugs in Soweto continue to deliver "death threats" to local township councillors. The intention is apparently to force them to resign. Two more councillors — Michael Gwensa and Julius Mdlalose, both Sofasonke Party executive members — have received threats. That brings the total delivered this year to six.

Gwensa's house was petrol-bombed last week, and Mdlalose received a "death note" warning him he had "only a few days to live" if he did not resign.

The homes of businessman Ephraim Tshabalala (Soweto's "mayor") and councillors Silas Tshabalala and Patrick Gaboutloeloe were petrol-bombed last month. Also attacked was the home of Isaac Mashao, a member of the Dobsonville Council.

The attacks, described by police as politically inspired, have so far caused little damage.

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Koornhof bestows city status on Soweto

By Jon Qwelane

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In a speech released earlier but not read at yesterday's ceremony, which was held to inaugurate the Soweto City Council, Dr Koornhof said he had approved in principle a housing scheme for Soweto to be financed entirely by the private sector.

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Dr Piet Koornhof . . . "Soweto is a symbol of unity."

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Council

'There's 1-m of them against us'

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SOWETO councillors want more money because of their "high-risk" jobs.

The council's executive committee made this call at its monthly meeting this week, and took a sobering look at its popularity – saying members faced "dangers unheard of in white areas'

"The council was voted to power with 10 percent poll, which means 90 percent of the residents are either opposed to it or not in favour of the present councillors," the council said, asking for councillors' allowances to be put on a par with those paid to the previous council.

It added that councillors also needed extra cash to prevent bribery and corruption.

More money was also needed, the exec said, because councillors were seen as the "father and family head" of their wards and were called upon at all hours to solve problems ranging from domestic squabbles to matters of national importance.

The exec had much to say about the issue of personal danger faced by the councillors, as evidenced by the recent petrol bomb attacks on members' homes.

CP Reporters

The potential threat faced by councillors was huge, it said – 30 councillors versus one-million potentially antagonistic Sowetans.

Soweto was a high risk area when one considers the extent of political antagonism or apathy towards the council.

Also, councillors often carried bad news – and this exposed them to "unnatural hazards', as they were often held personally responsible for council decisions.

The exec then presented a candid picture of the council's popularity.

Ninety percent of the population could be presumed to be "against" the council, it said.

"And when one considers that this is possibly one-million people – there are only 30 councillors – the task facing us seems unsurmountable."

In the face of all this, the exec called for a memorandum to be sent to the Government to justify their extra allowances.

The councillors, who earn less than their predecessors, asked that their allowances be increased to match those earned by the previous council.

This would keep councillors out of the "embarassing position of explaining their 'pay rises' to members of the public".



A detective removes the handcuffs of Mr Si: to all 13 charges, including the attempted mu

TWO DAYS OF TERROR

AN ALLEGED two-day trail of blood, sex and

Supreme Court told

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ALLEGED "Hammer man" Mr Simon Mpungose also tried to murder his brother Moses during his killing spree in Natal, the Empangeni court heard this week.

CP Correspondent: DURBAN

His brother is now recovering from two

world. It worried me

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SOWETO A CITY

Says Dr K at big feast

By ZWELAKHE SISULU

SOWETO became the first black city council in the country on Friday when the Minister of Co-operation and Development, Dr Piet Koornhof, declared the township a city before a crowd of 8 000 people.

The R50 000 ceremony was to have been for the inauguration of the Soweto Town Council and his surprise announcement was enthusiastically received by the councillors.

"Soweto will now enjoy a full city status like London, New York or any other city in the world," Dr Koornhof said.

The Minister also gave the mayor, Mr Ephraim Tshabalala, a R10 000 cheque. "This is a symbol to show the world that we are going to assist you in whatever way we can,"

Mr Tshabalala, he said, was the symbol of unity and co-operation between black and white people in the country.

In his speech, Mr Tshabalala said if necessary, a referendum should be held to determine whether or not the majority of people in Soweto wanted toll gates to be established and bottle stores retained by the council as a means of generating revenue.

The speech was read on behalf of Mr Tshabalala by the deputy mayor, Mr Isaac Buthelezi.

"We want toll gates to generate revenue much needed in Soweto and we prefer not to dispose of any bottle stores until other sources of revenue are found," he said.

He also urged that the whole of greater Soweto should be declared a city, a suggestion which is likely to put him at odds with the mayors of Diepmeadow and Dobsonville who are against any move at uniting the three.

Mr Tshabalala also called on the Government to extend the 99-year leasehold to the granting of free hold rights.

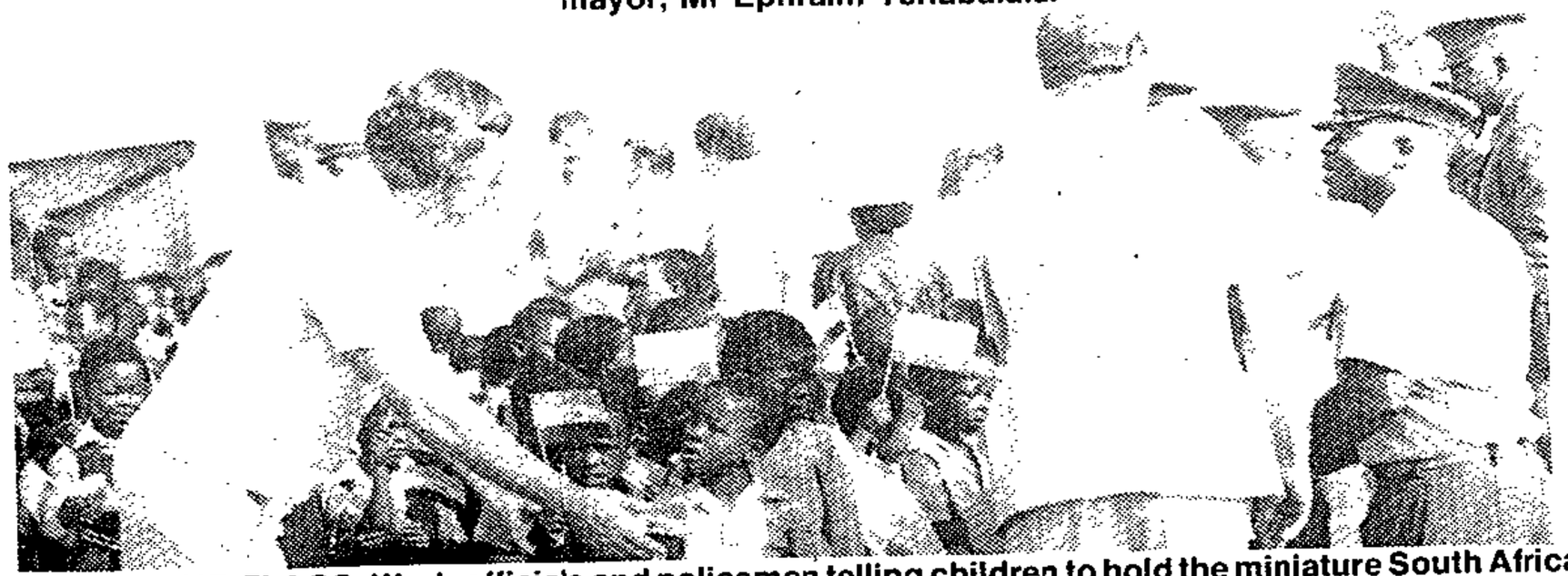
At least 1 000 two roomed core houses will soon be built in Naledi in an effort to house homeless families.

He noted, however, that the number of residential sites in the township could be increased to 20 000 but that this figure fell far short of the housing needs of people in Soweto.

"My council fully realises its responsibility to the thousands of sons and daughters of Soweto on our housing waiting list, in fact close to 18 951 families have to roam the streets begging for shelter, sometimes at most exhorbitant prices," he said.



THE MOMENT: Dr Koornhof hands over the scroll declaring Soweto a City Council to the township's mayor, Mr Ephraim Tshabalala.



CRISPS AND FLAGS: Wrab officials and policemen telling children to hold the miniature South African flags high after giving them packets of crisps.

Pics JOE MOLEFE and MBUZENI ZULU

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Good word for the Soviets

THE Soviet Union and China, those two bastions of communism, have an admirer in Soweto for the way they

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crisps in one hand and a miniature South African flag in the other.

The children were [illegible]

The mayor says . . .



DEPUTY: Mr Isaac Buthelezi.

and that admirer is none other than Soweto's first citizen, Mr Ephraim Tshabalala.

During Friday's ceremony, Mr Tshabalala extolled the virtues of a mature and elderly leadership.

"Look at Russia, they don't elect young people. They elect grown up, mature people so that they can rule for two to three years. Even in China that is happening," he told the amused crowd in Zulu.

What apparently got the mayor's gripe is the seeming youth of black community leaders.

"For too long our children have said they are our leaders. How can they be our leaders when they take dagga and drugs. Where has a 29-year-old or 35-year-old led a nation.

"All these children know is to go to Fort Hare and then to

Casting his eyes at Press members in front of him, the old warrior roared: "Newsapaper reports make us to be very bad people, horrible people. These newspapaer reports are chasing away in-

he said to applause.

Indeed it was a colourful ceremony dominated by an equally colourful and loquacious Mshengu.

For the hundreds of pupils the order of the day was a packet of

Rand Administration Board policemen gave them a packet of crisps then the miniature flags. The children were then required to stand alongside the road, forming a guard of honour for Dr Koornhof.

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Argus Correspondent

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Mr Tshabalala said the earnings of Soweto residents were spent outside their own area, and therefore used to develop other places.

He suggested correcting the "imbalance" by having money paid in General Sales Tax channelled back into Soweto by the Government to help develop the township complex.

Tollgates

He said he wanted to introduce a system of tollgates in Soweto to generate more income, and also appealed to Dr Koornhof to halt the sale of liqour outlets to private buyers because the stores provided revenue which could be used by the council to build more houses, especially for pensioners.

Mr Tshabalala urged the Government to allow the return of schools controlled by missionaries so that education promoting a higher degree of Christian principles could be introduced, and also appealed for free and compulsory education for black children.



The Johannesburg Afrikaanse Sakekamer has given Soweto this mayoral house.

Another 6 weeks of thirst

RESIDENTS in the East Rand townships of Katlehong and Thokoza may face another six weeks without water while the East Rand Administration Board (Erab) battles to repair their burst water pipes.

The water problem in both townships started three weeks ago after the completion of a new water reservoir, when the new water pipes were tested but burst immediately after water had passed through them.

The situation is so serious now that residents in both townships have to walk about 8km to get water because the three water tankers presently provided by the board to supply water, are inadequate. The tankers are supposed to supply more than 45 000 residents in Katlehong and Thokoza, daily.

Mr F E Marx, the chief director of Erab, told **The SOWETAN** yesterday that his board was still experiencing problems in repairing the burst asbestos pipes with steel ones "because at the moment we are still running short of material and we hope to have our stock delivered during this week or early next week.

"We also hope to increase the number of the tankers to at least six in order to cope with the demand of the residents."

He said the tankers will supply water thrice a day instead of twice.

The situation in the two largest sections of Katlehong — Nhlapo and Shongweni — worsened recently, while the southern sections of the township, which suffered a severe shortage in the past three weeks, were now receiving water at least twice a week, during the week only.

Both townships are dry over weekends and rely on the tankers for their supply.

Mr Marx said he hoped the problem will finally be solved in six weeks' time and that the board will then move further and upgrade the sewerage system, which has been breaking down, time and again, for the past three years.

He said: "The money for this project is already available and we hope to start at the end of April."

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THOKOZA HIT BY RISE IN RENT

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Town council has no money

THE Thokoza Town Council is to increase rents by R11 this year — the first increase of R9 coming into effect within four months unless alternative sources of raising revenue for the area can be found.

Mr E C Matsoso, the deputy mayor of Thokoza, yesterday announced that house rent in the township will be increased by a minimum R9 within the next four months.

At the latest the hike will be introduced at the beginning of July. He also said towards the end of the year rent will again be increased by another R2 making it R11 for this year.

Mr Matsoso said members of the council met residents at a meeting on Sunday and informed them of the coming increase.

The residents were told that if they were against the increase they should come with suggestions on how to raise money needed for capital projects in the township. The council has taken loans to finance services in the township.

Mr Matsoso said: "The town council is about to introduce an electricity master plan in the township which will cost about R23 million when completed in 1988.

"Recently we erected a water reservoir costing R4,8 million and we will also be upgrading the sewerage system in the township at a cost of R2,8 million before the end of this year.

To repay these monies we have no alternative but to increase house rent in the township."

Residents pay R25 a month rent. Mr Matsoso said the increase in rentals would coincide with the development phases in the township. Development has been divided into five phases.

The first involves the reservoir and upgrading of the sewerage services and for this the residents have been charged an increase of R9 per month.

For subsequent phases the increases will be R11, R15, R18 and R21. The increase to R21 will come into effect in 1988, when the present envisaged projects are completed.

The rent hike comes at a time when many residents in Thokoza and other black townships are facing a number of hardships such as being out of work because of the recession which is affecting the whole country and the ever-increasing prices of basic items such as food and transport.

Meanwhile a number of residents in the township said it was not necessary for the town council to increase rent because presently they were paying exorbitant rent. They said the council should ask the East Rand Administration Board (Erab) and the Government to provide funds to finance these projects."

City status will not change the hell of Soweto

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By Revelation Ntoula

Soweto had become a city like New York, London and Johannesburg, declared Dr Piet Koornhof, Minister of Co-operation and Development, when he conferred city status on the former township last week.

But in practice Soweto will remain Soweto — at least for the forseeable future.

More than 20 murders a week, poverty, overcrowding, disease, rugged roads, poor street lighting, inadequate infrastructure, unemployment, lawlessness and the hell of living in this 20th century ghetto — these will not be obliterated by the new city status.

They will remain the unmistakable characteristics of what has become home to an estimated 2 million people.

Mr Ephraim Tshabalala, mayor of the new city, admitted during the inaugural ceremony that his council had inherited "an insolvent estate".

TITLE

And, according to the chairman of the West Rand Administration Board, Mr John Knoetze, the only major difference between a town and a city was the status symbol of the title. And, of course, councillors in city councils such as those of New York, London and Soweto were entitled to higher allowances, he added.

Mr Tshabalala, a successful businessman, has repeatedly emphasised that he will run Soweto strictly on business lines.

He has suggested, for instance, the erection of a wall around Soweto and the introduction of a system of tollgates.

Mr Tshabalala's business-mindedness comes out clearly at the council meetings he chairs. He rarely sees things in any light other than that of business. Many of his speeches begin with: "I, as a businessman ..."

Two months ago, during a debate on the licensing of Soweto shebeens, he openly supported the move despite objections from some councillors who said shebeens were breeding grounds for thuggery.

NIGHTCLUB

Last week Mr Tshabalala also spoke in favour of licensing a nightclub. The suggestion was opposed by councillors such as the leader of the Soweto Makgotla, Mr Siegfried Manthata.

Mr Tshabalala, the fourth man to be Soweto's first citizen, does not seem to have much in commmon with his predecessors, Mr F C Mncube, chairman of the defunct Soweto Urban Bantu Council, Mr Peter Lengene and Mr David Thebehali, immediate past chairman of the Soweto Community Council.

Mr Mncube, a lecturer at the University of the Witwatersrand, ran the Soweto Council along intellectual lines. His emphasis was always on upgrading Soweto schools and black education.

His team of councillors at the time consisted of personalities such as Mr James Sofasonke Mpanza, Mr Richard Maponya, Mr Lennox Mlonzi, Mrs Connie Ntshona and Mr David Thebehali, most of whom had long been involved in civic politics.

Mr Lengene's period in office was curtailed by ill-health.

He was succeeded by Mr Thebehali, who also had a different style.

Mr Thebehali had been a member of the Young Progressives, part of Chief Gatsha Buthelezi's Inkatha movement, and a candidate in the QwaQwa elections.

Mr Thebehali also talked big. He spoke of raising millions from overseas sources and of providing hundreds of jobs for the people of Soweto.

It was intellectual talk from Mr Mncube, big talk from Mr Thebehali and now it is business talk from Mr Tshabalala.

Only time will tell how businesslike the "insolvent estate" of Soweto will become under the new city council and Mr Tshabalala.

Helpless 500 000 fight to survive

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JOHN MOJAPELO, Pretoria Bureau

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THE half-million inhabitants of the Winterveldt slum area, near Pretoria, are faced with continual struggle.

The struggle includes finding a place for themselves — somewhere that they can both physically stand and gain legal recognition.

The Commission for Justice and Peace of the Catholic Church Archdiocese of Pretoria and the Winterveldt action of the Pretoria Council of Churches, made these observations in a leaflet on a profile of the slum area.

Last week, the public spotlight was on the slum area, when more than 300 families in the area were threatened with forceful removal, to make way for a highway route.

After persistent and vehement denials by the Bophuthatswana government that such removals were taking place, the affected residents were given a reprieve.

It is anybody's guess how long the reprieve is going to last. According to the church body, Winterveldt encompasses many of the problems of South Africa:

- The division of people along racial and tribal lines;
- The quest for land and citizenship rights;
- Dispossession of people's property;
- The changing of laws by an unrepresentative government;
- Harassment by officials and police;
- The fragmentation of people.

All these make solidarity impossible ... plus the continual struggle over housing, education, health, safety and social welfare and the unceasing quest for work to maintain life.

Winterveldt lies about 40km north-west of Pretoria. The nearest industrial centres are Rosslyn and Babelegi, both about 25km away. The factories in the two areas draw their black labour force from Bophuthatswana.

The industries of Pretoria are about 40km away, while those of the Witwatersrand are about 120km.

Winterveldt which, according to official maps, is in Bophuthatswana, resulted from the government policy of clearing "black" spots in white areas like Lady Selborne, Eastwood, Eersterus and Riverside.

"The advantage of staying in Winterveldt was that people could live there relatively freely, within daily or weekly commuting distance to their work in the Pretoria and Johannesburg areas," stated the church groups.

The tribal background of the resulting population was very mixed: about 90% being non-Tswana.

Over 350 blacks from as far as Qwa-Qwa, registered with the authority, as it was a way of gaining entry to jobs in the cities.

In the 1970s, the plans of the South African Government to divide the black areas into separate independent "homelands," generated a wave of pro and anti-Tswana feeling.

Winterveldt was incorporated into Bophuthatswana. Over 500 residents petitioned the South African Government, without success, that the area should secede from the homeland before "independence" was granted on December 7, 1977.

The north and south Sothos, Tsongas, Ndebeles, Zulus and Xhosas in the area were not consulted about the incorporation.

As the population of the squatter area has been drawn from different places, no cohesive community has been built.

Everyone arriving there has been struggling for his or her own survival. "This has created an atmosphere of suspicion, mistrust and non-cooperation amongst the inhabitants", the Action Committee said.

The majority of the landowners are north Sotho and Shangaans, while the largest proportion of tenants are Ndebele.

The main conflict in the squatter area is seen as between the non-Tswana population and the Tswana homeland authorities.

At first, non-Tswana people thought that if they applied for citizenship of Bophuthatswana, their problems would be solved. Many applied but a few were granted. Most dwellings are of corrugated iron, mud bricks or packing cases obtained from the factories.

No running water, electricity or sewerage system is provided. Water is fetched from a pump or bought at R2,00 for 200 litres from some water vendors.

There are exceptions to the housing patterns and amenities. A number of isolated mansions, some even with a second storey, stand in the squatter area. These belong to a medical doctor, trader or plot owner.

There are a few registered schools that teach through the medium of Tswana, but none of them are in the densely populated southern area. The normal teacher:pupil ratio in the schools is 1:100.

The Action Committee see the central problem of the squatter area as total insecurity: fear for both personal safety and legal standing.

"What is required is for the two governments concerned, South Africa and Bophuthatswana, to give full recognition and legal standing to the population of the Winterveldt quite irrespective of whether they are Tswanas or not.

"This acceptance should entitle them to reasonable security of tenure, access to work, freedom to marry, provision of a pension and social services, and a share in ordering their own local affairs", said the Action Committee.

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Their days are numbered



No chance of a 'legal' home for this family — Joyce Sondise, her children and her brother Jeremiah.

On the Golden City's doorstep, hundreds of people battle to survive in the shanty town they call home. Report by SARAH CROWE. Pictures by PAUL WEINBERG

THIS is the town of numbers.

Here, every rickety little shack, every truck-shell is emblazoned with a large white number — the mark of future destruction. The mark that reminds them that one day West Rand Administration Board (WRAB) officials will flatten their 'illegal' dwellings.

For the families behind those numbers, this is life. It's the life that lies beneath the neat, four-roomed facade of Soweto. It's the dark side of South-Western Township.

To these urban squatters the concern of liberals leaves them cold. They don't want concern — just a house.

Walking around some of the squatter areas — scrapyards, rubbish dumps and mini shanty towns — of Soweto, the story of the squatters comes to life.

It isn't the story you'd hear from people in the Crossroads and Katlehongs of this world. It isn't one of "we'll stand and fight for our homes — together."

It's quite different. Here, if you're a squatter, you're almost always on your own. You can join the queue for help from the various Red Cross and church-type organisations (you've probably been standing in one queue for years already). Mostly you're out on a limb.

Some of them tell their story:

This is Joseph Tana. Here he is standing outside his sturdy self-built 'shack' where he and his small family have lived for five years.

Mr Tana has all the requirements to be classified with worrying whether WRAB will ignore his 'illegal' home for another year, he's fed-up with waiting and he's fed-up with photographers and journalists coming to take 'kiekies' (pictures) of him, his shack and his family.

"They (WRAB) have a long rope. They don't give you notice to move, they just come. But the time is coming — and you die, you God knows how far we can go like this. These shacks are too terrible — they are very hot and very cold. Every time kiekies, kiekies more. This is I'm not going to wait for them any more. I'll make up my own mind to move. I don't have to stay here, I can go to Brits — that's a 'Bantu' place. away and the rubbish isn't exactly collected every Wednesday.

But most are worse off than the Tanas.

There's the Mtembu — mother, father, so long they can't remember. They've had to move a few times — out of sight of bulldozers — but have lived in this area (MacDonald's farm, they call it) for four years.

Legally their books are in order, but they've been told there are no houses so they must wait. Their worries aren't as articulated as Mr Tana's, but they're there all the same.

Joyce Sondise is in the — only there's

The irony — this sign is, opposite a squatter area in Soweto.

Jeremiah Tshabala and he emptied his storerooms of spares and gave them a home.

Now he has some 10 families living in his scrapyard — some in storerooms, some in trucks and some in his old washroom. One of his workers 'lives' in a car.

Some of his squatters are illegal residents in Soweto and are lying low. Some are legal and are waiting . . . all have numbers and all will one day have to go.

That day isn't far off as Mr Tshabalala has been told that his scrapyard is to be demolished to make way for extensions to the road.

Until then, the squatters wait and hope that family or friends will take them in when the bulldozers head for their homes.

The families on his prop-

Mr Tana has all the requirements to be classified a 'legal' Sowetan — he was born in the area, has Section 10 rights, has no homeland connection and has a regular job. Mr Tana has been on the waiting list for a house for five years. Now he's fed-up.

He's 53 and he's fed-up .ust come. But the time is coming — and you die, you die all," says Mr Tana.

His speech is sprinkled with township rhetoric, but it comes from the heart and is flavoured with anger.

"How can you like to live like this? You can't do nothing because so many are waiting on that list. very hot and very cold. Every time kiekies, kiekies and nothing more. This is all nonsense. This is not a place to stay.

"Every day you never know if that will be the one when they will come. Many of them (the squatters) have already been taken to the camp of the church. But I don't have to stay here, I can go to Brits — that's a 'Bantu' place.

"Here in this area of Johannesburg the people are not strong. The people are not the same any more, they have been moved too many times. If you talk up you get into trouble, so you keep quiet."

"There's nothing we can do," he says calmly.

Mr and Mrs Tana keep their family well — the children are healthy (one only 10 days old) and the shack is clean and neat.

But it's not easy — the only tap is about 100 metres away, outside the butcher's shop, and that means R2,50 a month and a lot of fetching and carrying. The toilets are also some distance

But most are worse off than the Tanas.

There's the Mtembu family — mother, father, brother, two sisters, an aunt and the children. They have two rooms — together the size of a large bedroom. One room is a bedroom where the women sleep in a clever arrangement of bunk-type beds. The other room is a kitchen/lounge/-diningroom by day and a bedroom for the men and boys by night.

That's 13 people living in a space just big enough to swing a cat. In winter they wrap themselves in blankets, in summer the blankets come between them and the hard floor.

They, too, have been on the waiting list for a house

aren't as articulate as Mr Tana's, but they're there all the same.

Joyce Sondise is in the same boat — only there's no chance of her and her children ever getting a 'legal' home. She is from Standerton and has no right to live in Soweto.

Ms Sondise gets by doing odd jobs in town and with help from her brother, Jeremiah, who runs a scrap business with some neighbouring squatters.

But out there among all the rubble and tin shacks, is someone who's doing a little something to help the homeless.

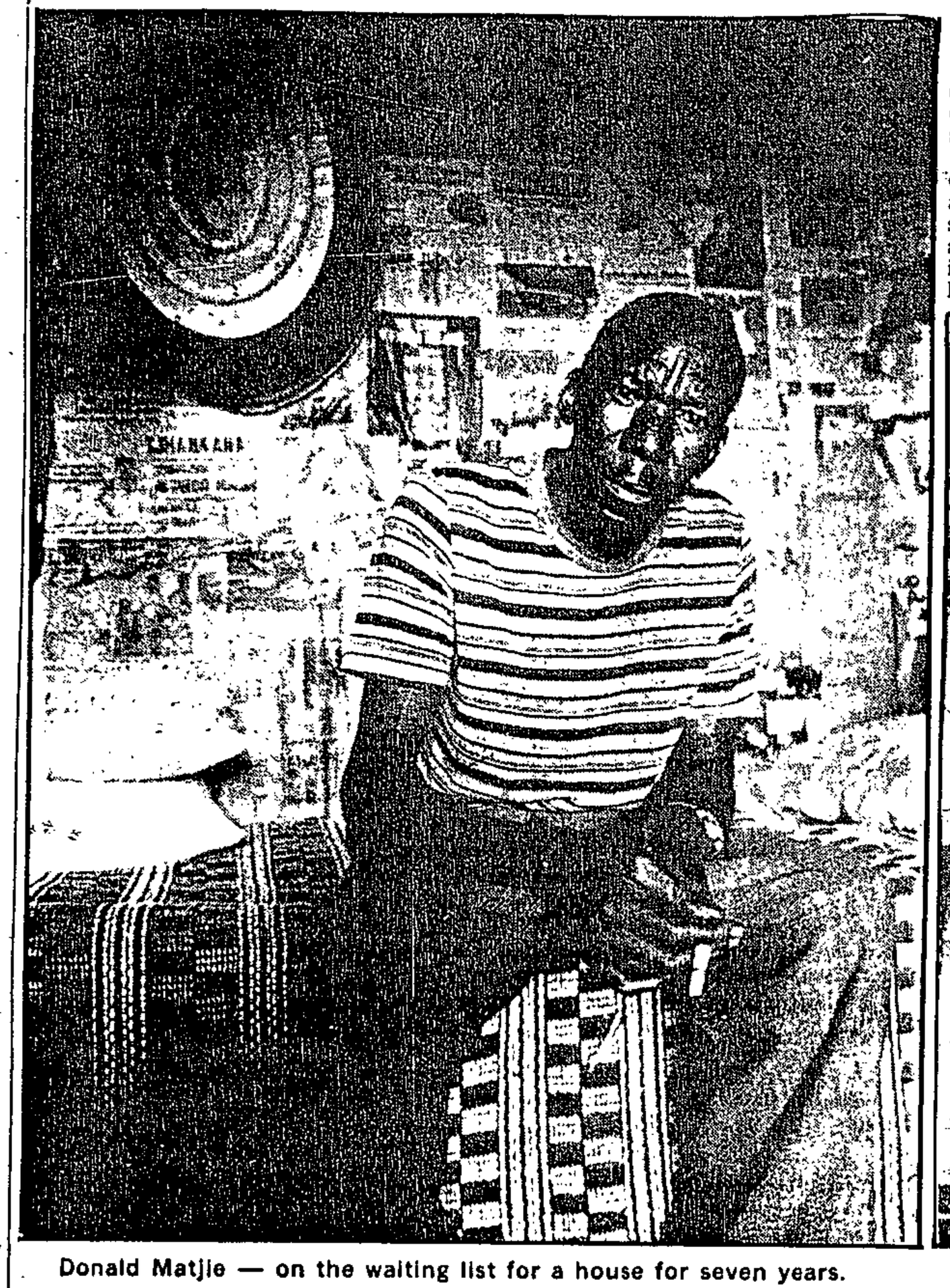
He is Jeremiah Tshabala, brother of Soweto mayor Ephraim Tshabala.

The homeless came to wait and hope that family or friends will take them in when the bulldozers head for their homes.

The families on his property are small — mostly a husband, wife and a baby or two — and their community is well organised. There are toilets and showers, they're on the bus route and Mr Tshabalala doesn't ask for much in return.

"These people are suffering. They don't know what will happen tomorrow. But if I see the people are suffering, I must help," says Mr Tshabalala.

Mr Tshabala believes that if their story is made known then someone somewhere will do something about it.



Donald Matjie — on the waiting list for a house for seven years.



Trucking along and waiting for better days, Wilfred Mjo in his 'home'.

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each industry.

The general workers' unions were complicating and delaying this process, in this view.

The exception was the Cape-based GWU, which restricted itself largely to three industries – transport, construction and stevedores.

Interestingly, Sactu recently came out in favour of industrial unions adding that the historical role of general workers' unions was past.

Bombs away — yet again

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THE house of 82-year-old Soweto Councillor Walter Nqoyi was petrol bombed this week — making him the eighth victim of petrol bomb attacks on councillors' homes in the last few months.

By KHULU SIBIYA

Eighth councilman petrol bombed

An organisation calling itself the South African Suicide Squad has claimed responsibility.

Mr Nqoyi, a veteran civic leader, burnt his arm when he tried to put out the fire.

Eight Molotov cocktails were thrown into his house in the early hours of Monday morning, but only two exploded — burning curtains, furniture and clothes in the children's bedroom.

"I thought I was dreaming. I saw a big flame only a metre away from where I was sleeping. Then everybody started screaming . . . there was chaos," Mr Nqoyi said.

He said a six-month-old baby was in the bedroom at the time, "and it is sheer luck that we escaped."

Mr Nqoyi said the fire extinguisher provided by the council two weeks ago as "protection" came in handy — although he didn't know how to use it at first.

"Fortunately, our neighbours came to our rescue and got the thing working. It took less than five minutes to bring the fire under control," he said.

Mr Nqoyi and his family were rushed to Zola Community Health Centre, where they were treated and discharged.

The veteran councillor blamed Co-operation and Development Minister Piet Koornhof for failing to stop the bombings.

"Dr Koornhof is helping our enemies by not consulting people about the new Local Authorities Act.

"He must speak to all the leaders, including those he does not like," Mr Nqoyi said.

Yesterday, Divisional Police Commissioner D J Jacobs confirmed the blast.

"Five bombs were thrown at the house, but only two exploded — causing R500 worth of damage. Only curtains were burnt, and Mr Nqoyi sustained minor injuries," he told City Press.

Brigadier Jacobs also disclosed that only one councillor has submitted an application for a gun — Councillor Silas Tshabalala, one of the seven other petrol bomb victims.

Brig Jacobs said there was no truth in claims that the councillors know their assailants.

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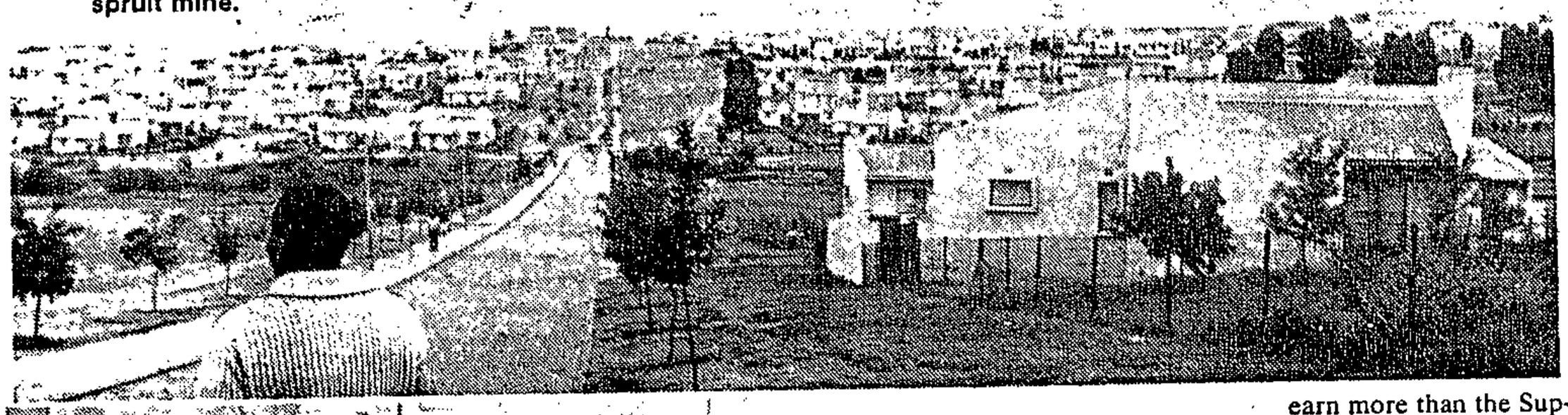
Mine that has turned its back on migrant labour system

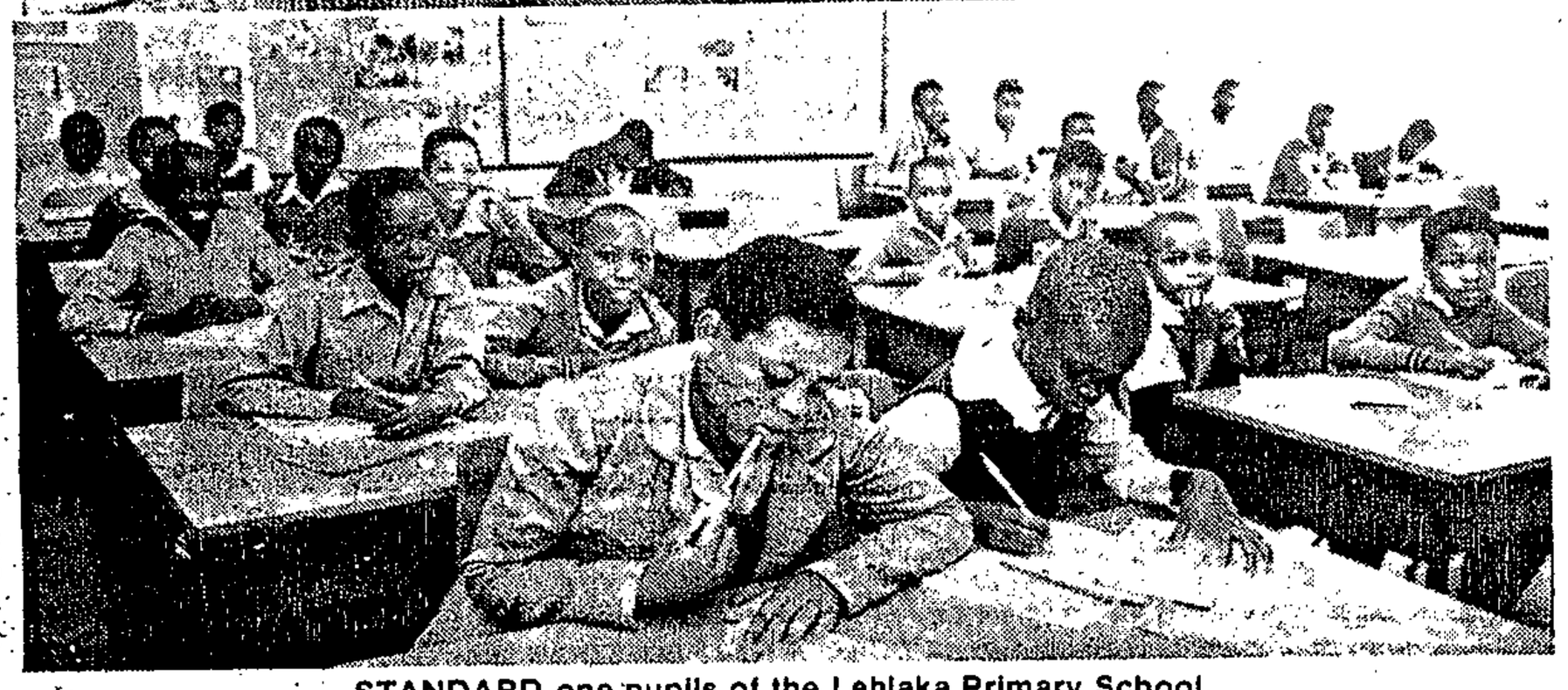
By NKOPANE MAKOBANE



MR PAPPY McDONALD, general manager of Rietspruit colliery.

SOME of the houses for workers at Rietspruit mine.





STANDARD one pupils of the Lehlaka Primary School.

TWO hours' drive east of Johannesburg is the Witbank coal region, and here under the gently undulating grassland lie the richest coal deposits in South Africa.

It is here that one finds the R200-million Rietspruit colliery — one of South Africa's largest opencast operations.

The complex named after a stream that supplies its industrial and domestic needs is a joint venture in which Shell South Africa (Pty) Ltd participates with the Transvaal Consolidated Land and Exploration Company Ltd, each owning half the assets.

The mine is managed by Rand Mines which has a majority shareholding in TCL and is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Barlow Rand Ltd.

This means that the mine personnel can transfer between Rietspruit and other Rand Mines subsidiaries for career development purposes.

And last week during a guided tour of the mine, a group of journalists were told by Mr Pappy McDonald, general manager of the mine, that the go-ahead for the mine was given in 1976 and work began on the site in November of that year.

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earn more than the Supplemented Living Level (SLL) assessed by the bureau for the mine.

Less than a fifth of mine employees are in the lowest pay grade. Unmarried staff at this level earn much more than the relevant SLL. Apart from this, everyone also gains from the generous benefits that are provided free of charge.

The philosophy of Rietspruit, Mr McDonald said, is to offer long-term opportunities for employment and career development, rather than to follow the traditional short-term contract approach.

Workers are drawn

houses is exactly the same for the black and white families, and by any standard extremely high. There are 10 grades of housing, but even then the lowest — for staff in the lower job grades — is an attractive straw-coloured brick building topped with red tiles, containing three bedrooms, a kitchen, bathroom and a living-/dining area.

The rent for this is just R5 a month, with electricity for heating, cooking, lighting and so on, water and all maintenance provided free.

When a man is promoted to a new job in a higher housing grade, he can move into a better house and even receives an allowance to compensate for any inconvenience.

Employees living on a bachelor basis are also well looked after. They live in comfortable single-storey houses, each containing eight individual rooms grouped round a central lounge and equipped with all modern conveniences, including colour television.

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Pleasant

According to McDonald, the opencast mining operation at Rietspruit has some real advantages. He said it is usually easier to mine larger tonnages and recovery is greater since coal does not have to be left in place to support the mine workings.

Again, it is also safer and more pleasant for the miners who do not have to work underground.

He also said because most of the work at the mine is mechanised; virtually everyone — some 1 000 blacks and 250 whites — does a specialised skilled task requiring a high degree of ability and training. They man electrical stores, warehouses, servicing areas and the administration block.

Mr McDonald said because physical development has been matched by social progress, Rietspruit has grown into a community unique in the South African mining industry.

Wherever possible, staff are recruited locally and no migrant labour is used. All jobs are open to anyone who has suitable qualifications, irrespective of race or sex, and salaries are based on a qualitative job evaluation system, guaranteeing equal pay for equal work.

Elaborating on equal pay for equal work, Mr McDonald said large-scale opencast mining is a relatively new technique, and requires skills different from those of the traditional mining industry.

Every job at Rietspruit is evaluated according to the demands it imposes and the skills and experience needed to do it. A single evaluation scheme covers every job at the mine and it is in relation to these evaluations that pay categories are established for the different job grades.

Jobs at the mine are evaluated in terms of the Paterson plan, an internationally recognised job evaluation system which is widely used in the mining industry in South Africa and elsewhere.

Jobs are graded from 1 (the lowest) to 15, the grade of the general manager. Grading on this basis ensures that there is a fair objective assessment of jobs as different as drill operator, tractor driver, technician, clerk, cook, barman, analyst and radio operator.

Pay categories are determined to reflect the different levels of job responsibility and are reviewed annually to take account of economic conditions and going rates of pay in the market.

Interim reviews may also be given to individuals as a result of promotion, transfer, upgrading of a job or to reward exceptional performance.

The minimum pay is based on assessments of living costs made independently by the Bureau of Market Research at the University of South Africa (Unisa), as recommended by various international codes of conduct. The bureau was asked to assess living costs at Rietspruit based on the different needs of unmarried people, permanent residents and married people living on a bachelor basis.

As a result, even the lowest paid employees — R260 up to R280 — (SLL) assessed by the bureau for the mine.

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Workers are drawn from nearby areas, with preference given to married people who want to live on the mine with their families.

The major breakthrough was the special dispensation from the Government that the mine be allowed to build houses for more than 500 black employees, making it possible for their families to live on the mine and share all the facilities of the community.

The quality of the single-storey houses, each containing eight individual rooms grouped round a central lounge and equipped with all modern conveniences, including colour television.

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Employees of Rietspruit enjoy a number of benefits which, among them, is education. All the children on the mine are provided with free education, either on the mine or in local State schools.

At Lehlaka Primary school, with 668 pupils and a teaching staff of 23, children between the ages of 4 and 12 are taught in Zulu and Sotho, the two main African languages among the mine workers. The teacher-pupil ratio is 1:35.

Those pass law cases keep on pouring in ...

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ANTON HARBER, Political Reporter

THERE'S little sign of reform in the reports of the Black Sash Advice Offices. People desperately seeking help with their pass law and township living problems have continued to pour into the offices in Johannesburg, Pretoria, Cape Town and Grahamstown.

The Sash's president, Mrs Sheena Duncan, said in her conference speech: "For us and for the people with whom we work, nothing has changed except to become worse."

These are details from the Advice Offices' files ...

MRS T N had a simple choice: either she stayed illegally in Johannesburg, chancing arrest and hoping for occasional work, or she could return to Tugela Ferry and wait hopelessly to be recruited for work while her five children went hungry.

Mrs T N, whose name has been withheld for her protection, is a typical example of the 14 019 cases dealt with at just one of the Black Sash Advice Offices around the country.

A widow with five children in Tugela Ferry, she became the family's sole breadwinner when her husband died five years ago.

There being no possibility of her earning any kind of living in her home district, she came to Johannesburg. She could not be registered, and therefore risked arrest, but had no choice except to find casual jobs.

The case of Mrs T N is one of the many enumerated in the annual reports of the Black Sash Advice Office, presented to the organisation's national conference this week.

The only way such people can get work legally is through a labour bureau — and the urban preference policy means a reduction.

Working illegally has become increasingly difficult because of the R500 fine imposed on the employer of an unregistered worker.

The victims of these policies, according to the report, were the breadwinners for hungry families in rural areas.

Another major line of complaint came from the more than 650 contract workers who had been refused the crucial Section 10(1)(b) qualifications.

Section 10 qualification is necessary for people to apply for housing, look for employment in the area and move to another area if a job and housing if available.

Most of the 650 complainants had been wrongfully refused their rights, but some had no legal rights because of circumstances beyond their control or because of the carelessness and unconcern of their employers.

Mr Mathe, for example, had worked at a factory in Germiston between 1971 and 1983 and as such should have been entitled to his Section 10 rights.

But the firm never bothered to renew his registration for the whole of 1972 because "they said they didn't have the time to do it".

This meant that he had to begin counting his 10 years from 1973. In 1982, the firm moved to another prescribed area. His 10-year count had to begin again.

To add to this, the first signs are becoming evident of this policy being applied to citizens of the "independent" homelands.

Mr X of Welkom was married to a women who was stripped of her South African rights and made a Transkeian.

She was refused permission to live with him and told that she had to go to the Transkei and apply through the South African Department of Foreign Affairs for permission to join her husband.

But the legal difficulties are only part of the problem. "Inefficiency, maladministration and corruption are responsible for a very high percentage of the problems presented in the Advice Office.

"Both the Department of Co-Operation and Development and the Administration Boards are responsible for quite unnecessary delays and obstructions which sometimes amount to deliberate bullying and an arrogant flaunting of power by the officials," the report said.

It details numerous instances where unlawful instructions were given to people.

For example, the instruction to Mr X of Welkom that his wife had to return to the Transkei to apply to live with him was "entirely unlawful", according to the report.

In Pretoria, where a total of 900 cases were dealt with, a major complaint was the "bureaucratic delaying techniques used by the administration boards".

The report from the Johannesburg Advice Office ended by noting that the only white South Africans who visit the office are those who want to register "my girl" or "this garden boy" who is such a "good boy".

"Certainly, those who loudly and publicly maintain that a process of reform is under way never come."

RIGHTS DELAYED BY SEARCH FEE

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THE VAAL branch of the General Workers' Union (GWU) has accused the Vaal Town Council of stalling the union's attempts to get its members — all migrant labourers — urban rights.

By LEN MASEKO

At the centre of the row is the "search fee' the council is demanding before it produces records of the affected employees — all of whom work for the Town Council, and are members of the union. The GWU wants the information from the records so that it can get Section 10(1)b rights for 10 of its members.

"It's absolutely outrageous," said GWU official, Mr Phil Masia, commenting on the "search fee" charged by the council. "We don't think the so-called search fee is applicable in this case. Why should they sell the information to us?"

According to Mr Masia, the council initially told union officials that it had no files of the workers concerned, but somersaulted when asked to put this in writing.

"When we asked them to put this in writing, they then came up with the 'search-fee' story — hence our belief that they are stalling," Mr Masia said.

The GWU official told **The SOWETAN** yesterday that they had already acquired Section 10(1)b application forms — which have to be filled in with the co-operation of the employer — from the Oranje-Vaal Administration Board (Ovab).

"The next step was for the council to give us employee records, but it appears they are not willing to do so," Mr Masia added.

According to the landmark Supreme Court ruling on the Rikhoto case, migrants who have worked 10 years or more for the same employer can claim permanent city rights.

The Vaal Town Council treasurer, Mr J Vorster, vehemently denied yesterday that his council was stalling the union's attempts to register the 10 migrant workers for urban rights.

"Why would we prevent our workers from getting urban rights? I mean, if they have Section 10(1)b endorsed on their passes, the easier the task for all of us. We would like to see them getting these rights. The 'search fee' was introduced years ago, and is an Ovab policy. Even private companies, wanting information on their workers, pay it," Mr Vorster said.

Mr J Leevorink, Ovab's community services director, said it was normal procedure that people should be charged the "fee" for any information required from board or council records.

LIFE STANK IN DUBE

LIFE became a stink at Dube Village, Soweto, this week when water was cut for over 48 hours in the area.

By STAN MHLONGO

Essential community services were disrupted and residents started to panic as toilets overflowed. The lack of water also caused problems with cooking, cleaning, washing and drinking.

At Nkathuto Lower Primary School one teacher described the situation as so terrible that he wanted the school to be closed.

"How can you run a school with 500 pupils with the flush system not working?" asked the teacher.

Miss Engelinah Maluleka (21) was all smiles after getting water with a bucket from a neighbouring area.

Miss Eunice Sefolo (23) said: "The water cuts have hit us so hard that you would think we are in the rural areas."

Mrs Esther Kgori said the problems concerning the shortage of water would not have been very severe had the West Rand Administration Board (Wrab) informed the residents before implementing it.

"The most terrible thing is that one cannot control nature and with the toilets not working you can imagine the kind of problems we face, especially those of us who have toilets inside the house," Mrs Kgori said.

She said residents faced a tough hurdle in getting water for the children when they go to school.

The Wrab director of technical services, Mr J Halbig, said the board would investigate the complaints of the residents.



WATER CRISIS: Angelinah Maluleka and Eunice Sefalo carry water from neighbouring areas after their Dube township area had gone without water for two days.

R125 000 boost for teachers

By LEN MASEKO

AN IN-SERVICE programme aimed at more than 70 000 under-qualified African and coloured teachers at higher primary schools received a shot in the arm on Wednesday in the form of a R125 000 sponsorship from the private sector.

Known as Teacher Opportunity Programmes (Tops), it is already in operation in 11 centres throughout the country. Two other centres will be opened in the Transvaal — in Katlehong and Alexandra — within the next two months.

At a function held in Johannesburg on qualifications and competence — especially those on the higher primary level.

Addressing Wednesday's meeting, Tops chairman, Dr Robert Lee, said the urgency of this need was emphasised by the fact that about 65 percent — representing nearly 70 000 teachers — of black tea-

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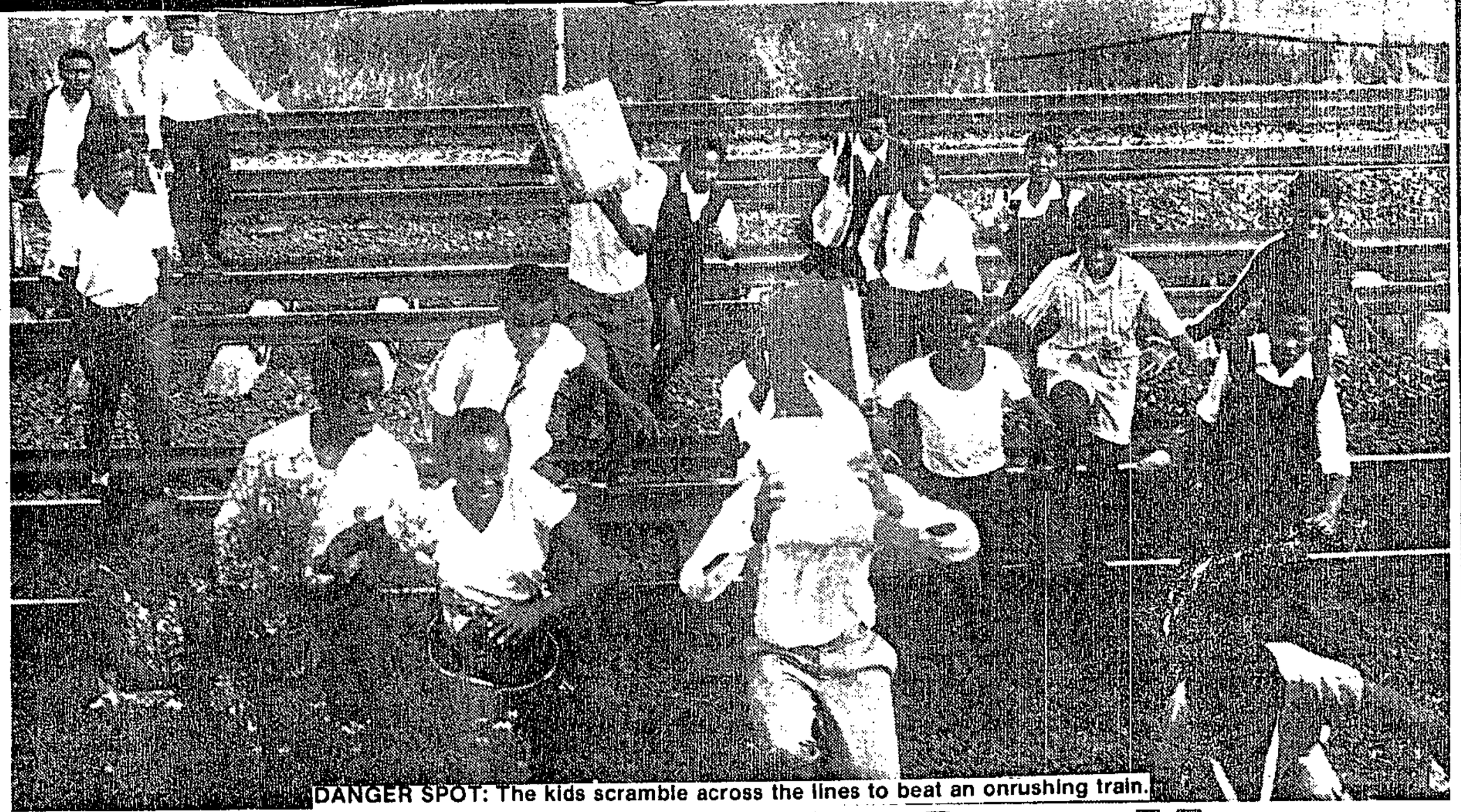
Adults hold their breath as kids rush to cross



DANGER SPOT: The kids scramble across the lines to beat an onrushing train.

Their lives on the line

HUNDREDS of children risk their lives every day at the railway lines between Mlamlankunzi and Orlando stations on the Nancefield lines.

Some of the children are barely seven, but MUST cross the line to reach schools in Orlando. Most come from Orlando West and adjacent areas.

They cross the lines just below Orlando stadium and many adults have held their breath daily as children — as is normal with all kids — try to beat onrushing trains by rushing across while a train is coming.

Parents have complained of this over the years but all that the authorities have done is build small platforms that enable the kids to jump over some cable and thus help them to risk their lives much quicker.

A spokesman of the South African Transport Services (SATS) yesterday warned people crossing railway lines at unauthorised places not to do so.

Mr Mike Adendorf, the SATS public relations officer, said people fond of this practice were exposing themselves to extreme danger. For their own interest, he said, they should make use of the subways.

The nearest subways to the crossing are at the station some distance away.

He issued this warning after **The SOWETAN** had brought it to his attention that school children were daily crossing the railway line next to the Orlando Stadium.

He appreciated that this had been brought to his attention and gave a promise that the SATS will look into the matter.

"Although crossing the railway line at an unauthorised place may be a short-cut, I advise anyone not to do so in his own interest because the chances of being hit by a train are great, particularly the schoolchildren who cross during peak hours," he said.

anticipated that the pipes will be re paired;

(2) whether tankers have been provided to supply water to the residents of these townships while repairs are be ing carried out; if not, what emergen cy supply system has been used; if so (a) how many tankers and (b) what average volume of water per day has been supplied;

(3) whether this water is available to residents on a 24-hour basis; if not, (a) why not and (b) what restrictions are applicable to the availability of this water;

(4) whether any steps have been taken to improve the supply of this water; if not, why not; if so, what steps;

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

The DEPUTY MINISTER OF CO OPERATION:

(1) No, but the water supply is interrupted from time to time while the system is being upgraded, which entails improvement of the water reticulation network, provision of new water mains and the construction of a 2* megalitre reservoir.

(a) to (d) Fall away.

(2) Yes.

(a) 8 to 12 tankers.

(b) Approximately 500 000 litres per day.

(3) Yes.

(a) and (b) Fall away

(4) Falls away

(5) No.

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Kathlehong/Tokoza

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

(1) Whether any water-pipes in the Kathlehong and Tokoza townships on the East Rand burst recently; if so, (a) when, (b) what was the cause, (c) to what extent has each such township been affected and (d) when is it

Mr P G SOAL: Mr Speaker, arising out of the reply given by the hon the Deputy Minister, is he aware of the fact that there was an interruption in the supply of water to those townships over a period of two weeks; if so, has he any comment to make on that matter?

The DEPUTY MINISTER: Mr Speaker, I am not aware of such an interruption. It is, however, quite possible that that may have happened. The whole system is being upgraded and one can therefore expect that some of the reticulation pipes may be put out of commission for a period of time.

*10. Mr R M BURROWS—Education and Training—Reply standing over.

*11. Mr K M ANDREW—Defence—Reply standing over.

*12. Mr K M ANDREW—Defence—Reply standing over.

*13. Mr K M ANDREW—Defence—Reply standing over.

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Soweto: trading licences

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416. Mrs H SUZMAN asked the Minister of Co-operation and Development:

How many trading licences were operative in Soweto as at 1 January 1984?

The MINISTER OF CO-OPERATION AND DEVELOPMENT:

The number of licensed business premises in Soweto as at 1 January 1984 was 2 946. The number of licences in respect of these businesses is considerably bigger as several licences may be issued to each business for its different trading activities. That figure (i.e. the number of licences issued) is however not available.

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Villagers in grim battle

Argus Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG. — Mogopa's uprooted villagers are battling to re-establish themselves at Bethanie and surrounding settlements in the Brits area.

At most, seven families of the group forced from the black freehold farm near Ventersdorp in mid-February have remained at the removal camp of Pachsdraai, near Zeerust, according to residents.

Many shanties have sprung up on the outskirts of Bethanie and an even larger number at nearby Berseba, all housing the Mogopa "refugees".

Third group

A third group of Mogopa people is to be found in the mushrooming area of Modikwe. The region was chosen as a place of refuge by Mogopa's owners because it is the traditional land of the Bakwena baMogopa.

Community leaders say the total number of stands allocated to them is 300, and new shelters are going up daily, although many goods are still lying exposed to the elements.

Neither Bethanie nor Berseba has a convenient water supply and most water is impure, coming from the river. "If it doesn't rain we don't wash," said a Berseba householder. "I don't know how long it takes to fetch water. You have to sit and rest along the way."

Donkey sleds

At Mogopa people used donkeys and sleds to carry water. They had to leave their donkeys behind. Other stock losses are frequently mentioned, along with complaints about the compensation received for houses, non-payment of compensation for crops and breakages in the course of removal to Pachsdraai.

Many people, gave up their jobs in the move, including several lorry drivers from Mogopa who saw it as their duty to help to evacuate their community from Pachsdraai. These drivers covered 1 000 km a day for almost three weeks. Several are jobless now that the move is over.

The cost of the move was about R52 000, funded by private contributions to a special fund launched by leading Johannesburg churchmen. A spokesman for the fund said lorry owners had given huge amounts in kind, either by lending their vehicles or reducing rental rates.

She added that the response from the man-in-the-street had been heart-warming, ranging from workers at a toy factory who had collected about R13 in small amounts, to a German visitor who had sold a Krugerrand given to him as a boy.

"He told us, after visiting Bethanie, that he wanted no share of South Africa's gold."

Large contributors are willing to help in developing water supplies to the new areas if the authorities agree.

Their plight

Battling to get water, to put up their shelters — sometimes despairing as rainwater runs under the zinc and ruins newly-laid floors — residents are anxious that their plight be remembered.

"Please tell those churchmen (who held a vigil at Mogopa in November) that they must come back and pray for us; we are still in sorrow," said a Berseba settler. "In Pachsdraai we couldn't even pray — in that land of Egypt."

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Null and void, says manager

Argus Correspondent

PRETORIA. — The row brewing over 'e Void's "twisted" interepretation of the national anthem during a concert at the University of Pretoria has been blown out of proportion, said the band's manager.

The student newspaper Die Perdeby carried an editorial attacking the group for their "jazzed-up" version.

The band's manager, Mr Carl Windrich, said: "As a South African band, we only do South African material and we would not make a mockery as we are proud of being South Africans," he said.

Although he would not concede that the national anthem had been played, he conceded that a song "might have sounded similar."

A wonderful way to say 'Thank You'

By LIN MENGE

A WONDERFUL way of saying "Thank You": that's how a Linksfield housewife sees the purchase of an employee's home on the Big Sale.

The woman, who does not wish to be named, told Homefront that her employee had been with her for 25 years.

She felt the bargain prices offered under the Big Sale were a small price for any employer to pay for dedicated service from an employee, now in her old age.

In this case the house, in Duduza Township in Nigel, was in the name of the husband, the registered tenant.

"But this gave our employee no security at all. We discussed the matter with the township manager, and explained our point of view to the husband. He agreed to sign the house over into her name.

"This resulted in the loss of 5% of the discount, because although he had occupied the house for more than five years, she had not."

● Of the 3 000 or so houses sold to date under the Big Sale in Wrab and Erab townships, Homefront knows of a good many which, like the above, have been bought by grateful employers.



SA Associated Newspapers staff collected money in these SAAN beermugs to help the families of two colleagues, Mr Josiah Gumede, above, and Mr Percy Sithebe, who lost their homes and possessions in the Natal and KwaZulu floods.

A tough Budget will hit Disaster Relief Fund

Homefront Reporter

MR HORWOOD'S Budget Speech will be listened to with dread in the offices of the Government's Disaster Relief Fund in Pretoria today.

If the Minister of Finance comes down too hard, it will hit support for the Disaster Relief Fund among both companies and individuals very badly, the chairman of the board of the fund, Mr Arthur Barnard, said yesterday.

Only R168 000 had been collected so far, he said.

At least R2 500 000 is needed in just the black areas of Natal and KwaZulu to replace houses and stock. More than 80 000 people — families of workers on the Reef — have lost their homes.

Never mind, the Rand Daily Mail Homefront's Abanga is there to help stretch the pennies. Homefront first became aware of the effect of the floods on city workers when two SAAN employees, Mr Percy Sithebe and Mr Josiah Gumede, lost their homes. We organised a collection, and then went into a fullscale campaign with the Natal Building Society.

You can drop your contribution to the Abanga Fund-Flood Relief Campaign in at any one of 18 branches of the NBS. These are Market Street, Braamfontein, Hillbrow, Harrison St, Carlton Centre, In-town Centre, Jeppe St, Rosettenville, Southdale, Lenasia, Diepkloof, Dube, Sandringham, Rosebank (The Firs, The Mall), Edgardale, Randburg and Sandton City.

Two-thirds of the proceeds will go to the Government's Disaster Relief Fund, and one-third to the Abanga Fund, which in turn gives a third to starting homes for people of all races in the Johannesburg area.

Cheques may be made out to the Endangered Wildlife Trust Abanga Fund (Flood Relief 12-RMF-D), Private Bag X11, Parkview 2122.

The Trust is a registered fundraising organisation, No. 03 3000 320001.

'Housing' — it is hard to believe



Homefront Reporter

DOES anyone actually read the Department of Community Development's 12-page, bilingual, blue and white newsletter "Housing"?

If they did, they would have discovered that the newsletter, for the second time, has given a wrong telephone number for Wrab's Big Sale office. The 29-number given is that of a private company. The right number is 21-4911.

For the East Rand, they give a Mr Pieterse. He left months ago.

An obscure sales and survey progress chart gives readers a vague graphic presentation of what the situation was back in January.

There is also an alarming story that the liaison committee set up to provide *practical* solutions to private sector problems with the sales campaign and with new housing, has been enlarged. Having put forward some problems to this committee, Homefront would rather have read about just one of their solutions.

The front page reports are on the tabling of the Steyn committee report (last September) as "vivid proof" of the Government's good intentions and a Ministerial speech (last October) about a private sector consortium which would build 40 000 to 50 000 houses.

Homefront thought that was big news and wanted to give it full treatment with the names of the members of the consortium. No — only the Minister could disclose their identity. That was five months ago.

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NO AMBULANCE - SO 2 DIE IN TEMBISA

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TWO people — one a pensioner — have died in Tembisa near Kempton Park, in the past nine days after they could not be rushed to hospital because the township's two ambulances are out of order.

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First was Mr Bob Molaba (25), of 10 Endayeni section, who died five hours after he was stabbed by thugs in the township last week.

Mr Molaba's family had to hire a taxi for R10 after waiting for nearly five hours for an ambulance that never arrived, to take him to hospital.

Mr Molaba was certified dead on arrival at the hospital.

Pensioner

On Sunday, Mr Eddington Vukeya (85), a pensioner, died three hours after his relatives had telephoned to take him to hospital. His family tried to get alternative transport but he died three hours later before any transport could be found to take him to hospital.

The superintendent of the Tembisa Hospital, Dr J B C Slieringa confirmed yesterday that the only two ambulances at the hospital had broken down and had been out of order for the past three weeks.

He also said: "It is the policy of the hospital not to fetch patients from their homes or streets in the ambulances. The residents have got to organise their own transport to come to hospital."

Dr Slieringa further suggested that the local town council should provide the residents with ambulances but a spokesman for the Tembisa Council said it was not the council's responsibility to provide ambulance services.

He said: "We have been providing these facilities in the past until early this year, when the hospital services took over the ambulances from us and decided to run the services on their own."

Tembisa meeting

THE Tembisa People Voice Party will hold a meeting on Sunday in the township to discuss the shortage of ambulances in the area which has resulted in two people dying over the past two weeks.

The meeting, which will start at 8am, will be held at the Isiziba Higher Primary School in Isiziba section. Mr J S Pitse, chairman of the party, has called on the residents to attend the meeting.

Councillors suspended

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TWO leading members of the Soweto Council were suspended by the management committee yesterday.

They are veteran civic leader Lucas Shabangu, who is alleged to have taken a bribe of R100, and Mr Siegfried Manthata.

Mr Shabangu appeared in the Protea Magistrate's Court on Monday on charges of extortion.

Mr Shabangu and Mr Manthata, a leading member of the Makgotla, were each suspended for 45 days. Mr Manthata was suspended because of a Press statement he made last week about rent increases.

IN THE RED

Soweto, owes R2-million



GOAL: Mandla "Metro Blitz" Sithole raises his arms in jubilati
Swallows. See pages 8, 9

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Electricity, water in arrears

SOWETO RESIDENTS are in arrears of more than R2 million for electricity and metered water, a report of the Soweto Town Council has revealed.

In an effort to recover the money, the council has sent out urgent notices to residents who are in arrears, and if the residents do not pay, many households could be without electricity.

By ZWELAKHE SISULU

The report, tabled at the council's monthly meeting last week, showed that Soweto residents owed R2 257 473 for electricity and water at the end of November and, it is estimated, the figure may have shot up over the festive season.

According to the report, the November figure was a drop of R21 596 from the amount owed at the end of October.

Most townships are in arrears of four months consumption. In Orlando East arrears have increased from six months consumption to eight months while in Zola arrears decreased from three months consumption to two months.

The meeting was informed that the Department of Co-operation and Development had sent a letter to the council advising it that houses would no longer be sold under the 30-year home ownership scheme.

"One of the main reasons for moving away from the 30-year system in favour of the 99-year leasehold is that under the 99-year leasehold the private sector has an opportunity to become involved in the housing action," the report stated.

The council also decided to rezone the Zondi "koppie" for residential purposes. The town planner of the West Rand Administration Board has been requested to prepare a layout plan of the area.

All residential sites in the area would be in excess of 1 200 square metres each. This will be used as a pilot project and if it succeeds more rocky areas will be developed into residential sites.

The toll gate system moved a step nearer implementation when the council recommended that a memorandum should be sent to the Minister of Co-operation and Development, Dr Piet Koornhof detailing the council's plans



THE MAYOR: Mr Ephraim Tshabalala.

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LAWYER'S FUTURE IN GOVT HANDS

THE fate of the two Krugersdorp lawyers refused permission to open an office in the town now depends on the decision of two other Government bodies — the Department of Community Development and the office of the Chief Commissioner of Co-operation and Development (Witwatersrand).

This was disclosed yesterday by the Krugersdorp Co-operation and Development Commissioner, Mr M C Koster, who told **The SOWETAN** that he had already received a letter from the local town council stating its reasons for refusing to allow the black lawyers to start a practice in the town's business centre.

The two attorneys are Mr Maropeng Joseph Kuaho and Mr Aubrey Khanyile, who applied in accordance with the Group Areas Act for permission to open offices in town. The council, however, turned the application down.

According to the law, lawyers are required to

By LEN MASEKO

have their offices within a radius of eight kilometres from the nearest magistrate's court. The local township, Kagiso, is out of question for the two attorneys because it falls outside the required radius.

Mr Koster said yesterday: "I cannot reveal the contents of the council's letter because this is confidential. I will be forwarding this letter to the Chief Commissioner of the Witwatersrand, Mr J Korf, who will in turn pass it over to the Department of Community Development."

Among persons or bodies required to submit recommendations in such an application — especially that of a black applying to open an office in a white area — is the local magistrate, police station commander and a local authority.

Meanwhile the two attorneys are temporarily practising in Krugersdorp town while their application is being processed.



MR KHANYILE: Still waiting.

The Krugersdorp Town Clerk, Mr J J L Niewoudt, yesterday refused to state the reasons advanced by his council to Mr Koster, saying it was "up to him (Mr Koster) to decide whether the council's reasons should be made known to the public."



Mandy ... can Croeser recue the townships?

URBAN BLACKS

A question of money

The Soweto town council once again faces the prospect of having to raise service charges, always a bitter political issue in black areas. Like other urban areas Soweto is getting deeper into debt — by last November the accumulated council deficit amounted to R2,3m.

Other than by raising rents and service charges (or by obtaining government subsidies) it has no way of increasing its revenues. Subsidies are out of favour with government which feels local authorities should pay their own way.

The chairman of Johannesburg's Central Business District Association (CBDA), Nigel Mandy says he doesn't see how Soweto can get out of the red, given its tiny economic base. Nor does he think the Croeser Commission, which investigated local authority finances, will rescue the black townships from their dilemma.

Under the Black Communities Development Act the Minister of Co-operation and Development will have the power to fix rents and administration boards the power to fix service charges — on the recommendation of local councils. But that does nothing to broaden the economic basis of black areas.

Mandy points out that deputy Minister of Co-operation and Development George Morrison, has admitted in Parliament that the problem of finding adequate revenues for black townships has not been solved. Mandy adds that he hasn't seen the Croeser committee's recommendations yet, but he expects funds will be raised by taxes levied on businesses in the metropolitan area.

There are two aspects to be noted, says Mandy. One is the question of how money should be handled by a metropolitan authority representing regional local authorities and the other the type of taxes to be imposed.

"I'm apprehensive the taxes will be designed to discourage employment of blacks in metropolitan areas — in the hope of creating jobs elsewhere. I don't think that will work because the PWV area comprises 50% of SA's economy. It is obviously easier to create jobs right here," he says.

Soweto gets the bulk of its present income from house rentals. In the foreseeable future there is little prospect of large-scale business development in the townships leading to the establishment of high-rated business areas. Hence the need to raise service charges.

Mandy says: "We need a metropolitan government representing all local municipalities (including Johannesburg, Sandton and Soweto) to take charge of financing infrastructural services. So far goverment has refused to contribute a share of gst to pay for municipal services or part of the fuel tax to finance roads and public transport. We still hope for a change of mind."

Rent hike anger has councillors scuttling

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By MARTIN NTSOELENGOE

MORE than 1 000 Bekkersdal schoolkids chased community councillors into hiding on Sunday and demanded their resignation because of a recent rent increase.

The councillors locked themselves in their shops or fled from their homes as the students went on the rampage.

The student demonstration was sparked off by the distribution of pamphlets in Bekkersdal announcing that rents would go up on April 1.

Residents of four-roomed houses now have to pay between R30 and R51 for their homes, and charge rent from their subtenants which is paid to the West Rand Administration Board.

The students said the increase was unjustified — particularly the R17 shack dwellers have to pay.

Residents built the shacks themselves, the students argued, and in some cases these were the only source of income for widows putting their children through school.

If rents went up, there could be an increase in the number of students who dropped out of school.

The angry schoolkids then started hunting for the councillors, slamming them for approving the increases — and sent the councillors scuttling.

An explosive scene was averted when the police were called in and the students dispersed.

Police spokesman Tienie Halgryn confirmed the incident. No-one was arrested, he said, and no-one was hurt.

DOWN IN THE DUMPS



TEMBISA WOMEN: Scavenging for food for their families.

Women hunt for food in rubbish

By MZIKAYISE EDOM

SCORES of women and children in Tembisa scavenge daily for food, clothing and wood at a rubbish dump near the township as unemployment, the drought and starvation bite into families.

The women told **The SOWETAN** that every day they wait for trucks dumping on the rubbish heap and then search for anything from food to clothing to keep their families "going on".

The trucks come about four times a day.

Residents have called on the authorities to fence in the dump to prevent the women from scavenging. The dump is a health hazard, especially in summer when flies and other insects carry disease to neighbouring homes.

The SOWETAN spoke to a number of women scavenging at the dump. They said they had looked for work in the past but in vain.

"Our families have to eat and we have no alternative but to scavenge for food and clothing at this dump."

One woman, who gave her name as Sarah, said they visited the place daily to collect food which includes meat, bread and canned foods from the township's shops.

Another woman, who refused to give her name, said: "I have got seven children to feed and I am the breadwinner at home. I have been jobless for the past two years. This is the only way I can support my children. At times we go without food for days, but what can I do? I have no source of income."

Mr Dumisane Nhlapo, an employee of the East Rand Administration Board (Erab) who works as a guard at the rubbish dump, told **The SOWETAN** that the board has failed to drive the women out of the place.

Policemen

"We have even tried calling the board's policemen to chase the women away, but they have also failed. The board is now considering erecting a high fence around the dump, but I cannot say when this will take place," Mr Nhlapo said.

Last year **The SOWETAN** exposed a similar practice at Bophelong, Vanderbijlpark, in which women and children lived off dumps. The town council fenced in the area and promised to take strong action against people who scavenged.



ROUGH STUFF: Benoni's Solomon Mohlabane grabs Swallows' Goona Padayachee by his shirt with Aubrey Makgopela down

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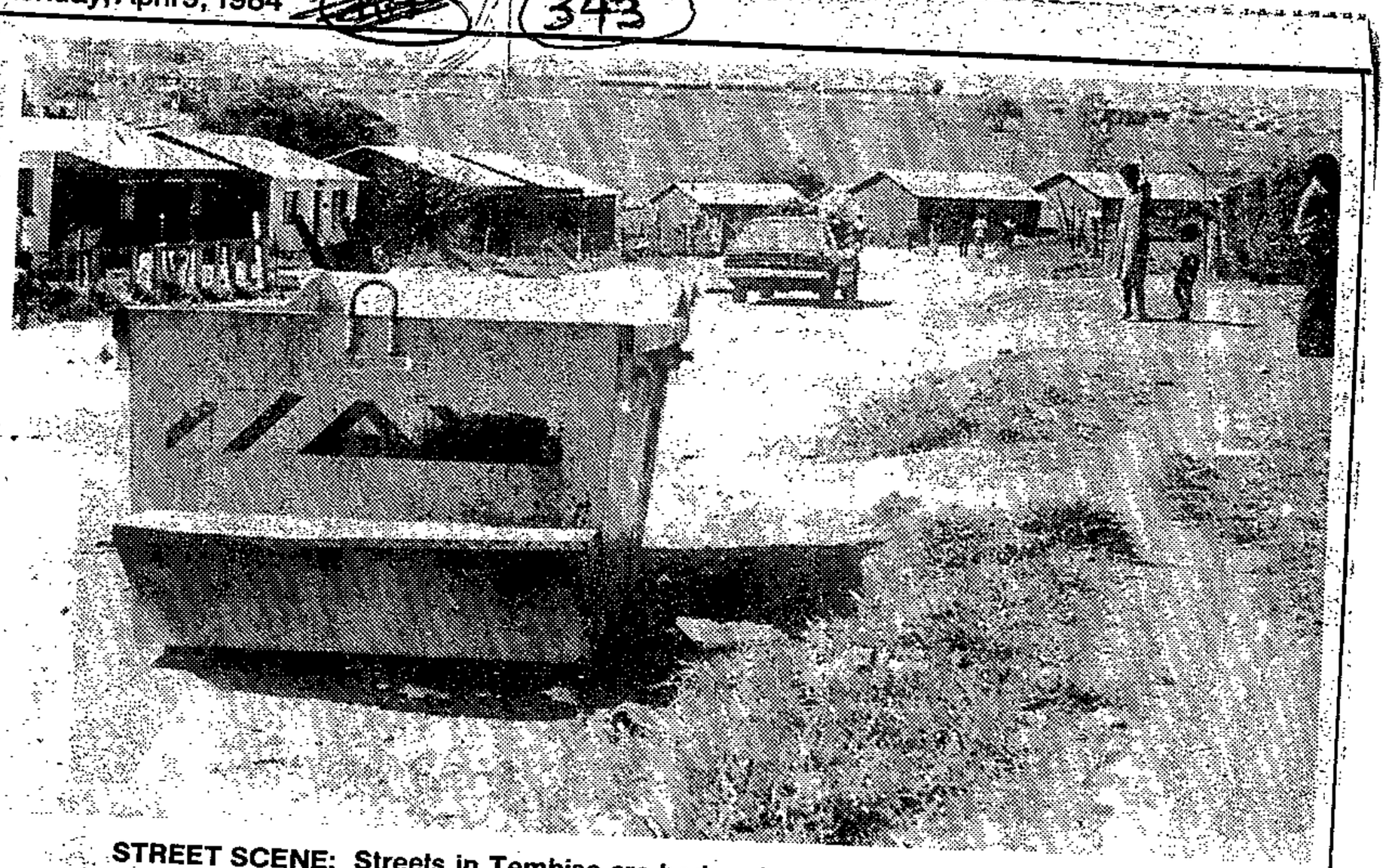

STREET SCENE: Streets in Tembisa are bad and need to be repaired.

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Mr NYABANE: Rent increase should be cancelled.



Mr NTULI: Council should consult residents.

MANY residents in Tembisa, near Kempton Park, who are angered by the recent rent increases, have called on all members of the Tembisa Town Council to resign.

House rent in the township has been increased from April 1 by R4 and that of the traders by R20. Rent in the township's hostels was also increased by R3.

Tembisa residents are now paying a monthly rent of R35.

On the other hand, the Tembisa Civic Association, has sought legal advice over the rent increase. The council has also been petitioned by the association to review its stand on the rent issue, failing which the matter may end up in court.

Mr Bhunyane Nyabane of Welamlambo section, said: "The new increases should be cancelled or at least be postponed, pending further talks with the residents on how the council can raise funds for its projects.

"Some sections in the township are still using the old night soil bucket system and have no electricity, but the council is forcing them to pay the same rent as the people having these facilities." Mr Nyabane added.

By MZIKAYISE EDOM

Miss Mamsie Mahlangu of Endulwini section said: "The place is dirty and all the council knows is how to keep on increasing rent every year.

"Residents want to see more houses being built and streets improved. If they fail to do these things, there is no need for them to be still in office. They must all resign."

Tough

Another resident, Mr George Ntuli of Siyana section said it was time the council first consulted the residents and got their approval before embarking on any project.

"I have got four children still attending school and with the new rent increase, it will be tough for me to cope with rent, school fees and food," he added.

Other residents have called on the council to quit.

GET OUT, Erab tells squatters

ABOUT 200 people staying in a squatter camp in the East Rand have been told to quit their homes or face forced removal.



NO PLACE TO GO: Some of the squatters who have been given a month to demolish their shacks.
Pic: MBUZENI ZULU

By NKOPANE MAKOBANE

The squatter families are living in shacks at a coalyard near the Angus Station in Thokoza.

Mr Caiphus Hlahane, one of the eight stand owners who run coal businesses, yesterday told **The SOWETAN** that they were visited by Erab police last Wednesday and told that the shacks must go.

The stand owners had then gone to see a white Erab official who told them they were being given a month to demolish the shacks or Erab will do it for them.

Mr Hlahane said they told the official that they were forced to employ people from the homelands because local people were not prepared to work for them.

Filthy

The official had argued that it was not only their employees who stayed there but many other illegal people as well. They had also been told that the place was filthy and was a health hazard.

"We just do not know what these poor people are going to do. Many are going to be left homeless after staying here for years," Mr Hlahane said.

And yesterday Mr F E Marx, the chief director of Erab, confirmed that the squatter families will have to leave the place because many were staying there illegally.

The Rev Cecil Begbie, vice-president of the Witwatersrand Council of Churches, who has been fighting the cause of shack dwellers, yesterday said he was aware of the threat to the Thokoza families.

"We are deeply concerned," he said. "We will make representations to the board to provide the families with alternative accommodation before the shacks are demolished."

Mr Begbie also said they are to make a representation to the West Rand Administration Board (Wrab) about the plight of about 100 squatter families living in Mochaeneng and McDonald Farm in Soweto.

According to people living in the area, a Wrab official visited them last week and threatened to demolish their shacks by yesterday. A delegation from the area was yesterday due to see Mr Ephraim Tshabalala, the Soweto mayor, who last week promised to help them.

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Nobody wins in this rat trap

The Government agreed in principle yesterday to transfer control of the pass courts from the Department of Co-operation and Development to the Department of Justice. PAUL BELL sat in at the Johannesburg Commissioner's Court on Monday and examined its dispensation of justice.

PITCHED somewhere between a whisper and a murmur, the pass laws grind their way inexorably through the lives of those who come to the Commissioners' Courts at No 15 Market Street on any weekday.

At times, the process — which accounted for at least 142 000 convictions last year — is inaudible. You must tune your ear to the drone of justice. And tune it fast — you may have as little as 90 seconds in which to register a plea, conviction, evidence in mitigation, and sentence.

No 2 Court on the Monday after the Founder's Day long weekend is much as usual. Benches are packed with anxious relatives and friends bringing cash for the fine, the reference book to show the commissioner, or to take "custody" of a relative who must return to his place of origin. Or to hear sentence. Goodbye to you, husband, or father, or friend.

The waiting drags by, but the faces are immobile, stilled by a patience born in queues. Only the eyes speak — bewilderment as justice drones on.

Yet another name is called, and a man emerges.

Shuffling, he takes his place in the dock. There are no delays. In the cell, the prisoners are queueing for that appearance in the order of the prosecutor's dockets.

There are 118 cases today, and if all are to be heard they must follow the rhythm that characterises the pass courts.

And the speed is breathtaking. Take February for example: 3 378 pass offenders were charged.

There were 2 175 convictions, and 12 acquittals. Eight hundred and one people went to jail, 200 were fined, charges were withdrawn against 1 128, and 1 178 people were cautioned and discharged, while 810 cases were postponed.

The February averages are relatively kind on Courts 2 and 3: working on a five-hour court day, the figures would tell you a case is heard every five minutes.

But Monday is busier. One hundred and eighteen cases are heard in about four and a half hours — about 26 cases an hour, one every 2,3 minutes.

A name is called. "William Mane!" His case is real; his name has been changed.

Now the accused is in the dock. The wheels of Section 10(4) of the Blacks (Urban Areas) Consolidation Act of 1945 and Section 15(1)(a)(II) of the Blacks (Abolition of Passes and Co-ordination of Documents) Act of 1952, roll once more in the rapid, whisper-murmer of the Commissioner's Court.

The accused is standing with his hands clasped high in front of his chest, the posture almost supplicatory. His head is bowed, eyes peering and darting, now at the prosecutor, now at the interpreter, now at the commissioner.

William Mane's face, his hunched slouch and wringing hands spell tiredness, a lack of comprehension.

The prosecutor hands the docket to the commissioner. "Charged Section 10, Section 15."

The commissioner addresses Mane. "How do you plead?"

The interpreter drones at Mane, who seems not to understand, but this is case No 76 today and the interpreter is anxious to get on with it, so his voice rises in a streaming restatement.

This is plea bargaining with a difference. It seems the interpreter is subjecting Mane to a crude form of Socratic questioning which will lead him to accept that it is in his own interests to plead guilty or risk further incarceration and not to waste time.

Mane murmers his plea.

The interpreter looks to the bench. "Guilty Sections 10, 15, as charged, Your Worship."

Mane has pleaded guilty to being in the area for longer than 72 hours without a permit, and to failing to produce his reference book.

The commissioner delivers his verdict: "I find you guilty on both counts. Have you anything to say in mitigation of sentence?"

The interpreter passes it on to Mane. You are guilty of two criminal offences. Tell him what happened. Why were you there and where was your pass?

Only now will the barest facts of Mane's case be heard.

Mane: I was in South Hills to see my mother. I came from Vereeniging.

Commissioner: Where was your pass?

Mane: In my jacket. In another room.

Commissioner: Did the police give you a chance to fetch your pass?

Mane: No, they took me by the belt and pushed me into the truck.

Commissioner: Cautioned and discharged.

Mane's plea, conviction, evidence in mitigation and caution takes two and a half minutes. He has a criminal record.

Somewhere, somehow, something has gone terribly wrong. On a closer examination of the case, outside court, it is discovered that Mane may be innocent. So why does he have two convictions?

The short answer is expediency, the long answer is the application of the pass laws by the police and the commissioners.

Mane, 56, a Vereeniging painter with four children, earns R60 a week.

On the day of his arrest, a day before his appearance in court, he came to South Hills, intending to stay two days.

He arrived at 5pm. He was arrested at 4am the next day. His pass was in his jacket in a room across the yard.

He had every right to be in South Hills — he had not been there longer than 11 hours, let alone the statutory more than 72. So much for Section 10. But nobody gave him the chance to explain, or was prepared to listen.

Then the failure to produce the pass. Nobody gave him the chance to produce it, contrary to the benificent Koornhovian non-statutory instruction that pass suspects be permitted a reaonable opportunity to do so. So much for Section 15.

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That would entail giving the moneyless Mane bail, or holding him in custody for several days while he produces from his shared cell the necessary evidence to acquit himself.

While Mane is in jail awaiting the opportunity to defend himself properly, if that is possible given his resources and education, he is losing money at work.

Catch-22 for Mane. For the commissioner too — he knows what's going on, he sees dozens of these cases daily.

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It's a rat trap. And nobody escapes it. Not Mane, not the thousands like him, not the interpreter, not the commissioner. For the pass laws and raids impose a misery of circumstantial entrapment on most of those in the Commissioners' Courts.

Take the interpreter. He is black. These are his own who must speak through him under the glare of the statutes. His first reaction: It's the South African law. His second is: I'm black, it could happen to me or mine but I can't fight it. The anger that snaps at Mane is the tip of a rage against himself.

The prosecutor: black like the interpreter, black like the accused, black like he is a victim too. Barking at the man in the dock, intoning the same monotonous charges ...

Or the commissioner: I'm a decent, God-fearing human being. The law is the law. I must try to divorce myself as a person from the consequences of my application of the law, and if that is not possible, then to apply that law as leniently as it permits me. For I too am groaning under this weight.

Ask about the Hoexter Commission recommendations, particularly that the administration of the pass laws be switched from Cooperation and Development to Justice, and the answer comes back with an interesting, albeit paternalistic, logic. The C&D men say: We know blacks, we know their problems, we believe we can help.



Will Justice have the time or the ability? Is the change not simply cosmetic?

Ask: But shouldn't justice be seen to be done by the Department of Justice? And the reply is: Maybe — but will it help anything or anybody? Will justice be meted out any better?

The problem is, nobody mentioned scrapping the misery at base, and even that is an answer fraught with its own tortuous questions.

ELECTRICITY SUPPLY

Soweto switch-off

The Greater Soweto electrification programme has so far failed to deliver the sales boom the electrical appliance industry hoped for.

A reason is that thousands of consumers are not using the service. Many have had supplies cut off for non-payment of electricity accounts. Figures released by the Soweto city council show that arrears currently amount to R2,3m, some 38% of total revenues for the year, estimated at a little over R6m.

There is also reluctance by new consumers to hook up with the system.

Part of the problem is that electricity is costing a lot more than consumers originally expected. This is partly due to misuse of electrical appliances. It is common knowledge, for example, that some households leave heaters turned on for long periods in the winter while all the windows are open.

Director of the West Rand Development Board's (WRDB) electricity department, Melt van der Spuy, believes Soweto consumers, "to a certain extent," do not understand how to use the service properly.

"Couple this with the fact there are only just over 100 000 homes supporting, at conservative estimates, something in the region of 1,5 million people, bills are likely to be higher," he says.

Irwin Florence, director of finance of the Soweto city council, says: "We estimate that a 'normal' bill should be in the region of R40/month and will investigate any claims of abnormally high charges."

Another reason is that Soweto's 21 000 electricity users who were on stream before the latest electrification programme are balking at a more than sevenfold tariff increase due to the removal of a Johannesburg municipality subsidy.

Grid

Originally electricity drawn from the municipal grid cost the Soweto consumer 0,5c/unit compared with the 3,5c/unit charged to other users in Johannesburg. It is now a little more expensive than power supplied to consumers in Johannesburg. When the charges were raised the 'Committee of 10' advised consumers to carry on paying electricity bills at the old rate and ignore the new rate.

Van der Spuy says the electrification programme, which is running on schedule, will be completed in mid-July with 104 000 houses connected at an estimated cost of R220 million. Only 19 000 of these are new consumers brought on stream since the programme started.

Florence says: "The level of outstanding electricity bills, although not always owed by the same people, has been at this level for three years. The policy in the past has been to disconnect the service for non-payment but it does not seem to help. As yet the council has made no firm policy decision what to do about collecting the money."

He also says that thousands of households have stopped using electricity, because they cannot afford it, or are reluctant to start using it because of the high connection fee. This is R300 for 99-year leaseholders and R30 for those in rented homes.

Van der Spuy says that the WRDB has two teams of technicians whose sole pur-



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pose is to cut off and then reconnect the service.

"To my knowledge, when they started to cut off the service they began with the people who owed over R1000 and I believe at present they are still trying to recover money from those with outstanding bills of over R300," says Van der Spuy.

But even if they opt not to be supplied with electricity, all Soweto residents will still have to help pay for it. Florence says: "In addition to the R220m capital cost of the programme, there is a R30m interest charge. These sums will be recovered in levies paid by all Soweto residents over the next 20 years. At present they pay a levy of R12/month but this will rise to R30/month in 1986."

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URBAN BLACKS

Rent problems

Ever thought of subsidising a black employee to the tune of R110 to pay for a hostel bed? That is what the Alexandra Council, led by the Rev Sam Buti, is asking employers of migrant workers living Alexandra hostels to do.

Hostel dwellers are charged a rental of R25/month. The council wants to increase the amount to R110 "so that, in addition to accommodation, these people may be fed," says town clerk Arthur Magerman.

The council, he says, has written to employers about the scheme. "These men are living as single people, with nobody to cook for them. The R110 will be used mainly for buying food, which should help them increase productivity at work. This is why we hope to involve employers."

The scheme, which Magerman describes as optional and says will be implemented only if employers accept it, seems to have been largely rejected by hostel dwellers.

What it does do, is spotlight just how desperate urban black councils are for sources of revenue. Two weeks ago, Buti announced the council was going to charge a R124,55 rental for four-roomed houses it has just completed and R139,55 for six-roomed houses. Pleas by tenants for rentals to be fixed at R40 for a four-roomed dwelling and R50 for a six-roomed house were rejected.

Buti advised tenants who said they could not afford the rentals to exchange houses with people who could pay, but who were living in cheaper houses. He also announced that rentals for ordinary rooms would be increased in an effort to reduce the R875 840 deficit faced by the council.

The rental increases, which were introduced at the beginning of the month, are to be phased in over 10 months. Rents for rooms have been raised from R7/month to R12/month, plus R4 for any additional room and a R1,50 water charge per resident.

In January next year, increases of R13,50/room, plus R5,50 for every additional room and a R2 water charge per resident, will come into effect.

*13. Mr B B GOODALL (p 438)—Health and Welfare.—Reply standing over.

Hansard Q.61.955

South African Police: identification

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

(1) Whether members of the South African Police are required to display their names or numbers while on duty; if not, (a) why not and (b) what official identification are they required to carry; if so, (i) what identification are they required to display and (ii) in what manner is it to be displayed;

(2) whether policemen are required to produce such name, number or other identification on demand by any member of the public; if not, why not; if so, (a) under what circumstances are they expected to produce the required identification and (b) what action is taken against policemen failing to do so?

†The MINISTER OF JUSTICE (for the Minister of Law and Order):

(1) Yes.

(i) Name-plates and name-strips must be displayed by all members up to and including the rank of captain when in uniform.

(ii) Directly above the right breast pocket.

(2) Yes.

(a) Whenever his official position is questioned, a member of the Force shall immediately produce his appointment certificate to identify himself.

(b) Depending on the circumstances of the case, disciplinary action can be taken against a member who fails to do so.

Bonisile Moki Cekisani

Hansard Q.61.956

*15. Mr D J N MALCOMESS asked the Minister of Law and Order:

(1) Whether a banning or restriction order has been imposed on one Bonisile Moki Cekisani; if so; (a) when, (b) in terms of what statutory provision, (c) what are the terms of the order and (d) when does the order expire;

(2) whether this case has been reviewed by the Board of Review; if so, (a) when and (b) with what result;

(3) whether this person has been convicted of any offence; if so, (a) when and (b) of what offence?

The MINISTER OF JUSTICE (for the Minister of Law and Order):

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

A report containing *inter alia* the required information, was laid upon the table in terms of section 72 of the Internal Security Act, 1982, on 17 August 1983.

(2) Yes.

(a) On 19 July 1983.

(b) The Board of Review found that no grounds exists for the amendment of the provisions or the withdrawal of the notice issued in terms of sections 19 and 20 of the Internal Security Act, 1982.

(3) Yes.

(a) On 1 February 1982.

(b) For contravention of the provisions of his previous restriction notices.

Hansard Q.61.956

Motlatla: residents

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

(1) Whether, with reference to his reply to Question No 2 on 17 February 1984, a decision has been reached on when the residents of Motlatla in the Transvaal will be moved; if not, when is it anticipated that a decision will be reached; if so, when will they be moved;

(2) whether the residents of Motlatla have agreed to this date; if not, (a) why not and (b) what steps are being taken as a result;

(3) whether the investigation into the possibility of adding 800 hectares to the compensatory land has been concluded; if not, (a) why not and (b) when is it anticipated that it will be concluded; if so, (i) what were the findings and (ii) what total area of land will be given in compensation?

†The DEPUTY MINISTER OF DEVELOPMENT:

(1) No. It is not possible at this stage to indicate when a date will be decided on.

(2) Falls away.

(3) No.

(a) Investigations of this nature demand consultation with various bodies and careful consideration and these matters are time consuming.

(b) At this stage this cannot be determined.

Hansard Q.61.957

Tembisa: rubbish dump

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

(1) Whether the East Rand Development Board has received any complaints or representations concerning persons allegedly scavenging for food and clothing at a rubbish dump near Tembisa; if so, (a) when and (b) from whom;

(2) whether the Development Board intends to take any action in this regard; if not, why not; if so, (a) what action and (b) when;

(3) whether the Development Board have taken any steps to establish the nature of the problem causing the scavenging in question; if not, why not; if so, (a) what steps have been taken in this regard and (b) what steps are being or will be taken as a result?

The MINISTER OF CO-OPERATION AND DEVELOPMENT:

(1) No.

(2) Falls away.

(3) No. The Tembisa City Council in whose area the rubbish dump is situated is a local authority in its own right. The Development Board therefore has no say in the matter.

The Mayor of Tembisa indicated that the rubbish dump would be fenced.

Concession areas Nos 1 and 2, West Coast

*18. Mr W V RAW asked the Minister of Mineral and Energy Affairs:

(1) Whether a claim was lodged against the Government concerning concession area No 1 or 2 situated on the West Coast of the Republic; if so, (a) when, (b) by whom, (c) what was the nature of the claim and (d) what was the response of the Government;

(2) whether any legal proceedings were instituted against the Government in connection with the claim; if so, with what result;

(3) what is the present position in regard to any claim or allegations concerning

Shooting in Evaton: board pays damages

Pretoria Correspondent

The Orange-Vaal Administration Board has been ordered by the Pretoria Supreme Court to pay R11 000 damages to two men injured in a shooting incident.

Mr Samuel Moraka and Mr Joshua Masina were both wounded when an administration board employee, a Sergeant Machelele, fired six shots in Evaton, in July 1981.

Mr Moraka was shot in the right hand, behind the left knee and in the upper left arm, according to an orthopaedic surgeon's report among papers filed at the court.

Mr Masina was shot in the leg and he claimed Sergeant Machelele kicked him.

The administration board admitted Sergeant Machelele fired six shots, hitting two people, but claimed there was a commotion on the premises and he had acted in self-defence.

Mr Justice Steyn ordered the administration board to pay Mr Masinga R4 500 and Mr Moraka R6 500, both with costs.

Bekkersdal reprieved

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By NKOPANE MAKOPANE

THE Minister of Co-operation and Development Dr Piet Koornhof, has approved that Bekkersdal be upgraded.

Mr Steve Burger, director of community services of the West Rand Administration Board (Wrab), told THE SOWETAN that the approval was given by the Minister last month.

He said until all uncertainties regarding the dolometic formations (sinkholes) in the area are clarified, the Department has decided that the township will not be allowed to expand geographically.

However, the Minister has approved that development in the interim period can take place within the available space in the township. The development will be in the form of—

- the provision of essential community services like creches, schools, recreational facilities and community halls;
- the construction of houses on vacant sites;
- the maintainance and improvement of existing houses and
- the introduction of sound that stabilisation measures to secure existing and future development.

Precautions

"This reprieve by the Minister will have far-reaching implications for Bekkersdal. It will now be possible, provided special precautions are taken, for houses in the township to be upgraded and for many of its social amenities to receive attention.

"The board, in close co-operation with the local council, will leave no stone unturned to catch up on the backlog and help the residents to improve their area," he said.

He further said there were presently 594 people on the housing waiting-list.

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Boy in centre of hospital row

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By LEN MASEKO

AN injured Springs boy released from the Far East Rand Hospital "without being properly treated" is in the centre of a blazing controversy after it was later discovered that the hospital had failed to detect a "serious" fracture on his elbow.

Eight-year-old Sifiso Masuku (8) was playing with schoolmates when he broke his right arm on Thursday last week. His family immediately took him to the hospital where, to their astonishment they were told an x-ray examination showed no fracture on the boy's arm.

Sifiso's father, Mr Albert Masuku, told The SOWETAN yesterday: "It was when the boy's arm started swelling the following day that we decided to take him to a private doctor. The doctor recognised immediately he had a fracture and advised us to go to a private radiologist. To our shock, the radiologist's X-ray check revealed a fracture of a serious nature".

Sifiso — accompanied by the doctor — was taken back to the Far East Hospital where a second X-ray examination revealed that, in fact, the boy was injured.

"This sort of thing should not be allowed to continue unchecked. How many similar cases have occured at hospital before this happened, one should be asking himself," Mr Masuku told The SOWETAN.

"There must be something wrong in that hospital. My son could have been crippled for life had we not decided to take the matter up with a private doctor. I had to part with a lot of money in doctor's fees to check if my son had a fracture."

The hospital's superintendent, Dr Dion Cloete, said yesterday that the family should have first lodged a complaint with him "instead of running to the Press."

"We are not 100 per cent perfect. I have investigated the matter and the boy is now being treated by the hospital free-of-charge. Sometimes it is possible — especially in cases where children break their bones — that fracture is not visible during the initial X-ray check," Dr Cloete said.

Asked what double-check measures the hospital employed in cases where an X-ray examination revealed no injury to ensure this was in fact so, Dr Cloete said: "Unfortunately, people only come once for treatment. I would advise people to come to hospital again if pains persist.



Mr JOHN KNOETZE: R2-m a month in Soweto.

Black councils' R300-m demand

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By LUKE ZEEMAN

THE Government will soon be faced by massive demands for funds from the 26 newly created black town councils and the total bill could reach a staggering R300-million.

The town councils, created towards the end of 1983, are to deliver their budgets soon and are operating at a loss.

The wealthiest black township, Soweto, which according to the West Rand Administration Board chairman Mr John Knoetze, was R33-million in the red a year ago, is still losing about a R2-million a month.

Coupled with the deficits are loans given to the councils for unpgrading the past year totalling about R540 million. The interest and redemption costs must be paid and the new local authorities would want to improve their services to minimally realistic levels.

The costs run into billions and the financial question could become the Achilles heel of the new legislation affecting blacks, according to Prof Richard Humphries of the Department of Development and Administration at the University of South Africa.

He has recently completed a major study of administration boards and community councils.

Issues

"The issues are presently under discussion in Pretoria by the Croeser Working Group, which is considering the question of new sources of finance for all local authorities, but it is clear from its first report that the sources of finance that will be available to black authorities will not differ from those of other municipalities," he said in the latest issue of the South African Foundation News.

KPA corruption alleged

By MZIKAYISE EDOM

A NUMBER of residents in Katlehong, Germiston, claim they are "forced" to join a party led by the township's mayor, Mr Albert P Khumalo, before their grievances are investigated by members of the local town council.

Mr Khumalo is the president of the Katlehong People's Association (KPA), also known as "Tse Tala." All the members of the Katlehong Town Council except for two, are members of the party, which was founded in 1978, when community councils were introduced in black townships.

Residents interviewed by **The SOWETAN** yesterday claimed that when they go to members of the council for help, they are told to join KPA. Many said they have joined the party but on a number of occasions the councillors have failed to solve their problems.

Refuted

Mr S S Lukhele, the vice-chairman of the party, refuted the claims yesterday and said nobody in the township was ever forced to join the party.

Mrs Tshililo Sefaro, of Mavimblela Section, told **The SOWETAN** she went to one of the councillors to help her two children to obtain reference books. She said: "The councillor told me that first I have to join their party. I was asked to pay a R2 joining fee and when I refused I was told that I should go to the local commissioner's office on my own to get the reference books."

Burial

Mrs Sefaro said she went to another councillor — who is not a member of the party — who was able to help her to get the reference books. Another resident, Mrs Rebecca Majola of Ndlazi Section, joined the party after she was promised that if any member of her family died, the party would donate money towards burial expenses.

When one of Mrs Majola's children died three weeks ago the party allegedly told her she could not be helped.

Other residents claimed that they joined the party after they had been promised many things, including houses, but until now their problems have not been solved. Some of the residents are now demanding their money back.

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Tembisa rents will rise

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THE Tembisa Town Council will not postpone or scrap a R4 rent increase recently introduced in the township, Mr Lucas Mothiba, the townships' mayor announced yesterday.

Mr Mothiba's announcement follows a claim by the Tembisa Civic Association last week that the council had agreed to postpone the increase to a later date. Mr Mothiba said that rent in Tembisa was officially increased at the beginning of this month and has been gazetted.

He said: "There is no way that the increase will be postponed or entirely scrapped as the association claims. The defunct community council took a decision last year in July that rent in Tembisa will be increased in April this year."

The chief director of the East Rand Administration Board, Mr F E Marx, also confirmed yesterday that there was no way rent rises in Tembisa would be postponed or scrapped. The association had claimed last week that the acting town clerk of Tembisa, Mr M P Harmse, had informed them in a letter that the increase would be implemented after "promulgation of relevant by-laws.

Mr Mothiba said: "My council is not aware of such a letter sent to the civic association." He further called on the association to stop "confusing" residents and asked them to come forward if they felt they could run the townships better than the present councillors.

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Council agrees on show grounds

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THE SOWETO Town Council has approved the rezoning of the open ground outside Jabavu Stadium as a permanent showground for the holding of the annual Soweto Homemakers' Festival.

This was announced by Ms Adele Lucas, head of the Adele Lucas Promotions, who said she would be going to America next week to raise funds for the development of the site.

Ms Lucas said a multi-purpose community centre will be built in phases over a period of five years.

Money

"We want to make one of the finest community centres in the country where all the people of Soweto, starting from the little child to the ageing grandmother will meet for all sorts of activities," she said.

She added that it was difficult to say how much money would be required for the development of the site since "this will be an ongoing development expected to be spread over five years."

She also said that the idea of seeking a permanent showground was prompted by the success of last year's homemakers' festival held at Mofolo Park and attended by over 200 000 people.

Students

The centre to be put up at the area will include:

- Library and study centre for students
- Art gallery which will include an artists' workshop for the production, exhibition and selling of art work
- Roller rink and a
- Permanent restaurant.

A permanent home improvement exhibition centre will be built to provide information to Soweto residents on all matters related to home improvement and building services.

Work is expected to start by the end of this month to prepare the site for this year's festival which will be held in September.

Outcry over bucket system

BEKKERSDAL residents are up in arms over a decision by the local council that it is to purchase 1 200 new toilet buckets costing a total of R10 000.

The residents are angered by the fact that it is still the only township under the jurisdiction of the West Rand Administration Board (Wrab) using the bucket system.

They say they found it ridiculous that it has been decided to spend such a lot of money on the buckets when what is needed was a proper sewerage system.

Improve

According to the West Rand News, a local newsletter, the purchasing of the buckets as well as three big trucks worth R55 000 and a big tanker, also costing R55 000, was to improve the present nightsoil removal system and cleansing service in the township.

Mr Richard Mzimela, chairman of the newly-formed Bekkersdal Residents' Committee, said it was unbelievable that the council can claim to be improving the township by still using an outdated system.

He said what the residents wanted was a flushing type system of toilets and he did not believe that people would be unwilling to pay a little extra for an undertaking of such a project.

He said because there has been no word from the local authorities that a proper sewerage system will be introduced, this only strengthens the uncertainty that hangs over the township about its future.

Exhorbitant

"The bucket system is an embarrassment not only to us but also our visitors, despite that we pay exhorbitant house rent. The township is the most backward in the West Rand because there has been no development for a long time," he said.

Mr Vic Milne, acting chairman of Wrab, yesterday said the new buckets were to be bought to replace the old ones. He said they were presently busy investigating the implication of providing a proper sewerage system.

"However, the council and the community will have to decide if they want the waterborne system. The community will have to be prepared to also contribute to the costs because it will need a lot of money," he said.

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A sitting duck for lice



Mr BARNARD MONDLANA: Sitting with worldly possessions. Pic: ROBERT MAGWAZA

Plight of old Mondlana

By ELLIOT TSHINGWALA

SLEEPING on the pavement, having a meal of scraps from the table of sympathisers and a seemingly endless torment by blood-sucking lice has become a way of life for an elderly Tshiawelo man.

Mr Bernard Mondlana or Johnson Ngobeni as he calls himself, has been living in the streets for five months after being booted out from the house where he lived with a relative.

During this time, possibly for more days to come if help does not come soon, Mr Mondlana has slept on the pavement with only a tattered coat and a threadbare blanket to keep him warm.

He has survived recent storms by covering himself with plastic sheets. And ever since he was booted out of the house he has never had a bath and as a result he has become a mecca for blood-sucking lice.

Thousands and thousands of these insects can be seen crawling on his clothes during the day.

Sometimes the stings irritate him and he takes off his clothes to hunt the little devils, as he calls them, and squash them with his fingers.

Target

He has no friends except a little black dog which has become his constant companion and guards him day and night. No one can touch Mr Mondlana without having to fight the dog first.

SOWETAN reporters who interviewed Mr Mondlana had to ask him to hold the dog right through the interview.

Mr Mondlana has become a target for robbers who pounce at night to take the few cents given to him by good Samaritans. Although the dog tries to help him, it is powerless against these elements, he said.

Hungry

For food he survives on the scraps from sympathisers in the neighbourhood. But this does not happen all the time. On some days he goes hungry when no one gives him food.

Mr Mondlana has never married and does not have any other relatives in this country. He is originally from Mozambique but since he came to South Africa to work years ago, he never went back and does not even remember the name of his village.

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Plan to merge councils opposed

By MZIKAYISE EDOM

THE Department of Co-operation and Development wants to combine the Duduza and Tsakane councils into one council under the Black Local Authorities Act.

Last week officials of the East Rand Administration Board (Erab) and the Department of Co-operation and Development, together with councillors from both townships, met in Germiston to discuss the possibility of merging the two councils into one.

The Duduza council rejected this move. Further talks between the four parties continue next week.

Mr Kebane Moloi, the chairman of the Duduza Council, told **The SOWETAN** that they were told by Erab and the Department that they had decided to combine the two councils into one because it would be easy to run them.

"My council rejected this move because in the first place Duduza and Tsakane are far apart from each other," Mr Moloi said.

It would be unfair to combine the two councils because it would now mean that residents from Duduza would have to travel all the way to Tsakane to have their problems solved and to pay their monthly rent, he added.

Mr S C Masilo, the chairman of the Tsakane Council was yesterday not available for comment but a source close to the council said the Tsakane Council had not yet made its final decision on the matter.

Rent increase to upgrade system

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RENT in Katlehong may be increased by R1,50 as from July 1 to enable the Katlehong Town Council to upgrade the present sewerage network at a cost of about R1,2 million.

But should the council secure a loan from the Department of Community Development, rent will be increased by about 60 cents a month.

The decision to increase the site rent in the township was taken by the council at its monthly meeting held this week.

It was explained at the meeting that should the loan be raised from private sources, this would result in the council increasing rent by R1,50 because it would be paying a higher interest rate.

The council is expected to start the project as soon as funds are available.

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Council goes for luxury car

And town clerk also gets one

By MZIKAYISE EDOM

THE Vosloorus Town Council has bought two brand new cars — one for the mayor and another for the town clerk — both costing a total of about R26 000.

The council is expecting the delivery of the two 1984 models sedan cars, both black in colour, next Tuesday May 1. The mayoral car has cost the council about R18 000 and that of the town clerk is worth about R8 000.

The purchase of the two cars has got the local community hot under the collar. Most of the residents interviewed by **The SOWETAN** yesterday, said the council was having its priorities wrong by buying a mayoral car and an extra one for the town clerk instead of concentrating on burning issues like housing, health and education.

Privilege

A delighted Mr Fanyana "Lucky" Mahlangu, the mayor of Vosloorus, said yesterday, white mayors enjoyed the privilege of driving around in mayoral cars "and I feel there is nothing wrong for a black mayor to drive such a car.

"The council is very much aware of the many needs in the township. For the mayor and his councillors to be able to attend to these problems, transport is needed, hence the council decided to buy these cars."

The two cars Mr Mahlangu said, will only be used for official duties.

Mr Gideon Goduka, the chairman of the Vosloorus Progressive Party, said the council could have used this money to build either a new creche or an old-age home for the many stranded pensioners in the township.

this particular matter will fall under general affairs in future?

*The MINISTER: This matter?

*Mr H D K VAN DER MERWE: Yes.

*The MINISTER: Mr Speaker, this question the hon member should again . . . [Interjections.] The Voortrekker Monument is a White affair. Therefore it is an own affair. The hon member should know that. Why does he then put a question like that to me? [Interjections.]

Petrol: lead content

*7. Mr R R HULLEY asked the Minister of Mineral and Energy Affairs:

What was the average lead content of (a) 93 and (b) 98 octane petrol sold in the Republic during the latest specified period for which figures are available?

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION AND TRAINING (for the Minister of MINERAL AND ENERGY AFFAIRS):

The average lead content of petrol during 1983 was the following:

(a) 93 Octane petrol: 0,53 grammes/litre

(b) 98 Octane petrol: 0,76 grammes/litre

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Squatter dwellings demolished

*8. Prof N J J OLIVIER asked the Minister of Co-operation and Development:

(1) Whether officials of the Western Cape Development Board demolished any squatter dwellings in April 1984; if so, (a) what total number of dwellings, (b) in what areas were these dwellings situated and (c) how many persons were affected by these demolitions;

(2) whether any alternative housing or shelter was made available to the persons concerned; if not, why not; if so, where in each case;

(3) whether these officials were accompanied by members of the South African Police in armoured vehicles; if so, (a) why, (b) on whose request and (c) what action was taken by the South African Police on these occasions?

†The DEPUTY MINISTER OF DEVELOPMENT AND OF LAND AFFAIRS:

(1) Yes.

(a) 199.

(b) Nyanga Black residential area and Crossroads Black residential area.

(c) The number is unknown.

(2) No, but a site in Crossroads Black residential area was offered to squatters whose structures were demolished. They, however, refused the offer.

(3) Yes.

(a) In order to provide protection to officials of the Development Board against possible violent action by the squatters. Some members of the staff of the board were in the past attacked with dangerous weapons.

(b) At the request of the board.

(c) No steps were taken by the South African Police. They were only present in order to provide protection should violence have occurred.

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Black townships: clinics

*9. Dr M S BARNARD asked the Minister of Health and Welfare:

(1) Whether there are any (a) State and (b) privately administered antenatal clinics in the Black townships of Cape Town; if so, (i) how many in each case and (ii) where are they situated; if not, (aa) why not and (bb) what antenatal facilities are available to Blacks in Cape Town;

(2) whether his Department plans to construct any such clinics in these Black townships; if not, why not; if so, (a) what is the nature of these plans and (b) when is it envisaged that these facilities will be available to the public;

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

The MINISTER OF HEALTH AND WELFARE:

(1) (a) and (b) No;

(aa) antenatal care is the responsibility of the Cape Provincial Administration;

(bb) antenatal provincial clinics are at Langa, Guguleto, Nyanga, Crossroads and Khayelitsha;

(2) no;
as this is not the responsibility of the Department;

(3) no.

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Soweto: properties

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

(1) Whether the West Rand Development Board has transferred its properties in Soweto to the Soweto City Council; if not, (a) why not and (b) when will they be transferred; if so, when was this transfer completed;

(2) whether he has received any representations from any city or town councils in this regard; if so, (a) when, (b) from which councils and (c) what was (i) the nature of the representations and (ii) his response thereto?

†The DEPUTY MINISTER OF DEVELOPMENT AND OF LAND AFFAIRS:

(1) No.

(a) No formal request for such transfer has so far been received.

(b) The matter will be considered as soon as a formal request is received.

(2) No, but the Management Committee of the Soweto City Council has discussions with officials of the Department of Co-operation and Development about the matter on 16 March 1984.

(a), (b) and (c) Fall away.

307 Hansard Q.61. 1022
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Nyanga dune site

*11. Mr K M ANDREW asked the Minister of Co-operation and Development:

(1) Whether any groups of persons are living in tents and/or temporary plastic shelters on or near the Nyanga dune sites; if so, (a) what total number of persons were living in such tents and/or shelters as at the latest specified date for which figures are available and (b) when did they first occupy these sites;

(2) whether these persons received permission to move into the area concerned; if so, (a) when, (b) from whom and (c) for how long was it envisaged that they would live in these tents and/or shelters;

(3) whether it is the intention to provide them with alternative accommodation or sites for the erection of temporary structures; if not, (a) why not and (b) what steps are to be or have been taken in respect of these persons: if so,

(4) whether any progress has been made in providing them with such accom-

LOCAL AUTHORITIES

A question of money

The question of how black local authorities should be financed will be highlighted at a meeting of the Johannesburg branch of the Economic Society next week. The 26 black town councils created last year in terms of

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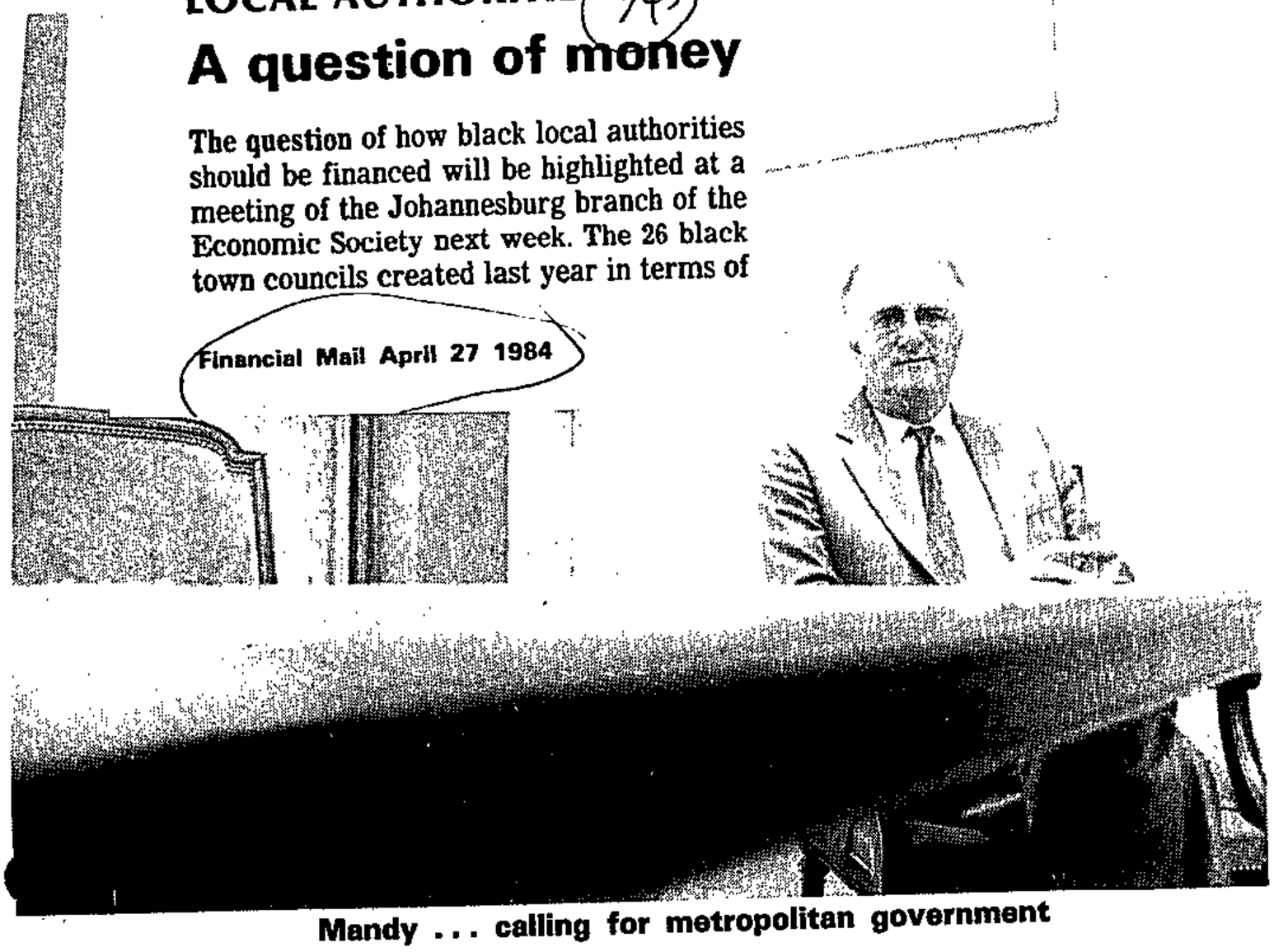

Mandy . . . calling for metropolitan government

the Black Local Authorities Act are a major issue.

It is worth noting that the Society meets at a time when virtually all black councils are running deficits. They are largely dependent on revenue from rents and service charges and have few rateable properties or business areas.

Soweto, the wealthiest of them all, is running at a deficit of about R2,3m/month, its council reports.

The Economic Society meeting, to be held on Thursday at the Bozzoli Sports Centre of the University of the Witwatersrand, features four speakers and a panel discussion on public finance under the new constitution.

Participants are Professor Marinus Wiechers, head of the Department of Constitutional Law at Unisa; Gerard Croeser, public finance chief at the Department of Finance; Nigel Mandy, Anglo-American Life's public affairs consultant and chairman of the Central Business District Association and Professor J A Lombard, head of the Department of Economics at the University of Pretoria.

Discussion

The Society's branch chairman, P D F Strydom, tells the *FM* the meeting is scheduled to last a full day and will include a discussion period after the speakers have delivered their papers.

Financing of local authorities has been exercising the mind not only of government, but of the private sector as well. There are indications that Pretoria may impose new business taxes and levies to provide the requisite finance.

The government in general, and Constitutional Development Minister Chris Heunis in particular, have been criticised for rejecting the proposals of the Croeser Working Group — now replaced by the Permanent Finance Liaison Committee.

The Croeser group suggested the establishment of combined local government organisations to provide "hard services" to urban communities of all population groups. It was envisaged that such bodies would be established in the eight development regions and in some of the 42 subregions of the National Physical Development Plan.

They would be known as "joint services committees." Their function would be the planning and co-ordination of land usage, water supply, sewerage, electricity supply, fire protection services and urban transport. Heunis reportedly rejected the proposals.

In an interview recently Mandy said he was "apprehensive (that) the taxes to be levied by the government would be designed to discourage employment of blacks in metropolitan areas — in the hope of creating jobs elsewhere." He regarded such a goal as unrealistic because "the PWV area comprises 50% of SA's economy and it is obviously easier to create jobs right here."

He felt it was necessary to establish "a metropolitan government representing groups of local authorities (such as Johannesburg, Sandton, and Soweto) to take charge of financing infrastructural services or (to allocate) part of the fuel tax to finance roads and public transport."



● Dr Dawie de Villiers
... controls Liquor Board



● Dr Piet Koornhof
... controls Wrab



● Mr Julian Smerkowitz
... licensed to sell

Soweto to fight Cabinet liquor move in court action

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By WILMAR UTTING

A CONTROVERSIAL Cabinet decision that allowed administration boards to sell their multi-million liquor outlets to private businessmen is to be challenged in a Supreme Court action.

The Soweto council decided late on Friday to appeal to the Supreme Court to review and set aside the sale of the township's liquor outlets previously owned by the West Rand Administration Board (Wrab).

If successful, the action could have wide-reaching consequences. At risk would be not only current negotiations to sell black townships' liquor outlets to private enterprise, but also administration boards' rights to retain any of their assets in the newly-formed development boards.

Announcing the decision, the council chairman and mayor of Soweto, Mr Ephraim Tshabalala, said revenue from the bottle stores was desperately needed by the council to build roads and subsidise rents.

The impoverished council also had important social projects to meet, such as a subsidy to improve grants to aged and disabled pensioners.

"We need this money and we believe we are entitled to it. We desperately need revenue if we are to subsidise ever-increasing rents and service charges being paid by average-income groups and lower-income groups in Soweto, particularly pensioners," he said.

The council claims it is traditionally entitled to the revenue from the township's liquor outlets to run the township.

This right was vested originally in the Johannesburg city council and passed on to Wrab when it became the local authority.

However, in 1980, a government decision was taken to sell the outlets following strong criticism that administration boards were "founded on a booze economy".

Dr Piet Koornhof, Minister of Co-operation and Development, then announced that the lucrative businesses would be sold to private enterprise, provided that blacks held the majority shareholding.

Partnerships

This in turn led to the formation of white-black, '49%-51%' partnerships, and accusations of "black fronts backed with white money".

The Soweto council's action will challenge the validity of the decisions of Wrab, the Minister of Co-operation and Development as ultimate authority over Wrab, the Liquor Board and the Minister of Commerce and Industries, Dr Dawie de Villiers, who controls the board.

Already, in Soweto, Wrab has sold 10 outlets, all shells of buildings destroyed during the 1976 unrest.

The Liquor Board has ratified the sale by granting licences to the new owners.

Among the sales to be challenged are three outlets sold last year for R1,6-million to a company named Empophomeni, which was formed by a young Johannesburg university student, Mr Julian Smerkowitz, and Mr Edward Dube, a Soweto trader.

His adviser and negotiator, according to Mr Smerkowitz, was a Johannesburg businessman, Mr Isaac Kaye, who is already a partner with Mr Smerkowitz in a separate company, Otewos, set up to develop trade in Soweto.

The outlets bought by Empophomeni — at Klipspruit, Maphetla and Meadowlands — would eventually secure a R66-million-a-year turnover, Mr Smerkowitz forecast at the time of the negotiations.

Objections to his takeover were lodged with the Liquor Board late last year by Sofasonke, the leading Sowetan political party, in a bid to block the sales. These were unsuccessful.

The Liquor Board granted the licences.

Earlier, in March last year, the party appealed directly to Dr Koornhof, asking that the allocation of Sowetan bottle stores remain in the control of the future urban authority, as "they are now under the West Rand Administration Board".

The appeal was refused.



● The Soweto mayor, Mr Ephraim Tshabalala ... taking bottle store issue to the courts

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Debt-ridden Soweto calls for Govt aid

By RICH MKHONDO and DAVID CAPEL

ONLY months after being formally declared a city Soweto is in debt to the tune of R13-million — and the debt is rising at the rate of R2-million a month.

The Soweto City Council is not the only new black local authority in trouble. All 26 newly-established councils are being denied funds by the Government and are unable to generate enough of their own badly-needed money.

The councils say they are doing everything possible to fight the deficit, but that it is an uphill battle. They have urged the central Government to lend a helping hand.

They say they want autonomy to use available institutions — like the money-spinning liquor outlets — to generate more funds themselves, without hinderance.

It became clear yesterday from interviews with mayors and other official of various councils that the near-crisis situation needs to be remedied urgently if the councils are to be kept afloat.

The mayors expressed fear over the continued existence of the councils, which were created after the promulgation of the new Black Local Authorities Act last year.

They said the councils' demise could only be averted if the Government financed them, as they did the administration boards.

One suggestion to alleviate the money shortage is to channel a portion of the general sales tax through to the councils.

Johannesburg's management committee chairman, Mr Francois Oberholzer, believes one cent of every seven cents in sales tax should go to the councils.

This would lift the councils out of debt.

"These councils simply have to be made viable — there's no doubt about it. One way to achieve this is to use GST," Mr Oberholzer said.

Several mayors said yesterday that while administration boards generated enough funds through liquor outlets, services from labour fees, site rentals and water and lights levies, the new town councils were left with only site rentals, and water and lights levies to generate funds.

They said the central Government had not explained why the right to generate funds from liquor outlets and labour fees had been denied, while administration boards utilised them and never had any financial problems.

Soweto's mayor, Mr Ephraim Tshabalala, said his council had inherited a situation which needed a "total overhaul".

The Soweto council believes the present financial burden could be lifted if:

- The Government came to its rescue by providing funds
- The Government transferred liquor outlets to the councils.
- The Government made basic foodstuffs exempt from GST.
- It gave the council the right to build 400 pubs where sheebeners could pay tax which would go towards the development of Soweto.
- A toll-gate system was introduced for motorists entering Soweto.

Daveyton mayor Mr S T Boya also believes the future of the councils will be bleak unless the Government finances them and gives them autonomy to run liquor outlets.

He added the Government should channel the money it receives from labour fees paid monthly by residents to the labour office, through to the councils.

Mr Boya said It was absurd for the Government to give the councils "autonomy" without supplying the money, and to deny them control of institutions which could generate funds, he said.

Third party deadline ...

Mail Reporter

THERE was a brisk run at outlets selling third party discs yesterday as queues of motorists clambered to beat the deadline — which expired at midnight.

An Automobile Association spokesman warned forgetful car owners that traffic patrols would be keeping a sharp lookout for erring motorists who failed to display an updated disc on their windscreen.

According to a Johannesburg Traffic Department spokesman, motorists not displaying the third party sticker would be automatically charged and would have to appear in court.

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Hopes rise for crew of missing yacht

Mail Correspondent

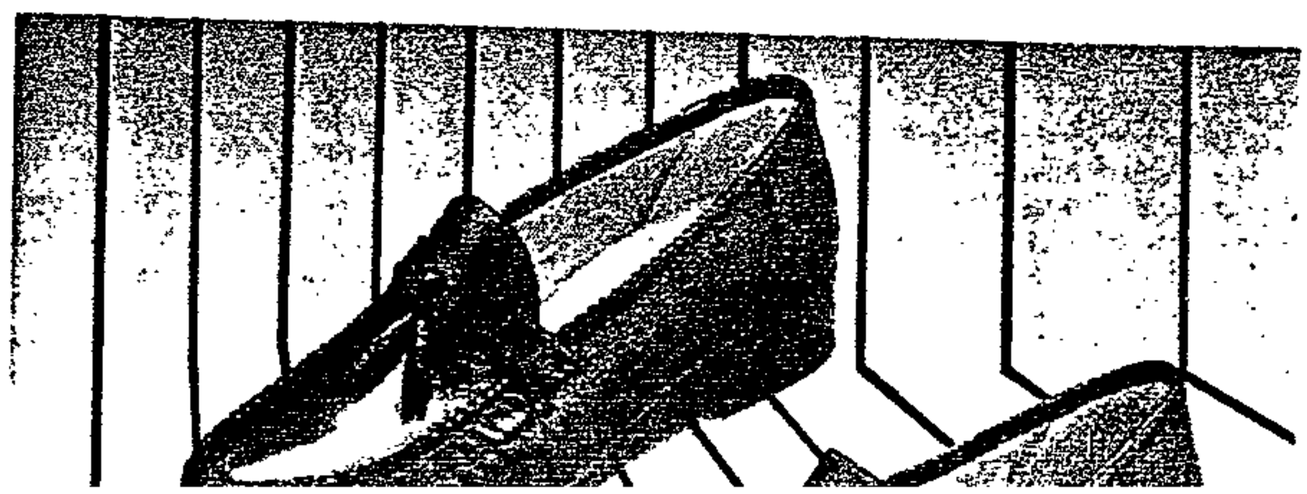
EAST LONDON. — The search for the five crew members of the missing East London yacht Rubicon will be resumed at first light today after a yellow liferaft cannister was sighted yesterday about 72km south-east of Port St Johns

The head of Maritime Command, Colonel Jimmy Kotze, said last night that the sighting of the bright yellow cannister gave rise to hopes that the crew of the missing yacht had managed to put to sea in their liferaft.

He said a Shackleton long-range reconnaissance aircraft and an Albatross would take off from Port Elizabeth shortly before dawn to scour the coastline and off-shore area between East London and Port Edward

Maritime Command aircraft and two civilian machines have already searched an area of more than 96 000km' between Port Alfred and Port Shepstone.

Hopes that the cannister which was sighted yesterday had come from the missing yacht were increased even further last night when Mr Hansie Eichholz — son of the owner-skipper of Rubicon — confirmed that the life-raft aboard his father's yacht was housed in a bright yellow cannister.



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Phiri women march to office

A GROUP of women yesterday called for the dismissal of two senior Soweto Town Council officials whom they accused of demanding bribes and sex from women in return for favours.

By SELLO RABOTHATA

The demonstration was held outside the Soweto Council Administration offices in Senaoane by residents in Phiri. The women sang and danced outside the offices for nearly thirty minutes and later dispersed with no further incidents taking place.

The women had earlier held a meeting with Mr Ephraim "ET" Tshabalala, the mayor of Soweto and president of the Sofasonke Party. They claimed that they told him that the two officials were involved in a house racket in which pensioners were evicted from their houses through bribes and sexual favours demanded by one of the officials.

Dismissal

One of the women said: "The two officials are corrupt and their dismissal is the only thing that can satisfy us. Some of the residents are being evicted without a valid reason. People pay bribes of up to R100 and thereafter obtain houses. This is just not fair because pensioners are the victims in this practice. Some of the evicted people do not even owe rent but they are just thrown out in the street."

The women called on all residents of Phiri to attend a meeting with Mr Tshabalala at the Soweto Town Council's Chambers in Jabulani. Mr Tshabalala could yesterday not be reached for comment.

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Help us out — Soweto plea to Koornhof

THE Soweto Town Council has appealed to the Government to help it out of its R13-million deficit which has over the past months been increasing at the rate of R2-million a month.

In a television interview this week, Mr Isaac Buthelezi, deputy mayor of Soweto, said a memorandum has been sent to the Department of Co-operation and Development in which suggestions for the alleviation of the Council's financial problems are tabled.

But Mr Buthelezi denied to **The SOWETAN** that his Council was planning to go to court to challenge the Government's decision to sell West Rand Board-owned liquor outlets to private businessmen.



Mr Buthelezi and his wife shopping for council inauguration ceremony.

The Council wants to take over the control of the money-spinning outlets, from which it hopes to be able to get enough money to subsidise rentals to avoid increases which have always been a sore spot among residents.

The Soweto Council is one of 26 councils recently established in terms of the Black Local Authorities Act, which have had serious financial problems in the first five months of their existence because of their inability to generate funds.

Critics of these institutions, like Dr Nthato Motlana of the Soweto Civic Association, have argued that unless black people were given freehold rights so as to build rateable property in the townships, it would not be possible for councils to be financially self-sufficient.

Dr Motlana has also said that the inability of the councils to generate their own funds would contribute to their eventual collapse.

Mr Buthelezi said the Government has been asked in a memorandum sent to Pretoria last month to consider the following:

- giving the councils a share of the money collected from GST;
- transferring bottle stores owned by the West Rand Administration Board to the Council rather than sell them private businessmen;
- allowing the introduction of a toll-gate system to tax motorists leaving and entering Soweto.

"If the Government can accept our proposals, we hope to be able to alleviate our problems to a great extent," said Mr Buthelezi.

Alexandra negotiates for industrial area

By Revelation Ntoula

The Alexandra Town Council is negotiationg with the Johannesburg City Council, the Sandton Town Council and the Government for the incorporation of the white industrial areas surrounding the township.

According to the Alexandra mayor, the Rev Sam Buti, negotiations are in an advanced stage.

If they are successful, the Alexandra municipality could become the most economically viable of all the newly created municipalities under the Black Local Authorities Act.

Areas included in the incorporation attempt are the Kew industrial area to the South of Alexandra, the highly industrialised area of Wynberg to the West, and the developing industrial area of Marlboro to the North.

It is estimated that the three factory areas together employ more than 75 000 workers, most of whom come from areas outside Alexandra municipal jurisdiction.

At present, the Wynberg and Marlboro factories pay levies to the Sandton council, while those in Kew pay the Johannesburg city council.

INJECTION OF CASH

It is believed that if the incorporation negotiations ultimately bear fruit, the measure could lead to a massive injection of much-needed cash for the debt-ridden Alexandra council. It would also make the black municipalitity one of South Africa's wealthiest local authorities under the new Act.

Commenting on the incorporation moves, Mr Buti — who in 1979 successfully spearheaded the "Save Alexandra" campaign — said if finally successful, the transfer of the three industrial complexes would prove the Government's sincere intentions in its call for reform.

"Now is the time for the Government, the Johannesburg City council and the Sandton Town Council to show in tangible terms what reform and new dispensation calls are all about. Words must now be translated into action," Mr Buti said.

He added that his council was confident the talks would be successful.

A R150m Swiss loan for huge Soweto complex

By CAMUEL DIKOTLA

A HUGE residential and entertainment centre is planned for Soweto, to be built with the aid of a R150-million loan from a Swiss banking consortium.

Soweto's deputy Mayor, Mr Isaac Buthelezi, told the Rand Daily Mail yesterday that after protracted negotiations on the international money market, his council had clinched a deal with an unnamed Swiss banking consortium for the loan.

However, Mr Buthelezi declined yesterday to disclose details about the consortium and how the loan had been secured. Johannesburg-based Swiss banking circles were yesterday in the dark about the deal.

The scheme, in the heart of Soweto, will involve a 12-storey hotel, a high-density residential area and an indoor stadium which will serve as a sports and entertainment centre.

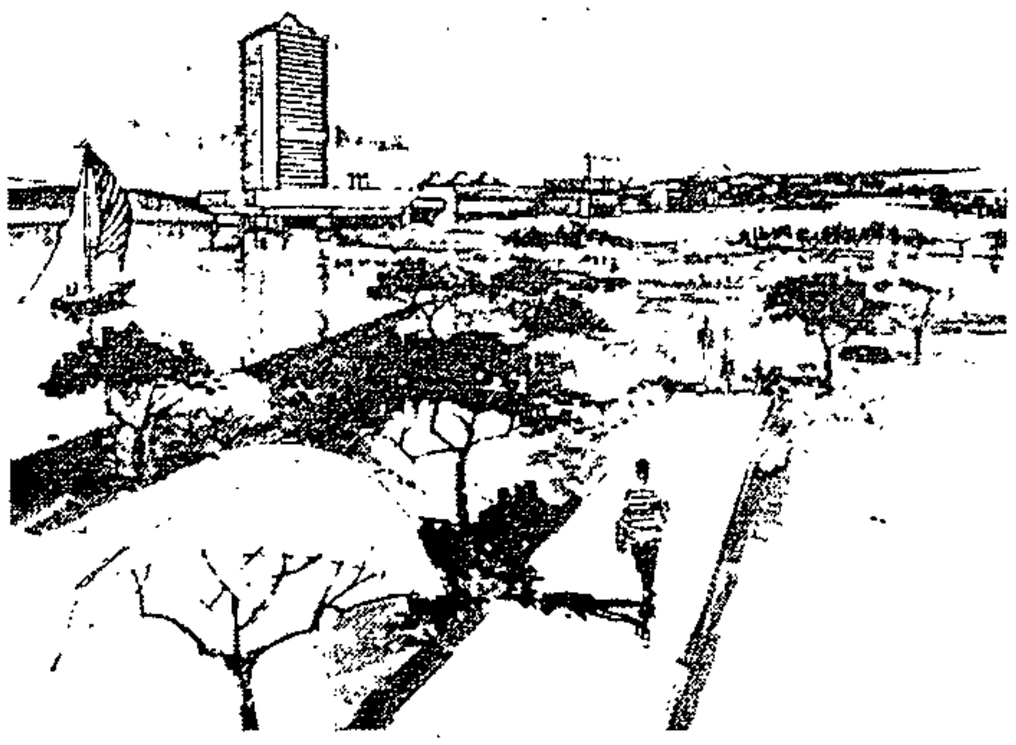
It was shrouded in a degree of mystery yesterday and while Soweto Council sources were enthusiastic about it, banking and other sources knew nothing about it.

The Rand Daily Mail established yesterday that in order for such a loan to succeed, the borrower would need to obtain permission from the Reserve Bank and the Treasury after negotiating the loan.

A Government guarantee would then be required but a spokesman for the Department of Finance was unable to confirm the loan last night.

He referred the Mail to the Minister of Finance, Mr Owen Horwood, who could not be reached.

The centre is not seen as a rival to the giant Crown Mines scheme,



An artist's impression of the new Soweto complex.

about 10km away and which is to house the new Rand Show complex and a football stadium.

At its monthly meeting last week, the Soweto Council accepted the loan, subject to Ministerial approval.

The development will take place at the Levin and MacDonald farms. The area is bounded by the Old Potchefstroom road, the Cape railway line, and Dlamini township.

An application for approval in principle of the loan has been sent to the Minister of Cooperation and Development, Dr Piet Koornhof.

Mr Buthelezi said the loan would be repaid over 15 years at an interest rate of 6% or R9-million a year.

"The loan interest rate offered by the consortium impressed us greatly. We did not want to look back. We have agreed in principle to accept the loan and are awaiting a decision from the Minister.

If the loan goes through, it will be the second raised by the council on the international capital market.

Last night, the council's Town Clerk, Mr Nico Malan, said a number of dramatic developments would take place should the minister approve the loan.

Among them would be:

- A 12-storey hotel with conference facilities, restaurant and ad -

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ministrative offices;
- A reception room with bar facilities;
- A commercial centre;
- A high-density, high-rise residential development;
- A townhouse scheme;
- An indoor stadium catering for boxing, tennis, hockey, five-a-side soccer, basketball, squash, gym, judo, circuses, musical performances and exhibitions;
- A Press complex including a telex room and photographic darkroom;
- Public and VIP parking;
- A mini medical theatre;
- A water world with a number of attractions.

The council is maintaining a policy of silence on how the loan was obtained from the consortium.

It is not known yet which bank will act as project agent for the loan.

DEBBIE REYNOLDS reports that Mr John Knoetze, chairman of the West Rand Development Board, said last night that he had no knowledge of the development.

And Mr Francois Oberholzer, Chairman of Johannesburg's Management Committee, was totally in the dark about the proposed complex or the finance behind it.

In reaction to the entertainment section and sports stadium, Mr Nic Nicholson, President of the Witwatersrand Agricultural Society — who are behind the National Exhibition Centre at Crown Mines — said he could see it as no threat.

He said he would be surprised if the project got off the ground because Soweto, and Johannesburg for that matter, did not have the financial facilities to make a R150-million scheme viable.

"There are obviously plenty of investors who think of investing in growing parts of South Africa but will only do so if they know for sure their money will be safe," Mr Nicholson

Soweto's R150-m Swiss deal is denied

4/8/84 (343) Star

Mr Isaac Buthelezi, the deputy mayor of Soweto, has denied reports that the Soweto City Council had clinched a R150 million deal with a Swiss banking consortium for the construction of a huge entertainment centre and a residential area.

Instead, he said today, his council had asked the Minister of Co-Operation and Development, Dr Piet Koornhof, to approve their resolution to negotiate a loan with a Swiss banking consortium.

Mr Buthelezi's denial follows a report in a morning newspaper today that the Soweto council had already clinched the R150 million deal with an unnamed Swiss bank.

A banking expert said it would have been almost impossible for such a huge deal to have gone through without any of the Soweto city councillors or their appointees personally meeting their overseas benefactors.

According to the records of the Soweto council, none of its members has been overseas since the council was inaugurated last November. Furthermore, this matter does not appear in the agendas of the council's monthly meetings.

The Soweto council's de facto boss, the West Rand Administration Board, also knows nothing about the deal.

It has also been established that to secure such a huge loan, the South African Reserve Bank would have had to give its permission, but today a spokesman for the bank said he had no information about the loan.

Mr Buthelezi was reported to have said the loan had been secured after protracted negotiations with the Swiss bank officials and that the R150 million would be used for the construction of a big residential area and entertainment centre south of Soweto. According to the report he would not disclose when and where the deal was concluded, or when the money would be made available to his council.

The unsubstantiated Buthelezi multi-million-rand deal follows about three years after the former mayor of Soweto, Mr David Thebehali, said he had obtained an overseas loan worth several million rands for the upgrading of Soweto.

Referring to the Thebehali loan, Mr Buthelezi said it had nothing to do with the present Soweto Council and was a matter for the now defunct Community Council and WRAB.

Row looms over money

Sowetan 7/5/84 (343)

THE Atteridgeville Town Council has given the Central Transvaal Development Board until June 30 this year to transfer all their finances, more than R1-million, into their coffers.

And a confrontation is also looming between the two parties, following the request by the council that the board immediately cease to control their land and to transfer it, together with all other public places to the council.

Mr Z Z Mashao, the local mayor, yesterday announced that they had rejected proposals by the board to carry out certain duties for them.

"In the past we used to pay thousands of rands to the board for administrative services rendered. We are not prepared to pay that any longer as we are capable of doing the job," said Mr Mashao.

The board has been given till June 30 to transfer "all the monies invested by them, on behalf of the town council, as well as the administrative control over those funds."



MAYOR MASHAO: We want autonomy.

Mr Mashao warned the board that there would be a serious confrontation should they not transfer the land.

Mayor at private hospital

Sowetan 7/5/84 343

THE mayor of Tembisa, Mr Luca Mothiba, who was seriously assaulted with sticks and iron bars last week and later followed to Tembisa Hospital by people who tried to kill him, has been transferred to a private hospital in Johannesburg.

His family said yesterday that he was recovering at a Johannesburg private hospital. They refused to comment further about the circumstances leading to his attack or how badly he was injured.

A spokesperson for the family said: "It is true that Mr Mothiba was attacked and badly injured, but at this stage, we cannot comment any further. His condition is fair."

Hospital

Mr Mothiba was attacked by a group of men near his home. The men allegedly forced his car off the road before assaulting him with sticks and iron bars, leaving him for dead.

SOWETAN Reporter

Mr Mothiba was later admitted to the Tembisa Hospital and hours later, four suspicious looking men arrived to see him. Police were called in and the men fled. The same night a heavy guard was placed around him, and nobody was allowed to see him.

The following day, according to a Tembisa Hospital spokesman, Mr Mothiba's hands were operated on because of fractures.

He was transferred to a private nursing home two days later.

A spokesman for the Tembisa police said at the weekend no arrests have been made.

Hostel plan offered to small firms

By LIN MENGE
Homefront Reporter

SMALL firms who cannot afford to build decent new hostel accommodation for "single" workers can now do so in joint ventures.

Econo Houses, who have built hostels on the East Rand for major employers such as Stewarts and Lloyds, Putco and Peter Faber, are now offering to build townhouse complexes for consortiums of small employers to lease.

Mr Eddie Thuynsma, managing director of Econo Houses, told Homefront he needs to build at least 10 townhouses at a time — enough to house 130 men — to make such complexes an economic proposition. Interested employers should want to house at least 13 men to occupy each four-bedroomed townhouse with its own livingroom, kitchen and bathroom.

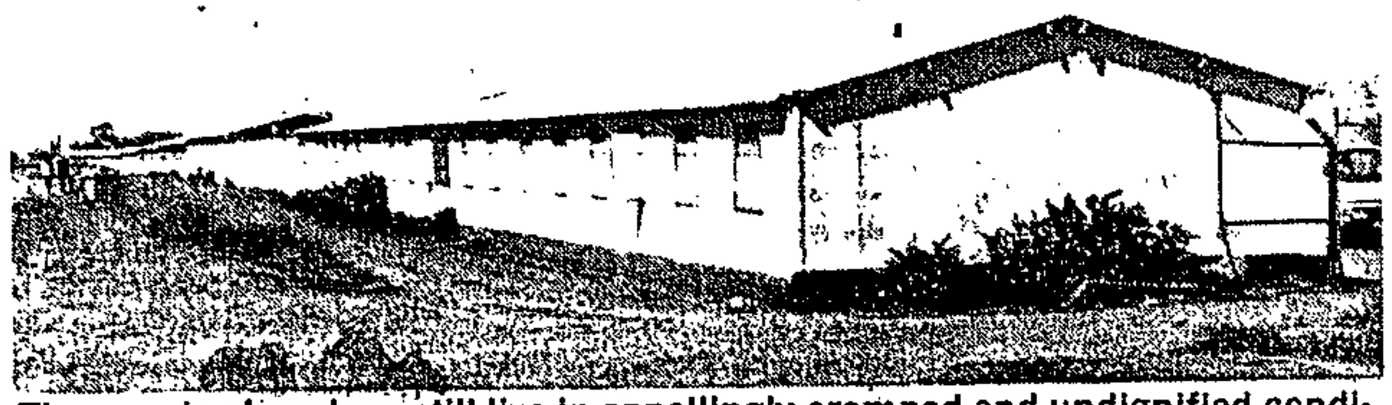
No capital is required from the employers — Econo Houses has the backing it needs from large financial institutions, Mr Thuynsma says. Instead the employer will pay a monthly amount for each employee housed, which will include interest on the capital. They will also have to form a management committee for the complex, and administer and maintain it.

After 20 years, Econo Houses will hand over the complex to the employers, making them co-owners of what could by then be very valuable property. If they drop out before then, their lease stipulates that they must find another firm to take their place.

Construction will be of the same glass-reinforced, insulated concrete wall panels, insulated ceilings, tiled floors and wooden doors which the company has used for Putco and Peter Faber in Vosloorus. They are also building for TFM in Tembisa, and have a novel hillside townhouse scheme planned for Pritchard Security in Jabulani in Soweto.

The townhouse design has the advantage of being easily convertible to family living, and is no more expensive, but more dignified, than conventional hostels with their impersonal mass facilities for eating and washing.

The firm has the go-ahead to build virtually anywhere on the East Rand, where thousands of workers still occupy the dark and dingy old State-built hostels with their cramped concrete bunks and total lack of privacy, comfort and security. For more details, telephone (011) 53-9714.



Thousands of workers still live in appallingly cramped and undignified conditions in these long lines of dreary old State-built hostels.

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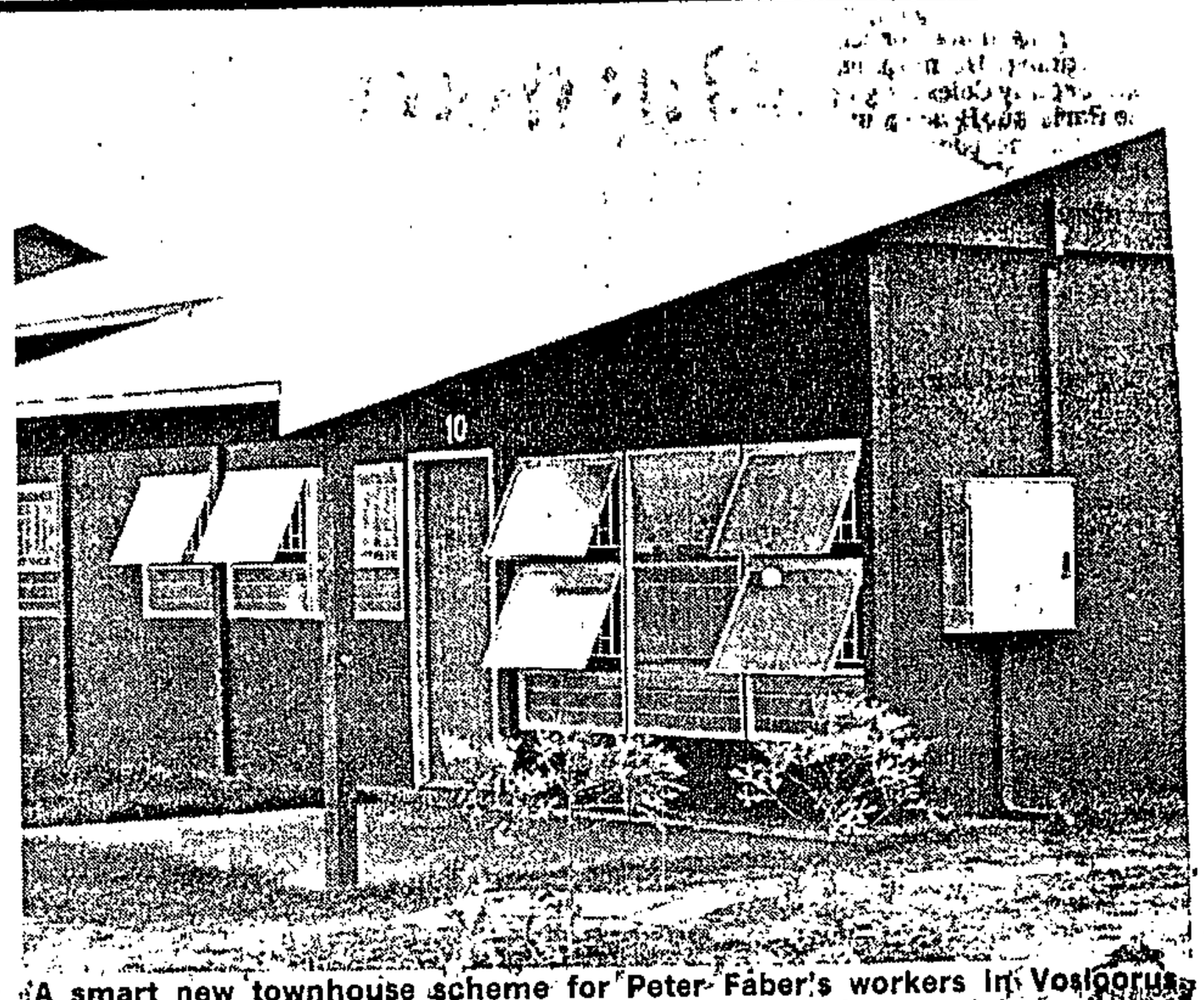

A smart new townhouse scheme for Peter Faber's workers in Vosloorus. Groups of 13 men share and maintain each four-bedroomed house.

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Three dead in shanty blaze

Mail Reporter

THREE Transvaal contract workers were burnt to death on Sunday night when the shack in which they were sleeping at Odendaalsrus was set alight by a candle.

The men, whose names were not available last night, came from Gazankulu but were working in Odendaalsrus.

It is believed the fire started when a candle ignited bedding, spread to clothing and finally ignited paraffin cans in the asbestos shack.

Residents want buses back

Sowetan 9/5/84

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SOSHANGUVE residents are to seek a Supreme Court interdict to reverse the Government's decision to withdraw a direct bus service to Pretoria.

The resolution was taken at a meeting called by the Inter-denominational African Ministers Association of Southern Africa (Idamasa) and the Soshanguve Residents Association (Soria) at the local Lutheran Church at the weekend.

More than 300 people attended. Speakers said the phasing out of buses on April 30 had created many problems for residents and that:

- Trains were always overcrowded and commuters travelled uncomfortably as a result;
- There was no transport to town during the day and residents were forced to travel by expensive taxis as buses to the station were scarce after 9am in the morning;
- Scholars have to pay large sums of money as they no longer had subsidised tickets similar to those they used on buses, and
- Elderly people were victims of muggings on trains.

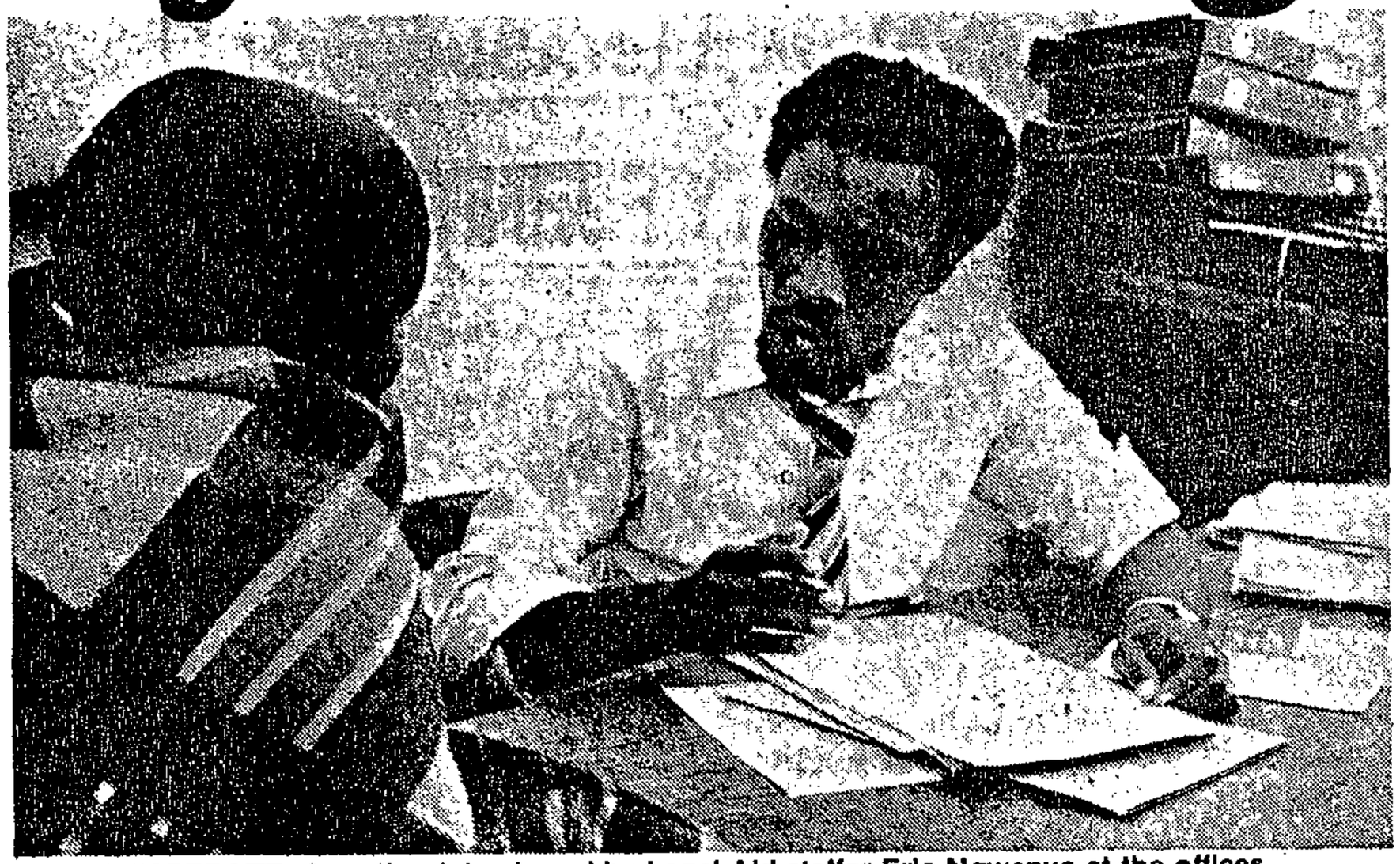
A committee was given seven days to collect money to pay for legal action against the authorities. More than R100 was collected at the meeting to mark the beginning of the campaign.

A report-back meeting is to be held on May 20 at the St Charles Lwangwa Catholic Church, Soshanguve, at 2pm.

It was also agreed that trade unions and other organisations be approached for financial help. The chairman of Soria, Rev H Hlalethwa, appealed to organisations or individuals to contact him at number 1162G or to phone (01214)-2223. It was also resolved that each resident pay a minimum of R2 to cover the costs.

A day with Legal Aides

By SINNAH KUNENE



DESPERATE: A mother interviewed by Legal Aid staffer Eric Ngwenya at the offices.

When the Legal Aid Bureau was started 45 years ago, the main objective was to help establish legal representation for people on criminal charges.

But the need for expert advice on matters stemming from the infra-structure of the black community has since expanded the work of the less than ten member staffed office.

Problems range from accident cases through debts, divorces and maintenance, criminal appeals, race classification, deceased estates and petty wage claims.

Housing

At least 13 interviews excluding phone calls were conducted on Wednesday, which was surprisingly a quiet day, and 24 were counted on the following day says legal adviser, Ms Lily Goldblath, who has worked for the bureau for 15 years.

The SOWETAN Woman this week spent some time in her office to listen to some of the cases she had to go through and found that most of the problems were related to housing.

There was a Diepkloof woman who was threatened with eviction from a house she shares with five brothers and sisters. Her father had married another woman in Louis Trichardt and he died 11 years ago.

The Legal Aid undertook to write to the township manager, requesting him to relax the eviction order while they tried to trace the mother.

On the other hand, the children might end up without a home if the mother does not have urban qualifications.

Another pathetic story was of a mother of three who last saw her husband in 1975. He had been taken to an inyanga in Swaziland, but disappeared within a few days of his arrival.

The woman reported the matter to the local administration office, and had been given a temporary permit which was valid for 12 months. Recently, she was asked to either divorce her husband or vacate her Zola home.

"Divorce, I can't do that to my husband. I still love him. What will my in-laws think of me, more over after what they have done for me and my children — helping me with rent, school fees? No I just can't," she explained.

Divorce

Now that she has been served with a month's notice, she has no choice but declare the husband dead or divorce him. If she choses to declare him dead, she may have to bring in the Swazi inyanga as a witness, and this does not give her much choice.

On the other hand, the long divorce list would probably keep her off work for some time. This means she has to notify her employer about her situation. Again, it would mean losing a job.

A mother with a jailed school-going child entered the office in tears.

Her son is awaiting trial at the Diepkloof Prison for allegedly partaking in an armed robbery that claimed the lives of two security men. She believes that he is innocent, and must come out of jail and get back to school.

Two of his alleged companions have already been sentenced to death, and because of the seriousness of this case, there is little hope that he may not spend some time in jail, said Legal Aid consultant, Mr Eric Ngwenya.

The bureau has however appointed a legal representative for him. The case is in its third year now.

Also making a constant feature in the bureau are the homeland bogus licences which have robbed many people of thousands of rands.

"The bureau is still fighting some cases that occurred some months ago. It has since been discovered that a leading driving school has dealings with these homeland drivers boarding schools where people undergo training with the hope of getting a valid drivers licence," said Mr Ngwenya.

BOTTOMS UP!... a happy host of friends enjoy

Residents' deadline to destroy shacks

By SOPHIE TEMA

SEVERAL residents at Levin's and McDonald's farms have been ordered to break down their shacks by Tuesday, or have them bulldozed.

The deputy mayor of Soweto Mr Isaac Buthelezi denies that the council has ordered residents to destroy their huts.

"It's a lie," he said.

Two landladies on Levin's farm were served with notices to vacate the plots they occupy and to demolish all structures erected on them by Tuesday.

Mrs Julia Vilakazi yesterday took the notice served on her to her lawyers to get advice on the matter.

Last year Mrs Vilakazi's brother, Mr Joseph Ngozo, who acted as landlord for the plot, was ordered by the council to pay a rent of R900 a month.

He took the matter to his lawyers who wrote several letters to the council informing them that both Mrs Vilakazi and her brother Mr Ngozo could not afford that kind of rent.

Another resident, Mr Johnson Mvimbi, who lives on McDonald's farm, returned from work on Thursday evening to find his shack demolished, his belongings left in the street and his corrugated sheets and poles confiscated by the council.

Some residents said yesterday they qualified to be in the area, but officials have told them to demolish their shacks without offering them alternative homes.

Yesterday morning, Soweto Council police went to the farm, where they questioned several people living on Levin's Farm and told others that they are to move from their shacks within seven days.

But the deputy mayor, Mr Isaac Buthelezi, denied that the council had given instructions to residents in the area to demolish their shacks.

Not knowing that I was at the scene when some of the people were warned to move within seven days, and that I had seen a notice served on one of the landladies, Mr Buthelezi said : "It is not true that people there were given seven days to break down their shacks. It is all a lie. Who told you that."

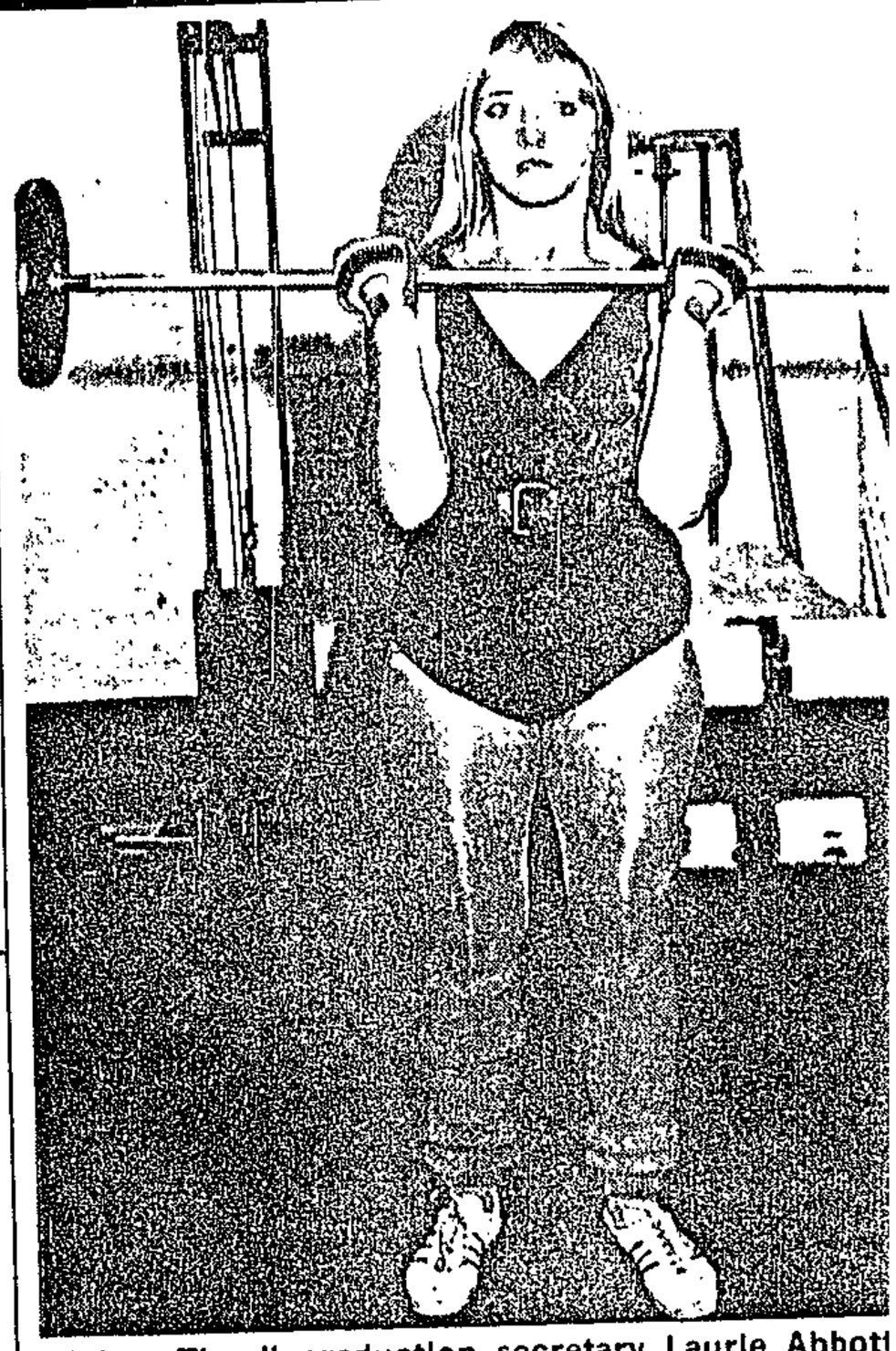
A heated argument developed in which I told the deputy mayor that residents were warned in my presence and that I was ready to take an oath that this was so.

He then said the council had agreed that people in the area could stay on until they could be allocated alternative accommodation.

Two brothers who share a dilapidated building, Mr Andrew Jele and Paulos Luvuno, were given seven days to move from the area.

Several other residents, whose houses were numbered by council officials this year, were not affected by the raid and said they were told by the council that they were to be given alternative accommodation at the Fred Clark emergency camp for squatters.

"We do not know how long we are still going to remain here. We are waiting for the officials to come and move us to a place they have arranged for us."



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Harvard is advised to cut SA links

By RICHARD WALKER

HARVARD UNIVERSITY has come under fresh pressure to sell R500-million worth of shares invested in companies doing business with South Africa.

An advisory committee to the famed Ivy League College split evenly on a motion to demand immediate, total disinvestment, but voted overwhelmingly in favour of tightening rules to require companies to actively oppose discriminatory laws in the Republic.

It also told Harvard to set specific guidelines on "strategic goods" that the companies should not supply. Most of the affected stock is in multi-national giants like Ford and Chrysler.

Current Harvard policy is to shun only firms that do more than half their business in South Africa, but student activists have been trying to

Nurses just don't know their stuff

By JOHN MOJAPELO

THE failure rate of first year student nurses in anatomy examinations is disturbingly high, according to the South African Nursing Council.

In the first year examinations of October 1983, 700 out of 1 864 students on the diploma course in general nursing and 85 out of 269 on a diploma course in general nursing and midwifery failed the anatomy part of their examination.

The current edition of the nurses mouthpice in the country, Nursing News, said there were general similarities among the students who failed.

The standard of knowledge was poor, particularly in respect of the nervous system, muscles and the male and female reproductive systems.

The examiners found that in many cases the students gave non-specific information and marks could not be allocated for this. Students wrote for example that: "The lung has an apex and medial aspect."

The newsletter said: "Many students also presented answers in the form of unrelated 'key' words or phrases and lacked the ability to formulate answers in a coherent framework."

Questions were often misread. Students would draw a diagram of a neuron instead of a nephron. The newsletter complained that students on the whole were unable to draw accurate, or even recognisable, diagrams.

The council complained that many students resorted to "spotting" and obtained high marks for one question, but scored single figure marks for the other questions in the same paper.

Weight on Laurie's n

By J MANUEL CORREIA
TV Correspondent

LAURIE ABBOTT, a production secretary on TV1's popular Friday evening programme "Prime Time", is a girl with weighty matters on the mind and body.

Lovely Laurie, a Canadian who came to this country last year to get her man Gary, is the kind of girl who lifts 81kg as a warm-up.

Laurie works out daily at power-lifting, which involves lifting weights half-way up the body above the head.

She recently came s ladies' division of a na lifting contest.

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(2) whether any pensioners were still waiting in a queue for their pensions to be paid when the payment of pensions to Black persons in Worcester was stopped for the day on each of the above dates?

†The DEPUTY MINISTER OF CO-OPERATION:

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(2) No.

Defence Act: commissions

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How many citizens commissioned in terms of section 83(1)(a) of the Defence Act, No 44 of 1957, had their commissions cancelled in terms of (a) section 83(3)(a) and (b) section 83(3)(c) of the said Act over the latest specified period of five years for which figures are available?

The MINISTER OF DEFENCE:

The figures for the period 1979-1983 are as follows:

(a) 1.

(b) 11.

Defence Force: voluntary whole-time service

*21. Mr M A TARR asked the Minister of Defence:

How many persons were performing voluntary whole-time service in the South African Defence Force in terms of section 20 of the Defence Act, No 44 of 1957, in 1983?

†The MINISTER OF DEFENCE:

None.

Question standing over from Friday, 11 May 1984:

Cradock: salary of certain person

*12. Mr K M ANDREW asked the Minister of Education and Training:

(1) Whether a certain person from Craddock, whose name has been furnished to the Minister's Department for the purpose of his reply, is or was employed by his Department; if so, (a) what is the name of this person, (b) when did his employment commence and (c) where is he employed at present;

(2) whether this person has been paid his salary for (a) March, (b) April and (c) May 1984; if not, (i) why not and (ii) when will he be paid;

(3) whether this person has since left the employ of his Department; if so, when did his employment cease;

(4) whether he was given notice; if not, what were the circumstances surrounding his leaving the employ of his Department; if so, what period of notice was he given?

†The MINISTER OF EDUCATION AND TRAINING:

(1) Yes

(a) Fort Daniel Galata.

(b) 7 April 1981.

(c) Sam Xhallie Junior Secondary School, Cradock.

(2) (a) Yes

(b) and (c) No

(i) Because he is being detained in terms of security legislation and has not rendered service to the Department since 31 March 1984.

(ii) His salary for April and May 1984 will be paid to him if and when he is released without being charged or is acquitted or the charge against him, if any, is withdrawn.

(3) No.

(4) No.

For written reply:

Port Natal: housing

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

(1) How many houses (a) had been bought under the (i) 99-year leasehold and (ii) 30-year ownership scheme and (b) were being rented in each township falling under the Port Natal Administration Board as at the latest specified date for which figures are available;

(2) how many housing units had been sold under the special State housing sale scheme in this Administration Board area as at that date?

The MINISTER OF CO-OPERATION AND DEVELOPMENT:

(1)	(a)(i)	(a)(ii)	(b)
Chesterville	Nil	Nil	1 133
Lamontville	Nil	693	2 065
Hambanati	Nil	Nil	553
Klaarwater	Nil	Nil	301
Shakaville	Nil	Nil	185
Shayamoya	Nil	Nil	26

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How many citizens commissioned in terms of section 83(1)(a) of the Defence Act, No 44 of 1957, had their commissions cancelled in terms of (a) section 83(3)(a) and (b) section 83(3)(c) of the said Act over the latest specified period of five years for which figures are available?

The MINISTER OF DEFENCE:

The figures for the period 1979-1983 are as follows:

(a) 1.

(b) 11.

Defence Force: voluntary whole-time service

*21. Mr M A TARR asked the Minister of Defence:

How many persons were performing voluntary whole-time service in the South African Defence Force in terms of section

20 of the Defence Act, No 44 of 1957, in 1983?

†The MINISTER OF DEFENCE:

None.

Question standing over from Friday, 11 May 1984:

Hansard Q.61.1261

Cradock: salary of certain person 16/5/84

*12. Mr K M ANDREW asked the Minister of Education and Training:

(1) Whether a certain person from Cradock, whose name has been furnished to the Minister's Department for the purpose of his reply, is or was employed by his Department; if so, (a) what is the name of this person, (b) when did his employment commence and (c) where is he employed at present;

(2) whether this person has been paid his salary for (a) March, (b) April and (c) May 1984; if not, (i) why not and (ii) when will he be paid;

(3) whether this person has since left the employ of his Department; if so, when did his employment cease;

(4) whether he was given notice; if not, what were the circumstances surrounding his leaving the employ of his Department; if so, what period of notice was he given?

†The MINISTER OF EDUCATION AND TRAINING:

(1) Yes

(a) Fort Daniel Galata.

(b) 7 April 1981.

(c) Sam Xhallie Junior Secondary School, Cradock.

(2) (a) Yes

(b) and (c) No

(i) Because he is being detained in terms of security legislation and has not rendered service to the Department since 31 March 1984.

(ii) His salary for April and May 1984 will be paid to him if and when he is released without being charged or is acquitted or the charge against him, if any, is withdrawn.

(3) No.

(4) No.

For written reply:

Hansard Q.61.1262

Port Natal: housing 16/5/84

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

(1) How many houses (a) had been bought under the (i) 99-year leasehold and (ii) 30-year ownership scheme and (b) were being rented in each township falling under the Port Natal Administration Board as at the latest specified date for which figures are available;

(2) how many housing units had been sold under the special State housing sale scheme in this Administration Board area as at that date?

The MINISTER OF CO-OPERATION AND DEVELOPMENT:

(1)	(a)(i)	(a)(ii)	(b)
Chesterville	Nil	Nil	1 133
Lamontville	Nil	693	2 065
Hambanati	Nil	Nil	553
Klaarwater	Nil	Nil	301
Shakaville	Nil	Nil	185
Shayamoya	Nil	Nil	26

As at 29 February 1984.

(2) 2

Township fears increase as boycott fuse shortens

TENSION is high in Atteridgeville, near Pretoria, where six high schools — hit by intense student unrest and conflict this year — may be closed for the rest of the year.

Yesterday's deadline for the 6 000 boycotting students to return to school was not met and the Minister of Education and Training, Mr Barend du Plessis, was expected to decide by late last night whether or not to close the schools.

His decision on the matter will probably be announced early this morning.

In the strife-torn township numerous efforts have been made by community bodies to pre-empt the closing of the schools as the community is anxious about the consequences of such action.

But efforts made to persuade students to end their lengthy boycott have failed.

Among student demands are the introduction of Students Representative Councils, the control of corporal punishment and the release of students who have been charged following clashes with the police.

After a meeting of a three-man delegation of the the Atteridgeville town council and Mr Du Plessis it was agreed that pupils' committees and liaison committees would be introduced at all black secondary schools.

Mr Du Plessis announced on Friday that pupils' councils would be elected at each school. Two representives from the pupils' council would sit on a liaison committee which was to include the teacher responsible for the pupils' council,



MR BAREND DU PLESSIS ... agreed to liaison committees at black secondary schools.

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the schools' principal and two parent representatives.

The liaison committee would communicate directly at regular intervals and during times of crisis with the circuit inspector, the regional director and the Minister.

The regional director of the DET in Pretoria, Mr P G H Felstead, met recently with student leaders and assured them that teachers, who abused the DET regulation on corporal punishment, would be reprimanded.

The urgency of the situation was discussed with students at several ongoing meetings of Federal Council of Schools Committees, the Ministers' Committee and other community organisations.

Students grievances were discussed, an attempt was made to improve the communication between students, teachers and parents, and students were advised to end the boycotts.

However the boycotts continued at the six high schools — Hofmeyr, Flavius Mareka, Saulsville, Saulridge, D H Peta and Dr W F Nkomo.

According to the Rev R S Kgopong, of the Presbyterian Church and the convenor of the Ministers' Committee, the students' demands appeared to be a "smokescreen" for deeper-lying grievances.

He said the Atteridgeville students had been divided over whether to return to classes.

The Ministers' Committee met with student leaders from all the schools and pointed out the dire consequences of their schools being closed.

Student leaders assured the committee they would end the boycotts, but in a second meeting with the ministers they indicated that they could not force the students to do so.

A spokesman for the Congress of South African Students confirmed yesterday student leaders had recommended that students return to schools to prevent them from being closed.

However, he added that the majority of the student body was against returning to school until arrested students had been reinstated and SRCs were accepted.

"One of our sisters, 15-year-old Emma Sathekge, has died for our demands which we are not prepared to give up," another Cosas member said.

He said students rejected the Atteridgeville town councillors' intervention in the situation as these people were regarded as "puppet bodies" and totally ineffectual.

Also rejected was what followed the councillors' discussion with the Minister — the agreement on the introduction of pupils' council and liaison committees at schools.

The Ministers' Committee has made a final appeal to the Minister not to close the schools as this move would lead to township chaos.

"What will happen here is going to be terrible. I can smell something like Soweto 1976 and the boycotts in Atteridgeville in 1977.

"The students will be roaming the streets and they could spread unrest," Mr Kgopong said.

He said the arrest of the two students on Friday following clashes between students and the police had aggravated the situation by increasing the students' anger.

The Ministers' Committee was making representations for the students' release, he added.

Parents have also appealed to the DET to keep the schools open and to postpone examinations until March next year so students had time to prepare.

Desperation in the township is so high that some parents have tried to get their children admitted to schools in other townships.

But this had been unsuccessful, as principals were suspicious of Atteridgeville pupils, the Rev Kgopong said.

The chairman of the Ministers' Committee, the Rev D L Mosome, said yesterday that closing the schools would lead to a spate of violence in the township and a growing incidence of illegitimate children.

"Our children will be unoccupied, and an empty mind is very dangerous," he said.

It's cheers! as 27 shebeens get licensed

IN A MAJOR breakthrough for the National Tavern Association (NTA), the National Liquor Board this week granted 27 shebeens in Soweto licences to sell liquor.

The announcement of the legalising of shebeens was made in Parliament on Wednesday by the Minister of Industries, Commerce and Tourism, Dr Dawie de Villiers.

Mr Lucky Michaels, chairman of the NTA, told **The SOWETAN** yesterday that he was overjoyed with the news of victory in their hard-fought five-year battle. He said this was only the beginning of bigger things to come and they hoped that by the end of the year between 200 and 300 shebeens in Soweto will have been legalised.

He said last month the NTA had submitted 33 applications to the Liquor Board and the 27 that succeeded had been heard on April 26.

The remainder of the applications, he said, were heard yesterday and they were expecting the results in two weeks' time.

"Taking into account the attitude of the Liquor Board, which had been more than sensible in dealing with us, we are confident that this second batch of applications will succeed and make the distribution of liquor in black areas change nationally," he said.

Remainder

He also said they were 'going to put more applications to the board that will be sitting some time in August.

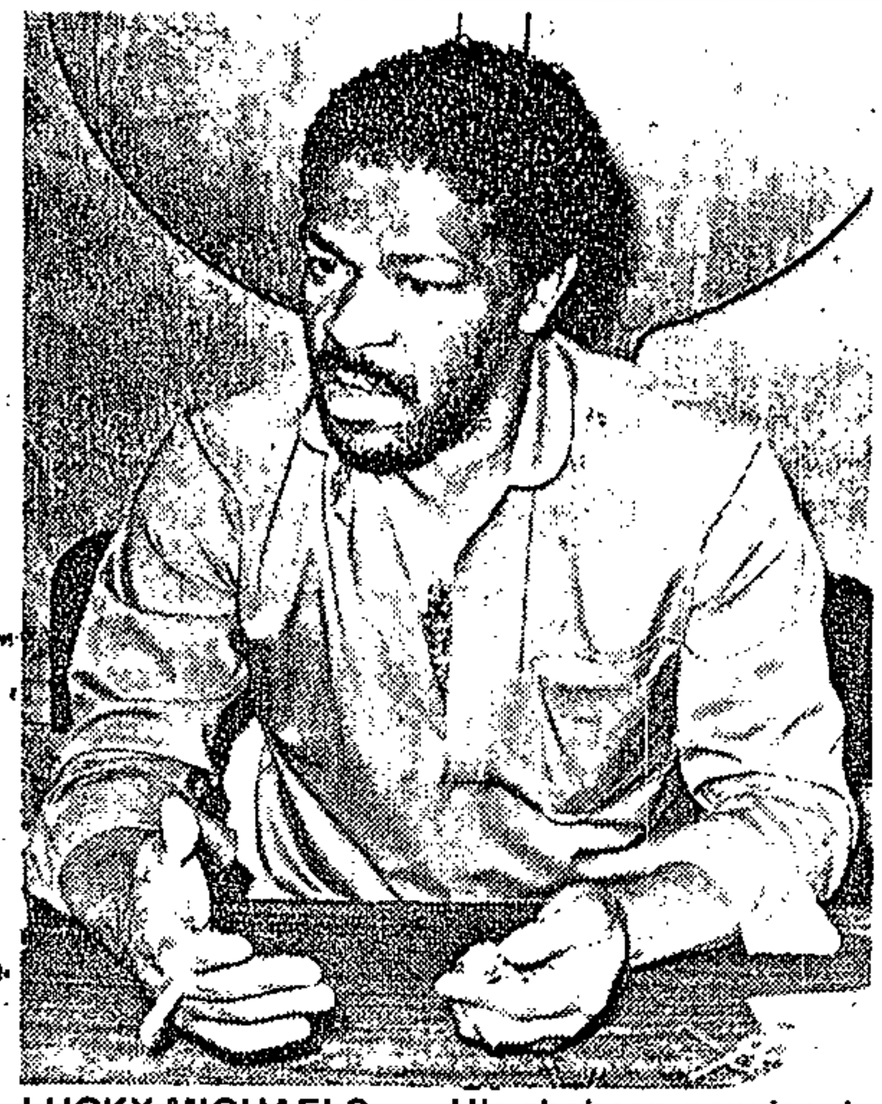
According to him, if the present membership of the NTA is granted licences, the Government can collect a revenue of R1,8-million outside the General Sales Tax. This also meant that if the more than 200 shebeens are legalised this year, R40 000 can be collected.

By NKOPANE MAKOBANE

These are the names of shebeeners whose applications have succeeded and those whose applications were heard yesterday:

E Mkhwanazi 484 Jabulani, Mafoko 3461 A Zone 3 Pimville; L Radebe 1466a Emdeni; Cookse Senne 2575 Moroka; M Ngwenya 1742b Emdeni; M Lebakeng 1622 Emdeni; M Mfisi 3211 Emdeni Extension; J Nhlapo 445 Senaoane; A Maseko 2896b Emdeni; L Gumbi 1716 Emdeni; L Michaels Orlando West; V Nkabinde 1340 Emdeni; B Chauke 2648 Tshiawelo; H Sibisi 2665 Tshiawelo, K Hlaisa 2128 Tshiawelo; S Poto 2172 Tshiawelo; A Phore 234 Mapetla.

D Mgwemane 1414 Molapo; B Sigasa 252 Central Western Jabavu; L Mbaila 36 Central Western Jabavu; B Legoko 1120 Central Western Jabavu; P Morwalo 240 Tladi; J Makgatho 1296 Tladi; E Mogatusi 705 Tladi; R Molefe 1333 Tladi; L van Wyk 1952; F Mmila 1883; J Lekalakala 149 Dube; Y Villa 155 Dube; B Bucibo 8302 Orlando West; D Mazibuko 7025 Orlando West; R Modisane 7595 Orlando West and M Mankge 892a Emdeni.



LUCKY MICHAELS . . . His shebeen now legal.

Doctor in the dock

A SOWETO Doctor yesterday pleaded not guilty in the Johannesburg Magistrates' Court to a charge of culpable homicide following the death of a woman after an accident.

Dr Simon Khosa (42), of Pimville, is alleged to have caused the death of Miss Thandi Grace Mhlopo on February 4 this year in the Old Pot-[illegible] Road. He [illegible] trate, Mr W Fourie that he could not have prevented the accident. Miss Mhlopo ran into the road in front of his car. He swerved and tried to avoid her, but admitted a charge of

SA man on PM death rap

DAR ES SALAAM — South African Mr Dumisani Dube (23), yesterday denied a charge of causing the death by dangerous driving of the Tanzanian Prime Minister, Mr Edward Sokoine, on April 12, the official Shihata News Agency reported.

Mr Dube, described by Shihata as a "freedom fighter," appeared in court in Morogoro, 200 km from Dar Es Salaam and was remanded in custody after a brief hearing.

Mr Sokoine died when his car was involved in a collision near Morogoro while returning to Dar Es Salaam from Tanzania's new capital, Dodoma.

Mr Dube also denied a charge of obstructing an official motorcade and four more charges of causing injury by dangerous driving but, he admitted a charge of

SOWETO HOUSING

Why LTA pulled out

LTA Housing withdrew from the lucrative housing market in Greater Soweto not so much because of local councils' tardiness in allocating sites, but mainly because it was doing too little business.

The company's MD, Allan Bebbington, tells the *FM*: "This thing has been blown out of proportion. Our involvement in Soweto was so small you can't really say we were in the area; and there's no indication we had problems. In the period we have been operating there we built 25 houses. For a company such as ours, this is too small. So the decision to withdraw is purely financial."



Kgame ... 'white developers overpricing'

However, other business concerns, including the Small Business Development Corporation, *have* complained of black local authorities' tardiness in allocating sites. This is frustrating development in the townships, and applies not only to housing but to business sites.

In the meantime the three local Greater Soweto councils — Soweto, Diepmeadow and Dobsonville — have formed a representative committee, composed of three members from each, to look into the question of allocating stands to developers.

The councils say they have taken this decision to serve the interests of the community. They also claim that white corporations were "fleecing" residents and making black property market pricing "artificial."

Steve Kgame, chairman of Dobsonville Council's executive committee and president of the national Urban Councils' Association, says white developers are taking residents for a ride through overpricing.

"They charge at least R450/m² for their houses compared to the R250/m² black developers charge for the same size. We want low-cost housing for the thousands of families who have registered for accommodation, not houses ranging from R40 000 to R45 000, as these are for the rich only," he says.

Soweto Council's deputy chairman, Isaac Buthelezi, says: "White developers want to monopolise the housing market in the townships and we won't allow them to. We feel blacks should play a part in the development of their own areas. They must share the cake. It's only fair."

Homes change to 99-year scheme

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THOUSANDS of homes still registered under the old home-ownership scheme on the Pretoria-Witwatersrand-Vaal complex may have to be converted to the 99-year-leasehold.

This follows an announcement that the Government is to phase out the old 30-year home-ownership scheme under the jurisdiction of 26 newly established town councils.

In Greater Soweto alone, about 700 homes

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still registered under the home-ownership scheme may be affected by this replacement.

Mr John Knoetze, chairman of the West Rand Development Board, told **The SOWETAN** yesterday that, although the board was not accepting new applications for home-ownership, there was no deadline for home-ownership tenants to change to leasehold.

The board had not processed applications for home-ownership since the Big House Sale started in July last year, he said.

Before the mass sale of houses started, Mr Knoetze said, over 18 000 homes in Greater Soweto were registered under the 30-year home-ownership scheme. Several hundreds of these homes have since been converted to leasehold.

Soweto soon all lit-up

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ALL Soweto residents will have electricity available from August, Dr Piet Koornhof, Minister of Co-operation and Development, said today.

At a Press conference he said developments there should enable the Government to turn Soweto into a modern city in the next five years.

The population, which numerous surveys have pegged at one million, will be able to rise to 1,5 million in the next few years.

"Excellent"

Dr Koornhof said Soweto was a city "which enjoyed international attention".

There had been "excellent progress" with the upgrading of Soweto, especially with electrification.

The contractors had connected 91 800 of the 99 000 houses. About 40 000 inhabitants were using electricity and deposits were being paid for connections at a rate of 6 000 a month.

R163 million

All 955 sub-stations will be switched on by the end of June and completion of the street lighting and control stations will be done early next year.

Dr Koornhof said a project to upgrade water, sewerage, roads and stormwater services in Greater Soweto had started early in 1980 and a loan of R163-million had been approved for this.

Progress until March this year included: 220km of roads and streets newly constructed, reconstructed or improved and 90km of stormwater drainage, 43km of primary water pipelines, 255km of secondary water pipelines and 19 000 new water meters installed.

has been completed and (bb) what was the total cost involved, (iii) when was construction discontinued, (iv) what portion of the canal remains to be completed and (v) what is the latest estimated cost of completing the canal?

The MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AFFAIRS AND FISHERIES:

(1) Yes.

(a) 1969.

(b) Route plans.

(c) To convey Orange River water from the Great Fish River to the upper reaches of the Skoenmakers River for the augmentation of the watersupply of Port Elizabeth and irrigation purposes. An additional benefit would have been en route hydro-electric power generation.

(2) Yes, 1969.

(3) No.

(i) To postpone the large capital expenditure required to a later date and a further consideration was that hydro-electric power generation proved not to be economic.

(ii) (aa) The portion from the Cookhouse tunnel outlet up to the chute to the Little Fish River and from the pumping station at Wellington Grove to the Skoenmakers River.

(bb) R39,5 million, which includes R1,1 million for the abandoned section beyond the chute.

(iii) December 1972.

(iv) No further work on the originally proposed high level canal is to be done but approximately 30 kilometres of canal would still have to be constructed if it was the intention to complete the highlevel canal.

(v) Falls away.

Newcastle: video tape

*18. Mr S S VAN DER MERWE asked the Minister of Law and Order:

(1) Whether any members of the South African Police took any steps in respect of a video tape dealing with the new constitutional dispensation in Newcastle recently; if so, (a) what steps, (b) when, (c) why, (d) in terms of what statutory provision and (e) which branch of the South African Police took these steps;

(2) whether any person was charged with possessing, distributing or showing the video tape; if so, (a) who and (b) in terms of what statutory provision;

(3) whether the tape was referred to a publications committee; if so, (a) when and (b) with what result;

(4) whether the tape has been returned to its owner; if not, why not; if so, when?

†The MINISTER OF INTERNAL AFFAIRS (for the Minister of Law and Order):

(1) Yes.

(a), (b), (c) and (d) The video tape was on 27 April 1984 seized in terms of section 22 of the Criminal Procedure Act, 1977, because it is on reasonable grounds believed to be concerned in the commission or suspected commission of an offence under investigation.

(e) The Security Branch.

(2) No.

(3) No.

(4) No, because it may possibly be used in evidence.

Newcastle: pamphlets

*19. Mr S S VAN DER MERWE asked the Minister of Law and Order:

(1) Whether members of the South African Police took any steps in respect of any pamphlets in Newcastle recently; if so, (a) what steps, (b) when, (c) why, (d) in terms of what statutory provision, (e) what were the contents of the pamphlets and (f) which branch of the South African police took these steps;

(2) whether any persons were charged in connection with these pamphlets; if so, (a) in terms of what statutory provision and (b) for what offence;

(3) Whether the pamphlets were referred to a publications committee; if not, why not; if so, (a) when and (b) with what result?

The MINISTER OF INTERNAL AFFAIRS (for the Minister of Law and Order):

(1) No.

(2) and (3) Fall away.

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Development Boards: sewerage systems

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

(1) Whether his Department has received any complaints or representations in connection with sewerage systems and sewerage purification installations in any Black townships under the control of Development Boards in the Transvaal; if so, (a) when, (b) from whom, (c) in connection with which townships and (d) what was the nature of the complaints or representations;

(2) whether Development Boards in the Transvaal have investigated the state of the sewerage systems in the townships under their control; if not, why not; if so, (a) which Development Boards and (b) what were their findings;

(3) whether any action is to be taken by these Development Boards in regard to sewerage systems and purification installations in the townships under their control; if not, why not; if so, (a) what action in respect of each specified Development Board and (b) at what total estimated cost?

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

Eastern Transvaal Development Board

(1) No, but representations were received by the Eastern Transvaal Development Board.

(a) November 1983.

(b) The Department of Health and Welfare.

(c) Simile Township, Sabie.

(d) Representations were made in regard to purification.

Highveld Development Board, Central Transvaal Development Board, Northern Transvaal Development Board, West Rand Development Board and Orange Vaal Development Board

(1) No.

East Rand Development Board

(1) No, but representations were received by the East Rand Development Board.

(a) From time to time.

(b) The Department of Health and Welfare.

(c) Katlehong, Tokoza, KwaThema, Daveyton and Tsakane.

(d) Normally the representations received are in connection with blockages. The operation of the Tsakane works is not always satisfactory but the situation is under control. Approximately R4 million is to be spent on improvements to the purification plant in order to rectify the position permanently.

Western Transvaal Development Board

(1) No, but representations were received by the Western Transvaal Development Board.

(a) During 1981.

(b) From the Anglo American Corporation.

(c) Khutsong, Carletonville.

(d) Representations were received regarding the disposal of night-soil.

(2) Yes.

(a) *Eastern Transvaal Development Board*

(b) Piet Retief—60% of the township has no water-borne sewerage system. Ermelo—40% of the township has no water-borne sewerage system. Water-borne systems do not exist in the following townships but bucket systems are in operation: Wakkerstroom, Barberton, Davel, Amersfoort, Amsterdam, Lake Chrissie, Carolina and Breyten.

(a) *Highveld Development Board, Central Transvaal Development Board, Northern Transvaal Development Board and Orange Vaal Development Board*

(b) These systems operate satisfactorily.

(a) *East Rand Development Board*

(b) Sewerage systems in the townships under the Boards' jurisdiction are satisfactory. The blockages which occur from time to time are due to the depositing of insoluble objects in the sewerage systems.

(a) *West Rand Development Board*

(b) The only problem area identified is that of Alexandra where the sewerage system is to be upgraded.

(a) *Western Transvaal Development Board.*

(b) *Khutsong* and *Carletonville*: The cost of providing a sewerage system and purification plant was estimated at R9 million which the residents cannot afford.

Investigations in regard to the following townships have not yet been completed: Orkney, Fochville, Bloemhof, Coligny, Schweizer-Reneke, Ottosdal, Leeudoringstad, Ventersdorp, Makwassie, Hartbeesfontein, Koster, Christiana, Lichtenburg, Swartruggens, Zeerust and Sannieshof.

(3) *Eastern Transvaal Development Board*

Yes.

(a) The partial installation and connection to water-borne systems in Wakkerstroom, Barberton, Davel, Amersfoort, Amsterdam, Lake Chrissie, Carolina, Breyten, Piet Retief and Ermelo as well as the provision of a purification plant at Sabie were placed on the 1985/1986 budget.

(b) Approximately R1 million.

Highveld Development Board

Yes.

(a) Installation of water-borne sewerage systems at Balfour, Belfast, Bethal, Dullstroom, Hendrina, Langverwacht, Leandra, Machadodorp, Middelburg, Ogies, Standerton and Volksrust were placed on the 1984/1985 budget.

(b) Approximately R9 466 500.

Central Transvaal Development Board

Yes.

(a) Upgrading of the sewerage system at Warmbaths township by the installation of a water-borne system. Purification will be undertaken by the Warmbaths municipality.

(b) Approximately R2,4 million.

Northern Transvaal Development Board and Orange Vaal Development Board

No. The systems are satisfactory.

East Rand Development Board

Yes.

(a) The Board is at present engaged in upgrading and extension of various sewerage systems and disposal works.

(b) Approximately R12 million.

West Rand Development Board.

Yes.

(a) The whole of the Alexandra sewerage system is being upgraded as part of the redevelopment scheme. The main sewer and disposal works of Greater Soweto are being upgraded as part of an upgrading program.

(b) Approximately R30,5 million.

Western Transvaal Development Board

Yes.

(a) The investigations of certain areas are still to be completed but provision for the installation of sewerage systems has been made on the 1984/1985 budget in respect of the following townships: Orkney, Fochville, Bloemhof, Schweizer-Reneke and Leeudoringstad.

(b) Approximately R1 030 000.

*21. Mr E K MOORCROFT—Agriculture—Reply standing over.

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Crimes against security of State: prisoners

Q. Col. 1326 23/5/84

*22. Mr S S VAN DER MERWE asked the Minister of Justice:

(1) How many prisoners serving sentences not exceeding ten years for crimes against the security of the State were there in South African prisons on 12 May 1982;

(2) whether any of these prisoners have been considered for release; if not, why not; if so, how many as at the latest specified date for which figures are available?

†The MINISTER OF TRANSPORT AFFAIRS (for the Minister of Justice):

(1) 239.

(2) Yes; the 239 prisoners referred to have all been considered for release and a total of 64 of these prisoners have been released prior to the expiration of their sentences.

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Unemployment insurance cards

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*23. Dr A L BORAINE asked the Minister of Manpower:

Whether any employers were (a) prosecuted and (b) warned in 1983 for failing to keep their employees' unemployment

Electricity for all by August — Koornhof

Soweto could be a modern city in five years

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By Peter Sullivan,
Political Correspondent

All people in Soweto will be able to have electricity from August, the Minister of Co-operation and Development, Dr Piet Koornhof, said today.

He told a Press conference that developments should enable the Government to turn Soweto into a modern city within five years.

The present population, which many surveys had pegged at a million, would be able to rise to 1,5 million in the next few years and still stay in line with the latest town planning techniques.

Dr Koornhof released a list of figures about Soweto, a city which he said enjoyed international attention. He said:

- Only 40 000 people were unemployed in Soweto, representing less than six percent.
- So far 86 of the estimated 3 500 shebeens had been rezoned for business purposes — virtually meaning provisional licences to apply for proper liquor licences once the premises are upgraded.
- The number of squatters in the West Rand Administration Board's area was 4 000 families.
- During the past four years, 9 539 single accommodation units and 3 301 residential units had been built.
- Housing projects in progress or in an advanced stage of planning were 1 978 flats and 8 239 residential units.
- New areas earmarked for development would accommodate 16 500 single quarters, 6 330 flats and 18 898 residential units.
- In the mass sales campaign for existing houses on 99-year leasehold, 10 614 had been sold and 7 103 were in the pipeline.

Dr Koornhof said there had been "excellent progress" with the upgrading of Soweto, especially the electrification project.

Contractors had already connected 91 800 of the 99 000 houses. About 40 000 inhabitants were using electricity at present and deposits for connections were coming in at a rate of 6 000 a month.

All 955 substations would be switched on by the end of June, and street lighting and control stations would be completed by 1985.

Dr Koornhof said a project to upgrade water, sewerage, roads and stormwater services in greater Soweto had started early in 1980. A loan of R163 million had been approved for the purpose.

Progress until March 1984 had included 220 km of roads and streets — new, reconstructed or improved — 90 km of stormwater drainage, 43 km of primary water pipelines, 255 km of secondary water pipelines, and the installation of 19 000 new water meters.

Thursday May 24 1984

Petrol bomb attacks labelled as vandalism

The petrol-bombing of houses in Soweto has been called vandalism by Soweto's divisional commissioner of police, Brigadier D J D Jacobs.

The bombs which have been directed at houses belonging to community councillors and school headmasters, started soon after the December 1983 council elections.

Asked if the acts were committed by a group of organised people or if they were isolated cases of personal vendetta against certain personalities, Brigadier Jacobs said he doubted the existence of a coherent group.

He said that idea appeared as a figment of a few people's imagination.

A group which calls itself the Suicide Squad or the "SASS, Comrades in Arms" has claimed responsibility whenever such an incident has occurred.

So far councillors Mr E Tshabalala, Mr P Gabotloele, Mr S Tshabalala, Mr S Manthata, and Mr I B Mashao have been affected as well as headmasters Mr J Mazibuko and Mr J P Nkosi.

Their names appeared on a hit list issued by the SASS.

In Mr Mazibuko's case a note left prior to the bombing of his house warned that houses belonging to "government stooges" would be petrol-bombed if those people did not resign from the community councils.

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All Soweto to have of electricity soon

CAPE TOWN. — All residents in greater Soweto should have electricity from August this year, the Minister of Co-operation and Development, Dr Piet Koornhof, said yesterday.

He was giving details at his weekly Press conference in Cape Town of the massive electrification project undertaken in Soweto some years ago, and of progress reports on other development schemes in the black urban area.

Completion of street lighting and control systems would take place early in 1985, he said.

In Greater Soweto, 18 of the 24 contracts granted for electricity distribution systems and wiring of houses had been completed and the remaining six were at an advanced stage.

"The contractors had already wired 91 800 of the 99 000 houses concerned, while work on 87 433 had been completed and accepted by local authorities, although not all had yet been provided with electricity.

"Forty thousand residents of greater Soweto are already using electricity and deposits are being paid and connections made at the rate of about 6 000 a month," Dr Koornhof said.

Six hundred and thirty out of 955 sub-stations had already been switched on to provide wired houses with electricity and latest indications from the contractors were that all sub-stations would be switched on by the end of July.

"It is expected that all residents of Greater Soweto will be provided with electricity from August this year," the Minister said.

Thirty-seven kilometres of 132 000-volt, above-ground lines and 5 000km of underground cables had been laid and brought into operation.

So far, about R177-million had been spent of the approved R220-million, he said. — Sapa.

POWER PLEDGE

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CHAIRMAN: Knoetze.



MINISTER: Koomhof.

ALL the inhabitants of Soweto will have electricity available to them from August this year, Dr Piet Koornhof, Minister of Co-operation and Development, said yesterday.

At a major press conference he said developments there should enable the Government to turn Soweto into a modern city within the next five years.

The present population, which numerous surveys had pegged at one million, would be able to rise to 1,5 million in the next few years and still stay in line with the latest town planning techniques.

This would be made possible by the upgrading which has already been done and is still continuing.

Dr Koornhof released a list of figures about Soweto, a city which he said enjoyed international attention, to the Press conference.

He said:

- Only 40 000 people were unemployed in Soweto, representing an unemployment figure of less than six percent.
- So far 86 of the estimated 3 500 shebeens in Soweto have been rezoned for business purposes, virtually given professional licences to apply for genuine liquor licences once they have upgraded their premises.
- The total number of squatters in the West Rand Administration Board's area is 4 000 families.
- During the past four years 9 539 single accommodation units and 3 301 residential units have been built.
- Housing projects in progress or in an advanced stage of planning are 1 978 flats and 8 239 residential units.

SA Press Association

Progress

- New areas earmarked for development will accommodate 16 500 single quarters, 6 330 flats and 18 898 residential units.
- On the mass sales campaign for existing houses on 99-year leasehold, 10 614 have been sold and 7 103 are in the pipeline. This progress was "most satisfactory."

Dr Koornhof said there had been "excellent progress" with the upgrading of Soweto, specifically with the electrification project.

The contractors had already connected 91 800 of the 99 000 houses. About 40 000 inhabitants of Soweto were using electricity at the moment and deposits were being paid for connections at a rate of 6 000 a month.

Meanwhile the electrification, housing and infrastructure projects being undertaken in Soweto meant it could be turned into a modern city with a population of 1,5 million compared to its present de facto population of one million, the chairman of the West Rand Development Board, Mr John Knoetze said.

Wrab in the red

THE West Rand Development Board, formerly Wrab, is R50,1-million in the red.

This is according to the Auditor-General's report for the 1982/83 financial year released in Parliament.

The report serves to highlight the financial stress under which black townships have been run over the past few years. The R50-million deficit includes an increase of R17,2-million from what it was at the end of the previous financial year.

In the past four years, the deficit jumped by leaps and bounds from R4,2-million in 1980, R18,2-million in 1981 and R32,8-million in 1982.

By SAM MABE

The report states that some of the causes of the deficit were shortfalls in Wrab's revenue, compared to its expenditure on items such as water and electricity, which together constitute a deficit of R6,8-million.

Also there is R2,3-million in respect of rentals still outstanding. The figure shows an increase of R889 164 from the previous year.

Earlier this year, the House of Assembly was told that administration boards in South Africa owed the Government a total of R120-million which the Auditor General said they would not be able to pay.

He said the boards were repaying the debts at the rate of R413 000 a year and the R3,6-million interest for the year pushed the boards deeper and deeper into debt.

Mr John Knoetze, chairman of Wrab, told **The SOWETAN** that the deficit would not be inherited by the new town councils which had been under its jurisdiction before they gained autonomy in December last year.

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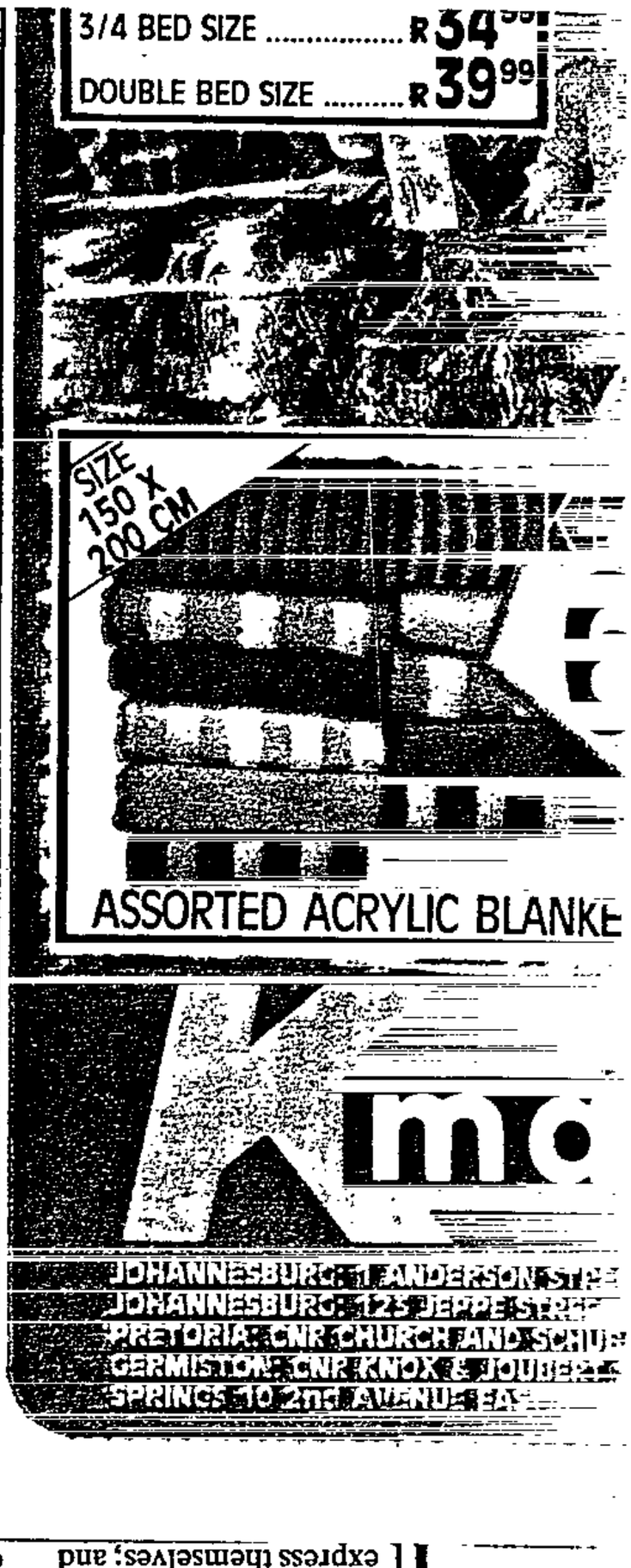

South Africa's poorest city comes up with an ace

Soweto banks on the 'bandits'

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☐ Mayor Ephraim Tshabalala: 'People can choose if they want to gamble'

Council gambles on a casino to pay its escalating debts

THE debt-riddled Soweto Council is planning a casino as a source of income to help off-set its R13-million debt which is escalating by R2 million monthly.

Soweto's Mayor, Ephraim Tshabalala, told the Sunday Tribune this week that the plans for the casino were being considered by the Department of Co-operation and Development.

"We are just awaiting the green-light," he said.

Mr Tshabalala said they expected to hear from Dr Piet Koornhof by the end of June.

The proposed casino, to be financed by a R175 million Swiss loan, would be erected on a site on the old Potchefstroom Main Road opposite the Moroko Police station.

The planned casino would have 500 one-armed bandit machines and 40 roulette tables, Mr Tshabalala said.

He said he was also planning to sell his bottle-store, which brings in R1,1 million a month, to the council. This would help to counter the crippling debts facing the council, only months

By KAY TURVEY

after Soweto was formally declared a city.

The casino, along with the tollgates, 400 pubs and the transfer of government-owned liquor outlets to the council are all part of a project to create an income for the financially floundering council.

The tollgate system introduced for motorists entering Soweto has been criticised as a discriminatory road tax for those who can least afford it, as has the perpetration of the reliance of liquor to pay for social services.

Mr Tshabalala described the Swiss loan as "almost" certain.

The morality of a casino in Soweto to fund the council did not appear to bother the mayor when questioned on this issue.

"We would have three million people here, who would just have to walk to the casino. At present they are driving to places like Bophuthatswana, Swaziland and Lesotho to gamble," he said.



☐ A scene from the 'sin' city for Soweto?

"The people can choose if they want to gamble or not; as it is they already play the horses.

"We are at least an industrialised, employed community, so why can't we gamble when many of the people in the rural areas of the national states who are dependant on us gamble?

"The Transkei casino is always full of rural people who are not working," he said.

Mr Tshabala said the casino and 21-floor hotel would also create employment for the people of Soweto.

Dr Nthato Motlana, leader of the Soweto Civic Association and arch opponent of the Black Local Authorities Act which made Soweto a fully fledged council, said the idea of a casino was a disgraceful one.

Referring to the council's crippling debts, Dr Motlana said: "I am not sorry for them at all. They allowed themselves to be so grossly misused; and they must have known it.

"Everybody urged them to question how the council would be financed as all these so-called towns have no existence of their own.

"They have always been dormitory towns so how could they ever support a council?" he asked.

Mzimhlophe, where home is a hell in transit to despair

The Star recently visited one of the worst slums in the country, the Mzimhlophe transit camp in Soweto. Story by Revelation Ntoula and pictures by Juda Ngwenya.

Dusty roads, heaps of garbage, blocked toilets, broken windows and an almost intolerable odour add up to home for 25 000 forgotten slum-dwellers of the Mzimhlophe transit camp.

Most have been officially in transit since 1977, and are likely to be for years to come.

Their mood finds expression in some of the graffiti in places like the local creche where one reads "DON'T (you) LOVE ME?"

Most of the families were resettled in the transit camp after their shacks were demolished in 1977 in the Kliptown area by the West Rand Administration Board (now the West Rand Development Board).

FATAL BURNS

The families had been promised better houses elsewhere in Soweto. But nothing happened until Wrab "dumped" them in the hands of Diepmeadow Town Council when the new local authority was introduced in January.

It was in this village of shacks that two children were recently burned to death when they were trapped in a tiny corrugated iron room with no windows.

A frail 62-year-old resident who has lost hope of ever reaching Wrab's promised land, Mrs Annah Ramokhubedu, says: "I think even hell is better."

She and her ailing husband are sharing a 25 sq m room with nine relatives.

The next room is occupied by a family of 10 which has to go through hers to get in and out.

"The other family tramp on us when we are asleep," she said.

A young woman nursing a three-day-old baby in a tiny room she was sharing with her husband and four other children was overcome by grief and despair when The Star visited her.

She refused to give her name or allow reporters to enter her room because it was customary not to admit visitors before the baby was 10 days old.

"What hurts me most is that the people who are sharing the room next door were forced to walk through our room only minutes after I had given birth. I'm feeling very bad about it," she sobbed.

When we visited one of the two improvised creches on a cold morning we found 42 children aged three or four sprawled on the cement floors.

Wind was blowing into the dilapidated room through holes in the walls, windows and doors. All that appeared to be giving some comfort was an old coal stove in one corner of the multipurpose room.

The children do not have toilets on the premises and use chamberpots on the open stoep. There is no running water and there are no playgrounds.

"But we do our best under these bad conditions to keep the children happy," said Ms Nontombi Mjele, head of the creche.

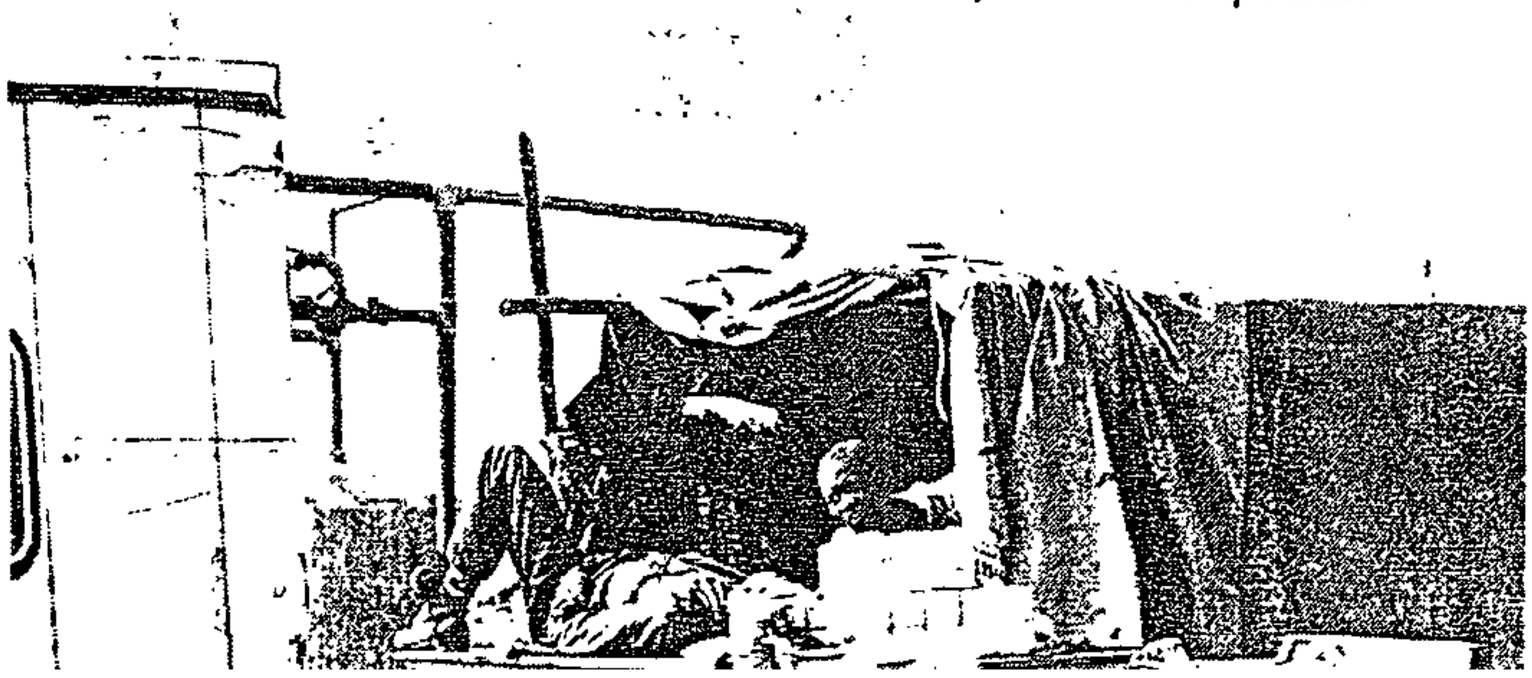
They are suppported by the Witwatersrand Council of Churches which provides everything from food to wages.

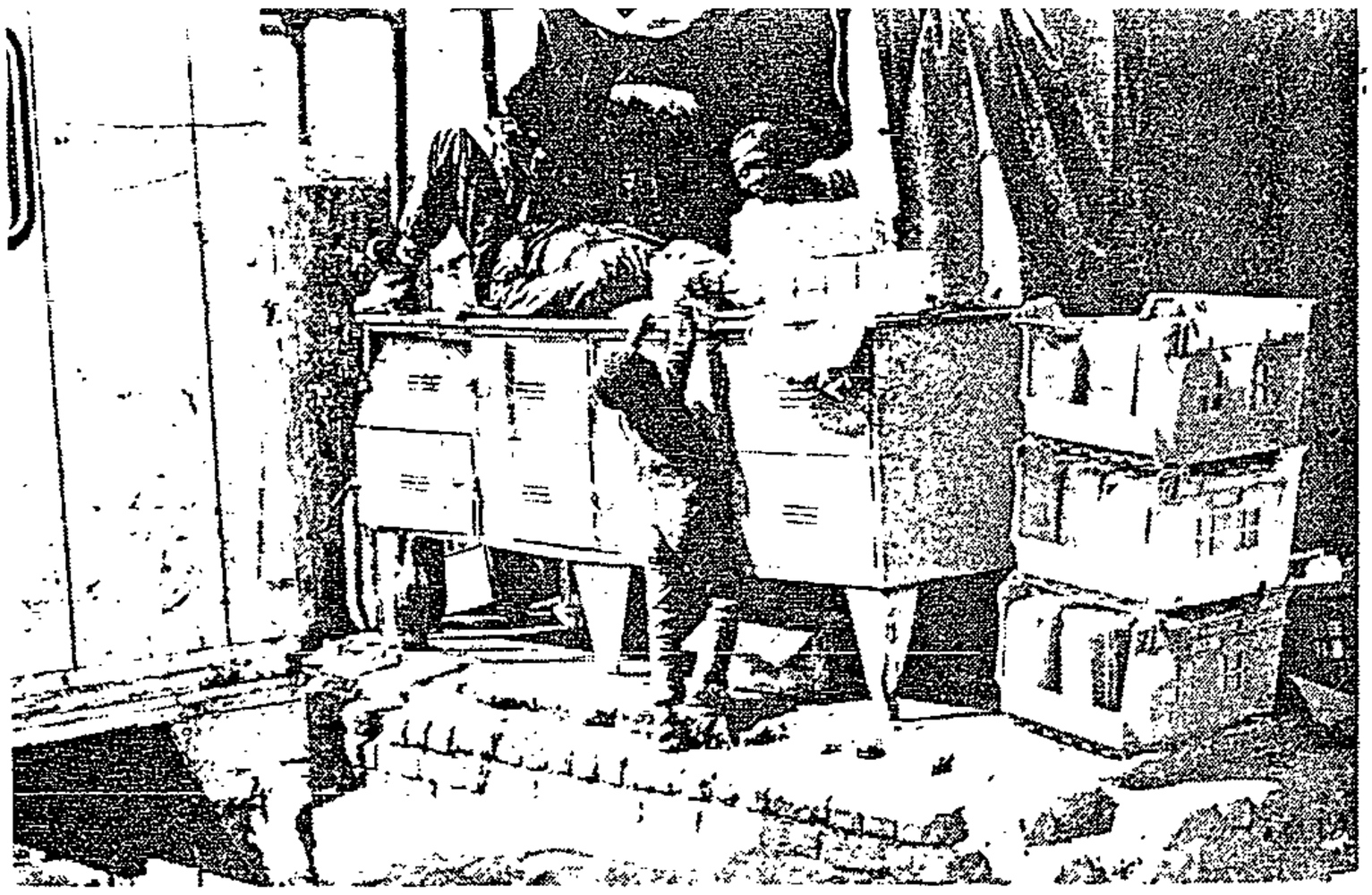
"God alone knows how we have been able to keep going for so long without any other assistance," said Ms Mjele.

Recently the Diepmeadow Town Council announced it was trying to find some money for the rehousing of the shantytown dwellers, but the people of the Mzimhlophe transit camp view the promise with scepticism after seven years of fading hope.

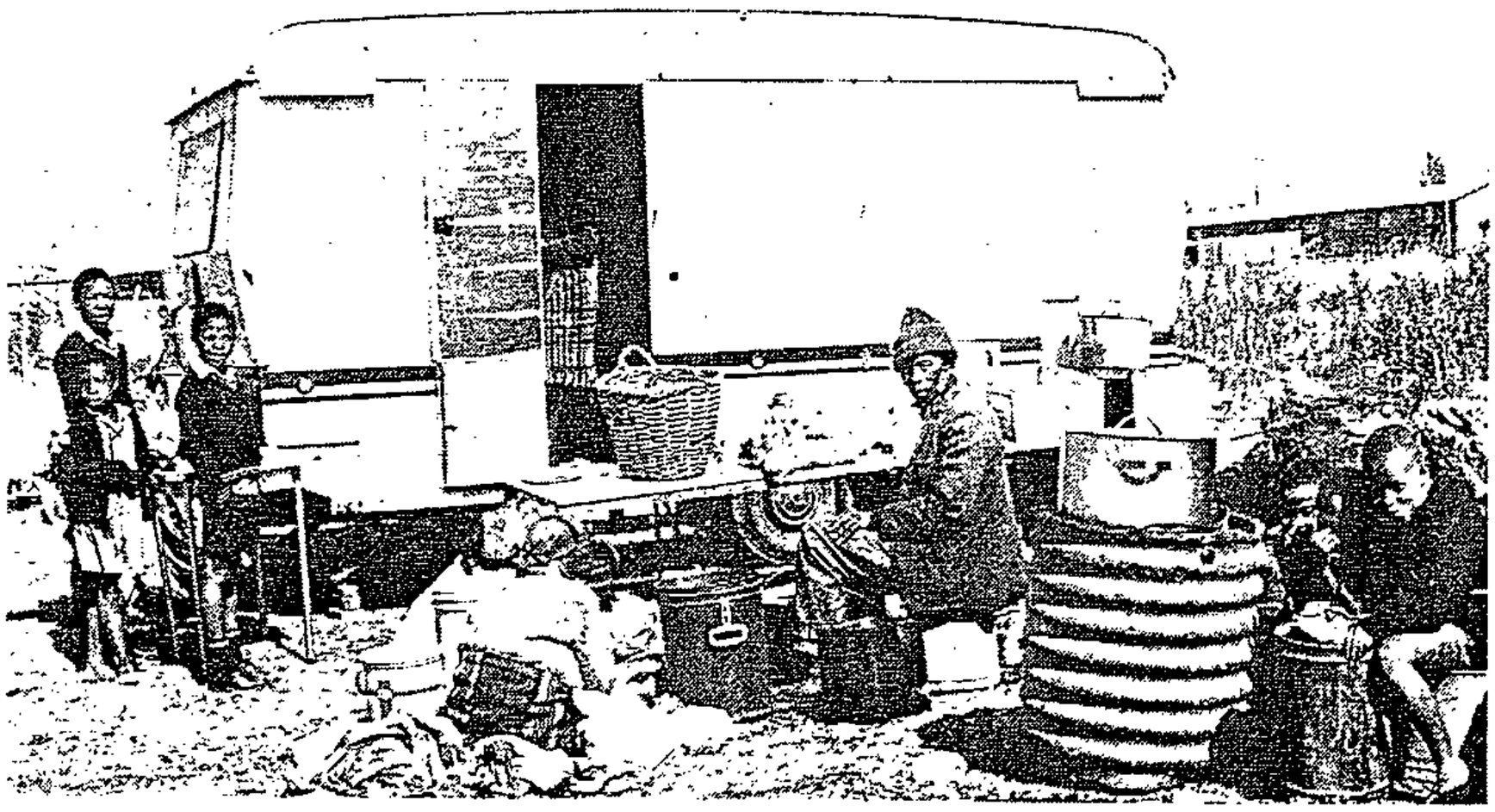


In an effort to keep the biting winter cold at bay, children gather around a brazier in the open veld near their Mzimhlophe transit camp home.





Mzimhlophe residents survive in appalling conditions. Most were resettled after their shacks in the Kliptown area were demolished in 1977.



Living in an old caravan is considered a luxury in the slum settlement. But it has its drawbacks too. All cooking has to be done outside, no matter what the weather.



Almost buried among the belongings stacked in their 25 sq m room, Mrs Annah Ramokhubedu and her bedridden husband are sharing the room with nine others.



The Mzimhlophe transit camp is one of the worst slums in the country — but, to the dwellers who have nowhere else to go, it's "home sweet home".

13 families evicted

THIRTEEN families living in a coalyard in Diepkloof have been ordered to go but no alternative accommodation had been provided.

By NKOPANE MAKOBANE

The families stay on a coalyard owned by Mr Richard Mogoai next to the Diepkloof freeway. They have been given until May 31 to vacate the place.

According to a letter served on Mr Mogoai dated May 9 and undersigned by the acting senior residence manager, Mr A Grobler, he is instructed to remove the nine families living in illegal structures and four in brick-walled rooms with immediate effect.

And yesterday Mr Mogoai told **The SOWETAN** that he has consulted his lawyers who last week wrote to the council asking for three months' extension on the eviction order.

He said he had been told that the people must leave because when he had allocated the site it was meant to be a business site.

One of the people affected by the eviction order, Mr Phillip Mookamedi, said yesterday they were worried about the council's move. He said the sub-tenants on the site were angry that the council was removing them without providing alternative accommodation.

Another shack dweller, Mr Samuel Phahle, said he has been on the housing waiting-list since 1958. He said the council had failed to provide him with a home and instead saw fit to build prestige houses beyond the financial reach of many people seeking accommodation.

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324 flats. We're moving into phase two, with 88 sub-economic houses, about 50 owner-built houses and 194 flats scheduled. We run at a small deficit — about R874 000 a year."

Magerman did his B Comm at Wits, then started a wig-making business. But times were against him as black consciousness pushed the "natural look." Now he's proprietor of a hairdressing salon.

Yes, Magerman, agrees, he and his party are made up of the Alex elite. He adds: "New movements like the United Democratic Front feel we've gone too far in working within the system. The Save Alex Party was okay; but since we formed the town council, they're very critical.

"Alex is primitive," Magerman says baldly. "We don't have any infrastructure to speak of. Sewerage, electricity, water supply and stormwater drains are urgent priorities.

"We have continuous trouble with the Department of Co-operation and Development," he growls. "Their constant refrain is that they have no money.

"Heaven knows, we need revenue sources. We're considering a stadium, and we're looking at increasing electricity tariffs, since we're selling it for less than we pay for it. We don't have the money to upgrade the hostels, but, in any case, the inmates can't afford more," he says.

Plans for the nucleus of a CBD are in the pipeline. "We need to establish a business centre here as a magnet to stop the flight of money. And we need partnership with white capital."

Magerman's an ambitious man in a difficult situation. On your way out past the augmented queues, the stickers on the doors say "I love Alex." He needs to.

partment heads: the town secretary, engineer and treasurer; the community services department, accommodation, community development branches of health and housing — I oversee all planning, executive and service branches."

Alex residents once held freehold title, but lost it when expropriations began in 1958. Now, crumb by crumb, partial property rights are being restored, Magerman says. "Movable and immovable township property is being transferred back to the town council from the West Rand Administration Board. Nonetheless, Alex retained its integrity and identity, mainly because of the people who have been here for generations."

The greatest pressure on Alex is, of course, accommodation. It's an issue that would make a less cool character panic. "We have 80 000 people in one square mile of space," Magerman says, pushing his tinted shades up onto his forehead. But he adds immediately: "We have been promised an additional 102 ha of land on the east bank of the Jukskei River — by Co-operation and Development Minister Piet Koornhof." He hesitates, conceding that the council has nothing on paper about the promise.

Meanwhile? Magerman reels off the figures: "Our immediate requirement is 8 000 housing units. Phase one of our development plan has produced only 79 sub-economic houses, 65 owner-built houses and

ARTHUR MAGERMAN (343)

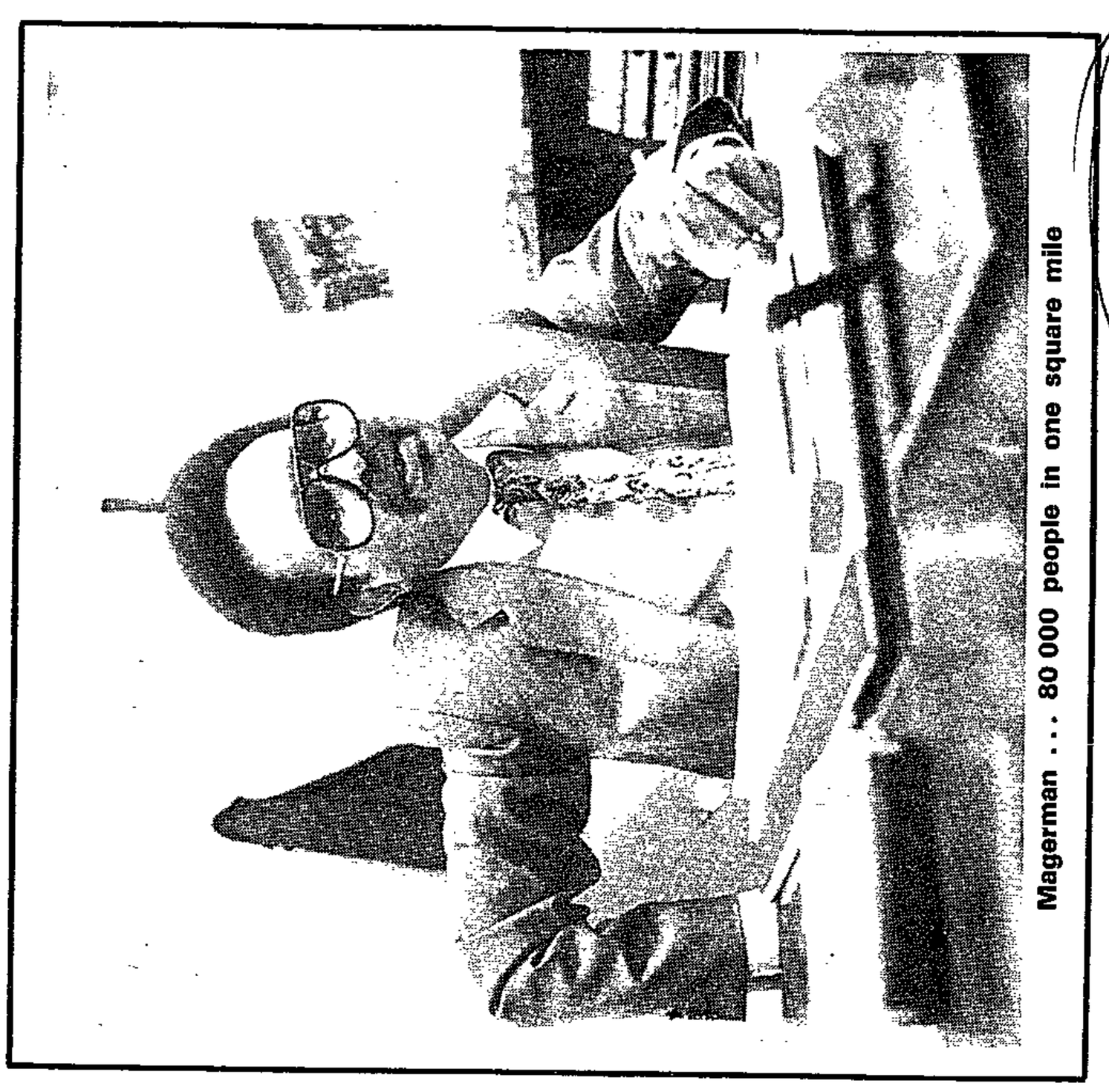
Loving Alex

Arthur Magerman of Alexandra is SA's first black town clerk. On the way to visit him at the township's Wynberg offices, you walk past huge early-morning queues of Alexandrans trying for permits, for housing, or whatever administrative sanction necessitates these hours of stolid waiting.

Before his appointment last month, Magerman had been acting town clerk for four months. His involvement with Sam Buti and his ruling Save Alexandra Party goes back a long way — since 1974, in fact, when government mooted proposals to relocate Alex residents and turn it into an Orwellian nightmare hostel town.

In 1979, Alex was granted a reprieve. Magerman became secretary of the party and, with Buti, fought for the establishment of a town council rather than a community council like other black townships. At the end of last year, Alex was granted municipal status, and Magerman became acting town clerk.

Magerman is dapper, articulate and assured. "I co-ordinate the work of the de-



Magerman ... 80 000 people in one square mile

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Boy badly hurt in petrol bomb raid

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Mercury Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG—A seven-year-old boy was severely burned in a petrol bomb attack on the house of a former Soweto councillor, Mr Nehemia Mthonjeni.

The boy, Brian Mthembu, is Mr Mthonjeni's grandson. He was burned on the body, face and arms while sleeping in a bedroom with his brothers.

He was taken to Baragwanath Hospital and admitted to the intensive care unit ward.

Damage to the house is estimated at R1 500.

Miss Mavis Mthonjeni said three petrol bombs were hurled at the house about 2 a m on Thursday.

'We have no idea who is behind this and have no idea why they did this to us because my father is no longer a councillor,' Miss Mthonjeni said.

This is the second petrol bomb incident within 24 hours.

Another councillor, Mr M J Khumalo, Deputy Mayor of Diep-Meadow, was injured after his Meadowlands house was bombed on Wednesday.

his name. Queen Elizabeth and Mrs the Lieutenant Governor can.



Councillor M J Khumalo's shows the damage to her father's home.
Pic: THEMBA NKOSI

Suicide Squad hits councillor

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FOUR petrol bombs were hurled in the house of Diepmeadow councillor M J Khumalo early yesterday morning, causing extensive damage.

By ***KHULU SIBIYA***

A group calling itself the S A Suicide Squad has claimed responsibility for the attack – the ninth on councillors in Soweto, Dobsonville and Diepmeadow.

Mr Khumalo, chairman of Inkatha's Meadowlands branch, fought a lone battle to put out the fire after his family fled the house in fear.

Damage to his home is estimated at thousands of rands. A new lounge suite was destroyed, as well as a bedroom suite and curtains.

According to Mr Khumalo's daughter, Jacqueline, the bombs were thrown into the house just after 1 am on Wednesday morning.

"Everything seemed to be on fire, and we rushed outside. My father stayed inside and the neighbours brought in sand from the street to put out the fire".

Mr Khumalo's son, Sydney, said the bombs could have been thrown because of his father's involvement in Inkatha and the council.

"My father told me he was expecting this to come at any time. I suppose this is the price one has to pay for working within the system," he said

No arrests have been made and the Protea Security Police are investigating.

Chief Diepmeadow executive officer J Knott said the family would be helped to fix their house.

Among other councillors whose houses were petrol bombed this year are Soweto mayor Ephraim Tshabalala, Dobsonville mayor Isaac Mashao and councillors Pat Gabotloaloe and Charles Nqoyi.

They're returned

THE SECURITY Police yesterday brought back some of the items they confiscated from the Azanian People's Organisation last week in countrywide pre-dawn raids on Azapo offices.

Azapo publicity secretary Muntu Myeza said Warrant Officer J Joubert from John Vorster Square led other police men who brought back three steel cabinets, newspaper cuttings, empty files, glue, pencils and other items.

'If Albert wasn't good enough to go to heaven, no-one is' — Ma Lutuli

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DUSTUP IN DAVEYTON

THREE Daveyton civic bodies have threatened to take legal action against the local town council should the proposed rent and service increases be implemented.

By MZIKAYISE EDOM

The three organisations are the East Rand People's Organisaton (Erapo), the Sinaba Party and the newly formed Daveyton Action Committee (DAC). A series of meetings has also been planned to resolve on what action to take.

The organisations have all condemned the proposed increases, saying residents were not informed and that the council had no mandate to take such a step. A spokesman for the Sinaba Party, Mr Shadrack Sinaba, who is also a councillor, said the increases were tantamount to taxation without representation, which is oppression.

Mr Sinaba said the increases were unnecessary and too high. He said he had tried to show the council other ways and means of generating money for the council but he was ignored. "There are many ways and means to raise funds to pay off the debts other than increasing rents. The council should also call a public meeting to get a mandate from the residents," he said.

At a Press conference last week to announce the increases, which was attended by all members of the council, including Mr Sinaba, it was said the entire council had agreed on the increases. Mr Tom Boya, the local mayor, yesterday said at no stage did Mr Sinaba disagree to the proposed increases when the idea was first mooted at later stages.

He said: "It is a pity that Mr Sinaba is doing an about turn on the issue. He has never at any stage opposed the increases and he did not even do it during the official announcement. I think he is just playing up to the gallery, and as for calling a public meeting there is nothing in the Black Local Authorities Act that says a mayor is supposed to call public meetings."

Mr Boya said the increases were necessary because the council has to spend R4,5-million on salaries, R2,5-million on maintenance of general township affairs, R3,5-million on loan charges and R378 000 on welfare services. The council also has to raise R5 738 855 which is a total capital programme for Holfontein and other projects like the building of an old age home, the erection of new office complex and general improvements.

Council demands explanation

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By MONK NKOMO

THE town council of Mamelodi is unhappy about the R475 000 it received from the Central Transvaal Administration Board (CTAB) and has demanded an explanation on how the R2,25 million from the Department of Co-operation and Development was administered.

According to a report from CTAB, the money was to be divided among both the Mamelodi and the Atteridgeville/Saulsville town councils and the board. Of the whole amount Mamelodi received only 21 percent.

The council ordered the board to submit a detailed report indicating the breakdown of the money at a meeting about two months ago. This was followed by a statement which revealed that the money was allocated to different councils in the Central Transvaal.

Money

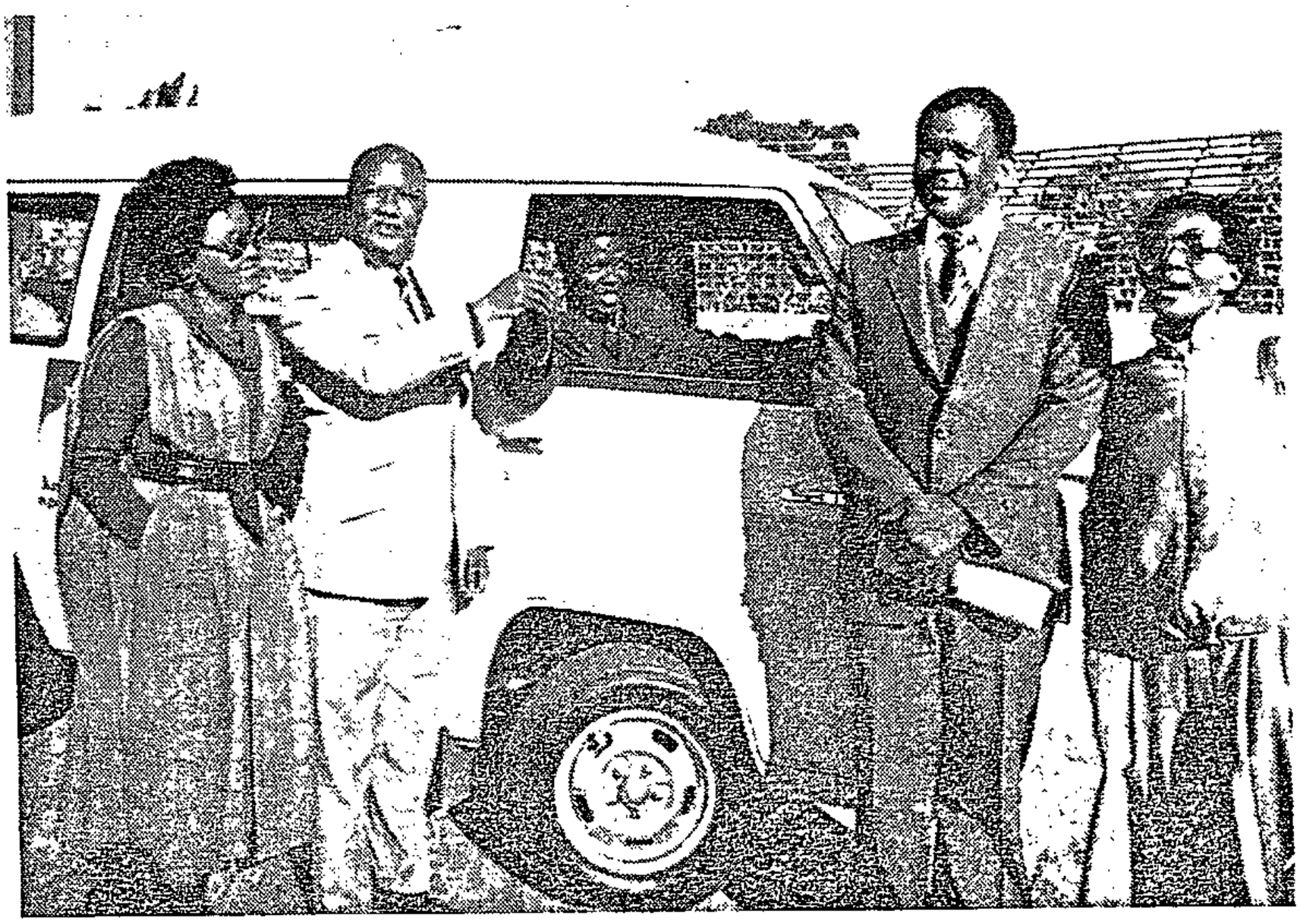
Allocations are as follows: Brits R9 247, Thabazimbi R2 050, Warmbaths R4 500, Pretoria Labour Bereau R195 907, Atteridgeville R383 915,50 cents, Mamelodi R475 357,50 cents and the CTAB R1 179 540.

Reply

The deputy chairman of the council, Mr Zikhali Ndlazi, said they were still not satisfied with how the money was administered. He said the board had the biggest share, that it was high time money was paid directly into the council's coffers.

"The executive committee will meet the board's director of finance soon to clarify the situation. The community wants to know how the money is being used by the council," Mr Ndlazi said.

In his reply, Mr V Garnett-Bennett, acting town treasurer, said: "Although it seems the head office received the biggest benefit, it must be remembered that the total expenditure less revenue, of our board is debited out to all other departments. The amount received for the remaining services therefore reduces the amount debited out."



WINNER: Sowetan Mr Samuel Mototo (in the car) is the proud owner of a 10-seater wagon after winning a competition by King Korn Company. Congratulating Mr Mototo is (from left), Ms Anne Mani, football administrator Mr Leepile Taunyane, Mr Bobby Makwetla, representative of the company and Ms Ida Motha. The winner, whose entry was drawn from that of thousands other hopefuls, was — together with the Press crew — flown by helicopter to Orlando Stadium where the presentation ceremony took place.

bought under the (i) 99-year leasehold and (ii) 30-year ownership scheme and (b) were being rented in each township falling under the Western Transvaal Administration Board as at the latest specified date for which figures are available;

(2) how many housing units had been sold under the special State housing sale scheme in this Adminstration Board area as at that date?

The MINISTER OF CO-OPERATION AND DEVELOPMENT:

(1)	(a)(i)	(a)(ii)	(b)
Biesiesvlei	Nil	Nil	24
Bloemhof	Nil	78	395
Carletonville	Nil	1 418	549
Christiana	Nil	18	399
Coligny	Nil	80	201
Fochville	Nil	183	62
Hartbeesfontein	Nil	1	1
Klerksdorp	Nil	1 532	1 692
Koster	Nil	30	89
Leeudoornstad	Nil	33	236
Makwassie	Nil	112	162
Orkney	Nil	460	447
Ottosdal	Nil	243	23
Potchefstroom	Nil	3 313	365
Schweizer-Reneke	Nil	5	Nil
Stilfontein	Nil	712	633
Swartruggens	Nil	Nil	141
Ventersdorp	Nil	100	Nil
Witpoort	Nil	Nil	2
Wolmaransstad	Nil	307	47
Lichtenburg	Nil	17	566
Zeerust	Nil	167	343

As at 29 February 1984.

(2) Nil.

Eastern Transvaal: housing

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

(1) How many houses (a) had been bought under the (i) 99-year leasehold and (ii) 30-year ownership scheme and (b) were being rented in each township falling under the Eastern Transvaal Administration Board as at the latest specified date for which figures are available;

(2) how many housing units had been sold under the special State housing sale scheme in this Administration Board area as at that date?

The MINISTER OF CO-OPERATION AND DEVELOPMENT:

(1)	(a)(i)	(a)(ii)	(b)
Amsterdam	Nil	256	32
Amersfoort	Nil	195	Nil
Barberton	Nil	344	686
Breyten	Nil	160	679
Carolina	Nil	32	103
Lake Chrissie	Nil	44	Nil
Davel	Nil	114	12
Ermelo	Nil	454	603
Morgenzon	Nil	152	Nil
Piet Retief	Nil	389	810
Sabie	Nil	46	444
Wakkerstroom	Nil	56	112
Waterval Boven	Nil	502	141

As at 29 February 1984.

(2) Nil.

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East Rand: population

766. 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 in each of the townships falling under the control of the East Rand Administration Board as at 31 December 1983?

The MINISTER OF CO-OPERATION AND DEVELOPMENT:

	(a)(i)	(a)(ii)	(b)
Tembisa	50 565	25 999	79 794
KwaThema	35 990	26 613	46 665
Katlehong	34 546	28 318	59 455
Tokoza	21 211	10 482	28 025
Vosloorus	27 054	13 668	20 198
Daveyton	27 504	25 001	43 662
Wattville	6 826	3 847	10 558
Duduza	10 443	7 224	12 855

Ratanda	3 043	3 375	6 736
Devon	530	443	939
Tsakane	8 837	9 099	18 680
Refilwe	745	405	846
Zithobeni	1 566	559	1 060
Ekangala	499	184	372
Botleng	2 812	2 900	3 056

Northern Transvaal: population

788. 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 in each of the townships falling under the control of the Northern Transvaal Administration Board as at 31 December 1983?

The MINISTER OF CO-OPERATION AND DEVELOPMENT:

	(a)(i)	(a)(ii)	(b)
Messina	1 401	1 503	2 150
Louis Trichardt	1 136	598	630
Soekmekaar	364	203	256
Duiwelskloof	273	16	37
Roedtan	114	132	125
Naboomspruit	1 232	935	1 296
Nylstroom	1 698	1 005	1 490

Eastern Transvaal: population

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What was the (a) adult (i) male and (ii) female and (b) child population in each of the townships falling under the control of the Eastern Transvaal Administration Board as at 31 December 1983?

The MINISTER OF CO-OPERATION AND DEVELOPMENT:

	(a)(i)	(a)(ii)	(b)
Amsterdam	287	339	770
Amersfoort	674	699	2 053
Barberton	2 683	1 563	5 531
Breyton	2 258	2 373	4 715
Carolina	1 705	677	1 607
Lake Chrissie	67	66	170
Davel	374	101	1 423
Ermelo	6 623	3 972	13 097
Lothair	687	393	1 101
Morgenzon	518	406	1 126
Piet Retief	2 748	1 524	5 310
Sabie	1 052	852	1 551
Wakkerstroom	197	234	1 009
Waterval-Boven	886	817	3 489

Highveld: population

792. 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 in each of the townships falling under the control of the Highveld Administration Board as at 31 December 1983?

The MINISTER OF CO-OPERATION AND DEVELOPMENT:

	(a)(i)	(a)(ii)	(b)
Balfour	2 000	1 714	3 869
Belfast	1 061	956	1 742
Bethal	5 211	2 767	7 803
Dullstroom	203	210	313
Langverwacht	9 450	2 937	6 149
Greylingstad	434	529	879
Hendrina	744	449	920
Leandra	5 332	2 850	3 097
Lydenburg	2 383	1 318	1 660
Machadodorp	458	521	718
Middelburg	14 576	5 680	12 396
Ogies	1 844	1 416	2 843
Perdekop	265	272	734
Standerton	4 761	3 574	10 114
Volksrust	2 713	2 972	5 076
Witbank	17 203	7 178	10 647

In the case of adult males the figures mentioned above are smaller in respect of Belfast, Bethal, Dullstroom, Greylingstad, Lydenburg, Perdekop and witbank than the figures given in the reply to Question No 976 of 1983. The same applies in respect of adult females at Balfour, Belfast, Bethal, Dullstroom, Hendrina, Leandra, Lydenburg, Middelburg (Transvaal), Perdekop, Standerton and Volksrust and also in respect of children at Belfast and Dullstroom.

The Development Board indicated that the differences are due to the fluctuation in contract labour and further that for

1982 file surveys were used, while in 1983 a physical survey was used.

Hansard Q.61. 1451

Southern Orange Free State: population 5/6/84

793. 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 in each of the townships falling under the control of the Southern Orange Free State Administration Board as at 31 December 1983?

The MINISTER OF CO-OPERATION AND DEVELOPMENT:

	(a)(i)	(a)(ii)	(b)
Bloemfontein	23 917	29 304	28 782
Allanridge	484	367	1 244
Bethulie	1 182	1 548	1 830
Boshof	586	439	1 004
Bultfontein	1 033	1 141	1 995
Brandfort	1 273	1 326	2 138
Clocolan	1 193	1 460	2 351
Dealesville	320	409	435
Dewetsdorp	630	1 452	3 756
Edenburg	565	652	821
Excelsior	429	637	1 655
Fauresmith	462	505	1 022
Ficksburg	4 308	5 767	5 972
Fouriesburg	556	842	1 265
Hennenman	1 772	1 930	2 946
Hertzogville	367	408	582
Hobhouse	345	389	465
Hoopstad	658	712	1 296
Jagersfontein	988	1 106	2 033
Jacobsdal	254	321	530
Koffiefontein	1 667	1 009	1 696
Ladybrand	3 281	2 364	3 995
Luckhoff	136	169	298
Marquard	1 362	1 876	1 106
Odendaalsrus	4 949	5 131	7 904
Paul Roux	626	738	1 085
Petrusburg	551	665	928
Philippolis	232	385	673
Reddersburg	375	423	692
Rosendal	266	367	714
Rouxville	451	613	733
Senekal	2 030	2 413	3 381
Smithfield	645	756	830
Soutpan	313	339	681
Springfontein	577	735	974
Theunissen	2 065	1 872	5 098
Trompsburg	294	416	842
Tweespruit	694	790	1 182
Vanstadensrus	130	186	277
Ventersburg	963	1 129	1 159
Verkeerdevlei	166	149	344
Virginia	6 328	2 202	2 940
Welkom	17 626	9 671	22 511
Wesselsbron	1 629	1 784	1 846
Wepener	1 449	1 587	3 068
Winburg	1 199	1 568	2 208
Zastron	586	862	1 117

(1) (a) 4

(b) 448 on 30 September 1983

(2)

	1982	1983
(a) State	360	360
Private	28 625	29 325
(b) (i) State	no records available	271
Private	unknown	unknown
(ii) State	unknown	unknown
Private	unknown	unknown

Institutions for the aged 5/6/84

Hansard Q.61.1452

892. Dr M S BARNARD asked the Minister of Health and Welfare:

(1) How many (a) State and (b) privately administered institutions for White aged persons were there in the Republic as at the latest specified date for which figures are available;

(2) what was the total number of (a) places available at, and (b) applications for admission (i) received and (ii) turned down by, such institutions in 1982 and 1983, respectively?

The MINISTER OF HEALTH AND WELFARE:

Malnutrition 5/6/84

Hansard Q.61.1453

893. Dr M S BARNARD asked the Minister of Health and Welfare:

(1) What is the estimated number of (a) Black, (b) Coloured, (c) Asian and (d) White Children suffering from malnutrition in the Republic as at the latest specified date for which figures are available;

(2) whether his Department is taking any steps in this regard; if not, why not; if so, what steps?

The MINISTER OF HEALTH AND WELFARE:

(1) (a), (b), (c) and (d) The term "malnutrition" is ill-defined. It encompasses many kinds of malnutrition. The standards to assess over-nutrition, under-nutrition and even some of the avitaminoses are not universally applicable. This applies particularly to intercultural differences when assessing various age groups. In the light of these difficulties no general and valid estimates of the number of children suffering from malnutrition per population group are available in the RSA.

(2) Falls away.

Family planning clinics 5/6/84

Hansard Q.61.1454

894. Dr M S BARNARD asked the Minister of Health and Welfare:

(1) How many family planning clinics, including mobile services, were available in (a) the White areas of the Republic, and (b) each specified national state whose government had not yet taken over health services, as at the latest specified date for which figures are available;

(2) how many (a) full-time and (b) part-time (i) doctors, (ii) nurses and (iii) motivators from each race group were employed by his Department in family planning services in (aa) the Republic and (bb) each such national state as at that date?

The MINISTER OF HEALTH AND WELFARE:

(1) (a) 30 000 permanent points as at 31 December 1983,
8 000 points were visited at irregular times;

(b) Kwandebele—36.
Kangwane—38.

(2) *Republic*

	Whites	Asians	Coloureds	Blacks
(a) Full time				
(i) doctors	22	1	—	—
(ii) nurses	420	26	152	475
(iii) motivators	—	24	129	713
(b) Part time				
(i) doctors	151	13	1	3
(ii) nurses	71	1	4	18
(iii) motivators	—	—	—	—

(b) none, but as soon as all the dwellings have been vacated by the Whites, it will be sold to Coloureds.

Acquired immune deficiency syndrome

*17. Dr M S BARNARD asked the Minister of Health and Welfare:

(1) Whether any cases of acquired immune deficiency syndrome (AIDS) were (a) reported and (b) diagnosed in the latest specified 12-month period for which figures are available; if so, how many in each case;

(2) whether he intends declaring AIDS to be a notifiable disease; if not, why not; if so, when?

†The MINISTER OF HEALTH AND WELFARE:

(1) (a) and (b) Since 1982 a total of 12 confirmed cases of acquired immune deficiency syndrome have become known to the Department;

(2) no, it is at present not considered to be a public health threat. The diagnosis of acquired immune deficiency syndrome is at present very difficult because there are no simple diagnostic tests available.

Hansard Q.601.1479 6/6/84

Old-age pensions: bonus

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

Whether, with reference to his reply to Question No 3 on 11 April 1984, the recently announced bonus of R22,00 to Black old-age pensioners was paid out during May 1984; if not, (a) why not, (b) how many persons were affected and (c) when is it anticipated that they will receive this bonus?

The MINISTER OF CO-OPERATION AND DEVELOPMENT:

Yes.

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Zimbabwe: deportations

Q.601.1480 6/6/84

*19. Mrs H SUZMAN asked the Minister of Co-operation and Development:

(1) Whether his Department has held an investigation into allegations concerning the deportation of South African Blacks to Zimbabwe; if so, (a) what was the purport of these allegations, (b) (i) who was in charge, and (ii) what was the extent, of the investigation and (c) what were the findings;

(2) whether he or any member of his Department has received any representations or complaints regarding the Additional Commissioner for Co-operation and Development at Alexandra; if so, (a) from whom, (b) when and (c) what was (i) the nature of the representations or complaints and (ii) his response thereto;

(3) whether any steps have been taken by his Department in respect of this person pending the outcome of the investigation; if not, why not; if so, (a) what steps and (b) in respect of what period were they taken;

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

†The MINISTER OF CO-OPERATION AND DEVELOPMENT:

(1) Yes.

(a) The purport of these allegations was that law-abiding Black people with valid South African reference books and other documents are being detained without trial by the Commissioner at Alexandra for up to 13 months to make them confess that they are aliens in order to deport them to Zimbabwe.

(b) (i) The investigation was carried out under the guidance of the Deputy Director-general (Departmental Administration) of the Department of Co-operation and Development by a departmental inspector.

(ii) An in depth investigation *in loco* was carried out into the allegations by interviewing the officials concerned, by taking sworn statements from them and by obtaining relevant information.

(c) The findings are contained in a report which is being studied by the Department of Co-operation and Development.

(2) No specific complaint was received. There was a reference to statements alleged to have been made by an Additional Commissioner. These allegations were also investigated as indicated above.

(a) The allegations were contained in a telex received from City Press.

(b) On 9 May 1984.

(c) (i) The nature of the allegations is as stated in (1) above.

(ii) The Department and I immediately ordered an investigation.

(3) No steps against the Additional Commissioner can be considered until the report has been studied and the situation evaluated. If any proof of irregularities should be found, appropriate steps will obviously be taken.

(4) Not at this stage. In case it should appear desirable to do so from evidence which becomes available to me I will make a suitable statement.

Mrs H SUZMAN: Arising out of the reply of the hon the Minister, will he make those findings public or make them available to members of Parliament?

The MINISTER: If after I have evaluated the findings I consider it to be in the public interest to make them public, I will have no hesitation in doing so.

Passport control officers

*20. Mrs H SUZMAN asked the Minister of Internal Affairs:

(1) (a) How many persons have been appointed by him as passport control officers in terms of section 4 of the Admission of Persons to the Republic Regulation Act, No 59 of 1972, since the inception of the said Act and (b)(i) how many such passport control officers are there at present and (ii) to which Government Departments are they attached in each case;

(2) whether, prior to their being gazetted as passport control officers, these persons are given any training in regard to (a) their functions and (b) the laws they will be enforcing; if not, why not; if so, what is the nature of this training?

The MINISTER OF INTERNAL AFFAIRS:

(1) (a) and (b)(i) This information is not readily available. Appointments are continuously being made and withdrawn as many officers of a number of departments are placed, replaced or transferred in and from posts where their duties also include aspects of aliens control.

(b) (ii) Appointments have been made in respect of officers of the Departments of Internal Affairs, Justice, the South African Police, Finance and Co-operation and Development and of the South African Railway Police.

(2) (a) and (b) Persons employed by the Department of Internal Affairs who are appointed as passport control officers are instructed and trained to

administer the provisions of the Acts and regulations controlling the admission to and residence of aliens in the Republic. Officials of other departments are trained by their own departments and the appointments in their case also vary in accordance with section 4(b) of the Admission of Persons to the Republic Regulation Act, 1972.

Passport control officers

*21. Mrs H SUZMAN asked the Minister of Internal Affairs:

(1) What is the (a) nature and (b) scope of the investigations carried out by passport control officers in regard to cases involving alleged illegal immigrants;

(2) whether these investigations include questioning the families of the persons concerned in the event of such families being resident in the Republic; if not, why not;

(3) what is the longest period for which any person has been held in detention pending the outcome of such an investigation?

†The MINISTER OF INTERNAL AFFAIRS:

(1) (a) and (b) The hon member is referred to the provisions of the Admission of Persons to the Republic Regulation Act, No 59 of 1972, and more particularly section 34 thereof which prescribes the nature and scope of the investigations to be carried out by passport control officers in cases involving alleged illegal immigrants.

(2) Only where they can be identified and reached and can contribute towards the identification of the person concerned.

(3) Statistics of individual cases are not kept but in terms of regulation 26 published in *Regulation Gazette* No 321 of 3 April 1964 no person shall be detained in custody for any longer period than is necessary for the purpose of any prescribed inquiry or for the completion by the passport control officer of arrangements for the removal of such person from the Republic at the first reasonable opportunity.

Mrs H SUZMAN: Arising out of the Minister's reply, may I ask him whether his attention has been drawn to the case mentioned by the hon the Minister of Co-operation and Development where people have been held up to 13 months in detention?

†The MINISTER: The hon member has already received a reply from the hon the Minister. This case only became known to me as a result of the question that was asked. I received no representations from any other quarter.

YMCA building, Port Elizabeth

*22. Mr J H HOON asked the Minister of Community Development:†

(1) Whether the YMCA building in Havelock Street, Port Elizabeth, is situated in a White group area; if so,

(2) whether youths of population groups other than the White population group may be accommodated in this building; if so, under what statutory provision; if not,

(3) whether a permit in respect of the accommodation of such youths in this building has been issued; if so, when;

(4) whether he or any member of his Department has received any complaints in this regard; if so,

(5) whether he has investigated the complaints; if not, why not; if so, with what result?

†The DEPUTY MINISTER OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT:

(1) Yes

(2) No

(3) No

(4) No

(5) Falls away.

Mr D J N MALCOMESS: Mr Speaker, arising out of the hon the deputy Minister's reply, if he receives an application for multi-racial occupation of this building, would he give it his sympathetic consideration? [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY MINISTER: No applications have been received in this regard.

South West Africa: printing work

*23. Mr J H HOON asked the Minister of Defence:†

Whether the South African Defence Force at any stage did printing work for a private body or association of private bodies in South West Africa; if so, (a) for what private body or association of private bodies, (b) which section of the South African Defence Force did the printing work and (c) what was the cost involved?

†The MINISTER OF LAW AND ORDER (for the Minister of Defence):

No.

(a), (b) and (c) fall away.

Hansard Q.61.1485 6/6/84

Indian teachers: improvement of qualifications

*24. Mr R M BURROWS asked the Minister of Internal Affairs:

(1) Whether provision has been made for a scheme enabling serving Indian teachers to improve their teaching qualifications by correspondence with any college of education; if not, why not; if so,

(2) whether his Department keeps a register of teachers availing themselves of this scheme; if not, why not; if so, how many teachers (a) were so registered as at, and (b) had improved their qualifications in this manner since the inception of this scheme up to, the latest specified date for which figures are available;

(3) whether this scheme provides for the acquisition of a senior certificate; if not, why not;

(4) whether he is considering any extensions to this scheme; if not, why not; if so, (a) what extensions and (b) when?

The DEPUTY MINISTER OF INTERNAL AFFAIRS:

(1) No, because the small number of lowly-qualified teachers still in service does not justify the introduction of a correspondence course.

(2), (3) and (4) Fall away.

Hansard Q.61.1486 6/6/84

Coloured teachers: improvement of qualifications

*25. Mr R M BURROWS asked the Minister of Internal Affairs:

(1) Whether provision has been made for a scheme enabling serving Coloured teachers to improve their teaching qualifications by correspondence with any college of education; if not, why not; if so,

(2) whether his Department keeps a register of teachers availing themselves of this scheme; if not, why not; if so, how many teachers (a) were so registered as at, and (b) had improved their qualifications in this manner since the inception of this scheme up to, the latest specified date for which figures are available;

(3) whether this scheme provides for the acquisition of a senior certificate; if not, why not;

URBAN BLACKS

Authority to spend

The 26 black local authorities established late last year have been warned by the Department of Finance to be extremely careful in drawing up and spending their individual budgets during the 1984-1985 financial year.

Financial Mail June 8 1984

LABOUR TALK-ABOUT

Crucial aspects of SA's industrial relations system will come in for some pretty high-level scrutiny at a conference on labour law at the University of Natal from July 9-11.

Organised jointly by the Centre for Applied Legal Studies and the University of Natal's Department of Public Law, the conference will look at:

- ☐ The Industrial Court;
- ☑ Collective bargaining and the law;
- ☐ Occupational health and safety;
- ☐ Law and dismissal;
- ☐ Law of strikes;
- ☐ Freedom of association and the closed shop; and
- ☐ Proposals to reform SA labour law.

Most of the scheduled speakers are labour lawyers and academics, but some have been drawn from trade unions, industrial relations consultancies and industry.

The department has told black local authorities it will exercise overall control of their expenditure. It has appealed to them to adhere to guidelines laid down by Finance Minister Owen Horwood.

The increase in the total expenditure allowed each local authority for the financial year has been fixed by the Minister at 10% above the previous year's budgeted expenditure.

The limit can be exceeded only in exceptional circumstances, as in the case of:

- ☐ Labour-intensive projects in which more than half of the total cost of a project comprises pay for semi- and unskilled labour;
- ☐ Projects embarked upon to alleviate the prevailing unemployment problem;
- ☐ Projects launched in areas with severe unemployment; and
- ☐ Projects financed entirely by local authorities. (Central government will not provide additional funds.)

Each local authority has to submit its 1984-1985 budget, with detailed information on proposed projects, to the Finance Department for consideration and approval.

Overall control of expenditure is to be exercised by the department to achieve a co-ordinated pattern throughout the public sector, while the guidelines issued by the Minister are aimed at bringing about more "uniformity" in government expenditure.



ALTERNATIVE ACCOMMODATION: Mr Sedumedi.

Eviction ultimatum

By NKOPANE MAKOBANE

HUNDREDS of Bekkerdal residents face eviction following a letter from the West Rand Development Board (formerly Wrab) that registered tenants must remove illegals staying in their backyard shacks.

This move by the board, which was to have been implemented at the beginning of this month, means hundreds of families in the area will be affected. A survey early last year revealed that there were 1 497 illegal structures in the township, many of them housing people who do not qualify in terms of the law.

In a circular to the registered tenants by board chief director, Mr C J Bezuidenhout, people accommodated in illegal structures and who do not qualify to be in Westonaria and Johannesburg South in terms of Section 10(1) of Act 25 of 1945, are liable to prosecution.

The circular also states that people who qualify in terms of Section 10(1) of Act 25 of 1925, who are occupying the shacks can also be prosecuted in terms of Section (1)A read with Section 11 (1) of Act 52 of 1951 for illegal squatting in the area.

It warns that registered tenants who are allowing people, as prescribed in the two sections, to occupy shacks on their sites, are also open to prosecution.

The circular advises: "To avoid being prosecuted and to prevent illegals being prosecuted, an urgent appeal is made to you to make immediate arrangements for these people to be removed from the area. If they are not removed from the area, you are warned that legal action will commence on June 2."

An angry resident and former councillor, Mr Daniel Sedumedi, said Wradebo and the local council were making a mockery out of themselves.

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They vow to whip Chiefs

By HORATIO MOTJUWADI

ORLANDO Pirates have vowed to play Iwisa Kaizer Chiefs out of the JPS KO Competition at Orlando on Sunday.

The downfall of Chiefs was declared by coach Mike Kenning following an injury-free squad and a newly found peace between the team's warring factions.

"The fact that for a change," said Kenning yesterday, "everybody will be backing us gives us every reason to win."

Special occasion

He was referring to the division which has rocked the team since it was registered as a private company last year.

If the truce effected by the NPSL this week at Pirates is a charm, then Orlando Stadium will be jampacked long before the 3 o'clock kick-off.

The sponsors have gone to great lengths to ensure the occasion is made special. And if you pass Orlando and think it is a Cup Final don't be surprised.

There will be all the razzmatazz that makes special soccer contests electric. And as a first, there will be free buses from Milpark to the stadium.

The free transport is a means to bring back the lost white spectators. My bet that after Sunday, whites will trickle back to NPSL games — maybe they will come in

What's in your

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CHEERS!



SHEBEEN QUEEN ... Rose Senne, of *Peggy's Place* — one of the Soweto shebeens which have been legalised. "We never turn anyone away," says Rose

By KAY TURVEY

EVEN God loves Soweto read the logo emblazoned on the back of a shebeen queen's T-shirt as she served beer to the patrons of *Peggy's Place.*

And it seemed the gods had smiled on her establishment, one of 36 recently legalised shebeens — for gone were the hazards of police raids, fines and the confiscation of stock.

This week I visited a number of shebeens which have received conditional permits to operate within the law since the end of last month.

Subject to an inspection by the National Liquor Board they will soon become licensed taverns.

Yet, more than 4 000 illegal shebeens still abound in the township, in garages, crowded sitting rooms and backyards.

Her T-shirt stretched tight across a copious bust, Rose Senne moved among the patrons on straight-backed chairs, in a room adjacent to the family's kitchen.

Four tables, covered with plastic cloths, and a fridge full of quarts of beer earn the Senne family between R1 500 to R3 000 a weekend.

"Of course there are more chairs that we can put out in the garage," said Rose, adding that income was also made from food served on the premises or as take-aways.

Her mother, Mrs Cooks Senne, told me T-bones and stiff porridge, fatcakes, biltong and snoek were the popular fare.

Yet for Rose, whose father is Peggy Belair — campaigner for the legalising of shebeens and member of the National Taverners' Association, the job is an enjoyable one, with "lots of music and jiving".

But it involves a lot of work — up to 19 hours without a break over weekends.

People know that *Peggy's* is a place where they can get liquor any time. "They can come knocking at four in the morning and we will open up," says Rose. "We never turn anyone away."

Licensing will change that dramatically. Shebeens will have to close on Sundays and after midnight on other days in compliance with regulations.

Up the street, at Joyce's place, things are not quite so fortunate.

Without a permit but undeterred, Joyce Moloi serves beers and stews to the customers who crowd her tiny sitting room.

There is only one outside toilet for her patrons instead of the separate facilities for men and women required by law.

At Dube's place in Rockville — shebeen queen Dube is affection-

The boo

LOUD music and joyful cr... streets of Soweto this week.

And this time the volatile ... celebrate as 8 000 people g... phitheatre to offer thanks ... legalising of shebeens.

Organised by the National ... shindig, known as ama Bl... was held in gratitude after a ... law.

Thirty-six shebeens were ... other 300 await conditional ...

"There is a real need for ... Lucky Michaels, chairman of ... Association.

Thirty the

He estimates there are ... Soweto alone. "They can each ... at a time and a very conser... population is at least 200 000."

Mr Michaels has been ... other shebeen operators since ... conditional permits at the end

Celebrations as 36 Soweto shebeens are legalised and patrons can relax without fears of fines and police raids

Kay Turvey celebrates the shebeen way



...ze flows as thanks are offered to ancestors

... cries echoed down the dusty ...

... township had something to ... gathered at the Jabulani am... ks to their ancestors for the ...

... Taverners' Association, the Dlozi-badimo (the ancestors) ... a five-year struggle with the ...

... recently legalised, while an... permits.

... more to obtain licences," says ... of the National Taverners'

...ousands

... more than 4 000 shebeens in ... each cater for 40 to 50 people ... ...ative figure for our drinking ... 000."

... inundated with inquiries by ... the first shebeens obtained ... end of last month.

At Jábulani to partake of the freely flowing beer and sour porridge and tripe was Sylvester Ntuli from Durban.

"What has happened here in Soweto, we now expect to happen in Natal," said Mr Ntuli, who runs Sylvester's in Umlazi. He and other Natal shebeen operators had hired a bus to take them to Jabulani.

Companionship

"Shebeens are as important in Umlazi, KwaMashu and townships under KwaZulu, as they are here.

"They're necessary for company. One can't just drink a nip on your own outside a bottle store, one needs discussion to go with it."

A roar of hearty laugher followed my inquiry as to what a nip was — the traditional quarter bottles of spirits served in shebeens. Mr Ntuli said the problems facing shebeens in Natal were different to those in Soweto.

"In Natal things are more difficult as shebeens fall under the Administration Boards and a lot of the bottle stores are owned by blacks who don't want shebeens to be legalised."

Also rubbing shoulders with the well-dressed shebeen queens, dolled up in their furs for the occasion, was George Sedleai, a shebeen owner from Onverwacht in the Free State.

There to share in the "surprise" of the legalisation, Mr Sedleai said he hoped the some 240 Shebeens in the Free State would obtain their licences by November.

Mr Sedleai, who is head chef of a Free State restaurant, said it was most important for shebeens to serve food as well as liquor.

"They should be like any steak house in town where one can get together to drink and eat."

Ruthless raids

Kokosie Mazebuka, one of the biggest taverners in Soweto, said: "This is the happiest time of my life. We have had so many hassles for so long now.

"But we must not forget there are still many others waiting for their licences."

Shebeen queen, Elizabeth Matgeka from Nelspruit, said: "We will be happy to have a licence. The police are very tough; when they raid they wipe us out completely — they not only take stock but often your fridges as well."

...ately known to her regulars as Scoobie Dube — the afternoon is hotting up as the beers are cooling down.

Waiters from a top Johannesburg hotel and a life insurance consultant for a multi-national company sit in the converted garage joking while sipping beer and sparkling wine.

"Wine has become increasingly popular with black women, whereas they were hardly drinking it five years ago," says Dube.

Meanwhile in the garage the volume of the conversation, which ranges from politics to Shakespeare, increases in direct proportion to the number of empties gathering on the tables.

One patron, Jacob Rapesiwa, says legalisation will dampen the shebeen spirit.

"There is a thrill and certain danger involved in going where you are not allowed," he says, dismissing the R20 fine imposed on customers drinking in illegal shebeens.

His companion, Joe Patel, agrees. They love the intrigue of the illegality — the empties carefully hidden from the omnipresent eyes of the police. "Legality will formalise shebeens and most important we won't be able to drink when we like," says Mr Patel.

Numerous rounds are served without payment being requested but, surprisingly, when the time comes to leave the shebeen queen will have a tally of exactly how much each individual drank.

And, if you did the ordering, you will be responsible for the bill. If a patron does not have the cash that is no problem, credit is easily obtainable, while many regulars pay monthly.

Fights and swindles are few and far between and shebeen queens are sovereigns of their taverns, says Rose.

"They know I am so dangerous, I can be just like a python when I want to," she said.

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Residents slam 'daylight robbery'

EVATON residents this week rejected a call by their town council to charge them for living on their own properties.

Inkatha member Mr Tom Nhlapo said if residents paid the arrears which the council announced to be in the region of R35 000 owed in residential permits, "they would be endorsing the lie that Evaton is no longer a freehold area."

Reacting to the call made at a council meeting last week, Mr Nhlapo said the people said to be owing permits were mostly pensioners, widows and the poor.

"It is quite ridiculous and unthoughtful of the council to expect residents to allow the council to tax them for living on their own plots," Mr Nhlapo said.

Granny Elsie Mdluli said she depended on the meagre pension she received once in two months and did not have "money to throw at the council. I own this land and have nothing more to live on except the rental that is paid to me by the subtenants," said Granny Mdluli.

Mr Samuel Mokoena, another property owner, said the council had no right to charge residents "for living on their own plots. This is daylight robbery. The land is ours and our freehold titles are valid. So I do not understand how the council and the Orange-Vaal Administration Board operate in Evaton.

Sowetan 13/6/84

Sebe plot denied

JUDGMENT in the terror trial of the man who was once Ciskei's most powerful policeman will be given in the Ciskei Supreme Court on Friday.

Mr Charles Sebe, the homeland's former Security Chief, has pleaded not guilty to inciting members of the Ciskei Defence Force and Police Force to release former Brigadier H Tamsanqa by force. Mr Sebe, who has been stripped of his general rank by his brother, President Lennox Sebe, is also alleged to have intended overthrowing the State by means of violence.

Mr Paul Avenant, for the defence, yesterday told Mr Justice B Pickard the onus was on the prosecution to prove there was any plot.

Mr Avenant claimed there was no evidence to prove Mr Sebe committed any offence.

He argued there was no acceptable evidence before court that Mr Sebe incited anybody, unless one accepted the evidence of a Colonel Louis Nhonhonho who was a "most unreliable witness".

"The court is left with speculative evidence," Mr Avenant argued.

But the defence conceded Mr Sebe, although "not a bad witness", had at times contradicted himself. — Sapa.



EVICTED: Ms Petje after the Soweto Council threw her belongings out of her home.

Shock for two families

AT LEAST two Soweto families have been evicted from their homes for being in arrears with their electricity payments.

The evictions follow a series of dawn raids conducted by Soweto Council police in Rockville since last Friday. Scores of families were raided, and some evicted.

One of the families known to have been evicted, that of Mrs Nokie Modise, was yesterday allowed back into their home after they paid part of the amount owed. The Modise family, who were evicted from their home last Friday, owed R175 for electricity.

A widowed mother, Ms Rose Petje, and her four children were out in the cold after council police threw their belongings out of their Rockville home yesterday morning. She owes R90, and electricity in her home has been disconnected.



REPRIEVE: Members of the Modise family move their belongings back into their home yesterday.

"This is the second time the council police have evicted us over the past five days. Last Friday, they threw our belongings out but we moved back into the house soon after they had left," Ms Petje said.

Ms Petje said she was still trying to raise money to pay off the electricity bill. Only two days ago, she had forked out R30 to reduce the bill.

The families' evictions are in direct conflict with a resolution passed by the Soweto Council earlier this year, that no families will be evicted for owing electricity and water bills. Last Sunday, the mayor of Soweto, Mr Ephraim Tshabalala, assured a meeting attended by 800 people that no-one would be evicted for owing these two commodities.

A councillor in the Rockville area, Mr J Madikane, said yesterday that the Modise family had been allowed back into their home after he had mentioned the resolution to a local superintendent. He said he was not aware that the Petje family had also been evicted.

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BLACK LEADERS

Sitting targets

The mysterious SA Suicide Squad (SASS), which has been terrorising community leaders in Soweto since the beginning of the year, last week extended its activities to Evaton, south of Johannesburg.

Last Thursday it petrol-bombed the home of local council chairman Sam Rabotapi, causing an estimated R5 000 damage.

Little is known about the SASS. The organisation's name became public a few months ago when it claimed responsibility for a number of bomb attacks, aimed mainly against black town councillors. A number of councillors have received threatening phone calls from people claiming to be SASS representatives. The SASS has not aligned itself with any known political organisation.

The petrol bombings were described by police as politically inspired when they first occurred in Soweto at the beginning of the year.

But despite vigorous police attempts to identify and track down the SASS, no-one has been arrested so far.

Sixth hit

Rabotapi's family is the sixth to be hit by the SASS in little over a month, and the first outside Soweto. To date, 11 families, including that of Soweto Council chairman Ephraim Tshabalala, have been hit. Furniture, curtains and clothing were burnt in almost all cases. The SASS has claimed responsibility for all but one — that of Elizabeth Mazibuko, a 63-year-old Chiawelo cripple. Jabu Mthembu, Mazibuko's eight-year-old grandson who was alone with her in the house at the time of the attack, escaped with injuries.

Other recent victims are: former Soweto councillor Nehemiah Mthonjeni; councillor Moses Khumalo, who is also Inkatha's Meadowlands branch chairman; and Soweto school principals Petrus Nkosi and Jabulani Mazibuko.

Nkosi and Mazibuko were accused by the SASS of allegedly ordering pupils at their schools to make financial contributions towards a visit to the Reef by King Goodwill Zwelethini of KwaZulu.

Since the beginning of the year, five Greater Soweto councillors have had their homes petrol-bombed. The five are mayor Tshabalala, Silas Tshabalala, Walter Ngqoyi, Dobsonville councillor Isaac Mashao and Patrick Gaboutloeloe, who has twice been a target.

The attacks on councillors appear to be aimed at discouraging black involvement in the councils, established late last year under the Black Local Authorities Act. More elections are scheduled to take place over the next few years until all community councils are transformed into town or village councils.

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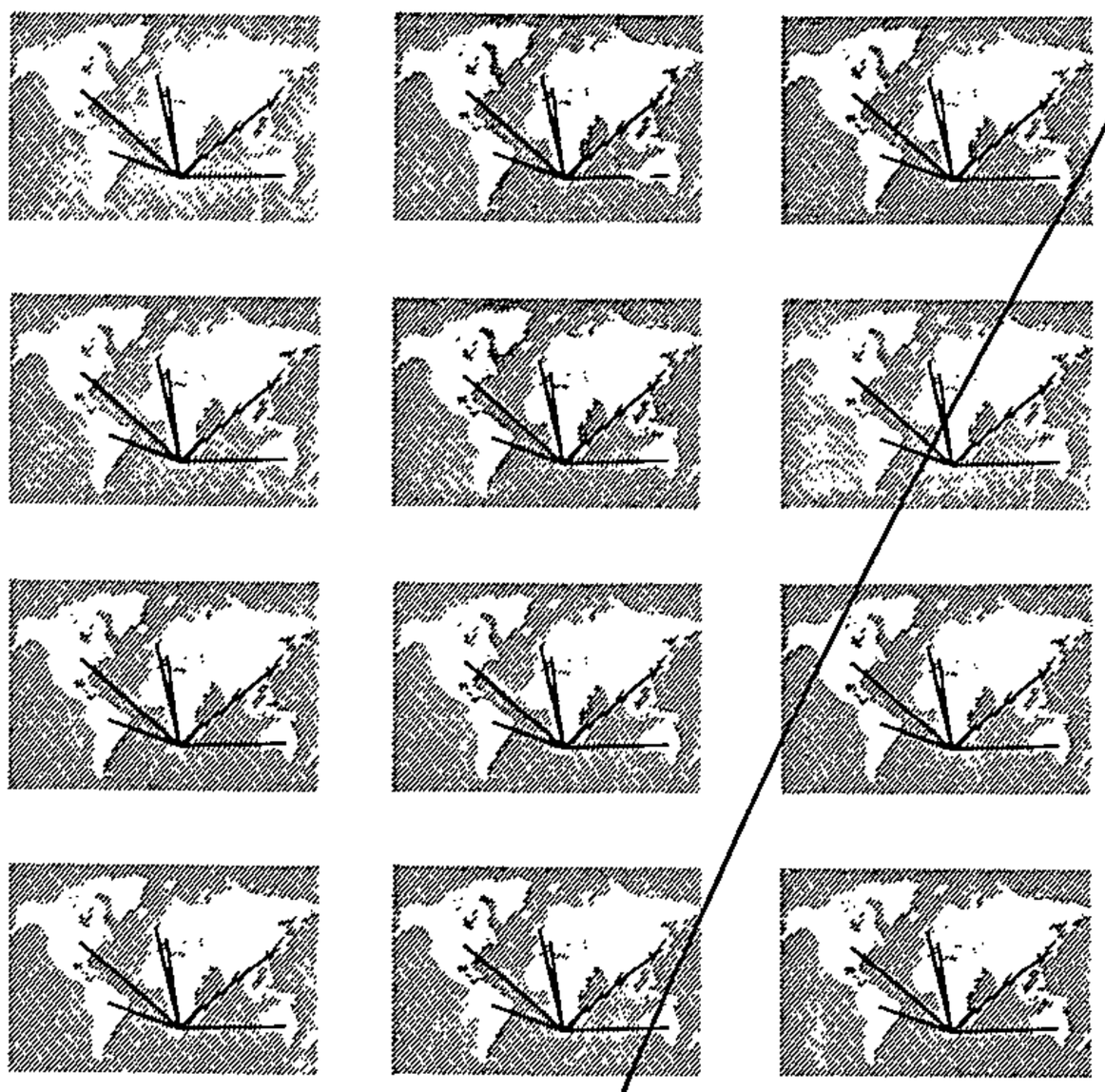

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(2) Yes. It is not possible to give an accurate figure in regard to the shortage of housing in respect of each township. The estimated total housing shortage in respect of Black towns in White area is 168 000.

In order to make an accurate estimate in respect of each township it will be necessary to compile new waiting lists.

This will necessitate a costly and time consuming survey, which in the circumstances is considered unjustified.

(3) (a) Yes.

(i)		(ii)
Port Elizabeth (Motherwell)	2 147	August 1985
Somerset East	170	March 1984

(b) Yes.

(i)		(ii)
Graaff-Reinet	5	Unknown
Sterkstroom	1	Unknown
Indwe	6	Unknown
Steynsburg	1	Unknown
Molteno	1	Unknown
Burgersdorp	9	Unknown
Stutterheim	1	Unknown
Fort Beaufort	11	Unknown
Alexandria	20	Unknown
Port Alfred	6	Unknown
Grahamstown	133	Unknown
Port Elizabeth	40	Unknown

(c) Yes.

(i)		(ii)
Port Elizabeth		
Ford Motor Co.	74	During 1984
Lockblock Mnfs.	298	1984/88
Mr A. T. Teko	1	1984/85
J. Coetzee Builders	20	1984/85
CMCM Buildings	330	1984/85
Gough Cooper	154	1984/86
Gedze Builders	79	1984/86
Nomoyi and Nkombisa	20	1984/85
Sny and Denga	30	1984/85
Singapi and Vantyi	28	1984/85
Headbush Builders	21	1984/85
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P.E. Township Development	110	1984/86
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F. Hirst and Co.	2	1984
General Motors	80	1984/85
University of PE	42	1984/85
Strydom, Basson and Tait	81	1984/85

S.A. Bottling Co	20	1984/85
Firestone S.A. (Pty) Ltd.	50	1984/85
S.A. Transport Services	62	1984/86
Offerman Construction	20	1984/86
Housing 2000	10	1984/85
Contour Tool and Die	1	1984
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Van Rensburg Engineering	5	1984

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Western Transvaal: population

790. 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 in each of the townships falling under the control of the Western Transvaal Administration Board as at 31 December 1983?

The MINISTER OF CO-OPERATION AND DEVELOPMENT:

	(a)(i)	(a)(ii)	(b)
Biesiesvlei	53	32	62
Bloemhof	1 115	1 258	2 047
Carletonville	8 620	6 820	9 920
Christiana	1 301	1 122	1 611
Coligny	662	677	993
Delareyville	162	34	0
Fochville	1 895	496	804
Hartbeesfontein	706	694	1 073
Klerksdorp	13 555	10 761	12 830
Koster	1 129	1 192	1 112
Leeudoornstad	988	688	1 475
Lichtenburg	1 705	1 070	1 378
Makwassie	885	889	1 539
Orkney	3 071	2 383	2 934
Ottosdal	586	586	943
Potchefstroom	13 136	12 734	15 803
Sannieshof	384	335	587
Schweizer-Reneke	1 800	1 830	1 990
Stilfontein	3 820	3 284	3 567
Swartruggens	595	364	404
Ventersdorp	1 061	935	1 588
Witpoort	90	65	80
Wolmaransstad	1 912	1 963	2 612
Zeerust	1 378	1 138	2 024

In the case of adult males the figures mentioned above in respect of Carletonville, Christiana, Delareyville, Fochville, Lichtenburg, Orkney, Sannieshof, Stilfontein, Ventersdorp and Witpoort are smaller than the figures given in reply to Question No 1045 of 1983. The same applies to figures in respect of adult females at Carletonville, Christiana, Delareyville, Fochville, Hartbeesfontein, Klerksdorp, Leeudoornstad, Lichtenburg, Orkney, Sannieshof, Stilfontein, Witpoort and Zeerust and children at Biesiesvlei, Coligny, Fochville, Koster, Orkney, Stilfontein and Witpoort.

The Development Board indicated that for 1982 file surveys were made while for 1983 a physical survey was conducted.

Central Transvaal: population

791. 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 in each of the townships falling under the control of the Central Transvaal Administration Board as at 31 December 1983?

The MINISTER OF CO-OPERATION AND DEVELOPMENT:

	(a)(i)	(a)(ii)	(b)
Mamelodi	41 149	26 264	58 892
Atteridgeville	31 110	20 041	35 004
Warmbad	2 137	1 773	3 567
Brits	2 882	3 675	6 870
Thabazimbi	582	86	166

In the case of adult males the above figures in respect of Atteridgeville and Thabazimbi are smaller than the figures mentioned in the reply to Question No 971 of 1983. The Development Board indicated that the difference was due to the fluctuation in contract labour and that for 1982 file surveys were used while for 1983 a physical survey was conducted.

Soweto quiet, police 'ready'

CAPE TIMES 14/6/84

Own Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG. — Although police reported all quiet in Soweto yesterday following the teargassing of a crowd and some stone-throwing at Regina Mundi Church, on Saturday they were still ready "in case anything should happen".

Roadblocks set up on Saturday to and from Soweto during services on the eighth anniversary of Soweto 1976, were still operational yesterday.

In Soweto, police used teargas to disperse a crowd of about 400 singing and chanting people outside the Regina Mundi church. Four policemen and a photographer of the Sunday Times, Horace Potter, were injured by stone-throwers.

A spokesman for the police Directorate of Public Relations denied claims that the 3 000 strong crowd attending the commemoration service at Regina Mundi had been given an ultimatum to break up in five minutes.

Sporadic incidents of stone-throwing were reported elsewhere in Soweto, and a tractor belonging to the West Rand Administration Board was found burning near Jabavu railway station.

Four policemen were slightly injured and 27 people — 16 men and 11 women — were arrested when a group of about 60 people pelted police with stones at a gathering at Graaff-Reinet.

One Putco bus was stoned and seriously damaged by a large group of chanting youths soon after a June 16 commemoration service at Attridgeville near Pretoria on Saturday.

In Durban, about 650 people attended services organized by Azapo and the Congress of South African Students (Cosas). A service scheduled for the Kwazini High School in Umlazi, south of Durban, was banned by township authorities.

In Lebowa, authorities banned all commemoration services from 6pm on Friday to 6pm last night.



NIGHT TIME: These youths were caught napping by photographer Percy Nkosi in Mofolo North in Soweto recently. For them, like many others, night had come. While others went home they made do with rocks outside Ikwezi Station.

Mayor seeks to ban June 16 services

By Tembi Mbobo

The Mayor of Soweto, Mr Ephraim Tshabalala, has called for the banning of June 16 commemoration services and the closure of the Regina Mundi Catholic Church because of the violence that erupts after such services.

Mr Tshabalala said he was planning to lodge a formal appeal with the government and with the Minister of Co-operation and Development, Dr Piet Koornhof.

Speaking after a confrontation between police and mourners who attended the eighth anniversary service of the June 16 uprisings on Saturday, Mr Tshabalala said it was surprising that only those who had died in 1976 should be remembered in a violent manner.

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Father Buti Thlagale, resident pastor at Regina Mundi, said if Mr Tshabalala succeeded in the banning he would be taking on the entire black community.

Black political leaders have strongly condemned the mayor's call.

"These people are our heroes and neither the Government nor Mr Tshabalala will stop us from commemorating their death," said Mr Carter Seleke, national president of the Azanian National Youth Unity.

Town council slammed

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Sowetan

THE Atteridgeville/ Saulsville Town Council was yesterday slammed by angry residents who criticised it for increasing household tariffs without having called even a single public meeting since its inauguration this year.

During a snap survey by **The SOWETAN** yesterday, those interviewed said they had been stunned to read about increases in the morning newspapers.

By MONK NKOMO

They said it was insensitive of the council to implement hikes amounting to R8,80 on July 1 — the day when the General Sales Tax shoots up to 10 percent.

The residents said there was never a public meeting to inform them of the township's progress this year. Councillors were aloof and "too high" to communicate with them, they said.

They added that the council's reasons for increasing tariffs were flimsy. They pointed out that:

- People who already had houses were not supposed to pay for the development of a new area where it was unlikely for them to be allocated sites;
- Recreational facilities were in a bad state and amateur soccer teams had had to beg to use the Super Stadium.

SOWETO COUNCILLOR IN GUN ROW

Sowetan 26/6/84 (343)

AN OFFICIAL in the Soweto Council has been accused by residents in Molapo of threatening to shoot them following a weekend assault on a male resident.

The gun-toting man, who is also a Sofasonke Party member, allegedly made this threat at the weekend after the residents had expressed disquiet when new tenants occupied a house in the neighbourhood.

By NKOPANE MAKOBANE

The house had initially belonged to three orphaned Maepa children whose parents died a few years back. The three children's belongings are with neighbours with whom they are presently staying.

According to Mrs Stephina Aphane, a neighbour, trouble started on Saturday when new tenants arrived to occupy the house. Later that evening, the new tenants came with people who accused the neighbours of throwing stones at their house.

Weapons

Her neighbour's son, Mr Daniel Phala (32), was then cornered by seven men and dragged into the disputed house where he was assaulted with an assortment of weapons. He is presently nursing head injuries.

Mrs Aphane said matters came to a head on Sunday evening when the councillor arrived in the neighbourhood with blanketed men. He was brandishing a gun and accused the neighbours and her in particular of troubling the new tenants.

"The councillor threatened to shoot everyone who interfered in his affairs. He said I was trying to be smart because I wanted to play the role of a superintendent.

"We have been Good Samaritans to the orphaned children by giving them accommodation," she said.

And yesterday the concerned councillor was unavailable for comment. However, Brig D J D Jacobs, the Soweto Divisional Commissioner of Police, said the matter has not been brought to his attention. He said if it is reported it will be investigated.

:n men in court over :ft of 39 000*l* of petrol

:ff Reporter

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:lierus Herbst, a McKechnie Mo- :settenville Road, g, told the court that in 1982 he was the buyer of fuel for the petrol garage.

He said Mr Isaac Mopo delivered petrol to the garage in October 1982 and offered to provide him with cheap petrol. Mr Herbst reported the matter to the police who advised him to play along to see what happened.

Contact with Mr Herbst was maintained by Mr Mopo and Mr Maseko until March 23, 1983, when Mr Magagane arrived at the garage to deliver 10 000*l* of "legal" petrol and 14 000*l* of stolen petrol.

Mr Mkhasibe came to the garage on March 25 to collect R4 500 as payment for the stolen petrol.

On April 5 Mr Magagane allegedly phoned Mr Herbst to say that he had delivered 25 000*l* that day. An amount of R8 000 was duly paid for the delivery.

The next day the police laid a trap as Mr Herbst was expecting another delivery. Police officers in private clothes and cars, pretending to be customers, were at the scene and a video camera was hidden to film what happened.

Mr Magagane allegedly told Mr Herbst that this time he would have to pay R8 000 in advance. Mr Herbst gave him the money in marked notes and Mr Magagane was immediately arrested.

The case continues today. The men are out on bail of R250 each.

2 officials innocent

Mail Reporter

TWO OFFICIALS of the Eastern Transvaal Development Board have been found not guilty of charges of fraud and alternative charges of bribery and corruption brought against them by black residents of the Kwadela Township.

The two officials, Mr H B Pieters and Mr J H van der Merwe, appeared in the magistrate's court in Davel last week at the third hearing on the matter.

A court spokesman said yesterday that the claims of the Kwadela residents, that the two officials had allegedly accepted money from township residents to legitimise their presence in the area, could not be proved.

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Minister postpones perks tax

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The postponement would assist both employers and the Department of Inland Revenue to adapt to the tax from the beginning of the new financial year, he said.

Communication with trade unions might also be necessary to evaluate the impact of the perks tax, he said.

The vice president of the Afrikaanse Handels Instituut, Mr Donald Masson, also welcomed the postponement.

It would give the private sector more time to make a close study of the implications, and to evaluate the effects of the tax, he said.

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SWA claims 17 Swapo de

By PETER KENNY
Mail Africa Bureau

WINDHOEK. — The South West Africa Territory Force said yesterday 17 Swapo fighters and one member of the Security Forces had been killed in skirmishes during the past week, indicating an escalation of activities in the war zone.

In its first statement releasing casualty figures in more than a month, the SWA TF said that from February 16, 246 insurgents had been killed.

At the weekend the South African Defence Force announced that Corporal J C Theunissen of Krugersdorp had been killed in the war zone.

In its statement the SWA Territory Force said a teacher, Mr Petrus Kanyeke, and a Mr Sikongo, a grandson of Chief Mpasi Sitentu of the Kwangali tribe, had been bayoneted to death by terrorists. The Kwangali tribe is the biggest in the war zone of Kavango and Chief Sitentu has in the past been accused by authorities of being pro-Swapo.

The SWATF also said several acts of sabotage had been reported in Owambo, citing an explosion at an electrical substation near Ondangwa.

The significance of referring figures back to February 16 is because this was the day on which South Africa and Ang agreement in Lusaka whereby agreed to disengage troops occ ern Angola.

The disengagement process i tored by 300 Angolan and 300 soldiers who will also prevent S las from entering the area agr saka. The Joint Monitoring (JMC) of Angolan and SA Securi reached Ngiva about 35km nort lan border and has been there six weeks.

The JMC was expected to right up to the SWA border at Santa Clara and Osikango earlier this month but has not yet done so. Last week the Angolan President, Mr Jose Eduardo dos Santos, expressed concern at the slow withdrawal of South African troops from Angola while on a visit to Scandinavian countries.

Both South African military sources and the Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs, Mr Louis Nel, have said that the activities of Swapo guerrillas in the area south of Ngiva is slowing down the work of the JMC.

It is believed the South Africans would like to have a permanent peace-keeping commission in the area once the JMC reaches the SWA border.

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By IAN REID

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Soweto refuses to pay R250-m debt

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By Revelation Ntoula

Relations are deteriorating between the Soweto City Council and its mother body, the West Rand Development Board (Wrab).

was signed, and did not know the period for repaying the loan. This was not his council's business.

He rejected the assertion by the Wradebo chairman, Mr John Knoet that the cost of the ification a co l cor t it ir Wrab had earlier agreed to write off part of the debt was a clear admission of liability."

Mr Knoetze said he would not allow himself to be drawn into "the cheap controversy".

H id: "I have made itly cle what posit he c e tendents of most of the powers inherited from Wrab.

These included authority to allocate houses and evict residents, order dawn raids by Wradebo policemen and increase rents.

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Armed guards protect Soweto councillors

FEAR IN COUNCIL

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MEMBERS of the Soweto Council are under armed guard 12 hours a day with the mayor Mr Ephraim Tshabalala guarded 24 hours a day.

And should these security arrangements prove inadequate then more security measures would be introduced, the mayor said yesterday.

Mr Tshabalala admitted the security arrangements for members of his council in an interview with The SOWETAN yesterday.

He said council members have an armed security guard from 6pm to 6am while he had an armed guard 24 hours a day. The armed guards could be allowed to be inside the councillor's house or guard from outside, he said.

The security measures have been introduced after attacks were launched on members of the council by the anonymous South African Suicide Squad.

Apart from the special guard on Tshabalala, his driver is also fully armed.

Mr Tshabalala also said the

By LEN MASEKO

former West Rand Board police force (Blackjacks) were now controlled by the Soweto City Council in its acquisition of all responsibility for the sprawling Soweto.

It could also be gleaned from Mr Tshabalala that there are other provisions in the security arrangements such as the involvement of other agencies, but this could not be confirmed, as security is a sensitive matter, and not all details can be given.

Violence

In addition to the guards on councillors, the chambers themselves are under security with visitors booking in at the gate and given cards.

Mr Tshabalala also said he had no intention of hurting Soweto people when he was reported to have called for the scraping of June 16 and the closing of Regina Mundi. "I also lost a child in the unrest. How could I say this? What I said was that the people must stop the violence that followed such prayer meetings, and that these June 16 services must be spread at various churches as it is obvious that Regina Mundi is a flashpoint," he said.

A day after the reports Mr Tshabalala issued a statement apologising to the people of Soweto.

A number of houses belonging to Soweto and Diepmeadow councillors have been petrol-bombed over the past months. Mr Tshabalala's home was also attacked. And in all the incidents, the SASS has claimed responsibility.

Mr Tshabalala said he detested violence that usually occurs during the commemoration of June 16. "All other destructive activities culminating in disharmony must be curtailed and eliminated. To make June 16 a day of praying there should be peace during the commemoration," he said.

He said his council would apply to the Government to declare June 16 a public holiday.

Meanwhile the Soweto Council will discuss the controversial R5 levy increase at its monthly meeting today.

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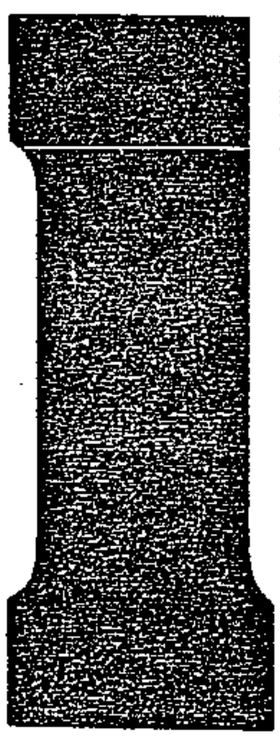

Hospital staff 'victimised'

BLACK workers at the Westkoppies Hospital in Pretoria are being "victimised" and "exploited" by two black "lowly qualified" senior male administrators who sometimes refused them

By MONK NKOMO

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Assistant male nurses

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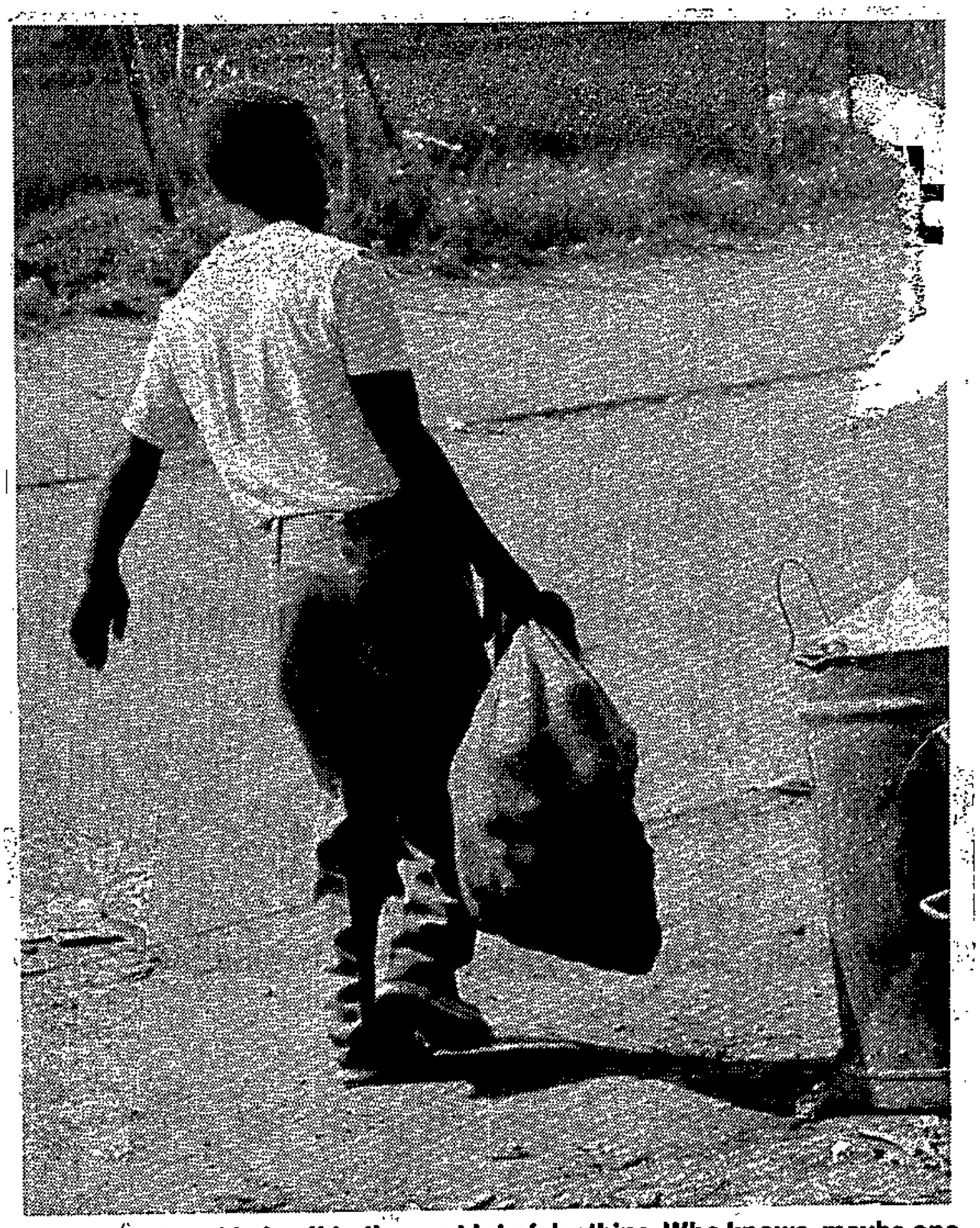

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TO YOU IT'S RUBBISH - BUT IT KEEPS HIM ALIVE

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Uproar over Pta street names

STREETS named after homeland leaders in Mamelodi, Pretoria, have caused an uproar among local town council members.

Some of the councillors told **The SOWETAN** that they would not stand townships being used as scapegoats to honour homeland politics.

They said many people had contributed relevantly towards the welfare of the community but nothing had been done in their honour.

Councillor Joe Hlongwane said: "We have many people staying in the area whose names are relevant to us.

It is high time we did away with anything having to do with homelands in this township. We cannot continue perpetrating the bantustan ideology."

Other councillors pointed out that the street "Matanzima" was named after the Chief Minister of the Transkei, Chief Kaizer Matanzima, who had visited Mamelodi years ago. "That was the reason why the street got tarred. The name and all the improvements were introduced for the first time during preparations for his visit," they said.

A spokesman for the Central Transvaal Development Boards (CTDB), said dissatisifed councillors had to submit a written motion so that their problem could be considered. He said it would only be after the motion had been tabled that the names issue could be disclosed fully.

states and (bb) how many title deeds had been registered in each category in each national state as at the latest specified date for which figures are available;

(2) whether his Department has received any representations from any national state government concerning the ownership of land in its territory; if so, (a) from which governments, (b) when and (c) what was the (i) nature of the representations and (ii) response thereto?

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

(1) (a) (i) Yes, in rural areas. In proclaimed townships deeds of grant are issued.

(ii) Yes, in rural areas provided the land is acquired from the South African Development Trust and Parliamentary approval is obtained in terms of the provisions of Act 18/1936. In proclaimed townships Whites can acquire land in terms of the 99 year leasehold scheme.

(b) Yes, in the case of White industrialists in rural areas provided land is acquired from South African Development Trust and Parliamentary approval is obtained. Black industrialists can obtain full title in rural areas provided the Government of the national state approves. In proclaimed townships Black industrialists can obtain deeds of grant and white industrialists may acquire land in terms of the 99 year leasehold scheme.

(aa) All national states.

(bb) At present the following numbers of title deeds are registered in favour of Blacks in national states:

(i) KwaNdebele	58
(ii) Lebowa	2 878
(iii) Gazankulu	13
(iv) KaNgwane	Nil
(v) Qwaqwa	Nil
(vi) KwaZulu	9 021

No title deeds are registered in favour of Whites or industries in any national state.

(2) No recent representations were received from any national state regarding ownership in respect of land in its area.

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East Rand: contracts

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

Whether the East Rand Development Board has signed any contracts for work to be undertaken at (a) Ekangala/Ekandustria, (b) Lebowakgomo and (c) any other area outside the East Rand Development Board area; if so, (i) how many contracts were signed by the Board in each of these areas in each of the latest specified five years for which figures are available, (ii) what was the value of each contract in respect of each of these areas and (iii)(aa) on what basis and (bb) for what reason did the East Rand Development Board act in these areas?

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

(a) and (b) Yes.

(c) No, Ekangala and Ekandustria are situated within the area of the East Rand Development Board, but Lebowakgomo not.

At Ekangala and Ekandustria the Board has for the past three years acted as agent for the Bronkhorstspruit City Council and at Lebowakgomo it acts as agent for the Department of Co-operation and Development.

(i) Figures are not readily available and can only be obtained by performing a great quantity of work which, in the circumstances, is not deemed justified.

(ii) Figures are not readily available and can only be obtained by performing a great quantity of work which, in the circumstances, is deemed not justified. The total funds spent are as follows:

Ekangala

1981/82	R4,0 million
1982/83	R5,0 million
1983/84	R5,3 million

These funds were obtained by means of loans from the National Housing Commission.

Ekandustria

1981/82	R4,2 million
1982/83	R6,2 million
1983/84	R14,3 million

These funds were acquired by the City Council of Bronkhorstspruit.

Lebowakgomo

1979/80	R1,5 million
1980/81	R2,5 million
1981/82	R2,1 million
1982/83	R1,7 million
1983/84	R1,2 million

These funds were acquired from the South African Development Trust.

(iii) (aa) On an agency basis as indicated under (a) and (b) above.

(bb) The Board is capable of rendering these services, the services fall within the ambit of its operations and it was accordingly appointed as agent.

Tsitsikamma Toll Road Project

*25. Mr D J N MALCOMESS asked the Minister of Transport Affairs:

(a) What was the total cost of erecting toll collection facilities in respect of the Tsitsikamma Toll Road Project and (b) on what specified items was this money spent?

The MINISTER OF TRANSPORT AFFAIRS:

(a) The estimated total cost is R4,028 million.

(b) Extra road construction: R1,380 million
Toll Plaza buildings: R0,495 million
Toll Plaza lighting and electrical work: R0,453 million
Electrical and other toll equipment: R1,300 million
Professional fees in respect of architect, civil engineer and electrotechnical engineer: R0,400 million

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Transport Services: pension

*26. Mr S P BARNARD: asked the Minister of Transport Affairs:†

(1) How many employees of the South African Transport Services were only repaid their pension contributions during the latest specified period of 12 months for which figures are available;

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

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W BOTHA: Called Press conference.

nancial position and because of the high priority placed on education, the Government had decided the improved salaries should take effect earlier than December 1, Mr Botha said.

The Prime Minister read a prepared statement at the Press conference, after which the Minister of National Education, Dr Gerrit Viljoen, and the Minister of Education and Training, Mr Barend du Plessis, answered questions.

Mr Botha said in his statement that because of a lack of funds, the benefits for October and November 1984 would only be paid in April and May next year.

"After analysing the matter, it has become evident that the improved salary package for educators, as announced recently, has been accepted as fair, but there is unhappiness about the implementation date.

"Representations concerning the implementation date were received from various education bodies and were considered by the Gov-

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Angry whites quit jobs

AT LEAST seven senior white officials of the Diepmeadow Town Council have walked out of their jobs as the resentment between the newly established town councils and the development boards continues.

This was told to The SOWETAN yesterday by a source close to the Diepmeadow Town Council, who said the shock walkouts could have been sparked by the dropping of Mr F J C Knotts, acting town clerk, from his position in preference for Mr Daan Richter, appointed with effect from this month.

It is believed that this sparked off the long-simmering resentment against their new black bosses by white officials in the development boards.

Already the East Rand Development Board has tried to pacify its white employees by entering into an agreement with the seven councils in its area in which white seconded officials are responsible to the board, which is white, and not the black councils.

Three of the councils on the East Rand have rejected this agreement, and yesterday the KwaThema Council also rejected it.

The walkout in Diepmeadow could not be confirmed by the chairman, Mr Joseph Mahuhushi, who was said to be unavailable. But the West Rand Development Board (Wradebo) chairman, Mr John Knoetze, said there was no walkout but that some officials of the board had been recalled after the expiry of their contracts.



Call to scrap 'diabolical' curfew laws for blacks

Mail Reporter

CURFEW regulations imposed on blacks were "diabolical" and had no place in the statute books, Mr Zithulele Cindi, spokesman for the Azanian People's Organisation (Azapo), said last night.

"Blacks are often arrested before the curfew starts and are only charged when the full van reaches the police station after the curfew hours take effect, and often after midnight," Mr Cindi said.

Last year, 10 355 blacks — about 30 a day — were prosecuted under the curfew regulations which the Riekert Commission recommended to be abolished four years ago.

The Riekert Commission said only 49 out of 309 areas applied curfew laws strictly.

The normal procedure was for towns to ask for their own curfew regulations which would then be gazetted.

In 1982 three Transvaal towns, Westonaria, Randfontein and Krugersdorp, voted for the strict enforcement of the curfew.

Last month Mr Fanie Mashaba, a shop owner living in Mkhuhlu between Hazyview and the Kruger Park in Gazankulu, found himself and members of his family locked up for the night after they were unable to produce a "night pass" at a police roadblock near Sabie.

Mr Mashaba was on his way to see his widowed sister. Charges against him were later dropped.

Mrs Helen Suzman, MP for Houghton, last night called for the total abolition of the curfew laws. She said the Riekert proposals were accepted without qualification by the Government four years ago.

Mrs Suzman said no draft Bill was presented and emerged from the Select Committee because the controversial Orderly Movement and Settlement Bill was withdrawn

The Minister of Co-operation and Development, Dr Piet Koornhof, said earlier this year that the Bill would be redrafted and renamed.

Mrs Suzman said: "One can only hope that the curfew regulations will finally be scrapped when a third redrafted version of the Bill is presented at the next Parliamentary session."

Police yesterday would not comment on allegations that people were arrested long before the curfew. They would also not say whether some policemen simply ignored or tore up night passes which were handed to them.

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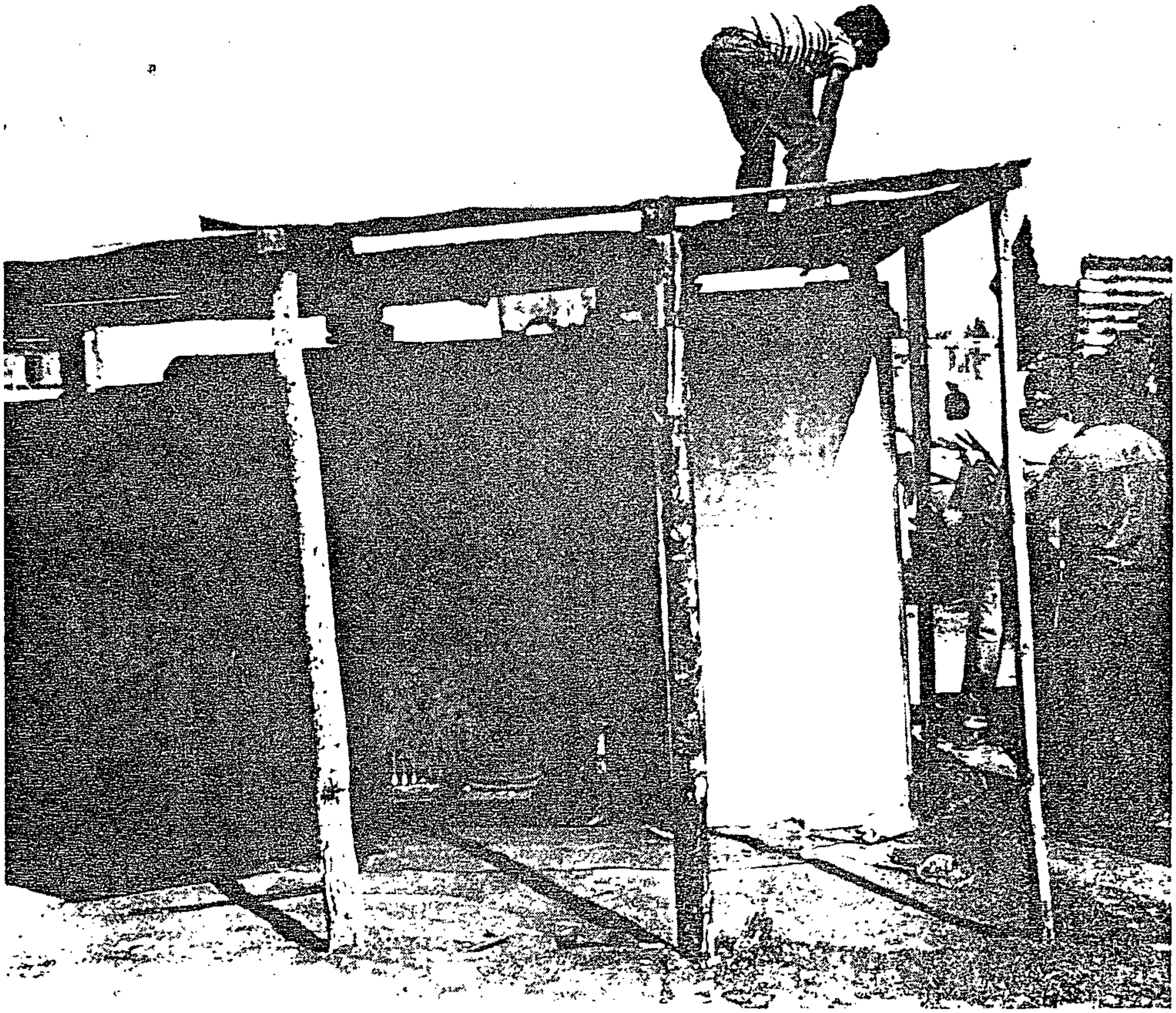

The shacks Wrab wants pulled down in Bekkersdal . . .

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By MARTIN NTSOELENGOE

IF YOU thought all shacks were the same, think again. The West Rand Development Board has issued a stern warning to Bekkersdal residents to pull down backyard shacks — and started putting up its own.

And while the board considers all other shacks in the area illegal, the same doesn't apply to the 60 structures they've put up in the township's western buffer. These, too, are tin structures — the same as those residents have been ordered to break down.

But the authorities have a quick answer to that argument — they say they're b own shacks to ease t housing backlog.

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"I think what they're doing is illegal, because they want to take money from the people moving into the shacks."

According to residents, authorities started getting nasty after ordering permit-holders to collect R17 a month from all dwellers in backyard structures, and hand the money to Wrab.

Residents refused to do this, saying that they did not want to act as "agents" for the board.

Then heads started rolling, and the directive was issued that all shacks must go. An official circular stated that if a tenant ignored the directive to pull down shacks, they would be prosecuted.

This didn't give the residents much option, and they duly broke down the controversial backyard structures. And when City Press visited the area this week shack dwellers were packing up.

Assistant community services director J F de Jager said they decided to build the structures because there was a critical housing shortage in the area.

So, structures of this nature are going to be a common sight in Bekkersdal. In all, Mr de Jager said, the board intended putting up 460 of these — and they'd all be considered legal.

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Board puts R1,5 million into council's coffers

THE Central Transvaal Development Board has given the Atteridgeville/ Saulsville Town Council R1,5 m which is part of the transfer of some of the reserve funds previously controlled by the board.

The council recently gave the development board a deadline of June 30 to transfer all the funds to the council as well as complete administrative control over those funds.

A council spokesman also announced that they were now in control of all the administrative functions and that they had turned down a request by the development board to give certain services there at a price of R34 600 per annum.

He also announced that the council had since appointed three black superintendents.

Although the board had transferred some of the accumulated reserve funds to them, the council has warned of a looming confrontation with the Government over the refusal by the board to transfer the land to the council.

The council has asked the board to cede their land and to transfer it, together with other public places, to the council "forthwith."

The transfer of the accumulated reserve funds to the council is contained in a letter dated July 10 and signed by the board's chief director, Mr M V Jordaan.

Officials get pay boost

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ment on the document yesterday.

Both said this was a "very delicate issue" which only concerns the councils and the board. Mr Wolmarans said the Department was not responsible for the drawing up of the document.

The document states that all the town councils should not spend more than 30 percent of their total income during this current financial year (1984/85), on salaries for the white seconded officials.

Should the councils, the statement states, spend more than 30 percent on salaries, "the initial reaction is to increase tariffs to finance the higher costs (salaries)."

It is also stated in the document that the white seconded officials should occupy senior positions and that the board will continue running the departments of housing, works, town secretary and town treasurer on an "agency basis" during the first year of a town council being established.

For example, the Duduza council is presently spending R183 341,76 a year on salaries for white officials in their employ, and when they become a town council in October, they will have to pay the officials R351 890, a difference of R168 548,24.

Most town councils in the East Rand interviewed by **The SOWETAN** yesterday said they were aware of the document and its implications. A number of mayors in the area refused to be interviewed on the matter.

Mr Lucas Mothuba, the mayor of Tembisa, said his council will spend 41 percent of their income on salaries for the white seconded officials.

He said: "We had no alternative but to increase our rents by R1 to cover the difference."

Mr Tom Boya, the mayor of Daveyton, said: "We have no problem with our budget." He refused to elaborate on why his council intends to increase rent by R13.

Mr L G Mamabolo, the deputy mayor of Thokoza, said his council had refused to pay the salaries proposed by the board.

Officials to get big wage boost

PAY ROW LOOMS

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THE SALARIES of all white seconded officials to East Rand town councils by the East Rand Development Board are to be more than doubled in terms of proposals made to the councils by the board.

And the councils have been told by officials of the Department of Co-operation and Development and the board that the increased salaries are in terms of the new status given to black local authorities.

At a special meeting held between the Duduza Community Council, senior officials of the board and Mr Jacob Korff, the chief commissioner of the Department of Co-operation and Development in the Witwatersrand, last week, Duduza councillors rejected the board's recommendations and have vowed not to accept the recommendations even if their new status is withdrawn.

By Mzikayise Edom
East Rand Bureau



An angry Mr Kebane Moloi, the chairman of the Duduza Community Council, told **The SOWETAN** in an exclusive interview that the board is in fact asking that rents and service fees should be increased in order to pay the salaries of the white seconded officials in the council's employ.

He said: "The recommendations also at no point in the proposals refer to black personnel's salaries being upgraded."

This means that black residents must pay more in rents and service fees in order for the councils to pay higher salaries to the white officials while black officials are ignored.

In addition to this disclosure, a few weeks ago **The SOWETAN** exposed another document which bound the councils to pay the high salaries to white seconded officials, over whom they will have no control.

The SOWETAN has also established that last week's recommendations to the Duduza council were presented by the board to the Tembisa, Katlehong, Thokoza, Wattville, Daveyton, Vosloorus and KwaThema town councils last year.

By then, the seven town councils were still community councils.

Plans are at an advanced stage to have the Duduza, Tsakane and Ratanda Community Councils given town council status in October this year. So far, only the Duduza Council has discussed the establishment of a black local authority in the township with the officials.

Mr Moloi said the meeting reached a deadlock, after the councillors had rejected a proposal by the board that in order to pay the salaries of the white seconded officials in the town council, rent in Duduza should be increased by at least R20, to meet the council's expenses.

Rules

The SOWETAN is in possession of a document containing the recommendations drawn by the board which are presented to community councils, instructing them what "rules" they should follow first, before becoming town councils.

Mr F E Marx the chief director of the board and Mr D Wolmarans, the deputy chief commissioner of Co-operation and Development in the Witwatersrand, both refused to com-

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Councillor wants R37 000 salary

A SENIOR official of the Soweto City Council has demanded R37 000 a year for accepting a post on the council.

The official, who could not be contacted for his reaction, is presently among the top white officials in the council, and indications are that other white officials in the council will also request such high salaries.

The newly established black town councils do not have the power to appoint senior administrative officers like treasurers and town clerks, The SOWETAN established yesterday.

Powers

The councils can make recommendations to the Director of Local Government, who will then ratify the appointment.

This means that, while the councils have been boasting of the powers they will enjoy under the new dispensation, they will not be able to appoint senior officials.

Meanwhile all white officials seconded to the

By LEN MASEKO

Soweto Council will have their posts declared vacant and advertised next week.

This was disclosed to The SOWETAN by the deputy mayor of Soweto, Mr Isaac Buthelezi, who added that the officials had been seconded to the local authority by the West Rand Development Board when the new dispensation was introduced.

"These officials, if they are still interested in working for the council, will have to re-apply for the posts. Applicants from other people will also be processed, and the best qualified person will get the job," he said.

Mr Buthelezi confirmed that the highest paid official in the council will earn R37 000, saying this would be as a result of the new salary structure introduced by the Department of Co-operation and Development.

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Wrongful arrest offer rejected

THE West Rand Development Board has offered to pay damages to a Roodepoort father of two for unlawfully arresting and detaining him during a pass raid in Johannesburg.

But Mr Brighton Khumalo has rejected the board's offer of R1 500 for damages during the month he spent in police custody.

Mr Khumalo had demanded R7 500 in damages.

"The offer for R1 500 is ludicrous," said his Johannesburg legal adviser.

"It certainly does not cover his loss of income as well as the loss of dignity he suffered by being unlawfully arrested and detained for a month."

Mr Khumalo, 31, a carpenter, was charged under the influx control laws

By LESLEY LAMBERT

in January, although he was carrying a valid passbook.

He was refused bail when he first appeared in court and was only allowed out on R100 bail a month later when his common-law wife contacted an attorney.

The Johannesburg Commissioner's Court prosecutor withdrew the charge after another official of the department had led evidence led showed ing Mr Khumalo's arrest to be unlawful.

The official told the court he had checked with the records office of the Roodepoort West Rand Development Board (formerly W R Administration Board) Labour Bureau where he was told Mr Khumalo's reference book number and domicile were on record.

The records revealed that Mr Khumalo qualified under Section 10, 1(a). These rights (to live and work in an urban area) had been cancelled as a result of false information that Mr Khumalo was a foreigner from Zimbabwe.

An official at the Roodepoort Labour Bureau had then asked that Mr Khumalo be sent to him with a letter, to rectify the cancellation and have his Section 10 rights restored.

After his acquittal, Mr Khumalo said he had been accused by the inspectors of having a forged reference book.

fire with water. A fire brigade from Sebokeng arrived two hours after the fire started, and it had to battle for one-and-half hours before it extinguished the fire.

"Although I thank God that nobody was injured, I, however feel sorry for those who have lost almost everything in the form of furniture and clothing," he said.

Council cops swoop

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By SELLO RABOTHATA

HUNDREDS of residents in Mapetla, Soweto were yesterday "arrested" in a dawn swoop by the Soweto City Council police for being in arrears with their rents.

The raid is said to have started at about 3.30 am and residents were rounded up until at about 6.30 am. Most of the residents claimed the council police were rude, knocking on windows, kicking the doors and on gaining entry insulted the residents.

Residents spoken to by **The SOWETAN** yesterday said they were caught unawares by the dawn raid as they did not know that they were in arrears with their rent. They claimed that their arrears ranged from R43 to about R80 and these were accumulated through "increases that the Council made without consulting the residents."

Most of the residents who were raided were taken to the local superintendent's offices where they had to wait for his arrival at about 8 am. At the offices, the residents said, they received the same rude treatment that they were subjected to at their homes. Those who agreed to go along with the Council's police said they were told they either paid up or faced eviction from their houses.

All residents were given notices that if they did not pay their arrears within seven days they would lose their homes.

The deputy mayor of Soweto, Mr Isaac Buthelezi said: "How do you expect me to know about something that happened in the morning."

Boycott: pupils take a stand

Sowetan 24/7/84

THE class boycott by the entire student body at Boitumelo Senior Secondary School in Tembisa near Kempton Park, entered its third day yesterday when students still refused to go back to classes.

About 2 000 pupils at the school last week Thursday refused to go to classes after the morning assembly, protesting against what they termed "excessive corporal punishment" and the refusal by the school to introduce a students' representative council.

The students had also complained that early this year they were made to pay an extra R2 on their school fees "to electrify the school" but until now the school has no electricity.

A spokesman for the delegation representing the students told The **SOWETAN** that they met the school principal — a Mr Mtshali — in the morning but he refused to discuss their grievances.

The spokesman said the students held a meeting during the day and decided that classes should be boycotted until the principal was prepared to discuss their grievances.



HOME IS AN OLD FRIDGE, for this Katlehong squatter.

Tumahole is calm again

CALM has returned to the township of Tumahole near Parys following a week of protest — burning and looting of shops — during which police used tearsmoke to disperse angry residents.

A Parys police spokesman told **The SOWETAN** yesterday that everything had gone back to normal. Residents have gone back to work and school children back to classes.

The spokesman also confirmed that student leader, Mr Johannes Skosana, had forwarded a letter from a Johannesburg lawyer concerning certain allegations which were been investigated by the police.

Mr Skosana claimed to be ill after he was arrested and interrogated by police last Tuesday.

Last week about 1 000 people demonstrated against the high house rents introduced by the Oranje-Vaal Development Board and effected as from July 1.

12 slain in Soweto at weekend

TWELVE people were killed and 11 women raped, among them a six-year-old girl allegedly by a 63-year-old man, in a weekend of violence in Soweto.

The incidents were a duplication of last weekend's crime statistics in the area when a similar number of people died through acts of violence and women raped.

And Brigadier J J Viktor, Soweto CID chief, yesterday attributed the low murder toll to vigilant police action as well as the fact that it was mid-month and people had no money.

Among those killed was a 32-year-old Jabulani woman who was hacked to death on Saturday by unknown men who later tried to set her body alight.

In another case, a 42-year-old Moroka man was fatally stabbed on Saturday following an argument with his stepson. Police have not made any arrests.

Speed limit up

THE new speed limit on freeways outside urban areas will be 120 km as from August 1, the Minister of Mineral and Energy Affairs, Mr Danie Steyn, announced in Pretoria yesterday.

The 100 km limit will, however, remain in force on other roads.

Soweto probe into cleansing department

By RICH MKHONDO

THE Soweto City Council is investigating allegations of corruption involving thousands of rands, it was revealed yesterday.

The council's monthly meeting was adjourned yesterday minutes after it started and the full council went on an "inspection in loco" to the Soweto Water and Cleansing Department in Zondi, where one of the white senior superintendents was allegedly caught red-handed while stealing goods belonging to the department.

At the cleansing department, the mayor Mr E T Tshabalala invited the Press to witness the inspection and to listen to statements given by workers and a senior supervisor who saw the superintendent loading goods into his car.

The Rand Daily Mail was on the spot when the following evidence was given:

- At 5pm the superintendent loaded plastic bags, overalls and hosepipes into his car. Before he could close the storeroom, a black senior supervisor arrived.
- The superintendent quickly closed the door and sped away in his car.
- After a car chase, the superintendent disappeared into a nearby bottlestore. When he came out he showed his pursuers a dirty tin and said that was all he had in his car.
- A search was made and stolen goods were uncovered. An overall was found hidden under a seat in the car, and when asked about it the superintendent said it belonged to his "tea girl".
- Yesterday, the superintendent arrived at work at 6am — earlier than usual — and collected files containing all the records of the cleansing department.
- A supervisor saw him and a fight broke out. The supervisor overpowered the superintendent and took possession of the files.

After the evidence and inspection, councillors and key witnesses went into a separate room to make statements. The Press was not allowed to attend.

Afterwards, the mayor, his deputy and the senior clerk declined to comment, saying "investigations are continuing".

Workers expressed concern over the lack of overalls, for which R20 was deducted from their salaries.

They complained that the first-aid room was always dirty and badly equipped.

And they also alleged that the suspected superintendent "hired and fired people at random".

Top official is caught removing documents

COUNCIL RACKET

Sweden 27/7/84 (343)

THE SOWETO City Council has uncovered a racket spanning several years that could involve thousands of rands worth of township property.

Yesterday's meeting of the council was dramatically halted and suspended for a week when a top official was caught trying to remove documents from a depot in Soweto.

The council has appointed an immediate commission to investigate various allegations of theft and the disappearance of property from the depot.

By NAT DISEKO

Council officials refused to talk to the Press yesterday, except to state that the matter was being investigated. Late last night it could not be established whether the matter was now in the hands of the police. Senior police officers in Soweto could not be contacted for comment.

Caught

But according to interviews with employees at the depot the building material has been disappearing from the depot.

The previous day, Wednesday, the mayor's Mercedes Benz was used to chase the white official through Soweto streets after he was apparently making off with the documents.

He had earlier been caught loading building material into his car by a supervisor who sent an SOS to the council headquarters in Jabulani. As the mayoral car sped to the depot the official returned to cover his tracks but found an alert official waiting for him.

On both occasions he was physically handled as other employees tried to restrain him.

According to our information the racket could be worth many thousands of rands and span several years.

Whites are target of black councils

By Sol Makgabutlane

After all the fanfare that accompanied their introduction, the Black Local Authorities are settling down to serious business.

Town councils are increasingly making their presence felt and their target appears to be white officials seconded from administration boards. Several of these officials have been dismissed and the axe is hovering over the heads of others.

A precedent was set by Daveyton's mayor, Mr Tom Boya, who dismissed four white officials earlier this year for alleged insubordination.

He said this week: "The posts of the four men had become redundant and we were planning to inform the East Rand Development Board (from which the township got its autonomy) that we did not need their services. But before we could do that, the four men became insubordinate. Once, I found them playing tennis during working hours — so I dismissed them.

"Since then my council has been running smoothly and we are getting the utmost co-operation from the remaining white employees."

EXPERTISE

Mr Boya firmly believes that, at this early stage "it is important that we should have white officials in town councils because of lack of expertise among Africans.

"For example, we need these officials in the plannning department, in the technical department and, in some instances, in the the revenue section. But I feel that these people should be phased out as time goes on so that trained blacks can take over."

The mayor sounded a thinly veiled warning when he said councils could save a lot of money by getting rid of "redundant" staff. He also reacted with annoyance when asked if such actions would not be construed as racism in reverse.

"The Black Local Authorities are for blacks to serve blacks," he said.

HARD LINE

Another local government body that has taken a hard line on white seconded employees is the Soweto City Council under the leadership of businessman Mr Ephraim Tshabalala.

Dozens of vacancies were advertised in Johannesburg newspapers this week — although most of them are still being occupied by officials seconded by the West Rand Development Board. But a look at the vacancies reveals that most will not be filled by Africans. Most call for university degrees and experience ranging between seven and 10 years.

Mr Tshabalala has stated previously that all top jobs within the council should be given to blacks.

Duduza township, near Nigel on the East Rand, is another council that has been involved in a controversy concerning seconded white officials.

The township is still being governed under the old Community Council Act and the council has opted for the new Black Local Authorities system.

The chairman of the council, Mr Kebane Moloi, said that, at a meeting with the Department of Co-operation and Development and the East Rand Development Board, he was informed white officials who would be seconded would have to be paid salaries which, in his view, were "unrealistic".

"If we agree to this it means we will be forced to increase our monthly rates in the township by at least R20 a household. This is not right ... it is above our income."

It would mean that 51 percent of the council's income would be spent on salaries, he said.

The chief director of the East Rand Development Board, Mr F E Marx, denied this, pointing out: "If councils do not wish to make use of seconded white personnel, they are at liberty to establish their own black personnel structures immediately."

Mr Marx said a suggestion had been put forward that white seconded officials should occupy senior positions and that the board should continue running the departments of housing, works, town secretary and town treasurer.

"But this," he explained, "was for the transitional period only."

He emphasised that this was only a suggestion to assist the council and the final decision rested with the council itself.

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Soweto to honour Ministers' wives

By RICH MKHONDO.
Mail Reporter

THE WIVES of Prime Minister, Mr P W Botha and Cooperation and Development Minister, Dr Piet Koornhof, will be granted the freedom of Soweto early next month, it was confirmed over the weekend.

The ruling Sofasonke Party's PRO, Mr Ambition Brown said that in honour of their new city status and as a quest for unity in the future, the Soweto Council had decided to grant the freedom of the city to "these distinguished ladies".

"Soweto owes a lot to the courage and determination of the husbands of these two ladies", Mr Brown said.

The freedom of Soweto to Mrs Elize Botha and Mrs Lulu Koornhof will be granted to them at a feast to be held at the Jabulani Amphitheatre on Wednesday August 8.

Mr Brown said the council will invite all "distinguished personalities from all walks of life" to attend the ceremony.

He said that to honour them, "expensive" leopard skins will be draped over the shoulders of the two women.

"We extend an invitation to all mothers of Soweto to come and form a guard of honour for the two ladies on that day".

Mr Brown said that he could not say how much would be spent on the ceremony, but that the Sofasonke Party would be making donations.

Yesterday Soweto's Mayor, Mr E T Tshabalala, was not available for comment but he said earlier that "things have changed since we took over and we would like these people to come and see for themselves".

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Mayor tells of mystery Soweto loan

Mail Reporter

THE Mayor of Soweto, Mr Ephraim Tshabalala, has begun negotiations with an unnamed French consortium to raise a R750-million loan to upgrade the sprawling township.

Revealing the closely-guarded secret yesterday, Mr Tshabalala told more than 1 000 members of his Sofasonke Party in Soweto that the deal between his council and the consortium would soon be concluded.

An agreement on the terms of repayment still had to be reached, he said.

Mr Tshabalala would not disclose whether any South African merchant bank was acting on the council's behalf. However, it is known that the Soweto Council had appointed the Volkskas Merchant Bank to act on its behalf in loan negotiations.

Volkskas played a pivotal role when R250-million was raised for the upgrading of Soweto during Mr David Thebehali's term of office as mayor.

Mystery has surrounded the sources of several Soweto Council loans.

In an interview with Business Day after the meeting, Mr Tshabalala said it was about time Sowetans stopped depending on what could be done for them and started to make things happen.

"We are going ahead with raising the loan. We are considering putting up a supermarket, department stores and numerous other business ventures in Soweto. We would like to see the Soweto people participating actively in the economic running of the township."

● Attempts to reach Treasury officials, to determine if the loan deal had been drawn to their attention, drew a blank last night.

Council urged to resign

THE ATTERIDGEVILLE/Saulsville Town Council was yesterday urged to resign after being condemned over the recent house and church rent increases and accusations of "persecuting Christians."

The Reverend David Mosoma, an executive member of the Atteridgeville/Saulsville Residents Organisation (Asro) told more than 200 residents at a public meeting held at the Gereformeerde Kerk that the council's move to increase church rent by R16 per month was "a total fight against God."

He added: "The church, which is a non-profitable organisation, is now forced to subsidise the evil system of apartheid. These monies are taken by the Government to promote the homelands. The church is against the policy of oppression. The town council's move to increase church site rent is nothing else but religious persecution."

Mr Pharaphara Mothopi, a local hostel inmate and member of Asro, lashed out at the council for increasing rents without calling a public meeting. "They urged residents to vote for them. Now they are afraid to talk to them," said Mr Mothupi, who called for the resignation of the town councillors.

Many residents have already signed petitions complaining about the rent increases and the constant power failures.

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Manthata wants Govt recognition

After 20 years makgotla still gather support

By NKOPANE MAKOBANE

AFTER more than 20 years in existence, the leader of the Soweto makgotla Mr Siegfried Manthata believes his organisation is going strong and enjoying support of many residents in the township.

However, despite this claim by Mr Manthata — who has become to be known as a crime-buster — there had been many reports by residents and community leaders calling for the abolition of makgotla.

The calls stemmed largely from incidents where people, especially women and girls, had been publicly flogged as well as fears that if the organisation's operations were not checked they could easily develop into the likes of the notorious Alexandra Msomi gang which started as a group of vigilantes.



Mr SIEGFRIED MANTHATA: Leader of the Soweto Makgotla.

Proud

But the charges are dismissed by Mr Manthata who says his organisation is too big to be destroyed and has a proud record of reducing crime in areas known to be notorious.

In an interview with **The SOWETAN,** Mr Manthata, who claimed his organisation has more than 3 000 paid-up membership, said it was formed after there was an outcry of a high crime rate in his Naledi area.

He said another reason was that residents had wanted a tribal system of justice to be introduced after they were disillusioned with the Western-type of legal system.

The dissatisfaction arose from some incidents where culprits who had committed serious offences got bail or got away with light sentences and at times, even discharged.

"It took us a few years to firmly establish ourselves in Naledi, and thereafter we were ready to spread our wings to other townships. In the areas we were accepted because the people understood that the makgotla were a traditional way of sorting out disputes or disciplining offenders," he said.

He attributed the popularity of the makgotla to the fact that swift justice was meted out unlike in conventional court.

Mr Manthata also said he would be happy if he could get Government recognition. However, he was prepared to oblige if the authorities insisted on certain conditions of how he should operate.

He said that during 1969 he had enlisted 50 of his men to join the police reservists, but had to pull them out after nine months because of some reasons. Among these, was that they were posted elsewhere instead of at places they as residents new were crime infested.

"Even though I would appreciate recognition, I prefer that makgotla should operate independently without any interference from any quarter.

Memo

"The authorities must understand that a black man was also born with his own law and should be given the opportunity and the right to run his own affairs," he said.

He said his organisation was on memoradum with its lawyers and it would be sent to the Minister of Law and Order and was also preparing a motion that he would table in the Soweto City Council for recognition.

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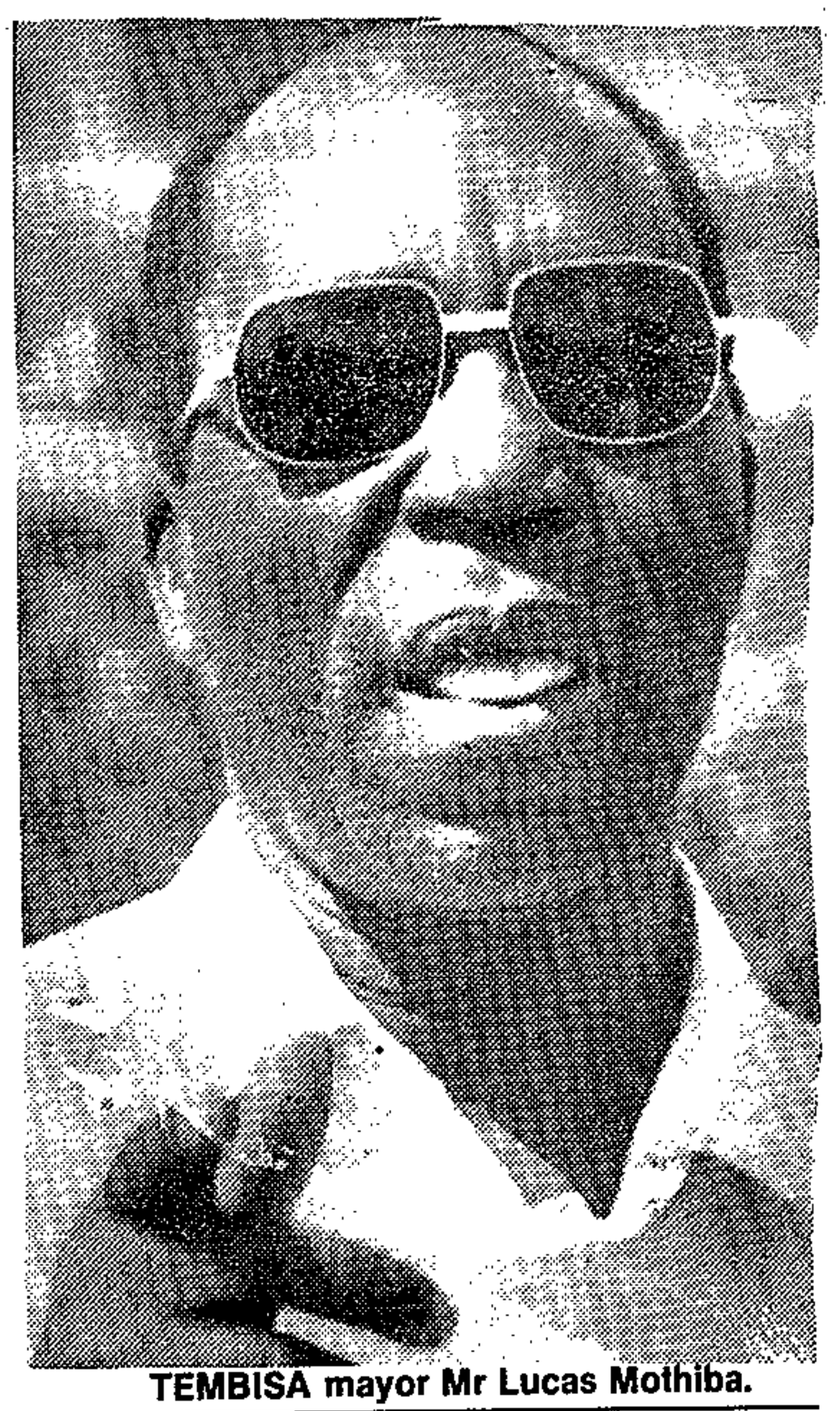
Sowetan

Tembisa mayor shot in the face



TEMBISA mayor Mr Lucas Mothiba.

THE mayor of Tembisa Mr Lucas Mothiba was shot in the face on Monday night when he was confronted by a gunman after refusing to accompany him to an unknown destination.

SOWETAN Reporter

Mr Mothiba had just closed his shop in the township and was walking towards his car when the unknown man strolled up to him. The two men had a brief conversation and Mr Mothiba was asked to accompany the man.

The destination was not disclosed and Mr Mothiba refused. The stranger pulled out a gun, shot him in the face and fled.

The bullet passed through Mr Mothiba's cheek, smashing part of his jaw. He was admitted to the Tembisa Hospital where he underwent emergency treatment. He was later discharged.

Police said the shooting was a mystery and no-one has yet claimed responsibility. There was no apparent motive for the shooting. Police are investigating and no arrests have yet been made.

Councillors quit posts

IN A DRAMATIC turn of events this week, all six members of the Rathanda Community Council resigned after allegedly receiving anonymous death threats following the announcement by the council that rent is going up by R5,50 as from today.

By MZIKAYISE EDOM

The six are: Messrs L M Mohlomi (mayor), Themba Sikhonde (deputy mayor), George Sithole, T Ndlovu, N Mabote and J Nqosini. They resigned on Monday night.

Mr F E Marx, the chief director of the East Rand Development Board (Eradebo) confirmed yesterday that the six councillors have handed in letters of resignation.

Mr Marx said the councillors stated in their letters that the resignations were due to pressure from residents following the council's decision to increase rent.

He said: "The executive committee of the board yesterday met the six councillors in Rathanda to persuade them to change their earlier decision but the meeting ended in a deadlock."

A source close to the council yesterday told **The SOWETAN** that residents held a protest meeting at the weekend to discuss the rent increases, and afterwards they marched to the councillors' homes and demanded their resignations.

The source said three of the councillors were manhandled.

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Mayor shot by unknown gunman

By STAN HLOPHE

THE mayor of Tembisa was shot and wounded in front of his shop by an unknown gunman on Monday night.

Major C R Liebenberg of the East Rand Police said Mr Lucas Mothiba, 49, was shot about 7pm in front of his Tsenolong Shopping Centre store by a man who approached him and asked for a lift, while the mayor was preparing to leave in his car.

When Mr Mothiba refused, the stranger took out a gun and fired two shots which hit Mr Mothiba in the face, Maj Liebenberg said.

The gunman then sped off in a car.

An eyewitness said Mr Mothiba tried to run to the shop but fell unconscious in a pool of blood.

He was rushed to Tembisa Hospital where he was treated and discharged the same day.

Police are investigating.

Mr Mothiba's relatives declined to comment yesterday.

Mr Mothiba's shooting comes barely a year after the shooting of another Tembisa tycoon, Mr Ben Tshabangu, who was shot dead in front of his shop last year by unknown men.

No motive for the shooting of Mr Mothiba has been established, but one theory is that it was in connection with his involvement in the council.

In the past seven months councillors and others who are directly or indirectly involved with Government-created bodies have been the victims of petrol bombings which have left police baffled.

No arrests have been made and an organisation calling itself the South African Suicide Squad has claimed responsibilty for 14 of the 15 petrol bomb attacks.

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Board hits at report

SIR — On the front page of your paper of July 19 1984, it was stated that officials were to get a big wage boost and that a pay row looms.

It is certainly not my intention to get involved in an argument with the reporters of your paper, but perhaps it will and can serve a good purpose to give the true facts with respect to some of the statements made.

I also feel that as far as these matters are concerned, there is enough goodwill and responsibility vested in both the councils and my board that through communication, ways and means can be found to deal successfully with this problem of the use of white staff in black townships and the relevant salaries which are to be paid.

I have the following comments to make:

Report: The councils have been told by officials of the Department of Co-operation and Development and the board that the increased salaries are in terms of the new status given to black local authorities.

Comment: (i) With regard to Duduza, the Duduza Council pays all the salaries and wages of the black personnel rendering services to the community: 1984/85 R443 349.

(ii) The cost of the salaries of the white personnel is paid by the East Rand Development Board.

(iii) Duduza is debited with the cost of the following: audit, cash collection expenses, computer services and a 2½% administrative charge for services rendered.

(iv) The following additional expenses will have to be debited against Duduza in respect of white personnel occupying positions in the black township when Duduza becomes an autonomous local authority:

Chief Executive Officer R39 057; Family Housing R171 336; Hostels Sanitation Inspectorate R27 490; Parks R21 157; Welfare R16 6464; Finance R76 646. Total R351 890.

Evaluated

Report: Duduza councillors rejected the board's recommendations and have vowed not to accept the recommendations, even if their new status is withdrawn.

Comment: It was originally recommended that: "Duduza be evaluated for the purpose of local authority status in accordance with the present economic position as reflected in the financial data supplied in the report."

However, this recommendation was altered to suit the Duduza Community Council.

It is therefore possible for them to attain their immediate independent status provided there are additional sources of income.

Report: It is said by Mr Moloi that the board is in fact asking that rents and service fees should be increased in order to pay the salaries of the white seconded officials in the council's employ.

Comment: With reference to the number of posts in respect of which the salaries are paid by the community council of Duduza, it must be stressed that these are posts with improved salaries for black employees.

Report: The recommendations also at no point in the proposals refer to black personnel's salaries being upgraded.

Comment: In the memorandum the salary structure for black or white personnel of the Local Authority of Duduza is detailed and explained.

Report: The SOWETAN exposed another document which bound the councils to pay the high salaries to white seconded officials, over whom they will have no control.

Comment: If the councils do not wish to make use of seconded white personnel they are at liberty to establish their own black personnel structures immediately, in fact should do so.

Report: Mr Moloi said the meeting reached a deadlock, after the councillors had rejected a proposal by the board that in order to pay the salaries of the white seconded officials in the town council, rent in Duduza should be increased by at least R20,00 to meet the council's expenses.

Comment: No deadlock was reached.

Report: The SOWETAN is in possession of a document containing the recommendations drawn by the board which are presented to community councils, instructing them what "rules" they should follow first, before becoming town councils.

Comment: The "document" refers to annexure 4 of the memorandum which was discussed at the meeting. The contents of the memorandum should also be seen as an honest effort to assist the Local Authority to achieve success in the new field in which they find themselves.

Report: It is also stated in the document that the white seconded officials should occupy senior positions and that the board will continue running the department of Housing, Works, Town Secretary and Town Treasurer on an "agency basis" during the first year of a town council being established.

Comment: This is only applicable during the transitional period, and it was only a suggestion to assist the council. The final decision rests with the council.

Report: The Duduza Council is presently spending R183 341,76 a year on salaries for white officials in their employ, and when they become a town council in October, they will have to pay the officials R351 890,00 — a difference of R168 548,24.

Comment: 1. I do not know where the amount of R183 341,76 comes from, as it is not reflected in the budget.

Senior

2. Regarding the amount of R351 890,00 they (the town council of Duduza) have the option to either make use of the white personnel and pay them as laid down in their conditions of service. If, however, it is the feeling of the council that the administration and management of the town can be handled with the assistance of a smaller number of white officials or none at all, the matter is solely in the hands of the council.

Report: Mr Lucas Mothiba, the Mayor of Tembisa said his council will spend 41% of their income on salaries for the white seconded officials.

Comment: The 41% includes the salaries of both black and white personnel.

Report: Mr L G Mamabolo, the deputy mayor of Thokoza, said his council had refused to pay the salaries proposed by the board.

Comment: It should be mentioned that Mr Mamabolo is the chairman of the Management Committee of the Thokoza Town Council and not the deputy mayor, but as far as the salary problem is concerned it is perhaps so that the Thokoza Council had refused to accept responsibility for certain-salaries.

F. E. MARX Chief Director (East Rand Development Board).

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Whole Ratanda council resigns over rent issue

By SOPHIE TEMA
Mail Reporter

THE increase in rent that was to have come into effect in Ratanda yesterday has been postponed for two months, the councillors of the defunct Ratanda Community Council announced at a meeting on Tuesday night.

All six council members had handed in their letters of resignation to the East Rand Development Board by Monday afternoon, claiming they had been pressured and threatened by residents following the board's decision to increase rents in the township.

The councillors were: Mr L Mohlomi (mayor), Mr T Sikhonde (deputy mayor), Mr G Sithole, Mr N Mabote, Mr T Ndlovu and Mr J Nqosini.

They claimed the executive committee of the East Rand Development Board had tried on Tuesday to persuade them to reverse their decisions to resign, but the meeting had ended in a deadlock.

The councillors said they had been prompted to resign by the fact that the board had decided to increase the rents without having first consulted them.

They said they had indicated to their area director, Mr Schalk van der Merwe, that they did not agree with the board's decision to have the increase implemented.

Township residents, led by the Ratanda Civic Representative Association (RCRA), informed some of the council members last night that they were not prepared to pay the R5,50 rent increase unless:

- Houses and streets in the township were properly electrified.
- More houses were built for residents, and existing houses improved.
- Creches were built.
- An improved sewerage system was introduced
- People who had been granted sites on which to build were allowed to stay on these sites and, while doing so, were provided with water and toilet facilities until such time as their buildings were complete.
- Proper shelters were erected at all the main bus and taxi ranks.
- Recreational and public library facilities were provided.

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Customers harassed, say traders

By RAYMOND MASHAO

BUSINESSMEN in Kempville, an Indian shopping complex in Piet Retief in the Eastern Transvaal, are complaining of treatment meted out to their employees and customers by Eastern Transvaal Development Board (ETDB) police.

They named pass raids on customers and difficulties their employees encountered at the ETDB's labour offices each time they went to obtain job permits, as two factors which caused grave concern.

Businessmen alleged that each time their employees reported at the board's office, they were turned back without any further explanation being given.

A businessman, Mr Faizel Kotwual, told the Mail of a fine of R500 paid after a maid's 12-year-old sister had been arrested for being in Kempville without permission.

Mr Kotwual also spoke of the struggle for a working permit on behalf of his maid, Miss Irene Hlatswayo.

He said Miss Hlatswayo had been to the office on several occasions, but no progress had been made up to date, and he has since lost hope of ever registering her.

He alleged there were frequent police raids on customers in front of their shops.

A businessman who refused to give his name for fear of victimisation said: "These ETDB police have taken the law into their hands, you should have seen how they raided our homes, in search of maids, the other day — it was a real disgrace."

The board's labour officer in Piet Retief, Mr L Scheepers refused to comment, and referred the Mail to a Mr Adendorf, ETDB's senior official in Nelspruit.

In his reply, Mr Adendorf said: "I do not know what you are talking about. I have not received any report regarding these claims. Perhaps I will come back to you if there is anything worth publicising."

The businessmen of Kempville expressed deep concern over the ETDB's alleged activities, fearing that the number of their customers — mainly residents from the black township of Sabelweni — would decline to make statements.

Money is meant for development, says Soal

Low township board R700 000 pay bill

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By CHRIS FREIMOND
Political Correspondent

THE Government has revealed that 77 part-time members of the 13 boards set up recently to direct the development of black townships are paid a total of nearly R700 000 a year.

In an angry reaction yesterday the Progressive Federal Party MP for Johannesburg North, Mr Peter Soal, said the payment of such high salaries to part-time board members was "intolerable", particularly because the money came from funds meant for the upgrading of under-developed black townships.

Details of payments to board members were given to Mr Soal by the Minister of Co-operation and Development, Dr Piet Koornhof, in a written reply to a question by Mr Soal during the last session of Parliament. He received the reply recently.

The only full-time member of a board is Mr John Knoetze, chairman of the West Rand Development Board. He is paid R50 232 a year.

The part-time chairmen of the other 12 boards throughout the country are paid R18 000 a year, the deputy chairmen receive R13 000, and the four ordinary members of each board are paid R6 000 a year.

The boards were established in terms of the Black Communities Development Act which passed through Parliament earlier this year. They replaced the administration boards.

According to the Act, the Minister of Co-operation and Development appoints members who have "wide knowledge or experience" in various fields related to local government.

The boards are meant to hold public meetings at least once a month. They must also appoint, from among their members, committees for local government promotion, housing and administration, planning and development, and any other area deemed necessary.

In his reply Dr Koornhof also said: "All members of development boards are further entitled to a subsistence allowance of R53 per day-...when they are of necessity away from home on board business."

In terms of the Act, salaries and allowances of the board members are paid from the board's funds. The amounts payable are determined by the Minister of Co-operation and Development.

In an interview yesterday Mr Soal also questioned the exclusion of blacks from the list of names of board members he had been given and said there were blacks who were suitably qualified to know what the development needs of their own areas were.

"It would be interesting to know what these people do to earn their money," said Mr Soal, who visited a number of townships last week to get a first-hand look at the "terrible" housing shortage.

"They certainly don't seem to be doing too much to provide roofs over people's heads," he said.

Among the names of board members given to Mr Soal were, on the West Rand Development Board, the deputy chairman, Mr Carel Venter, former leader of the National Party in the Johannesburg City Council; another Nationalist City Councillor, Mr Johan Fick; and a senior Randburg Nationalist and member of the local town council, Mr Olaus van Zyl.

Men on the East Rand Development Board include the chairman, Mr Dries Niemandt, a senior Nationalist from Kempton Park; Mr Herman Immelman, a senior NP office bearer in Dr Koornhof's Primrose constituency and veteran Germiston City Councillor; and Mrs M P Warffemius, the Nationalist MPC for Geduld.

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UNEASY lies the head that wears the crown, and that's Soweto. We from the smaller locations, on the outer fringes along the West and East Rand, have always copied from it.

As a West Rander — from Randfontein's old location, called Madubulaville those years — we were considered rustics or country bumpkins by old Sophiatown, Alexandra and Orlando standards.

Now that Soweto is one conglomerate, outsiders from the west, east, Vaal and other small hick townships still rely heavily on the trend set by Soweto ... in anything from social, cultural, sporting and other activities.

Perhaps we may not match them in crime, but life is not all crime ... even in Soweto.

To show how behind the times we were in the West Rand, smart alecs from Soweto even composed a song about us called "Ko Dikomponeng Tsa Randfontein".

How we used to squirm with embarrassment whenever it was sung at us by the cosmopolitan lot from in and around Johannesburg City.

Even now Sowetans still lay a better claim to this city than us. In spite of that, our smaller communities enjoyed a much more compact and friendly life. We identified with others.

In Soweto you cannot buddy-buddy with the next guy from across the street, which marks the boundary of another township.



WHAT'S UP, DOC? ... at home with his senior nursing sister wife Joyce. Picture: ROBERT TSHABALALA

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Why Soweto still sets all the township trends

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THE OTHER SIDE OF SOWETO

First in a series of articles by Mail staff writers about life and living in Soweto and other black Reef townships

DOC BIKITSHA

many years ago — one has to live with one's ears pricked up like an Alsatian. There is no time to go about with blinkers over the eyes ... with "curtained eyes" as the lingua franca describes.

Fortunately, I have enjoyed both worlds. As a newspaperman, the adventurous life and social glitter of Soweto attracted like a magnet.

Many of us, reporters from the West Rand, have at times been accused of specialising on Soweto to the neglect of our hometowns.

Years ago I wrote a series of articles on how the "other half lives" in Soweto. That was the more prosperous and well-to-do residents of this vast complex.

It was a pleasant assignment cruising from the Maponyas to the Ntulis, to the Tshabalalas and other upper-crust folk.

By nature, township folk are gregarious and very inclined to a communal spirit. There's many a good Samaritan even in crime-torn Soweto.

Our social habits are above crime. That applies from a small farm community in Zastron to opulent Dube township in Soweto.

Unless it's in the dead of night, when many evils lurk about, a stranger who knocks at the door is never turned away. After the customary greetings, handshakes and other salutations, a stranger is seated and offered food if he looks road-weary or foreign.

I don't know by what instinct or trait, but we delight in elaborate explanations when directing somebody to an unknown destination. Even curious neighbours will chip in and add their confusing advice.

We are taught from early youth to be kind to strangers.

In a location like mine, numbers meant a lot. We knew each other's family backgrounds well.

There weren't more than 30 streets in it, including the main thoroughfare which we called the avenue. It is here that we promenaded in our Sunday best and other finery.

The focal point of all social activity was the hall, named after a former Superintendent, Mr Dowdeswell.

His nickname was Madubula and the location and community centre was named after him. I don't remember if he was Irish or Scottish, but there were no riots during his time.

A favourite youth pastime was to loaf around the shopping centre gawking at colourfully clad strangers from Johannesburg. They loved our place because the girls preferred them to us.

As can be expected, social life was the fulcrum of all activities.

Weddings and *stokvels* were the order of the day. Shotgun marriages were unheard of. Elaborate preparation went into a wedding. There would be nightly rehearsals and great pains were taken with dress.

Practically all the women in the location would desert their homes for any church where a wedding was taking place. There, they'd rant and rave over the bride's gown.

Even to this day it's the same. We spoke about a change of wedding attire, when the couple would stroll the street in different attire to the admiration of all.

There were no receptions until somebody copied them from Jo'burg. Then bands and other forms of music came in, killing the native colouring of old traditional weddings.

There were no itsy-bitsy snacks at such affairs. A cow was slaughtered and there was home-made brew and little bottled liquor, except for the special guests and elders.

Life in Mafikeng is faster than in the west. So are the activities of the unruly elements.

My home is next to a beer garden called "Kalamazoo" and I've had to contend with thugs and gamblers scaling my fences while running away from cops.

In township lingo such a fence is called a "stop nonsense". It's supposed to give privacy and keep neighbours and intruders at bay.

It doesn't work. I've tried dogs but they are so docile they'd welcome a burglar into the premises.

More adult, mature — and I hope more responsible, too — there's nothing like listening to choral music and old jazz when relaxing at home.

I've experienced drunks ambling into my lounge and asking to listen to the sacred music blaring from my hi-fi set. One can't refuse.

The days of shebeen crawling are past, but the memory of those good old days in Soweto will linger forever in my mind.

There's no place like Soweto ... but so is one's home. Wherever it may be.

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Big explosion in mayor's shop



Ms Nombulelo Donsa, left, and Ms Thembi Buthelezi display clothes damaged in an explosion which caused extensive damage to the dry cleaning business of the Soweto Mayor, Mr E Tshabalala, yesterday. The cause of the blast is not yet known.

PICTURE: TONY NAIDOO.

By RAYMOND MASHAO

MYSTERY surrounds a heavy explosion which rocked a Mofolo dry cleaning depot belonging to the Soweto Mayor, Mr Ephraim Tshabalala, yesterday, causing damage estimated at thousands of rands.

Offices of the Sofasonke Party, which are situated in the shop, were slightly damaged in the blast.

Employees who slept in a room adjoining the depot described as a miracle the fact that they were still alive, after escaping unhurt from the blast which occurred in the early hours of the morning.

An employee, Miss Thembi Buthelezi, who was sharing a room with five other girls at the time of the blast, said she thought two cars had been involved in an accident when she heard the loud explosion.

"I heard a loud bang — it was like a car accident. I discovered our blankets were full of broken glass. We could have been badly injured by the glass if we had not covered our heads with blankets."

To another employee, Miss Nombulelo Donsa, the blast sounded like a thunder clap.

Mrs Edna Mazibuko, who is in charge of the depot, said she had received several threatening letters addressed to the mayor, but had not taken them seriously.

Yesterday afternoon, unsuspecting customers were shocked when told of the incident, while others asked if there had been a bomb blast, or whether there was something wrong with the chemicals used at the dry cleaning depot.

Although Soweto police confirmed the blast, they could not say what had caused it.

The head of the Soweto CID, Brigadier J J Viktor, said: "We are still investigating, at the moment we cannot say if the blast was caused by a petrol bomb or not."

He said debris had been taken to the police's forensic department for examination.

Soweto makes its impression on Mrs Botha

By Gary van Staden, Political Staff

Soweto may not have been bowled over by the visit today of Mrs Elise Botha, wife of South African Prime Minister Mr P W Botha, but she was certainly impressed by the dusty ghetto.

"It's wonderful; everyone is so friendly and smiling. Soweto is really a happy place," Mrs Botha said.

She was accompanied by Mrs Lulu Koornhof, wife of the Minister of Co-operation and Development, Dr Piet Koornhof.

Mrs Koornhof appeared a little overawed and stayed in the background as Mrs Botha strolled to the fence surrounding the Jabulani Civic Centre and shook hands with some of the people.

Most of the welcoming group consisted of woman members of the Sofasonke Party who had arrived in open trucks.

"I have only seen Soweto from the air and have driven past it a few times, but this is my first visit," Mrs Botha told *The Star* at a welcoming function inside the Civic Centre.

The Press were barred, but Star reporters had managed to gain entry.

Soweto Mayoress Mrs Ephraim Tshabalala told the Prime Minister's wife that even God was happy about her visit. "Yesterday was a terrible day, it was windy and unpleasant. Today the sun is shining and it is warm and wonderful. Thank you for coming," Mrs Tshabalala said.

"You people are doing a wonderful job," Mrs Botha told members of the Soweto Council, "Thank you very much."

The visit began amid tight security and the Press were at first barred from the Civic Centre grounds. They were later allowed in on condition they stayed away from the buildings.

Mrs Botha was to spend the rest of the day in Soweto, attending a presentation ceremony and a gumboot dancing display.



Mrs Elise Botha, wife of Prime Minister Mr P W Botha, went on a "walkabout" at the start of her Soweto visit today and shook hands with some of the 250 people who had arrived at the Jabulani C Centre to welcome her. ● Picture by Alf Kum

De Lorean drug trial a showcase — lawyer

LOS ANGELES — Mr John De Lorean's chief attorney de-

Mr Weitzman asked the jury, "Can you tell me what John De

The Star Bureau

LONDON — Captain Edmund (John) Palmer, of the South African Navy, returns home this week after an experience which he "would not have missed for the world".

SA naval officer finds himself posted

buckled shoes, grey waistco tricorne hat and a cloak "the whole works".

He travelled in the coa from Bristol to Bath where and his wife attended a rece tion given by the Mayor Bath. Later he rode into Lo

IT'S ON AGAIN: 'First ladies of apartheid' to see how other half lives

Mrs BOTHA IN SOWETO TODAY

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By JOSHUA RABOROKO

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The visit of the women will coincide with the commemoration of the 20th anniversary of the founding of the Federation of South African Women (Fedsaw), and has been criticised by the organisation.

Ms Maree said Mrs Botha and Mrs Koornhof are visiting Soweto at the invitation of the local city council on a "mission of goodwill." She denied that they are to receive the Freedom of Soweto.

Itinerary

Their itinerary includes arrival at the Jabulani Council Chambers at 10.30 am where they will have tea and discussions with the councillors. They will then visit the Oppenheimer Tower in Central Western Jabavu.

They will have lunch at 1.20 pm before their departure, according to Ms Maree.

Strict security surrounding the visit of both women will be ensured



TEMBISA High School students outside classes yesterday. They now have until Monday to return to class.

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Deadline extended

By MZIKAYISE EDOM — East Rand Bureau

BOYCOTTING Tembisa students yesterday defied the Det ultimatum to return to classes — and late yesterday the Department of Education and Training announced that the deadline for returning to school had been extended to Friday.

The 4 000 strong students now have until Monday to be back in class or face action by the department.

An ultimatum issued last week by the department was that students return to school yesterday after classes had been suspended for a week because of the boycotts.

Classes were suspended last week at Boitomelong, Tembisa and Jiyane high schools after pupils had refused to attend lessons to back up their demands for students' representative councils and the scrapping of age restrictions.

At the fourth school, Thuto-ke Matla, classes were suspended last Thursday after they were disrupted by the boycotting pupils. At the same school the pupils are demanding the immediate removal of

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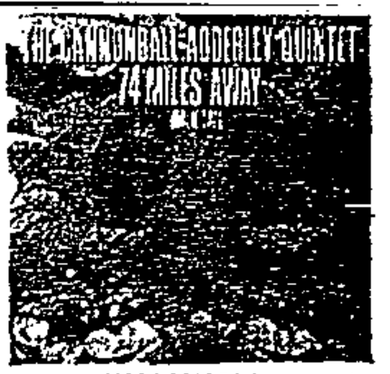

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Happy mayor would like August 8 declared a public holiday

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APPLAUD: Mr Ephraim Tshabalala applauding Mrs Elize Botha during her visit to the township yesterday.

THE mayor of Soweto, Mr Ephraim Tshabalala, yesterday said if he had his own way he would declare August 8 a public holiday because of a visit to the township by Mrs Elize Botha and Mrs Lulu Koornhof.

Mr Tshabalala made this startling revelation before about 100 guests in his speech during the controversial visit by the wives of Mr P W Botha, the Prime Minister, and Dr Piet Koornhof, the Minister of Co-operation and Development.

Amid cheers and hand-clapping from, among others, the Baragwanath Choir, Mrs Marina Maponya, West Rand Development Board officials and Greater Soweto councillors, Mr Tshabalala said: "Apartheid was made by God and we should follow what the Government has decided. How long have you been fighting? What have you achieved?" he said, waving a miniature South African flag which he said belongs to all in the country.

By SELLO RABOTHATA and NKOPANE MAKOBANE

Earlier in the morning about 200 people, mostly Sofasonke Party members, were handed out miniature national flags and formed a guard of honour before the Ministers' wives arrived at the Soweto Council Chambers. There was also a heavy police presence at most strategic points at which the entourage would pass along.

Among the places visited by the entourage were a crecie in Mofolo, the Soweto Self Help Association of Paraplegics (Shap), J C Merkin School for the handicapped in White City Jabavu, Pace College in Jabulani and prestigious houses in Selection Park (Pimville). At all these places the children and staff were also provided with miniature flags which they waved to welcome the entourage.

In her speech, Mrs Botha said she had brought a message of goodwill from her husband because he had a personal interest in Soweto and if it was possible he would have come. She said she found Soweto to be a peaceful city and had been impressed by the developments that are taking place, such as housing, educational facilities, churches and cultural activities. This shows that Soweto residents are prepared to work hard to uplift their standard of living.

Happy

She said: "I am happy to be here and in future I shall be able to speak from personal experience. I came here to give you a hand of friendship and I have been looking forward to this visit, together with Mrs Koornhof. I felt very proud to see small children waving our national flag because the future of the country depends on the youth of today. I will encourage my husband to visit the township and see what changes are there. The future is bright for us if we live in goodwill and co-existence."

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Board man blasts back on salaries

By CHRIS FREIMOND
Political Correspondent

ONE of the part-time members of the West Rand Development Board, Mr Johan Fick, this week defended the salaries paid to board members.

He said they were in line with comparable positions on the boards of directors of private companies.

Mr Fick, a lecturer at the Rand Afrikaans University and a Johannesburg city councillor, was reacting in an interview to an attack this week on salaries of board members by the Progressive Federal Party MP for Johannesburg North, Mr Peter Soal.

Mr Soal was told by the Minister of Cooperation and Development, Dr Piet Koornhof, in a written reply received recently to a parliamentary question, that 77 part-time members of the 13 boards set up this year to direct the development of black townships were paid a total of nearly R700 000 a year.

Mr Soal said the payment of such high salaries to part-time board members was "intolerable", particularly because the money came from funds meant for the upgrading of under-developed black townships.

The only full-time member of a board is Mr John Knoetze, chairman of the West Rand Development Board.

He is paid R50 232 a year. He is not paid from board funds.

The part-time chairmen of the other 12 boards throughout the country are paid R18 000 a year, the deputy chairmen receive R13 000, and the four ordinary members of each board are paid R6 000 a year.

Mr Fick said on Tuesday the WRDB held two public meetings a month and committee meetings were also held depending on what work had to be done.

He believed the salaries paid to board members were justified when one considered the amount of work they were faced with.

Mr Soal reacted yesterday to reported criticism of his comments by Mr Knoetze.

Mr Soal said Mr Knoetze was a civil servant whose job it was to carry out the laws and not to criticise the statements of duly elected public representatives.

It was the duty of Opposition MPs to monitor the use of public funds and to highlight possible wastage, Mr Soal said.

Mr Knoetze could not be contacted for comment.

Petrol bombs thrown into Mashao's home

THE HOME of Atteridgeville mayor, Mr Z Z Mashao, was damaged when four petrol bombs were hurled into it on Tuesday night.

Yesterday police guarded the house while deputy mayor, Mr S M Mahlangu, claimed that what certain elements could not achieve through the ballot they were now attempting to get through the bullet.

Mr Mahlangu warned that such acts would not be tolerated and deplored the attack. "It has been evident to us for some time now that there are certain elements in the community who, through intimidation and violence, wished to deter the council from the important functions it has to render to the community.

"Judging by the tactics, the ballot box which they boycotted in last year's elections is to be replaced by the bullet. Everybody is to be bullied into agreeing with them," he said.

Mr Mahlangu said the council had no intention of allowing itself "to be bullied by small minority groups with questionable support in the community and who have no understanding of the issues involved in local government."

Mrs Lillian Mashao, the mayor's wife, yesterday told how the viewing — with her children — of the TV series "Dallas" had turned into "screams and confusion in the dark" when four petrol bombs were hurled through the windows of their lounge at 86 Seiso Street, at about 11.10 pm.

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R12-m loan to save 25 000 in 'appalling' Soweto slum

The Urban Foundation is to raise a R12 million loan to wipe out Soweto's Mzimhlope hostel slum which has housed about 25 000 people in appalling conditions for seven years.

Community workers estimate the hostel contains more than 25 000 people living in conditions they say are unfit even for animals.

Social workers have compiled comprehensive reports cataloguing social evils prevailing in the Mzimhlope slum.

The decision to tackle this complex task follows months of investigation and research into Mzimhlope's problems.

The foundation was approached two years ago by Soweto's Diepmeadow Urban Council to help resolve the living problems in the hostel settlement.

In May this year the foundation presented the council with proposals for a slum removal and housing development programme.

What remains now to be negotiated with the Diepmeadow Council, according to the regional director of the foundation, Mr Brian Whittaker, is the development of details centred on financial and management agreements.

Mr Whittaker said the loan of between R11 million and R12 million would come from the National Housing Commission.

"Although this is an immensely complex problem, we are acutely concerned with the appalling living conditions of the hostel families, and the foundation has made this programme a top priority," said Mr Whittaker.

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Target for a clean-up

Bathtime for the children in a Mzimhlope hostel creche means a small basin of water to be shared among scores of grubby little hands and faces.

● Picture by Gideon Mendel.

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Release of 'idle' pair ordered

By JOHN MOJAPELO
Pretoria Bureau

THE immediate release of two Soweto men, declared "idle persons" by a commissioner's court and sent to a work colony, was ordered by a full Bench of the Pretoria Supreme Court yesterday.

Mr Ishmael Sithole, 40, and Mr Peter Mokoena, 57, had been declared "idle" and sent to the Voortrekkerhoogte Farm Colony for 18 months and 12 months respectively.

Mr Justice H J Preiss, with Mr Justice F H Grosskopf and Mr Justice P Schabort concurring, ordered the release of the two men pending a decision by the Natal Supreme Court on the interpretation of Section 29 of the Black (Urban Areas) Consolidation Act, Act 25 of 1945.

The outcome will have a far-reaching effect on how commissioner's courts are to declare a person "idle" and when to send him to a work colony.

The case against Mr Sithole and Mr Mokoena was reviewed by the full Bench after two judges separately reviewed the cases.

Mr Arthur Chaskalson, SC, director of the Johannesburg Legal Resources Centre, and Mr M S Navsa were asked by the court to represent Mr Sithole and Mr Mokoena at the hearing.

Mr Sithole was declared "idle" by the Johannesburg Commissioner's Court on March 27, 1981.

Mr Justice Stegmann, who had reviewed the case, asked the commissioner to give reasons why Mr Sithole had been declared "idle" and to explain the sentence.

Mr Chaskalson said in papers before court there was no reason why the commissioner had failed to investigate Mr Sithole's claim that he earned his living through casual work and was unable to find a suitable job.

Mr Sithole was qualified to be in Johannesburg in terms of the Urban Areas Act and there was no need for him to show that he was "registered" or in "lawful" employment, Mr Chaskalson said.

Mr Justice L W H Ackermann, on automatic review of Mr Mokoena's case, asked the commissioner to furnish the Supreme Court with reasons for declaring him "idle". A similar request was made to the office of the Attorney-General.

The Attorney-General reported to the court that the commissioner had erred and his finding was to be set aside.

Mr Justice G Coetzee asked that the matter be sent to a full Bench of the Transvaal Supreme Court for guidelines.

The judge pointed out that the Transvaal and Natal Supreme Courts were interpreting the "idle" clause differently.

Mr Chaskalson said a person conducting an inquiry into whether a person was "idle" must first satisfy himself that the arrest was in order.

"If he is not satisfied as to this issue, then he should not call upon the arrested person to give 'a good and satisfactory account' of himself," he said.

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My husband loves blacks

—Lulu Koornhof



SOWETO infants present bouquets to, from left, Mrs Botha, Mrs Caroline Tshabalala and Mrs Lulu Koornhof.

By SINNAH KUNENE

"MY husband loves blacks. I must say this is in fact a sad day for both of us now that he has stepped down as Minister of Co-operation and Development," said Mrs Lulu Koornhof during her tour of Soweto with the Prime Minister's wife, Mrs Elise Botha, this week.

Dr Koornhof – who has been widely criticised for forced removals, the clampdown on squatters and influx control – announced his resignation from the Cabinet this week.

Mrs Koornhof, however, refuted suggestions that her husband was unpopular among blacks. Reacting to the attack by the Federation of South African Women on the visit, Mrs Koornhof said: "That shouldn't bother us in any way. We have spent many years among blacks in South Africa.

"We've made good friends and, of course, friendship never ends. Today I'm pleased they have invited Mrs Botha to Soweto.

"It is her first time here, and she has met beautiful people!

"The blacks are very near both of us; nothing can change (sic)," she said repeatedly.

And what about the Crossroads squatters, Mogopa removals, pass raids, demolition of shacks in urban areas – all things that make blacks unhappy?

"It's a pity it has to be done. But there must be some sort of control. Some of these people are not there on their own, but have been sent by people who do not want co-operation and development.

"It is not possible to have an influxed (sic) situation under control, we have to avoid it if we really want development," argued Mrs Koornhof.

Mrs Elize Botha said the tour was "so exciting, everybody is so cheerful and lovely".

Commenting on the anti-tour campaigns, Mrs Botha told City Press: "I did not expect any action. I came here with an open heart and I knew that an atmosphere of goodwill would prevail."

Mrs Botha refused to answer further questions on politics.

"Let's be positive towards life, look at what we have achieved so far and work out new developments," she said, adding that she was impressed by the education services and self-help projects for the disabled in Soweto

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WELCOME to the ghetto; ET Tshabalala welcomes Mrs Elise Botha to Soweto.

Tshabalala a cheat, says Fedsaw

SOWETO mayor Ephraim Tshabalala has come under a scathing attack from political organisations and the Federation of South African Women for suggesting August 8 to be declared a public holiday in Soweto because of a visit to the township by Mrs Elise Botha and Mrs Lulu Koornhof.

Mr Tshabalala told more than 100 guests at the Oppenheimer Tower and not man; and that has decided. on Wednesday that apart- everyone should follow "How long have you heid was created by God what the Government been fighting and what have you achieved?" he

By KHULU SIBIYA

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MRS Botha greets Soweto children through the security fence which surrounds the Soweto Chamber.

had asked a cheering and ululating crowd of Sofasonke Party women.

Fedswa spokesperson June Mlangeni said Mr Tshabalala and his councillors had cheated the people of Soweto by inviting the "First Lady of Apartheid", Mrs Botha, to Soweto.

She said people who deserved this honour were Winnie Mandela, Albertina Sisulu and Dorothy Nyembe.

"We women of Soweto feel insulted by this invitation. One day the people of Soweto will demand an explanation from the Tshabalalas of this world and it will be too late for them to answer," said Mrs Mlangeni.

United Democratic Front publicity secretary Patrick Lekota said the people who honoured the invitation had a high stake in apartheid and were enjoying the fruits of it.

In her speech, Mrs Botha said Soweto was a peaceful city: "And I was happy to see children waving our national flag and smiling."

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Development aimed at boosting East Rand

A Government development plan which was released last week focuses attention on the flourishing East Rand. The guide plan envisages greater economic autonomy for the area and the creation of a "first-order" regional centre. Municipal Reporter COLLEEN RYAN reports.

Business is booming on the East Rand and Far East Rand and the Government's new development plan for the area is aimed at encouraging this trend.

The eastern region is the second most important area in the PWV complex and will require an extra 990 ha of industrial land by the year 2000, according to the draft guide plan released by the Department of Constitutional Development and Planning.

It is estimated the East Rand will provide about 374 400 jobs and the Far East Rand 204 600 jobs by the end of the century.

The area comprises the eastern portion of the Witwatersrand and includes the districts of Kempton Park, Boksburg, Benoni, Brakpan, Springs, Nigel, Heidelberg, Modderfontein and Vischkuil.

Based on the principle of industrial decentralisation, the plan paints a rosy economic future for the area and predicts a big increase in population.

A major question raised by the report is the provision of adequate land and housing for the future population.

In 1980 about 20 percent of the total population of the PWV complex lived in East Rand towns.

"The annual growth rate for all population groups in the plan area was higher during the period 1970 to 1980 than for the Republic as a whole," the report says.

"The exceptionally high growth rate of the coloured population — especially in Boksburg where 62 percent of the population was living in 1980 — can probably be ascribed to the migration of coloureds from other areas."

The rate of increase in the Indian population was also high during the 10 year period.

"It is expected that the population growth of the East Rand will only level off by the turn of the century, in accordance with the expected growth of the PWV complex."

The report says the white population will increase from 313 001 in 1981 to 513 652 by the year 2000. The population that can be accommodated in the year 2000 is 561 990, leaving a surplus of 1 643 ha.

The availability of land for the other population groups poses greater problems.

The report says the population in the coloured township of Reiger Park in Boksburg will increase by an estimated 31 600 in 1980 to 67 000 by the turn of the century.

"Owing to the shortage of space for expansion, this township will have difficulty in accommodating more than 30 000 to 36 000 people," it says.

Nigel's coloured residential areas (Alrapark and Cerutiville) will increase from 5 700 in 1980 to 16 000 by the turn of the century and an additional 206 ha of land will be required.

A big increase is also expected in coloured townships in Brakpan and the report says the "207 ha already provided may have to be supplemented".

The Indian populations of Benoni, Springs, Nigel and Heidelberg are also expected to increase dramatically and large tracts of additional land will be needed.

The black population of the East Rand and Far East Rand is likely to increase by 617 800 between the period 1982 to 2002 and about 2 450 ha of extra land will be required, the report says.

Sufficient land for the black population depends on the availability of proclaimed mining land and soil conditions in the area.

The long term aim of the plan is to shift the industrial centre eastwards away from the central Witwatersrand.

Provision should be made for a greater degree of functional and economic autonomy which could lead to the eventual expansion of one or more of the towns in the area into first-order regional centres, says the report.

Other important recommendations include:

- Emphasis should be placed on higher residential densities to ensure optimum use of land and infrastructure and for the development of an efficient transport system;
- The provision of industrial land in the Kempton Park-Boksburg area should be handled "with circumspection" and preference should be given to the Benoni area because of its proximity to the black township of Daveyton.

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Mahlatsi gets big trade sites

By JOSHUA RABOROKO

THE Lekoa Town Council's mayor, Mr Esau Mahlatsi and his wife, Mrs Alinah Mahlatsi, have been allocated sites to build a petrol-filling station and a roadhouse costing over R300 000 in Sebokeng.

The sites, allocated by the council last year, are situated on plot 17917 Zone 14 for a filling station and stand number 14176 Zone 11 for a roadhouse.

The news of the sites has been confirmed by Mr Mahlatsi, who told **The SOWETAN** that they were advertised and his application was successful. It was normal procedure that the sites should be advertised and candidates should apply.

Sources close to the council have also revealed that the deputy-mayor, Mr Jacob Dlamini, of Sharpeville, has been allocated a site to build a shop in Zamdela, Sasolburg. Most councillors have businesses in the Vaal area it was established by **The SOWETAN.**

The news of the mayor and his wife being allocated business sites has spread anger among trade union movements and community organisations which have accused councillors of getting into the "puppet institutions" in order to gain businesses and not represent residents.

However Mr Mahlatsi said that anybody who wanted a business in the area should apply and will be interviewed to see whether "he has enough capital to run the project."

"Councillors who have businesses have gone through the same process without any exception. It is also nonsense to say that councillors get into the council to gain businesses. This is an unfounded lie," he said.

Builders slam Wrab pass raids

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By Craig Kotze,
Star Line

The West Rand Administration Board (Wrab) is "arrogant", "highhanded" and even violent when raiding premises for pass offenders and these disruptions cost the building industry hundreds of thousands of rands, according to a Johannesburg builder.

The allegations have been rebutted by a senior Wrab official.

The builder, Mr P A Flockton, managing director of a Craighall Park building firm, said Wrab officials single out construction companies for "special treatment" because they always have many illegal employees.

Mr Flockton said his firm's building site in Rembrandt Park, Johannesburg, had been raided regularly over the last three months and the disruption caused had cost him almost R100 000.

"Officials do not even ask for permission to inspect our site — they simply walk on and start throwing their weight around."

He said workers directly employed by him were always registered but that problems were caused by those working for sub-contractors.

The effects of raiding were very expensive, Mr Flockton said, because fines had to be paid by both employees and employers and work could not continue because workers did not turn up for days afterwards.

"The whole system is affecting our productivity and is contrary to the laws of economics," he said.

The executive director of the Master Builders' Association, Mr Z L Pretorius, confirmed that raids did in fact cost the industry a lot of money.

"Several members of the MBA have complained about the raiding and the effect it has on their businesses. Builders do suffer disruption which costs them dear in terms of time and money," Mr Pretorius said.

Mr A E Steenhuisen, director of manpower for Wrab, said his personnel did not use high-handed tactics when enforcing the law and were strictly supervised by their superiors.

Workers were compelled by law to have their reference books with them at all times but officials still granted them every opportunity to produce their documents, said Mr Steenhuisen.

Wrab activity, he said, did not interrupt work because inspecting documents took only a few seconds.

Shock for ER residents

By MZIKAYISE EDOM

EAST Rand residents may be compelled to contribute towards life cover insurance policies for councillors in the area who have been asked by the East Rand Development Board (Eradebo) to insure themselves.

A few months ago, the board sent "confidential" circulars to all 14 town and community councils in the East Rand, informing them that as from this current financial year (1984/85), it will be compulsory for every member of the council to take a life cover insurance policy.

Rent in the area, the circular states, will have to be increased to enable the councils to pay these insurance premiums.

The **SOWETAN** is in possession of a copy of the circular which also "encourages" the councillors to take their insurance policies with an insurance company of the board's choice.

An investigation carried out by **The SOWETAN** has revealed that most of the councillors in the area have taken insurance policies with an insurance company suggested to them by the board.

The councillors are insured for 24 hours a day against sickness, assaults, accidents, and death, as long as they are members of a council.

The SOWETAN has since established that about R15 000 will be needed to insure all councillors in the East Rand who number 120.

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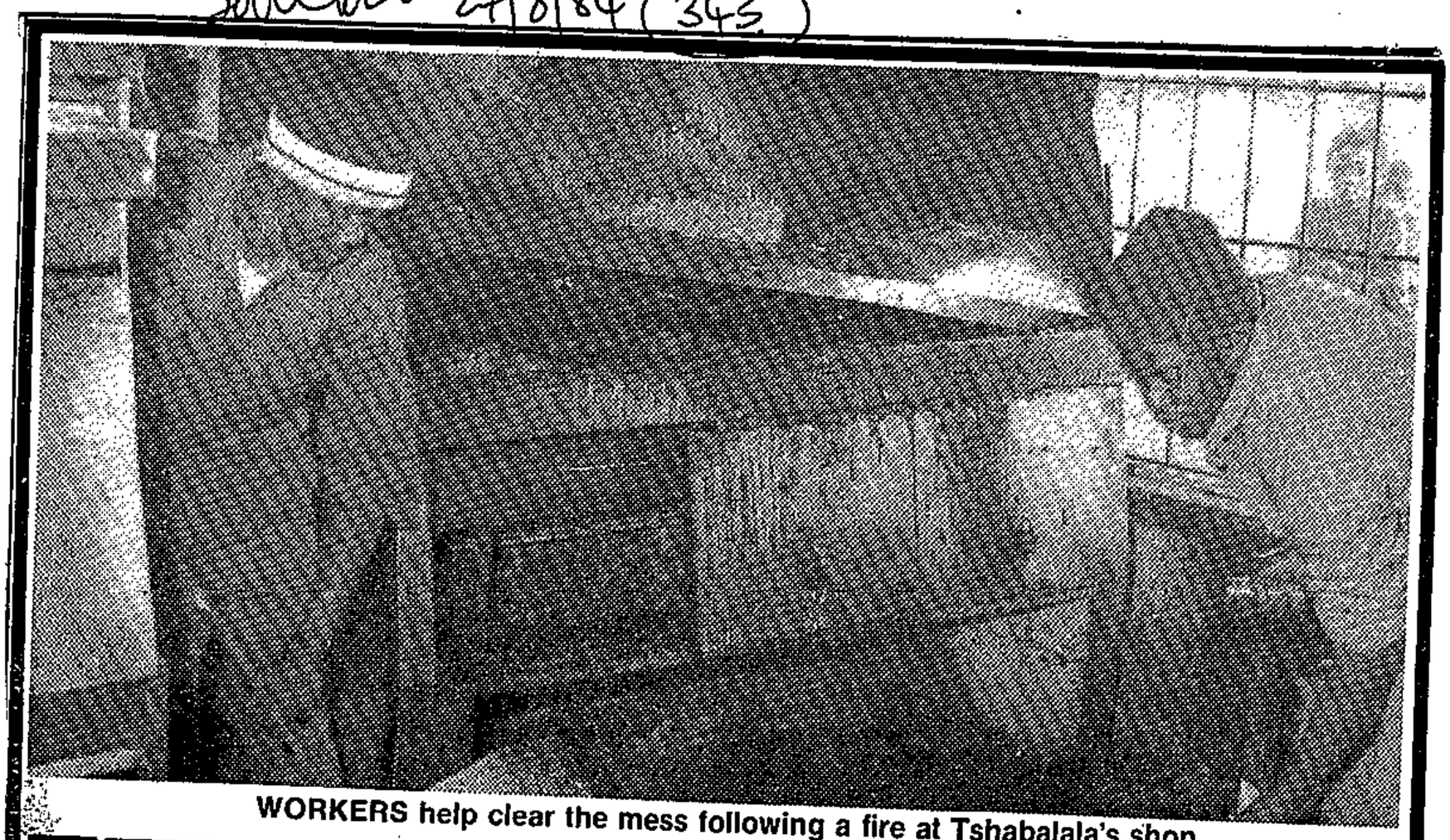

WORKERS help clear the mess following a fire at Tshabalala's shop.

ET's chips shop gutted

'Electrical fault was the cause'

SOWETAN Reporter

THE fire which destroyed Soweto mayor Mr. Ephraim Tshabalala's fish and chips shop at the weekend was caused by an electrical fault, Mr Bingani Ngcobo, a cashier, told The SOWETAN yesterday.

Mr Ngcobo said the fire, which caused damage estimated at several thousands rand started from the electrical stove used for cooking fish and chips.

The stove, he said, had been giving them trouble. "On several occasions we had to switch off the power supply for the whole building when the stove started giving trouble. We even called in a repair man, but it did not help," he said.

Explosion

This is the second such incident to take place in about two months. Last month a powerful explosion rocked the mayor's dry cleaning depot, which is just next to the burnt shop. The explosion was caused by chemical reactions, according to the police. Damage was estimated at over R20 000.

Mr Ngcobo said after the alarm was raised the whole workforce living in the backrooms assisted in extinguishing the fire.

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Rents outcry

RESIDENTS of the small township of Ratanda on the East Rand have vowed to defy the East Rand Development Board and refuse to pay increased rents due on Saturday.

By LANGA SKOSANA

The stand taken by the residents has already led to the resignation of three community councillors in the township who feel that the increases were unjustified.

At a meeting in the local community hall this week, furious residents said they were objecting to the increases because their money was being taken away from them and nothing was being provided by the board.

Warned

Shortly before the meeting, the chairman of the Ratanda Civic Representative Association, Mr Paul Mokoena, was approached by two men who warned him that he was burning his fingers by continuing to oppose the rent increases.

One of the men, who shook a finger at Mr Mokoena's forehead, accused him of being an agitator and threatened to fetch him from his home at 3 am.

When Mr Mokoena told him that he had no right to point fingers at him in the street, the man said he was giving him good advice to contact his lawyers and the Press before he was taken away.

Mr Mokoena objected, saying that what he was doing was within the law. The men then drove away.

At the meeting three councillors were present. They were Mr L Mohlomi (chairman of the council), Mr Z Mngqosini and Mr J Mabote.

According to Mr Mokoena, the three councillors agreed with the residents that the rises were unjustified.

The councillors, he said, promised to put the residents' views to officials of the board.

He said the main thrust of his objection to the increases was that the financial statement given by the board was totally inadequate. But Mr Mohlomi denied after the meeting that he agreed that the rents were unjustified.

He said the meeting was attended mostly by teenagers who did not pay rents in the township. The meeting, he added, was also not conducted in the dignified manner of a community council meeting.

"It was a political meeting with people shouting 'Amandla ngawethu' and what can one get from that?" he asked.

When asked whether people should pay the new or old rent, Mr Mohlomi said it was too early to say.

He said his council was going to meet officials of the board and a possible urgent meeting of residents may be called afterwards.

He, however, added that if things stood as they were everything in Ratanda would stagnate.

The chief director of the board, Mr F E Marx, could not be reached for comment.



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TODAY is D-Day for Community and Church News, and your item must be in by noon.

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But, this is not all. You will have noticed that our sister paper, **The Sowetan Sunday MIRROR,** also carries Church and Community News.

Our sister paper will from now on carry those items that are a week or more away while we concentrate on the same weekend affairs. Still, this is not all. If your item was carried by **The Sowetan Sunday MIRROR,** it can still be carried by **The SOWETAN** the following Friday, or even more Fridays.

What this means is that if your ceremony is on September 9, **The Sowetan Sunday MIRROR** will carry your item on Sunday, September 2, and then we carry it on Friday, September 6.

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So to make use of the combined package for news a week or two away just call us as usual, but this time make a point of telling our reporter that it is for **The Sunday MIRROR.** When it has appeared in **The Sunday MIRROR** remind us to report the item again on Friday. As easy as all that.

But meanwhile continue sending us your items as is usual for publication on Fridays. Just make sure you phone us from Monday 9 am to Wednesday noon.

Remember that it is only us that can give you the service you want.

After all, we are not the people you not only can trust, but do trust.

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ER council probes big house fraud

By MZIJAYISE EDOM
East Rand Bureau

ABOUT 200 families in the East Rand paid an official of the East Rand Development Board between R300 and R500 each for houses, and the money has disappeared without trace.

The families must now vacate their houses as they were given to them fraudulently. The houses were meant for hundreds of squatters in Silvertown, Brakpan, who were without homes for several years.

And the families who "bought" the houses can forget about the amounts they paid —nobody knows anything about it.

An investigation has revealed that most of the people allocated the new houses, which were meant for families staying at Silvertown's shanty town in the township, were not from Silvertown but from neighbouring townships of KwaThema, Duduza, Ratanda, Wattville and Daveyton.

So far, the council has erected about 1 400 new houses in the past two years for the shack dwellers.

Mr S C Masilo, the chairman of the Tsakane Community Council, said yesterday he was aware of the alleged irregularities and the council was investigating the matter.

List

He said: "We have got a list of 20 families at the moment who come from the neighbouring townships and were not supposed to be given the houses."

Mr Masilo also said as soon as the council is through with the investigations, all the affected families will be thrown out of the homes and the "rightful people from Silvertown will be given the houses".

He said he was hoping the council would be through with investigations within the next two weeks.

Mr F E Marx, the chief director of Eradebo, said he was not aware of the alleged irregularity.

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Women's jobs in danger

DOZENS of women street cleaners employed by the Soweto City Council may soon lose their jobs, unless the debt-ridden municipality raises more funds to keep them on the staff.

The women learned this week, to their shock, that the city council intended laying off some of the staff at the Cleansing Department because of a shortage of funds. The SOWETAN could not establish yesterday how many workers would be affected, but the Cleansing Department's staff is estimated at 100.

The Soweto Council is expected to decide the fate of the street cleaners — mostly women driven into the job by the recession — at a special meeting next week.

The street cleaners told The SOWETAN that they suspected that the council by retrenching them, was trying to avoid paying them bonuses at the end of the year.

A senior Soweto Council official yesterday confirmed that the hard-up municipality may be forced to retrench some of its Cleansing Department staff. He said, however, the final decision rested with the council.

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Furore in Lekoa

By JOSHUA RABOROKO

OPPOSITION groups have called on Lekoa town councillors to resign following news that they have allocated themselves bottlestores in the area.

During previous meetings to protest the increases in house rents and service charges at the weekend, leaders of the Vaal Civic Association, Azanian People's Organisaton, Cosas and Azanyu, lashed out at the councillors and called on them to resign immediately.

Yesterday the **SOWETAN Sunday MIRROR** reported that several community leaders, including the mayor, Mr Esau Mahlatsi, and South Africa's soccer el supremo, Mr Geore Thabe, have been allocated bottlestores costing over R14 million.

The bottlestores are being phased out by the Oranje-Vaal Development Board and sold to residents, subject to the Minister of Co-operation and Development's approval.



THABE . . . allocated a bottle store.

Deplored

The Reverend Tebogo Moselane said that the bottlestores should have been given to people who have knowledge of the business. Concillors must stop using their "little powers" in the chamber to obtain businesses.

An executive member of the National Taverners' Association, Mr Ray Mollison said that the action of the councillors should be deplored. They are just rushing into business after acquiring the status they obtained through a low percentage poll.

"The association was not worried about issuing of the liquor outlets to councillors. We shall continue to build our own stores where our members will support us," he said.

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Council bars Erapo

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THE East Rand People's Organisation has been barred by the Daveyton Town Council from using the local community hall, Lionel Kent Centre.

The Council took this decision at its monthly meeting held on Tuesday after blaming the organisation of causing damage to the hall during a public meeting they held in June.

Mr Sam Ntuli, Erapo's secretary this week said they would defy the council's ruling and continue using the hall.

The council claims that during the public meeting, called to discuss the proposed rent and service increases in the township, window panes, chairs and a notice board, were allegedly damaged by the people who were at the meeting.

The council claimed that the damage caused at the hall, including the booking of the hall, amounted to R203,50 cents. The organisation was also given seven days to settle the dept.

Because of the damage caused during Erapo's meeting held in the hall, the council resolved not to allow the organisation the use of the Lionel Kent Centre in future.

Mr Ntuli said the council was denying them the right to use the hall because it was aware that Erapo had a large following in Daveyton.

He said: "We have paid the council the booking fee for the hall and the other R163,60 they claim is for the damage caused during our meeting, we are not going to pay because we know nothing about it."

The council should stop painting our names black and using unfounded excuses to deny us the right to continue using the hall."

'Sobering' sights for RAU students

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Visitors saw both sides of the Soweto picture during a tour organised by the UDF, writes our Political Reporter, Gary van Staden.

A group of Rand Afrikaans University students from the political studies faculty has been given a guided tour of Soweto under the eye of the United Democratic Front who made sure the group saw the worst as well as the best of the townships.

The visit was arranged after the UDF's publicity secretary, Mr Terror Lekota, addressed a meeting at the university and challenged the students to see for themselves the conditions in which our people are forced to live."

The challenge was issued in February.

The tricameral elections have come and gone and Mr Lekota has been detained under security legislation... but the students went to look for themselves.

One student summed up the feeling of the group when he described the experience as sobering.

The students were shown the rows of neat homes, the impressive split-level houses and the obvious wealth in areas such as Diepkloof Extension, Beverley Hills in Orlando West and Dube.

However, the UDF representative insisted they be shown White City; squatter conditions at a Meadowlands shanty town where 9 000 people live in an area the size of three Johannesburg city blocks; and, of course, Kliptown.

The poverty, hardship and unhygienic conditions at Kliptown caused some comment.

Many of the students had never seen living conditions like these in their lives — and said so.

Few, political students or not, were aware that the dusty clump of shacks and overcrowded houses were the home of "Freedom Charter", a document which opponents of the new constitution hold up as an alternative.

The visit may have begun more as a response to a challenge than a real desire to learn anything.

But what the students saw during their tour certainly made at least some sit up and take notice of what Terror Lokota told them were "the reasons for our anger."

Sustained violence takes its toll

8/9/84

By Michael Tissong

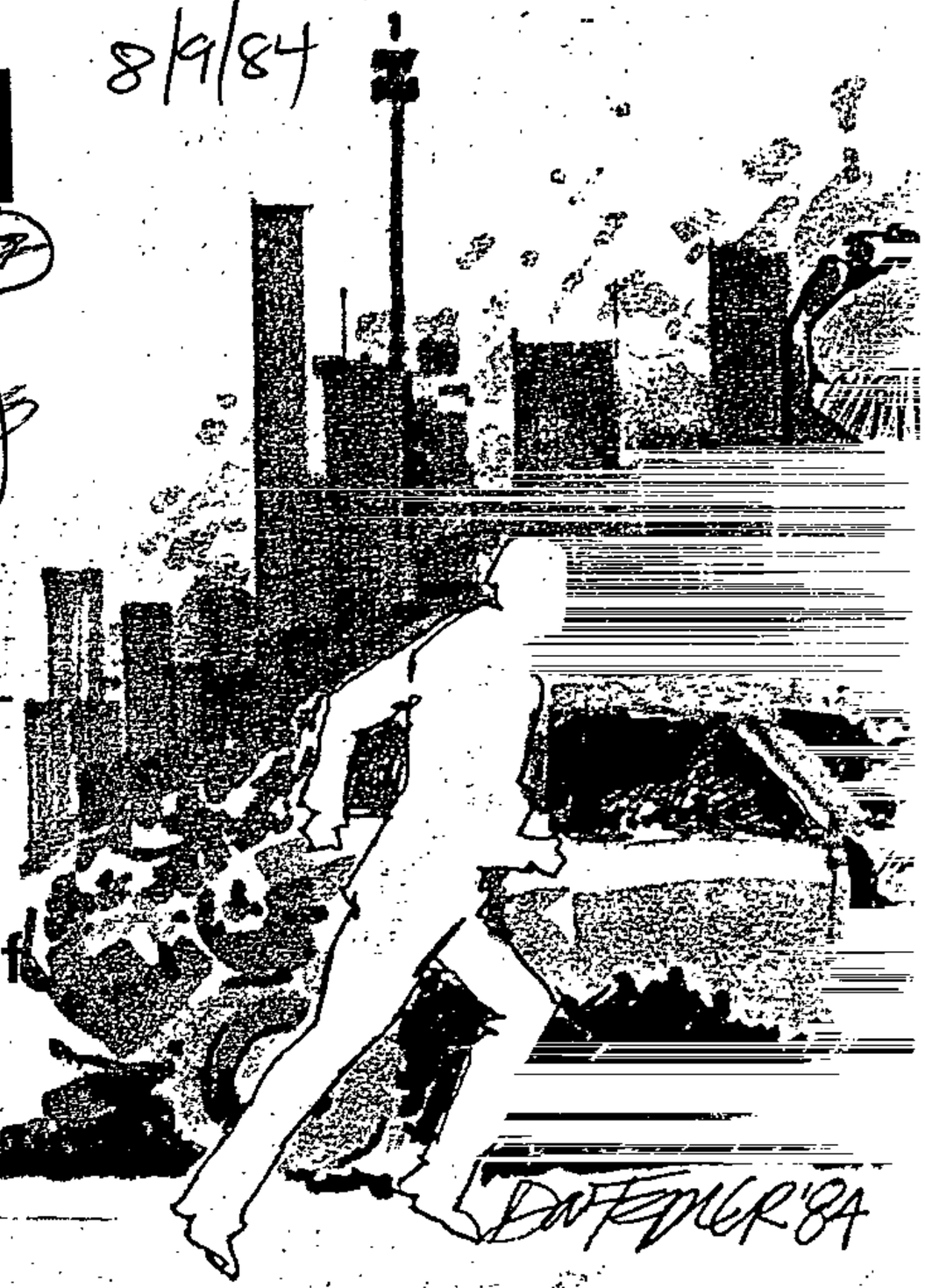
OVER the past week South Africa, in particular the Transvaal, has experienced one of its most intense and sustained anti-government protest periods.

The protests, which in many cases turned into confrontations with the police, overshadowed the pomp and ceremony in Cape Town where coloured and Indian parliamentarians took another step in the implementation of the new constitution, by taking up their seats in the tri-cameral Parliament.

The protests — included:

- Bloody anti-rent demonstrations in the Vaal Triangle in which at least 29 people died — three were community councillors killed by rampaging mobs;
- A clash with police after the stoning of a police station, a library and a Post Office by about 500 people in Vosloorus township, Boksburg;
- School boycotts in which more than 125 000 black pupils in the Transvaal stayed away from class;
- A class boycott of about 3 000 students in Queenstown, Cape;
- The burning of two offices at the University of Zululand in Natal;
- The ongoing boycott by students at the University of the North (Turfloop);
- The suspension of schools in Welkom in the Free State for the second time after an abortive re-opening on Monday;
- A confrontation between youths and the police in Tembisa where a bus and a delivery van were set alight; and
- Limpet mine explosions in Johannesburg.

The incidents all seemed linked by one factor — dissatisfaction with the administration of the affairs of black people.



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In the townships the result has been violent confrontation and death.

In Sharpeville, Sebokeng, Evaton, Bophelong and Boipatong in the Vaal Triangle, police fired countless tearsmoke canisters when people protested against the increase in rents.

Live bullets were also fired and police later admitted killing some of the protesters.

Police chased more than 3 700 students off the Turfloop campus on Wednesday after the rector, Professor C Mokgokong, warned students to return to class or be forcibly removed from the campus.

In Vosloorus where there is a boycott of classes, police dispersed crowds in the township with tearsmoke.

At some of the schools where students boycotted classes in the Transvaal, there was also a police presence.

In Tembisa, where the

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A sorry week of sustained violence, mainly in the Transvaal

four high schools recently boycotted classes because of the Department of Education and Training's age restriction, police acting under the Riotous Assemblies Act, used tearsmoke to disperse students that gathered outside the schools.

In terms of numbers of people involved in the protests, most people have been students protesting against the administration and content of education for blacks.

The crisis in black education exploded into full-scale unrest in which hundreds of people died in 1976 and 1977. In a repeat performance in 1980, more people died in nationwide protests concerning education.

The problem has not been solved and and so the dissatisfaction persists. The accommodation of blacks in homeland government and local township authorities are obviosly rejected.

Rejection of people who took part in the two bodies has also manifested itself in violence. Community councillors' homes in the Transvaal have been attacked regularly by petrol-bombers. Councillors were killed in the Vaal unrest.

On Thursday morning the home of Dobsonville Mayor, Mr Don Mmesi, was attacked. In most bombings, damage to homes was slight, but in some cases the occupants were lucky to escape alive.

More violence seems in store. During an anti-tricameral Parliament election meeting last month, the Azanian People's Organisation warned that those who "connive" with the government in implementing its laws, would "suffer the wrath of the oppressed people."

Is the violence this week the result? □

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One of the victims of teargas at Evatontownship.



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KLAARWATER SAYS NO TO LOCAL COUNCIL ELECTIONS — AGAIN

ATTEMPTS to introduce a new black local authority in Durban's Klaarwater township have failed once again.

Not a single person stood for election on nominations days.

It was the second bid by the authorities to get the new scheme going.

The first time nominations were called for — late in June no - one went near the township offices.

Development board officials said then that there had been "rumours that a bomb had been planted at the office", so no one would approach the building.

The chairman of the Jorac-affiliated Klaarwater Residents' Association, Mike Mabaso, said no one in the community knew anything about a bomb.

"But we know why no - one is agreeing to stand for elections," he said.

"In the first place, they trust our organisation and don't want to be represented by anyone else.

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CP Reporter

"Also, we have eyes to see what is happening in the Vaal Triangle and elsewhere. We know that all the trouble is caused by the new local authorities imposed on the people.

"We don't want that kind of trouble here."

Natal Development Board officials confirmed that there had been no nominations in the township.

Hambanathi community councillors have been returned unopposed in the Port Natal Administration Board elections.

Mayor Albert Majola — whose house was burnt down — has been re-elected chairman and will represent wards one and two.

Bhekinkosi Amon Zulu will represent ward 3, Musawenkosi Cibane ward 4, Bhekuyise Bernard Ndlovu ward 5, and Mhlungu David Maphumulo and Mjabhiseni Mahaye ward 6.

In the Ningizimu Community Council elections. Ella Nxansana and Gertrude Ngubane have been returned unopposed in ward 4 and ward 1 respectively.

The new candidate for ward 2 — formerly held by jailed Moonlight Gasa, who is serving 12 years for the murder of councillor Harrison Dube — is Robert Themba Sikhakhane.

Ward 3, previously represented by the late Mr Dube, had no nominations following the decision by the majority in the constituency to "do away" with councillors.

In the S J Smith men's hostel, Gideon Sibiya represents ward 5 and Mthembeni Xulu ward 6.

In Chesterville, Edwin Ngobeni was the only candidate who stood for nomination

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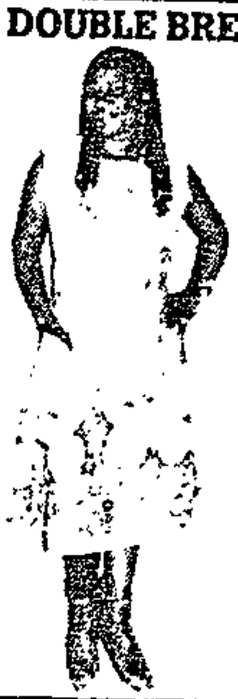

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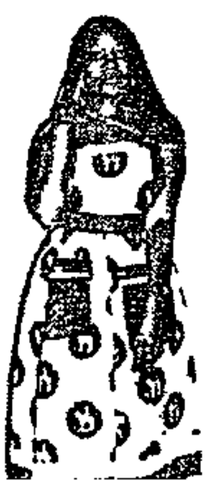

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Brown's house bombed

THE home of Mr Ambition Brown, Public Relations Officer of Sofasonke Party and candidate in last year's Soweto Town Council elections, was petrol-bombed on Saturday morning.

Mr Brown and his wife Mary were awakened by two loud bangs, after which they saw flames leaping from their dining room. The other bomb exploded near the bedroom window where it charred the wall.

Police

Speaking to **The SOWETAN** after the incident Mr Brown said he could not understand why he was being victimised.

"I find this confusing and depressing. Why should I be a victim of such unfavourable circumstances when I have all the time fought so many battles for the betterment of the Soweto community?" he asked.

Police were called to the scene and investigations have been launched. Mr Brown is one of several Soweto leaders who have had their houses petrol-bombed since the end of last year after the council elections.

The Sofasonke Party, of which Mr Brown is a senior official, won majority seats in the council elections which unseated the then "mayor" of Soweto Mr David Thebehali.



PRO: Ambition Brown's house bombed.

Council jobs in the balance

SENIOR SOWETO Council employees — some of whom were promoted to township manager positions — received shock letters this week ordering them to produce educational qualifications if they are to work for the council.

By LANGA SKOSANA

The move has brought fear to some township managers who feel they may be demoted from their posts because they do not have proper qualifications.

Some township managers have been accused by residents of barely having a standard six certificate.

The letters the employees received noted that they must produce proof of their qualifications and experience.

A township manager, who did not want to be identified, said he was angered by the new regulation. He said he was promoted to his post through years of experience.

"For instance, I've been doing the same job for more than fifteen years, but it's only now that they're asking for my certificate. It doesn't make sense," he said.

He added that he was going to take up the matter with the council's chief executive officer, Mr Nico Malan.

Another senior employee said he passed junior certificate in 1955 but lost his certificate a few years ago. He said he passed an examination set by the Cape Education Department which is no longer an examining body.

When he applied to the Department of Education and Training in Pretoria for a duplicate he was told they do not have his records. They asked him to apply to the Cape Education authorities.

"I'm now being sent from pillar to post," he said.

Residents in the meantime claim that some council employees were "ignorant and arrogant."

They said people who had matters to attend to at the township offices were made to wait for long periods by "inept clerks."

"What can you expect from a person who has hardly passed standard six," said Mr Solomon Tshabalala of Orlando West.

He said those clerks who were promoted to township managers should be demoted.

The personnel manager of the council, Mr J M Germishuys, said a Government regulation required council personnel to submit their educational qualifications and experience when they were appointed.

It was a new regulation contained in the Black Local Authorities Act.

There was nothing sinister with the regulation, he said, and staff members did not have to fear that they would be retrenched.

He said the aim was to keep proper records of people employed by the council.

Through the years, he said, various bodies governed Soweto. In the past the Non-Europeans Affairs Department of the Johannesburg City Council ran Soweto, followed by the West Rand Administration Board, and the Soweto Community Council. During such transitions, some records went astray.

The intention was therefore to keep proper records, he added.



NICO MALAN: To be approached over certificate demand.

Truth goes unheard in this mock democracy

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MY VIEW



Allister Sparks

In an unguarded moment at a Press conference near Sharpeville last week the Minister of Law and Order, Mr Louis le Grange, revealed the source of the recurring state of conflict with the black community.

Mr le Grange and three Cabinet colleagues had just completed a tour of the riot-torn townships in the Vaal Triangle to try to assess what lay behind the eruption.

Whom did they consult on their tour? None other than the Lekoa Town Council, the body which was elected in a 14,7 percent poll in those townships last December, whose members are held in open contempt by the majority of people there and who were the chief targets of their anger during the rioting.

Only the day before, during a tense confrontation between the police and a big crowd in Sharpeville, the crowd had elected their own committee of six to have talks with officials of the administration board.

One would have thought this committee would have been an obvious group for the Ministers to meet if they wanted to get a sense of how people in the townships felt.

But no. They consulted only with a body that was hopelessly unrepresentative to begin with, whose members had been set upon by the angry mobs, and who were then holed up in the administration building in Sebokeng, too terrified to return to their communities.

When a black reporter asked Mr le Grange why they talked only with these "five percenters", the Minister replied: "If the rest of the people did not take part in the elections, that is their business. These are the elected representatives and the Government will recognise them."

There you have the whole problem in a nutshell.

The Government will not talk to those whom the black communities themselves regard as their leaders, but only to those it chooses to recognise. The result is a total lack of intercommunication, leading to deepening alienation with periodic social explosions.

It all goes back to the Sharpeville massacre 24 years ago that led a shaken Government to ban the African National Congress and the Pan-Africanist Congress.

That was a historical watershed.

There can be no doubt that those two Nationalist movements commanded the overwhelming support of the black population. Once outlawed, both decided it was no longer possible to continue their fight against apartheid by constitutional means, so they turned to strategies of violence, formed military wings and went underground. That started the incipient guerilla war we have today.

For its part, the Government set about building an alternative political structure for the black population that it hoped would fill the vacuum left by the removal of the ANC and PAC.

There followed the establishment of tribally based governments for the "homelands", which Pretoria recognised as the sole legitimate voices of the black population despite their manifest lack of popular support.

In the urban areas, community councils were set up to run the townships. Again they lacked public acceptance. There was a derisory 10,9 percent poll in the Soweto council elections last December, a 14,7 percent poll in the Vaal Triangle, an 11,6 percent in the Cape Town townships. But the Government recognised them as the authentic representatives of township blacks.

Now the alternative political structure has been further extended with the establishment of subordinate parliamentary chambers for the coloureds and Indians.

Again the communities concerned have demonstrated their rejection by boycotting the elections in overwhelming numbers. Again the Government has ignored the rejection and recognised the elected members, with their 118-voter support, as the only spokesmen for these communities.

It is the systematic construction of a mock democracy, in which unrepresentative institutions are set up and recognised while the real voices of the black people are either silenced or ignored.

It has created an appalling communications gap. The people in the townships establish their own community organisations, but the Government will have nothing to do with them. It goes on establishing its own black institutions, which the majority of the blacks ignore, whose elections they boycott and whose members they despise as "collaborators".

That is why these clashes keep recurring. And why, when they do, the Government consults with the "leaders" of its own creation, to be reassured by them that the grievances are not genuine, that the trouble is caused by a few "agitators", and that what is required is to crack down on them with detention and banning orders and then develop the mock democracy a little further.

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staying underground

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Most black town councillors on the Reef are in hiding.

In the aftermath of the unrest that left four councillors dead in the Vaal and others on the run, most councillors have been difficult to trace.

Twenty-nine other people died during the anti-rent increase protests.

The Star has been able to trace some councillors, however.

The Mayor of Dobsonville, Mr Don Mmesi, whose home and shop are under police guard, said it was the function of police to protect property and people, and that what they were doing was normal.

A mayor who declined to be identified said: "I would not like to comment. The minute you comment they come and bomb your house. The quieter the better."

A receptionist at Alexandra Town Council said the mayor, the Rev Sam Buti, was away. He would be back on Monday.

Efforts to contact the Mayor of Soweto, Mr Ephraim Tshabalala, were unsuccessful. His home is guarded by West Rand Development Board policemen.

The secretary of the Mayor of Daveyton, Mr Tom Boya,

Staff Reporters

said Mr Boya was away in the Transkei.

The deputy mayor of Daveyton, Mr Joe Tau, said he viewed most of the destruction as motivated by personal jealousy rather than politics.

"I find that your enemies who have been lying low suddenly join in the whole thing and come for you.

JEALOUS

"One is inclined to think they are jealous as they can't acquire what you have."

He said most councillors had worked hard to acquire their businesses long before they became councillors.

The family of Vosloorus councillor Mr S Jukudo said he was away in Venda.

A kwaThema councillor, Mr H H Ngakane, said he always informed his supporters about developments in the council, and hence was not affected.

Mr Ngakane said: "By killing the councillors, the people are committing suicide.

"They are not killing the councillors; they are killing themselves. They must pinpoint the enemy. A councillor cannot be an enemy. He is a father."

Mr Ngakane said people led the councillors into their present positions by electing them into office.

Asked if township councils had any mandates from the people they claim to represent considering last year's low polls under the Black Local Authorities Act, Mr Ngakane retorted: "We have other organisations around here with no mandate. Why do people not destroy them?"

An indication of the fear among councillors is the heavy life insurance taken out by the Soweto City Council.

The life of Mr Tshabalala has been insured for R100 000. Other councillors were insured for R50 000 each.

It was established yesterday that another Vaal councillor, Mr J Chakane of the Lekoa Town Council, died in hospital after being brutally attacked by a mob outside his Sebokeng home last week.

According to a spokesman for the Sebokeng Hospital, Mr Chakane never recovered consciousness after he was admitted to the intensive care unit of the hospital.

The other councillors who died in the unrest were: deputy mayor of Lekoa Mr Sam Dlamini, who was hacked, Lekoa councillor Mr Leburu "Dutch" Diphoko, who was stoned, and an Evaton councillor, Mr Caesar Montjeane, who was stoned.

Mr Mmesi said Mr Diphoko would be buried in Evaton today. Mr Diphoko was killed by a mob who attacked his home and shops in Evaton. He died in hospital last week.

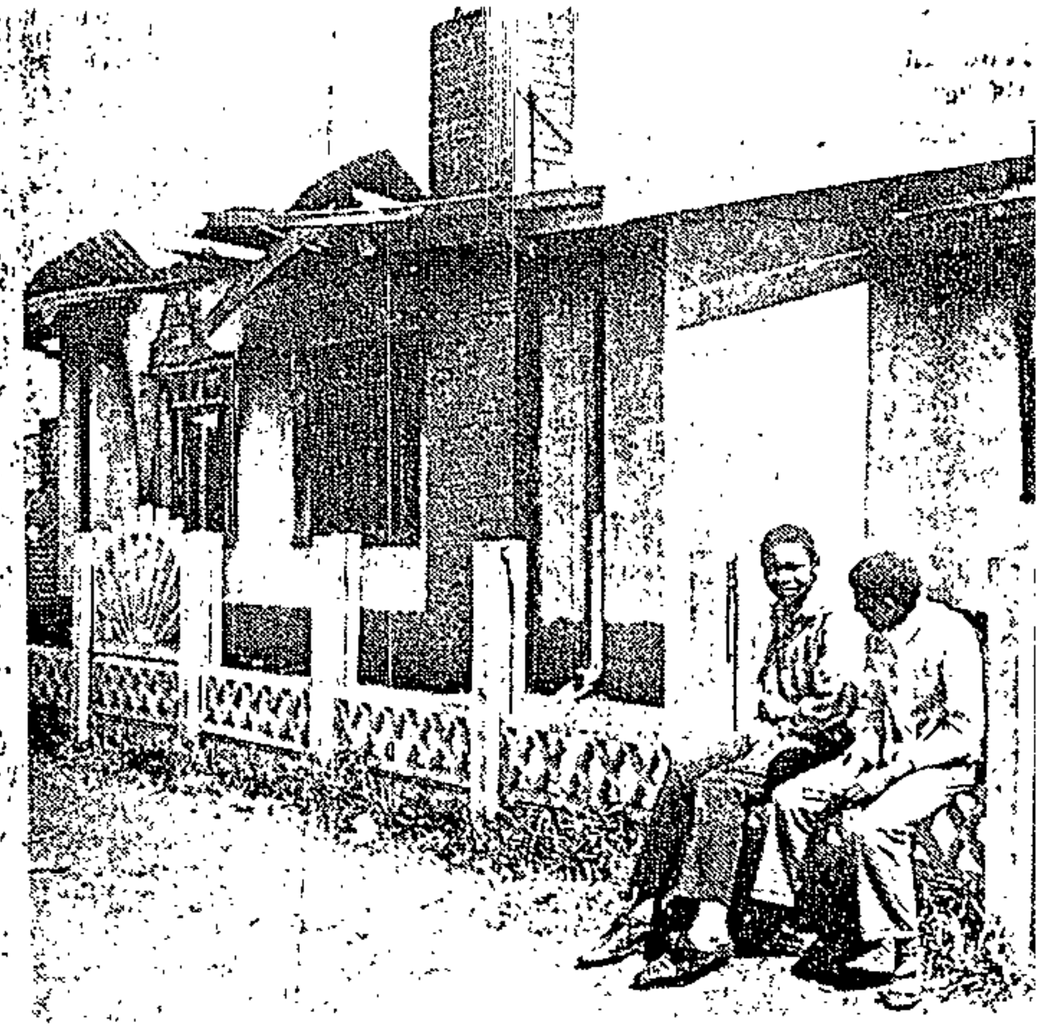
ESCAPED

None of the other murdered councillors has been buried.

Mr Esau Mahlatsi, the Mayor of the Lekoa townships of Sebokeng, Sharpeville, Bophelong and Boipatong near Vanderbiljpark, and Zamdela near Sasolburg, narrowly escaped death when he was attacked outside his house last week.

All the Vaal councillors' houses and businesses were destroyed in the unrest.

Word has been spreading in the Vaal townships warning residents to stay away from the funerals of the councillors, but arrangements are under way for the weekend mass burial of the 29 other people who died during the disturbances.



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At the graveside . . . Mr Diphoko's son, with rosette, and widow (centre) stand among a group of mourners. ● Pictures by Alf Kumalo.



Out of hiding . . . Mr Rabotapi speaks at the funeral.

Slain Evaton councillor was a political victim — mayor

By Chris More and Sol Makgabutlane

Evaton councillor and businessman Mr Phillemon Leburu Diphoko was a victim of the South African political situation, the Mayor of the township, Mr Sam Rabotapi, said yesterday.

An emotional Mr Rabotapi was speaking at the funeral of his colleague, who was killed in clashes between residents and councillors and police.

Mr Rabotapi said town councillors had no part in forming the legislation that made the councils possible.

He said: "Mr Diphoko died as a result of those who manipulated simple-minded people into acts of violence.

"The legislation has divided black people into two camps."

Mr Rabotapi, whose house was burnt down by angry anti-rent increase protesters, also blamed "instigators and intimidators" for the violence against councillors.

He said he did not believe that the Vaal residents took the initiative in embarking on the violence that swept through the area, leaving more than 30 people dead, four of them town councillors.

Several Evaton town councillors in the Vaal, including Mr Rabotapi, emerged from hiding to attend the funeral, which was conducted under heavy police surveillance.

The councillors used the funeral service, attended by about 300 people, as a platform to launch scathing attacks on their opponents.

NARROW ESCAPE

Mr Rabotapi recounted his narrow escape from marauding mobs of people in Evaton last week and said he escaped death by 30 minutes.

He criticised opponents of black town councils, calling them "people who had no deeds to show their contribution to the black people's fight for liberation, except for empty slogans.

"There are those who shout, 'Kill, kill for your liberation' and those who say, 'Come, let us sit down and talk'," said Mr Rabotapi.

If there was to be any peace among blacks in South Africa, the black people themselves had to sit down and negotiate together, he said.

Dobsonville town councillor Mr Steve Nkatlo also lashed at "inciters" for having triggered the unrest.

Mr Nkatlo singled out a Vaal priest as the main "instigator" and as "the man who caused all the killings in the area.

"In all the history of black people in Africa who were oppressed, there had been no clashes between the oppressed. The people sought out and destroyed their real enemies," said Mr Nkatlo.

The Mayor of Dobsonville, Mr Don Mmesi, also spoke.

A police Casper armoured vehicle led the procession to the Evaton graveyard where Mr Diphoko was buried.

Behind the Casper, two police vans escorted the hearse and several other police vehicles joined the procession.

Other police vehicles and personnel were positioned at strategic points near and inside the cemetery.

There were no incidents during the service but scores of residents watched the proceedings from vantage points at street corners and in their yards.

CBDA chairman warns: you cannot stop the tide

By Colleen Ryan,
Municipal Reporter 13/9/84

Thousands of rural people will continue to pour into the Witwatersrand each year despite Government efforts to stem this tide, the chairman of the Central Business District Association, Mr Nigel Mandy, has warned.

Mr Mandy gives this view in his book published this week, "A City Divided — Johannesburg and Soweto". He criticises Government efforts to create artificial urbanisation in homelands.

"Efforts at deliberate decentralisation have indeed shown disappointing results so far. The infrastructure required for industrial development is simply not available in most of the development regions."

"Soweto is heaven by comparison — hence the determined and desperate influx to the white towns, which no laws can stop."

"Nobody disputes that the problems are daunting — the influx of poor unskilled people, inexperienced in urban living, squatting, overcrowding and lowered standards.

"We must prepare for them intelligently because their coming is inevitable."

Mr Mandy warns that the new dispensation for local authorities is bound to fail on the Rand.

He is critical of the State's plan to create racially-exclusive municipalities on the Reef and a regional services council which will exclude black local authorities.

Coloureds and Indians in Johannesburg should be entitled to elect representatives for the Johannesburg City Council, he says.

MEANINGLESS

Referring to plans for black local authorities, Mr Mandy says "granting extensive theoretical powers to them would be meaningless unless they were put on a sound footing financially."

Mr Mandy advocates a two-tier system of local government on the Rand, including the councils of Soweto and Alexandra.

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Warning signals said to be ignored again

Govt criticised for attitude to unrest

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By Eugene Saldanha

Reports that the Minister of Law and Order, Mr Louis le Grange, had said high rents were not the real cause of the unrest in the Vaal Triangle have attracted criticism from community leaders.

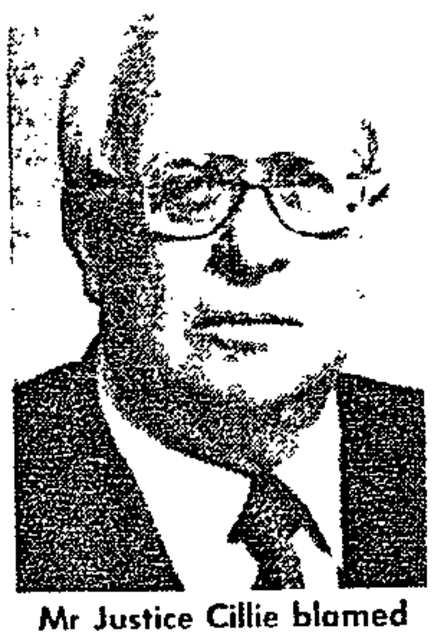
Shortly before Mr le Grange visited the area with Mr F W de Klerk, Minister of Internal Affairs, Mr Isaac Mogase, a member of the Soweto Civic Association, had said:

"The Vaal unrest was caused by the announcement that rents would go up on September 1, and the inability of the local town councils to provide economic improvements for people in the townships."

ATTITUDE

Asked if the unrest would make the Government take a harder look at the position of black people in the townships, Mr le Grange told a Press conference he did not think so because the Government was already looking into the problem of "all urban blacks in South Africa."

Mr le Grange's attitude and that of the Government have drawn adverse comment from community leaders, churchmen, township residents and others.



Mr Justice Cillie blamed key Government policies for causing unrest.

There has been criticism that the Government has again chosen to ignore warning signals about simmering discontent among South Africa's blacks.

One commentator said that in 1982 a Human Sciences Research Council investigation showed that riots which left a trail of destruction in the coloured township of Reiger Park on the East Rand during May 1981 were caused by a critical housing shortage and not by racial strife, as had been suggested by Government spokesmen.

Two Cabinet Ministers at the time — Mr Chris Heunis, then Minister of Internal Affairs, and Mr Pen Kotze, Minister of Community Development — had blamed racial strife between coloured and Indian people for the unrest.

The commentator said the HSRC survey conclusively proved otherwise.

The HSRC had warned that unless the causes of dissatisfaction were removed from the Reiger Park community, it would take only a spark to set off further unrest.

Today, two years after the HSRC report, Reiger Park still has a serious housing shortage.

At the time of the Soweto riots in 1976, a commentator added, the issue of Afrikaans as a medium of instruction in black schools as a cause of the unrest had been swept aside by Government officials.

Four years later the Cillie Commission which investigated the riots had revealed that dissatisfaction with Afrikaans was a major contributing factor.

Mr Justice Cillie blamed key Government policies for creating dissatisfaction and even hatred, culminating in the nationwide riots which claimed over 600 lives.

"This dissatisfaction and hate was one of the foremost creators of a spirit of unrest," the judge said in his 760-page report.

Policies causing dissatisfaction included Bantu education, the homelands system, influx control, group areas, administration boards, salary discrimination and detention without trial, said the report.

NO CHANGE

In 1980, during the nationwide boycott of schools by coloured and Indian pupils, community leaders warned that unless separate education was scrapped the possibility of unrest in the schools would always exist.

Mr George du Plessis, chairman of the Reiger Park Ratepayers and Tenants Association, said this week: "The Government has not learned the lessons of 1976 and 1980.

"The people's grievances have not been attended to."

Intense speculation on Cabinet appointments

By David Braun,
Political Correspondent

CAPE TOWN — Speculation as to who will be appointed to the Cabinet is becoming intense.

The Acting State President, Mr P W Botha, is expected to announce the appointments on Saturday.

The latest suggestion is that Mr Botha will appoint two members from the House of Representatives and one from the House of Delegates to the Cabinet but that these will be Ministers Without Portfolio.

The idea is that they would act as links between the Cabinet and the Ministers' Councils.

SUGGESTIONS

There have also been suggestions that Mr Botha will appoint only one coloured leader to the Cabinet while making another a Deputy Minister. He would also make at least one Indian leader, probably the majority party leader in the House of Delegates, a Deputy Minister.

Names being mentioned for appointment to high office include Mr Hendrickse, Labour Party chairman; Mr David Curry, Labour Party deputy chairman; Labour Party Transvaal leader, Mr Jac Rabie; Mr Amichand Rajbansi, leader of the National People's Party; and Solidarity leader Dr J N Reddy.

Whites who may be elevated to the Cabinet include the Administrator-General of Namibia, Dr Willie van Niekerk, and the Deputy Minister of Environment and Fisheries, Mr John Wiley.

Cash will fight tour

AUCKLAND — A campaign to raise R100 000 has been launched by Hart, the anti-apartheid group, so that it can fight the All Blacks' tour of South Africa next year.

The appeal has been named the Steve Biko Memorial Fighting Fund.

Hart chairman Mr John Minto said the money would be used to increase awareness about South Africa's problems, especially for blacks.

Federation of Labour vice-president Mrs Sonya Davies and an Anglican clergyman, Canon Hone Kaa, are among the appeal's patrons. — Reuter.

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NIGEL MANDY'S BOOK LOOKS AT THE FORCES THAT SHAPED JOHANNESBURG AND SOWETO

A modern tale of two cities

By Colleen Ryan,
Municipal Reporter

Nigel Mandy's book on Johannesburg and Soweto is the tale of two cities divided by law, yet united by economic forces.

The author set out to tell the story of the white and black "Egolis" and the result is an analysis of the effect of apartheid on South Africa's biggest metropolis.

This theme is suggested by the introductory quote from Matthew 12:26 which says: "Every kingdom divided against itself is laid waste and no city or house divided against itself will stand."

COMPLEX

The book does not merely tell the story of Johannesburg and its people. Instead it is a complex look at the many forces which shaped the city — including the gold rush, industrialisation, the Group Areas Act, decentralisation and the development of Johannesburg's "location" town — Soweto.

The author is fiercely critical of Government policies which have stymied urban development but he does not advocate the dismantling of apartheid.

Neither total apartheid nor the immediate nationwide removal of all discrimination is viable, according to Mr Mandy.

His chief criticism of government policy is where "vast and perplexing problems are made on wishful thinking and a lack of understanding of cities".

Mr Mandy sees a slow social revolution occurring in Johannesburg despite Government restrictions on black, Indian and coloured people.

"South African citites are threatened not through the logic of their natural workings but through over-regulation."

CONGESTION

He says Government planners worry unnecessarily about congestion, undesirable concentration and densities.

"But concentration and high density are desirable attributes for a city; what is lacking are the applied knowldege and resources to manage it effectively."

Greater urbanisation in cities is inevitable and he is critical of futile attempts by the Government to stem this tide.

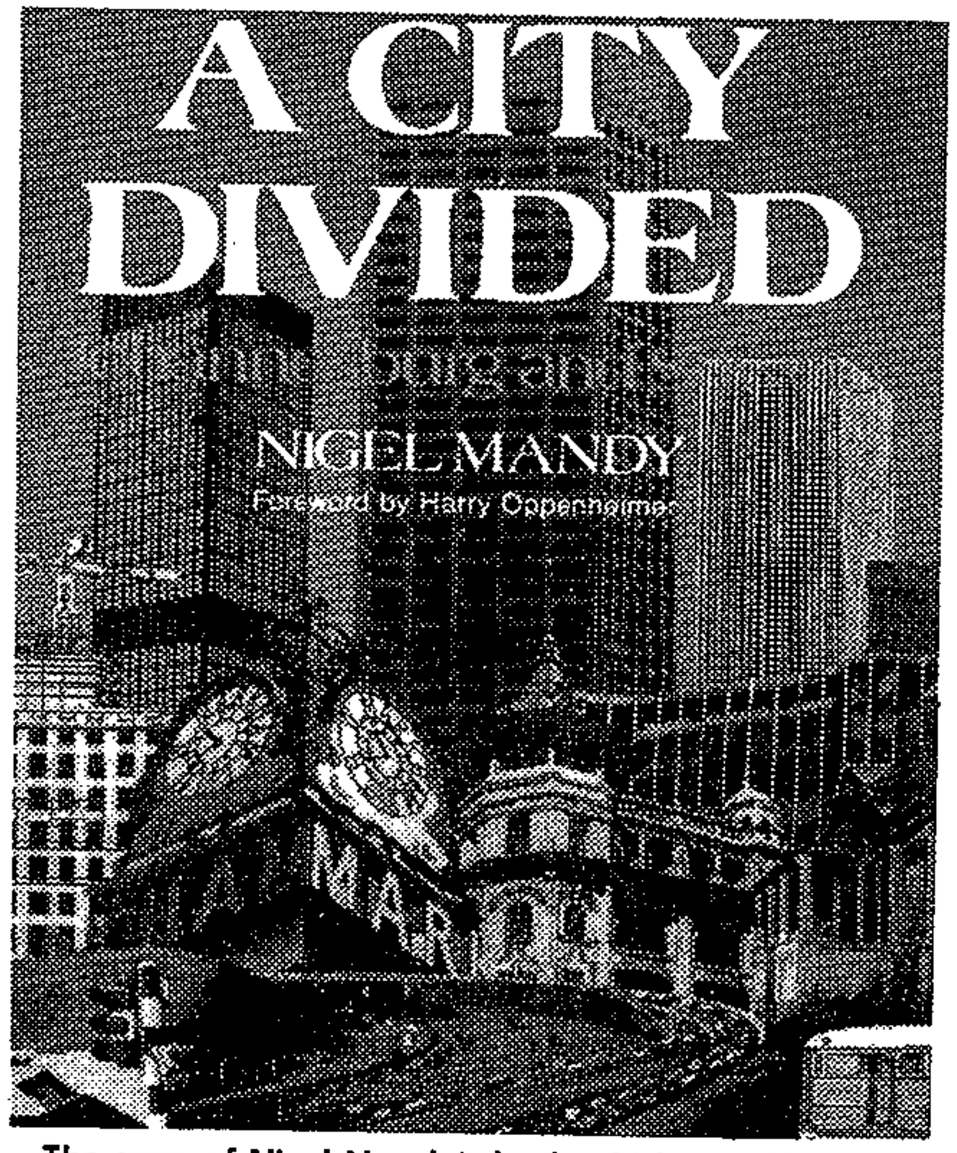
"Efforts at deliberate decentralisation have indeed shown disappointing results so far. The infrastructure required for industrial development is simply not available in most of the development regions."

He says these regions have "no rational work base, no work opportunities or amenities.

"Soweto is heaven by comparison — hence the determined and desperate influx to the white towns, which no laws can stop".

Mr Mandy bluntly warns that the Government is "sitting on a time bomb" for further inflows from black rural areas.

"Nobody disputes that the problems are daunting: the influx of poor unskilled people inexperienced in urban living; squatting, overcrowding and lowered standards ... we must prepare for them intelligently because their coming is inevitable."



The cover of Nigel Mandy's book which is published by Macmillan South Africa and sells for R28,95.

APARTHEID

Mr Mandy explores the effect of the Government's apartheid policies on Johannesburg and devotes an entire chapter to study — the destruction of Pageview.

In a scathing attack on the Department of Community Development, he writes: "By any sane and civilised standards Pageview was a priceless asset to be improved and protected — but that was not to be. Viable housing situated where people wished to live has been bulldozed into rubble under the spurious pretext of slum clearance. Action supposedly aimed at the avoidance of interracial friction has kindled burning resentment, will last for generations.

"Was this wicked deed committed by some Nero in a fit of insanity? No, it was a calculated action, deliberately and methodically executed over many years by a government agency ironically named the Department of Community Development."

Referring to the Government's future plans for Johannesburg, Mr Mandy says these are "the antithesis of responsible planning. They (the Government) could never have built Johannesburg but, if continued without modification, they could ruin it".

CRITICAL

Mr Mandy advocated a "yes" vote in last year's white referendum for the Government's new constitution but he is critical of the new proposals for local government.

The establishment of separate local authorities for coloured people and Indians is wasteful and unnecessary, according to Mr Mandy, who is also critical of the Government's plan for regional services councils.

He warns that the current plan for the third tier of government would place greater power in the hands of central government and would reduce local autonomy.

"Politicians and constitutional planners have been trying to evade the sion-making by assuming that each racial group could live in its own self-sufficient municipal areas. That is impossible," he asserts.

He suggests, instead, the formation of a two-tier, federal system of local government for the Witwatersrand, with Johannesburg as the core city.

"The existing white and black municipalities should continue to function but, over them, should be placed an authority competent and equipped to handle matters of common concern."

If the federal concept were adopted, each member municipality would nominate its representative to serve on the upper tier.

"Johannesburg as the core city would be expected to show leadership but, under such an arrangement, there would be no need for apprehension that it would dominate.

"A healthy balance of power could facilitate objective co-operation on the main tasks," he explains.

SOWETO

This book also tells the story of the birth of Johannesburg — formed after the world's biggest gold rush — and some attention is given to the development of Soweto.

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LACKING

A book about Johannes... burg should include... stories about the many... fascinating people wh... gave the city its charac... ter but these anecdotes... are sadly lacking. The... book is more serious than... entertaining but, despite... shortcomings, its wealth... of information will pro... vide a firm foundation...

Makhaya home bombed

By ELLIOT TSHINGWALA

THE house of former deputy mayor of Soweto, Mr Tolica Makhaya, was burnt down after petrol bombs were thrown through the front window yesterday morning.

About 10 people, including small children, who were sleeping in the house when the petrol bombs exploded, had to jump from the upstairs bedroom to safety. Some were slightly injured when they fell on the ground.

The fire, which reduced Mr Makhaya's stately home to ruins, also destroyed furniture, clothes and everything else inside, according to a family spokesman. The total damage is said to run into tens of thousands of rands.

Mr Makhaya was not at the house at the time of the bombing.

The South African Suicide Squad yesterday claimed responsibility for the attack.

A spokesman for the Police Directorate of Public Relations in Pretoria, Lieutenant T F Jefferson, yesterday confirmed the incident. No arrests have been made, he said.

A family spokesman, Mr Eric Makhaya, said the petrol bombs were hurled into the house through the front window at about 2am.

"They exploded and immediately ignited the whole house. I was sleeping downstairs but I could hear people screaming in terror upstairs," he said.

Holding back tears, Mr Makhaya said he did not know what is going to happen to them.

"We have lost everything and it is going to be difficult starting from scratch," he said. "Even my reference book was destroyed."



DESTROYED . . . Mr Makhaya's double storey house.

Big numbering campaign hits Alexandra

IN A BID to bring under control the building of extensions and additional rooms, estimated at 2 000, the Alexandra Town Council has launched a major numbering campaign of all rooms in the township.

The Alexandra town clerk, Mr Arthur Magerman, said: "We are numbering all the rooms in order to determine the exact number of the illegal structures and to help in conducting a census because we believe there are more than 8 000 families in Alexandra."

He said the census, which will be conducted by his council officers, will determine whether the West Rand Development Board (Wradebo) figure of 8 000 families is correct.

"We believe there are more families than that, it may be that others evaded the Wradebo census as it was conducted by policemen," Mr Magerman said.

Meanwhile, the council has erected about 100 corrugated iron shacks to accommodate families evicted from neighbouring white suburbs.

Mr Magerman said the council was erecting "the corrugated hut villages to house people who have been ejected from plots in Kew and Witkoppen. We had temporarily housed the people in an old brewery hall and we have started moving them into the corrugated huts while we continue with the building of permanent accommodation for all".

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Threats - so workers quit jobs early

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Hundreds of Soweto workers who defied the stayaway call this morning, left work early and streamed home in the face of a warning from youths that no car would be allowed to enter the city later today.

Workers fearing for their safety returned home early, a large number of nurses and other staffers from clinics among them.

Putco has suspended its Soweto service after several buses were stoned by youths. Putco spokesman Mr Pat Rogers said about half the normal number of passengers had been transported from Soweto this morning.

Earlier today police confirmed that another three deaths occured at the weekend in East Rand townships, bringing the known death toll after almost three weeks of unrest to 35.

Brigadier Jan Coetzee, Divisional Commissioner of Police in Soweto, confirmed there had been numerous incidents of stone-throwing in Soweto.

At least one man was seriously injured this morning when he and a group of co-workers were attacked by a group of youths, according to the man's employer.

In another incident, police fired a teargas grenade and a rubber bullet when about 40 youths stoned their vehicle.

Several clinics which serve Soweto were not operating this morning and many businesses were closed.

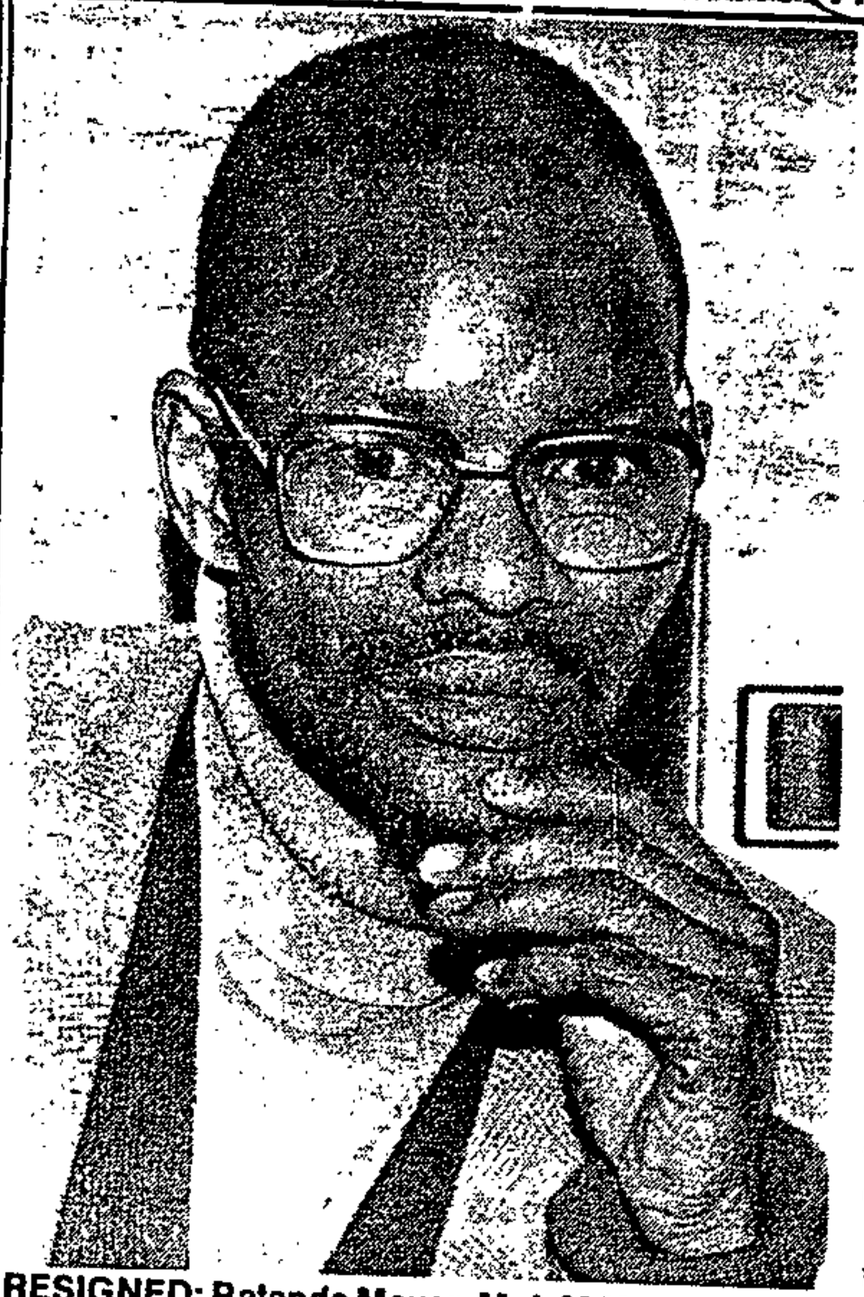
Several delivery vans made what appeared to be their normal rounds, but others were seen parked on the outskirts of Soweto.

Brigadier Coetzee said the planned stayaway campaign had been a total failure.

"People have been warned there will be trouble when they return from work today — but I can assure them they will receive maximum protection," he said.

East Rand townships, after a violent weekend, were reported "quiet" today.

Residents force Ratanda council to resign



RESIGNED: Ratanda Mayor, Mr L M Mohlomi who announced the council's resignation at the weekend.

THE FOUR remaining members of the Ratanda Community Council resigned at the weekend — the second time they have quit in less than two months.

Mr L M Mohlomi, the mayor, and three other councillors, Mr N Mabote, Mr J Makua and Mr J Mngqufeni, handed in their letters of resignation to Mr F E Marx, the chief director of the East Rand Development Board (Eradebo) on Saturday.

Speaking on behalf of the four, Mr Mohlomi said pressure from residents forced them to resign from the council.

He said on a number of occasions he and the other three councillors were threatened with death following the announcement by the council that rent would be going up by R5,50 as from the beginning of next month.

"On two occasions I was manhandled and threatened with death by residents who accused me and the other councillors of increasing rent without counsulting them," Mr Mohlomi said.

Two months ago all seven members of the council resigned after claiming that their lives were threatened. The other three members are Messrs T Ndlovu, G Sithole and T Nkonde, who was the deputy chairman of the council. Four days later Messrs Mohlomi, Mabote, Mngquseni and Makua withdrew their resignations after Eradebo had suspended the rent increases.

Township rent rises scrapped

By Chris More

The controversial tariff increases which caused the recent unrest in the Vaal complex were scrapped by the Lekoa Town Council this afternoon.

The announcement was made by the mayor, Mr Esau Mahlatsi, at a Press conference at the Orange-Vaal Development Board offices outside Sebokeng.

The increases of R5,90 and R5,50 were to be effected in the townships of Sebokeng, Boipatong, Sharpeville, Bophelong and Zamdela.

The mayor said the scrapping of the increases would be effective until the end of the current fincial year, June 1985.

Councils bow to pressure

More township rent rises scrapped

Staff Reporters

The Lekoa Town Council yesterday scrapped the controversial tariff increase which led to unrest in the Vaal area three weeks ago.

The announcement not to implement the R5,90 increase was made by the council at a Press conference in Sebokeng.

The Lekoa Town Council is the fourth council to scrap tariff increases following the eruption of unrest in the Vaal which claimed several lives.

The Soweto Town Council has scrapped the R5 electricity levy while the Daveyton Town Council has also indefinitely suspended the proposed tariff increases.

And yesterday the Mayor of Tembisa, Mr Lucas Mothiba, announced that his council had indefinitely suspended the electricity tariff increase which should have come into effect at the beginning of this month.

According to Mr Esau Mahlatsi, Mayor of Lekoa (which includes all the townships in the area excepting Evaton), residents of the area can expect the standard of services in the townships to drop because of this decision.

Projects

Addressing a Press conference in Sebokeng, Mr Mahlatsi said that proposed projects such as the tarring of roads, the building of several creches and the erection of high mast lights in the townships would now have to be scrapped.

"We have now arrived at a stage where we cannot think of progress in the area — but only of priorities."

Mr Mahlatsi added that he would like to dispell rumours that several members of the Lekoa council had resigned because of "pressure from outside".

He said that only one member of the council had officially resigned his position to date.

Mr Mahlatsi said rentals would not be increased before the end of the current financial year in June next year.

He also said he saw no reason why the unrest should continue after this decision.

Mr Mothiba said the tariffs had been suspended because the situation in the black townships was "at the moment not conducive to increases".

He warned that, seeing there would be no tariff increases for some time, his council would have to cut down on certain capital programmes to balance its budget during the current financial year.

Council cancels meeting

The mayor of Diepmeadow, Mr Joseph Mahuhushi, yesterday cancelled the town council's monthly meeting which was to have been held in New Canada.

Mr Mahuhushi declined to comment on the reason for the last-minute cancellation, but the council's town clerk, Mr J van Rensburg, said it had been cancelled "in view of the present situation."

The fate of about 1 000 Mzimhlophe transit camp squatters was to have been decided at the meeting. The deadline set by the Diepmeadow Council for them to move voluntarily expired last week.

In an earlier announcement, Mr van Rensburg said the squatters would be removed forcibly on expiry of the two-week deadline set by the council.

Yesterday's meeting was also expected to review the current unrest in Soweto and the Vaal area.

'Vaal unrest planned'

The Vaal unrest is portrayed as the work of "agitators" and the grievance about the rent increase regarded as unfounded, in a document prepared by the chief director of the Orange Vaal Development Board, Mr D C Ganz.

"It is interesting that most meetings where this fiasco was planned took place in houses and churches in the Vaal Triangle with the wholehearted co-operation and direction of the ministers involved," he said.

"In these meetings in churches the burning of shops and the driving out of community council members was planned. United Democratic Front speakers were present to promote the matter."

Mr Ganz said the issue of increased rents in the Lekoa Council area were "used just for appearances as a kind of smoke screen by the agitators". He reasoned that the Lekoa rises were not unusual.

Lekoa mayor emerges

By SAM MABE

THE mayor of Lekoa Town Council, Mr Esau Mahlatsi, yesterday emerged from hiding to announce the freezing of rent increases in the area and vowed that he was not going to resign.

Addressing a Press conference at the council offices near Sebokeng, Mr Mahlatsi denied that he was living in fear of his life. He said he was going to remain in the council until asked to resign by the people who had elected him.

He said the unrests in the Vaal were started by several thousand people who came to the area from "outside" in buses.

Although he would not say where the people came from, he said they arrived the night before and the morning of the unrests. In the Vaal, he said, only three percent of the total population of 300 000 had participated in the unrest.

Mr Mahlatsi warned that the freezing of the R5,50 and R5,90 increases would result in the deterioration of the standard of services provided for residents.

He hoped that the freezing of the rent increases would bring an end to the unrests.

Speaking to The SOWETAN after the conference, Mr Mahlatsi said it was only through God's will that he had survived an attack by a mob of 800 stone-throwing youths.

He said the youths came in two groups, while he was at his home at about 8.30am.

"I went out of the house, faced about 400 youths who told me they had come for me. I knew there was nothing I could do and I started retreating when they stoned me.

"At one stage as I was retreating with many of the stones landing on my body, I saw another group of about 400 coming from behind and I don't know how I managed to escape," he said.

He said his council's mandate to run the townships of Sebokeng, Sharpeville, Bophelong, Boipatong and Zamdela was still valid and he did not see the unrests as the residents' way of passing a vote of no confidence in his council.

Soweto seems to be at peace — but is it an illusion?

By Harvey Thomas

Soweto is at peace, say the police. For the time being.

Yesterday afternoon, Lieutenant Tom Jefferson of the police directorate of public relations met journalists at the Protea police station in the black city and said: "We will take you where you like."

We climbed into a Rhino riot vehicle and headed into the heart of Soweto.

Children waved. There were a few catcalls. Photographer Clive Lloyd said that he heard someone call "Amandla", but I didn't.

All about were signs of peaceful domesticity, as Sowetans of both sexes sat outside their houses gossiping.

A band of youths kicked a soccer ball around a field. People trickled into a supermarket.

At the Regina Mundi church where, just a few days ago, police fired teargas to disperse a crowd gathering to commemorate the death of Black Consciousness leader Steve Biko, an old man was tranquilly sweeping the yard.

But last night, said the police directorate of public relations, a man had been killed by police in Soweto yesterday afternoon.

It was one of several incidents in which birdshot, rubber bullets and teargas had been used to disperse crowds throwing stones.

Two others had been injured.

This seems to indicate that the situation is still volatile in Soweto.

Appearances can be deceptive.

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UDF to blame for Vaal riots - claim

THE UNITED Democratic Front and some church leaders in the Vaal have been blamed for the unrests which left a trail of property destruction and several deaths in the Vaal Triangle early this month.

By SAM MABE

Mr D C Ganz, Chief Director of the Orange-Vaal Development Board, said in a statement released this week that the unrests were the work of "agitators."

He said most meetings where "this fiasco was planned" took place in houses and churches in the Vaal Triangle with what he called a "wholehearted co-operation and direction of the ministers involved."

Planned

Mr Ganz claims in the statement that the burning of shops and the driving out of community councillors was planned in the meetings held in churches and that UDF speakers promoted the uprising.

Increased rents in the Lekoa Council area were an unfounded grievance used just as a kind of smokescreen by agitators, he said.

He also said that an argument "as old as the hills" was used by agitators that poor people and old people could not afford higher rents. The exemption from rent or extension of the time of payment could be obtained in these cases, he added.

Mr Ganz also cites a research report by Benso, which he said showed that the area under the Lekoa authority had the highest average family income of any black area in 1982.

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Currently providing London theatregoers with a truly glittering spectacle are members of the Thai National Dance Troupe who brought their elegant and highly skilled traditional dance forms to the stage of Sadler's Wells in the West End.

The peformance, combining the elements of dance, music and drama, is influenced by classical patterns established hundreds of years ago. The dancer is wearing the costume of King Rama.

More unrest 'if council' does not quit'

By Gary van Staden, Political Reporter

The violence which flared in the Vaal Triangle recently and sparked widespread unrest could erupt again unless the Lekoa Community Council resigns, says the Vaal Civic Association (VCA).

At a meeting in Johannesburg yesterday, the association warned that the scrapping of the rent increase was not enough to defuse the situation and said the Lekoa council "had seven days to leave office".

"We want the rents reduced and are sticking to our original demand that the council should resign," a spokesman said.

Reacting to claims by the Lekoa council that the scrapping of the R5,90 rent increase would retard development in the local townships, the spokesman said: "We have seen no development since the rents were raised from R35 to the present average of about R65. Why should the scrapping of a R5,90 increase suddenly make a difference?"

He said that the association was prepared to discuss rent increases which would go towards developing community services in the area.

"But there will be no negotiations with the present council. They must resign and we will then talk to the creators of the system — the Orange Vaal Development Board and the Department of Co-operation and Development."

The association complained of continual police harassment and appealed to the Minister of Law and Order, Mr Louis le Grange, to withdraw "all his forces, including the Security Police" from the area.

VCA members said the threatening attitude of the authorities and the arrogance of the police would provoke further confrontation.

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"Drug trafficking, prostitution, illegal liquor selling and so forth are becoming par for the course and seem to go unchallenged."

"The hands of the police are obviously tied — and the CP would like to know on whose instructions."

Mr Derby-Lewis said that the Conservative Party venture into Hillbrow would be the first step towards contesting the constituency in an election.

Monday's meeting will

Reforms 'have merit'

CAPE TOWN — The reform processes under way in South Africa were said to be well founded with sufficient merit as a means to non-violent reform and ensuring the country's survival and stability.

This was the view expressed by the Minister of Constitutional Development and Planning, Mr Chris Heunis, at a conference of the Institute of Directors.

"I base my statement on the fact that purposeful evlutionary change has been set in motion in all spheres of life and the change is guided by well-founded principles and with due consideration of the realities of our so-

Soweto Mayor wants law and order talks

By Revelation Ntoula

The Mayor of Soweto, Mr Ephraim Tshabalala, today broke his three-week silence since the Sharpeville and Soweto unrest and called for peace and the restoration of law and order.

Looking exhausted, the 72-year-old civic politician, who had not been seen in public since Sharpeville erupted on September 3, said violence and the destruction of property were not the answer to the problems facing the people of Soweto.

In a passionate plea during an interview at the Soweto City Council chambers, Mr Tshabalala said he was distressed at

only means of taking Soweto residents to work.

He said this week's stay-away had resulted in work stoppages including the halting of gravedigging at Avalon cemetery. This had caused serious congestion at mortuaries that was becoming a health hazard.

GARBAGE

He said the work stoppage had also affected the cleansing department, resulting in garbage being scattered in the townships.

In an effort to resolve unrest in Soweto and to bring "lasting peace" to the area, Mr Tshabalala has invited all Soweto residents to a public meeting to be held at the

Viljoen to meet Evaton council

JOHANNESBURG — The Minister of Co-operation and Development, and of Education and Training, Mr Gerrit Viljoen, is to hold talks with the town council of Evaton today, the mayor of Evaton, Mr Sam Rabotapi, announced yesterday.

Mr Rabotapi, whose house was completely destroyed during the unrest in the Vaal Triangle, was speaking at a press conference held at the Oranje-Vaal administration offices.

Mr Rabotapi said the council had published its intention to increase rents, but the actual increases would not have taken place until a response had been received from residents.

He said unfortunately the unrest had taken place while his council was awaiting a response from residents.

The destruction he said could not have been caused by Evaton residents. He blamed the unrest on "forces from outside", and the "tsotsis" who took advantage of the situation.

Mr Rabotapi also said he would be calling a meeting of landlords "soon" because the ultimate decision on whether residents wanted to see Evaton developed and become a modern city or have their land taken away by the government lay with the stand owners.

He accused some "hard-headed" landlords of being uncooperative by not explaining to their tenants the reasons behind the proposed rent increases.

He sold the storm of bitterness that ravaged the Vaal Triangle leaving behind a trail of death, destruction of private property and looting by businesses in the area, had been widely acclaimed as having being caused by rent increases.

"But, as the destruction mentioned is so irrelevant to rent increases and in no way a solution to the problem, a closer analysis of the urban black problem is absolutely essential if a solution is to be found.

"The town council of Evaton is in complete agreement with the opinion that government legislation for blacks is repressive and unacceptable and that consultation for immediate repeal of such legislation is imperative", Mr Rabotapi said.

To achieve this, he said, all "responsible leaders" in the community, namely councillors, ministers of religion, civic organisations, teachers and students associations, should meet to form a common front in order to address themselves to their local problems.

"We can no longer afford to point fingers at each other as 'sell-outs' or 'solidarity groups' in our plight to solve our problems.

"The present method of fighting for our so-called rights by killing each other, burning and destroying black property, protesting by staying away from work at a price, and demoralising our youth by exposing them to acts of violence and hooliganism caused by lack of control in the massive action of vengenance against authorities through self-affiliction, are disastrous signs of defeat in a society overwhelmed by frustration. — DDC.



PRIESTS: The priests who attended the Katlehong meeting yesterday. From left to right, Rev T D Kakaza, Rev Z A T Mohutsioa, Rev I E Tlholwe, Bishop Simeon Nkoane and Rev B D Yanta. Pic: ROBERT MAGWAZA

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Parents urge pupils to return to school

HUNDREDS of parents yesterday urged boycotting pupils to return to class when schools reopen tomorrow.

This decision was taken at a meeting held at the D H Williams Hall in Katlehong. The meeting was attended by pupils, parents, teachers and priests. The call follows another made by the Azanian Students' Movement (Azasm) that pupils should go back to school, "but under protest".

The organisation yesterday released a statement calling on Soweto students to return to school on Thursday so as to allow them to attend the Bongani Khumalo funeral tomorrow.

Resolutions

"Azasm calls on students to exhibit their reluctance to be used as chattels and their ability to take decisions about and control their own lives and environment. This could be demonstrated by staying away from school tomorrow, to give Bongani Khumalo the honour he deserves," said the statement.

Resolutions taken at the Katlehong meeting were:

- That police should keep away from the schools tomorrow;

By SELLO RABOTHATA

- That pupils continue with their demands from the Department of Education and Training;
- That an umbrella body of school committees countrywide be formed to take up the issue with DET;
- That teachers should keep the community informed about developments in the department; and
- That parents should not turn a blind eye to the present crisis in education.

Parents assured the pupils of their 100 percent backing for their demands and expressed solidarity with them in their struggle for "a just and equal education". Most of the pupils who addressed the meeting expressed concern at having to write the final examinations because "we are way behind the present syllabus and most of us will not be able to catch up".

Meanwhile the mayor of Wattville, Mr Noel Mlokothi, said he was surprised to learn that parents were worried about the safety of their children when schools reopen tomorrow. The fear follows talk in the township that close to 100 Zulu tribesmen have been organised to be on hand should there be trouble when schools commence.

Khumalo again anti-Press

THE Press and the public were barred from attending the meeting of the Katlehong Town Council held in the council chambers.

Mr A P Khumalo, the mayor of Katlehong, ordered reporters including those from the SABC and the public to leave the chambers.

A number of reporters tried to reason with him that they had the privilege to cover the meeting as it was an open one, but Mr Khumalo ordered them out.

Protest

A protest from some of the councillors to have the Press and the public attending the meeting fell on deaf ears.

Mr Khumalo accused the Press and the public of spreading wrong information in the township after attending meetings.

It is not the first time that Mr Khumalo has barred reporters from attending a council meeting.

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Lekoa loses another councillor

By SOPHIE TEMA

A THIRD councillor, Mr M P Mphulenyane, has resigned from the Lekoa Town Council.

Mr Mphulenyane, who represented Ward 31 in Bophelong, submitted his resignation to the Orange Vaal Development Board (OVDB) on Monday. He handed it to Mr B Keogh, secretary for housing.

Mr N P Louw, town clerk, confirmed that Mr Mphulenyane was the third councillor to resign from the council.

The two who resigned earlier are Mr A Shale of Boipatong and Mr Jan Mokoena of Sebokeng.

A day after violence erupted in the Vaal another councillor, Mr Knox Matjila, threatened to resign.

But he has not yet submitted his letter of resignation.

Residents called for the resignation of all councillors in the Vaal after a decision to increase rents in the area.

Two weeks ago four of the five remaining members of the Ratanda Community Council, near Heidelberg on the East Rand, resigned after pressure from residents.

This was the second time the four councillors had resigned in two months.

Earlier the entire council resigned, but five of them later withdrew their resignations.

The latest resignations left only one member of the council in office — the Mayor, Mr L M Mohlomi.

The East Rand Developmont Board (Eradebo) has now temporarily taken over the running of the affairs of the township, according to chief director Mr F E Marx.

Mr Marx said Eradebo would control the township's affairs until the Department of Co-operation and Development arranged a date for the election of new councillors.

Dominee, wife to live in black Pretoria township

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PRETORIA — A white minister of the Nederduits Gereformeede Kerk in Afrika, Dr Nico Smith, and his wife have been given permission to live in Mamelodi, a black Pretoria township.

With final permission granted yesterday by the Mamelodi Town Council, the Smiths probably become the first white couple to get permission to live in a black group area.

Dr Smith said he was thrilled with the news, which comes more than a year after he first applied to Dr Piet Koornhof, then Minister of Co-operation and Development and four months after he was told there was no objection to his living in Mamelodi, subject to Mamelodi's approval.

Dr Smith wanted to move from his Meyerspark manse to a "modest" home in Mamelodi to give a better service to his congregation.

He explained his Mamelodi congregation regarded him as an outsider, a "come-and-go visitor", and said to communicate the gospel effectively, he felt he had to go and live with them.

In addition, he says he has a role in promoting better race relationships in the wider Pretoria and South African context.

"I know it is not going to be easy for my wife, Ellen, or me to adapt to the new way of life in the township but I am sure we can do it," Dr Smith said.

"The (black) church council has welcomed my decision to move and the Mamelodi council obviously did not find anything strange about my request.

"White NG Kerk ministers just don't live in black areas but I think even for the white community my move will have some meaning," he said.

Dr Smith hit the news in 1981 when he gave up his professorship at the University of Stellenbosch to join the (black) NG Kerk in Afrika.

In 1982 he was one of the 123 ministers and theologians who signed a letter condemning the NG Kerk's support of apartheid in the church and in politics and calling for the unification of the NG Churches which were split on racial grounds. — Sapa

Alexandra township gets R11-m Govt loan

The Department of Community Development has granted an R11 million loan to Alexandra, the township's mayor, the Rev Sam Buti, said today.

Negotiations for the loan began in August last year and the money was granted on September 28 this year, Mr Buti added.

VITAL PROJECTS

The money would be spent on projects vital to the township, including:

- Low cost housing.
- Prefabricated temporary housing.
- Flats.
- Repairs to, and renovation of, the old TB clinic.
- The construction of a ring road to serve the township which is near Sandton, between Johannesburg and Pretoria.
- Construction of roads and stormwater drains under phase one of the township's development programme.
- Construction of a badly needed sewage facility.

Almost a million rands would be spent on electrification projects, Mr Buti added. — Sapa.

Anxiety over flats in Alex

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By Jo-Anne Collinge

Families living in buses and tin huts in Alexandra township are anxious to stake claims to flats recently completed there.

Alexandra's mayor, the Rev Sam Buti, repeated this week that people in temporary accommodation would have first option on the flats.

He first made this promise almost a year ago when the families were displaced by the urban renewal scheme and no formal housing was made available to them.

Many families expressed strong dissatisfaction at having to live in buses, a disused TB clinic and tin shacks.

Some were later moved to modern prefabricated rooms.

Residents are afraid they will not be able to afford the rents for the flats.

Mr Buti said this week that rents had not yet been fixed.

He added: "What we're trying to do is to allow families in temporary homes to exchange with friends living elsewhere in Alex if they can't afford a flat and their friends can."

What families were guaranteed was the option to a flat, he said, but they would not necessarily be accommodated there.

The first families are expected to move in at the beginning of November.

Board sacks workers

ABOUT 312 black employees of the West Rand Development Board — mostly migrants — have been retrenched and more are to follow following the transfer of functions to the "black local authorities."

By JOSHUA RABOROKO

Mr Phillip Dlamini, the general secretary of the Black Municipal and Allied Workers Union representing the workers, confirmed the retrenchments and said that they will keep "a watchful eye" to see how many others will be retrenched.

Mr C J Bezuidenhout, chief of the WRDB also confirmed that the workers were retrenched and paid their monies. This followed the board's transfer of some of its functions, like water reticulation and electricity to the black local authorities.

There was a possibility that they could be employed by the Soweto, Diepmeadow or the Dobsonville Councils.

Mr Nico Malan, Soweto City Council's town clerk said that the council had a full staff complement in the construction section, but that there might be jobs in the other sections open for those retrenched by the board.

Mr Dlamini said his union was concerned about the issue and will take it up with the different councils. "We would like to be involved in the discussions of such matters before the boards or councils take steps like retrenchments."

The union was critical of the gratuity offered to black employees who did not qualify to be on pension schemes. "We have heard of a lot of misery caused by such treatment of employees," he said.

Mr G Mathebula, one of the employees retrenched, told **The SOWETAN** that he was "very distressed" with the little money he received from the board after being in their employment for over 10 years.

"I will be forced to look for another employment. I am dissatisfied with the board's decision because I have not received my pension money," he said.

He disclosed that there were indications that more workers will be retrenched soon, but this was not confirmed by the board's officials.



Mr G MATHEBULA: Retrenched by WRDB.

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Flashback to last m

What went wrong in Sebokeng

By STEPHAN TERBLANCHE

A THRIVING model township has been left a riot-scarred disaster area.

That is the tragedy of Sebokeng, one of several once-peaceful black townships in the Vaal Triangle.

How did a seemingly progressive and enterprising community — which managed largely to escape the turmoil of the 1976 riots — get caught up in a vicious circle of self-destruction to the point where the Red Cross has had to come to the rescue?

Sociologists would have a field day pinpointing the reasons. But the answer seems to lie somewhere in the confusion of the present economic hardships, the disillusionment of a troubled black youth with its schooling system and future prospects, a lack of political outlets, allegations of corruption in the town councils, insensitive police confrontation, and some political rabble-rousing.

Or as Deborah Mabiletsa, executive director of the Urban Foundation, put it: "The 1976 riots and their underlying causes finally caught up with the model townships of the Vaal Triangle in 1984."

On September 4 the peaceful communities of Sebokeng, Zandela, and Sharpeville, making up the town council of Lekoa, and Evaton, exploded into bloody rioting which left more than 40 people dead and damage of more than R30-million as schools, shops and houses were burnt to the ground.

Not since the Sharpeville uprisings and shootings more than two decades ago, had the area seen anything as devastating. From a self-supporting community where private enterprise and development projects bloomed, the Vaal townships were razed to smouldering piles of debris.

The rioting mob destroyed almost every shop in the townships, burnt down houses, schools, administration offices, stoned buses and cars, brought essential services to a standstill and generally caused the total infrastructure of the area to collapse.

Finally the people calmed down and the SA Red Cross responded to a call from township citizens that they were starving. An emergency fund was started, but public reaction was slow. After 10 days the fund had only collected R200.

Appeals were made to the Government and other bodies for food relief to help the Vaal communities and emergency relief services whereby food parcels were offered to people in the region at cost, were instituted.

Why aid?

And in the aftermath of the violence white South Africans are once again asking why aid of any kind should be given to black communities who had destroyed all they had.

"That is a traditional white view in this country," says Mark Orkin, acting director of the Institute of Race Relations. "People who are to be incorporated into a productive society need hope and participation in an acceptable system."

What then went wrong with the once productive communities of the Vaal Triangle?

Sebokeng was known as a model township with attractive and modern housing and



DEBORAH MABILETSA
Analysing the causes

"When people get violent and start rioting, it is a form of insanity. It is uncontrollable and they hit anything. And violence is not the answer."

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Sombre and helpless . . . the aftermath of violence

a potential spending power of R180-million a year. It is here that the Urban Foundation launched one of its first township projects, spending vast sums of money to upgrade and redevelop housing in the township.

Home-ownership and home-improvement was well-established with building society development corporations, major industries and private construction firms acquiring stands and building houses.

Progressive

Sebokeng is also one of the townships falling under the Orange Vaal Development Board (OVDB) where progressive new approaches to township development were first tried out — with much success — under the present West Rand Administration Board chairman, Mr John Knoetze.

Sebokeng and neighbouring Sharpeville remained quiet throughout the 1976 riots, causing a major South African building society to refer to this when it decided to advance R6-million last year to the OVDB for housing.

Last month this building society's branch in Sebokeng was burnt down.

The first signs of violence came in July when a thousand marchers, mostly school children, clashed with police in the Free State town of Parys. The march had been in protest against rent increases in the local black township.

"The school children at the time had a far greater freedom to express their anger because of the boycotts," says Mr Orkin.

"And their discontent was heightened by the fact that many of them now have to apply for a pass for the first time. Instead they receive some alien passport. But the underlying cause is still their grievance at an inferior schooling system.

Anger

"Young blacks feel they have no future. They loosely direct their political anger at the system at large. It is a case of politics without an outlet."

In May the first cracks appeared in the dream of stable and prosperous living in the model townships of Evaton and Lekoa. The two town councils announced arrears amounting to R3,5-million in the payments of shop and house rentals and service charges.

First the councils appealed to residents to pay what they could afford. Then they threatened prosecution of those who failed to pay, and even to expropriate their properties.

Killing

Angry residents saw demands that they pay for residential permits as an infringement on their freehold title rights.

The residents started organising meetings and the rent increases were rejected. School and work boycotts were called, and for the first time since Sharpeville the model townships seemed set to explode into large-scale rioting.

"The youngsters are aware of their parents coming home with no wages, having been laid off from work. The economic recession had bitten further, and then came the last straw — rent increases channelled through community councils installed by the Government," says Mr Orkin.

On September 4 all hell broke loose in the Vaal Triangle. Thousands took to the streets stoning vehicles, burning down shops and houses and clashing violently with police who moved in in large numbers.

For almost a month the violence raged, leaving three town councillors killed, more than 40 people dead and causing damage of millions of rands.

Mrs Mabiletsa sums it up: "Workers' militancy has been fuelled by spiralling food and housing costs against hardline approaches by management who argue that the recession makes it impossible to give wage increases.

"But against this scenario we have the emergence of a strong and well-organised trade union movement and the dissatisfaction with the new constitution which excludes the African majority.

"It is against this background of discontent that these riots have taken place. The boycotts were organised by the anti-rent increase committees and then other elements came in and from a peaceful call to stay away, there was rioting and looting. The rent increases were the final spark," she says.

Insanity

Mrs Mabiletsa says she does not believe that the riots were planned, nor that symbols of the system were being attacked and destroyed.

"When people get violent and start rioting, it is a form of insanity. It is uncontrollable and they hit anything. And they hit things, their own, in the townships and not in white areas because that is where the momentum gathered and went out of control.

"Afterwards the suffering follows. And the people who started the protest are sad because they had not thought it would get beyond control.

"Because of this suffering, it is true that violence is not the answer and never works."

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I didn't request army help, says ET

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Mail Reporter

THE Mayor of Soweto, Mr Ephraim Tshabalala, denied at the weekend that he had requested army troops to move into the sprawling township.

Speaking at an inauguration ceremony for Mr Ben Shirinda as councillor for Ward 2 in Mamelodi, Mr Tshabalala alleged that school pupils had requested the presence of troops so that their examinations would not be disrupted by violence.

He was responding to a report in a Sunday newspaper that quoted him as saying that the 21 Battallion stationed in Lenasia would be moved to Soweto.

But SAPA reports that a police spokesman confirmed last night that SADF troops were helping them to control unrest in Soweto.

The spokesman, however, denied that 21 battalion was involved. In his speech, Mr Tshabalala also criticised the United Democratic Front (UDF), for allegedly causing the school unrest in Soweto.

He said lesser-privileged pupils were used by the UDF to forment trouble.

Mr Tshabalala claimed that some pupils had been given cars and up to R500 to tell pupils not to attend classes.

He said the UDF was based in Lenasia and wondered how it could represent blacks when it was composed of Indians and whites.

Mr Tshabalala also blamed the funeral undertakers who "wanted a flourishing business through dead people".

He praised the South African Government for granting urban blacks local authorities because blacks now had more power.

Pay your rental - Vaal pamphlet

By JOSHUA RABOROKO

SEVERAL thousands of pamphlets requesting residents of the strife-torn Vaal Triangle townships to pay their present house rents, service and other tariffs, have been distributed in the area.

The pamphlets signed by the Lekoa Town Council clerk, Mr N P Louw, also list several offices where residents can contact their superintendents for advice on the issues.

According to Mr Louw, residents in Zone Three, Seven and Residensia will be expected to pay the tariffs at the Residensia Hall, while those in Zone 10, 11, 12, 13 and 14 will do so at Mphatlalatsane Hall.

The Oranje-Vaal Development Board offices in Sharpeville are still intact and residents can go to this office for payments as usual he said; a temporary office is provided at the warehouse of the town engineer adjacent to the Boipatong clinic for such purposes; a temporary office is provided in an empty shop next to the office of Bophelong and in Zamdela and Refengkgotso offices will be open for the public.

Several offices of the OVDB, homes, shops and public buildings were razed during the violence which erupted in the townships last month. The incidents happened during the anti-rent demonstrations.

Mr Louw says that the increase of R5,90 for board's house and R5,50 per month for private house will no longer be effected as it was proposed earlier.

"However, it must be pointed out to you that in view of the non-levying of the proposed increased service charges and tariffs, the council will no longer be in a position to undertake the biggest portion of its capital programme of R17,8 million.

This capital programme, the pamphlets adds, also provides for the electrification of more houses, services to a park and self-built stand, tarring of roads and the improvement of sport facilities.

Uprisings

"In the light of the damage caused during the recent uprisings, no general maintenance to houses will be undertaken during the current financial year since the Maintenance Reserve Fund is now already excessively committed.

Mayors suggest changes

(343) By Michael Tissong Star 9/10/84

Fourteen East Rand urban council mayors yesterday sent a memorandum to the Government suggesting changes in the make-up of the councils to restore their "heavily-dented image."

The memorandum followed their request for discussions with the Minister of Co-operation, Development and Education, Dr Gerrit Viljoen.

The councillors said that, since the implementation of the Local Authorities Act in November 1983, they had been exposed to a lot of criticism "because of the fact that they did not have power".

"This situation was aggravated by the councils' recent announcement of rent increases. Our residents are saying we are doing nothing for them except increasing tariffs," the mayors said, requesting improvements to the education system.

Proposed changes include:

- The scrapping of the age limit for at least 10 years;
- The granting of student representative councils;
- No excessive punishment;
- The upgrading of teachers; and
- There should be one education department for all racial groups.

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Inspector's home burnt

Mail Reporter

THE home of a development board inspector in Alexandra Township was extensively damaged and about five buildings destroyed by fire when violence broke out in black townships yesterday.

The house of Mr Amos Kgare was gutted by fire about 1.50am yesterday.

Two of his children, injured in the incident, were treated for burns on their legs and feet at the local clinic.

● In Orlando West, near Soweto, at least two youths were wounded when police used birdshot to disperse a stone-throwing crowd.

Two schools were set alight in Dobsonville causing damage to four classrooms.

Lieutenant Henry Beck of the Police Directorate for Public Relations said about 30 youths were stoning a delivery van yesterday when police arrived on the scene and dispersed them with birdshot.

He said: "Two people — who were not found by the police — were possibly wounded because they either ran or were carried away by others.

"Two youths were also arrested and will be charged with public violence.

"In Krugersdorp, two bakery vans were stoned and looted by a group of youths. The driver of one van fled.

"About 13 dozen loaves of bread were looted from the second van by about 12 school children."

Students yesterday claimed that a meeting that was to have been held by Soshanguve Technikon students at the Lutheran Church was disrupted by police 30 minutes before it was to start.

Students said police arrived at the church and threw tearsmoke into the building. They then ordered into the hall about 200 people waiting outside for the meeting to begin.

The meeting was to have discussed problems that have arisen at the school recently.

Sapa reports that police have said Vista University students were not involved in an attack on a bread van in Soweto on Monday, as police originally stated.

A group of people set up a roadblock and stopped and looted a bread delivery van.

The report from Sapa states that an SAP spokesman said yesterday that an investigation into the incident, which occurred in front of the Vista University at Moroka, showed that "none of the students were involved".

In Mamelodi, near Pretoria, classes were disrupted yesterday at the Jafta Mahlangu Secondary School following a misunderstanding about money collected for an examination.

Police were also called to the Soshanguve High School, were pupils were milling around the schoolyard and had not gone to classes.

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14 mayors to meet Viljoen

A DELEGATION of 14 East Rand mayors will meet the Minister of Co-operation, Development and Education, Dr Gerrit Viljoen, on Monday to discuss the school crisis and unrests.

By MZIKAYISE EDOM

The mayors, who belong to the East Rand Urban Councils Association (Eruca), have already sent a memorandum to the Government suggesting changes in the make-up of the present education system and the councils.

The memorandum was presented to the Chief Commissioner of the Witwatersrand, Mr Jacob Korff on Monday, to hand to Dr Viljoen.

The meeting, which starts at 9 am, will be held in Dr Viljoen's offices in Pretoria. The meeting will also be attended by Mr Korff and Mr DJF Hitge, the Director of Local Government.

In the memorandum the councillors have proposed a number of changes to the present education system, including:

- The scrapping of the age limit;
- The introduction of student representative councils;
- Toning down of corporal punishment;
- The upgrading of teachers; and
- One education department for all racial groups.

The councillors also suggested in the memorandum that there should be changes in the make-up of the councils, "to restore our heavily dented image."

Exposed

They said since the implementation of the Local Authorities Act in November last year, they had been exposed to much criticism because of their lack of power.

"Residents are saying we are doing nothing for them except increasing tariffs. We have become so unpopular that some of us have been shot and our houses burnt. We have been harassed, chased out of meetings and called irrelevant by those who claim to have credibility," the memorandum stated.

They also asked that sources of income other than rent be created for the councils. Suggested sources of income included a share in the General Sales Tax, traffic licences and fines, and the imposition of a levy on buses and trains.

It was also suggested that bottle stores and the sorghum beer industry should be handed over to councils, and that the Government should make land available for the building of more houses, light and heavy industry.



ERUCA CHAIRMAN: Mr Tom Boya.

URBAN BLACKS

Destroying councils

The centrepiece of Pretoria's constitutional plan for urban black self-government — the third-tier Black Local Authority (BLA) system — has been seriously undermined by unrest in the townships.

Black community councillors have been physically attacked by rioters who have called for their resignations in the Orange-Vaal area, East Rand and in Soweto. A number went into hiding last month at the height of upheavals in which three councillors were murdered.

The entire town council of Ratanda, near Heidelberg, resigned last month. And councillors in Katlehong, Tembisa, Daveyton and Vosloorus have deserted the only official level of urban black expression.

Rejection of the black municipalities appears to be one reason for the township flare-ups. Says the Black Sash's Sheena Duncan: "The minute you introduce changes which are not acceptable to the people you stimulate active opposition."

"We will not proceed with the establishment of a BLA unless the public at large agrees to it," says John Hitje, Director of local government at the Department of Co-operation and Development. Hitje says he "cannot agree" that the BLA system has been undermined. In BLAs such as Ratanda which have been hit by walk-outs, the (white) Development Boards have stepped in to resume control they had prior to last September. Fresh BLA elections in those towns will be held next February.

Duncan says: "The fact that BLA elections last year drew low (average 20%) polls are an indication of black rejection of the third-tier government." And even in areas where the poll was relatively higher, she adds, people are now seeing the year-old local authorities as oppressive.

Further, exclusion from the tricameral system is "very much a factor" in the unrest, says Duncan. "The Black Local Authorities Act and the Black Community Development Act are now law. And Blacks see very clearly the connection between that and their exclusion from the new dispensation for coloureds and Indians with whites. "Don't forget, the UDF (United Democratic Front) was specifically formed to fight both the new constitution and the Koornhof Bills (affecting Black local government)."

Increased rent or service charges seems to be the main factor which touched off the riots. The resignation of Lekoa council, for example, has been "demanded" because of its handling of the increases.

Duncan sees the riots as the result of "a whole accumulation of things" and a series of government actions. The effects of the BLAs are being felt now — a year since their establishment. For example, there are widespread allegations of corruption in the allocation of housing, business sites and other privileges.

After 1976 there were hopes of improvement in black education with more cash going its way. Yet the matric pass rate has dropped each year. This fuels discontent. Duncan knows personally of cases where lodger-permit charges have been illegally levied on family members in certain townships. Increased rent-service charges have not always followed procedures laid down before they may be introduced. Growing unemployment and retrenchments add to the sense of grievance.



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Conflict deepens in Lekoa Council

A CONFLICT which could split the Lekoa Town Council and thwart efforts to normalise the simmering situation in the devastated Vaal Triangle townships deepended during a dramatic meeting held at the Orange Vaal Development Board's headquarters in Sebokeng yesterday.

By JOSHUA RABOROKO

Addressing a meeting attended by Vaal employers and the Press, the town clerk, Mr N P Louw, announced that councillors had no intentions of resigning their seats and would go back to their wards within the next six months. Some had already gone back.

The meeting took place after the employers, councillors, Board officials and the Press toured Sebokeng township escorted by police. Among employers were bank and building society officials.

Interrupted

The meeting took a dramatic turn when Councillor Sam Kolisang interrupted Mr Louw during a speech. "Mr Louw is not talking on behalf of councillors when he says we do not intend resigning. He did not consult us and is not our mouthpiece. We are prepared to go to our people because we have suffered a lot.

"None of us has had a meeting with residents to explain the structure of rents. Since the Local Black Authorities Act was introduced no councillor has been allowed by the Board to talk to residents," Mr Kolisang said.

However his claims were refuted by Mr Louw, who said about 30 500 notices had been sent out to residents informing them about service charge increases and not rents. These were endorsed by the council.

Deadlocked

Mr Louw reiterated that councillors were not prepared to heed the call by opposition groups to resign. Their meeting with residents' delegates deadlocked when he told them that councillors would not resign.

Municipal police plan dismaying, says UDF

The United Democratic Front today reacted with dismay to the proposed plan to "curb intimidation" in the Vaal Triangle.

Officials of the Oranje Vaal Development Board recently announced that black municipalities were planning to end the intimidation of local residents by establishing their own para-military police forces.

Lekoa Town councillors said fewer than five percent of Lekoa's 300 000 residents were responsible for the present "reign of terror" in the area.

A UDF spokesman said the plan would only deepen the crisis.

POWER ABUSE

"The homelands have provided many examples of what happens when puppet leaders are given powers way beyond what is necessary.

"There are numerous cases of these powers being abused. Examples include mass detentions in Venda, the arrest of 253 people in the Transkei and the many deaths in the Ciskei last September," the spokesman said.

Businessmen and journalists toured the riot-torn black townships of the Vaal Triangle yesterday and surveyed damage estimated at about R15 million.

They were told that where a council's average monthly income amounted to R3 million from rent and levy charges before the unrest, only about R300 000 was received because tenants were being told not to pay their debts.

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Involved in car theft racket

Soweto officials get the sack

EIGHT WHITE employees of the Soweto City Council have been fired after being allegedly found to be involved in a car theft racket involving trucks valued at over R500 000.



MOKOTONG: Speaking at the meetin. yesterday.

By ELLIOT TSHINGWALA

This was said by the deputy chairman of the council, Mr Isaac Buthelezi, addressing about 500 people at the Jabulani Amphitheatre yesterday. The meeting was called by the council to find a solution to the unrest sweeping through Soweto and the rest of the country.

Mr Buthelezi said the eight men, all employed at the cleansing department in Zondi, allegedly bought eighteen trucks, each worth about R31 000 using the council account. None of the trucks were delivered.

According to another employee of the council, Mr JEPM Mokotong, who has been appointed head of the cleansing department after the whites were kicked out, the eight men's luck ran out after a clerk found receipts for the vehicles in the garbage bin.

The clerk then passed the receipts to her superiors and an investigation was launched which led to the discovery.

This led to the finding of 10 of the trucks, six are still missing but Mr Mokotong is confident that they will be found. Besides the alleged theft Mr Mokotong said he found that the men had allegedly used the council's account to pay for spares for their own cars.

Meeting

That they had also falsified receipts and pocketed the difference.

In a short speech the mayor of Soweto, Mr Ephraim Tshabalala thanked all the people who attended the meeting and called on leaders of various political groups including the UDF, the Committee of Ten, Azapo and Azasm to attend a meeting at Naledi Hall on November 4.

Mr Tshabalala wants the leaders to air their views as to how the unrest can be defused. Mr Tshabalala said he would personally see to it that all the resolutions reach the state president.



Zamdela residents may soon get their own village council

By NKOPANE MAKOBANE

ZAMDELA residents near Sasolburg may soon realise their wish to have a separate council from the Lekoa Town Council.

This emerged in an interview with Mr Jonas Tsoai, one of the three councillors representing the northern Orange Free State township in the 39-member Lekoa Council.

Mr Tsoai told **The SOWETAN** that it has always been the wish of the residents of the township — which was fortunate not to have been affected in the recent Vaal Triangle Unrest — to breakaway from the Lekoa Council.

"We are now pleased that at our meeting last month with the commissioner, he told us that the matter was in the hands of the Lekoa Town Council to decide on a date when to hold a referendum.

He said among factors they raised to the commissioner to point that the matter had become extremely urgent was that:

- There is a grave dissatisfaction among the voters that nothing whatsoever was being done to satisfy their legitimate aspirations, particularly in the area of development,
- business sites were being allocated outsiders in preference to local residents,
- the township with a population of about 17 000, qualifies like many others to have a village or town council status and many Sasolburg firms that would like to provide finance for facilities, were witholding them for fear that they may be used to improve other townships.

Turning to other issues, Mr Tsoai said he differed with the Minister of Law and Order for accusing the United Democratic Front.

He lashed at the Lekoa Town Council mayor, Mr Esau Mahlatsi, for having suspended him and Mr Tlale in June this year. Their suspension has since been lifted following a Pretoria Supreme Court order, which ordered that the council should also pay the costs.

"Our suspension was unconstitutional to start with Mr Mahlatsi, despite being advised to lift it during negotiations with our lawyers, became adamant and defiant. As a result of his shortsightedness, the costs will now have to be borne by the residents," he said.

Mr Tsoai also expressed anger that he and Mr Tlale had been left out and not informed about last week Thursday's meeting at the Ovadebo headquarters in Sebokeng.

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Azapo shuns ET

By SIBUSISO MABASO

THE invitation to the United Democratic Front (UDF) and the Azanian People's Organisation (Azapo) by the mayor of Soweto, Mr E T Tshabalala for a meeting, was yesterday rejected by the two organisations, who instead called for his unconditional resignation.

Both organisations viewed with concern and disgust, the invitation by the mayor of Soweto, Mr Tshabalala, to attend a meeting at Naledi Hall where discussion of the present education crisis will take place.

A spokesman for Azapo said: "We wish to advise Mr Tshabalala that he is no representative of the people of Soweto, or even Mofolo where he comes from, and therefore he has no right to attempt to speak for the people."

Fraud

He said the community councils have been shown by the people to be a fraud and have been continually rejected as dummy bodies which help the minority exploit the majority. He added that Azapo will only attend a meeting when Mr Tshabalala will be announcing his resignation from such bodies. He said: "His utterances have clearly shown that he neither appreciates, nor understands what the problem of the day is all about".

The United Democratic Front spokesman said the UDF does not think a meeting with Mr Tshabalala would be of any use. He said: "The fact that there are the sort of problems we have, is because of the existence of institutions, such as the community councils which we have always said, had no mandate from the people, and had no ability to run the affairs of the township."

"Our call is that Mr Tshabalala and his councillors should resign with immediate effect," the spokesman added.

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Whites barred from Soweto

The issuing of permits for whites to enter Soweto has been suspended by the West Rand Development Board.

Township manager Mr J H van Biljon said the suspension would remain until further notice: "It is for everybody, not only reporters."

Those who wanted permits should telephone the board about once a week to find out if the suspension had been lifted.

He would give no reason for the suspension, referring inquiries to board chairman Mr John Knoetze.

Mr Knoetze's secretary said he was away until Monday.

A police spokesman said: "The South African Police cannot comment on the decisions and affairs of another State department."

1 000 call for scrapping of apartheid

MORE THAN 1 000 Soweto residents yesterday called on the Government to abolish all apartheid laws to avoid further bloodshed in the country.

By JOSHUA RABOROKO

At Regina Mundi an emotion-charged meeting called by the United Democratic Front resolved to:

- Boycott all businesses and other concerns owned by councillors;
- Form a parents-students committee with the aim of approaching the Minister of Co-operation, Development and Education, Dr Gerrit Viljoen, on the educational crisis in the country;
- Intensify the boycott of Simba Quix products which has been called by the Sweet Food and Allied Workers' Union until the 420 sacked workers have been reinstated;
- Call on the Minister of Law and Order, Mr Louis le Grange, to release all detained students; and
- Call on the Government to scrap apartheid.

During a separate meeting at the Dobsonville Lutheran Church, the secretary of the Black Allied Mining and Construction Workers' Union, Mr Phandelani Nefolovhodwe, called on all workers and professional people to conscientise the community and make them realise their problems.

"Time demands of us black people that on the basis of principled understanding we unite," he said.

Unite

At Regina Mundi an executive member of the Federation of South African Women, Ms Amanda Kwadi, appealed to parents to involve themselves in the education of their children.

Meanwhile a petrol bomb was thrown at three parked buses in Soweto early yesterday, the public relations officer of the SAP, Lieutenant J L Barnard said. All three vehicles were destroyed.

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Leandra residents start petition

Councillors get thumbs down

ABOUT 3 000 residents of Leandra township in the Eastern Transvaal passed a vote of no confidence in their community councillors at a meeting held in the township on Sunday, according to the leader of the opposition Leandra Action Committee, Mr Abel Nkabinde.

SOWETAN Reporter

Mr Nkabindè said the community councillors had been invited to the residents' meeting convened by the LAC, but none of them had attended.

The chairman of the Leandra Community Council could not be contacted for comment yesterday.

Mr Nkabinde said the meeting had been called to demand clarification from the councillors on the future of residents who had been threatened with removal.

He also said that at the end of the meeting, a petition calling for the mass resignation of the councillors was circulated in the township and that it would soon be presented to the councillors.

Other issues which Mr Nkabinde said had dissatisfied residents were:

- Poor quality of new houses recently built in the area. There had been complaints that the walls of the houses were cracking and that the houses were too small;
- Residents had demanded to know what the value of the houses was and had got no response from the councillors; and
- There had been calls for the accommodation of old age pensioners.

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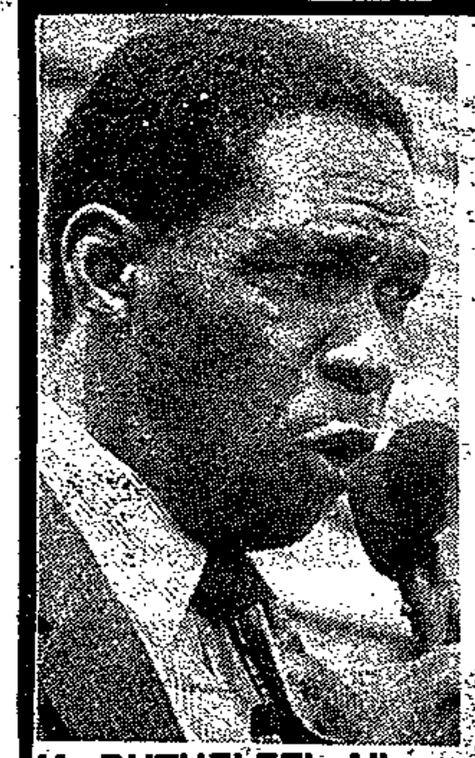
Officials take garage sites



Mr BUTHELEZI: Allocated garage site.

THE Soweto City Council has allocated garage sites to two of its officials.

The officials are Mr Isaac Buthelezi, the deputy mayor, and Mr Joe Marumo, a liaison officer at the council.

Both officials have refused to discuss the issue, claiming it was a "private and personal affair".

By MOJALEFA MOSEKI

Their applications for the garage sites were passed by the executive committee of the Soweto City Council during meetings in July and August.

The allocations are set to spark off a major row as several Soweto residents had applied for sites with the council and were waiting to be called for interviews when suddenly the sites were allocated to the councillors.

Some residents claim to have commissioned feasibility studies in the area where the sites have been allocated.

The site Mr Buthelezi has been allocated is in Mofolo North while that of Mr Marumo is in Zola.

Part of the Zola site had initially been earmarked for a regional shopping centre.

The chairman of the Soweto Chamber of Commerce and Industries, Mr Makana Tshabalala, said his body would attend to the issue immediately after their seminar at Funda Centre tomorrow.

"The issue is of great concern and interest to the residents of Soweto and although I have not been formally informed, residents approached me alleging that sites they have applied for had been allocated to officials of the council," said Mr Tshabalala.

Mobil Oil Company, which is underwriting Mr Buthelezi and Mr Marumo, also declined to comment yesterday.

A spokesman said: "We do not confirm or comment on deals between clients and our company with anyone else without our clients' consent."

In approving the applications the council resolved that the successful applicant should undertake to pay rentals and service charges and the investigation costs.

Another recommendation was that the site be advertised in the normal manner.

Family shops looted and burnt, now...

Quit or you die threat to mayor

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THE mayor of Tsakane township, Mr S C Masilo, and his family, are living in fear of their lives after several death threats.

His wife, Gladys, told The SOWETAN yesterday that since Sunday the family has received a number of telephone calls from unknown people, threatening them with death.

The callers called on Mr Masilo to resign as chairman of the Tsakane Community Council with immediate effect or his family, including him, will be killed.

By MZIKAYISE EDOM

She said: "They also threatened to petrol bomb our house if my husband refuses to resign from the council. We are taking these threats very seriously and have reported them to the Brakpan police."

Two weeks ago, two shops belonging to the family were looted and set alight by a mob of youths after the burial of 18-year-old Vusi Diale, who was shot dead during disturbances in the township three weeks ago.

A beerhall and two bottle stores were also looted and set alight during the unrest. Several cars and buses were stoned.

A number of houses, mostly those of councillors and policemen, were also stoned by the mob.

Mrs Masilo said most of the people who phoned them were males.

On Sunday the family received more than 10 telephone calls warning the family that if Mr Masilo did not resign from the council they would be "eliminated".

Mr Masilo, speaking through his wife, declined to say whether he was going to resign from the council or not.

A shopping mall soon for Tembisa

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By Frank Jeans Star

Tembisa, the East Rand township, will soon have its first modern shopping centre.

The mall-style complex in the new Iggagga business area will have a supermarket, self-service liquor store, restaurant, fast-food outlet, 20 other shops and 22 offices.

Mr Verney A Mathabathe, managing director of the development company, Mathabathe Property, says: "The centre will provide one-stop shopping of a high standard for the whole family — something that has not been available anywhere in Tembisa.

"We want to see a fully-owned and operated black business and trading centre which will run efficiently and will show that blacks have the ability to develop businesses and make money by their own vision and effort."

The main part of the centre is schedule to open on November 2.

Mr Mathabathe got his venture underway after talks with Group Five Projects (GFP), a company in the Group Five construction and engineering organisation.

GFP offered an attractive design and construct package deal to help black businessmen.

In addition to the normal project management facilities, the deal covered financial arrangements, the provision of industrial land if required and the obtaining of planning permission and other clearances.

The company carried out a feasibility study and then negotiated a financial arrangement.

Mr Dave Lowry, of Group Five, says: "So far as I know, this is the first time in South Africa that white business and a black entrepreneur have worked together to mutual advantage.

"Verney Mathabathe controls the project from the equity point of view, while we have provided the financial and construction expertise and the entire package deal."

A minute to get a record as criminal

By Michael Tissong

Some people arrested in a raid on Sebokeng township early yesterday took less than one minute to earn criminal records when they appeared before Vanderbijlpark magistrates.

Hundreds of people aged between about 19 and 55 faced various charges including failing to produce passes and possession of dangerous weapons.

Some hearings where people pleaded guilty lasted 57 or 59 seconds. They were fined R30 (or 15 days) for pass law offences and R40 (or 20 days) for possession of dangerous weapons. They were all taken to the cells and it appeared that none had money for the fines.

Where the accused pleaded not guilty the hearings lasted about three minutes and were postponed to various dates.

The cases went something like this:

Prosecutor: On the morning of October 23 1984 you failed to produce your pass. Do you plead guilty or not guilty?

Interpreter repeats the question in the vernacular.

Accused: I was sleeping. I did not have my pass with me. I guess I am guilty.

Interpreter: I plead guilty, Your Honour.

Magistrate: I find you guilty as charged. Do you have anything to say in mitigation of sentence?

Accused: I will try to get a pass.

Magistrate: Anything else?

Accused: No.

Magistrate: You are fined R30 or 15 days' jail.

Total time: less than one minute.

Sash condemns SADF 'on glorified pass raid'

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The Black Sash has launched a stinging attack on the Defence Force for Operation Palmiet, accusing it of taking part in a "glorified pass raid".

Sash national president Mrs Sheena Duncan said yesterday: "We trust the fathers of the young servicemen used in this operation in the townships will raise their voices that their children were put into a civil war situation against the men and women who work with and for them."

The United Democratic Front (UDF) has observed that the charges brought against people held in the exercise were not of a political nature, but were criminal charges and pass law infringements.

"They won't find 'agitators' because what the Government is having to contend with in the Vaal is popular resistance based on real grievances," said UDF treasurer, Mr Cassim Saloojee.

The massive police and Defence Force swoop on the Vaal Triangle came to an end last night with a further 10 arrests in Sharpeville and neighbouring Boipathong as a reduced force completed the intensive sweep.

TOWNSHIPS QUIET

Police spokesman Lieutenant Henry Beck said Sebokeng, Sharpeville and Boipathong were very quiet this morning and no incidents of unrest had been reported.

The 10 arrests in Sharpeville and Boipathong were mainly for pass offences.

Operation Palmiet in Sebokeng, in which about 350 people were arrested, was extended to nearby Sharpeville and Boipathong at 3.20 pm.

Police said the decision to extend the swoop was made on the spur of the moment after the Sebokeng operation finished early.

Rain and muddy conditions hampered progress, but by 7 pm the second sweep had been completed.

Two incidents of unrest in Sharpeville earlier yesterday made the extended sweep desirable, police said.

The earlier incidents in Sharpeville resulted in police firing rubber bullets to disperse crowds. Five people, including two priests, were arrested in terms of the Riotous Assemblies Act.

The Commissioner of Police, General Johann Coetzee, and several other senior officers flew into Sebokeng by helicopter early in the afternoon to inspect the progress of the operation. Later a group of MPs was briefed.

Vaal school boycott is still on

By Chris More

The Vaal school boycott is continuing despite efforts yesterday by the police and the South African Defence Force to urge pupils to return to classes.

A pamphlet was issued stating the reasons for the "occupation" of Sebokeng, Sharpeville and Bolpatong yesterday. One of the reasons was "to promote continued education".

Pupils have been boycotting school since a protest was called against rent increases on September 3.

The Department of Education and Training has given all matric candidates a deadline of October 26 to decide if they want to sit the examinations in November or next May.

This morning a teacher accused the police and SADF of aggravating the situation by their "occupation" of the townships.

She said: "The soldiers have scared the children. I doubt if they will return to school this year."

She said it was foolhardy for the authorities to try to use force to make the children return to school as "it will only make them stubborn".

A parent said her children would not go to school until she was sure they would be safe. The township was teeming with police and confrontations were likely because of the volatile situation.

She said: "I am sure the police and soldiers cannot be trusted now as they must be exhausted. The slightest provocation could have ugly results."

Blacks are told: set up your own police

By Sue Leeman,
Pretoria Bureau

In an apparent bid to tighten control over troubled black townships, the Government yesterday granted powers to the 32 new black local authorities to set up their own police forces.

The announcement comes after weeks of rioting and tension in townships.

The Department of Cooperation and Development says it is acting in response to requests for these powers from black local authorities.

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Minister of Cooperation and Development Dr Gerrit Viljoen announced that inspectors from development boards, local authorities and community councils would be installed in the new units.

However, he stressed that the units would not affect police capacity, activities or duties.

A spokesman for his department said the new officers would serve notices and eviction orders and generally help councils to carry out daily functions.

They could also be called in to help quell riots, although they would probably be used only to patrol streets.

The spokesman pointed out that Soweto City Council already controlled its own force made up of former West Rand Administration Board police.

Chris More writes: Black leaders and political organisations have criticised the extension of powers to council police, commonly known as Black Jacks.

The new move is seen as a subtle legalisation of violence.

Mr Kabelo Lengane, publicity secretary of the Azanian Students Movement, said the Government had made yet another blunder in its futile attempt to run the affairs of black townships.

"This is a covert but subtle enforcement of violence as opposed to open violence as we have known it from the police.

"The Botha regime is now trying to legalise to a higher level the violence that has been perpetrated against black people."

Mr Zithulele Cindi, a spokesman for the National Forum Committee, said: "It's an attempt to find accomplices in the black community so that the real culprits can claim that the injustice is being perpetrated by blacks on blacks."

Soweto air risk probe proposed

By Gavin Engelbrecht, Pretoria Bureau

The high level of mutagenic activity found in polluted air in Soweto is a cause of great concern and should be investigated further, Mr R T E Cox of the Council for Scientific and Industrial Research said yesterday.

He told an international air pollution conference in Pretoria that although cigarette smoking remained the largest single cause of cancer, research had shown that an environmental imprint on cancer patterns could be found in industrial areas.

He added that the main cause of pollution in Soweto was the uncontrolled burning of coal stoves.

Unrest area most expensive for blacks

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By Carolyn Dempster,
Labour Reporter

The Vaal Triangle, which has been plagued by violent unrest in recent months, is the most expensive urban area for black families in South Africa.

This finding is contained in the latest biannual Household Subsistence Level (HSL) survey published by the University of Port Elizabeth's Institute for Planning Research.

In the September survey of 22 major urban centres, the institute found that it cost a black family of six R330,25 a month to live in the Vaal Triangle.

The next most expensive urban centres are Johannesburg at R327,11 a month, and Pretoria where it costs such a family R316,82 a month to live.

The HSL is calculated on essentials: food, rent, transport, fuel and lighting.

In another shocking finding, the survey revealed that in spite of the seven percent cut in General Sales Tax on basic food items in July, food costs have risen by a phenomenal 14 percent for black families.

Increasing food prices affected the black ration scale more than the coloured ration scale, the survey found, indicating that the cost of basic foods such as maizemeal increased more than other items.

"This raises the question as to how the benefit of the GST-free items was passed on to the consumer," says Professor J F Potgieter, director of the institute.

Overall, the HSL in the five major urban centres — Johannesburg, Pretoria, Cape Town, Durban and Port Elizabeth — has risen by 8,3 percent for black households in the six months of March to September this year.

If the rate of inflation continues its current trend, the average HSL for a black household is expected to reach R337 a month by September 1985.

Commenting on the general survey trends, Professor Potgieter says the increases were higher than expected and the HSLs in Port Elizabeth, Kimberley, Pretoria and Uitenhage rose by more than 10 percent each.

Over the last year the pattern for coloured households surveyed has shown a slower increase, more in line with the Consumer Price Index of 11,8 percent.

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Row over proposed hostel

THE Tembisa Town Council will spend about R1-million to build a new hostel early next year, while thousands of families in the township have no proper accommodation.

According to council chairman, Mr Lucas Mothiba, these hostels will accommodate single men presently staying in 800 houses and families will be moved into the houses.

He yesterday said his council decided to build a new hostel in the township in January next year.

A loan of R1-m was received from the Department of Community Development a few months ago.

The new hostel will be erected in Inhlanzeni Section.

Mr Vuyisile Siyothula, a member of the Tembisa Council and leader of the opposition group in the council, said he was not aware that the council was recently granted a loan of R1-m by the department.

He said: "This is news to me and I am really shocked to learn that the mayor, without consulting the council decided to use the money on building a new hostel."

Mr Siyothula accused Mr Mothiba of handling council matters as if they were "his own property". He said about 5 000 families are presently on the waiting list in Tembisa and this money could have been used to provide them with accommodation or if not so, install a sewerage system in the area.

Part of Tembisa already has a sewerage system and other sections are still using the bucket system.

Mr Mothiba said the decision to use the money for building the hostel was taken by the full council. "This hostel will accommodate the men who are presently using about 800 four-roomed houses in Timong section as a hostel," he said.

Soweto is to press on with toll gates

Soweto City Council is pushing ahead with its decision to fence the area and put up toll gates to raise revenue for the township's ailing economy.

The council is to send a team of six councillors and officials overseas for a feasibility study.

The team led by the chairman of the transport committee, Mr Silas Tshabalala, will visit several countries which use toll systems.

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At the council's monthly meeting Mr Edward Manyosi, chairman of the executive committee, said the former Minister of Co-operation and Development, Dr Piet Koornhof, had praised Soweto councillors for having thought of the toll gate system as a means to raise money.

"It has been proved beyond doubt that toll gates, as a means of raising revenue, have been successful everywhere in the world," Mr Manyosi said.

"If it can work elsewhere, why should it not work in Soweto?"

Mr Manyosi said work would start on the project as soon as the feasibility study had been completed and Government approval obtained.

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THE VAAL TRIANGLE resembled battle-scarred Beirut this week.

Residents woke to find their streets crawling with armed soldiers and armoured vehicles. The boys from the border had taken control – in the heart of their own country.

It was a rude awakening for the 120 000 Sebokeng residents – particularly those who hadn't paid their rent. Did the arrival of 7 000 soldiers and police mean they were going to be evicted form their homes?

The fear grew when many realised "Operation Palmiet" (Bullrush) came only two weeks after the Vaal unrest claimed its first white victim, a three-week-old baby.

The "invaders" moved quickly. By daylight, some 354 people had been arrested for offences such as possession of dagga or banned books.

Army camps were set up in various parts of Sebokeng, and the cops searched almost 20 000 houses in one day.

By sunset, the soldiers had moved to Sharpeville. A huge roadblock was set up on the outskirts of the township.

Women, men and children were thoroughly searched . . . the boys from the border had taken control.

For many – particularly kids – these raids meant the first glimpse of handgrenades, machineguns and hippos.

They also meant a sense of bewilderment.

As one man observed sarcastically: "The soldiers who defend our borders . . . did they have to wage a total onslaught on defenceless

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Resident Elizabeth Mbele was just one of those who were angry. She was annoyed by the way the soldiers interrogated her about the African National Congress, among other things.

"When they saw I had some Inkatha forms which mentioned the ANC, they rattled on and on about the organisation as if I am affiliated to ANC, and not Inkatha."

She also criticised the authorities for thinking they could force people to pay rent.

"Orange-Vaal Development Board chief D C Ganz must not try to intimidate residents into dropping their rent boycott by calling in the army," she said.

"We want rent to be reduced to R30, and all the councillors must resign, as we demanded.

She added: "The soldiers cannot resolve the present stalemate in the Vaal. Only the authorities and councillors can – by meeting our demands."

Vaal Civic Association chairperson Lord McCamel added his criticism: "The authorities spoke to a delegation of six chosen by the people after the death and destruction of property on September 3.

"But nothing has been heard from them since.

"The soldiers are naive about civic politics and local situations and will not bring peace."

Anatomy of the unrest

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Several questions on the unrest in the townships and the Government's method of dealing with it were raised in The Sunrise Star's Review section yesterday. Today The Sunday Star shows the extent of the unrest and publishes a series of interviews with the people of Sebokeng.

AT LEAST 131 South Africans have died violently in the present township unrest, according to figures compiled by the Institute of Race Relations in Johannesburg.

Most have died within kilometres of Johannesburg in townships that are, to most whites, little more than vague names in Press reports and on news bulletins.

Though the number killed has not yet reached the proportions of 1976 when 575 people died between June 16 and the following February 22, the toll continues to climb steadily and the bloodshed shows no sign of ending.

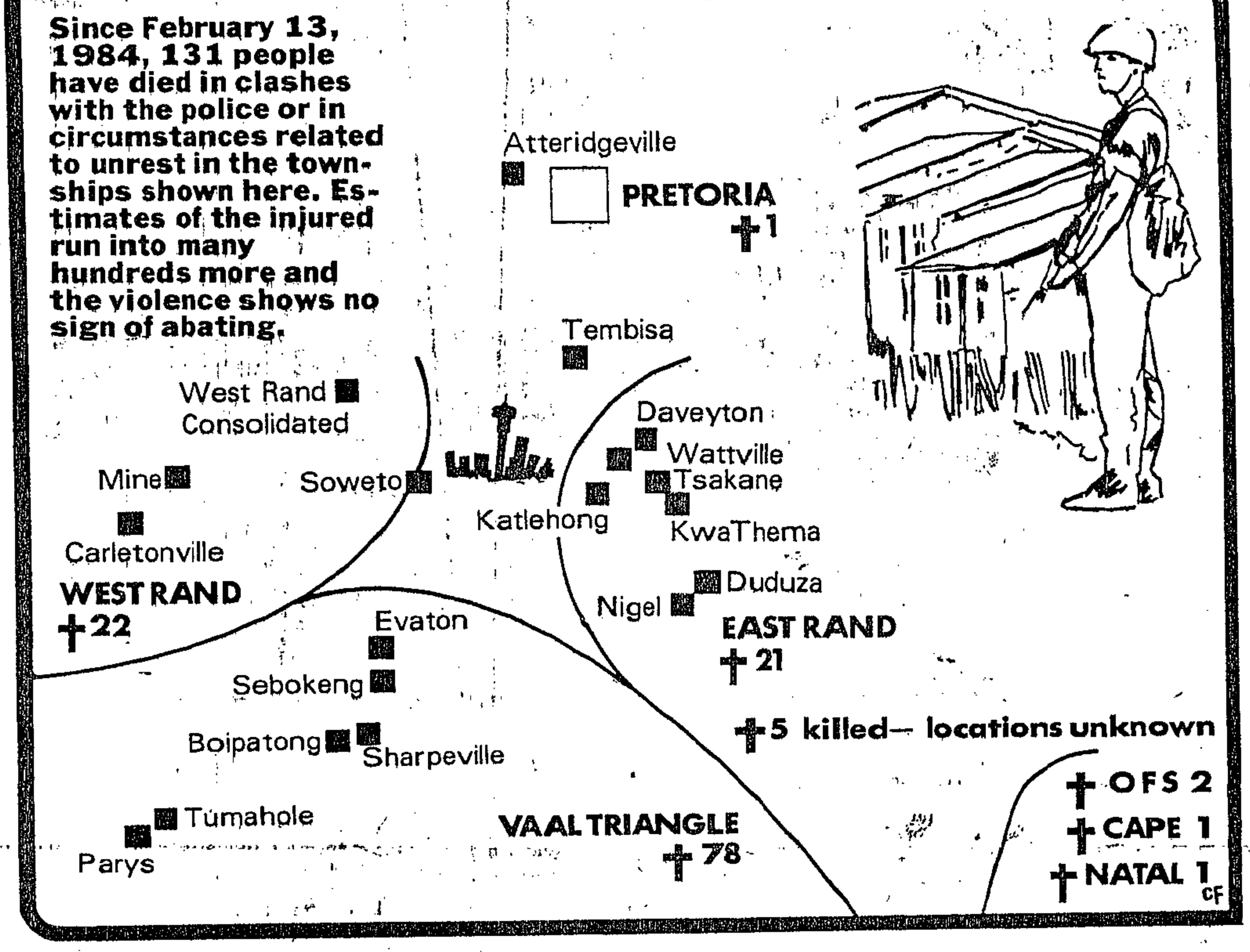
The grim record, compiled largely from Press reports because of the difficulty of obtaining accurate official statistics, begins with the death of Emma Sathekge (15) under the wheels of a police vehicle in an Attridgeville school grounds on February 13. It continued to grow over the past week with the slaying of kwaThema businessman Mr Jerry Khumbuza (25) and does not include hundreds of injured.

The youngest to die so far were three-week-old Gordon Blair, killed when youths stoned his mother's car in Sebokeng, Nonhlanhla Mzunga (seven months), killed in his home by tearsmoke and Thabo Sibeko (6) shot dead in Wattville.

Combined with a lack of knowledge on the part of most whites about the township's geographical location is a distressingly vague knowledge of the appalling socio-economic conditions that have sparked the boycotts, riots and killings there.

The oft-repeated official talk of intimidation and "criminal elements" has largely obscured the fact that many black parents who have for years watched their children's attempts to study by candlelight genuinely support the school boycotts.

Since February 13, 1984, 131 people have died in clashes with the police or in circumstances related to unrest in the townships shown here. Estimates of the injured run into many hundreds more and the violence shows no sign of abating.



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After the 'invasion' — what Sebokeng is saying

IN HOMES, buses and trains urban blacks are discussing the merits or otherwise of the 7 000-strong police and army "invasion" of Sebokeng, Sharpeville and Boipatong. The Sunday Star sent reporter SOL MAKGABUTLANE to identify both sides of the debate.

IN SPITE of the outcry that accompanied Operation Palmiet — which involved 7 000 policemen and servicemen systematically combing every house in Sebokeng — some people in the area saw the raid as being necessary.

But finding one of them this week was like looking for a needle in a haystack.

A middle-aged Sebokeng man to whom I spoke refused to divulge his name but was glad to give his opinion.

He said: "Sebokeng was sliding dangerously close to anarchy. We found bands of youths being a law unto themselves. They snapped into action at the whim of the moment.

"Everyone here is angry with the way our affairs are administered. Our rents are among the highest for four-roomed units. But I do not like the way the whole thing has been taken over by our children.

"Young people are very brave and not afraid to face the police. Some do it for adventure, others just join in for the fun of it.

"Some of them did not know what the fighting was all about."

He said that when the youths ran out of acceptable targets they attacked the innocent residents.

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"We also saw youngsters burning shops belonging to people who had nothing to do with the Lekoa Town Council, let alone the rent increase in Sebokeng."

"But have people thought for a moment what these children do during the day? I have seen young boys, some no older than 10 years, sniffing glue because there was nothing else for them to do. Girls are also roaming the township streets — and the consequences are well known."

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"But our children have good reasons to refuse to go back to school. Some people are saying most kids are not going to school because they are being intimidated by 'tsotsis'. But I haven't seen anyone preventing the children from going to school.

"The pupils have grievances which they have made known to education authorities many times. Newspapers say children in East Rand townships are also staying away from school until their demands are met. Will the same people now say 'tsotsis' are stopping the East Rand children from going to school? I don't think so.

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"We in the Vaal are tired. Very tired," she said, gesturing with her hands to drive her point home.

"We have been pleading for a long time that we have no money for high rents. Our children are also tired.

"Now, instead of talking to those we appointed to handle the rent issue for us, the authorities are sending in troops.

"It's a good thing for them to say 'tsotsis' have hijacked the true grievances of the residents by going around robbing people and destroying property. But have the authorities attended to our original complaints?

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It is only the fact that most labourers, male and female, employed by the Soweto Council are mature and conservative people that we have so far been spared further tragedy.

Another very important thing about these workers: their courage has kept Soweto's essential services functioning in the teeth of savage efforts by riotous students to disrupt vital amenities.

These hardworking men and women go out on trucks and trailers each day to remove rubbish, repair sabotaged sewerage pipes and drains and sweep streets.

They have to endure insults, beatings and stonings at the hands of schoolchildren.

One woman nearly lost her left eye early in the unrest. A 65-year-old man was seized by three youths, who lacerated his face slowly and deliberately with with broken bottles until he was semi-conscious.

These assaults are filling us with cold rage. We cannot understand why these students, who claim to be fighting for black liberation, intimidate and torture their own people.

If the unrest goes on for much longer, South Africa will see a bloody phenomenon ... a headlong clash between the conservative and the radical blacks, which could turn Soweto into another Beirut or Belfast.

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Already Soweto taximen are angry at the destruction of their vehicles and disruption of their businesses, and already many hostel migrant workers are threatening to retaliate the next time students beat them up when they leave trains and buses.

Conservative black people take a long time to get angry, but when they do their anger outlasts that of the radical intellectuals ... ask any faction fighter.

It is blatantly obvious that no one in authority ever bothered to learn anything from the riots of 1976 — not the men in the Soweto Council nor the people in the Department of Education and Training.

No one seems to care that our country is drifting slowly towards the rocks of no return like a storm-ravaged sailing ship.

The death of a country as great as ours does not come with the suddenness of Armageddon. It comes slowly and insidiously through a long series of seemingly minor events which happen sporadically over years ... until in the end you find it reduced to an angry armed camp where everyone fights everyone else and no one has the courage left to cry: "Shwele! Let there be peace!"

This is what is going to happen to South Africa, and it will happen as surely as it happened to Iran, the Lebanon and Vietnam.

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I want to demand of the new "tricameral" government just what kind of country it expects the new South Africa to be if the larger part of the population — the blacks — is torn apart by violence, official corruption and crime.

The government should know that no matter how militarily powerful a country may be, it cannot survive a class or race upheaval.

I can no longer sit on a fence and watch indifferently as great ugliness happens to those I love; I can no longer bear to see my people in agony through the stupidity and selfishness of politicians. I feel I must do something.

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Boya claims R25m deficit in Erab books

THE East Rand Urban Council Association discovered for the first time this week that the East Rand Development Board has about R25-m belonging to local authorities in the area.

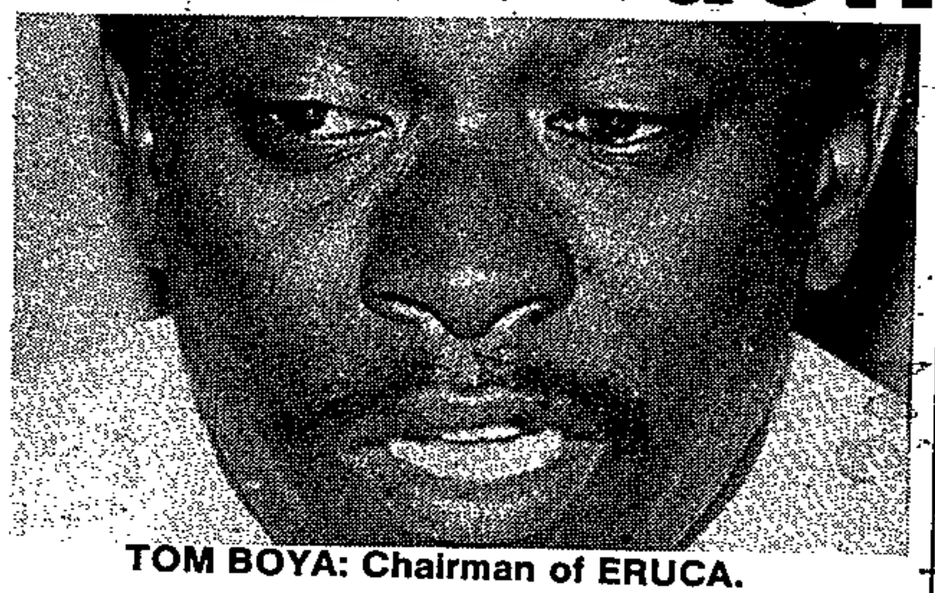
The revelation came to light at a report-back meeting between Eruca members, the Minister of Co-operation, Development and Education, Dr Gerrie Viljoen and other senior members of the department in Pretoria. Dr Viljoen was to report on issues which could not be finalised at last week's meeting to discuss problems affecting the town councils.

Mr Tom Boya, chairman of Eruca said in a statement released after a meeting that repeated pleas by his organisation to the government to find ways in which town councils could be financed and how public monies were used, led to the discovery of large sums of money said to have been accumulated by Eradebo.

Eruca, representing town councils in the East Rand, was unhappy about some of the reasons given by the board officials on the money which was already used. They demanded an audited statement.

Figures released at the meeting, revealed that East Rand townships had a surplus of R14 m when the then East Rand Administration Board took over from the City Councils in 1972. And of all the amounts, only R4 m is left. The other R10 m is said to have been used for infrastructure, rentals and bridging of deficit in the region.

"The announcement has caused great concern among members of Eruca, as they have a right to know how the money was used by the Development Board. We do not know why this was kept a secret, because the councils are entitled to the money to augment funds for the betterment of black areas," Mr Boya said.



TOM BOYA: Chairman of ERUCA.

Included in the amount owed to Town Councils, is R19,5 m accrued by the boards from the then community council. About R1,3 m profit money from the sorgum beer business is also still owed to councils. Added together, the money will be divided among the East Rand Local Authorities, before the end of the year, according to a directive by Dr Viljoen.

A working committee consisting of three members of Eruca and Development Board's officials, was also formed yesterday. Its duties entail looking into the problem the transfer of land, the overal plan to the extension of black townships, housing sales and other issues affecting the development of the region.

Mayor's house in Leandra set on fire

Rampant crowds burn down mayor's house

RIOTS SPREAD TO LEANDRA

By MZIKAYISE EDOM

LEANDRA township in the Eastern Transvaal, yesterday exploded in anger when about 5 000 residents went on the rampage burning down the house of mayor Mr Johannes Mlotshwa.

In Vosloorus on the East Rand, extensive damage was done to the house of the local mayor, Mr Fanyana Mahlangu, when it was attacked and stoned by a crowd on Saturday at about 11 pm.

An eye-witness told The SOWETAN that all the windows of the house were smashed by the crowd and part of Mr Mahlangu's furniture was badly damaged, causing damage estimated at thousands of rands.

A spokesman for the public relations unit of the SAP in Pretoria has confirmed both incidents.

He said in Vosloorus, Mr Mahlangu's house was attacked by four people who smashed all its windows and damaged part of the furniture.

"A person has been arrested in connection with this incident and is due to appear in court today," Lt van der Walt said.

In Leandra, trouble started at about 9 am when about 5 000 people disrupted a meeting called by the Leandra Community Council to discuss the fate of some of the residents in the area threatened with forced removal to KwaNdebele.

The police spokesman said: "Police had to use tearsmoke, rubber bullets, buckshot and sjamboks to disperse the crowds," stoning police vehicles and private cars.

A number of people are believed to have been injured during the clashes between the residents and the police and at one stage, it is reported that police had to run for cover and call for reinforcement after they were allegedly attacked with stones by the angry mob.

Police could not confirm if anybody was hurt during the clashes.

The councillors were holding their meeting at the Mpumelelo Higher Primary Schoolk, when they were forced to flee.

Eye-witnesses said some of the councillors were manhandled and threatened with assault before they managed to escape.

A witness said: "From the school, the mob took to the streets singing freedom songs."

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Sharpeville outcry over rents

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MORE than 600 Sharpeville residents yesterday reiterated their demands for rents to be reduced to R30 a month and not to pay rents until this demand was met.

In Tembisa a meeting resolved that matric students write their examinations in May/June next year and not this November. These meetings were the latest in resident confrontations with the authorities and late yesterday there were reports of police and youth confrontations in Sebokeng. But these could not be confirmed.

In a highly emotional meeting held at the Sharpeville AME church, residents called for the immediate resignation of all the councillors.

Because of the many residents that turned up, two meetings had to be held on the same premises, one inside the church and another at the church hall.

The meetings also resolved that students would not go back to school until all their demands have been met.

Another demand was the release of the Rev Tebogo Moselane, who is being held under Section 29 of the Internal Security Act.

Direction

Mr Mongezi Radebe, a member of a committee that recently met with the Orange Vaal Development Board officials called for the formation of a local civic association because "the recent events in the township seemed to be lacking direction".

He said Mr Moselane would be appointed chairman in abstentia because of his commitment.

In his report back, Mr Radebe said the officials told the delegation that the councillors would not resign because they were elected by their constituencies.

He said one official said there was no way in which rent would be reduced to R30. He also said he did not care whether people could afford the increases or not.

In Tembisa the resolution on examinations was taken unanimously by pupils during a parents and students meeting attended by about 600 people at Mathole cinema yesterday.

"The Department of Education and Training is making offers so that we can write in order to get rid of us from the schools and leave our demands and problems at school unresolved," said a student who addressed the audience.

Pupils also vowed not to go back to classes before their demands were met by DET.

Assault and loss of property alleged

Palmiet victims are bitter over treatment

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By Chris More

A week after the massive Operation Palmiet swoop on Sebokeng, some victims are still bitter about their experience at the hands of the police.

They have made allegations against police of assault and loss of property during the raid.

The claims emerged when *The Star* interviewed three people arrested for pass offences.

COMPLAINTS

In a telex reply to questions from *The Star* based on claims by the Sebokeng residents, the Police Directorate of Public Relations said:

"The SAP cannot comment on each and every allegation levelled against us by people who feel that they had been slighted.

"Should any of these complainants feel that they have legitimate causes for complaint, they must submit affidavits at their nearest police station so that it can be investigated."

Police said they were polite when making house-to-house raids but people interviewed disputed this.

Mr Johnson Mtimkulu (46) said the police were noisy and uncompromising when they came to his home.

He also claimed that they assaulted him while he was in custody at Vanderbijlpark Police Station, and on Tuesday he ate at only about 8 pm.

Mr Mtimkulu complained that prisoners were made to clean the prison in Vanderbijlpark and the living quarters of the warders, wearing their own clothes. As a result his shoes were damaged because he was working in an area flooded by water from a hose.

He was backed by his wife Georgina.

She said the police refused to say at which police station her husband would be kept. She said that on the Tuesday she went to three police stations before finding him.

She said that when the police came to her house they asked her husband: "Where is the revolver or other dangerous weapon?" When they said there were none the police demanded their reference books and house permit.

ACQUITTED

She had her passbook, but her husband had left his at work.

Mr Mtimkulu spent three days in jail.

Ms Sakhipe Zakangabone (22) said she did not know why she was arrested. She had produced her passbook.

When she was arrested at about 3.30 am she was forced to take her four-year-old son with her to the police station.

She said she took umbrage when, after being acquitted in the Vanderbijlpark Magistrate's Court, she had to walk home carrying her child. She had no money or means of contacting her people.

Mr Alson Mhlongo said he was arrested for allegedly wasting the time of the police.

He said he had his reference book somewhere in the house but could not find it. He said the police told him he was wasting their time and they would arrest him if he did not hurry.

He could not find the book and was arrested. He said he spent a day in jail and was released on Wednesday after his father paid a R25 fine.

Mr Mhlongo said his father, Mr Adolphus Mxuso, had complained that money was missing after the police raid. He had sought advice and was going to report to the police.

SAP search two more townships

JOHANNESBURG — Members of the South African Police yesterday sealed off Sharpeville and Boipatong in the second major search of Vaal townships in ten days.

Vehicles passing through roadblocks at all entrances and exits to the townships were searched.

A spokesman for the police directorate of public relations in Pretoria, Lieutenant B. van der Walt, confirmed last night that police were in the areas but was not able to confirm whether the SADF were involved. A spokesman for the SADF referred inquiries to the police.

According to the SA Police, the raids were conducted to ask for pass books.

Those who were arrested are expected to appear in court today.

● More than 600 students at Hebron College of Education in Bop huthatswana went on the rampage yesterday after the college's students representative council was dismissed. — DDC.

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URBAN BLACKS

Appeal for funds

Black local authorities are again urging government to boost their "dented image" by providing alternative sources of revenue and so make it possible for them "to stop burdening residents" with increased service and rent charges.

Says Tom Boya, chairman of Daveyton Council and of the East Rand Urban Councillors' Association (Eruca): "The situation in the townships is serious. We are unpopular and the recent rent increases have worsened the position. The government must help us. We must be seen by residents to be serving their interests. Otherwise, there's no hope whatsoever."

His association met Gerrit Viljoen, Minister of Co-operation and Development, in Pretoria last week to seek relief.

But, says Boya, outside of promising to delay the privatisation of liquor outlets and sorghum beerhalls in black townships, Viljoen merely advised the councillors how to negotiate for other sources of revenue.

The black councils want the development boards to transfer to them all assets falling under their jurisdiction. These include land, buildings, houses, hostels and trading sites.

"In addition, we would like revenues collected from licences and fines to be paid to the councils," says Boya. "We also want the R2 monthly labour levy paid by employers for every worker. We believe all these, together with proceeds from the sale of liquor and beer from bottlestores and beerhalls in the townships, will go a long way towards solving our problems."

The lack of revenue, which has resulted in councils raising rents, and water and electricity charges, has long been a bone of contention since last year.

In Soweto, the local council threatened to go to court to stop government selling liquor outlets to private enterprise.

Lawyers question SADF role in Vaal raids

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By Langa Skosana

The police and army raids of black townships in the Vaal Triangle last week have been questioned by a group of eminent legal men.

Lawyers for Human Rights, representing about 800 lawyers across the country, says the recent decision to employ both Defence Force and police in a major operation, Palmiet, has done untold harm to race relations and the cause of human rights in South Africa.

It calls on the Government to confront the real grievances of the black community and to set about providing answers to these grievances.

In Johannesburg yesterday the group's chairman, Mr J Browde, said that for the past two months black townships had been troubled by unrest.

"Lawyers for Human Rights believe this unrest may be traced in some instances to specific issues such as increased rents or poor schooling.

ROOT CAUSE

"But the root cause remains, as far as we are able to judge, the failure of the Government seriously to indicate a determination to abolish discriminatory laws and to provide for black participation in the central political process."

Mr Browde said that although the Defence Act allowed the Defence Force to be employed on service in the prevention or suppression of internal disorder the wisdom of such action was another issue.

"This action suggests that the army is to be used to enforce influx control and to suppress black political aspirations," he added.

"This means the army will be perceived by blacks to be the instrument of white political repression and will promote hostility towards the Defence Force among blacks."

At the same time, he went on, the use of the Defence Force in this manner would encourage resistance to military call-up among whites who did not wish to participate in the suppression of black political aspirations.

PRIVACY

Mr Browde said that while the police might have had good cause to enter and search certain houses, the Lawyers for Human Rights believed that the law did not authorise mass raids of this kind which inevitably invaded the privacy and rights of law-abiding citizens.

"Imagine the public outcry that would follow such a raid on Linden or Waterkloof," he added.

"One has only to picture this hypothetical case to highlight the doubts as to the legality of the police action.

"Lawyers for Human Rights question the legality of the police methods employed in Operation Palmiet ... and believe that they have seriously undermined respect for law in the black community."

Mr Browde said the establishment of special criminal courts to hear cases arising out of Operation Palmiet was of special concern to Lawyers for Human Rights.

Accused persons were brought to trail so quickly that they were given no opportunity to obtain legal representation or to prepare their own defence.

"It is inconceivable that proper justice could be done by these courts in an environment of political hysteria with no lawyers present to act as intermediaries," he added.

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I will not resign - Vosloo mayor

THE Mayor of Vosloorus, Mr Fanyana Mahlangu, is adamant that he will not resign from the town council, despite two recent attacks on his home and death threats on his life and that of his family.

Mr Mahlangu's house was attacked some weeks ago and all front window panes of the house were smashed.

He denied reports in **The SOWETAN** on Monday that when his house was attacked by the men, extensive damage was done when all window panes were smashed and part of the furniture damaged.

Mr Mahlangu said the men only threw stones on top of his roof and before any further damage could be done, police arrived and arrested one of them.

He also said he has received death threats from anonymous people.

His house is presently guarded 24 hours a day by two members of the South African Police and another two policemen employed by the East Rand Development Board (Eradebo).

In an exclusive interview with **The SOWETAN** this week, Mr Mahlangu blamed political organisations for the recent disturbances in the township.

Challenge

He challenged leaders of this organisation to come forward and stand for election in the Town Council instead of criticising councillors "while standing on the other side of the fence".

In the past, Mr Mahlangu said, "we used to shout and demand from the Government that we wanted to run our own affairs and now when the Government gives us those powers, we fight among ourselves. Rioting will not solve any problems but will bring misery to the black community. If we have any grievances, leaders from different organisations should sit down, discuss these problems and find a solution," Mr Mahlangu said.

He said he will continue serving in the council because "this is the only way we can communicate with the Government on matters affecting the residents".



DEFIANT: Mr Fanyana Mahlangu, Vosloorus Mayor who has vowed he will not resign from the council.

COUNCIL RAPPED OVER PALMIET

By STAN MHLONGO

THE LEKOA Town Council took a rap on the knuckles this week for supporting the "invasion" of the Vaal by soldiers two weeks ago.

While prominent organisations like the Vaal Civic Association, the Congress of SA Students, the United Democratic Front, Azapo and Inkatha have slammed the Government for Operation Palmiet — in which about 7 000 troops searched 20 000 houses in the Vaal — the Lekoa council publicly thanked the troops.

Vaal Civic Association chairman Rev Lord McCamel said he heard the councillor's annoucement on TV "that the residents were responsible for the introduction of Operation Palmiet in the Vaal" with shock.

"Not only were residents terrified and astounded to see the troops in the township last week, but they also wondered what on earth was happening.

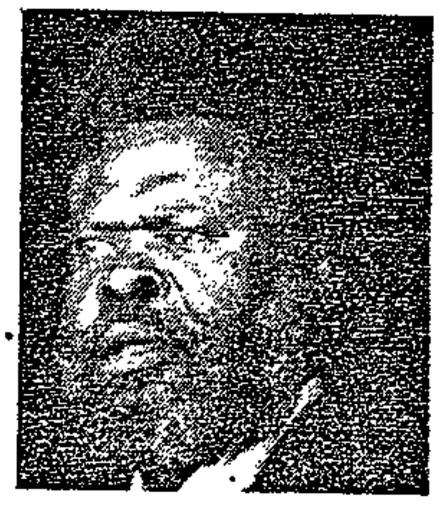
"So if the Lekoa council wanted to prove a point by asking the Government to send troops in the area to end the present boycott for rents and classes, they have certainly failed," said Mr McCamel.

Sebokeng resident Jojo Moloi said the search left a trail of disorder.

"Our clothes and suitcases were dumped in the kitchen, our wardrobes were broken and they also took food from my fridge without permission.

"For some black people to say thank you for that harassment is a shame," said Mr Moloi.

A Sharpeville resident, Annah Motaung, said: "How can people have the guts to laud Operation Palmiet when so many people were arrrested? The council is made up of a bunch of sell-outs."



REV LORD McCAMEL: "Shocked."

SACC do not condone violence, but...

THE ONGOING unrest, loss of life and destruction in the Vaal Triangle must be understood as "a response by the people to the current political developments in South Africa", says the SA Council of Churches in its newsletter Ecunews.

The SACC cannot condone violence in any form "but it is important that the authorities recognise that some people believe such protest is the only form of opposition which is of any effect", Ecunews' editorial said.

"In many instances the apparently hasty actions of the police has disastrously inflamed the people into angry reaction.

"The harassment of innocent bystanders and the shooting of children in their yards is condemned in the strongest terms," the editorial said.

The editorial further called on students to return to school.

The SACC has already called on the Government to agree to meet legitimate leaders of the people to discuss the broad issues relating to the situation.

R1/2-m 'fraud' charges denied



ALLEGATIONS that eight white officials of the Soweto Council had defrauded the council of more than R500 000 worth of trucks were denied last week.

By ELLIOT TSHINGWALA

Speaking to **The SOWETAN** in a telephone interview Mr Nico Malan, the Soweto Town Council Clerk, said the council was unaware of such allegations. "In fact, we take strong exception to the article," he said.

The allegations in question were made by the deputy mayor of the Soweto Town Council and an official of the Soweto Town Council Mr J E P Mokotong at a rally organised by the council held at the Jabulani Amphitheatre two months ago.

The two told about 500 cheering people about how eight white officials of the council had been fired after being found to have bought 18 trucks for their own use using the council's account.

Each was valued at about R31 000. Ten of these trucks were later recovered but eight were still missing, they said.

The story was later reaffirmed in an interview with Mr Mokotong during a small break.

Mr Mokotong added that the whites' luck ran out after an employee of the council found incriminating receipts in the garbage bin — he was waving a bunch of receipts which supposedly were the evidence he was talking about.

False

According to Mr Malan, the eight officials were not fired but left on their own accord because they were seconded officials from the West Rand Development Board.

However, Mr Malan confirmed that an investigation had been made about certain officials abusing council property at the cleansing department, where the eight were employed, he said. The allegations of fraud were also rumoured, he said, but these were found to be false.

Vaal residents to seek legal advice

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Reporter

VAAL residents are to seek legal advice against the Orange-Vaal Development Board and the Lekoa Town Council if their demand is not met — the reduction of house rentals in the area.

This is a decision taken by opposition groups including the Vaal Civic Association, which has given the board and the council an ultimatum to meet their demands by today.

Meanwhile many thousands of Vaal residents yesterday heeded the call by trade union and community-based organisations to stay away from work and other activities. There was no transport to ferry people to work and various destinations in the Vaal Triangle yesterday.

Hippos

Roadblocks — manned by police in camouflage uniform and hippos, and members of the SADF — were conducted in most Vaal residential areas where the situation was quiet but tense.

In Bophelong a meeting convened to discuss the rent issues and other problems, was banned by the local Chief Magistrate.

Explanation

The spokesman said that they sent a memoradum to the board and councillors informing them that they wanted an explanation of the rent issue which sparked off the unrest in the areas.

In an in-house meeting in Bophelong, the residents committee resolved:

- That rents be reduced to R30;
- That they give the board and the council an ultimatum to meet their demands;
- To seek legal advice if the board and council do not meet their demands;
- That the board should reconnect their electricity; and
- That all councillors should resign.

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10 councillors quit

TEN MEMBERS of town councils in the East Rand yesterday resigned from their seats because of a call made by residents and the lack of protection from the Government.

Three councillors resigned from the Tembisa Town Council: Mr J S Pitse, Mr S D Letsoalo and Mr S M Songo; seven councillors resigned from the Duduza Town Council, in Nigel: the mayor, Mr Kebane Moloi; his deputy, Mr Elliot Phahlane; Mr Aggripa Mthethwa, Mr Samuel Makopo, Mr Khulu Thwala, Mr Peace Maronga and Mr de Wet Monakali.

Mr Moloi, speaking on behalf of his colleagues, said this followed a call made by residents at a funeral of unrest victim, Mr Buyilo Mchunu, last week. He also said that after the lack of progress in implementing resolutions of the council the council decided it would be in their interest to resign. Letters of resignation were being forwarded to the area director, Mr S Miller.

Announcing the resignations in Tembisa, Mr Pitse said they would like to inform the public that they were no longer councillors with effect from yesterday "for the sake of our families' safety and the lack of protection from the Government. Another reason is that residents have been calling for the resignation of councillors, which shows they have no faith in them."

The mass resignation follows other such moves in Ratanda and the Vaal Triangle. The entire council in Ratanda has resigned.

Stayaway hailed as highly successful

By Susan Pleming

The two-day stayaway by workers in protest at the Government's failure to deal with black grievances has been hailed as an "absolute success" by the United Democratic Front (UDF), the Johannesburg Democratic Action Committee (Jodac) and the Federation of South African Trade Unions (Fosatu).

Mr Frank Chikane, Transvaal vice-president of the UDF, and Mr Chris Dlamini, Fosatu president, told a meeting at the University of the Witwatersrand this week that the organisations which called for the stayaway would not have done so if they had not been entirely confident of success.

Ms Joanne Yawitch, chairman of Jodac, also labelled the stayaway highly successful, estimating that 90 percent of workers in the Vaal triangle, 80 to 85 percent on the East Rand and large numbers on the West Rand had stayed in the townships for the two days.

"The people's protest against the Government was ignored so they decided to move into a situation of crisis," said Mr Chikane.

"This crisis is not accidental but a historical reality. Also, it is not just another June 16 1976 but a permanent on-going crisis which cannot be wiped out by any army or police force."

He stressed that the Government could continue arresting the leaders of the UDF and the people but the crisis would only deepen.

"This is because the people are determined to govern themselves — and they cannot all be put in jail."

Referring to Chief Gatsha Buthelezi's condemnation of the stayaway call, Mr Chikane said: "History will prove that Chief Buthelezi has no support among the people. And when history has taken its course the people will govern."

22 people arrested in townships

Police today arrested 22 people in townships on the East Rand and in the Western Transvaal.

A police spokesman in Pretoria said about 100 youths petrol-bombed a truck at Ikageng near Potchefstroom last night.

Police used birdshot to disperse the crowd.

Two men and two women were arrested on charges of public violence, after being treated for slight injuries.

At kwaThema near Springs, 18 people have been arrested in connection with the looting of several shops during recent unrest.

Goods valued at R4 000 were recovered.

At Kagiso near Krugersdorp a post office and a bus were stoned. There was no police action.

● In Grahamstown, an attempt was made to set fire to the St Phillips Primary School but damage was minimal, said the police spokesman.

A group of about 50 youths stoned police vehicles near Grahamstown and were dispersed with birdshot and rubber bullets.

East Rand councillors quit in wake of unrest

By Langa Skosana and Abel Mabelane

At least 11 community councillors on the East Rand yesterday quit their posts in the wake of unrest in the area.

Among reasons given for resignations were that the Government's new dispensation for blacks in urban areas had failed and that councillors feared for their lives.

Eight councillors in Duduza township near Nigel and three from Tembisa, near Kempton Park, resigned.

The mayor of Duduza, Mr Kebane Moloi, said residents had called on councillors to resign.

"Because of the recent situation and lack of progress in implementing the resolutions of the council, the council decided to resign."

The three Tembisa councillors issued a joint statement, saying: "We resigned because we did not have protection."

Boy ordered to wash cells

PORT ELIZABETH — A 12-year-old boy found guilty of throwing stones at a police vehicle during recent unrest has been told to wash police vehicles and cells once a week until sentence is passed on January 4.

The boy appeared in the Grahamstown Magistrate's Court yesterday. — Own Correspondent.

Soweto electricity dearer

By Michael Tissong

In a circular to consumers, the Soweto Town Council has announced it has pushed up electricity tariffs by 20 percent.

This increase has been condemned by the Soweto Civic Association (SCA) as an inhuman act in the present economic climate. A spokesman, Mr Tom Manthata, said the SCA executive would discuss the increase on Sunday.

The circular said the tariff for metered consumption would be adjusted by 0,8c a unit. Town Clerk Mr Nico Malan said: "This means a person who presently pays a monthly account of R25 will pay R30."



FUNERAL: The man with the outstreched hands signifies the new mood at political funerals, where men and women, young and chant and run all the way from the bereaved family's home to the graveyard. This picture was taken in Katlehong at the funeral o people killed during the unrests, Keke Mahlatsi (20) and Samuel Morake (21). Pics: MBUZENI ZULU

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Unrest victims buried today

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THREE of the four funerals of unrest victims that were to be held in Ratanda on Saturday, but were banned by the Chief Magistrate of Heidelberg, will now be conducted today.

Moses Mokoena (21) of 2753 Matlala Street, Joseph "Section" Pooe (24) of 2097 Mamabolo Street and Matoto Mosikare (22) of Matlala Street, will be buried at the Ratanda cemetery between 12.30pm and 1.30pm.

The fourth victim, Gibson Twala, a Form IV pupil at the Ratanda High School, was buried yesterday at the Kwa-Thema cemetery.

All four died last week during violence between the police and groups of youths, following the two-day stayaway call on Monday and Tuesday.

The disturbances left 24 people dead, scores of houses, buildings and vehicles destroyed by fire.

Resigned

At least 10 members of town councils in the East Rand townships of Tembisa and Duduza also resigned from their seats last Thursday because of a call made by residents.

Strict conditions forbidding the weekend funeral services were contained in orders issued under the Internal Security Act by Heidelberg Chief Magistrate, Mr P C Terblanche.

The four, the orders state, may only be buried between 10am and 4pm durng the week.

By MZIKAYISE EDOM

Other conditions are:

- Not more than 50 mourners should attend a funeral service.
- Corpses and mourners must travel only in motor vehicles from the church or home to the cemetery along the shortest route.
- No placards may be displayed during the funeral procession, at the church or at the cemetery.
- No singing of freedom songs or political speeches should be made at the church, home or at the graveyard.
- The families may not hold a mass funeral for the deceased, even if the funeral services are held during the week.

Scores of relatives who arrived at the weekend, with the hope that the four will be buried on Saturday as it was earlier planned, may miss today's funerals as most of them have to return back home as far as the Orange Free State, Lesotho and Swaziland.



SHOULDER-HIGH: C fin of one of the pup who was shot d during the stayaway

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ER councils slam UDF

AN East Rand town councillors meeting in Zithobeni township near Bronkhorstspruit has levelled a scathing attack on the United Democratic Front and the organisers of this week's two-day stayaway which resulted in the death of at least 23 people.

Most of the deaths occurred in the East Rand townships during clashes with the police on Monday and Tuesday.

At least seven houses belonging to councillors on the East Rand were attacked by rioters while two shops were gutted. Another belonging to the mayor of Katlehong, Mr A P Khumalo, was looted.

Several people were injured while others were arrested at the height of the rioting during the stayaway.

Leading the attack on the UDF and "intimidators" at the monthly meeting of the East Rand Urban Councils' Association (Eruca), was the association's chairman and mayor of Daveyton, Mr Tom Boya, who called upon the councillors to take a firm stand against the violence which was being perpetrated in the townships.

Mr Boya blamed organisations such as the UDF and the Committee of Ten for the staging of the stayaway and the ensuing violence, stating that it was obvious that a large number of people had been intimidated and forced not to go to work.

"We know that our people were threatened with violence and that they were told that their houses were going to be destroyed if they went to work," said Mr Boya.

"Organisations like the UDF and the Committee of Ten cannot claim to represent the black people. After all, who elected them?" inquired Mr Boya.

Violence

Mr Boya said the East Rand councillors had been turned into targets of violence and destruction because of what they had achieved compared to other councils elsewhere in the country.

"Those against us now realise how much we have achieved since being elected into power and now want to destroy us," he said. He cited as examples of the successes, the fact that an Eruca delegation had recently held talks with the Minister of Co-operation, Development and Education, Dr Gerrit Viljoen, on the question of land, education and unrest in the country.

"This is clear proof that we are in the midst of the struggle," said Mr Boya.

East Rand councillor dies in gun blaze

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BY MZIKAYISE EDOM

MR MALACHIA "Lucky" Mogorosi, the outspoken Katlehong town councillor and a successful businessman in the township, was gunned down in "Mafia-style" by unknown gunman at the weekend.

The 45-year-old father of six was shot three times — twice in the head and once in the chest — a few seconds after he had closed his shop in the township's Moshoeshoe Section at about 7 pm on Saturday.

He died on the way to Natalspruit Hospital.

Mr Mogorosi of 428 Moshoeshoe Section owned a string of shops in the township.

He was the leader of the opposition in the Katlehong Town Council and was also the secretary of the East Rand Urban Councils Association (Eruca).

He is also former deputy chairman of the defunct Katlehong Community Council.

Black car

His younger brother Mr Robert Mogorosi told **The SOWETAN** yesterday that his brother had just closed one of his shops and was about to get into his car which was parked a few metres away from the shop when the gunmen pumped three bullets into his body.

The gunmen, Mr Mogorosi said, were travelling in a black car which was parked a distance from his brother's shop.

The family has not as yet established the motive behind the shooting.

The Katlehong police are investigating. No arrests have been made.

"My brother was certified dead on arrival at the hospital. We really do not know why he had to die in that manner. He had no grudge with anybody and was also willing to help anybody at any time of the day," Mr Mogorosi said.

Loss

Mr Tom Boya, mayor of Daveyton and chairman of Eruca said: "His death is a great loss not only to the residents of Katlehong, but also to Eruca. He is the man who played a great role to make it possible for Eruca to meet the Minister of Co-operation, Development and Education Dr Gerrit Viljoen in Pretoria recently."



FLASHBACK: A jubilant Mr Mogorosi after being elected to the community council in 1981.

Elections postponed

THE elections for a new community council in Ratanda, Heidelberg have been postponed indefinitely, following the failure by candidates to stand for nominations.

The elections were to be held on November 24, after the resignation by all eight members of the Ratanda Community Council two months ago.

At the time, the councillors had claimed they were forced to resign because of "political pressure" and death threats on their lives and that of their families..

A reliable source close to Eradebo confirmed that when the day for nominations closed three weeks ago, not a single candidate had submitted his or her name.

Because of this, the source said, the board indefinitely postponed the elections which were to have been held on November 24.

Mr F E Marx, the chief director of Eradebo confirmed the failure by candidates to stand for nominations, forcing the board to postpone the elections.

Mr Marx refused to comment further about the elections. The source said the board will continue running the affairs of the township until the Department of Co-operation and Development decides the fate of the township, concerning the elections for a new community council.

Raid aimed at finding criminal elements

Police and SADF swoop on Tembisa

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By Trevor Jones and Chris More

Hundreds of policemen, supported by the Defence Force, swooped on Tembisa township today in a concentrated anti-crime drive.

The police action started at 10 am under the command of Brigadier Bert Wandrag, chief of the SAP Task Force. He was assisted by the Divisional Commissioner for the East Rand, Brigadier D J Crafford, and Colonel D Greyling, CID chief for the area.

A large force of detectives began searching for suspects in specific cases. The detectives had warrants of arrest for people wanted in connection with 31 murder cases, 39 cases of serious assault, 10 of armed robbery, four rape cases, and 29 cases of theft.

Colonel Leon Mellet, spokesman for the Minister of Law and Order, said the anti-crime action was aimed at rooting out a criminal element in the township which has about 250 000 residents.

"Experience has shown that it is these thugs and hooligans who are responsible for most of the arson, looting, stone-throwing and so on," said Colonel Mellet.

He said that other police duties would be to protect commuters, schools, community service centres and to remove obstructions in the streets.

Colonel Mellet would not say how many men were involved in today's swoop but said the number was "considerably less" than in the recent Mokeng operation. He emphasised that no house-to-house searches were being conducted.

Policemen in Tembisa were also distributing pamphlets among the residents explaining the reasons for the action and asking for the support of people living in the township.

Colonel Mellet said the anti-

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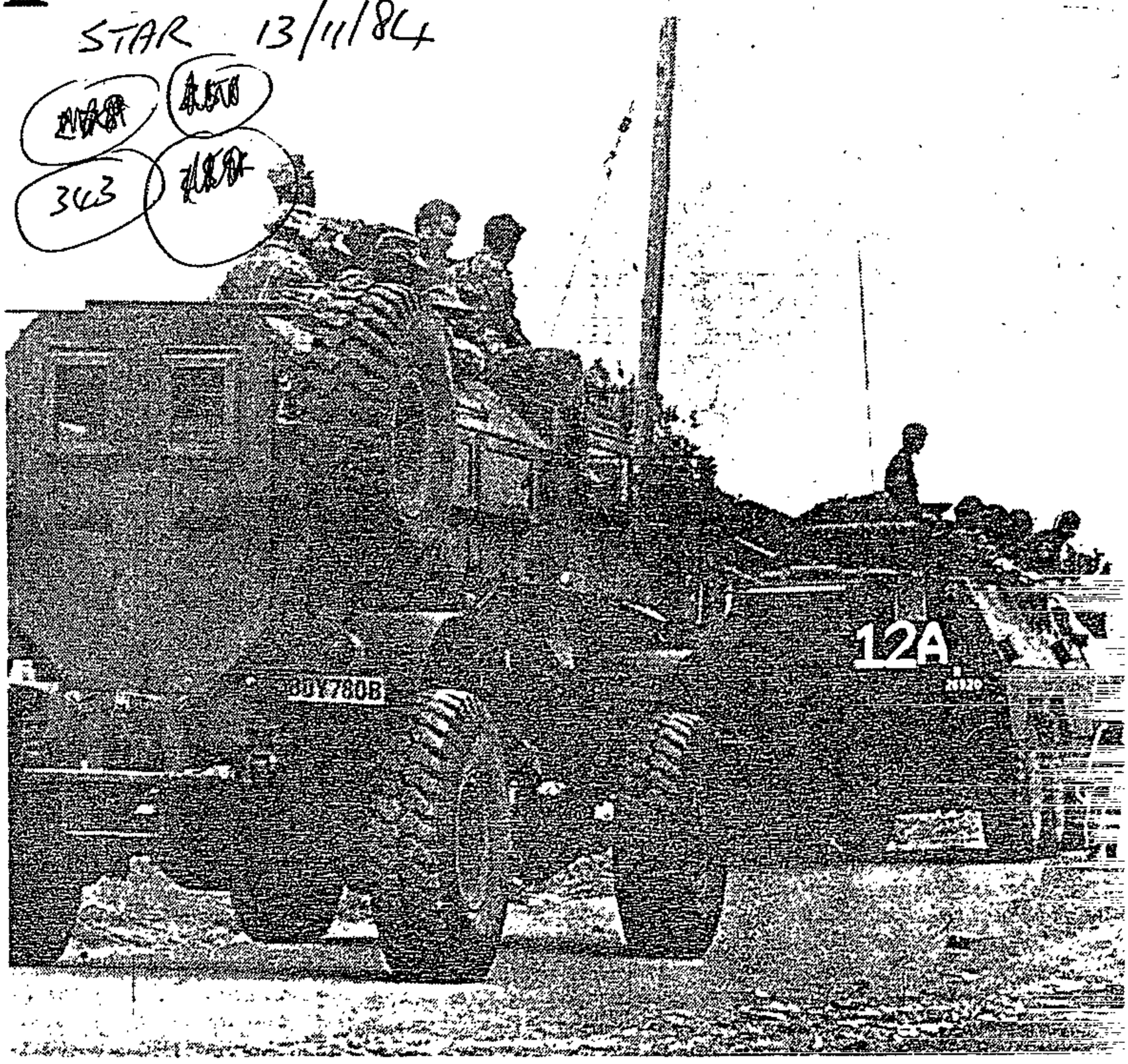

Police and army personnel hand out pamphlets urging pupils to go back to school and adults to ret...

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Tembisa swoop: 100 taken

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Tembisa businessmen today declined to confirm or deny the rumour that they are planning to confront the United Democratic Front (UDF) and the Congress of South African Students (Cosas) to get compensation for property lost during last week's two-day stayaway.

The businessmen promised to give details of allegations after they had consulted as a group.

The township was tense this morning as police, backed by the army, continued their operation to root out suspects involved in crimes allegedly related to last week's two-day stayaway.

Residents told *The Star* the raids were based on information given to police by local businessmen who were victimised during the stayaway.

A resident, who did not want to be named, said: "Most of the goods were dug up in the backyards of houses in the neighbourhood of the shops. But the businessmen had accurate information of the big culprits. They gave their names to the police."

The police crackdown in Tembisa yesterday has been condemned as "extremely disqueting" by the Northern Transvaal Progressive Federal Party.

Northern Transvaal PFP chairman Mr Rowan Haarhoff said today the reason given by the police for the massive drive was absurd.

"How on earth does one unearth criminal elements like murderers, rapists and robbers by erecting roadblocks and searching hundreds of homes?"

He described the swoop as a political action to intimidate dissenters and said the Minister of Police should publish a list of the arrests not later than Friday if he wanted to prove otherwise.

● From Port Elizabeth it is reported that SADF units and vehicles have been stationed permanently along Grahamstown's notorious Raglan Road area.

Confirming the presence of four or five vehicles and up to 60 troops, police liaison officer for the Eastern Cape Colonel Gerrie Van Rooyen said they were helping police control stoning incidents.



The combined police/army swoop on the East Rand's Tembisa township yesterday had its lighter moments when soldiers and children played an impromptu soccer game. A police spokesman said 53 people were arrested and goods recovered which had been looted from shops during the unrest.

Picture by Alf Kumalo.

100 taken in swoop on Tembisa

Police have arrested more than 100 people in the anti-crime swoop on Tembisa township on the East Rand.

The drive to "root out criminal elements" began on Monday but moved into top gear yesterday when hundreds of uniformed policemen and detectives, supported by members of the South African Defence Force, moved into the township.

A police spokesman in Pretoria today said that 53 people had been arrested yesterday in connection with crimes ranging from murder to charges under the Liquor Act.

A further 50 people have been arrested in connection with the looting of Tembisa stores. Food, drink, clothing, two electrical generators and other items looted in recent unrest have been recovered.

Some the goods were buried in backyards.

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Thousands arrested in Sebokeng swoop

By Chris More

The Orange-Vaal Development Board (OVDB) yesterday cracked down on the Sebokeng Hostel, arresting thousands of residents in what is believed to be one of the largest raids by any development board yet.

Inmates said hundreds of board police backed by the South African Police and South African Defence Force carried out the raid from about 9 pm on Wednesday until yesterday morning.

The hostel accommodates more than 10 000 people, most of whom are migrant workers, and is situated about 200 m from the OVDB headquarters and the Sebokeng police station.

The raids were apparently connected with the recent unrest in the Vaal complex.

Those arrested in the raid have been tried in three special courts set up at the Sebokeng Commissioner's Court at the board headquarters in Houtkop.

Most of the arrested men paid admission of guilt fines of R20 for offences ranging from trespassing failure to produce permits to non-payment of rents.

The raid came in the wake of fears in the Vaal that the Lekoa Town Council, a town council "in exile", was planning a backlash at the residents as punishment for the recent unrest.

● A police spokesman in Vereeniging this morning confirmed the raid. About 2 000 people had been arrested in a "crime prevention operation".

Boesak answers Minister's 'raving'

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the public may make "calculating or deliberate" statements about the police.

"The South African Government have made the police and the army an instrument of maintaining apartheid and a servant of the Government rather than a servant of the South African people," Dr Boesak added.

"No amount of ranting and raving by the Minister is going to alter the fact that thousands of people have seen pictures on their television screens of police and army actions in the townships."

Dr Boesak added that the blackout on news imposed by the police in certain circumstances removed the check of accountability for their actions.

"This amounts to giving the police a blank cheque to do whatever they deem necessary and no chance for the Press to monitor what those actions are," Dr Boesak added.

"The one question which the Minister does not address is why was it necessary for the police and the army to move into the townships in the first place," he said.

Dr Boesak said that on the whole he stood by the statements reported in the Australian newspaper. There were, however, things not reported as he had said them.

An example was that he said the Government tolerated the Afrikaner Weerstandsbeweging while banning Christian organisations working for change. He was quoted as saying the Government supported the AWB.

He could also not recall saying the SADF was a "sophisticated murder machine".

● It may not be possible for the Commissioner of Police to have Dr Boesak charged for statements he is said to have made in Australia, said the Opposition spokesman on Justice matters, Mr Dave Dalling, today.

Boesak answers Minister's 'raving'

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By Gary van Staden, Political Reporter

What South Africa — and the rest of the world — had seen of police and defence force actions in townships recently could only be described as "legalised terror" and no amount of ranting and raving by the Minister of Law and Order Mr Louis le Grange would alter that fact, Dr Allan Boesak said today.

Dr Boesak, patron of the United Democratic Front, was reacting to a statement by Mr le Grange last night in which he accused Dr Boesak of "lies and slander" and advised the police to charge him under Section 27 of the Police Act.

"He can call me what he likes, I only repeat in public the testimony of those who have suffered the police and the army in the townships," Dr Boesak said.

Mr le Grange told a public meeting in Virginia, in the Free State, that Dr Boesak would be charged under Section 27 of the Police Act after "a proper investigation" was conducted into the allegations of police brutality he made during an interview with an Australian newspaper recently.

Under this section of the Act no member of

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Boesak must be charged — Le Grange

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VIRGINIA — The Minister of Law and Order, Mr Louis le Grange, has advised the Commissioner of Police to charge Dr Allan Boesak, patron of the United Democratic Front, under a section of the Police Act.

Mr le Grange last night told a public meeting in Virginia that a dossier would be opened on Dr Boesak and, after a "proper investigation" of charges under Section 27 of the Police Act, would be handed to the Attorney-General.

Section 27 states that members of the public may not be calculating or deliberate in what they say about the police.

Dr Boesak, who is also head of the World Council of Reformed Churches, was referred to by Mr le Grange as a "liar and slanderer".

The basis of the Minister's attack on Dr Boesak was an article in Australia's *Sydney Morning Herald* newspaper.

In the article, said Mr le Grange, Dr Boesak had said the South African Police were committing "the most unbelievable atrocities" and gave the example of a 12-year-old black youth who, although innocent, had been shot in both legs by a policeman.

'MURDER MACHINE'

The article had referred to the South African Defence Force as "one of the most sophisticated murder machines in history," Mr le Grange said.

He added that Dr Boesak had referred to "civil war in South Africa with more than 7 000 African troops surrounding Soweto a month ago".

Dr Boesak was also quoted as saying that South African whites had been a violent people ever since they first came to the Cape hundreds of years ago. Dr Boesak had also alleged that the Afrikaanse Weerstandbeweging, "Which is supported by the government," had made regular threats on his life.

"All these allegations are lies, calculated lies," Mr le Grange said.

Only Dr Boesak could say whether he had actually given the interview and whether he was quoted correctly, Mr le Grange said.

"But unless and until he publicly disputes this article he will be known as a liar and a slanderer of his country, while at the same time being a minister and head of the World Council of Reformed Churches."

The minister said Dr Boesak would have the opportunity to accept or deny responsiblity for the article once a charge was laid under Section 27 of the Police Act and a dossier opened, which would be passed onto the attorney-general. — Sapa.

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Councils failing

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Black councils established under the Black Local Authorities Act seem doomed. Members are quitting their posts in response to calls by activist groups.

Eleven councillors — eight in Duduza (Nigel) and three in Tembisa (Kempton Park) — have resigned in the wake of the violence which accompanied the two-day stayaway last week.

They explain that they are quitting because government's new dispensation has failed to accommodate black aspirations in urban areas. They also say they fear for their lives because of lack of government protection for their families in the townships.

When the unrest first erupted in the Vaal Triangle early in September, four local councillors resigned after four others were murdered in the townships of Sharpeville and Sebokeng.

In Duduza, where an East Rand Development policeman was beaten by residents and later died in hospital, local council chairman Kebane Moloi and seven of his councillors have resigned, leaving only one member in the council.

Tembisa, where three councillors quit their posts, was most violent during the stayaway. Shops belonging to councillors became targets of rampaging youths.

The shops were looted and burnt. A train and several administration buildings as well as beerhalls were gutted.

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At Ratanda, near Heidelberg, on the East Rand the entire seven-member council has resigned because of pressure from activist groups.

Residents have attacked councillors for trying to increase house rents and service charges. The increases have been suspended in most townships in the PWV area.

In Soweto at least 10 councillors, including council chairman and business tycoon Ephraim Tshabalala, had their homes petrol-bombed earlier this year.

1 000's HELD

Massive raid on Sebokeng Hostel



Mr DANIEL MOEPE (46) . . . arrested. Said he was made to stand overnight because of overcrowded cells.



Mr MATSUBURA MVULELEHLOBO, showing a receipt he was issued with after paying R20 admission of guilt fine.



Mr ABRAHAM TSHABALALA, pointing to the cheek where he claimed he was smacked during the raid.

THOUSANDS of inmates at the Sebokeng Hostel have been arrested in a massive raid by officials of the Orange Vaal Development Board backed by the South African Police.

By MOJALEFA MOSEKI and ELLIOT TSHINGWALA

Victims of the swoop said the raid was apparently connected to the failure by residents to pay rents in arrears since September. The raid started on Wednesday night and continued yesterday.

Those arrested who had money paid R45 rent arrears, while those without money were warned to pay their rents. Others found with faulty documents paid admission of guilt fines for various offences.

It was the biggest ever raid for rent defaulters by any development board.

Mr D C Ganz chief director of OVDB, yesterday said: "Many hostel residents complained about intimidation as well as trespassers entering hostels and using their accommodation.

"In view of this, the necessary action was taken."

Inmates said the raid started at 9pm on Wednesday and involved scores of police and army personnel. It continued yesterday.

According to accounts, vehicles took the arrested to the offices of the board and a local prison.

Mr Marklee Ntshumele (20), said he had been discharged after a strong warning to pay his rent. "When the policemen entered they pointed rifles at us and demanded passbooks and hostel permits. When we produced permits, they asked us why we had failed to pay rents. We told them that we had nowhere to pay the rents, as offices were all burned during the September riots. They searched for weapons and liquor from our lockers and led us into waiting vans where hundreds.of soldiers were standing guard. About 8 000 people were arrested, including those who came from nightshift at about 5am."

Mashao in quit shock

By MONK NKOMO

THE MAYOR of Atteridgeville/ Saulsville, Mr Z Z Mashao, this week unexpectedly resigned from the local town council because of "tremendous pressure" from his family.

Mr Mashao, who is also chairman of the Urban Council Association of the Transvaal (UCAT) and leader of local civic party, the Black Progressive Party (BPP), tendered his letter of resignation on Wednesday morning. The letter was addressed to the local town clerk, Mr J P le Grange.

In his resignation letter, dated November 14, Mr Mashao said: "This will come as a shock to you and the council, but due to tremendous and sustained pressure from the family in the past few weeks, I wish to inform you with deep regret that I am resigning from the council with immediate effect.

"This decision was arrived at after very serious consideration."

Mr Mashao yesterday stressed that he was not forced to resign because of any political organisation "as indicated in a Pretoria afternoon daily" yesterday.

In fact, I should have resigned about two months ago because of pressure from my family and relatives," Mr Mashao said.

The atmosphere was tense at the local superintendent's office yesterday morning, and although a few town council employees seemed to know that Mr Mashao had resigned, most of them could not believe that their mayor had quit.

A number of people, including husbands and wives with family problems, waited anxiously near the mayor's office on Wednesday and yesterday to see Mr Mashao in connection with their problems. Many went back to their respective homes after being told that the civic leader was attending a meeting.

Nearly 2 500 arrests in Tvl

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Own Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG. — Nearly 2 500 people have been arrested in the Vaal Triangle and East Rand since Tuesday this week, a policeman spokesman confirmed last night.

And in the past four days 1 500 policemen have been deployed in four days in the East Rand township of Tembisa, where 128 arrests have been made.

Police searches continued in Sharpeville, Daveyton and Katlehong yesterday.

Some 2 300 inmates were arrested following a massive raid at a Sebokeng Hostel on Wednesday and Thursday nights, a police spokesman confirmed last night.

The raid, the biggest for rent defaulters by any development board, was conducted by the Orange Vaal Development Board backed by police.

Those with the money paid R45 rent arrears while those without were warned to pay the rents.

Residents said they had nowhere to pay rents as during the riots in September offices were all burned, Sapa reported.

A spokesman from the police directorate said he could not confirm last night whether SADF members were deployed in any of the townships.

• Sapa reports a number of detentions in Graaff-Reinet, where a youth was also shot dead.

A police spokesman said between 200 and 300 black youths had attacked the house of the chairman of the community council and mayor of the Graaff-Reinet township, Mr F Z T Mpepho. Several shots were fired.

"Later on that evening a black youth with a bullet wound in his right shoulder was dropped off at the Midland Hospital. He subsequently died."

He said that among the five detained last night were Mrs Joyce Stewart, secretary of the Graaff-Reinet Community Organization (Grafcom), Mr Mvuleni Kuboni, president, and Ms Belinda Swartz of the Congress of SA Students.

"Two others were detained with them but we are still confirming their names."

Masilo has NOT resigned

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FORMER Tsakane mayor, mr SC Masilo, who announced his resignation is still a member of the Tsakane Community Council.

Mr Masilo announced his resignation with his deputy, Mr Phillip Buthelezi. Mr Buthelezi is also still an active member of the council.

The two were in fact deposed from their positions as mayor and deputy mayor in the annual elections for these positions.

The new mayor is Mr Jacob Mahambane and his deputy, Mr RT Thuketane.

After losing their posts, they instead announced their resignation from the council because of "pressure" from their families and the community.

By MZIKAYISE EDOM

They also claimed they had received death threats from unknown people if they continued serving in the council.

The East Rand Development Board (Eradebo) senior director, Mr JH Opperman, confirmed at the weekend that the two are still in the council.

They attend meetings regularly and collect their cheques.

A source close to the council also confirmed that the two were still councillors.

Mr Masilo said as far as he was concerned he had resigned. When pressed with the facts he slammed the telephone.

Family

Mr Buthelezi was not available for comment. A member of his family who refused to give us her name said as far as the family was concerned, Mr Buthelezi had resigned from the council.

At the weekend, Mr Masilo's wife, Gladys, said it was the first time the family heard that her husband had not resigned.

"I cannot believe what you are telling me. If he has not resigned as it is claimed, he will have to do it now not later," she said.

The source claimed it was a "plan" by the two councillors to claim they have resigned.

He said: "The community must know that these two councillors are still active members of the community council and that they still receive their cheques every month."

The general-secretary of the East Rand Peoples' Organisation (Erapo), Mr Sam Ntuli said: "We have long doubted if the so-called resignation of the councillors was genuine. It is wrong for the councillors to claim they have resigned whereas they know that they still serve in these puppet organisations."

A prominent community leader in Tsakane said: "At last the truth has come out."

Council to spend on guns

THE Katlehong Town Council will spend about R15 000 for the purchasing of 20 shotguns for use in the control of rioting in the township in the future.

By MZIKAYISE EDOM

According to the September council minutes in the posession of The SOWETAN, the council resolved that authority be conveyed to the Acting Town Clerk, Mr P J Bouwer, for the purchasing of 20 shotguns for use in the control of rioting in Katlehong.

The council also resolved that authority be conveyed to overspent the relevant vote number.

A source close to the council told The SOWETAN at the weekend that the guns would be purchased any day from today as the money was already available.

In the same meeting, Mr A P Khumalo the mayor of Katlehong, said in his unopposed motion that he thanked the South African Police and those of the East Rand Development Board (Eradebo), for the role they played during the disturbances.

He said: "They acted and are still acting in a manner that they completely became residents of our townships. Many councillors have benefitted from the presence of these people."

He also claimed that councillors were made targets when the issue concerns schools and school committees.

The firearms, our source said, would be kept at the local offices of the board and will only be used during the disturbances.

"Policemen working for the board and the council will also be trained on how to handle the guns. Obviously, the money will come from the residents," he said.

The Press and the public were barred from attending the meeting because of "security reasons," Mr Bouwer said.

"They (the opposition in the council) were told that the money was being used on a good project, that of protecting the councillors against bad elements within the community," the source said.

Mr Khumalo and Mr Bouwer were yesterday not available for comment.

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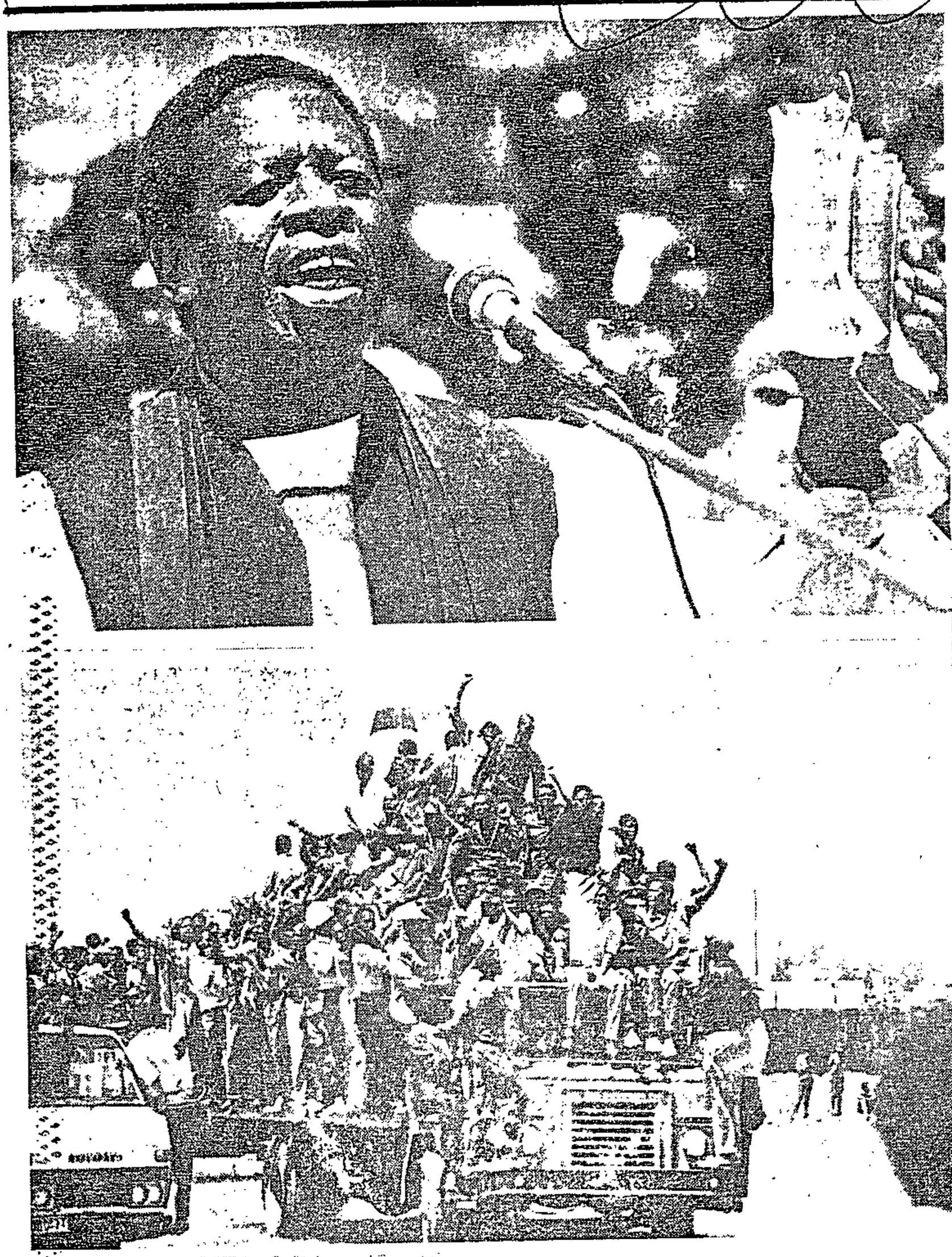



7 Tembisa unrest victims are buried

Seven victims of the two-day stayaway two weeks ago were
which was conducted by the Bishop Suffragan of Johannesbu



buried in Tembisa at the weekend. Thousands of mourners converged on Jan Lubbe Stadium for the burial
g, Bishop Simeon Nkoane (top left). The mourners used every available means of transport to get to the local
cemetery (bottom left).

● Pictures by Juda Ngwenya.

School attendance better, but education deadlock continues

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By Susan Pleming

Attendance rates at secondary and primary schools improved on Friday, but the education deadlock continued in the Vaal Triangle and Eastern Cape, a spokesman for the Department of Education and Training (DET), Mr Edgar Posselt, said this morning.

On the East Rand attendance rates at primary schools ranged from 33 to 100 percent. At secondary schools, attendance rates ranged from no pupils at all to 100 percent.

And in Atteridgeville about 4 000 of the 5 000 secondary school pupils were at school on Friday.

There was a 100 percent attendance rate at primary schools.

Pupils from the Vaal Triangle and the Eastern Cape towns of Port Elizabeth, Grahamstown, Queenstown and Cradock continued their boycott.

Mr Posselt said Friday's Afrikaans matric paper had run smoothly.

The Star's East Rand Bureau reports that secondary schoolchildren in the townships of Duduza, Tsakane and kwaThema have promised to return to school from today to begin with their end-of-year examinations.

However, matriculants in these townships have refused to sit their final examinations, which began at the end of last month.

The DET has pointed out that most of the matric pupils who refused to write this year indicated they would do so next May and June.

Some of those writing the internal examinations — Std 7, 8 and 9 — in the three townships said they were planning to go to their schools this morning to start with their examinations.

They said they had decided to write because their colleagues in other Reef areas were busy with their examinations.

Boycotting pupils have been demanding the introduction of SRCs, the axing of the age-limit restrictions, the supply of free textbooks, the resignation of community and town councillors, the unconditional release of those arrested or detained, and the withdrawal of police and Defence Force personnel from their areas.

Councillor threatened

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A member of the Katlehong Town Council, Mr B B Maja and his family, are living in fear for their lives after several death threats and an attempt to burn their house recently.

Mr Maja told **The SOWETAN** yesterday that for the past two weeks now, the family has received a number of telephone calls from unknown people threatening them with death.

He said the callers, mostly men, would phone the family in the early hours of the morning or late at night, and threaten to kill him and his family if he continued serving in the council.

He said: "After the death of Councillor Malachia Mogorosi last weekend I received more telephone calls warning me that I would die the same way like him (Mr Mogorosi).

"They even warned me to pack my belongings and vacate my house as they were going to burn it down," Mr Maja said.

Late in the evening on the same day he had received these calls, Mr Maja said, a group of men attacked his house with the intention of setting it alight.

He said: "I was only saved by policemen who are guarding my house since the eruption of the distrubances in the township. They chased the men who fled after the police had warned that if they continued attacking my house with stones, they have no alternative but to shoot."

Mr Maja said he has no intention of resigning from the council at this stage. He has reported the matter to the police.

"I will only resign from my seat on condition the people who elected me say so. I am taking these threats very seriously," he said.

Judgment today for Ratale

JUDGMENT will be passed today in the "Ratale case" where a woman and two men are appearing in connection with the death of Daveyton community councillor Mr Jacob "JR" Ratale, who was shot dead in his shop last year.

Appearing before Mr Justice Preiss, sitting with two assessors, on a charge of murder were Mr Ratale's eldest wife, Mrs Anastinah Ratale (62), Mr Marcus Phetla (62), both of Daveyton, Benoni, and Mr Amos Nqubuka (36) of Wattville Hostel.

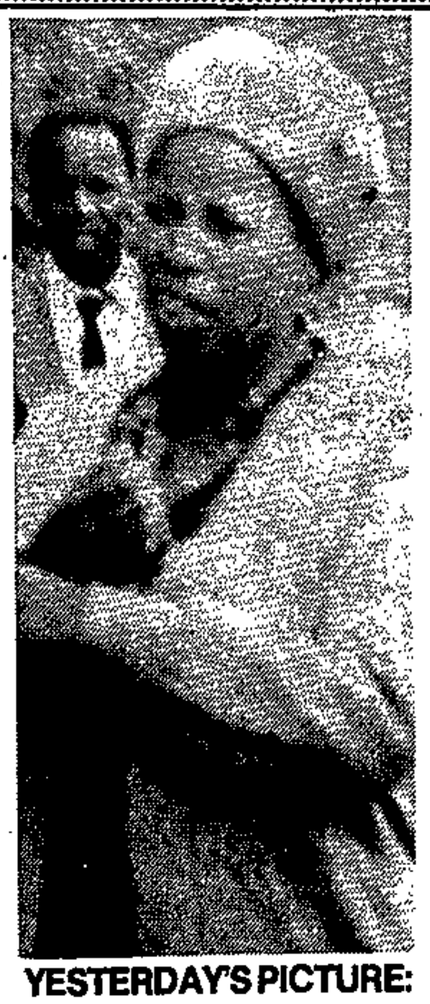
They pleaded not guilty. They appeared in the Springs Circuit Court.

The court was earlier told that Mr Ratale was shot six times in his shop on July 15 last year by Mr Nqubuka. Mr Ratale died on the spot. Under cross-examination Mr Nqubuka denied killing Mr Ratale. He said on the day Mr Ratale was shot dead he was at the Wattville Men's Hostel.

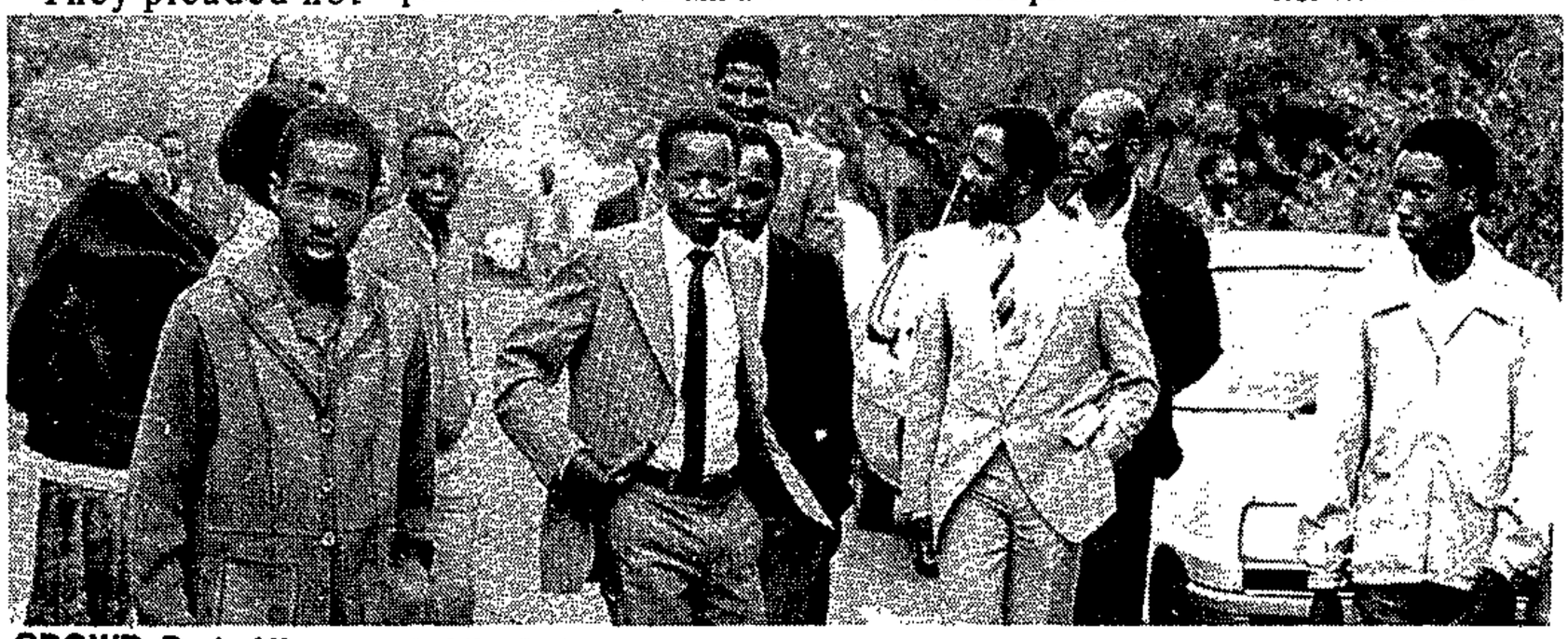
He also denied that he was "bought" by Mr Phetla. He said: "I suspect that because I am a Zulu by birth and most of the Zulus are known for shooting one another in faction fights, I was pointed out as the killer of Mr Ratale by two of the witnesses."

The State closed its case after Mr Nqubuka's evidence.

Meanwhile **The SOWETAN** photographer Len Kumalo was manhandled and at one stage he was threatened, and nearly assaulted by members of Mrs Ratale's family when he tried to take her picture.



YESTERDAY'S PICTURE: Mrs Anastinah Ratale, accused of having been involved in the killing of her husband.



CROWD: Part of the crowd at the Ratale case in Springs yesterday. Mrs Ratale, accused of having beer involved in the killing, has covered herself with a jersey.

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I don't know about rent hikes, says Tshabalala

By SYD KHUMALO

THE announcement that rents in Soweto will be raised as from early next year took a dramatic turn yesterday when the mayor, Mr Ephraim "ET" Tshabalala, said he did not know a thing about rent hikes.

This follows an announcement by the Soweto Council town clerk, Mr Nico Malan, who explained that the increases were necessitated by a deficit the council had to meet with.

Mr Tshabalala said that he was surprised to hear that rents were going to be increased in Soweto. "I am definitely sure that this move was made to discredit me because I had promised the people that the rents would be brought down instead of being increased.

"In view of the unrests and uprisings in the country, I would not even think of raising rent. I want you to tell the people that their mayor does not know anything about rent hikes and they must also know that I do not approve of such a move."

The mayor's declaration was supported by his deputy, Mr Isaac Buthelezi, who suggested that Mr Malan should be the one to answer any questions regarding rent hikes. "The statement was released by Mr Malan and he is the one who knows more about that."

Electricity

Meanwhile Mr Silas Tshabalala, who is chairman of the trade and transport committees, said that the rent hikes were caused by the need to maintain the services.

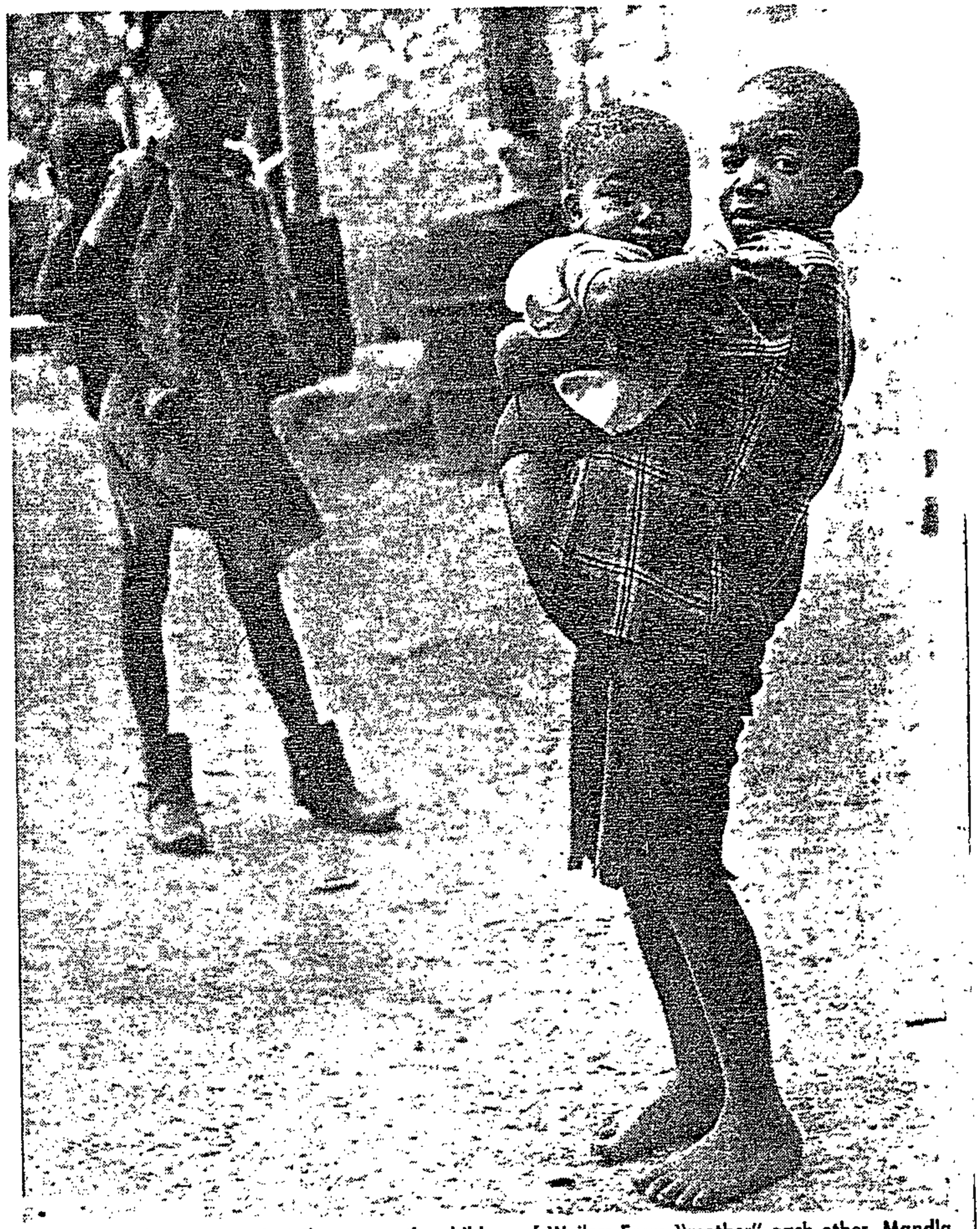
"We do not have our own water and electricity supplies in Soweto, and how would the residents feel if the Rand Water Board just decided to cut water supplies to Soweto, and Escom cut the electricity.

"We would remain with a dry Soweto and of course it would be a dark city. The people must understand that these things cannot be ignored."

He further warned that the mayor must remember he is just a colleague, and he had no right to expel him from the council because he was not elected into the council by the mayor, but by the people.

"The mayor went round to my ward and told my people that he had expelled me. I want to remind him that he is a councillor like me and it is the councillors in the council that elected him to the position he is now misusing. I may just as well tell him to kiss that position goodbye," he said.

Another councillor, Mr Patrick Gaboutloeloe, blamed Mr Edward Manyosi, chairman of the executive council, for the controversy. "You see, Mr Manyosi is an opportunist, he thinks that he will lead our council. He is a position-monger."



With most of their parents in jail or court, the children of Weilers Farm "mother" each other. Mandla (front) gives a comforting hug to little Zolani. Behind them trails Viyella Xaba with her brother, Buti. ● Picture by Juda Ngwenya.

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Police, army in midnight raid

By Jo-Anne Collinge

In a midnight raid police and soldiers rounded up hundreds of people living in outbuildings and shacks on Weilers Farm near Ennerdale 15 km north of Sebokeng, police confirmed today.

Scores of young children were left unattended when their parents were taken away from the settlement.

The few adult residents left on the farm this morning said the entire camp had been surrounded at about midnight on Saturday "by men in every kind of uniform".

Police had then entered each home to search. In many cases all adult members of the household had been arrested, residents said.

Today, as the wave of court cases resulting from the raid began in Sebokeng, dozens of preschoolers played in the littered yard of Weilers Farm. "Older" sisters and brothers of five and six years comforted toddlers, lugging them around on their hips.

Some women related how they had been taken away in police vans, but were released a short distance from the farm when their distress at leaving young children became clear.

A spokesman for the West Rand police division which controls the Vaal Triangle area confirmed today that the raid took place but said the exact arrest figures could not be given.

Weilers Farm is home to several hundred people — a last resort for those defeated by the housing queues in Soweto and Sebokeng or evicted from farmland that has been converted into coloured and Indian townships.

The weekend raid is the first in which military vehicles and personnel were reportedly used. It is believed that the action is related to the unrest in Sebokeng.

TWO Lekoa Town councillors to quit

By JOSHUA RABOROKO

TWO more Lekoa Town councillors have announced they will resign from their posts because of the amount of pressure brought on them during the unrests in the trouble-torn Vaal townships.

The councillors — Mr Sam Ntsoereng and Mr Tumane Mosala — whose homes were gutted on September 3, told **The SOWETAN** that they will hand in their resignations at the council's meeting next week.

The resignation of the two councillors will bring to five the total number of councillors who vacated their seats since widespread violence gripped the townships following calls by opposition groups for councillors to resign.

Those who have already resigned are: Mr Jan Mokoena, Mr Jan Modise and Mr Patrick Mpulenyane. Although Mr Josia Knox Matjila has been reported to have resigned, no official confirmation has been made.

The two councillors said that they saw the council under the Black Local Authorities Act as a failure and a "means of exploiting the oppressed blacks who are expected to pay high rents in the Vaal Triangle — probably the highest in the Witwatersrand/Pretoria area".

The councillors also accused the local mayor, Mr Esau Mahlatsi, of being "heartless and inconsiderate" to the demands of the people, especially after so much bloodshed and destruction of property.

"We feel obliged to resign because we cannot afford to lead the people while in exile. The recent uprisings were an indication that we have failed the people and as such should resign," they said.

They also accused the mayor of being:

- A dictator who favours members of his Lekoa People's Party; especially in decision-making and allocation of businesses;
- Responsible for the rent increases which sparked off violence in the area two months ago;
- Adament not to resign and to allow councillors to resign amid widespread calls by opposition groups; and
- Heartless in refusing to reduce rents even after some councillors had requested him to do so in the wake of violence in the townships.

Attempts to reach Mr Mahlatsi for comment were unsuccessful as he was said to be on holiday. The Lekoa Town Council clerk, Mr N P Louw, was also not available for comment.

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ET's days as mayor 'are numbered'

By LEN KUMALO

MR EPHRAIM "ET" Tshabalala's days as mayor of Soweto are numbered.

And Mr E Manyosi, chairman of the Management Committee, has emerged as hot favourite to replace him and become both mayor and chairman.

Manyosi and several other councillors have been spearheading a campaign to topple Mr Tshabalala, who fell from grace the very first day he was inaugurated as mayor when he made his "fish and chips" speech.

Since then his reign has been marked by a series of downright unbelievable statements that had Soweto residents not knowing whether to laugh, weep or just hide away.

A check by **The SOWETAN** has revealed that out of the 30 councillors in the Soweto Council, 21 are backing Mr Manyosi and only seven are with Mr Tshabalala in what seems to be a fait accompli.

Promises

In an interview with Mr Joseph Khumalo, who is councillor for Zola, it was revealed that one of the major reasons for the mayor's unpopularity with most of his councillors was that he treats them like employees in his butchery business. "He made promises that he could not fulfil and he thinks we are his boys and not colleagues," said Mr Khumalo.

Mr Tshabalala has also been accused of running the council like the Sofasonke Party of which he is president.

Mr Manyosi said that he was going to maintain his seat as chairman of the Management Committee for another five years, because he was not elected to that seat by the Sofasonke Party but by councillors from three different parties — the Ramatlou, Sofasonke and Makgotla parties.

On the forthcoming mayoral elections to be held on November 29, Mr Manyosi said: "According to the Black Local Authorities Act 102 of 1982, the council should hold annual mayoral election. Therefore Mr Tshabalala and his stooges must start canvassing very hard if they want to retain him as mayor. When he talks about ousting me he should talk about that election and not the Management Committee, because that one I will retain for another five years."

He also dismissed the rumour that when a member of the Sofasonke Party is suspended or expelled from the party then he automatically relinquishes his seat as councillor. "Tell them to read the constitution properly, not under candlelight." Mr Manyosi also mentioned that he was going to take the Sofasonke Party to court for his "unconstitutional expulsion" from the party.

He said that he has formed a new party.

Ratale killing: 2 to hang



Mrs RATALE . . . Acquitted.

By MZIKAYISE EDOM — East Rand Bureau

IN A SENSATIONAL turn in the Ratale murder trial, Mrs Anastinah Ratale, wife of slain civic leader Mr Jacob "JR" Ratale, was yesterday cleared of killing her husband, while her two co-accused were sentenced to die after being found guilty of murder.

Appearing before Mr Justice Preiss, sitting with two assessors, were Mr Ratale's eldest wife, Mrs Anestinah Ratale (52), Mr Marcus Phetla (52), (both of Daveyton, Benoni); and Mr Amos Nqubuka (36) of Wattville Men's Hostel.

They had all peaded not guilty.

Mr Justice Preiss found Phetla and Nqubuka guilty and sentenced them to death, while he acquitted Mrs Ratale because "there was not sufficient evidence against her."

The judge said both Phetla and Nqubuka had planned the brutal killing of Mr Ratale.

Referring to Phetla and Nqubuka, the judge said the court accepted the evidence of the two key witnesses that on three occasions Phetla went out looking for a "brave Zulu" to kill Mr Ratale.

"This shows how desperately Phetla wanted to see Mr Ratale dead. After finding the Zulu, you paid him R1 000 for carrying out your instructions."

The court was earlier told that Mr Ratale was shot six times in his shop on July 15 last year by Nqubuka on instructions from Phetla.

After the two men were sentenced to death they looked shocked and had to be forced down by the court officials to start their journey to Death Row.

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'Private sector must become honest broker'

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Exclusion from the new constitutional dispensation, political frustration, isolation and despair caused by decades of political and economic inequality are the foundations upon which the current civil unrest in black townships has been built.

But more than this, the forum found, the intensity of the unrest can be attributed to a number of compounding factors.

Primary among these is economic hardship.

Retrenchment, unemployment and inflation have exacerbated the economic deprivation already felt by black families who have no option but to vent their despair in political action.

Concerned about the escalating violence and sustained conflict in South Africa's black townships, the United States/SA Leader Exchange Programme (Ussalep) Council recently convened an urgent meeting of leading black figures and private sector representatives. The aim was to determine the root causes of the unrest and examine the role of the private sector and black organisations in addressing the problem. CAROLYN DEMPSTER reviews the findings of the forum.



Mr Relly



Bishop Buthelezi

The significance of the economic pressures on black households in recent months has been manifested in the high level of looting and the prolonged disruption of the education system.

Rather than motivated by any criminal intent; looters were more intent on relieving the family plight and chose to steal essential foodstuffs — leaving non-essentials such as clothing and other items behind, it was observed.

The malfunctioning education system was cited as the second most crucial compounding factor in the unrest.

Education is a priority concern in the black community and dominates black values — inasmuch as it is the key to prosperity, and the only route whereby black youth can achieve material aspirations in the South African system.

Currently the black education system is plagued by deficiencies — an inadequate and underqualified teaching force, a burgeoning number of black pupils and a growing antagonism between pupils and teachers.

In spite of increased spending, the State's resolute stance on the apartheid base of education has only served to heighten the tensions and stresses. It was also stated that the grievances expressed by boycotting pupils in recent years could not be separated from broader social and political injustices.

High unemployment, an abnormally high school drop-out rate and the crowded living conditions prevalent in black townships all contribute to the degree of social deviance — rape, murder, drunkenness — which has become part of the unacceptable fabric of township society.

Influx control, the migrant labour system and the humiliation entailed in the administration of the pass law system have contributed to a collapse in family structures, and a high level of "deferred aggression".

Resistance to rent increases, when reflected, against this background is understandable.

The introduction of the community councils has done nothing to alleviate these conditions, the finance required by the local municipalities is not forthcoming and nepotism runs rampant. In the face of this residents are asked to pay more when they can least afford it.

Transport, because of the location of the townships, is also a major concern and expense. Putco buses have frequently been attacked because they are perceived as symbols of State oppression.

Against this backdrop, the black community has little truck with private enterprise and the benefits of the free enterprise system — which they see from the other side of the fence, but have little access to.

It was suggested that the private sector has a role to play as "honest broker" between factions such as black workers and the government.

It was also mooted that in the long-term interests of the survival of private enterprise in South Africa, the business sector should be seen to play this role.

Suggestions put forward to achieve this end included:

- Co-operative schemes to democratise the workplace and involve black and white, labour and management in all facets of business operation.
- Consultation and community involvement in the development of social responsibility programmes.
- Urgent representations to be made to Government for the recognition of social responsibility as a tax deductible investment in the development of the country.
- The private sector should act as a strong lobbyist for reform.
- A renewed effort aimed at job creation, development of skills and a programme addressed to the rural crisis.
- Investment of pension funds in black urb areas.
- Improved communica tion and greater under standing between th races is imperative to ra cial harmony. As whi attitudes can only be in fluenced by an intima understanding of bla fears and aspirations, on going forums for mean ingful dialogue should b established.

Finally it was decid that the "notion of fr enterprise" cannot b sold to blacks as the fr enterprise system is cur rently interpreted as syn onymous with the statu quo.

If attitudes are to b changed, the private sec tor would have to become the catalyst and conduit for the redistribution of economic and political power. If it does not take this route, then business will continue to be perceived as a partner in racial oppression.

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The meeting

More than 85 prominent figures from the union movement, business, commerce, the church and academia were invited to attend the meeting

Among those present were Mr Gavin Relly of the Anglo American Corporation, Bishop Manas Buthelezi of the South African Council of Churches, Mr Piroshaw Camay of the Council of Unions of South Africa, Professor Lawrence Schlemmer of the University of Natal, Mr John Kane-Berman of the SA Institute of Race Relations, Dr Robin Lee of the Urban Foundation, Advocate Arthur Chaskalson of the Legal Resources Centre, Dr Nthato Motlana of the Soweto Committee of 10, Mr Percy Qoboza of *City Press*, Mr C Kuun of the Afrikaanse Handelsinstituut, Mr Raymond Parsons of the Associated Chamber of Commerce and Dr Sam Motsuenyane of Ussalep.

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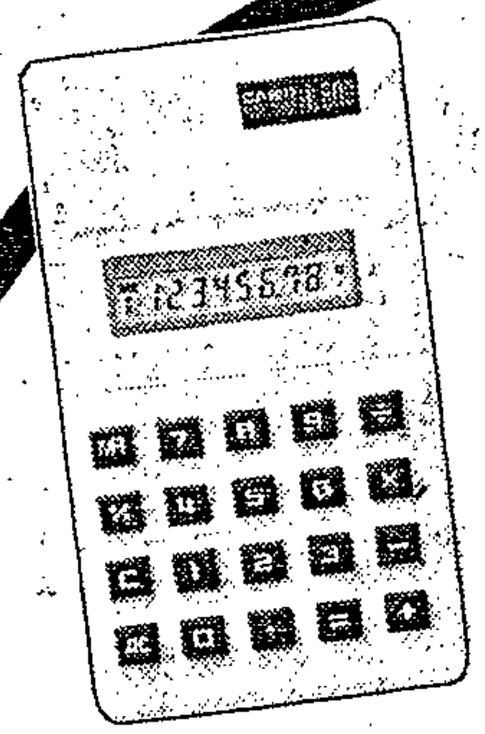

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2 more officials want to quit council

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By Michael Tissong

Two more Vaal councillors, Mr Steven Ntsoereng and Mr Tumane Joseph Mosala, said this week that they were prepared to resign from the Lekoa Town Council.

Two other councillors, Mr Jan Mokoena and Mr M P Mphulenyane, have resigned from the council since the unrest in the area left three of their colleagues dead. About 80 other people died in the anti-rent protest in September.

Mr Ntsoereng said that since September he had been living with the mayor, Mr Essau Mahlatsi, and other homeless councillors at the Orange-Vaal Development Board offices in Sebokeng.

Councillors' homes and businesses were destroyed in the unrest.

Mr Ntsoereng, who sat with Mr Mosala in opposition to Mr Mahlatsi's ruling Lekoa People's Party, said he was prepared to resign from the council at any time.

IN HIBERNATION

"I am pleading with the residents of the township to accept me. I am virtually in hibernation in the board offices since my home was burnt down.

"If I just resign I will have two enemies — the board on the one side and the people on the other. I am pleading that I be accepted back into the community."

He said there was a deadlock between the residents and the board.

"On the one hand the residents are firm on their demand for rents to be reduced to R30 a month. On the other the board is adamant that rents be increased beyond the present R63,76 a month.

"The situation we are in must be defused peacefully and not by the forceful means which the board and the council are using. The residents have spoken in volumes that they do not want the council, but the authorities reply by having police and soldiers come to the townships.

"The residents must bargain with the board that they want the rents to be reduced because this stalemate situation cannot go on. Services are not being provided to the area."

Mr Mosala said he wanted to resign but had not done so yet.

NEGOTIATE

"I am going to resign if Mr Mahlatsi does not go back soon to negotiate with the people. I appeal to other councillors to also resign. The community has no faith in the council system.

"People burnt my supermarket during the protest. I cannot say they were wrong in what they did because they were proving a point. They had been saying for a long time that the rents were too high.

"I told council meetings that there were complaints about the rents being too high, but I was told to sit and keep quiet."

Mr Mosala said councillors bought some of the board's bottle stores for themselves. He said he opposed this because the council needed them as a means of income. He also said that councillors allocated themselves business sites without consideration for the rest of the community.

Mr Mosala called for the release of detainees including the Rev Jeff Tebogo Mosala and Father Lord McCamel.

"These people enjoyed recognition by the residents and were in the deputations chosen by the residents. These are the people the authorities should talk to. Their detentions have made the situation worse."

Soweto Council's political gag move

SHOCK BAN

Sowetan 22/11/84 343

By LEN MASEKO

SOWETO City Council's management committee has resolved that all political meetings in the area be banned unless permission from the council and the police has been granted.

This information was leaked to **The SOWETAN** yesterday and the motion is to be ratified by the full council at its monthly meeting next week.

The motion was proposed by the management committee chairman, Mr Edward Manyosi, and approved by his committee.

The motion states that all indoor meetings must now be held with the permission of the local councillors, senior superintendents and police station commander of the area in which the meeting is to be held. Recommendations from the three officials should then be forwarded to the Chief Magistrate of Johannesburg.

All applications for any meetings should be in writing stating the agenda, the committee resolved.

A local authority has no power to ban meetings, a legal source pointed out yesterday.

In its preamble, the committee said it carried the motion "in view of the fact that there is in Soweto a continued tense situation threatening the lives of everybody", which it blamed on:

Destruction

- The formation of the United Democratic Front (UDF) and its actions in Soweto and throughout the country "thereby causing violence, destruction and unending unrest"; and
- The call by student bodies and other political organisations to abolish the "Bantu Education racial system".

The controversial motion is said to have also been adopted by some of the 14 councillors who attended a meeting convened in Sun City by Mr Manyosi last Saturday. The meeting was called to discuss the formation of a new civic body, of which Mr Manyosi is the founder.

Reacting to the move, the UDF and Azapo warned yesterday that it would infuriate the people.

The decision by the Soweto Council committee confirmed that councillors and other persons in Government-created organisations were enemies of the people, Azapo said in a statement.

"We also think that all unrepresentative organisations cannot buy legitimacy," the Black Consciousness organisation said.



FOR A MOMENT the aged overcame their physical disabilities and revived the old good times as they danced and clapped during the charity Christmas Party organised by the Johannesburg Central Business District Association in the city yesterday.

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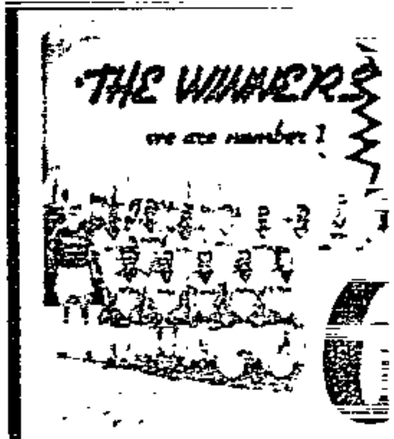

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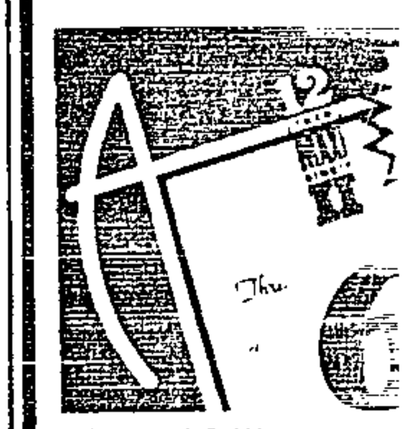

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LOCAL AUTHORITIES

Another casualty

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torpedoed a feasibility study for the Highlands Project for damming the upper reaches of the Orange River. Avenues of political co-operation such as the Nkomati Accord and an agreement with Swaziland on the development and sharing of water resources are, however, an important start.

Midgley believes another source of water to service the Pretoria-Witwatersrand-Vereeniging complex could be the Zambezi River. But that could also succumb to similar political vicissitudes as Lesotho.

To implement such a scheme would involve high-level negotiations with Zambia, Zimbabwe, Botswana, Malawi, Mozambique and possibly Namibia as well. "In the present political climate that seems an impossible task," says Midgley.

Over the next two decades SA's power needs are expected to triple from the current installed capacity of 20 000 mW. "And yet," says Midgley, "more than 50 000 mW is being dissipated in turbulence by the rivers of neighbouring countries to the north as they flow uselessly to the sea." Midgley believes it would be possible to harness about 40 000 mW at a single site on the Congo river: Inga in Zaire.

Currently Escom feeds the grid at about 1,6c/kWh. Hydro-power tapped from the Inga input alone would cost 0,2c/kWh — by far the cheapest in the world. The financial benefits to be derived by participating states are enormous. Midgley says that in some cases revenues through co-shared power and water schemes could match the gnp's of some states.

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LABOUR RELATIONS

Future challenges

Much of the debate about labour has now shifted from considerations of overall policy to questions of technical and administrative detail — about which there are wide differences of opinion in employer and trade union circles.

This was said by Director General of Manpower Piet van der Merwe in his speech on *The Manpower Scene: Developments and Challenges* at the *FM*'s annual Investment Conference last week. Van der Merwe said the major challenge which lies ahead is to achieve the greatest possible measure of consensus on the way these technical problems should be handled.

One of the major areas of contention is the question of the registration of trade unions. This issue was addressed in an amendment to the Labour Relations Act (LRA) which came into effect on September 1. The LRA now states that any agreements reached between unions and employers will not be enforceable in court unless unions comply with certain requirements. Among them is the provision that unions must supply the Department of Manpower with details of their constitutions, membership, office addresses, names of office-bearers and that they must maintain their financial affairs in good order.

The National Manpower Commission (NMC) also raised the question of registration in a recent report which was released for comment. The Manpower Department is expected to react to the issues raised in the report early next year. The majority of the commissioners recommended that race and representativeness should not be taken into account when registration is considered, but that certain minimum requirements be met. These are similar to the provisions now in the LRA. However, the NMC majority recommendation was that if unions do no comply with them, they should be prevented from operating.



Manpower's Van der Merwe ... looking for consensus

Van der Merwe said his department had received comments on the NMC report from 41 organisations. At least five lines of thought are discernible from these comments:

- ☐ That the *status quo* obtained before September 1 be retained;
- ☐ That the present position be retained;
- ☐ That registration in accordance with the existing statutory provisions should be compulsory;
- ☐ That the present system should be replaced with the majority recommendation of the NMC; and
- ☐ That compliance with the minimum prescribed requirements should be voluntary.

Another highly contentious issue, Van der Merwe said, is the definition of the unfair labour practice in the LRA. The only thing that labour commentators agree on is that the definition is very wide, he said. Many say there is nothing wrong with it, while others say it should be changed as the broadness of the definition is making industrial relations impossible to manage.

Legal strikes

Legal strikes have also become a contentious point. Said Van der Merwe: "Trade unions in general appear to favour a greater degree of protection for workers involved in legal strikes. It has been suggested that employers should be statutorily prohibited from terminating the contracts (of employment) of such workers or from requiring them to vacate the accommodation provided them. The suspension of contracts and chargers for accommodation are suggested instead. Employers, on the other hand, argue that this would place them in an untenable position in so far as the conduct and continuation of their business activities are concerned."

The way strikes — and more particularly illegal strikes — should be handled is another point of debate, Van der Merwe said. One lobby argues that strikes should be decriminalised. Another says that the present provisions in the LRA should be more rigorously enforced by the Manpower Department. As for actually handling strikes, the major challenge facing union leaders and employers is how to prevent them from spilling over into violence and damage to property, which necessitates police involvement to restore order, he said.

Van der Merwe said the Manpower Department finds itself in a difficult position when it is asked to comment or advise on a particular line of action taken by either union leaders or employers in strike situa-

pro deo counsel without the customary assistance of an attorney to do much of the necessary legwork. Often the *pro deo* advocate is young and inexperienced.

SOWETO

Tariff confusion

Fear of possible backlash from residents prompted Soweto Council chairman and his deputy to repudiate as "unfounded" an announcement by town clerk Nico Malan that water and electricity service charges in the area are to be increased — despite the fact that notices have already been sent to consumers.

The electricity tariff is intended to rise by 0,8c from 4,7c to 5.5c a unit for metered households from the beginning of December and water by R3.15 from R12,65 to R15,80 a month for unmetered households.

Hostel rents are also to go up by R6/month early in the new year. Residents in the three hostels in Johannesburg who now pay R23,50 a bed a month will be paying R29,50 when the new tariffs come into effect.

But the new monthly rental for hostels in Soweto will be only R18 — they pay R12 a bed a month compared to R23,50 in city hostels.

Malan has explained that the water and electricity tariffs were going up because both the Rand Water Board and Escom increased their charges earlier this year.

The proposed hikes for service charges, announced by town clerk Malan in circulars to consumers, have angered both council chairman Ephraim Tshabalala and his deputy Isaac Buthelezi.

The two men claim they know nothing whatsoever of the proposed hikes.

Tshabalala accuses Malan of working with the council's management committee without consulting him. He claims that he, as chairman of the council, will never raise rents until the West Rand Development Board gives him the council's financial accounts.

His deputy, Buthelezi, does not only express ignorance of the proposed increases for services but also rejects reports in newspapers of the proposed increases as "mischievous."

The attitude of both Tshabalala and Buthelezi is likely to cause confusion in the community, with residents wondering whether the increases are official or not.



Soweto's Tshabalala ... announcement 'unfounded'

POLITICS

Beyond verligtheid

There is a strong new movement among verligte Afrikaner intellectuals in the National Party (NP). Impatient with the pace of reform, they appear to be demanding nothing less than the toppling of the pillars of apartheid.

There are three kinds of verligtes, says one of the most prominent "neo-verligtes," Randburg MP Wynand Malan: "The pragmatist who wants to remain privileged but wants some plasterwork to be done; the verligte who does not talk or think further than methods in the transition stage; and the verligte who demands that changes be made *now* — not only in style but also in structure." It is this last brand of verligtes that is becoming very vocal.

The new verligtes made their first public appearance at the recent annual congress of the Reformatory Movement of SA (Remsa), a Calvinist organisation with a mostly Transvaal membership. Speaker after speaker criticised government for the slow pace of reform and used words seldom heard before from Afrikaners still inside the NP: unitary state, open society, resistance.

Remsa vice-chairman Elwil Beukes of Free State University summarises the spirit of the congress like this: "We cannot support a government or dispensation that is not breaking down structures of discrimination and injustice in a constructive but energetic way. We are warning that the voting public are beginning to reconsider its support for the governing party because of a lack of reform. For a change we must have structural change to keep pace with changing attitudes."

Remsa chairman Willem de Klerk, editor of *Rapport*, said in his closing speech at the congress: "Government must know that it will have to move with considerable speed, otherwise it will lose support. It will most definitely lose the support of verligtes if its proposals on black political rights amount to small potatoes (*as hy me' koue pampoen kom*)."

The new movement is not confined to Remsa. Before the Treurnicht breakaway, old-style *verligtes* under the leadership of the likes of Stellenbosch's Willie Esterhuyse and Sampie Terreblanche were labelled left of the party. Today they are reckoned to be centrists comprising the broad mass of the party, while the Left is made up of the "angry young men" of the new verligte movement. Interestingly enough, most of the new verligtes are from the northern provinces.

Free State University lecturer Albert Weideman calls it a "farewell to verligtheid." Political columnist Piet Muller of the cautiously verligte daily *Beeld* analysed the new movement and concluded that the future "indeed lies beyond verligtheid." *Rapport's* columnist Pollux called it a "brain shudder," while Unisa law professor Marinus Wiechers sees it as a "significant shift" in enlightenment.

Wiechers explains that old-style verligtes rejected the two political models available in SA — the integrationist model with its emphasis on a unitary state and an open society on the one hand, and the segregationist or apartheid model on the other hand. He says old-style verligtes believed the solution lies between the two: "structured association," power-sharing, consensus, group rights.

The new verligtes see this "structured association" as "dolled-up apartheid." They are asking for a new look at the implications of an open society and a unitary state.

Forced removals

The new verligtes also express themselves very strongly on influx control, forced removals, black citizenship, the Immorality Act, the Mixed Marriages Act, the Political Interference Act and the Population Registration Act.

There is considerable pondering over the difference between the new verligtes and the group known as the "oorbeligtes" (literally translated it means over-illuminated) like Cape Town University's Herman Giliomee and Stellenbosch's Johan Degenaar and Andre du Toit. The main difference seems to be that the new verligtes believe that the NP is still the best vehicle for change and that they can achieve more by staying inside.

But that can change. Says Potchefstroom political scientist Poen Coetzee: "I am not married to the party. They did not buy me. The time may come that I give up my membership." Potchefstroom law professor Lourens du Plessis adds: "We as Christians have not thought enough on what forms resistance to unjust laws can take. It does not only mean to take up arms or to wave placards. One way of resistance is to vote against government."

Councillors vow never to return

THE mayor of Duduza, Mr Kebane Moloi and his deputy Mr Elliot Phahlane, who resigned from their seats two weeks ago, yesterday vowed never to return to the council.

Early this week, five of their colleagues rescinded their decision to resign and rejoined the council. Together with Mr Moloi and Mr Phahlane, the five had resigned because of a call made by residents and the lack of protection from the Government.

They also added that lack of progress in the township and the persistent refusal by officials of the East Rand Development Board (Eradebo) to co-operate with them, contributed to their decision to quit the council.

The five who are reported to have rejoined the council are: Messrs Agrippa Mtetwa, Samuel Makopo, Khulu Twala, Peace Maronga and De Wet Monakali.

Mr Phahlane, speaking on behalf of the two, said the resignation followed a call by residents that they should resign from the council because there was no progress in the township since they were voted into office.

He said: "We also resigned after the lack of progress in implementing resolutions of the council and we decided it would be in our interest to resign."

"Under no circumstances are we going back. We will only rejoin the council on condition that we will be given a free hand in running the affairs of Duduza without interference from the board, which I doubt the board and the Government will allow."

The other five could not be contacted for comment.

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Soweto council row

By SYD KHUMALO

CHAIRMAN of the Soweto Council Management Committee, Mr Edward Manyosi, was yesterday accused of using council funds (public money) to entertain a number of councillors at Sun City over the weekend.

Mr Manyosi was accused of entertaining the councillors as part of his drive to gain their support in his quest for the mayorship of the township. Mr Manyosi apparently now has the majority support in the council.

Mr Manyosi yesterday admitted entertaining the councillors, but claimed he had used his own money for this. He however admitted using transport belonging to the council for the trip and declared that he had not paid for this.

Mr Manyosi also revealed that the entourage was composed of 40 persons — 20 councillors and their wives. He charged that the trip had no strings attached and was an ordinary outing for people who needed it.

When asked how he managed to get the council vehicles to ferry the councillors to Sun City, Mr Manyosi answered that the vehicles were released to him by the executive committee of which he is chairman.

The trip to Sun City is reminiscent of the Chief Patrick Mphephu saga when he took several Venda chiefs on a trip to Manyeleti and even bought them suits. These chiefs later backed him.

The chairman of the Sofasonke Party, Mr Johnston Mokoena, accused Mr Manyosi of taking the councillors to Sun City in the hope of influencing them to vote for him when the mayoral elections are held next week.

Elections

"Mr Manyosi thinks we do not know that he is doing everything in his power to oust the current mayor, Mr Ephraim Tshabalala. We know that they had a meeting at Sun City where they discussed the forthcoming elections and planned a strategy.

"I want him to know that we know everything about their plans and I can tell him here and now that he is going to fail. I challenge him to call a meeting of the people and see if he draws a crowd of more than 20. If he succeeds in drawing 20 people, I will resign from my seat as chairman of the party," he concluded.

One of the councillors who went on the Sun City outing said that he had gone there with his wife to honour an invitation. "We were invited as councillors to go to Sun City for an outing. I don't know anything further than that. It is true that we went in council vehicles but it's not true that we used council money for entertainment there, because if that had been the case I would have known. Mr Manyosi used his own money."

The whole trip plus entertainment, delicacies and meals at Sun City is estimated to have cost about R2 000.

Water cuts for Soweto

SEVERAL areas in Soweto will be affected by water cuts next week.

They are: All zones in Meadowlands, Orlando East and West, Dube, Emndeni, Naledi, Senaoane and Jabulani.

A spokesman of the council said the water cuts will occur between 7 am and 5 pm.

He said the main pipes supplying these areas were being upgraded to provide a better water supply capacity level.

I am sorry — trader

THE boycott of a Bramley-based Indian wholesaler by Alexandra traders took a new turn this week when the wholesaler apologised.

The boycott of Quick Serve Wholesale owned by Mr Essop Bauwer was effected by members of the Alexandra Traders Association

month.

They accused Mr Bauwer of selling to them at the same prices as to unlicenced residents who he allegedly

RENT: Civic body meeting

By NKOPANE MAKOBANE

THE Sharpeville Civic Association has been promised a meeting with the Lekoa Town Council this week to resolve the house rent issue which sparked the September 3 unrest in the Vaal townships.

At a report-back meeting yesterday at the local community hall, hundreds of residents were told that the pending meeting follows talks between the association, the council's Town Clerk Mr N P Louw and senior officials of the Orange-Vaal Development Board last Thursday.

The residents mandated the association to demand the scrapping or reduction of some of the elements of service charges. The residents maintained that there was no need for exorbitant tariff increases because they were "happy" with some of the things the money was meant for.

Speakers at the meeting also raised their objection to the recent move by the council and the board to introduce a law that forces employers to be rent collectors by deducting employees' money without consulting them.

The meeting further decided that despite the betrayal of the authorities in enlisting employers to help them recover rent while negotiations between officials and the association were still going on, the association should continue to hold talks with them.

Decision

Mr Phillip Molefe, publicity secretary of the association, told the meeting that Mr Louw had told them he and others "were only employees" of the council and could not attend to their demands.

He said only the council could take a final decision on the matter and hence he would try to arrange a meeting for them with the councillors.

Meanwhile Sharpeville residents at the weekend started a street-cleaning campaign after refuse had not been collected in the area for the past four weeks.

When The SOWETAN visited the area, they saw youths demanding money from motorists — supposedly meant to help buy fuel for people who had offered their vans and trucks to collect and transport people involved in the campaign.

Mr Molefe told The SOWETAN yesterday that his association commended and supported the campaign. The township, he said, had become an eyesore and the rubbish could very soon have turned into a health hazard.

"However I want to appeal to youths to stop harassing motorists. This exercise, if it gets out of hand, will lead to an unnecessary confrontation.

"We understand that those who have offered their transport need to be assisted, but things have to be done in a proper manner. We intend meeting with student leaders to co-ordinate manpower and see how best funds can be channelled in an orderly fashion," he said.

Soweto lights: Work to end next year

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THE R265-million Soweto electrification scheme, originally scheduled for completion last December, may now be completed next year.

Ninety-percent of the 105 000 houses will have electricity by Christmas, according to the West Rand Development Board chairman, Mr John Knoetze.

However, although Mr Knoetze told The SOWETAN this week that "work on the scheme was well ahead of schedule," the project appears to be dragging.

At the outset the scheme was scheduled to be completed by December 1983, but the deadline was later shifted to January 1984, then March 1984 and May 1984.

The then Minister of Co-operation and Development, Dr Piet Koornhof, told a Press conference earlier this year that the whole complex will be switching on under the new scheme by the end of August.

It is feared that the delay will have an adverse effect on the capital costs of the project, considering that it was originally estimated to cost about R211-million.



BOARD CHAIRMAN: Mr John Knoetze.

The WRDB chairman said the total costs when the project is completed will be R265-million.

So far R183-million on the installation of cables and wiring of 90 000 houses in Greater Soweto, of which 61 000 houses in the complex are already connected to power, excluding 20 000 houses which had electricity before the scheme started three years ago.

Mr Knoetze said over 5 000 kilometres of cables had been installed and 3 000 kilometres of trenches dug.

"Soweto householders should be paying an average of R32 in monthly electricity bills," Mr Knoetze said.

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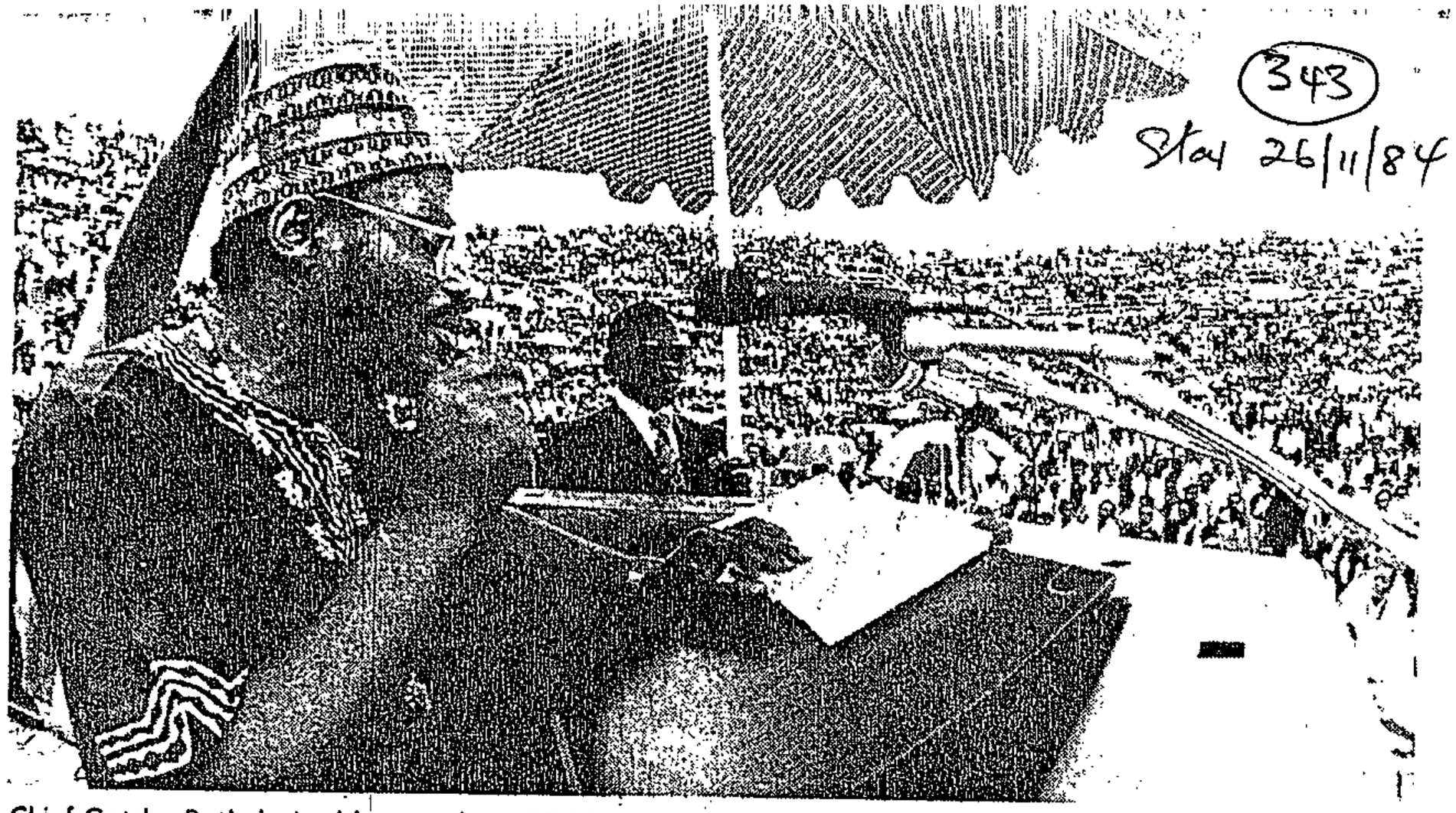

Chief Gatsha Buthelezi addresses about 15 000 people who gathered at the Jabulani amphitheatre in Soweto yesterday for a prayer meeting.

Buthelezi attacks Cosas and UDF

By Langa Skosana

The Chief Minister of kwaZulu, Chief Gatsha Buthelezi, yesterday said the recent unrest in South Africa's black townships was a cumulative effect of the anger of blacks against the system of apartheid.

He told about 15 000 people gathered in Soweto for a prayer meeting that the best strategy against apartheid was the unity of blacks against those who enforce apartheid.

"Our non-violent approach does not mean we are cowards. I say to you that if they burn your house you should burn their houses too," the Chief Minister said.

He said the Congess of South African Students (Cosas) was an organisation gone mad.

"Cosas works among your children exhorting them to lose their lives on township streets. Cosas will fail and in failing they will drag your children down with them, and destroy the things you strive for," said Chief Buthelezi.

"We are angry because we are politically oppressed, we are angry because we are made stateless, we are angry because our people are poor and because they suffer desperate hunger and want. And we are angry because all the strife is so needless and so senseless," he said.

He said anger did not have to be violent to achieve anything. Anger could be cold, calculating and determined in effect.

"Anger must sustain efforts that will in the end bring about radical change," he added.

Sapa reports that Chief Buthelezi also attacked the United Democratic Front.

"The UDF national leadership, before the UDF threw its weight behind the national stayaway, used an underhand power-play to deceive the world that the stayaway was democratically decided."

Chief Buthelezi told the people: "Black South Africa knows there is no easy victory in the struggle. They know that those who are power-hungry will seize on anything and make anybody pay any price for their own glorification.

"You, the ordinary people of South Africa, know full well that the South African Government cannot be toppled overnight. You know that when violence erupts in your townships, and when that violence becomes inward-directed and you yourselves are the victims of it, that Pretoria laughs at you. You know that those who say they can reduce this country to ungovernability tomorrow, are vain in their stupidity."



A Zulu in traditional dress who attended Chief Gatsha Buthelezi's prayer meeting in Soweto yesterday.

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Wattville councillors in threat to resign

By MZIKAYISE EDOM

ALL six members of the Wattville Village Council yesterday threatened to resign from their seats following the Government's "denial" to grant them the 99-year-leasehold rights to develop the township.

Mr Noel Mlokoti, the mayor of Wattville, told The SOWETAN yesterday that since the beginning of this year they have sent a number of memoranda to the Department of Co-operation and Development and the East Rand Development Board (Eradebo) on the matter but no positive answer has come forth.

He said on Friday last week he sent another memorandum accompanied by a letter to the Minister of Co-operation and Development and Training, Mr Gerrit Viljoen, demanding to meet him and discuss this (burning issue) failing which, all six members of the council will step down from their posts."

He said: "Future developments in Wattville look very bleak unless the Government considers granting leasehold rights with immediate effect. There is no reason for me and my councillors to continue serving in this council which is not progressive as far as we are concerned."

Mr Mlokoti said there was enough land in Wattville to build houses to accommodate the more than 1 000 families presently on the housing list.



THREAT: Mr Noel Mlokoti, mayor of Wattville who has threatened to resign with his council if the Government does not grant his area leasehold rights.

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ET dares the board

By LEN MASEKO

SOWETO mayor Mr Ephraim Tshabalala yesterday challenged the West Rand Development Board to transfer all the township's assets to the Soweto City Council.

The mayor told **The SOWETAN** yesterday that, to date, the local authority was still to receive the 1983/84 balance sheet.

Among the assets the council was claiming from the board were land, bottlestores and the township housing stock.

"To date, we have not received a report on the income generated by the township outlets. As for the balance sheet, we do not know at present as to what extent the council is in a position to survive," Mr Tshabalala said in a statement.

But Mr John Knoetze, chairman of Wradebo, said all movable assets had already been transferred to the local authority. Transferred assets included equipment and vehicles, he said.

Mr Knoetze said: "We are also in the process of transferring all land required for effective municipal administration like parks and other open spaces. The rest of the land will be transferred later, pending the Government decision on the whole matter. Also awaiting Government approval is the transfer of liquor outlets, which the Soweto City Council wants to retain under its control."

The Wradebo chairman said the council's 83/84 balance sheet had been audited and "the board is in the process of handing it over to the council."

Eruca wants Eradebo assets

By MZIKAYISE EDOM

THE East Rand Urban Councils Association (Eruca) on Monday, sent a memorandum to the East Rand Development Board (Eradebo), demanding immediate transfer of land and all immovable assets to all town councils in the area.

Mr Tom Boya, the mayor of Daveyton and chairman of Eruca which represents 14 town councils on the East Rand, said the board was delaying the transfer of the land and the assets to town councils whereas they had previously promised to do so in the last meeting they held two months ago.

Mr Boya also added that the association has sent another memorandum to the Minister of Co-operation, Development and Training, Dr Gerrit Viljoen asking him to intervene in the matter.

The association is demanding that the following property should be trasnferred to them:

- All public places presently belonging to Eradebo which are situated within the local authority area.
- All residential land, including hostels.
- All commercial and industrial land.
- All land used for public purposes, including all buildings in which the activities of the development board are carried out.
- All electrical sub-stations, water reservoirs, shelters, clinics and health centres.
- All workshop complexes, creches and care centres.
- All bottlestores, beerhalls, beer depots and sorghum beer breweries be transferred to town councils.
- Undeveloped land should also be transferred to the councils.

Mr Boya said at a meeting held by Eruca it was recommended that Ministerial approval be obtained for the transfer of all immovable property after negotiations with Eradebo had been concluded.

"There is no need for the board to be delaying in this matter because by so doing they are retarding our progress, and forcing us to increase rents so as to raise capital.

"If we had all these properties on our side there would be no need for us to tax the poor residents," Mr Boya said.

He hoped that the board would transfer all land and the other assets within the next few weeks."

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Bus fare increases will lead to unrest - council

By MONK NKOMO

PUTCO's fare increases — due to be implemented next week — will only lead to further unrest and riots in the township, the Atteridgeville Town Council warned yesterday.

The council, at its monthly meeting yesterday, also announced that they had written a letter to Putco requesting them to suspend the proposed fare increases indefinitely.

In the letter, the council also stated that "Our fear is that an increase of fares under the present political climate in the township will lead to further unrest and riots. A postponement will hopefully continue the moderate residents of your company's goodwill and good intentions."

We hope that a better economic and political climate will come up with the new year where both the council and your company will be in a position to increase their tariffs and fares".

Flats

The council also announced that they will advertise for the election of simplex or duplex flats near Masopha Street, Saulsville early next year.

No applications will be considered unless they are accompanied by sketch plans and applications, the council warned.

The erection of the flats would help alleviate the acute housing shortage in the township after the council was dealt two blows when the Government refused to grant them the nearby "Dairy Farms" and the stretch of land west of the township.

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Pta's Pitje announces resignation from Council

By ALINAH DUBE

MR H M Pitje, a Mamelodi Councillor, announced yesterday that he would resign his post because of divisions and irregularities in the Town Council.

Mr Pitje told The SOWETAN in a telephone conversation that his mind was made up and that it was time to end his involvement in local civic affairs. His followers will be told of the decision at a meeting on December 9 and his resignation will be tendered to the council thereafter. He has been in civic politics for the past 29 years.

The announcement comes two weeks after the resignation of former Atteridgeville mayor, Mr Z Z Mashao, who was forced to do so by pressure from his family.

Mr Pitje also pointed out that a meeting of those he represented would be held to make them aware of the situation prevailing in the council.

"I cannot continue serving on a body which does not genuinely represent the needs of the people. Most of the people are there to secure their own interests and collaborate with white officials to oppress their own people and make fools out of those who are opposed to corruption," Mr Pitje said.

Complain

He also complained that:

- Other councillors insisted on salary increments while other projects were abandoned;
- A statement that the executive committee had requested money from the Department of Co-operation and Development for the running of the township was untrue;
- Residents were forced to pay an increase of R9 on their rents without being consulted;
- Certain resolutions were passed outside the meeting to ensure support by the majority or when discussed at the full council meeting; and
- Some stole ideas of others to gain the limelight.

Mr Alex Kekana, a local Mayor, said he would only be able to comment after Mr Pitje had submitted his resignation to the council. He dismissed other allegations levelled at his council as untrue.

He added that a statement about the funds the council had asked for from the Minister was meant to have been a follow-up of a meeting held earlier with the authorities to get financial assistance.

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Power boost for Mamelodi

THE MAMELODI Town Council has achieved a milestone in its short term of office, with the switch-on of the upgraded electricity supply in the township yesterday.

The local mayor, Mr Alex Kekana, told about 200 people who attended an open air ceremony that their achievement was historic and would mark the end of the problems the residents had put up with in the past. He said poor electricity had been a source of untold losses in the area.

He thanked the local residents for having the patience during "hard times".

Mr A F Aab, director of Technical Services for the Development Board for Central Transvaal, said: "We live in the age of electricity and its use increases daily. From now onwards, this council will have to put aside about R5-million each year to cope with the ever-increasing demand.

"It is also important for the consumer to be able to face the responsibility of paying for the service they require."

The maximum demand for electricity, Mr Aab added, has increased from 6 120 to 30 000 kilovolt amps during the past 15 years. His department was presently faced with the challenge of having to cope with about 57 applications for increased supply every month.

And with the proposed Mamelodi East Ext 1, the council will have to be ready for an additional demand for electricity.

Threat to demolish Alexandra shacks

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By MOJALEFA MOSEKI

FAMILIES and couples living in more than 1 500 makeshift buildings in Alexandra will be thrown out when the town council evokes the Slum Act to demolish their buildings just after New Year.

The council took the decision to demolish all shacks and illegal structures on January 7 at its monthly meeting on Tuesday.

In a separate move against the shack dwellers, a group of residents called on the council to stop the building of shacks, evict people living in these and demolish the structures.

The group asked not to be named for fear of reprisals but said they will stop at nothing to see to it that the council takes action against "illegal residents" who were overcrowding their yards.

Speaking after the meeting, the town clerk, Mr Arthur Magerman, said: "The council understood the fact that people had grown impatient with the progress of the building scheme by the council and erected temporary additional rooms."

He said a few others, whose buildings will not be demolished, obtained permission for the building of their rooms.

He said they had decided to demolish these because "the whole building process has gone out of the council's control and most of these structures do not conform to the council's standards".

The group of residents urging the eviction of shack-dwellers said:

- shack-dwellers caused overcrowding by building in free space of the existing houses without even consulting the bonafide occupants of the yard;
- they posed a health hazard because they had to share the few toilets and communal taps with bonafide residents;
- they were the main contributors to the high crime rate in the township because they quarrelled with neighbours often than necessary.

Most of the shack-dwellers interviewed said they had been staying in one-room accommodation with friends or relatives and found it difficult with their wives around.

"I have been living in Alexandra and working at Bramley, doing temporary work for more than two years now and I never got a chance to be registered or apply for a room. So after staying with two other couples and four children in one room I left them to build myself this shack," said Mr Mlungisi Madadeni of 12th Avenue.

Another, who asked not to be named, said: "Even if the council evicts us, we will just find somewhere to stay because there is no other place we can go to," she said.

She said she had two sons working and only one of them was registered and the whole family of five had pinned their hopes on him to acquire a house.

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MAYOR WALKS OUT

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By NKOPANE MAKOBANE and SELLO RABOTHATA

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In the councillors' caucus a motion was drawn up and was to be petitioned to call a special meeting of the council within seven days, where a vote of no confidence in Mr Tshabalala would be passed in terms of Section 14(3) of the Black Authorities Act as gazetted on July 7, 1082. The motion was signed by 21 out of the 30 council members.



Mr EPHRAIM TSHABALALA, the mayor of Soweto, talking to a policeman after he had walked out of the council chambers yesterday.

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What's in your SOWETAN SUNDAY MIRROR BAG

THIS SUNDAY

THE AUTHORITIES look back at another year of black education — the cry, the blood, the struggle and the hope . . .

This is compulsory reading for students, concerned parents and teachers and it is all in the Sowetan Sunday MIRROR this Sunday. Don't miss your copy. Also:

- We look at the battle to get children ready for school — in Soweto 115 000 struggling to get into creches.
- For those who love sports: The Gerrie Coetzee v Greg Page.
- And for those who love competitions: More entry forms for the Sowetan Swop-A-Stamp Competition will be in the MIRROR, increasing your chances of winning one of the prizes that total more than R50 000.
- And there are still our regular easy-to-enter competitions: Win a R100 grocery voucher, a super Kelvinator RA refrigerator, an LP.

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Anger over Vaal shootings

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Angry residents have condemned the shootings, while the board has re-introduced its maintenance team, which worked under police escort on Wednesday.

The Sharpeville Civic Association's PRO, Mr Phillip Molefe, said that the shooting was unwarranted because the children were doing an essential service for the community.

"The authorities have cut off service because residents have refused to pay rents and when we do the job ourselves, they then decide to stop us at gunpoint."

Mrs Leah Mpondo, the dead child's mother, told **The SOWETAN** that her son was part of a group cleaning a street when he was shot. He died after admission to the local hospital.

Young Mpondo will be buried at the Sharpeville Cemetery today (Friday). The service will be held at the Methodist Church starting at 9am. Police are investigating.

EVATON MAYOR BOOED

Alex to spend R123 000 on force

By ALI MPHAKI

THE Alexandra Town Council is to spend more than R123 000 on the formation of its police force.

This decision was taken at the council's monthly meeting on Tuesday.

Chairman of the Committee of Ten, Dr Nthato Motlana, said he found it rather difficult that a so-called local authority that is trapped should waste such a lot of money on blackjacks.

Safety

"The safety of all people in South Africa lies in the hands of the South African Police and this action by the Alexandra Town Council should be condemned."

"We hope, however, this move is not aimed at improving the safety of the councillors against the same people they are said to be leading," he said.

The establishment of the police comes after the recent announcement by the Minister of Co-operation, Development and Training, Dr Gerrit Viljoen, that local authorities can now have their own police forces.

Salaries

The council decided to increase its 33 existing "force" to 65, also adding nine sergeants to it.

These will start training in April next year.

Their salaries for the three-month course will cost R60 868, while R62 920 will be for equipment, including tearsmoke canisters, riot shields, riot helmets, sjamboks and a bomb blanket.

The council saw the need for this force due to the recent unrest in Alexandra.

Among duties to be performed by this force, will be to prevent crime and also enforce the council's by-laws.

The council recommended that this matter be handled "properly" as it could lead to serious embarrassment.

suspicions.

Another 3 Vaal councillors quit

THREE MORE councillors of the Orange-Vaal Development Board in the Vaal Triangle have resigned their positions, the Mayor of Evaton, Mr Sam Rabotapi, officially announced this week.

They are: Mr Benjamin Angoma, Mr Simon Matseke, and Mr Jan Modise, whose resignations have been accepted by the Evaton Council.

Their resignation brings to eight the total number of councillors who have quit their positions since September 5, when the Vaal townships flared up in violence as a result of increased rents.

A further two, Mr Steven Ntsoereng and Mr Joseph Mosala, also of the Orange-Vaal Board, recently announced their intention to resign from the Lekoa Council.

Announcing the three resignations, Mr Rabotapi said he himself had no intention of quitting the council because if he did so, the Government would appoint "just anybody" to fill the position. He said he was convinced that he was of better use to the community while he remained a councillor.

Mr Rabotapi also announced that the Evaton Council had decided not to increase permit fees and service charges in the area, saying the present monthly charges of R18,45 would remain in force.

Increase

At an earlier meeting, the Evaton Council had decided to increase the permit and service charges by R6 which should have been enforced as from September 1. The new rates however, have now been shelved indefinitely.

The Vaal resignations follow closely on that of the Mayor of Atteridgeville, Mr Z Z Mashao, who left the council about two weeks ago.

At least 11 councillors in the East Rand have quit their posts in the wake of the unrest in the area.

RENT COLLECTION

Business scapegoats

Predictions of labour unrest and threats of legal action have followed the news that employers in the Vaal Triangle area are being forced by the Lekoea Town Council to deduct arrear rents from workers' wages.

The council has had jurisdiction over the riot-torn townships of Sebokeng, Sharpeville, Bophelong, Boipatong, Zandela and Denysville since late last year when the Black Local Authorities Act elections took place. It took over from the Orange Vaal Administration Board which has since been transformed into a development board in terms of the Black Community Development Act.

Protests against rents, one of the council's few sources of income, have been one of the major causes of unrest in the area over the past few months. According to the Orange Vaal Development Board's Marinus Leeferink, approximately 70% of the residents in the townships have not paid rent for September, October and November.

Stop orders

Rents in the area range from R50 to R70 a month. Leeferink says approximately 30% of residents have signed stop order forms to allow their employers to deduct rentals which are then forwarded to the council. Now the council has put the screws on Vaal Triangle employers to get money out of township residents by invoking an obscure regulation of the Blacks (Urban Areas) Consolidation Act.

Leeferink says Proclamation 186 of 1968, which was issued in terms of the Urban Areas Act, permits the council to order employers to deduct a portion of workers' wages to pay arrear rentals. In terms of the order, 25% of the salary may be deducted.

Leeferink says this may mean that in some cases, deductions will continue for a number of months. Notices from the council have been issued to most employers in the Vaal Triangle, barring households, although Leeferink says householders might also eventually be served with orders. Payment points have been opened up in Veereniging and Vanderbijlpark in an effort to collect rents.

According to both Leeferink and the Lekoa Town Clerk, Klasie Louw, employer response to the move has been favourable. The *FM* has a different impression. The Vaal Industries Association was due to meet development board representatives on Tuesday to discuss the issue and the Vaal Chamber of Commerce was meeting with Co-operation, Development and Education Minister Gerrit Viljoen on Wednesday.

One employer told the *FM:* "We have not communicated the content of the order to our employees. We are concerned about the way the whole thing has been handled. The development board and the town council are passing the buck for rent collection and are expecting local industry to do the donkey work. What is unclear is who will pay the administrative costs of this exercise.

"We employ about 2 000 workers and just about all are in arrears. We are expected to collect rent from them on top of all our other work. We also foresee industrial unrest if employers are seen to be wearing the jacket of local government."

He pointed out that his company would be placed in an even more invidious position if it refused to make the deductions.

"The development board and the council are just about bankrupt. If we don't deduct they will retaliate by using the old methods of getting at people to pay, like cutting electricity supplies and evictions. That will affect the workers employed by my company and fuel emotions."

A trade union source told the *FM* that workers are "absolutely furious".

"Many of our members had signed stop orders with employers to deduct money for their rents, but now they have cancelled them. Now they are suffering as 25% of their wages are being deducted. Some employers are deducting the money but are not paying it over until the matter is sorted out."

Notwithstanding these considerations, serious questions have been raised about the legality of the council's action. One lawyer told the *FM* that the notice is not valid as the section in the Urban Areas Act in terms of which it was issued was repealed when the Black Community Development Act came into effect. But the board says this is not so.

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Angry residents have condemned the shootings, while the board has re-introduced its maintenance team, which worked under police escort on Wednesday.

The Sharpeville Civic Association's PRO, Mr Phillip Molefe, said that the shooting was unwarranted because the children were doing an essential service for the community.

"The authorities have cut off service because residents have refused to pay rents and when we do the job ourselves, they then decide to stop us at gunpoint."

Mrs Leah Mpondo, the dead child's mother, told **The SOWETAN** that her son was part of a group cleaning a street when he was shot. He died after admission to the local hospital.

Young Mpondo will be buried at the Sharpeville Cemetery today (Friday). The service will be held at the Methodist Church starting at 9am. Police are investigating.

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Mayor 'ET' goes home in huff

By RICH MKHONDO

THE mayor of Soweto, Mr E T Tshabalala, walked out of a city council meeting yesterday after his "unopposed motion of the mayor" was rejected by most councillors.

He had tried to move that the mayoral elections — due to take place next Friday — be held in March next year.

The meeting, at which the date for new mayoral elections was expected to be fixed, ended in chaos when Mr Tshabalala walked out.

It was the first meeting he had chaired since being elected to office last year — previous meetings were under the chairmanship of the deputy mayor, Mr I Buthelezi.

The meeting became rowdy when Sofasonke Party members started singing and heckling councillors who were trying to argue that Mr Tshabalala could not move such a motion.

Tempers flared and at one stage Sofasonke's public relations officer Mr Ambition Brown exchanged words with a councillor Mr D Rasemene. Just as they were about to exchange blows, security guards stopped them.

Yesterday's meeting was characterised by a heavy police presence — with riot dogs. Everyone, including councillors, was subjected to a body search before being allowed to enter the council chamber.



The mayor of Soweto, Mr E T Tshabalala, is surrounded by his Sofasonke Party supporters after walking out of yesterday's council meeting. Councillors plan to petition for another meeting next week.

Picture: TONY NAIDOO

After the mayor had left the meeting, the town clerk, Mr Nico Malan, urged him to re-convene the meeting, but he refused.

Mr Malan and the mayor argued about the validity of yesterday's meeting, but no final decision was reached.

When Mr Malan urged Mr Tshabalala to set a date for another meeting, the mayor suggested that the next meeting be held in January next year.

Mr Malan told him that the law said that if a meeting were stopped for any reason, another had to be called within 14 days.

Asked to comment on the possibility of another meeting next week, Mr Malan said that, according to the council's standing orders, six councillors could petition the mayor to call a special meeting at any time. Such a petition would have to be signed by the town clerk and personally served on the mayor.

Councillors later decided that they would petition Mr Tshabalala to hold a meeting within seven days.

The chairman of the management committee, Mr Edward Manyosi, alleged that Mr Tshabalala had arranged for his party "to disrupt the meeting because he was aware that a vote of no-confidence was going to be passed against him".

He condemned the "unruly behaviour" as an attempt to oust him as chairman of the management committee and to cause confusion within the Soweto Council.

Councillors said they wanted the new council meeting to be held on Tuesday next week.

Mr Manyosi said that at next week's meeting they would table a motion of no-confidence in the mayor and would move that mayoral elections be held on December 14.

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'IT'S TOO HOT FOR US TO HANDLE!'

THE IKAGENG Village Council has admitted it's too scared to call a public meeting to brief residents about looming electricity charge increases.

This was disclosed this week at the IVC monthly meeting attended by Western Transvaal Development Board officials and Co-operation and Development assistant commissioner Danie Smith.

Mr Smith proposed that the IVC convene a public meeting at which it should urge residents to pay more if they expect better services.

Ikageng Deputy Mayor Gabriel Moraladi said: "We live in fear while you sleep peacefully in Pretoria.

"At this stage we cannot go to the people and talk about increases."

He added that it was not that their families were pressurising them to quit their posts for safety reasons.

Another burning issue at the meeting was the sale of the local beer hall.

Mayoral tussle: advice sought

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The controversy surrounding the Soweto mayoral elections may be decided in court.

The mayor's faction of the Sofasonke Party has intimated it would seek legal advice to ensure the elections are held next March — not earlier.

The Mayor, Mr Ephraim Tshabalala, has made it clear there will be no elections this year. He announced at the last council meeting they had been postponed to March.

CIRCUMVENT

Speculation that a special council meeting would be held today could not be confirmed.

Neither the mayor, his deputy, Mr Isaac Buthelezi, nor the Town Clerk, Mr Nico Malan, could be contacted for comment this morning.

The Sofasonke Party is seeking legal advice to circumvent a move by the breakaway party, led by Mr Edward Manyosi, to have a special council meeting at which elections will be held.

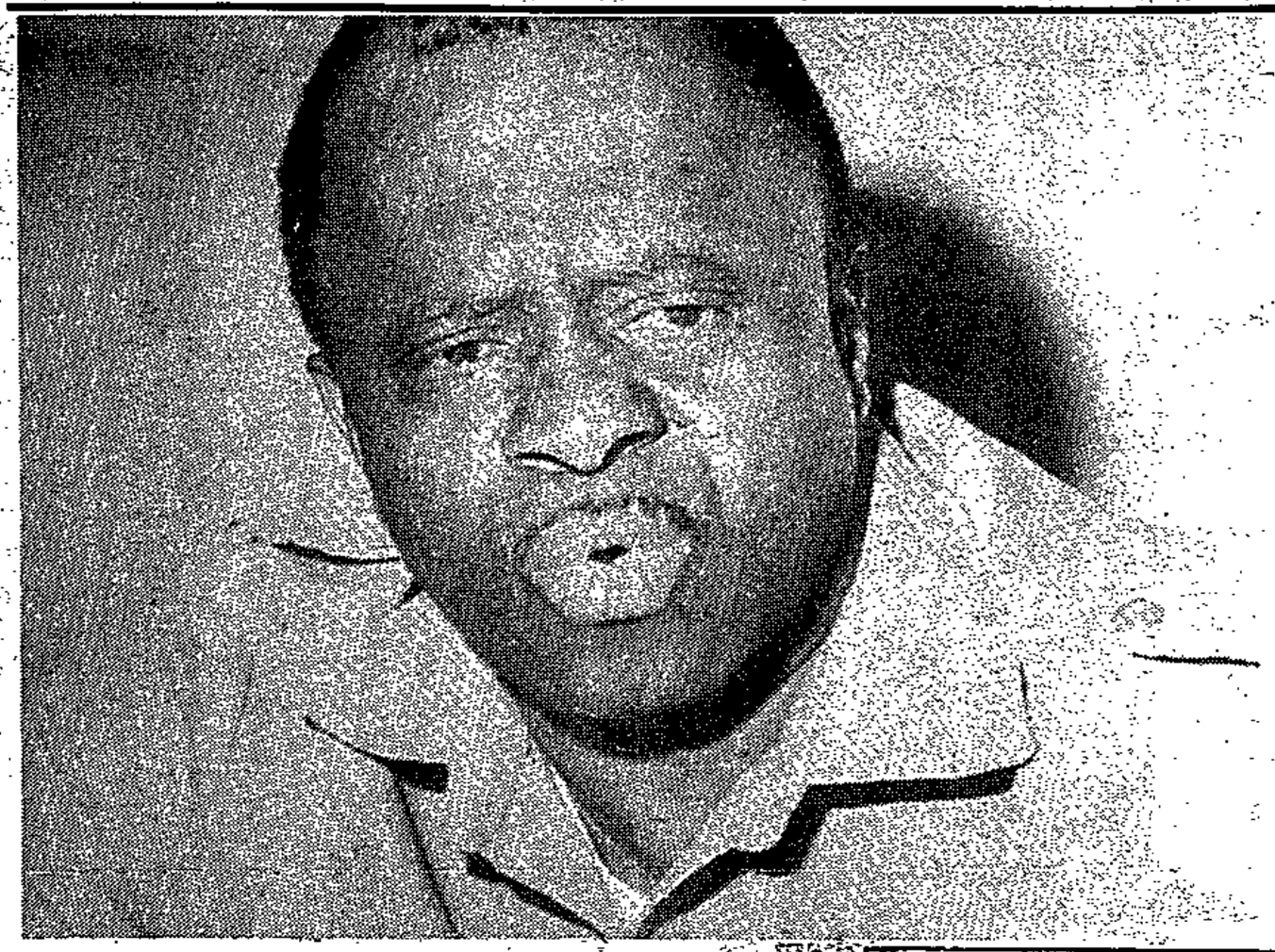
The meeting would be called in terms of the Black Local Authorities Act, according to Mr Manyosi's party.

According to the Act, a special meeting may be called within seven days of the monthly meeting to resolve matters not satisfactorily dealt with.

This morning, public relations officer for the Sofasonke Party, Mr Ambition Brown, confirmed that as far as the mayor was concerned, elections would be next year.

"The mayor's word is final. If he says the elections will be next year, then no-one has the right to question his decision," Mr Brown said.

The special meeting, it is believed, could set the stage for a coup by Mr Manyosi.



Mr NOEL MLOKOTHI: Mayor of Wattville.

Wattville Council set to meet Gerrit Viljoen

THE Minister of Co-operation, Development and Education, Dr Gerrit Viljoen, will meet the Wattville Village Council this month to discuss the controversial granting of the 99-year leasehold rights, to enable the council to develop the area.

Early this week, all five members of the council threatened to resign from their seats following the "denial" by the Government to grant them a lease to develop Wattville.

Last week, the council sent a memorandum accompanied by a telegram to Dr Viljoen, demanding to meet him to discuss this "burning issue".

Mr Noel Mlokoti, the Mayor of Wattville, told **The SOWETAN** that the Minister has finally agreed to meet them on December 11 in Pretoria at 9am.

The meeting will also be attended by senior officials of Dr Viljoen's department, including Mr D J Hitje, the Director General of Co-operation and Development.

Mr Mlokoti said since 1959 there has been no progress in Wattville. The last house in the area was built in 1981 and since then not one single house has been erected in Wattville.

He added that there was enough land in the area to build houses for the more than 1 000 families on the waiting list but the council could not go ahead with their plan because they did not have the 99-year leasehold rights.

"On December 11 we are not going to plead or negotiate with the Minister, but we are going to demand what belongs to the community of Wattville," said Mr Mlokoti.

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KwaThema black staff not paid

Council only paid its white workers

By MZIKAYISE EDOM

THE KwaThema Town Council has not paid 65 of its black employees their November salaries because of lack of funds but white officials have been paid.

Last month the council spent R10 000 to buy two-way radio equipment, for use during any future rioting in the township.

The modern and sophisticated equipment, has already been installed at the local offices of the East Rand Development Board (Eradebo) and "in case of disturbances breaking out in the township, the guards on duty will be able to contact the police within 60 seconds," the deputy mayor of KwaThema, Mr Ezra Radebe, said at the weekend.

Mr Radebe also confirmed that more than 50 black employees of the council have not been paid their November salaries.

He said: "I was only informed some-time last week that our black employees have not been paid their November salaries. I do not know why they were not paid. This is a serious matter and the council is doing all it can to pay these people as soon as possible."

The council, Mr Radebe said, has no money because the board is "refusing to hand over all the money belonging to the council."

'The board was supposed to have handed over the funds in July but until now nothing has happened. As it is, the board is still running the township and they are supposed to have paid the workers their salaries. There is nothing the council can do because it has no money," he added.

Mr F E Marx, the chief director of Eradebo, said yesterday that he was not aware that there were black employees who have not received their November salaries in KwaThema.

Funds

'It is true that we are still handling the administration affairs of KwaThema at present until negotiations for the transfer of all their assets to them are through. I will investigate this matter today and if it is true, the workers will be paid as soon as possible," he said.

Most of the workers interviewed by **The SOWETAN** on Friday said they were told by board officials that they would be paid their November salaries this month (December) because the board was having problems with "funds at present".

A source close to the council said there was a "war" between the council and the board on who should run the affairs of the township.

The source said: "This could be why the board "froze" the salaries of the black employees while paying all those of seconded white officials."

According to an agreement signed by East Rand town councils and the board this year, the board stated that all seconded white officials to the councils would be paid by the town councils.

Resign

The agreement also stated that the board would decide on the salary increases for the white officials, which will be paid by the councils.

A number of residents and community leaders interviewed by **The SOWETAN** yesterday called on the councillors to resign because "they had no powers to run their own affairs," as they were promised by the Government when the Black Local Authorities Act was introduced last November.

Mr Gilbert "Bra Gil" Motlhaping, a prominent businessman and former mayor of KwaThema said: "The town councils are still as useless and powerless as the community councils. It is clear that the development boards will continue running the affairs of the townships."

A spokesman for the East Rand Peoples Organisation (Erapo) said: "Town councils were created by the Government and there is no way that the councils can be given powers to work against the Government. It is clear that the councils are still stooges and it is time they resigned from their posts."

Sofasonke may go to court

THE RIFT in the Soweto City Council took a dramatic change with the announcement yesterday that the Sofasonke Party will apply for a court interdict if the mayoral elections were held earlier than March next year.

This announcement was made by the Party's Public Relations Officer, Mr Ambition Brown. He said that among the reasons for the interdict was that if such a meeting is held it will be illegal because "neither the council chairman nor his deputy shall have presided over that meeting".

Mr Brown further declared that according to the constitution of the Black Local Authority the chairman or his deputy are the only people who can preside over a council meeting unless designated by the chairman himself.

This controversy stems from the apparent coup d'etat in the council in which the mayor, Mr Ephraim "ET" Tshabalala's reign is in the balance, with some of the men who were influential in his party defecting to the new and yet unnamed party under the leadership of Mr Edward Manyosi.

Last Thursday the situation resulted in chaos when Mr Tshabalala closed a council meeting when most of the councillors refused to back a motion by him that elections be postponed.

Mr Brown further said that the allegation that the mayor failed to conduct the meeting last Thursday was unfounded. "The fact that he took over from his deputy, Mr Isaac Buthelezi, when things went out of hand proves that the mayor is capable of chairing a meeting.

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By MZIKAYISE EDOM
East Rand Bureau

THE KWATHEMA Town Council is to apply for a court interdict this week in a bid to force the East Rand Development Board (Eradebo) to relinquish its control of the township's assets.

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Mr Ezra Radebe, the deputy mayor of KwaThema said: "For months we have been negotiating with the board to hand over the assets but until now, nothing has happened.

"We have no alternative but to take the matter to court. We want to build more houses in the township but because the board is refusing with our land, we cannot embark on this project. As it is now, the council has no funds because the board is still running the township's affairs," he added.

Mr Radebe said they have already contacted their lawyers and it is "just a matter of days before the matter goes to court."

"We are not prepared to wait any longer," Mr Radebe said..

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Duduza bus fare hikes suspended

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By MZIKAYISE EDOM

THE Nigel Town Council has indefinitely suspended the proposed increased bus tariffs in Duduza township which were supposed to be introduced today.

A spokesman for the Nigel town council told **The SOWETAN** on Friday that they decided to suspend the increases following talks between them and members of the Duduza Community Council last week.

He said: "The community council has complained that residents in the area were not told in time about the proposed new tariffs, and were not given a chance to propose alternative ways of generating funds for the town council instead of increasing fares."

The council had told **The SOWETAN** that it had no alternative but to increase the bus fares as a result of higher wages and salaries it had to pay its employees and the high cost of tyres and spares.

The spokesman said: "If both the community and the community council fail to come with alternative ways on how we can generate our income, we will be forced to increase our tariffs."

The new fares were supposed to be as follows:

- From Duduza to the city, from 40 cents to 50 cents a single trip and from R2,15 to R2,50 for a season ticket (for five days).
- From Duduza to Sasol II and III, from R3,15 to R3,85 per single trip and from R58 to R70 a fortnight season ticket and
- From Nigel to Alrapark, from 30 cents to 35 cents per single trip and from R2,05 to R2,50 a weekly season ticket.

Tshabalala calls for new elections

THE STRUGGLE for power continued in the Soweto City Council yesterday, with a meeting succeeding in forcing the mayor, Mr Ephraim Tshabalala, to call a meeting for Thursday.

And Mr Tshabalala, in a counter-move to retain the mayorship, yesterday demanded that all councillors relinquish their seats and that fresh elections be held.

By SYD KHUMALO

These are the latest developments in a weekend which had the clerk of the council, Mr Nico Malan, calling meetings with Mr Tshabalala and his followers in an effort to break the logjam.

Mr Malan has emerged as the power behind the throne and has been accused by the Sofasonke Party of backing Mr Edward Manyosi, who is challenging Mr Tshabalala for the post of mayor.

It is an open secret that most white officials in the council do not like Mr Tshabalala. In his brusque way he has incurred their wrath by making it clear to them that he is the boss and they are his "boys."

Mr Manyosi has now emerged as the blue-eyed boy of the seconded personnel in the council, a fact highlighted by the Sofasonke Party.

Calm

Yesterday Mr Tshabalala agreed to chair a meeting on Thursday and the Manyosi clan announced they would go ahead with their motion of no confidence. Said Mr Manyosi: "I hope that the meeting will be conducted to the full. I hope everybody will be calm. The mayor should not bulldoze the meeting as he did last week."

Mr Tshabalala announced that he was prepared to resign his seat if the Manyosi clique did the same. "It is better for us to resolve the impasse by asking the voters to decide," he said.



RIFT — Mr Tshabalala, who may chair the meeting on Thursday for the last time as mayor of Soweto.

Wattville Council fires four white officials

THE WATTVILLE Village Council has fired four white officials who were seconded to the council by the East Rand Development Board (Eradebo).

The officials are: Mr CBJJ Snyman, Town Secretary; Mr FB Nezar, the Wattville Men's Hostel superintendent; Mrs IM du Buson, a clerk; and Miss R Saaymen, a typist.

Mr Snyman and Mr Nezar have been replaced by Mr Harvey Anderson and Mr Mngqondaniso.

Mr Buson and Miss Saayman were not replaced.

Salaries

Mr Noel Mlokoti, the Mayor of Wattville, said the council could no longer cope with the high salaries, travelling expenses and other money they were paying the white officials.

He said: "The only alternative for the council to save funds was to terminate the services of these four seconded white officials. This does not mean that the two black employees who have replaced them will be underpaid, but at least we will be able to cut a lot of other expenses which we used to pay the white officials."

Mr Mlokoti also said the fired officials had not been co-operative.

Wise

"We have R3 million for our 1984/85 budget and at present we are experiencing a deficit of over R1 million. We have no intention of increasing rent to recover this deficit but felt it would be wise to do away with these four white officials to clean our budget," Mr Mlokoti said.

Another mayor may be ousted

YET another mayor, The Rev Joe Mzamane, may be ousted, when the Kwa-Thema Town Council holds its mayoral elections this month.

In an interview with The SOWETAN yesterday, a reliable source close to the council revealed that all was not well within the council and that five of its nine members want Rev Mzamane out. Rev Mzamane is the priest in charge of the township's St Barnabas Anglican Church.

A few weeks ago, Rev Mzamane was asked by his church to resign from the council and to concentrate on his priesthood, but he refused, stating that he would only resign if the people who elected him told him to quit.

Our source said Mr HH Ngakane, the chairman of the council's management Executive Committee and leader of the opposition in the council, is tipped as new mayor.

Mr Ngakane, one of the oldest councillors in the area and a former mayor, is believed to be the "Big Brain" behind the move to unseat Rev Mzamane.

The source added that it was not yet clear who would be elected as deputy mayor but there are strong indications that the present deputy mayor, Mr Ezra Radebe, will retain his position.

Rev Mzamane is presently on leave in the Transkei.

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SRC's: Govt won't budge

THE GOVERNMENT is not prepared to shift from its point that the constitution the Department of Education and Training has drawn up must be used as a basis in any negotiations concerning Students Representative Councils in black schools.

This is in a statement from the Soweto Parents Committee released yesterday.

The SPC was reacting to a telex sent to them by the Deputy Minister of Education, Mr S J de Beer, saying parents who have organised themselves in various areas can only participate in the formation of the SRC constitution through statutory school bodies.

Alexandra asks for adjacent areas

By Revelation Ntoula

The Alexandra Town Council has asked the Minister of Co-operation, Development and Education, Dr Gerrit Viljoen, to consider incorporating the adjacent industrial areas of Kew, Wynberg and Marlboro into the black council.

At a Press conference today, the Mayor of Alexandra, the Rev Sam Buti, said his council had asked the Government to treat the matter urgently so that it could be resolved before Alexandra's 1984-85 budget is approved.

He said a copy of the memoradum seeking the incorporation had also been sent to the Cabinet committee dealing with urban blacks and to the director of local government in the Department of Co-operation and Development.

Mr Buti pointed out that the Alexandra Town Council had shown a shortfall of R1,5 million on an annual budget of R6,5 million.

"At least R80 million will be required for the redevelopment of present Alexandra," he said.

There was no hope of securing the amount without drastic steps such as incorporating the proposed areas which could generate a vast amount of much-needed cash.

Mr Buti said rates for Wynberg were about R1 573 422 per annum, that for Malboro, R347 097 and a similar amount for the Kew area.

"These amounts would wipe out the deficit," Mr Buti said.

Black parents preparing to meet Minister

By Chris More

Parent committees in black townships throughout the country are preparing for a crucial meeting with the Deputy Minister of Education and Training, Mr Sam de Beer next Monday in an attempt to resolve the education impasse.

Parents have urged the Deputy Minister and his department to show a willingness to resolve the problems in black education.

The meeting is to be held at the Magister Building, Pretoria at 9 am.

The Deputy Minister, in consenting to the meeting, acknowledged the contribution made by the Soweto Parents' Committee at earlier talks.

The purpose of the meeting is to draft a fully representative Students Representative Council (SRC) constitution that will be acceptable to all parties.

All people and organisations with an interest in black education are invited, including two students from the department's seven regions who will be elected by fellow students by secret ballot.

At a joint meeting of parents' committees held at the Ipelegeng Community Centre in Jabavu, Soweto at the weekend, it was unanimously agreed that a fully representative delegation meet the Deputy Minister and his party.

This delegation would include parent bodies, community organisations and student representatives. The decision is in line with the agreement between the Deputy Minister and the Soweto Parents' Committee at a meeting in Pretoria on November 23.

A resolution adopted at the weekend meeting read: "The parents' committees wish to restate as well that the lives of our children are at stake here and would wish that no further loss of life is caused in January by reopening schools without resolving the issue.

"In the light of the call for a black Christmas because of the more than 161 people who have died in the last few months, we as parents are prepared to work around the clock to produce a constitution before the end of the year to save our children from death."

R7,6-m boost for Mamelodi

By ALINAH DUBE

THE MAMELODI Town Council will spend a staggering R7,6 million on the upgrading and improvement of living conditions in the area, a Press conference was told yesterday.

Mr Zikhali Ndlazi, the local deputy mayor, said that most projects would be implemented early next year with the help of loans obtained from the Department of Community Development. He added that the council was trying all it could to improve the area without increasing rents.

The work consists of the tarring of roads, houses for employees of the town council, extension of public toilets at the Denneboom and Eerste Fabrieke stations, the development of parking areas for taxis and buses, and the improvement and extension of the sewerage network. Some of the projects are intended for expansion into the proposed Mamelodi East Ext 1.

"We came to realise that there was confusion at our local station as there were no facilities to cater for hawkers and taxi operators. We felt that the council was responsible to put up proper structures in order to maintain order in the area.

Rent

"Taxi operators will be charged a minimal fee for the use of the parking space. Hawkers will also pay rent to use the stalls to be put up next to the station," Mr Ndlazi said.

The newly built Thuto-Mathlali Technical College will also get an 11 kv electrical supply amounting to R38 000.

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Township police will ignore permit system

PRETORIA — Mamelodi is to establish its own police force and will ignore legislation which lays down whites need a permit to enter the township.

Announcing the move, the chairman of the management committee, Mr Zikhali Ndlazi, said the police would not be used to back apartheid measures, but to protect residents and their property against criminals.

"Demanding permits from people of other racial groups who enter our town is out. Those are apartheid measures which have nothing to do with our well-being.

"People of any colour or creed are free to come in and out of our area. This is not a concentration camp — people live here," he said.

The secretary of the council, Mr Sy Mabusela, said some obstacles still had to be cleared before an autonomous law-enforcement organisation could be established.

"We told the Department of Co-operation and Development of our intention, but were told we had to adhere to stipulations relating to the appointment of a law-enforcement officer," he said.

The prospective officers must be between 18 and 25, have matric and be medically fit to undergo a six-month training programme.

Successful candidates will undergo six-month training at the Hammanskraal police college and salary scales will correspond to those of the SAP.

The law-enforcement organisation will be controlled and paid for by the council, but will liaise with the local station commander. — SAPA.


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Soweto mayor shot dead

By Tlanga Skosana

Mr Edward Manyosi, chairman of the Soweto management committee and the man who was tipped to succeed Mr Ephraim Tshabalala as mayor, was ambushed and shot dead by gunmen in the township in the early hours of this morning.

He was attacked shortly after he left a caucus meeting of the group he led which broke away from Mr Tshabalala's party.

At the meeting he was tipped to take over the reins as the new boss of Soweto.

The shooting took place at Mofolo North about 1 am when a car with four occupants drove past Mr Manyosi's vehicle.

A gunman in the back seat fired four shots. One hit Mr Manyosi in the head and another struck hisbody.

No arrests

The chief of the Soweto CID, Brigadier J J Viktor, confirmed the shooting and said no one had been arrested yet.

Soweto Councillor Mr Edward Kunene, who was with Mr Manyosi at the time of the shooting, said about 14 councillors attended a meeting last night at which a decision was taken to vote in Mr Manyosi as mayor. The election was to have been today.

Before the councillors left the meeting they heard that there were men waiting to ambush and kill them.

They decided that no councillor should go home alone.

It was decided that Mr Manyosi should not sleep at his home but go to the homeof a colleague.

Convoy

Four councillors in three cars accompanied Mr Manyosi from the meeting to his home in Jabulani to fetch his pyjamas.

On arrival there they saw a car parked at a street corner.

Mr Manyosi went inside and fetched his pyjamas, and the cars left in a convoy.

When the group reached Mofolo township the councillors' cars stopped at Mr Kunene's home.

At that moment a speeding car approached. When it was close shots were fired.

Bullets hit the windscreen of Mr Manyosi's car and he collapsed at the steering wheel.

Other councillors returned the fire but the killers escaped.

Mr Kunene said Mr Manyosi was taken to hospital where he was certified dead.

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Mr Edward Manyosi

Alex clinches R250-m deal

THE Alexandra Town Council has clinched a R250-million loan from a French international construction company.

But the officials of the company, Dragages et Travaux, based in Screg, undertook to make the loan money available on condition that the Minister of Finance guarantees the loan.

In response to that, the town council has chosen a four-man delegation to meet the Minister over the loan matter.

They are: the Rev Sam Buti (mayor), Mr Arthur Magerman (town clerk), Mr L C Koza (senior councillor) and Mr J J Snyman (treasurer).

Mr Magerman declined to comment on the loan last week, saying it was "too early to say anything about it now".

The loan will be used to boost the re-development scheme in the township. It was signed by Mr Magerman who met the chief executive of the company, Mr Pierre Mao, in France and attended a board meeting on November 8 and 9.

A report of the meeting states that an "agreement of understanding was reached" between the two parties.

"This money will only be forthcoming on condition, and I repeat, on condition that it is guaranteed by the Minister of Finance in South Africa," states the report.

Other conditions are:

- The company sends 10 key men to supervise construction workers.
- Extensive use of sub-constructors, so as to give local constructions a chance, and as a safeguard against monopoly.

Dragages is one of the biggest construction companies with interests in all continents and a link with all the big financial institutions in the world.

Death of Manyosi shocks Sowetans

By Revelation Ntoula

Soweto today was in shock at the news of the apparent ination of Mr Edward Manyosi (71).

Mr Manyosi was the man most favoured to take over from Soweto Mayor Mr Ephraim Tshabalala.

His widow, Mrs Joyce Manyosi, said: "I still cannot believe that Edward is dead."

A relation, Miss Patricia Mosenene, said Mr Manyosi had been unusually cheerful only a few hours before he was killed.

But, she added, he appeared to have had a premonition about his death.

"He came to me yesterday and hugged me, saying, 'My niece, this might be the last time you see me as I am about to be killed'," Miss Mosenene said.

The Soweto council chambers were under heavy police guard this morning

A council police inspector said "a very, very important matter is being discussed".

Councillor explains why he resigned

MR VUYISILE Siyothula, who resigned from the Tembisa Town Council recently, said he did so because of the ineffectiveness of the council, complete loss of credibility and the lack of enough protection for councillors.

Mr Siyothula said the success of the black town councils does not only depend on the Government but also on the goodwill of the residents.

He said residents had at the moment no confidence in the town councils and called them "dummy bodies".

Educate

"This is because we did not know what was happening in the town councils. To succeed the councils needed public relations officers who will educate the community about the functions of a local government," Mr Sityothula said.

He added that the failure by the Government to provide grounds for funding town councils also made it difficult for black local authorities to succeed.

Mr Siyothula also said that the staffing of the black councils was not properly planned by the Government. They relied on seconded staff from the development boards who were paid exhorbitant salaries.

This decreased the funding of the town councils. Mr Siyothula said the Black Local Authorities Act did not provide entrance qualifications for people who wanted to serve on the town councils and as a result people who were semi-literate served on the council.

He blamed the black intelligentsia for standing back and refusing to serve on the black local authorities.

Rent issue may lead to Vaal strikes

MORE VAAL Triangle industries are threatened with strikes following a ruling by the Oranje-Vaal Development Board and the Lekoa Council ordering employers to deduct rents from their employees' wages.

By JOSHUA RABOROKO

This warning comes from several trade unionists who told The SOWETAN that workers have expressed anger and indicated that they rejected the order and may take industrial action.

Workers at two institutions — Pilkington Tiling, and the entire staff, including nurses, at Sebokeng Hospital — have gone on strike in recent days in protest against the deductions.

Prosecuted

Employers have indicated that they will not do the "donkey job" of the council and board by making such deductions. However some have expressed views that they will be prosecuted if they do not do so.

Angry Vaal residents have not been paying house rents since September 3.

The unions, which include the Council of Unions of South Africa, Federation of South African Trade Unions, and Oranje-Vaal General Workers' Union, said that they have already talked to their legal advisers on the aspect.

"We have received reports from workers that their monies have been deducted for rents. They are unhappy. Others have indicated that they will take action," a spokesman for Cusa said.

OVGWU's spokesman said that they have approached several employers who "sympathised with us," and promised to look into the problems. But, he added, others have been "very rude" and "chased us out of offices."

Mr Fezile Dabi, of Cusa's Legal Unit, said they have approached legal experts in this regard and the matter might be taken to court within the next two weeks.

The Sharpeville Civic Association was due to meet the officials of the council to discuss the controversial issue.

Clerk

The Lekoa Town Council clerk, Mr P N Louw, said that the response has been "very good" from employers who deducted rents from wages. It was important that essential services be paid," he said.

Alexandra out to grab industries

By MARGARETHA GOOSEN and RICH MKHONDO

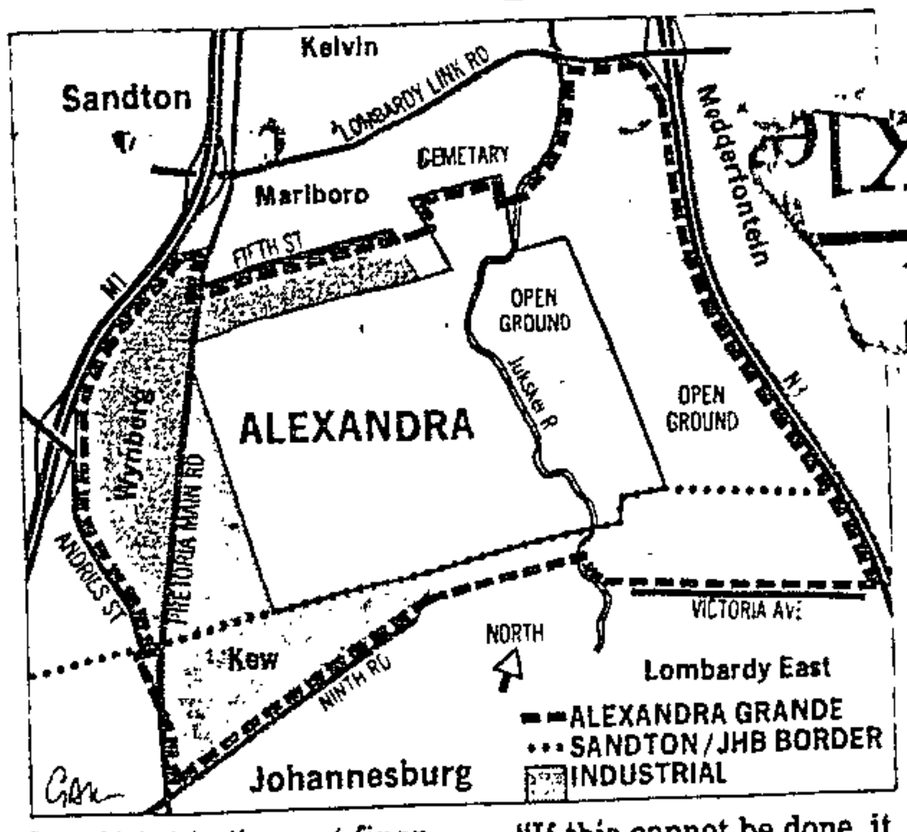
IN WHAT was called a "highly political move", the Alexandra Town Council yesterday announced its intention to become the first black local authority in South Africa to push for the incorporation of industrial areas on its borders.

The inclusion of industrial areas into neighbouring black authorities to enable them to become financially viable, has been the subject of discussion in white municipal circles for some time.

The past president of the Transvaal Municipal Association (TMA), Mr Olaus van Zyl, in an article in the November/December 1983 edition of "Local Government in South Africa", said the incorporation of industrial areas into "non-white" local authorities was a prerequisite for the establisment of a viable tax base.

Industrialists who would be affected by the proposals were hestitant to comment yesterday, while the Sandton Management Committee chief Mr Rick Valente indicated that the council would not express its opinion before it had received an application. The president of the Sandton Chamber of Commerce and Industry said the chamber would oppose the incorporation.

The Mayor of Alexandra, the Rev Sam Buti, said the town, which has a severe housing backlog, experienced a shortfall of



R1 500 000 in the past financial year.

If, as proposed, the industrial areas of Wynberg, Marlboro and Kew — which fall within Sandton and Johannesburg — could be incorporated, the town council would receive an additional R1 900 000 in rates.

He said such a move would have a "slight" effect on the ratepayers in Sandton and Johannesburg and would make the council financially viable by enabling it to look at financial sources other than rents.

He added that his council was testing and challenging the reform initiatives put forward by the Government and local authorities.

"Deeds should show, deeds are stronger than words and this is a reasonable request.

"If this cannot be done, it will show that the reforms are a mockery and that black local authorities should be scrapped immediately," Mr Buti said.

"The industrial areas would form our economic base. If we cannot succeed with this, how can we run?"

Mr Buti said he would be prepared to continue pushing for the incorporation even if the initial proposals failed.

He said the proposals were a challenge to so-called verligte whites. The Afrikaner Government five years ago agreed to allow Alexandra to keep going, now the council wanted to test the "neighbouring English".

Memoranda had been sent to the Government and the councils of Sandton and Johannesburg to inform them of the proposals. The council also spoke to a number of industrialists in

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"Reaction from business owners to the proposals by the council has generally been very positive," he said, adding that industrialists had reservations about the levies which would be introduced as additional sources of revenue for local authorities.

Mr Buti said the labour in the industrial areas that council wanted to incorporate — was drawn predominantly from Alexandra.

Mr Johan Oosthuizen, a liaison officer for the Department of Co-operation and Development, said the matter would be considered "on merit" when an application was received.

Mr John Herdman-Grant, president of the Sandton Chamber of Commerce and Industry, said his association would not support the proposals.

"It would be a different thing if Alexandra could become part of Sandton, then we would look at it in a different and more favourable light."

But the industrial areas concerned made up a very substantial part of Sandton's industry, and were therefore part of the town's "lifeblood".

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Another councillor quits

By MZIKAYISE EDOM

ANOTHER MEMBER of the Temibsa Town Council, Mr Vuyisile Sinod Siyothula, has resigned from his seat, following "pressure" from his family.

Mr Siyothula is the fourth member of the Tembisa Council to resign from his seat within a month. The other three who resigned, all members of the opposition in the council are: Messrs Justice Pitse, Solomon Letsoalo and S M Songo. The three resigned last month at the height of rioting in the township.

Mr Pitse and Mr Letsoalo's houses were set alight during the disturbances following the two-day stayaway on November 5 and 6. Mr Siyothula resigned at the weekend.

Threatened

All in all 11 councillors in Ratanda, Duduza and Tembisa townships on the East Rand have resigned from the councils in the past three months.

The first to resign were all six members of the Ratanda Community Council after claiming their lives had been threatened. Seven members from the Duduza Community Council resigned last month and a few days later they were followed by three members of the Tembisa Town Council.

However a week later five of the seven councillors in Duduza rescinded their decision and rejoined the council.

The mayor of Duduza, Mr Kebane Moloi and his deputy, Mr Elliot Phahlane, have vowed not to return to the council.

Mrs Siyothula said her husband will now concentrate on developing his business. Mr Siyothula has a supermarket in the township.

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Shock at killing of councillor

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Own Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG. — The outgoing mayor of Soweto, Mr E T Tshabalala, yesterday expressed shock at the assassination of his rival for the mayoralty of the country's largest black city.

Mr Edward Manyosi, 72, was gunned down in a hail of bullets in front of a fellow councillor's house on Wednesday night.

The shooting took place 12 hours before voting for a new mayor was due to take place.

He was earmarked to become Soweto's new mayor yesterday after Mr Tshabalala's term of office expired.

Police are hunting the killer but nc arrests have yet been made.

Strategies

Mr Tshabalala said he was particularly shocked at the killing in the light of the fact that the council was in the process of "putting its house in order".

According to councillor Mr Mike Gcwensa, the shooting happened soon after they had a caucus meeting where they discussed strategies they were going to use during the elections.

The shooting took place in front of Mr Gcwensa's house in Mofolo North.

According to a member of Mr Gcwensa's family, a Soweto council policeman who was guarding their home was "asleep in one of the corridors at the back of the house" when the incident happened.

"He came minutes after the assassins had left."

Explaining how the assassination occurred, Mr Gcwensa said that after the meeting they had decided that Mr Manyosi should take "precautionary measures" and urged him to spend the night at Mr Gcwensa's house.



Mr Edward Manyosi

Mr Manyosi agreed but felt he should go home and fetch things which he was going to need the next day for the "important meeting".

"We accompanied him to his house to fetch his pyjamas. When we came out of Mr Manyosi's house, we saw a car parked nearby and it started flicking its lights.

"The car followed us but before we could arrive at my house, the car sped past. But just before we could park out cars in the garage, the car came from another direction at high speed and abruptly stopped next to our cars.

"Mr Manyosi, who was the first to jump out of his car to find out if he could park first, was shot five times and died instantly.

"The assassins drove off at high speed."

Mr Manyosi, who was chairman of the ruling Sofasonke Party, was sacked by the party central committee last month.

He was accused of "being irresponsible and unable to execute his duties as chairman of the party".

Mawu launches boycott

THE SOUTH African Municipal and Allied Workers' Union has called for a boycott of malt, sorghum beer and liquor outlets owned by the Oranje-Vaal Development Board.

The boycott, which includes other products of the board, has been launched following the dismissal of more than 17 workers at two subsidiaries of the board — M and B Jwala Ba-Sesotho (Pty) Ltd and Big S Sorghum Brewery in Sebokeng.

The decision to launch the boycott was taken at the union's special meeting of shop stewards, executive members and other officials, held in Vereeniging this week.

The meeting follows the sacking of workers at M and B company, which the union claims is owned by the board, last week. They were fired after going on strike protesting against the dismissal of colleagues.

The union's general secretary, Mr Phillip Dlamini, said that they had also discovered that workers at Big S, owned by the board, were unfairly treated and underpaid.

"We decided to take collective action because the board officials and so-called owners of the M and B company have consistently refused to talk to us, despite numerous attempts to get them round the table," he said.

"We want our members to be treated fairly and be reinstated in their jobs without any conditions. We have appealed to the Council of Unions of South Africa's affiliates and other international organisations for support."

"We have also briefed lawyers to look into the matter," he added.

Unfair

M and B's manager, Mr K Scholtz, said that a boycott against the companies products would be unfair. M and B was not owned by the development board. It was owned by the QwaQwa Minister of Water Affairs, Mr S K Masumo, who was chairman of the now defunct Vaal Urban Bantu Council.

He said the workers were warned that if they went on strike they would be dismissed. They were asked to collect their money, but had refused.

"We always wanted to negotiate in good faith with the union leaders, but they have let us down. Our doors are still open for them to discuss the matter with us."

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Buti still in 'hot seat'

By MOJALEFA MOSEKI

THE MAYOR of Alexandra, the Rev Sam Buti, was returned to the post with a single vote victory over his deputy, Mr H Makhubire, in mayoral elections held at the council chambers this week.

Buti's four-to-five victory ended a behind-the-scenes move by a clique of the nine-member council to have another man in the "hot seat".

"We have openly expressed our feelings that we would like the mayoral position to rotate among eligible councillors and not be seen as the property of any councillor," disclosed a source close to the council before elections.

The source said that matters came to a head a week ago when a special councillors' meeting was held and a motion passed that councillor Thomas Molepo be either suspended or asked to resign because of a court case involving extortion.

Although he was ultimately found guilty and fined R500 or five months, he indicated that he had lodged an appeal.

The move, according to the source, was aimed at "weakening" Mr Buti's chances of winning the mayoral seat because it was known that Mr Molepo was his follower.

Mr Molepo did cast a vote during the elections and whether it is the decisive one that gave Mr Buti his victory — it is not known.

Mr Makhubire was subsequently elected to his former position of deputy mayor.

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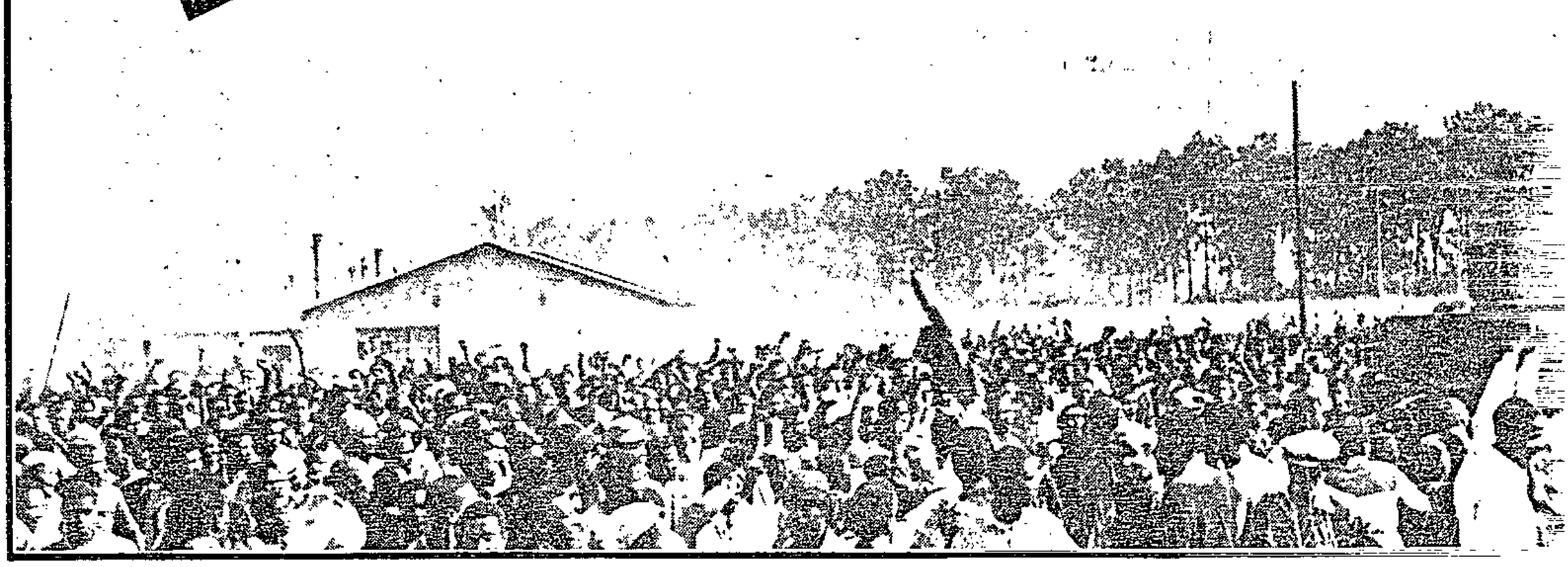

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THE CATHOLIC Church says it has found shocking evidence of police brutality in the "occupation" of Transvaal townships during the recent unrest.

And it was no ordinary "occupation", the SA Catholic Bishops' Conference report says. "The SA army resembled a foreign army occupying enemy territory — without regard for civilians, and it appears, without regard for the law."

The critical SACBC report covers the tense period from August 21, the day before the fatal coloured elections, to November 14, a few days after the Transvaal regional stayaway.

In those three months, 150 people were killed.

"We concede that others, besides police, were engaged in illegal and violent activities. Among the 150 deaths, at least eight are known to have been killed by persons other than the police.

"But we cannot justify unwarranted or unlawful conduct on the part of the police," the report says.

"What we find particularly disturbing is that many of the people whose affidavits provided the basis of this report do not appear to have provoked police action.

"Many victims claim that, at the time, they were merely passersby, in their own



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mises."

To test the truth of the affidavits and statements, adds the report, many of the deponents were later cross-examined by a lawyer.

Alleged police brutality includes wanton or reckless violence — indiscriminate use of firearms, assaults, and beating of residents, assaults on mineworkers, damage to property, callous or insensitive conduct, reckless use of teargas, police conduct at funerals, rape, incarcerations and ambushes.

Samson Mgudlwa, the father of Nicholas Mgudlwa, recounted the senseless death of his 10-year-old son in the re-

On the night of September 24 — at about 8pm — Nicholas' family (four children and his father and mother) were watching television. Nicholas' father saw a white kombi driving slowly along the street they live in.

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From the kitchen door, he saw his son lying on the ground. He rushed out to him and heard the kombi drive off.

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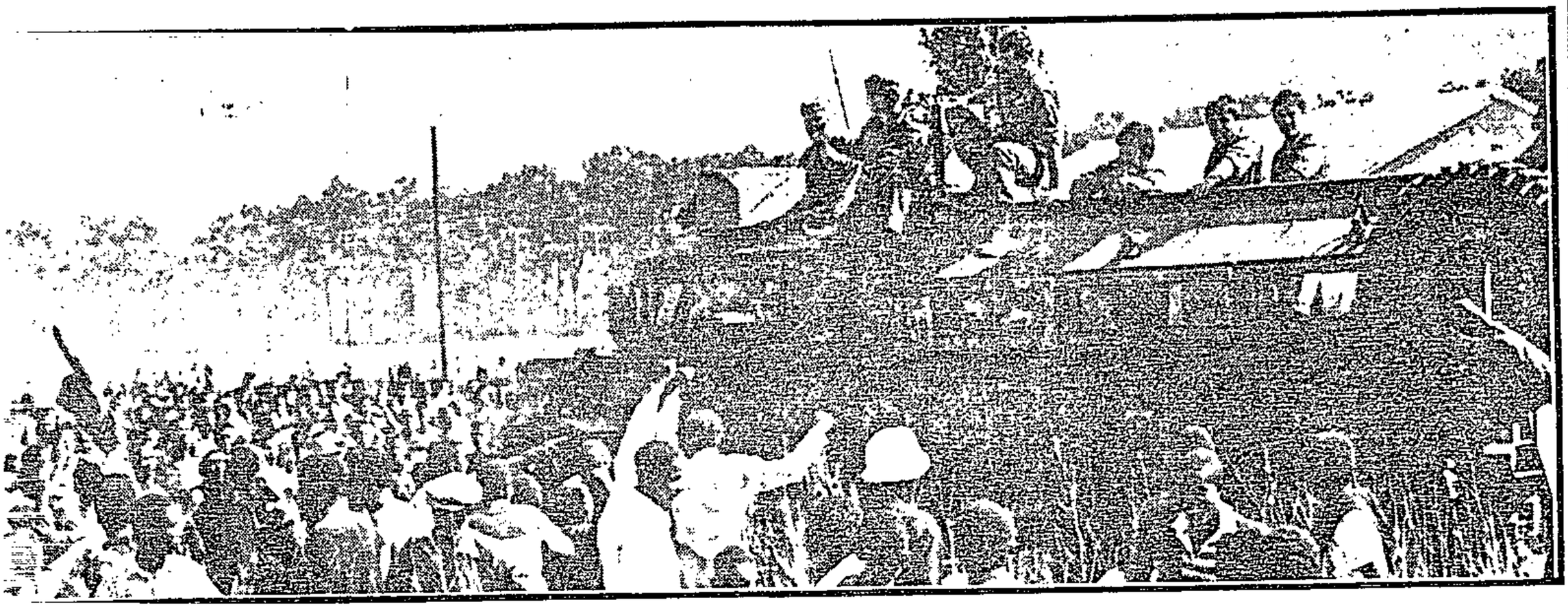

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The description of random shooting of township residents is paralleled by the allegations concerning widespread assaults on residents by police, the report says.

The most savage example of this is the incident involving a standard three pupil from Soweto. She was ordered into a hippo at gunpoint, and told that children in uniform were the ones who caused trouble.

After sjambokking her for some time, the police told her to get out and go home.

A doctor at Orlando Clinic found that the beating had caused some internal bleeding.

The report quotes many other victims who testify to chilling police brutality which left them maimed — some for life.

On November 21, two girls aged 15 and 16 were allegedly raped by two white policemen in a police hippo.

They were ordered into a hippo in Sharpeville at about 4pm and kept inside until

The report goes into graphic detail about the destruction, looting and theft suffered by residents in police hands.

Police provocation, humiliation and insensitive conduct crops up often in the report: among the abusive terms used by police at various stages included 'kaffir', 'hond', 'Koelie', 'you bloody f . . . black men', and 'jou ma se gat'.

"It is such incidents that create the suggestions that some of the police regarded their duties as a kind of sport."

Dr Yousuf Variava, Dr Abu'Baker Asvat and Clifford Goldsmith add chilling details to this frightening picture.

The doctor treated many of the unrest victims for injuries from live bullets, birdshot, rubber bullets and sjambok beatings.

And, the doctors add, the belief that teargas and rubber bullets are harmless is incorrect and dangerous.

The SACBC also points out that it intends to produce a pastoral letter assessing

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By DERRICK LUTHAYI 9/12/84

EDWARD Manyosi — the chief challenger to mayor ET Tshabalala in the Soweto Council leadership wrangle — was shot dead on Wednesday night in what is believed to be the work of assassins.

Mr Manyosi was shot on the eve of a council meeting scheduled for yesterday at which he was widely tipped to be elected the township's new mayor.

He died after a hail of bullets were fired at him outside the house of fellow councillor Mike Gcwensa in Mofolo North.

Mr Manyosi had intended sleeping there for the night after attending a late-night meeting with other councillors opposing ET's leadership.

Mr Manyosi, 70, had been advised not to sleep at home after the crucial meeting at which ET's downfall was being plotted.



Joyce Manyosi, wife of slain councillor Edward Manyosi, at home yesterday.

The strategy meeting — held at councillor Lucas Shabangu's house in Orlando West — ended abruptly when another councillor in the Manyosi faction, Thami Ndaba, phoned to say his car had been stoned while he was on his way to the meeting.

The Manyosi faction rushed out of the meeting to meet their colleague at the Jabulani police station, where the men who had allegedly stoned the car were being held.

It was then decided that Mr Manyosi must not sleep at home, and he went home to fetch his pyjamas.

There, his family told him two cars had been parked in front for a long time.

Mr Manyosi was escorted back to Mofolo North by his supporters — but as they arrived there, a car drove from the opposite direction and four shots were fired at Mr Manyosi.

Mr Manyosi lost control of his car and it rolled about 50 metres down the street. It crashed into a wall, and Mr Manyosi was found slumped in his seat — dead.

It is not known whether Mr Manyosi died from the gunshots or from the car crash.

Confusion reigned at yesterday's election meeting as pro and anti-ET factions argued over whether they could still meet.

ET's supporters said the meeting could not be held, but the Manyosi faction insisted that it could.

Councillors and members of the public were searched before they entered the council chamber.

Councillors even had to leave their guns with security guards.

ET was the last councillor to arrive for the meeting — complete with four bodyguards.

He was unavailable for comment on the death of his former confidant, but deputy mayor Isaac Buthelezi said a "collective statement" will be issued later.

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Petition shelved

By TEBELLO RADEBE

THE SOFASONKE Party yesterday shelved a petition purportedly signed by 1 700 residents calling for the expulsion of three "rebel councillors".

Slain councillor Edward Manyosi was to become a dramatic counter-action by the party to oust him from the council shortly before it was scheduled to meet.

Councillors Mike Gcwensa and Zilile Madikane, who were also expelled from the party two weeks ago, were the other targets.

The petition was due to be presented to Johannesburg Chief Commissioner Jacob Korff at 9am yesterday.

"We decided to withdraw the petition following Mr Manyosi's death," party chairman Johnson Mokoena told City Press.



Johnson Mokoena: Petition withdrawn following Edward Manyosi's death.

The party planned to ask Mr Korff to call for by-elections because voters in the three rebel councillors wards allegedly wanted to kick them out.

I'm still boss-ET

SOWETO TOWN Council members observed a moment of silence for slain councillor Edward Manyosi yesterday in a tense atmosphere at the council chambers — but soon after this mayor ET Tshabalala took his chair and again brought up the thorny elections issue.

By KHULU SIBIYA

"There will be no elections this year," he roared.

A big row erupted after ET proposed that elections be held in January 10.

This was vehemently opposed by councillors in the Manyosi clan who demanded that elections be held on December 10.

The elections issue and the leadership struggle have been the cause of divisions in the council in the past weeks with the Manyosi clan planning to oust ET from the mayoral seat.

Speculation is now rife that councillor Lucas Shabangu has been tipped as the next mayor in place of the slain Manyosi — a hot favourite for the seat before his death.

The motion calling for the postponement of mayoral elections was again put to the vote yesterday — and ET again lost by 10-15 with the majority favouring December 10 as the date for elections.

ET then told the council meeting: "If we hold elections this year they will be declared null and void."

A heated debate over the issue ensued and ET and his supporters finally relented.

ET pleaded with councillors to be calm and reminded councillors of M Manyosi's death.

"Let's observe th death of this great ma and stop arguing," he saic

"We are deeply hu today for what has hap pened to Mr Manyosi This man was shot. He wa a very close friend c mine."

Soweto's Police Com missioner Jan Coetze said yesterday a specia squad is investigating M Manyosi's death.

There was a possibilit that his death follows th split within the Sofasonk Party and the leadership struggle in the council, h said.

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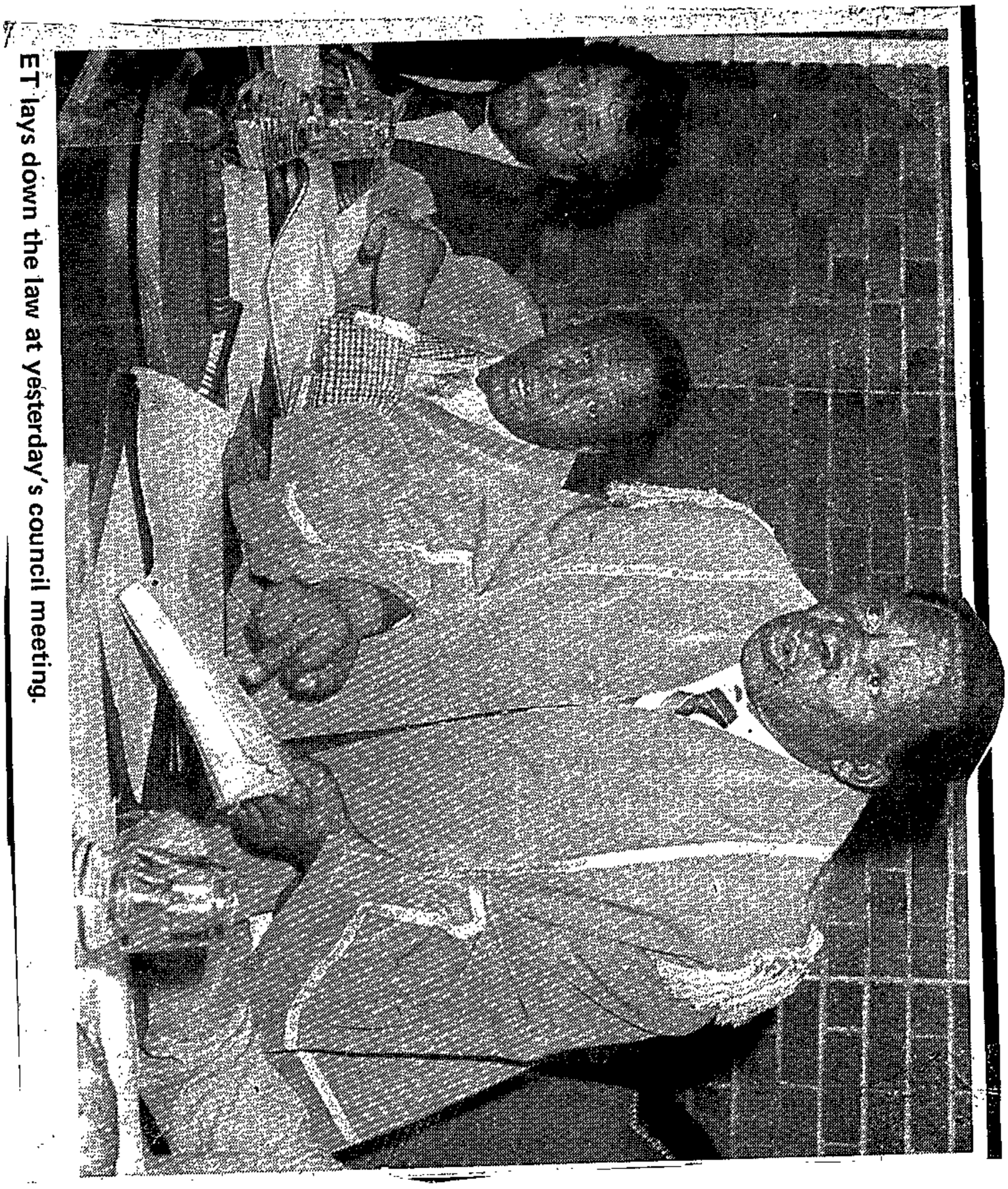

ET lays down the law at yesterday's council meeting.

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Buti's gauntlet: Will anyone take it up?

Sam Buti, mayor of Alexandra, has posed a tough challenge to his Sandton neighbours: Don't talk about us. Join us.



By GRAHAM WATTS, Political Reporter

THE mayor of Alexandra, the Rev Sam Buti, this week announced a plan for his small township with implications for the whole country.

The plan — for the incorporation of the neighbouring industrial areas of Kew, Marlboro and Wynberg into Alexandra — is a challenge to an important range of political actors, not least Mr. Buti.

Put simply, Mr Buti says he has no source of money to run Alexandra — except rents. Increased rents result in unrest on the one hand and higher wage demands on the other: both threaten the white industrialists next door.

So why don't they become a part of Alexandra so that their rates can be spent on the people who work for them? he asks.

This constitutes what Mr Buti calls "the acid test" of the government's constitutional formula for black urban areas.

If it is not agreed to, he says, "it could expose the whole black local authorities system as a mockery".

The plan is also a challenge to:

● The Progressive Federal Party-dominated Sandton town council, the only PFP council in the country, under whose control most of the industrial area falls. ("We are turning to our English-speaking neighbours and saying: 'We are in trouble,' " says Mr Buti.)

● The industrialists themselves who draw their labour from Alexandra. ("You cannot run industry on people who are unhoused and hungry.")

● Other black local authorities who have taken the rent-increase option — for many at great expense in life and property in subsequent unrest. ("We have met with other black local authorities, but we appear to have a problem getting the idea across.")

● Radicals who refuse to work "within the system". If Mr Buti's proposals are accepted and a similar formula is worked out for other black townships, those who work "within the system" will have something real to offer their followers. The hope of a house today tends to cloud the belief in a non-racial, democratic South Africa tomorrow.

● Mr Buti himself. As one of the most prominent black figures with legitimacy to accept the new black municipalities, Mr Buti risks confirming his critics' belief that the system is a fraud and he cannot — though he might genuinely wish to — win anything through it. (Asked whether it was not also his own acid test, Mr Buti replied: "Definitely, it is.")

The question of how to finance black municipalities has been the most vexing among both government and other participants in seeking a viable constitutional and economic formula. There have been recommendations for new taxes on investment, turnover and employment which have resulted in an understandable outcry from organised commerce and industry.

Mr Buti has gone straight to the heart of the problem, defining it with clarity, recommending its resolution with style.

"Black local authorities have got to be made viable. We are saying to the government: 'This is your policy. Let us see it work,' " Mr Buti told a Press conference this week.



● The Rev Sam Buti
... "a highly political act"

He handed out a detailed plan complete with maps and tables and described it as "a highly political act".

"If these proposals are not acceptable, then the black local authorities should be scrapped. How else are we going to survive? How else?"

Not by increasing rents, he said.

"That would throttle our people. It would be absurd if the development of Alexandra were to become a threat to our own people. The uprisings in black townships is tied to this same issue," said Mr Buti.

"I offer to the government and to industry a hand of friendship and stability."

A spokesman for the Department of Co-operation, Development and Education, which oversees policy and the administration of black areas, said the department had not yet received an application from the Alexandra town council. As soon as it did so, the application would be considered on merit.

The Sandton town council would say only that it would look closely at the proposals but no-one wanted to comment on them at this stage. The Sandton Chamber of Commerce was opposed to the idea.

In Johannesburg Mr Francois Oberholzer, chairman of the city council management committee, said he would wait for an "official application" on the proposals through the Department of Co-operation, Development and Education and "then we will very seriously consider them".

In principle, he said, he recognised that the black local authorities did not have economic viability or a sound tax base.

Mr Nigel Mandy, author of 'A City Divided', said Mr Buti had made a stimulating challenge that helped identify the problem. His proposal, however, was not the solution.

"It is a metropolis-wide problem," said Mr Mandy. "What we need is an umbrella body with a financing system for the entire metropolis, not a solution based on fragmented and divided areas."

The regional services councils provided the basis for a solution, but they did not go far enough, he said.

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Call to scrap service charges in Sharpeville

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By Chris More

About 5 000 Sharpeville residents yesterday reaffirmed their decision to ask the Leokoa Town Council to scrap some service charges and reduce others in this Vaal Triangle township.

A meeting of residents also renewed a mandate given to the Sharpeville Civic Association to discuss with the council rents and related problems.

Residents were adamant that rents should be reduced to R30, a demand made in September.

Residents said that due to the economic strain in the country it was unfair to expect unemployed and underpaid people to pay high rents.

They said that R30 was not suitable for the pockets of all families, but that it was a reasonable charge.

Sub-tenants have complained that their landlords are making them pay exorbitant rents — up to R80 for a back room or garage.

Publicity secretary Mr Chippa Molefe said that negotiations to prevent the council forcing people to pay rents through stop-orders wer continuing.

He said legal advice had revealed that the Orange-Vaal Development Board and the council were vulnerable and could be challenged in court about the move.

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"The proclamation through which the stop-orders were made has no force. Its validity can be tested in court. We have instructed our lawyers to write to the council on the matter," Mr Molefe said.

"In our talks with the council's executive committee we asked them to stop the deductions pending the decision of the full council," he said.

The association was mandated to ask the council to scrap those charges for services that did not exist and to reduce charges on those that were unsatisfactory.

Residents demanded that the army and police be removed from the township and that the bus service into the township be resumed.

Mayor Albert Khumalo needs a roof over his head

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PENSIONERS KICKED OUT

By MZIKAYISE EDOM

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Residents in the township were to be asked to contribute towards the fund. Residents and community leaders interviewed by **The SOWETAN** at the time, condemned the plan and called on residents to boycott it.

They said if the council could repair Mr Khumalo's house, there was no reason why the houses of all riot victims in the township could not be repaired.

A source close to the council said the council had decided to accommodate Mr Khumalo and his family at the two houses on temporary basis until his house was rebuilt.



HOUSE . . . The old age home.

"So far, the Mayoral Fund has not generated enough funds to enable the council to rebuild his burnt out house and as a result, it was decided that he should use the old age homes," the source added.

The spokesman for the council could not say how much has the council raised so far towards repairing Mr Khumalo's house.

In the past three weeks, council workers have been busy renovating and installing electricity at the two houses. The houses have been "joined" together to make them one "big" house to accommodate the mayor's family.

If all goes according to plan, our source said, the mayor may start staying in the house within the next two weeks, "if he does not change his mind."



Tight security for Soweto poll

'ET' may try to scuttle election

By STAN HLOPHE and RICH MKHONDO

WHILE special security precautions were being planned for this evening's election of a Soweto mayor, there were hints yesterday that the incumbent mayor, Mr E T Tshabalala, could try to have the meeting postponed.

Mr Tshabalala had earlier suggested that the meeting be held on January 10 next year, because he was "grieved" after the assassination last week of mayoral camdidate Mr Edward Manyosi.

Councillors, mostly supporters of Mr Manyosi, supported a move to hold the meeting tomorrow, however, as they needed to choose a new mayor.

Mr Tshabalala refused the move, but he was defeated in a ballot.

There were indications last night that Mr Tshabalala would try to seek legal advice today on the validity of tonight's meeting.

This could, however, not be confirmed with Mr Tshabalala.

Police are to take special precautions to protect Soweto city councillors if tonight's meeting goes ahead as intended.

The unprecedented steps are being taken after the assassination of Mr Manyosi, who was shot dead hours before the election was to have taken place.

Mr Manyosi was gunned down after attending a caucus meeting of his opposition group.

The head of the Soweto Murder and Robbery Squad, Lieutenant-Colonel W C J Coetzee, told the Rand Daily Mail yesterday that all councillors would be searched by West Rand Development Board police, and would be asked to leave their guns at the gate before the meeting started.

Col Coetzee said police, assisted by board police, would also be on guard inside and outside the council chamber.

The head of the Soweto Murder and Robbery Squad said special investigations were continuing. He would, however, reveal no more lest investigations were hampered.

He said police were guarding some of the councillors' houses as part of the precautionary measures to prevent another possible shooting.

He denied that councillors' pistols had been confiscated by the police, and would not comment on reports, saying it was suspected that a gun belonging to one of the councillors has been used to kill Mr Manyosi.

After months of in-fighting within the Soweto Council and the ruling Sofasonke Party, a new mayor may be chosen tonight.

The election comes four days after the assassination of Mr Manyosi.

A group which broke away from the ruling Sofasonke Party, and which was led by Mr Manyosi, yesterday said Mr L Radebe, Mr D Rasemene and Mr L Shabangu would be in the election race.

A meeting was due to be held last night to choose a candidate from the three. A source close to the councillors who had earlier chosen Mr Manyosi as their candidate said Mr Radebe would probably be their new candidate to oppose Mr Tshabalala.

Last week, at a continuation of a monthly meeting which was disrupted on November 29 when Mr Tshabalala stormed out and postponed it after his "unopposed motion" was rejected, councillors won a battle against Mr Tshabalala to have mayoral elections held tonight.

The mayor then produced a letter from his lawyers, the contents of which warned the council that the meeting was a continuation of the disrupted one of November 29, and that mayoral elections should be held on a date which would be set by the mayor.

Challenge for new Soweto mayor Kunene after collapse of Tshabalala leadership

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By Langa Skosana and Revelation Ntoula

The ending of the rule in the Soweto Council of Mr Ephraim Tshabalala has brought into sharp focus the leadership dilemma Soweto citizens are facing.

Mr Tshabalala was elected mayor of Soweto a year ago when the Government introduced the black local authorities system to grant urban blacks a degree of autonomy.

A reputed millionaire, Mr Tshabalala ruled the council with an iron fist and his word was final to his Soweto-based Sofasonke Party which dominated the council — until he expelled four of the party's officials from key positions about a month ago.

One of the men was Mr Edward Manyosi, who was killed last week.

Last night, a close associate of the two men and a newcomer to civic politics, Mr Edward Kunene, was elected new boss of the area's two million inhabitants.

He won his seat after standing as a candidate for migrant workers living in the hostels.

Mr Kunene, a 52-year-old councillor, is a straight talker who believes in consultation at all levels.

He sees his new position as a challenge for himself and his councillors.

He believes his role is to try to improve the lot of Soweto citizens.

"Education is our salvation and without it we are doomed," said Mr Kunene.

One of his priorities is to ease the housing backlog and provide homes for an estimated 35 000 families.

Mr Kunene wants also to formulate a strategy which will offer Sowetans the best deal.

His attitude towards organisations operating outside Government-created institutions is conciliatory.

This is in sharp contrast to the stance taken by his predecessors, who refused to have dealings with groups opposed to the council.

"I cannot say I will invite them in but I think we can sit around a conference table and thrash out our problems," he said.

Mr Kunene, who took office in an atmosphere of fear and tension after the death of Mr Manyosi, said: "If death comes my way I'll face it."

Sowetans have had a problem in finding an acceptable leader who would articulate their aspirations.

The enlightened have always shied away from participation in council elections because they feel such elections do not meet the people's needs.

Whether Mr Kunene will fill this role will be shown only in time.

Better quality of life is new mayor's pledge

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By Langa Skosana and Rev Ntoula

The new Mayor of Soweto, Mr Edward Kunene, who was unanimously elected last night, has pledged himself to improving the quality of life for Sowetans.

He was elected after Mr Ephraim Tshabalala, the deposed mayor, stormed out of the meeting. He was followed by his deputy, Mr Isaac Buthelezi, and three other councillors.

Mr Tshabalala left the meeting and dashed to his office within the complex. He grabbed a few items, locked the door and sped away in the mayoral car.

Mr Kunene said he was not worried about Mr Tshabalala's actions because the offices he had locked and the car he had taken away were Government property.

Earlier in the day Mr Tshabalala made an unsuccessful bid to stop the elections by attempting to get a court order.

Mr Kunene said he accepted the position of mayor with great humility because the post should have gone to Mr Edward Manyosi, who was brutally killed last week.

He said he was open-minded about working with anti-establishment organisations which are striving to improve life in Soweto. He said he was not averse to bodies such as the United Democratic Front and civic associations which are demanding a fair share for Sowetans.

"It is a pity that we can't meet and discuss our problems around a conference table. It is also a pity that we tend to discuss issues in newspapers," he said.

Referring to calls by these organisations for councillors to resign, Mr Kunene said he could not say the path the council was following was the right one, nor that that followed by other organisations was correct.

Regarding attempts by Mr Tshabalala to invalidate the elections, Mr Kunene pointed out that it was he and his deputy who had agreed to hold yesterday's meeting and said it was surprising that Mr Tshabalala should be the one to take the matter to the Supreme Court.

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ET is out!

AN UNKNOWN in Soweto's civic politics, Mr Edward Kunene, is the new Mayor of Soweto.

He was elected unopposed after outgoing mayor, Mr Ephraim "ET" Tshabalala, sulked out of the chambers followed by three of his men, Mr Isaac Buthelezi, deputy mayor, Mr Julius Mdlalose and Mr G Jwara.

The new deputy mayor is Mr Lucas Shabangu, a veteran of the Urban Bantu Council, the Soweto Community Council and the Soweto City Council.

Before leaving the chambers Mr Buthelezi had tried to get the councillors opposed to Mr Tshabalala to state if they were still going ahead. He was ruled out.

This bid followed another during the day when Mr Tshabalala allegedly sought a court order to stall the elections. The application, we are informed, was late and is likely to come up in the Supreme Court today.

It is quite apparent that the mayorship means so much to him that he is refusing to lose gracefully. Like a spoilt child, he even walked out of the council, despite the traditions of local government that the outgoing mayor inducts the incumbent.

After the Tshabalala walkout, acting town clerk Mr G J Jacobs continued with the meeting.

For Buthelezi the dethroning of Tshabalala and himself is a double blow. He must move out of the mayoral house in Pimville (Selection Park) and surrender his sleek Cressida, the deputy mayoral car.

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Soweto has new mayor

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Tshabalala must surrender the prestige Mercedes he was travelling in.

In his mayoral speech Mr Kunene said they were no longer going back. "Edward Manyosi is with us and we cannot let him down. He started this work and we cannot afford to let him down. We have crossed the river and we are no longer going back. We must work hard to restore unity in the council," he said.

Mr Shabangu supported Mr Kunene and thanked colleagues for electing him.

Before the elections scores of people arrived at the chambers for the elections.

Mr Kunene (52) is a clerk in Johannesburg and also represents hostels in the city council. He only knew of his nomination yesterday when told by fellow councillors before the elections. "I was caught by surprise," he told **The SOWETAN.**

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Manyosi slain

MR MANYOSI who was born in 1912 matriculated at the Kilnerton Institution and obtained his BA Degree, majoring in History from Wits' University. He was general secretary of ASSECA and also became regional secretary of ATASA. He also wrote a book entitled "Revelation of the Zimbabwe Ruins". He is also founder member of the Yellow Cap Transport Company. At the time of his death he was chairman of the management committee of the Soweto City Council.

The chairman of the Sofasonke party, Mr Johnson Mokoena said that on behalf of his party he would like to send their condolences to the bereaved family and pointed out that even if they had political differences, Mr Manyosi did not deserve to die so tragically. "I appeal to the members of public to refrain from such cruel deeds and never resort to violence for any reason. Our differences end up in the political arena and outside we are friends," he concluded.

Announcing the councillor's death at the monthly council meeting yesterday, Mr Tshabalala said: "It is with deep regret that I announce the death of my friend, also a member of the Soweto Council. Mr Manyosi stayed at my home at some stage. At the time, he was very ill and I looked after him, taking him to doctors. I appeal to the fellow councillors to set aside personal differences and mourn the death of Mr Manyosi."

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Anger after Council implements R4 levy

By MOJALEFA MOSEKI

THE Tembisa Civic Association is angry over the council's implementation of the controversial R4 levy with effect from December when it had allegedly promised to implement the levy in May next year.

The TCA secretary, Mr Solly Ngobese, said he was shocked to hear of the implementation of the levy "because the council promised the people during September that the increased levy will only come into effect at the end of its financial year in May."

But the council's acting town clerk, Mr J Harmse, disputed the allegation: "I cannot remember the council making such a promise and even if it did, the councillors had no option but to decide on the implementation with effect because it is in arrears with payments of the electricity masterplan to Escom."

He said residents who had paid in April when the levy was introduced and withdrawn after the TCA had sought legal advice over the matter would be credited for the months they had paid.

Mr Ngobese also questioned the fact that the council decided to refund hostel dwellers and employers who were paying for their workers after the withdrawal of the levy but chose not to refund residents.

Mr Harmse said the council refunded hostel dwellers because they were "just lodgers in the township and not responsible for the upgrading of the infrastructure expenses."

Home of Soweto mayor bombed

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By Themba Khumalo

The home of the newly elected Mayor of Soweto, Mr Edward Kunene, was petrol-bombed early this morning.

Two petrol bombs were thrown through the windows.

The incident occurred barely two days after Mr Kunene was elected mayor, taking over from Soweto tycoon Mr Edward Tshabalala.

It also happened a week after Mr Edward Manyosi, who was a strong candidate to be elected the new mayor, was shot dead by unknown gunmen.

The mayoral elections threw the Soweto Council into disarray when two factions of the Sofasonke Party put up candidates.

A man who claimed to belong to the South African Suicide Squad called *The Star* and said his organisation was responsible for the attack. But Mr Kunene has rejected this claim.

Amid Soweto confusion, ex-mayor appeals for calm

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By Revelation Ntoula

The former mayor of Soweto, Mr Ephraim Tshabalala, has appealed for calm and restraint in the township.

His appeal comes in the wake of the petrol-bombing of the house of his successor, Mr Edward Kunene, and last week's killing of Mr Edward Manyosi, chairman of the Soweto management committee.

Mr Tshabalala, who is also president of the Soweto-based Sofasonke Party, said the tension which had gripped the township since the killing of Mr Manyosi and rumours of revenge could lead only to further bloodshed.

Mr Tshabalala, stressing that he was opposed to violence, said he was still mourning the death of Mr Manyosi and was shocked to hear about the attack on Mr Kunene's home. He said such acts of violence would not solve Soweto's problems.

In an attempt to clarify the uncertainty in Soweto's civic politics in the wake of the Manyosi killing, the subsequent election of a new mayor, and the pending court action concerning the elections, Mr Tshabalala has called for a mass meeting in Soweto on Sunday.

He has invited all members of the Soweto council, his Sofasonke Party, Chief Gatsha Buthelezi's Inkatha, and all Soweto residents to attend.

The former mayor's call for calm comes as speculation mounts that more councillors were on the attackers' hit-list.

Most Soweto residents believe that forces opposed to Mr Kunene's election as mayor and to the candidacy of the late Mr Manyosi for the position were responsible for the killing and the petrol-bombing.

But so far police have not made any arrests and investigations are continuing.

Mr Tshabalala has allegedly refused to hand over the mayoral office keys to Mr Kunene on the grounds that the meeting which elected the new mayor on Monday was unconstitutional. He has called for "proper elections" early next year.

Mr Tshabalala has also announced that his former deputy, Mr Isaac Buthelezi, will remain in the mayoral house until such elections are held.

Mr Kunene has declined to comment on his predecessor's refusal to hand over the office keys and the mayoral house, saying these are Government property and the relevant body should take steps to retrieve them.

Mr J Jacobs, the acting Soweto town clerk, would not comment on the allegations about Mr Tshabalala.

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R5 rent suggestion was preposterous — mayor

By Phil Mtimkulu

It was preposterous to suggest that Soweto residents should pay R5 house rent a month, the new mayor, Mr Edward Kunene, said yesterday.

When the ousted mayor, Mr Ephraim Tshabalala, and his Sofasonke Party were canvassing for votes during the implementation of the Black Local Authorities Act last year they promised to reduce the house rental to R5 on assuming power in the Soweto Town Council.

But the rental had never gone down and Mr Tshabalala had been at pains to explain why this was so.

Mr Kunene yesterday scoffed at the idea that it would have been possible to reduce the rental to that amount.

"We have to be realistic in this matter. We all know that R5 does not stretch very far these days and is not even sufficient to buy food.

"How then can Soweto houses be maintained on a such a pittance?" he asked.

Mr Kunene said the suggestion that rental could be reduced had just been election propaganda "but it misled ignorant and poor people".

The ousted mayor was today due to bring an application in the Rand Supreme Court requesting that the mayoral elections held on Monday be set aside.

Mr Tshabalala contends the elections were invalid because they were held at a special meeting instead of the monthly meeting as set out in the Black Local Authorities Act.

Mayoral fight shifts to Supreme Court

By SYD KHUMALO and SELLO RABOTHATA

SOWETO City Council deputy mayor, Mr Isaac Buthelezi's days in the R100 000 mayoral house in Pimville are numbered. He has to give way for the new mayor.

Meanwhile, the fight for the mayorship of Soweto shifted to the Rand Supreme Court where former Mayor, Mr Ephraim "ET" Tshabalala is to bring an application that the elections held on Monday be set aside.

A source close to the Tshabalala camp has revealed that the mayor had brought the matter up in the Commissioner's Court where the matter was unsuccessful, with the magistrate's declaration that the matter was out of his jurisdiction and had to be referred to the Supreme Court.

Tshabalala also claimed that the mayoral elections held on Monday were invalid because they were held in a special meeting instead of the monthly council meeting as stated in the Black Local Authorities Act.

Mr Tshabalala and his deputy, Mr Isaac Buthelezi do not accept the results of the Monday elections.

The R45 000 mayoral car has already been handed over to the new mayor, Mr Edward Kunene a day after he was elected into the hot seat. The double-storey house in which Mr Buthelezi lived with his family was donated by the Afrikaanse Sakekamer as the official residence of Soweto mayors.

When the former mayor, Mr Ephraim Tshabalala was elected as mayor, there was a controversy over the 10-roomed house, because he did not want to live in that house, claiming that he wanted a bigger one with a large garden where he could entertain his important guests.

Promised

The newly-elected mayor of Soweto has promised to improve the quality of life for the people of Soweto and he has also promised to rectify all the wrong that was done by the previous mayor and his council. He gave the assurance that he would work in harmony with his council and won't dictate to them.

Mr Kunene, who is a staunch Catholic, was educated in a Catholic school in Pietermaritzburg after doing his primary schooling in Pimville, Soweto. He came into the council as an independent candidate last year and is married with four sons and a daughter.

Mr Kunene claimed he did not mind working hand in hand with what he called "anti-establishment organisations" which aimed at improving the quality of life in Soweto "because I'm an open-minded man who is prepared to sit and listen to another man's ideas".

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Night soil removals resumed in Tembisa

THE Tembisa Town Council has started removing night soil and garbage in the area, which have not been collected for the past five weeks.

Mr Piet Harmse, the Tembisa town clerk told The SOWETAN last week that the council could not risk sending its trucks in the township last month because of the disturbances that were taking place.

He also said a number of their trucks were out of order and could not continue collecting night soil and garbage in the area.

There were fears in the township that if the night soil and refuse were not collected, an epidemic would break out. Mass refuse containers in each and every street in the township were overflowing with rubbish and residents were now using every available open space in the township to dump their rubbish.

So far, the council has started removing night soil and garbage in the township's Moriting and Lekaneng sections.

Zungu to be buried

A PUTCO supervisor, Mr Arthur Maphumzane Zungu, who died last Saturday at the General Hospital, is to be buried on Saturday.

A service will be held at the Alexandra Roman Catholic Church starting at 12 noon and the cortege will leave for the cemetery at 1 pm.



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Attacks on house of Soweto's new mayor

Own Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG. — Barely 30 hours after Mr Edward Kunene's election as mayor of Soweto, his house was firebombed four times early yesterday causing damage estimated at R2 000.

Two of the four bombs were thrown at the children's bedroom, while the other two were hurled at the sitting-room.

Flames burnt expensive curtaining, a sofa and a carpet, but prompt action by the mayor's nephew Sipho saved the house from being gutted.

Mr Kunene said the bombing had been a well-organized operation by those not wanting to give up their leadership seats even when they had been democratically defeated.

He also related the incident to the death of Mr Eddie Manyosi, who was assassinated in a Soweto street soon after his party caucus had nominated him to challenge Mr E T Tshabalala for the mayoralty.

"There are those powermongers who do not want to give up their leadership positions even when they are no longer recognized as leaders of the people. They are bitter because they have lost.

"But bombing my house will not by any means change the course of events," said Mr Kunene.

"We are not cowards. If they want to keep on doing it (firebombing) let them kill all of us. I shall never give up."

Councillor Joseph Khumalo, a staunch supporter of the assasinated Mr Manyosi, also accused the "powermongers" of being responsible for organizing the petrol-bombing.

The former mayor, Mr Ephraim Tshabalala, said: "I sympathize with Mr Kunene and hope that those responsible for the bombing will be brought before a court of law."

Brigadier J C Coetzee, Divisional Commissioner of Police in Soweto, confirmed the firebombing. He said the matter was being investigated and it was hoped this would be completed as soon as possible.

Home of Soweto's new head bombed

By SIPHO NGCOBO

BARELY 30 hours after Mr Edward Kunene was elected mayor-elect of Soweto, his house was attacked with four fire-bombs early yesterday, causing damage estimated at R2 000.

Two of the four bombs were thrown at the children's bedroom, while the other two were hurled at the sitting-room.

Mr Kunene said he and his family were awakened by loud bangs at 1.45am.

"When I came out of the bedroom, huge flames had already caught the curtains. A carpet and one of the sofas were burning.

"There was confusion and some of us ran out of the house through the back door," said the mayor.

Prompt action by the mayor's nephew, Sipho, saved the house from being completely gutted.

Sipho grabbed a fire-extinguisher and fought the flames in both the bedroom and the sitting-room, while other members of the family left the building.

"The flames were huge," he said.

Mr Kunene told the Rand Daily Mail that the bombing appeared to be a well organised operation.

He also related the incident to the death of Mr E Manyosi, who was assassinated in a Soweto street.

"Bombing my house will not change the course of events. I won't be intimidated," said Mr Kunene.

"We, as councillors, are here to face it. Bombings or no bombings, our duty of serving the people of Soweto shall be carried out in the best possible way.

"We are not cowards. If they want to keep on doing it, let them kill all of us. I shall never give up," added the mayor.

Mr Gcwensa, a councillor, colleague and close friend of the mayor, was at the mayor's house during the interview. He expressed similar feelings.

The former mayor, Mr Ephraim 'ET' Tshabalala, said: "I sympathise with Mr Kunene and I hope and wish that those responsible for the bombing will be brought before a court of law."

Brigadier J C Coetzee, Divisional Commissioner of Police in Soweto, confirmed the firebombing and said the matter was being investigated.

Tshabalala refuses to move out

By RICH MKHONDO

THE new mayor of Soweto, Mr Edward Kunene, has been unable to move into his office and mayoral house as expected because his predecessor Mr Ephraim "ET" Tshabalala refuses to part with the keys.

Mr Tshabalala, who was the first Mayor of Soweto under the Black Local Authorities Act and was ousted from his position this week, yesterday said he was still the mayor and did not recognise Mr Kunene.

He said he was not even prepared to part with the R45 000 German-made mayoral car. But the car was hijacked by council police when his chauffer drove to chambers to put in petrol, and handed over to Mr Kunene.

Mr Tshabalala reiterated that he will remain in his office irrespective of what people said.

He added that his deputy mayor, Mr Isaac Buthelezi would also remain in the mayoral house in Pimville.

He said "constitutional" mayoral elections will be held next year and after that he would give the mayoral house and office to anybody "who has been democratically and constitutionally elected".



MR "ET" TSHABALALA sitting tight

Explaining why he does not recognise Monday's elections of a new mayor, Mr Tshabalala said the meeting at which Mr Kunene was elected mayor was not "an ordinary meeting of the Soweto Town Council and accordingly, the elections which took place there were invalid".

He claimed that one of the extraordinary aspects of the elections was that the chief executive officer, Mr Nico Malan, who was supposed to conduct them was not present.

"Our lawyers have instituted Supreme Court proceedings requesting the court to declare the elecions invalid, and that fresh elections should take place in a duly constitutional ordinary meeting of the council next year," he said.

The interdict may be brought before court tomorrow, the former mayor said.

Asked to comment about the petrol bombing of Mr Kunene's house yesterday, Mr Tshabalala said he sympathised with him and he hoped those who are responsible are brought to book.

Soweto Council officials and the new mayor, Mr Kunene, werenot available for comment.

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By SYD KHUMALO

THE house of new Soweto mayor, Mr Edward Kunene, was petrol-bombed early yesterday morning —hardly two days after his election.

Four petrol bombs were hurled into Mr Kunene's house at 1.45 yesterday morning while the whole family was asleep. Police have confirmed that they found four tops of bottles at Mr Kunene's house and that only two of the petrol bombs exploded inside the house.

The other two hit the front room window, but did not go into the house. A lounge suite was destroyed and the curtains in both rooms were burnt to ashes. Part of the ceiling in both rooms was damaged and the costs are estimated at R2 000.

The bombing came in the wake of the controversy surrounding the election of the new mayor; with the former mayor, Mr Ephraim Tshabalala, claiming that he is still the rightful mayor of Soweto, and a court interdict to be heard in the Rand Supreme Court today.

Mr Kunene claims that soon after he was elected as mayor of Soweto on Monday, the security cops who were guarding the former mayor's house were instructed by the council to immediately move to his house, "but I was surprised when they did not arrive."

Mr Kunene said that the cop guarding his house was fetched at 1am for no apparent reason, and only one guard was present when the bombing took place. The cop on duty said he did not see anybody, and when he heard the explosion he thought it was a thunderclap.

Reacting to the bombing, Mr Kunene pledged to go on with his duties as mayor of Soweto.

"This experience has not shaken me at all. I'm not going to be intimidated and all I want to see done is justice. It is very obvious, even to a small child, that this is not the work of radicals, it is amongst the coun-



SOWETO's new mayor, Mr Edward Kunene (left), shows the windows that got shattered when his house was petrol-bombed yesterday morning. With him is his deputy, Mr Lucas Shabangu.

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SP men harassed us - Azapo

TWO executive members of the newly formed branch of the Azanian People's Organisation (Azapo) in Thokoza this week claimed they have been harassed by members of the Security Police at their homes.

According to the chairman of Azapo's East Rand branch, Mr Frans Pale, the two who were allegedly visited by members of the South African Security Police, on December 6, are Mr Mafatshe Mokoena, secretary of the region, and Mr Thabo Bodibe who is the treasurer. The Thokoza branch was formed about three weeks ago.

The public relations division of the South African Police in Pretoria yesterday said they could not comment on routine investigations performed by their members and therefore do not see their way clear to even enquire as to whether the allegation mentioned, is true or not.

The police said: "It is not the policy of the South African Police to harass people. We do, however, of necessity regularly have to question people in the performance of our duties. Should anyone believe that the police have acted unlawfully in the execution of this function, they may submit affidavits to their nearest police station, whereafter their complaints will receive the necessary attention."

Abhor

The region issued a statement saying: "We abhor the action of the Security Police aimed at our members. We are moving towards Azania and there is nothing that can stop us, and that includes the senseless harassment from the police. We appeal to our members to remain vigilant and dedicated to the noble task of liberating our motherland."

According to Azapo, Mr Mokoena was visited by four black security policemen who wanted him to provide them with addresses of all members of the branch's new executive. Mr Bodibe was said to have been out when his home was visited, but his family said they were told to advise him to stay out of the organisation.

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Councillor is still defiant

OUTSPOKEN Katlehong councillor, Mr Ernest Sukazi, has declared that he will continue boycotting all future meetings called by the Katlehong Town Council despite a threat that he may lose his seat.

Mr Sukazi, who told **The SOWETAN** that he will only attend council meetings on condition that the council was prepared to solve residents' grievances, has already missed two council meetings in succession. According to the Black Local Authorities Act, any councillor missing three council meeting in succession automatically loses his seat as a councillor.

Mr Sukazi's problems with the council started three months ago during disturbances in the township.

He told **The SOWETAN** that he had asked the council to attend to the pupils and residents' grievances at the time but mayor, Mr Albert Khumalo, allegedly refused to do so.

Since then, Mr Sukazi has failed to participate in council activities, and the council at its monthly meeting this week threatened to dismiss him from the council if he continued refusing to attend council meetings.

"I am prepared to lose my seat if it means that the council is not prepared to attend to the grievances of the residents who elected them to represent them. If the council kicks me out I am not going to stand for any elections in future until such time they attend to the problems of the residents in Katlehong," Mr Sukazi said.

Meanwhile, Mr Khumalo and his deputy Mr S S Lukhele, were re-elected during mayoral elections held this week.

Both were returned unopposed.

Zamdela quiet after rioting

ZAMDELA township near Sasolburg was quiet but tense yesterday following violence that broke out on Wednesday night when two shops belonging to a Lekoa town councillor, Mr Paul Mahlatsi, were burnt down.

The Police Public Directorate spokesman said yesterday there had been two separate incidents in the township in which police had used tearsmoke to disperse the crowds.

He said in the first incident, seven policemen were investigating a case of housebreaking when a group of about 50 people started to throw bottles and stones at them. The policemen suffered slight injuries and a police vehicle was also damaged.

The policemen, however, managed to withdraw from the scene until reinforcements arrived. In the meantime, the crowd continued to throw stones and attempted to set private cars alight. Police used tearsmoke to disperse them and no-one was arrested.

In the second incident, rioting started at dusk when a group of about 40 marched through the streets. A bus was later hijacked and driven through the display window of a butchery and supermarket belonging to Mr Mahlatsi, who is a brother of the Lekoa Town Council mayor, Mr Essau Mahlatsi.

After plundering the shops, the group set them alight. Police arrived and used tearsmoke to disperse them. An 18-year-old man has been arrested and is to be charged with public violence.

The police spokesman said yesterday that the violence was not connected in any way with the unrest, but was a spontaneous reaction following the South African Police action against criminal elements.

According to eye-witnesses, the burning of the shops was followed by general rampaging, which lasted throughout the night. Gunfire was also heard. However, the spokesman said no live ammunition had been used.

By early yesterday morning, buses were not entering the Free State township and workers had to walk to their places of employment, while many did not go out of the township at all.

The situation remained tense and police were patrolling the area but no fresh incidents were reported yesterday.

Alex council plan in balance

THE ALEXANDRA town council's grand scheme for the future of this area raises several questions about its success.

By ZB MOLEFE

The council called on Co-operation and Development Minister Gerrit Viljoen to add the adjacent white areas of Kew, Wynberg and Marlboro to its jurisdiction.

"It is possible, without a change in legislation, to extend the council's jurisdiction.

"The extension would be a prerequisite to promote health, safety, order, convenience and general welfare, with due regard being paid to the harmonious and co-ordinated development of Alexandra," the council said.

But Wits University's Mike Sarakinsky says in a dissertation in partial fulfillment for a BA Honours degree that Alexandra is faced with many problems.

"Alexandra's problems are social, economic and political. The solution to them cannot be purely technical.

"Development and redevelopment involves choices, often between conflicting interests and options — for example, the priorities for expenditure," he says.

He also pointed out that the township's redevelopment would drastically reduce the amount of land available for housing

Schools, technical colleges, sports fields and the central business district will eat up the land.

'UCASA WANTS TO CO-OPT PUPILS'

THE URBAN Councils Association of SA is determined to have civic government introduced as a subject at black schools.

By MUDINI MAIVHA

They intend making formal recommendations to the Department of Education and Training soon.

Civic, church and student organisations are against the move.

DET PRO Job Schoeman said Ucasa had made a informal request to them about the matter.

"We receive such requests from time to time to fit in certain subjects in our syllabusses. If we can, we accommodate such topics in the existing syllabuses," he said.

The reason for Ucasa's move is the anti-community councils attitude of black people. Ucasa has blamed this opposition on the "lack of education" about the functions of local authorities.

"To make our education meaningful to our needs, civic government must be introduced as an examination subject," said Ucasa president Steve Kgame.

"Local authorities will always be there, whether we have a white or black government. People must be informed about the essential services provided by such bodies."

Mr Kgame was supported by Dobsonville mayor and Ucasa colleague Don Mmesi.

"Not today," was the response of Soweto Civic Association chairman Nthato Motlana.

"The introduction of such a subject will be very valuable in a country where those affected will play a meaningful role.

"In South Africa it will be meaningless."

Wits University's Black Students' Society president Chris Ngcobe said:

"We reject the introduction of this subject because it will be used to safeguard the interests of councillors.

"It is an attempt to co-opt our people," he said.

Violence must stop — Mayor of Soweto

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By Jon Qwelane

The senseless violence which plagued the Soweto Council had to stop because it was making the institution a laughing stock, the township's new Mayor, Mr Edward Kunene, said at the weekend.

He was speaking at the funeral of murdered councillor Mr Edward Manyosi, who would have been elected mayor of the huge township complex had he lived 10 hours longer.

Mr Manyosi'a arch-rival in the Soweto Council and the man he would have opposed in the elections, Mr Ephraim Tshabalala, was absent from the funeral. So were his followers in the Sofasonke Party and in the council.

"Let us stop this senselessness. We are now a laughing stock, particularly for whites because they see we are fighting over a meatless bone. Let us stop this violenece.

"If you dig a grave for someone, know that yours is also waiting to be occupied. And if you hate your fellow man, know that you actually hate yourself," the new mayor said.

'COWARDS' BLAMED

He declared — and was supported by other councillors in their speeches — that no political organisation could be blamed for Mr Manyosi's death.

He blamed "cowards" and said: "We are not afraid to tell them that they will neither lead nor benefit as long as they take out the souls of those who want to uplift the African people."

Mr Kunene named a number of political organisations in the black community which are opposed to bodies like the council, and said this time the accusing finger could not be pointed at them. He said the killers were closer to the council.

The acting chairman of the council's management committee, Mr Daniel Rasmeni, said that in the 12 months since the council was elected it had achieved nothing but "this evil deed".

Mr Rasmeni said the slain councillor was murdered "because he refused to carry out dirty instructions from higher up in the council. He was killed for his righteous ways".

GREATER DETERMINATION

Mr Rasmeni said there was no way the followers of Mr Manyosi would look back. If anything, they would march forward with even greater determination.

Another councillor, Mr Letsatsi Radebe, said Mr Manyosi was murdered "by the power struggle inside the council".

"But hitmen and petrol bombs will not drive us back as councillors, otherwise we will be selling out the spirit of Manyosi.

"We say we will be ready to go down to the grave with bullets in our bodies if necessary. But we shall never surrender," Mr Radebe said.

Large numbers of police were at the Jabulani Technical High School where the funeral service was held, and at the Soweto Council chambers where the body was taken for a final tribute.

Many policemen were also present at the Doornkop Cemetery where Mr Manyosi was buried, while others patrolled the block in Jabulani where he had lived.

We were banned from funeral, says 'ET'

By RICH MKHONDO

THE funeral at the weekend of the assassinated Soweto management committee member, Mr Edward Manyosi, was marred by controversy, when the former mayor, Mr E T Tshabalala and most of his Sofasonke members stayed away, claiming they were barred from attending.

The ceremony was also marked by the large contingent of council police who were present to prevent possible trouble.

At the Sofasonke annual meeting held at the Eyethu Cinema yesterday, it was announced that the president, Mr Tshabalala, and most of his followers did not attend because they were "banned" by Mr Manyosi's family members.

The family denied the claim, however.

Mr Tshabalala's followers said they did not understand why they were banned from attending the funeral of one of their former members.

Speaker after speaker at the funeral, which was attended by about 1 000 people, condemned the manner in which Mr Manyosi died and called on all warring factions within council, political and civic organisations to unite for the sake of peace and progress in Soweto.

The new mayor of Soweto, Mr Edward Kunene, urged mourners to pray for unity in the country. He reiterated that councillors would never be intimidated "by unruly elements who do not have the interest of the people of Soweto at heart and who prefer to sow confusion among councillors".

The funeral procession left from the Jabulani Technical College Hall, where the service was held, passed the Soweto chambers and ended at the Doornkop cemetery.

● A source close to the Soweto City Council said yesterday that ballistics experts in Pretoria were still examining all the firearms owned by councillors.

The results of the ballistics tests would be known within a week, he said.

A spokesman for the Police Directorate of Public Relations, Lieutenant Henry Beck, declined to confirm last night that police had seized councillors' firearms, but added that police would take all the steps necessary for an investigation.

Katlehong mayor denies evictions

SOWETAN Reporter

THE MAYOR of Katlehong, Mr Albert Khumalo has denied that he has evicted 16 pensioners to make way for himself and his family. He made this denial at a Press conference last week.

Mr Khumalo was accompanied by members of the Katlehong Council's Executive Committee at the meeting.

He however, confirmed that he and his family will occupy a house previously occupied by pensioners. His house was destroyed on September 8 during the unrest.

"I have nowhere to stay and I think it is right for my family to have a roof over their heads and I see nothing sinister in occupying the said house", Mr Khumalo said.

At one stage, the team of reporters from The SOWETAN were threatened with violence by one of the councillor's present at the meeting, Mr T P J Siluma who accused them of writing "lies".

Mr Khumalo told the Press conference that five people who were occupying the two houses which he is going to use with his family has been moved to the Katlehong old age home.

Mr Khumalo denied that the council had "dumped" the aged at the so-called Ebhongweni hostel.

He added that after his house has been repaired, the two homes which housed these people would be used as a "guest house".

Illegally

Mr Khumalo denied a report which appeared in **The SOWETAN** last Monday stating that 16 pensioners had been kicked out of the two houses earmarked to accommodate himself and his family. He said only five people who were "illegally" staying at the two houses have been accommodated at the Katlehong old age home.

Mr Khumalo who claimed that his burnt-out house was valued at R250 000, said "I am a poor man and I and my family deserve accommodation until such time as we are able to raise enough funds to repair our destroyed property."

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By-election for Manyosi's seat

By LEN MASEKO

NO SOONER was slain councillor Mr Edward Manyosi laid to rest at the weekend than a by-election race began to fill the Ward 18 seat, left vacant following his death.

And, in a surprise disclosure, a Sofasonke Party meeting was yesterday told that former mayor Mr David Thebehali was planning a comeback into civic politics — by contesting the vacant seat. Mr Thebehali could, however, not be reached to confirm this.

At yesterday's meeting, which was attended by more than 500 people, the Sofasonke Party hierarchy and supporters appeared to have accepted the fact that ex-mayor Mr Ephraim Tshabalala will not regain the mayoral seat — at least for the current one-year term. Speakers at the meeting vowed to fight for Mr Tshabalala's re-election during the next mayoral elections.

The Party has filed a Supreme Court application seeking the re-instatement of Mr Tshabalala as mayor.

The former mayor, who is, pres[illegible] Sofasonke Party, was conspicuous by his absence at yesterday's meeting.

Addressing the meeting, 19-year-old Mr Cleophas Motlana launched a scathing attack on people "who criticise from a distance those working within the Government-created institutions.

Apartheid

"When Mr Tshabalala makes a Press statement, these people start criticising him despite the fact that they have made it known that they are against those working within the Government-created institutions," said Mr Motlana, who called himself a "concerned resident."

The student supported Mr Tshabalala's [illegible]nt that God [illegible]d apart[illegible]ing segregation existed for the benefit of the whole world.

"I only hate the segregation that exists in this country, because it is based on one man's laws," Mr Motlana said.

Mr Motlana shot into the limelight last week when he called a Press conference to announce his unstinting support for the ousted mayor.

The Sofasonke Party announced at the meeting it would soon be nominating a candidate to "oppose Mr Thebehali's comeback." The by-elections for the Ward 18 seat are scheduled to take place next year.

Ex-deputy mayor won't move out yet

By SYD KHUMALO

SOWETO'S former deputy mayor, Mr Isaac Buthelezi will spend his Christmas and New Year season in the controversial R100 000 mayoral house at Pimville.

This revelation was made by the acting Soweto Council Town Clerk, Mr J Jacobs, who said a decision on the house would only be taken by the council in its monthly council meeting next month.

This follows reports that because Mr Buthelezi has been ousted as deputy mayor of the council, he would have to surrender his council limousine to the new deputy mayor, Mr Lucas Tshabangu. It was also reported that he would have to vacate the mayoral house for the new mayor.

It was earlier reported that in spite of repeated instructions from the council to leave the house, Mr Buthelezi has been adamant that he is not moving an inch. These claims were disputed by the council, and the official statement is that a decision will be taken next month.

The new mayor, Mr Edward Kunene, has said he is prepared to stay in the mayoral house as soon as it is vacant.

Manyosi family to claim R50 000

The Soweto Council has submitted a claim for R50 000 on behalf of Mr Edward Manyosi, the councillor who was gunned down by assassins about two weeks ago.

Mr Manyosi's widow, Mrs Joyce Manyosi, said yesterday the family was still recovering from the ordeal and had not done anything about the insurance claim.

All Soweto councillors are insured for R50 000 and the mayor's assured sum is R100 000. The premiums are paid by Soweto residents.

Speaking through her son, Sobhodla (33), Mrs Manyosi said if the family did not hear from the council they would then proceed with their claim.

The mayor, Mr Edward Kunene, today confirmed the claim was being processed.

Soweto's acting town clerk, Mr J G Jacobs, said: "The claim has already been submitted. We are now awaiting the results from the insurance company."

Ndebeles' urban rights in danger

By MZIKAYISE EDOM

THOUSANDS of people may lose their urban rights if the Government goes ahead with its plans of incorporating part of Ekangala township in the Eastern Transvaal into the tiny KwaNdebele homeland next year.

This was revealed to The SOWETAN yesterday by a reliable source close to the Ekangala Civic Association, who added that if all goes according to plan, a section of the township — housing mainly Ndebele speaking families — will be incorporated into the tiny homeland of KwaNdebele as early as March next year.

The source, who asked not to be named, added: "Plans to hand over this section of the township to the KwaNdebele government are at an advanced stage."

Eradebo

Ekangala was established last year by the then East Rand Administration Board (Erab) to accommodate thousands of families on the housing waiting list in the East Rand.

At the time, Mr F E Marx, the chief director of Eradebo, had told The SOWETAN that there was a great possibility that part of the township may fall under the KwaNdebele government.

Mr J H Opperman, the senior director of Eradebo, said: "The board is only acting as agents for the Department of Co-operation, Development and Education. So far, the Government has not informed us about any part of the township being handed over to the KwaNdebele government."

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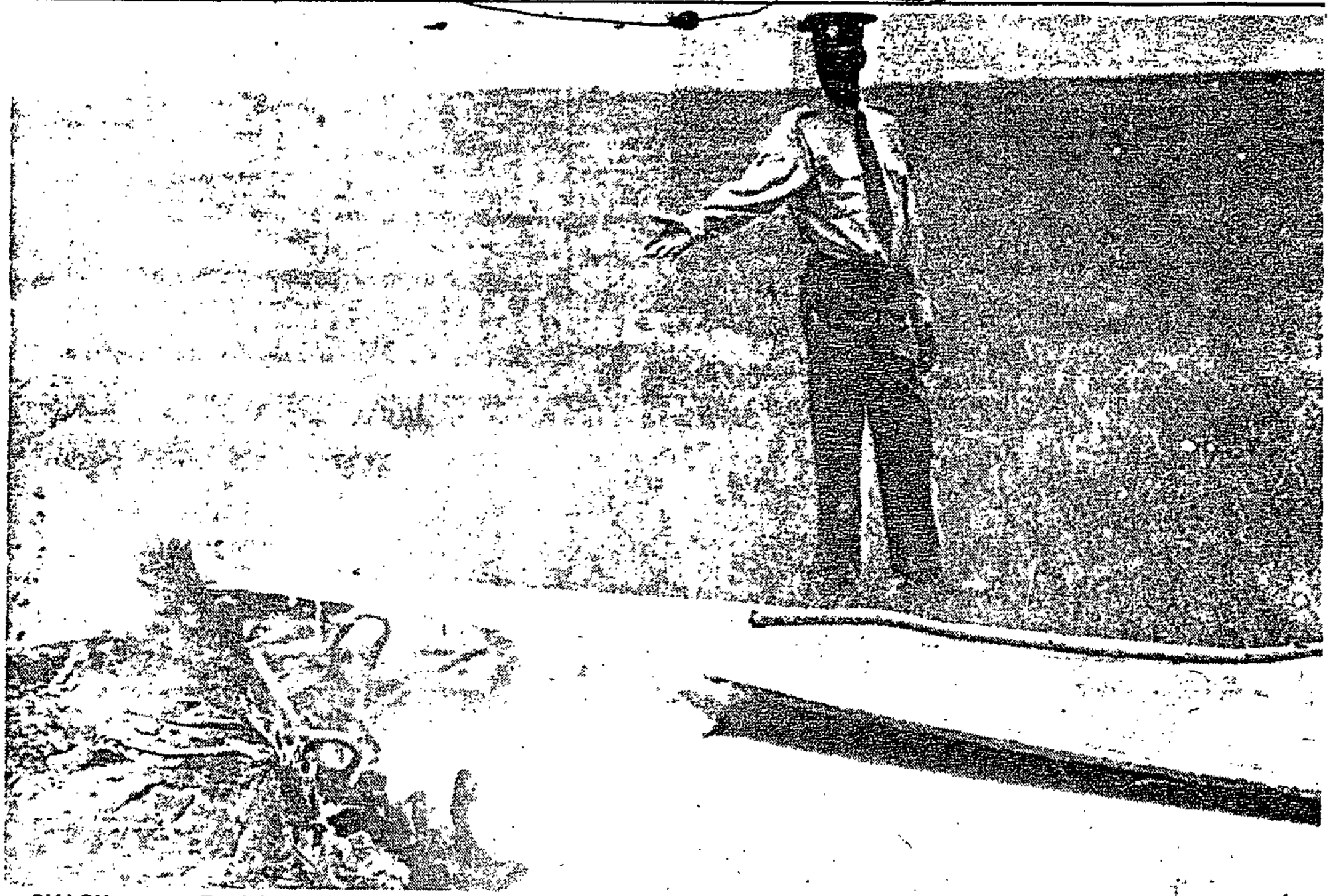

SHACK . . . an Eradebo policeman pointing to all that remained of one of the shacks that were demolished in Daveyton yesterday.

Pic: MBUZENI ZULU

Eradebo wrecks shacks

By MZIKAYISE EDOM

THE EAST Rand Development Board yesterday demolished about 10 shacks erected on the outskirts of Daveyton, Benoni by families who were protesting against the housing shortage in the area.

The families, believed to be members of the Sinaba Party, led by Mr Shadrack Sinaba, a member of the Daveyton Town Council, erected their shacks on Monday at about 11 pm.

The shacks were erected on the outskirts of Daveyton, at the Holfontein Farm, now known as the Etwatwa Site and Service Scheme.

According to our sources, the families put up the structures at the farm after a meeting held by the Sinaba Party at the weekend, protesting against housing shortages in the township.

The meeting, the sources said, was led by Mr Sinaba.

Trucks

Mr Sinaba was yesterday not available for comment. He was said to be on holiday in Transkei.

The families were said to have arrived at the farm in trucks and erected their shacks throughout Monday night.

Yesterday morning, Eradebo police accompanied by Mr J H Opperman, the Chief Director of Eradebo, arrived at the scene and demolished the shacks.

Eradebo, The SOWETAN was told, confiscated all the squatters' belongings, including furniture and clothing, and took the goods to the Board's offices.

Mr Tom Boya, the mayor of Daveyton, said his council had no comment to make because the land belonged to Eradebo.

He said: "We suspect that there are forces behind the whole thing, and the council has nothing to do with the erection of the shacks. We would like to warn the people to stop squatting because they will find themselves in a mess."

Mr Opperman said: "We would like to warn the residents that they should stop squatting. All the families staying in the shacks in Daveyton will be accommodated in Holfontein as soon as the place is ready and, we are appealing to them not to take the law into their own hands."

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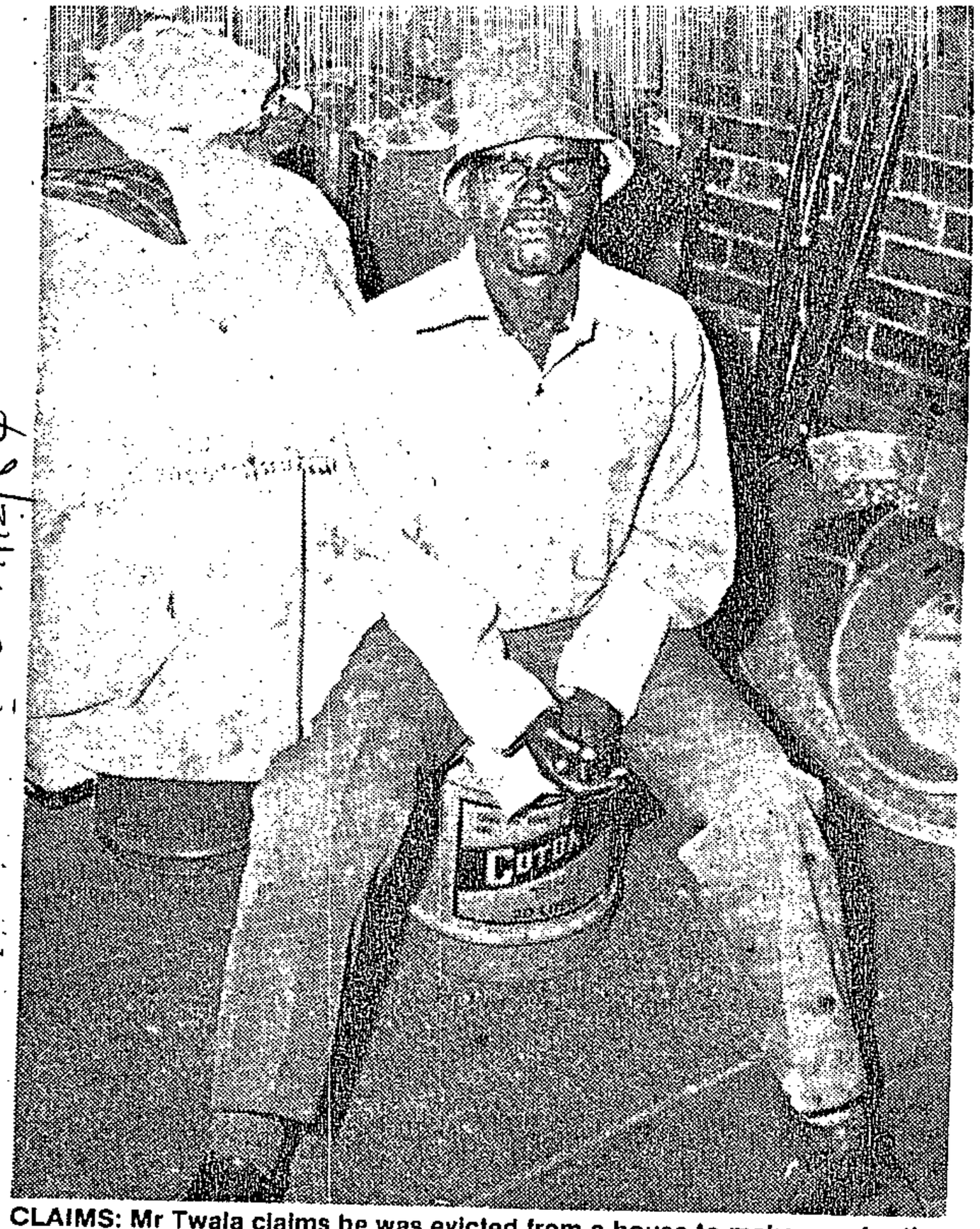


CLAIMS: Mr Twala claims he was evicted from a house to make way for the mayor Mr Khumalo and his family.

THE five people, three of them pensioners, who were evicted from two houses to make way for the Katlehong mayor, Mr Albert Khumalo and his family, claimed they were dumped in a dilapidated building with no one caring for them.

But, the Katlehong Town Council, has refuted these allegations, stating that the five stayed illegally at the two houses and that the council was sympathetic and had done its best to accommodate them in a "decent place".

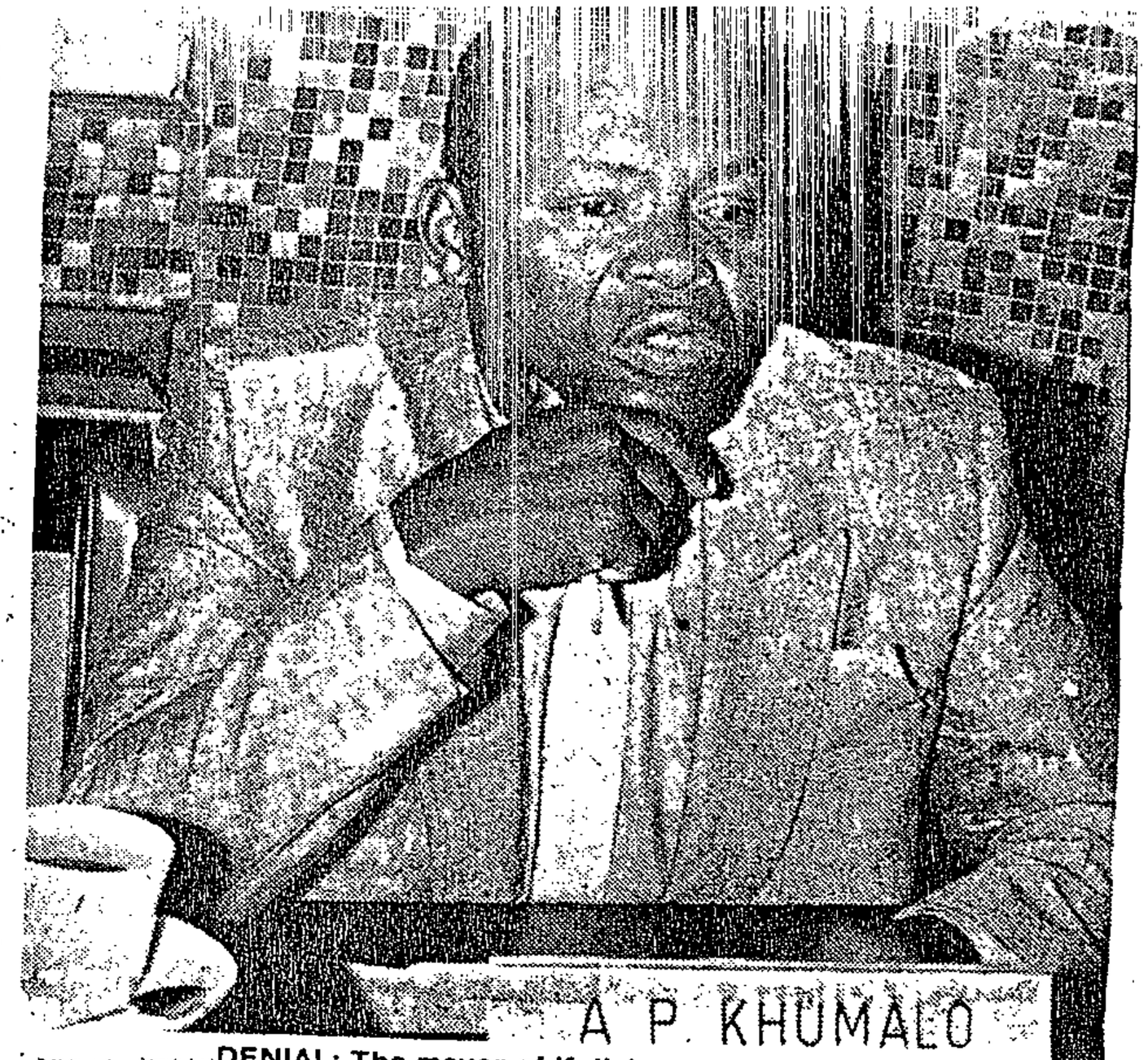
At a Press conference called by the council last week, Mr Khumalo denied a report that appeared in **The SOWETAN** on December 10 stating that 16 pensioners were kicked out of the houses to make way for Mr Khumalo and his family.

Hostel

In fact only five people stayed in the two houses.

"The true story is that five people and not 16 as it was reported were moved out of the two houses and are now being accommodated at the Katlehong old age home, previously known as the Ebhongweni Men's Hostel", Mr Khumalo said.

But the five told **The SOWETAN** a different story. They claimed that they were "dumped" at an old and dilapidated building next to the home for the aged.



DENIAL: The mayor of Katlehong Mr Khumalo.

Mr Petros Twala who is 50 years old, speaking on behalf of the five said: "We were dumped in this place four weeks ago and since we arrived here no social worker has visited us, and no food parcels have been brought here as it was initially promised when we were moved out of two houses in Ncala Section."

Mr Twala also said they had no water and toilet facilities. They were not allowed to use those at the old age home.

He said: "We have got to relieve ourselves in the veld and to ask for water from neighbours. This place is really bad".

Other inmates are Mrs Matilda August, Manana who is blind, Babatjie and Magolo. Mr Twala, Mrs August and Manana are all pensioners.

Thebehali WON'T stand

FORMER Soweto mayor Mr David Thebehali has vehemently denied reports that he was planning a comeback into civic politics.

Mr Thebehali came out fighting yesterday, saying the Sofasonke Party had "developed skills of lying about so many issues" in Soweto.

The ex-mayor was responding to allegations by the Sofasonke Party that he was preparing to enter the by-election race to fill the Ward 18 seat, left vacant following the killing of Councillor Edward Manyosi.

"I would like to state categorically that I do not want to contest the late councillor's ward," Mr Thebehali told The SOWETAN.

Mr Thebehali added: "The Sofasonke Party has also been lying about the question of rent, and about the R35-million which they say has been hidden somewhere. They have now come with another lie, that I want to contest the late councillor's ward. I would like to state categorically that I do not want to clear up the mess of the Sofasonke Party in Soweto. I don't want to be party to Sofasonke's mistakes in Soweto."

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Wradebo accused of favouritism

THE West Rand Development Board (Wradebo) has been accused of favouritism when issuing building contracts as well as being bent on frustrating black builders.

A Soweto councillor, Mr Joseph Khumalo, has asked the Soweto City Council to look into the alleged malpractice following complaints by some contractors.

He contends that white contractors are given priority when contracts are issued out.

"I have proposed to the council that the practice be investigated because black contractors are not usually given a chance. And the very black contractors, who stay in Soweto anyway, are much cheaper compared to the contractors given such priority," the councillor said.

The said contracts are those falling under Wradebo's Home Improvement Scheme, through which the Board finances the improvement of existing houses in Soweto. Home owners, after obtaining loans from the Board, repay the money in monthly instalments.

Mr W J Bodenstein, chief estate officer of the Wradebo has refuted the councillor's allegations, saying: "Homeowners, who have acquired loans from us, choose their own contractors. We don't choose contractors for them. As a result, it is not true that we give certain contractors preference when such building contracts are issued."

Meanwhile the Wradebo has also been accused of deliberately frustrating black builders — withholding funds due to them for months for no apparent reason.

But, for fear of victimisation, the Soweto building fraternity has chosen to keep quiet about this malpractice.

Wradebo has countered the allegations, saying it only withheld funds in cases where builders did not fulfill their contractual agreements. If a builder failed to complete or faults were found in a job financed by the Board, the Wradebo withheld funds until the contractor concerned attended to the complaints, a Wradebo spokesman told Consumer Corner.

Contractors found to have, on several occasions, failed to fulfill their contractual agreements are blacklisted and, thus barred henceforth from taking part in projects financed by the Wradebo.

One builder, Mr Solly Mphasane, told Consumer Corner that he was one of the many black builders victimised by the Wradebo. He is blacklisted.

He is experiencing difficulties in recovering money owed to him for two home-improvement projects, all financed by the Board.

Said Mr Mphasane: "Certain Wradebo officials are out to destroy me.

"As for the money owed me, the officials concerned claim that they will not pay me because there were complaints resulting from those two projects. They are harassing me despite the fact that one of the homeowners has already signed papers allowing for the release of the outstanding amount to me.

"The contract signed with this owner entitles me to the money in question after three months of completing the work with or without the owner's signature.

It is now nine months since I completed that job. No money has been forthcoming," Mr Mphasane added.

Wradebo's officer, Mr Bodenstein has confirmed that Mr Mphasane was blacklisted, saying the builder had failed to fulfill contractual agreements in six cases. He said the Board was holding the money owed to the builder until he attended to the two homeowners' complaints.



Boost for pensioners

A major supermarket group has reduced prices on 600 various items sold at its outlets.

Mr Sidney Matus, executive director of Spar organisation, said: "We have encouraged our stores to offer the consumer an even better range of groceries including imported foods and also offer more service departments like bakery, fresh produce, fresh meat and wine departments. Our stores have a more viable profit mix that enables them to reduce costs on grocery items."

The price-cuts have been effective since last month.



EVERY TUESDAY, senior citizens such as in the above picture stand to qualify for a six percent discount on all food purchases, for shopping at OK stores throughout the country. "Pensioners are among the hardest hit by the escalating cost of living," says the chain's managing director, Mr Gordon Hood.

Tshabalala files for action against successor

The former mayor of Soweto, Mr Ephraim Tshabalala, yesterday filed papers for a Rand Supreme Court action against his successor, Mr Edward Kunene.

Details of the application may not be published as the case is to come before a judge in the new year. The action is entitled Mr E Tshabalala and another vs Mr E Kunene and three others.

Attorneys have been preparing papers for the application since Mr Tshabalala refused to recognise the election of Mr Kunene last week.

Mr Tshabalala claimed that the election was invalid because Mr Kunene was not voted into office at a monthly meeting of the Soweto Council.

He said "constitutional" elections would be held next year.

He has refused to give Mr Kunene the keys to the mayor's office, and former deputy mayor Mr Isaac Buthelezi is living in the mayoral house.

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Night in open after shacks wrecked

By MZIKAYISE EDOM

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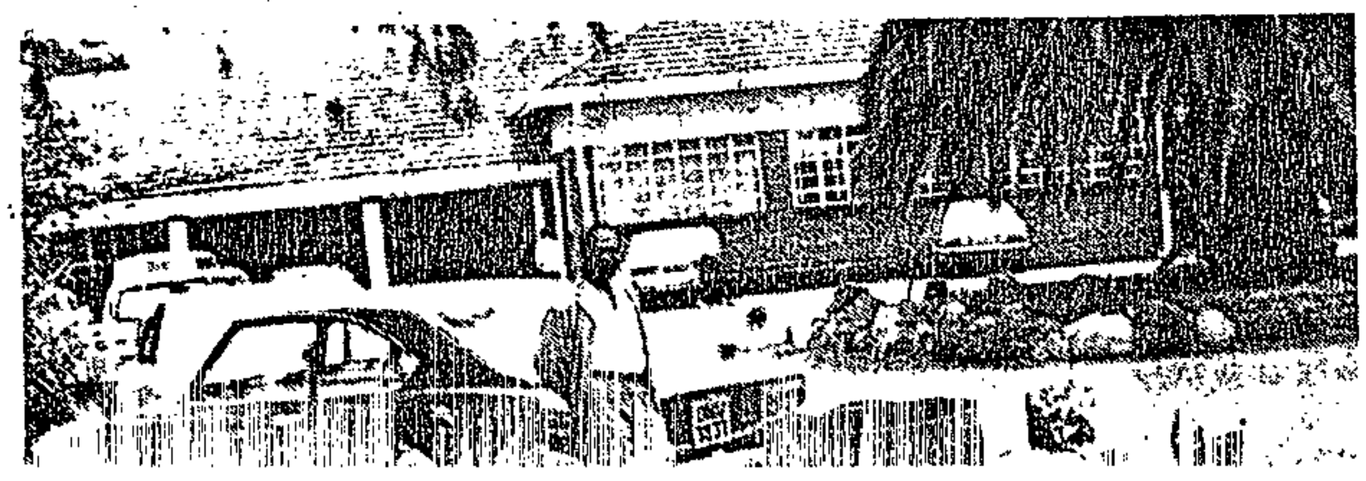

The families, all members of the Sinaba Party which is led by controversial councillor Mr Shadrack Sinaba, an opposition member in the Daveyton Town Council, erected their shacks on Monday

GREAT CHRISTMAS VALUES AT K-MART

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THIRTY-ONE people, mostly women — some with babies on their backs — slept in the open at the offices of the East Rand Development Board after their shacks were demolished in Daveyton, Benoni, this week.

The families had earlier in the week erected eight shacks at the Holfontein farm on the outskirts of Daveyton, protesting against the housing shortage in the area.

The families, all members of the Sinaba Party which is led by controversial councillor Mr Shadrack Sinaba, an opposition member in the Daveyton Town Council, erected their shacks on Monday night.

Families told **The SOWETAN** yesterday that they were given permission to erect their shacks by Mr Sinaba after they had paid R50 a family for a "shack permit" for the "sites" at the farm.

The youngest member of the group which spent the whole of Tuesday night under the verandah of the offices is eight-months-old. The families had to seek cover under the verandah as it was raining for most of the night. Some of the people had no warm clothes and had to look for wood to make a fire.

Mr Sinaba has confirmed allowing the families to erect shacks at the farm but has denied collecting R50 from each family and giving them permits and sites to put up structures.

Chased

He said: "These people have nowhere to go and most of them have been chased away by house owners where they previously stayed. For the past two years now the Daveyton Town Council has promised these families sites in Holfontein to build their own houses but until now nothing has happened.

The families, Mr Sinaba said, would continue erecting shacks at the farm until they were allowed to have a roof over their heads and lead a "decent life like anybody else."



SOME OF THE SQUATTERS at the offices of the Daveyton Town Council. They have nowhere to stay.

Corpse horror

By ELLIOT TSHINGWALA

A NINE-MONTH-OLD baby spent about six hours with her grandfather's knifed body and critically injured granny in their two-roomed flat in Newclare on Tuesday night.

Baby Nancy Petersen was found sleeping peacefully in her cot after neighbours made the grisly discovery. Her grandfather, Mr Eddy Petersen (61), was lying face-down in a pool of blood and granny Shirley (50) was lying helplessly on her bed waiting to die.

The horring killing, which has shocked the closely-knit community of the Newclare flatland, took place at 1710 Dinah flat at about midnight.

According to Sandra Petersen (23), the mother of the baby, a man who is known to the family came to the flat while she was out and demanded that her grandfather go out and look for her.

"But when I peeped through the window of the opposite flat I saw the man standing on the balcony of the flat above us holding a mean-looking knife and became afraid.

Wounds

"Instead of going back home for the night I spent the night with a friend. And when I came back the next day I found strange people at our flat. My father was on the kitchen floor with several stab wounds on the back and head and my mother had already been rushed to hospital where we later learnt she was in a serious condition," she said.

'Call public meeting or we resign'

Vaal councillors challenge mayor

SIX Lekoa Town Council members have threatened to resign from the council if the mayor, Mr Essau Mahlatsi, does not heed their ultimatum to hold a public meeting before the end of the month.

By NKOPANE MAKOBANE

A spokesman for the six, Mr Joseph Mosala told **The SOWETAN** in an interview yesterday that he and the other five opposition councillors have demanded that Mr Mahlatsi call "this vital meeting" in connection with the outbreak of the unrest in the Vaal township on September 3.

He said they believed that the time was long overdue for them to face the public since "we were democratically elected by the people."

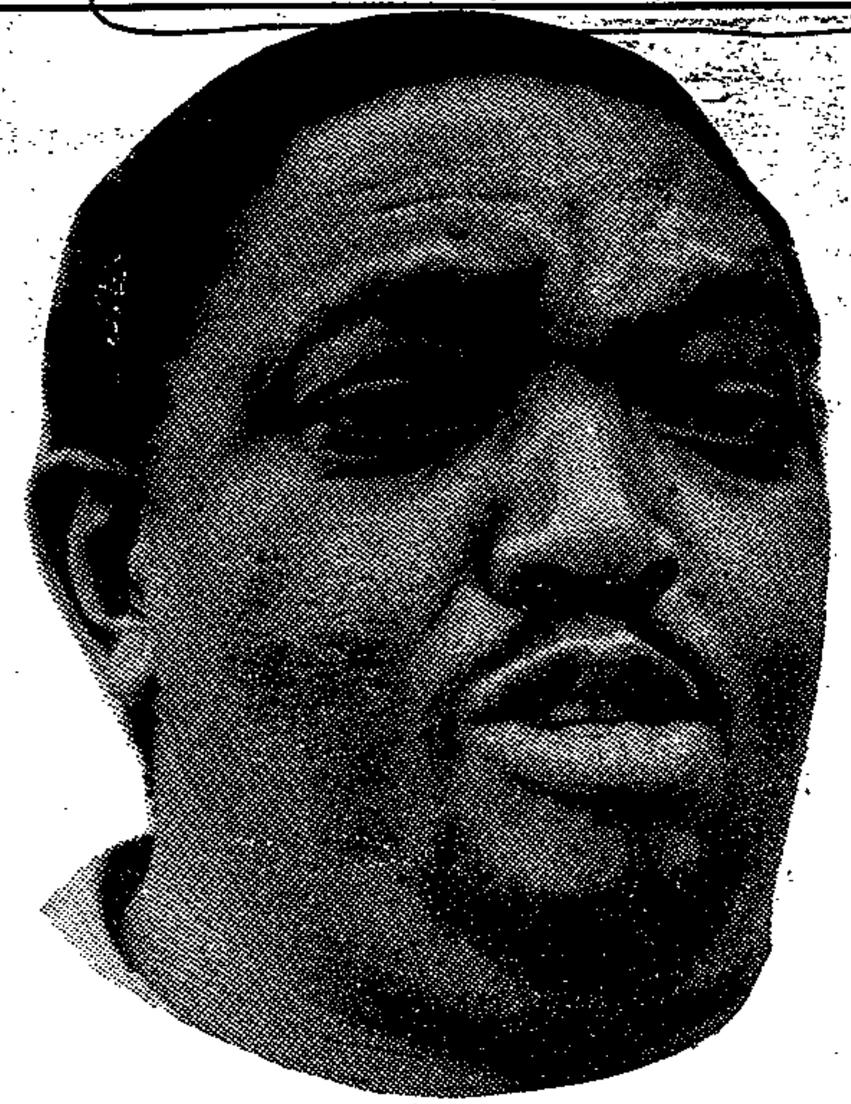
It was unfair, he said, that Mr Mahlatsi and other councillors should wield power from their hiding places. It was high time that they came out in the open as leaders to attend to burning issues that had led to the unhappiness in the area.

"We are very much against the idea that Mr Mahlatsi should only communicate with the residents through the Press, radio and television.

"At the same time, we the opposition, take strong exception to his threatening us with disciplinary action if we voice our dissatisfaction through the media. The mayor acts as a dictator to us in the council chambers, disallowing anyone who opposes him. As a result, the only alternative left is the Press," he said.

Mr Mosala said that until the grievances of the residents are properly attended to, he didn't see peace returning to the troubled townships.

The Black Local Authorities Act was a failure, because councillors had no power as all their decisions are taken in consultation with the Development Board officials.



Mr JOSEPH MOSALA . . . "the Black Local Authorities Act is a failure."

Sinaba accused of misleading squatters

CONTROVERSIAL councillor, Mr Shadrack Sinaba, was yesterday accused of misleading the squatter community by promising them land and houses that never existed.

This was said by Mr Tom Boya, the Mayor of Daveyton at a Press conference called by the Daveyton Town Council, to "put the record straight" concerning the erection of shacks by homeless families at the Holfontein farm on the outskirts of Daveyton.

The eight shacks, which were put up on Monday night by members of the Sinaba party, whose leader is Mr Sinaba, were later demolished by the East Rand Development Board (Eradebo) police on Tuesday morning.

Babies

On the same night the shacks were demolished, thirty one members of the affected families, mostly women, some with babies on their backs — slept in the open at the office of Eradebo in Daveyton.

The families spent their second night in the open at the offices on Wednesday. They vowed to continue sleeping in the open until they were provided with alternative accommodation.

The families told **The SOWETAN** they had erected the shacks at the farm protesting against the housing shortage in the area.

He also added that they were given permission to erect the shacks by Mr Sinaba.

"The council is aware that these people are aware that something is being done to alleviate the housing problem in Daveyton but, they have been influenced to behave in the manner they are doing because of somebody who now cannot deliver the goods.

The council wants to make it very clear that it will not be intimidated by these irresponsible actions. Houses are not just planted, but need planning," Mr Boya added.

Mr Boya also accused Mr Sinaba of misleading the shack dwellers by "instructing them" to squat in Holfontein.

Mr Sinaba denied these allegations at the Press conference. At one stage, the meeting nearly went out of control following a violent verbal clash between Mr Boya and Mr Sinaba.

Mr Sinaba said he never influenced anybody to build shacks in Holfontein. "These people went on their own to Holfontein and erected their shacks," Mr Sinaba said.

He also denied collecting monies from the shack dwellers and accused Mr Boya and the council for not allowing him to speak in council meetings. Mr Boya denied this.

Clash

Meanwhile a meeting called by the Daveyton Council to resolve the Holfontein controversy on Wednesday night, was abandoned following a verbal clash between Mr Boya and Mr Sinaba.

The clash came after Mr Boya had accused Mr Sinaba of encouraging shack dwellers to squat at Holfontein.

Mr Sinaba later went out of the meeting after he had denied encouraging people to squat at the farm.

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COUNCILLORS GUARDED IN 'COMPOUND'

LEKOA's councillors have at last come out of hiding and are living in Sebokeng Zone 10 under tight security — and away from the public eye. 343 C. 8 Rep 23/12/84

By STAN MHLONGO

A source close to the councillors — who all had their homes razed by fire during the unrest — revealed that they moved into their new homes last Tuesday.

Lekoa mayor Esau Mahlatsi confirmed that he and his councillors had built themselves homes in Sebokeng Zone 10.

"There is nothing strange about us owning homes," he told City Press.

However, the mayor refused to reveal the cost of the new homes.

"What's all the fuss about us owning homes?" asked councillor Sonny Mofokeng.

But the public finds the whole issue very peculiar.

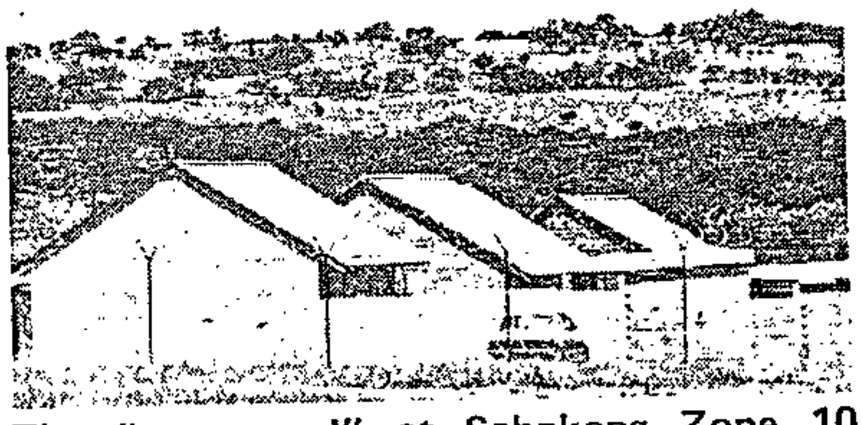
Grace Mofokeng of Zone 14, Sebokeng said it was disturbing that community leaders should live in a secluded area — far away from the people they lead.

"They are still in hiding as far as I am concerned," said Mrs Mofokeng.

"The area has about 40 posh homes surrounded by barbed wire. And it is heavily guarded day and night."

But mayor Mahlatsi insisted that there was nothing peculiar in councillors not living with their community.

"We are not in hiding — I go about the township as I please," he said.



The "compound" at Sebokeng Zone 10 where Lekoa councillors have dug themselves in behind barbed wire.

Pityi's daughter sacked

CISKEI authorities this week fired Foreign Affairs Minister B N Pityi's daughter from Radio Ciskei — where she was working as a programmer.

Busisiwe Pityi received a letter signed by the Deputy Director General of Foreign Affairs, informing her of her dismissal under the Public Servants Act.

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Deputy mayor's home attacked

PRETORIA — Damage to property, estimated at R12 000, was caused when a group of youths attacked the home of Mr Zikhali Ndlazi, deputy mayor of Mamelodi, and gutted his wife's car.

Two youths, wounded by police gunfire, are under guard at the Kalafong Hospital and police have confirmed the arrest of three more youths in connection with the incident.

Mr Ndlazi said yesterday that a group of about 50 youths stoned his house, breaking 16 windows before setting his wife's car alight. He and is family were watching television when the incident occured at 10 pm.

Mr Ndlazi said he would not be deterred by any acts of intimidation and referred to the attackers as "a group of people hiding behind political slogans to commit acts of vandalism and hooliganism.

"Nothing is going to stop me," he said. "In spite of my serving in a government-created institution, I, at least, have the mandate of the people. Everybody has a democratic right to differ with me, but not to destroy my property," Mr Ndlazi said.

He added that there was no way blacks were going to obtain their freedom by killing one another or destroying each other's property.. — SAPA